

COSC-211: DATA STRUCTURES

HW1: STACKS OF QUEUES & QUEUES OF STACKS

Due Thursday, September 15, 11:59 pm ET

1 Making stacks from queues and *vice versa*

Both *stacks* and *queues* are linear *abstract data types*, but each is designed to order the items differently: stacks use a *last-in first-out (LIFO)* ordering, while queues provide a *first-in first-out (FIFO)* order.

You **can** implement a queue using stacks, or a stack using queues. For example, to provide a FIFO ordering when using a stack, an implementation would need to pop all of the existing items from the stack, push the new one, and then re-push all of the removed items, leaving the newly added value at the bottom of that stack. One can likewise manipulate the placement of items in a queue such that items can be dequeued in LIFO order.

In this assignment, you will implement a *Stack* interface using queues, and then implement a *Queue* interface using stacks.

2 Getting started

Create a new directory/project for yourself, and download the following ZIP archive:

`bit.ly/cosc-211-f22-hw1`

Extract/copy the files in this archive into your new directory/project. You will find the following pairs of files:

- `AmhQueue.java` and `AmhStack.java`

Our own, customized Java interfaces for queues and stacks. Each is somewhat simpler than the standard Java interfaces (`Queue` and `Stack`), leaving us with only the essential operations to implement for each.

- `WrapperQueue.java` and `WrapperStack.java`

These classes implement the `AmhQueue` and `AmhStack` interfaces, respectively, by using the standard `LinkedList` class. It is a *wrapper*, just relying on a standard class's implementation of the standard `Queue` and `Stack` interfaces.

- `QueueOfStacks.java` and `StackOfQueues.java`

The first implements `AmhQueue` interface using the `WrapperStack` class; the second implements `AmhStack` using the `WrapperQueue` class. **Note that these classes are incomplete.** See Section 3 for more on completing them.

- `QueueTester.java` and `StackTester.java`

Standalone programs that test basic queue and stack operations, respectively. For example, `QueueTester` creates both a `QueueOfStacks` and a `WrapperQueue`, and then performs operations on both, verifying that they behave identically.

3 Your assignment

Notice that **the methods for `QueueOfStacks` and `StackOfQueues` are incomplete.** Each of the methods that must be implemented to fulfill the interface is empty, with a `// TO DO` comment marking that they must be completed.

You must complete these methods, thus implementing a queue of stacks and a stack of queues. Specifically:

- Complete `QueueOfStacks` using **only** `WrapperStack` containers to store values internally.
- Complete `StackOfQueues` using **only** `WrapperQueue` containers to store values internally.

You must also thoroughly test your code. The `QueueTester` and `StackTester` classes perform only simple tests of the methods that you are implementing, above. You should add to the code in those tester classes, more fully testing the operation of your methods.

Notice that **all of your work should be within these four files:**

- `QueueOfStacks.java`
- `StackOfQueues.java`
- `QueueTester.java`
- `StackTester.java`

No other code files should be modified.

4 How to submit your work

Go to GradeScope for our course, where you can submit your work. It will be auto-tested, and you will see whether it *compiles* and *runs* successfully. As was the case for HW0, if the run fails, it won't tell you why; you need to go back and do more testing yourself. You may submit early and often!

Notice that **you should only submit** `QueueOfStacks.java` and `StackOfQueues.java`. Your tester code should **not** be submitted; it exists only to help you debug the code that you are submitting.

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