

Day19 – Link Based Queues and Applications

Chapter 04, 4.5 – Link-Based Queue Implementations, Review Problem(s): **19, 20, 23, 26**

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Each implementation of the Queue ADT will have the same basic methods. But it is interesting to compare how a Link based implementation differs from an Array based implementation.

It is interesting to consider the differences between a standard linked queue, which has both **front** and **rear** instance variables, and a circular linked queue, which just needs a **rear** instance variable.

Chapter 04 PPT, pg 25-49.

How would you use both a queue and a stack to determine if a given input String is a palindrome?

- Take each letter and push it on a stack and enqueue it in a queue.
- While the stack and queue are not empty and palindrome=true
 - Pop the stack and dequeue the queue
 - Compare these letters
 - If they are not equal, set palindrome=false
- Return the palindrome boolean

How would you modify the `LinkedQueue.java` (in Moodle) to implement a `CircularLinkedListQueue`? **Easy ones first.**

```
public boolean isEmpty()
// Returns true if this queue is empty; otherwise,
returns false.
{
    return (rear == null);
}

public boolean isFull()
// Returns false - a linked queue is never full.
{
    return false;
}
```

```

public CircularLinkedList()
{
    //front = null;
    rear = null;
}

public void enqueue(T element)
// Adds element to the rear of this queue.
{
    LLNode<T> newNode = new LLNode<T>(element);
    if (rear == null)
    {
        rear = newNode;
        rear.setLink(rear);
    } else {
        newNode.setLink(rear.getLink());
        rear.setLink(newNode);
        rear = newNode;
    }
    numElements++;
}

public T dequeue()
// Throws QueueUnderflowException if this queue is
empty;
// otherwise, removes front element from this queue
and returns it.
{
    if (isEmpty())
        throw new QueueUnderflowException("Dequeue
attempted on empty queue.");
    else
    {
        T element;
        element = rear.getLink().getInfo();
        if (rear == rear.getLink())
            rear=null;
        else {
            rear.setLink( rear.getLink().getLink() );
        }
        //if (front == null)
        //    rear = null;
        numElements--;
        return element;
    }
}

```

Here is a nice overview of our Queue Architecture, from the Chapter 04 PPT, pg 66:

