

Title: Reversing the First K Elements of a Queue using Stack

Problem Statement: The task is to reverse the first **k** elements of a queue while keeping the rest of the elements in the same order. To achieve this, we can use a stack as it follows the Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) property, which helps in reversing the order of elements efficiently.

User's Code Implementation:

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#include<iostream>

#include<stack>

#include<queue>

using namespace std;

void display(queue<int> &q){
    for(int i=0;i<q.size();i++){
        int x = q.front();
        cout << x<<" ";
        q.pop();
        q.push(x);
    };
    cout<<endl;
    return;
}

void reverse_first_k(queue<int> &q,int k){
    stack<int> st;
    for(int i=1;i<=k;i++){
        st.push(q.front());
        q.pop();
    }
    while(st.size()>0){
        q.push(st.top());
        st.pop();
    }
}
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for(int i=0; i<=q.size()-k; i++){
    int x = q.front();
    q.pop();
    q.push(x);
}
return;
}

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int main(){
    queue<int> q;
    q.push(1);
    q.push(2);
    q.push(3);
    q.push(4);
    q.push(5);
    q.push(6);
    display(q);
    reverse_first_k(q,3);
    cout<<endl;
    display(q);
    return 0;
}

```

Code Breakdown:

1. Header Files:

- <iostream>: Provides input/output functionalities.
- <stack>: Used for reversing the first **k** elements.
- <queue>: The main data structure used for the problem.

2. **display(queue<int> &q)**

- Iterates through the queue to print all elements.

- Uses a loop that dequeues and enqueues each element to maintain the original order.

3. `reverse_first_k(queue<int> &q, int k)`

- Uses a stack to store the first **k** elements (helps in reversing them).
- Pops elements from the queue and pushes them onto the stack.
- Pops from the stack and enqueues them back into the queue, reversing the first **k** elements.
- The remaining elements are moved back to the queue to maintain their original order.

4. `main()` Function:

- Creates a queue and enqueues values **1 to 6**.
- Displays the original queue.
- Calls `reverse_first_k(q, 3)` to reverse the first **3** elements.
- Displays the modified queue.

Thought Process Behind the Code:

- **Using a Stack for Reversal:** Since stacks operate in **LIFO** order, they help in reversing elements efficiently.
- **Maintaining Queue Order:** After reversing the first **k** elements, we need to shift the remaining elements to maintain their original relative positions.
- **Time Complexity:**
 - **Pushing first k elements into the stack:** $O(k)$
 - **Popping from stack and pushing back to queue:** $O(k)$
 - **Reordering remaining elements:** $O(n-k)$
 - **Overall Complexity:** $O(n)$

Conclusion: This implementation correctly reverses the first **k** elements of a queue while keeping the rest unchanged. The use of a stack ensures efficient reversal, and queue operations maintain order for the remaining elements. This approach is optimal and well-suited for solving this problem efficiently.