

What will you do to process the long line?

Queues

Ch 3.3 & Ch 3.4

Queues



front

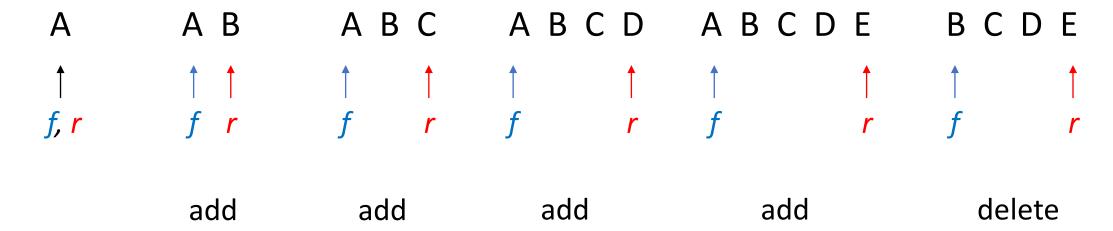
- An ordered list.
- Insertions and deletions take place at different ends.
- New elements are added at the rear end.
- Old elements are deleted at the front end.

• The first element inserted into a queue is the first element removed.

First-In-First-Out (FIFO)

Insertion and deletion of elements

- *f*: front of the queue
- *r*: rear of the queue



Operations of queues

• CreateQ: create an empty queue and set up variables *rear* and *front* as -1.

• IsFullQ: return True if queue is full

• IsEmptyQ: return True if queue is empty

AddQ: insert item at rear of queue

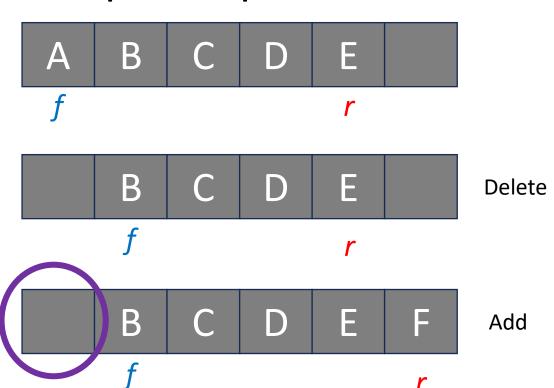
DeleteQ: remove and return the item at front of queue

front == rear

rear == MAX_QUEUE_SIZE - 1

Representation of queues (1)

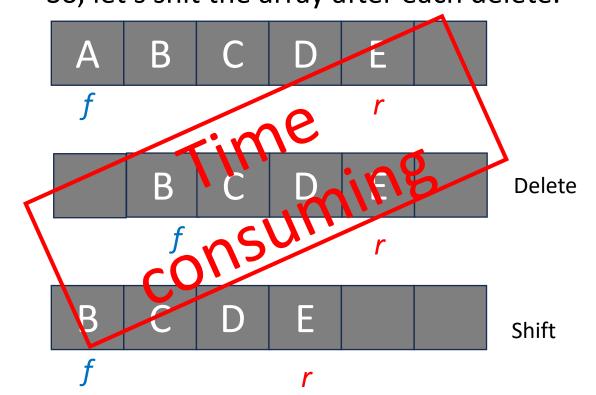
Sequential representation



The queue is full because $r==MAX_QUEUE_SIZE$.

But the array is not full. Some empty space remains. When a customer at front of the line leaves, what will other customers do?

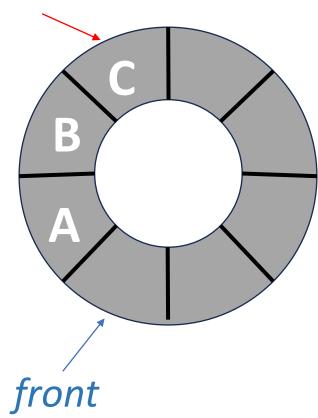
They move forward. So, let's shit the array after each delete.



Representation of queues (2)

Circular queue

rear



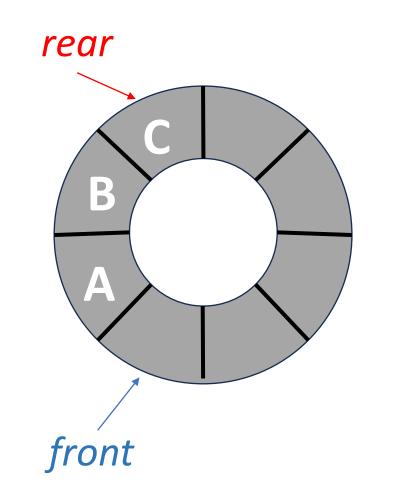
- *front*: One position counterclockwise from the position of the front element.
- rear: The position of the rear element.

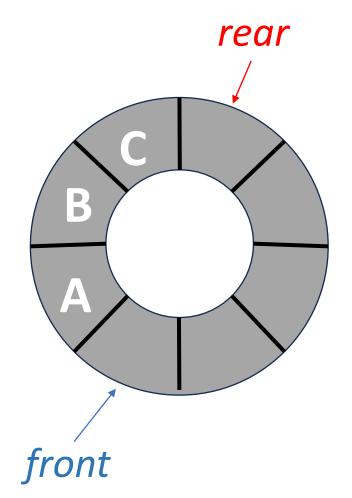
Add an element into a circular queue

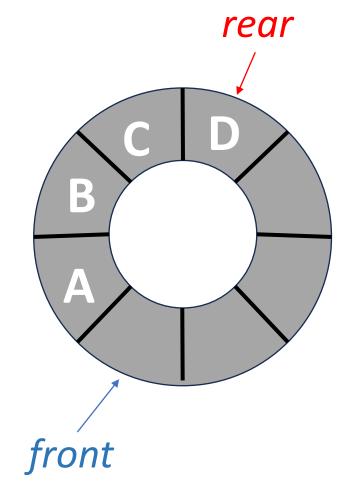
1. Move *rear* one clockwise.

