

Example

+ * + a b + c d + e f.

T2

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$(+ab) \times (c+d) + (+ef)$

+ x + ab + cd + ef

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Algorithm for Evaluating a Prefix Expression

Algorithm EvaluatePrefix(E)

begin

Stack S;

for i = n down to 1 do

begin

if E[i] is an operator, say o then

operand2 = S.pop();

operand1 = S.pop();

value = operand1 o operand2;

S.push(value);

else

S.push(E[i]);

end-for

end-algorithm

- Here, n refers to the number of operators + the number of operands.

- The time taken for the above algorithm is linear in n.

- There is only one for loop which looks at each element, either operand or operator, once.

We will see an example next.

Reading Exercise

- We omitted a few details in our description.
- Some of them are:
 - How to handle unary operators?
 - How can this be extended to ternary operators?
- Another possibility is to use postfix expressions.
 - Also called as **Reverse Polish Notation**.
- They can be evaluated left to right with a stack.
- Try to arrive at the details.



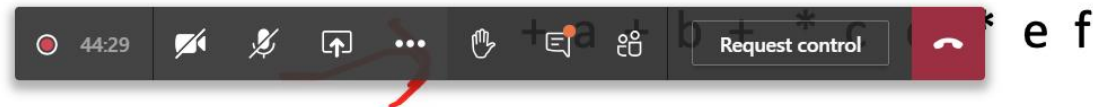
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- Let us consider an expression of the form $a + b + c * d + e * f$.



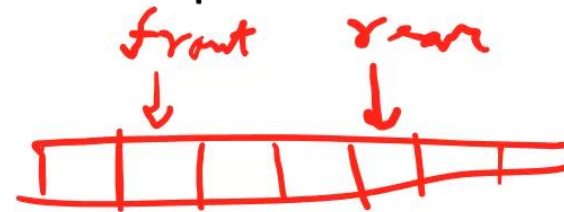
f e * d c * + b + a +

Invert as:



The Queue

- The fundamental operations for such a data structure are:
 - Create : create an empty queue
 - – Enqueue : Insert an item into the queue
 - – Dequeue : Delete an item from the queue.
 - size : return the number of elements in the queue.



The Queue

- Can use an array also to implement a queue.
- We will show how to implement the operations.
 - We will skip create() and size().
- We will store two counters : front and rear
- Insertions happen at the rear
- Deletions happen from the front.



front = rear = -1
 f
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IsEmpty()

begin

if front == -1 && rear == -1

return true;

else

return false

end

Enqueue(x)

begin

if rear == MAXSIZE then

return;

else if IsEmpty()

front ← rear ← 0;

else

rear = rear + 1;

Queue[rear] = x;

end

Dequeue(x)

begin

if IsEmpty()

return;

else if front == rear

front ← rear ← -1;

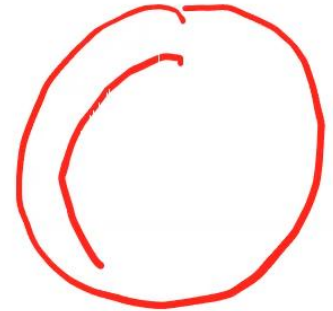
else

front = front + 1;

end



Other Variations of the Queue



- To save space, a circular queue is also proposed.
- Operations that update front and rear have to be based on modulo arithmetic.
- The circular queue is declared full when $(\text{rear}+1)\%N == \text{front}$





IsEmpty()

begin

if front == -1 && rear == -1

return true;

else

return false

end

Enqueue(x)

begin

if (rear+1)%N+1 == front then

return;

else if IsEmpty()

front ← rear ← 0;

else

rear = (rear+1)%N;

Queue[rear] = x;

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Dequeue(x)

begin

if IsEmpty()

return;

else if front == rear

front ← rear ← -1;

