Lab 4: Abstract Data Type Solution

4) Additional Tasks

Graphing your results

1. Implement *time_queue_lists*, a modified version of your timing experiment function that returns a tuple containing three lists:

   - A list of queue sizes it tried
   - A list of the corresponding times to run enqueue for each queue size
   - A list of the corresponding times to run dequeue for each queue size

   Note that each of your lists should have the same length.

2. To actually plot the data, we'll use the Python library *matplotlib*, which is an extremely powerful and popular library for plotting all sorts of data.

   If you're on a Teaching Lab machine, you already have this library installed.

   If you're on your own machine, you should have already installed this library by following the CSC148 Software Guide. (Look for the section on installing Python libraries.)

   Add the statement *import matplotlib.pyplot as plt* to the top of *timequeue.py*, and make sure you can still run your file without error.

3. To get a basic 2-D plot of your timing data, work your way through the first part of this guide (Links to an external site.). (Ignore all of the references to "numpy", which is another Python library we aren't using in this course. Also ignore the other sections after the first one; the whole tutorial is pretty long!)

   You can use an x-axis range of 0-200000 and a y-axis range of 0-0.02 (feel free to adjust the y-axis depending on how long the experiments take to run on your computer).

4. If you still have time, explore! There's lots of customization you can do with *matplotlib* to make your graphs really pretty.

Undo and redo