rear = (rear+1) % MAX QUEUE SIZE

2. Put new element into queue[rear].





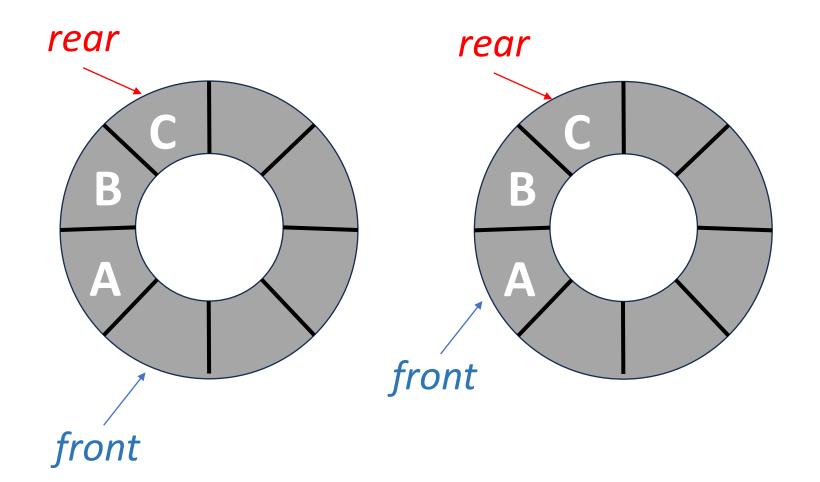


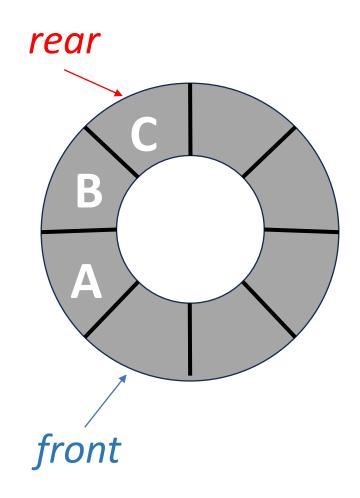
Delete an element from a circular queue

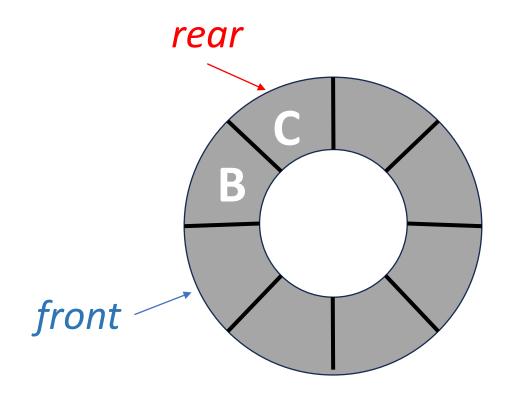
1. Move *front* one position clockwise.

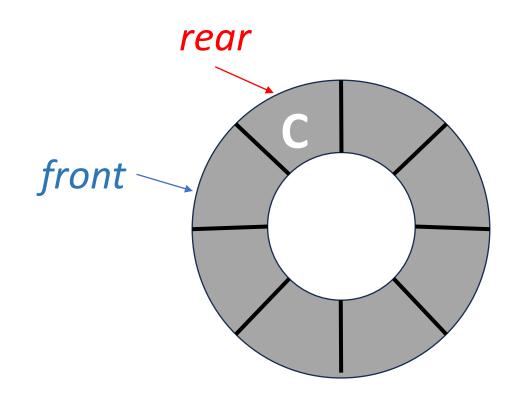
front = (front+1) % MAX QUEUE SIZE

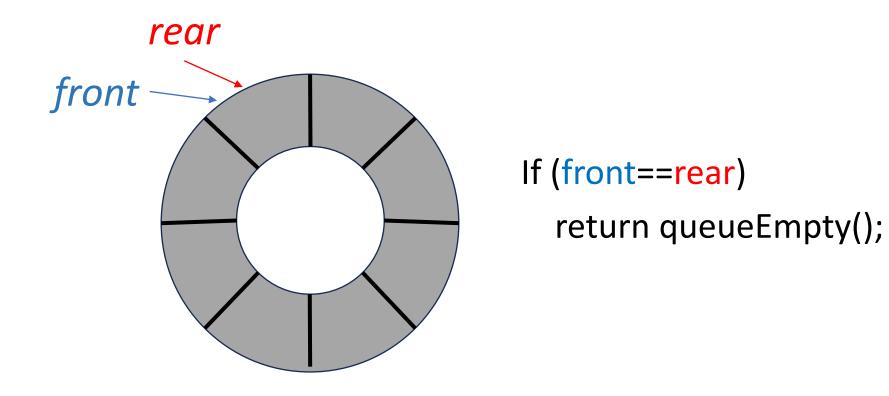
2. Return value of queue[front].