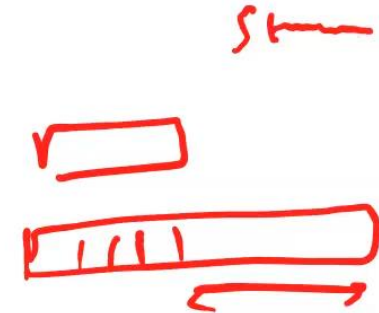
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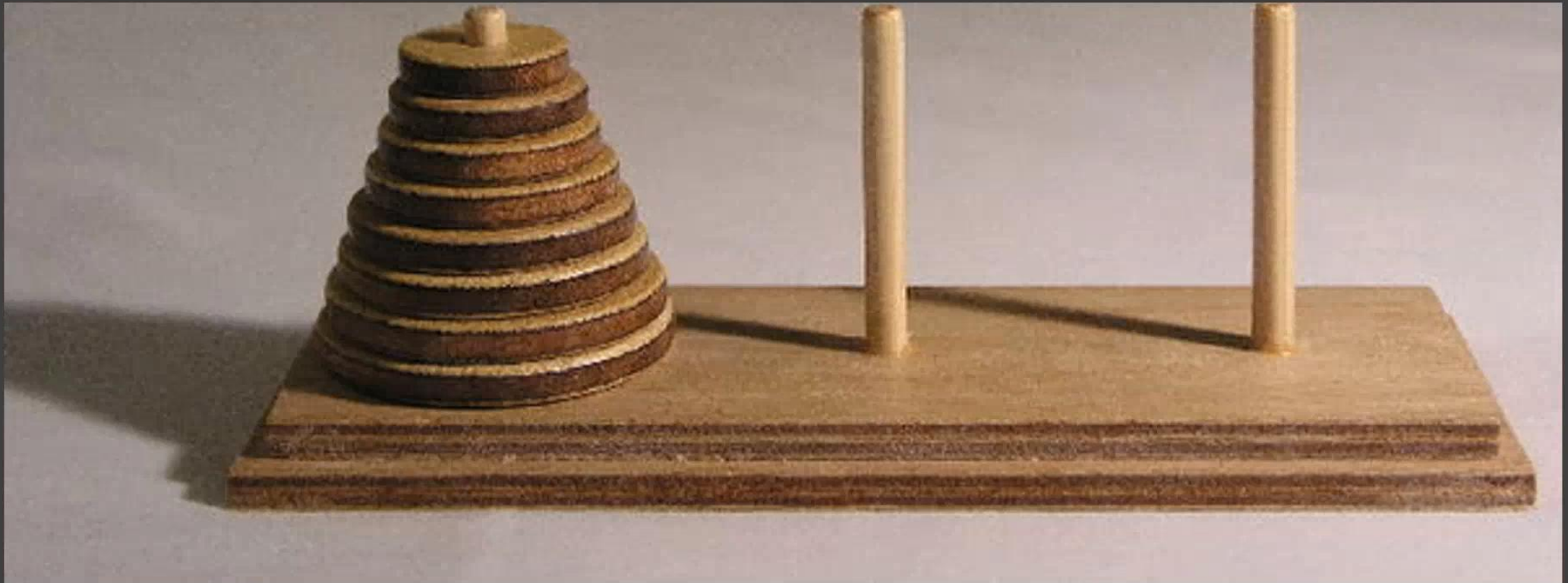
front = (front + 1)%N;

end

A Sample Application with Stack and Queue

- A palindrome is a string that reads the same forwards and backwards, ignoring non-alphabetic characters.
- Examples:
 - Malayalam
 - Wonton? not now
 - Madam, i'm Adam
- Problem: Given a string, determine if it is a palindrome.
 - May not know the length of the string apriori.





Towers of Hanoi

- The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following simple rules:
- Only one disk can be moved at a time.
- Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the stacks and placing it on top of another stack or on an

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Request control

No larger disk may be placed on top of a smaller disk.