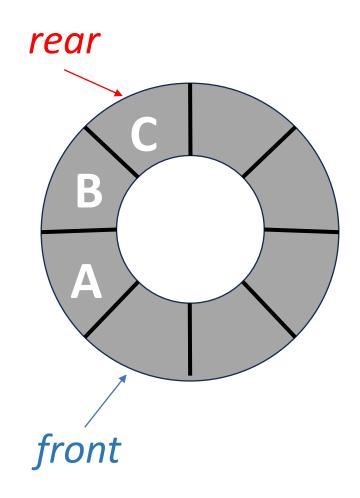


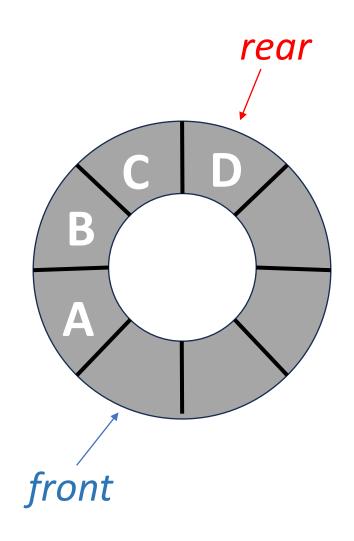


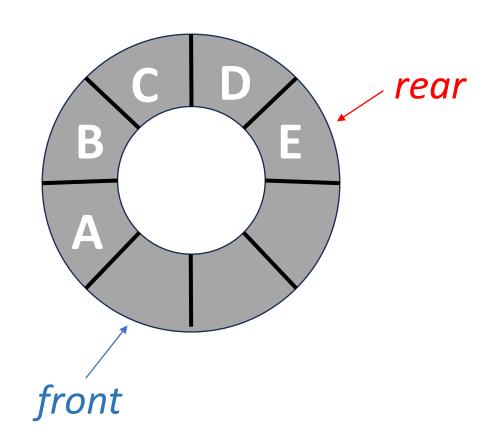


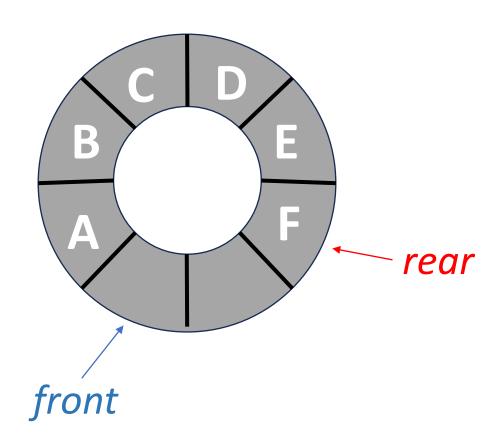


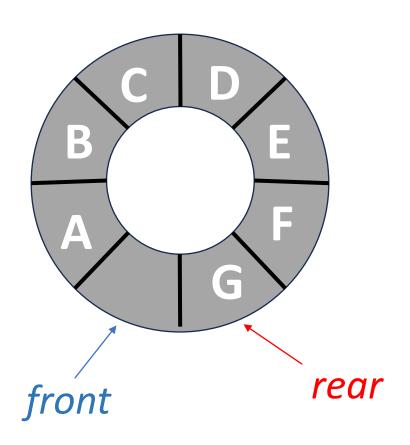


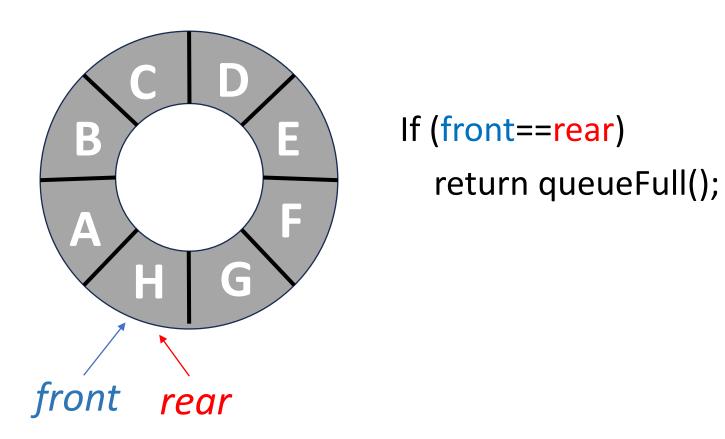












Edge conditions should be considered.

- In DeleteQ, test for an empty queue is *front* == *rear*.
- In AddQ, test for a full queue is also *front* == *rear*.

We cannot distinguish between the case of empty and full circular queues.

Q6: What can we do to avoid this?

Please reply your answers via the following link:



Hint: No standard answer. There are several ways.

Possible solutions

- 1. Don't let the queue get full.
 - When the addition of an element will signal queueFull(), increase array size.
- 2. Define a Boolean variable lastOperationIsAddQ.
 - Following each AddQ, set this variable to True.
 - Following each DeleteQ, set this variable to False.
 - Queue is empty if front==rear and !lastOperationIsAddQ
 - Queue is full if front==rear and lastOperationIsAddQ

Possible solutions

- 3. Define an integer variable size.
 - Following each AddQ do size++.
 - Following each DeleteQ do size---.
 - Queue is empty if (size == 0)
 - Queue is full if (size == arrayLength)