



Data Structures

Lecture 5:Queues

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Queues: First In, First Out (FIFO) Lines

- **The Line Analogy**

- Think of a queue like a traditional line at a store: the first person to enter the line is the first one to be served. This "First In, First Out" (FIFO) principle governs queue operations.

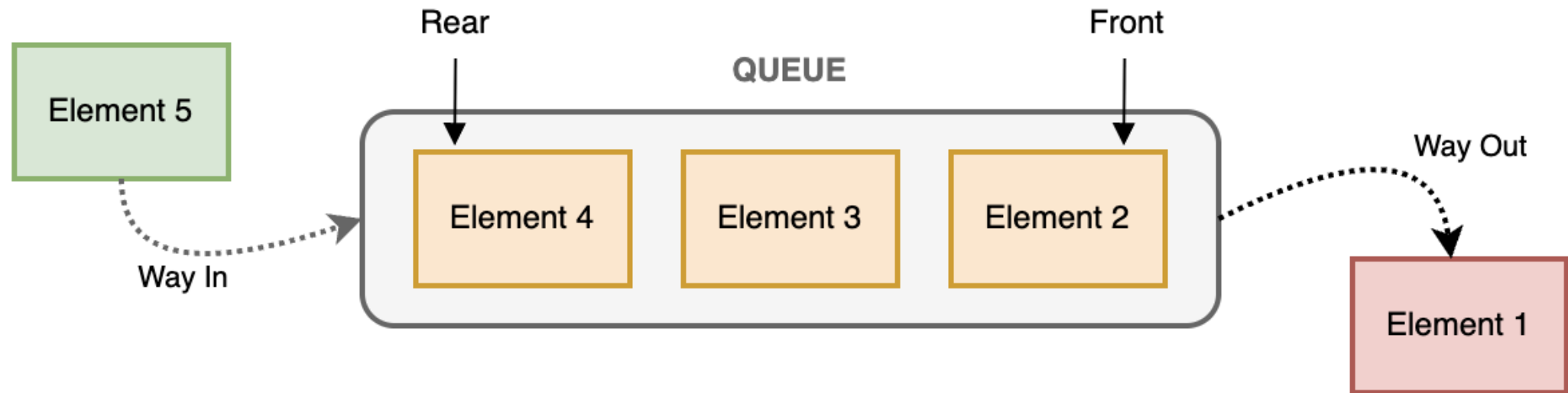
- **Fundamental Operations**

- **Enqueue:** Adds an element to the rear of the queue.
- **Dequeue:** Removes the element from the front of the queue.

- **Diverse Applications**

- Queues are vital in various computing scenarios, including **breadth-first search (BFS)** algorithms, **managing tasks in operating systems**, handling **shared resources** (like printer queues), and buffering data in streams.





Queue Operations

Operation	Description
Enqueue(x)	Insert an element x at the rear of the queue.
Dequeue()	Remove an element from the front of the queue.
Front() / Peek()	Get the element at the front without removing it.
isEmpty()	Check whether the queue is empty.
isFull()	Check whether the queue is full (for static arrays).

Implementations

1. Array Implementation

- Fixed size
- Easy to implement
- Problem: Wastage of space after multiple deletions

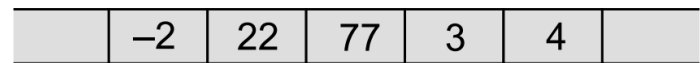
2. Linked List Implementation

- Dynamic size
- No overflow unless memory is full
- Slightly more complex

Types of Queue

- Simple Queue
 - Follows FIFO
 - Ticket Counter
- Circular Queue
 - Last position connects back to the first to reuse space
 - Memory Buffers
- Priority Queue
 - Elements are served based on priority, not order
 - CPU Scheduling
- Double-ended Queue
 - Insertion and deletion allowed at both ends
 - Task management systems

Simple Queue: Operations

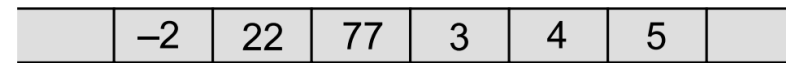
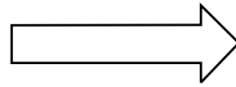


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Queue before insert

Inserting element 5

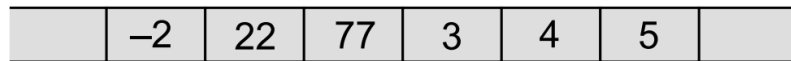


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Queue after insert

Insert operation

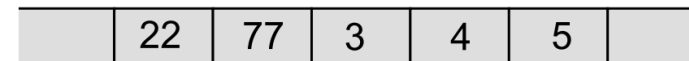
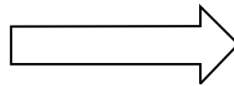


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Queue before delete

Deleting element from
front end of queue



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Queue after delete

Delete operation

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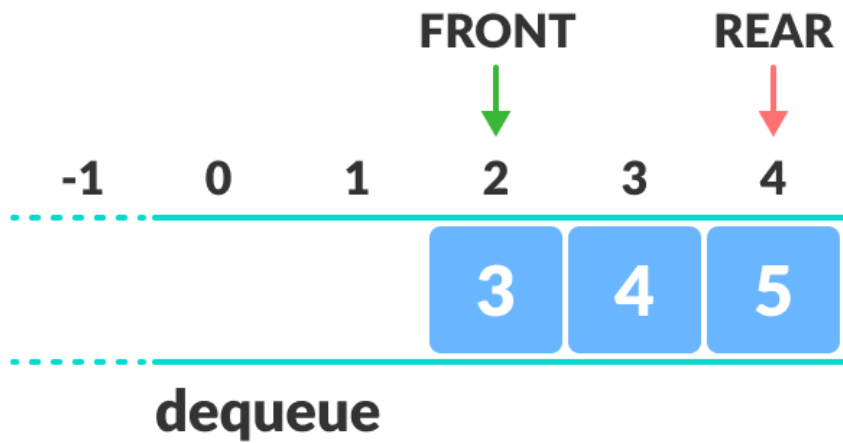
Implementation of Simple Queue : Array

- Initialization
 - Queue, front, rear
- Enqueue()
- Dequeue()
- isFull()
- isEmpty()
- Peek()/ front()
- Display()

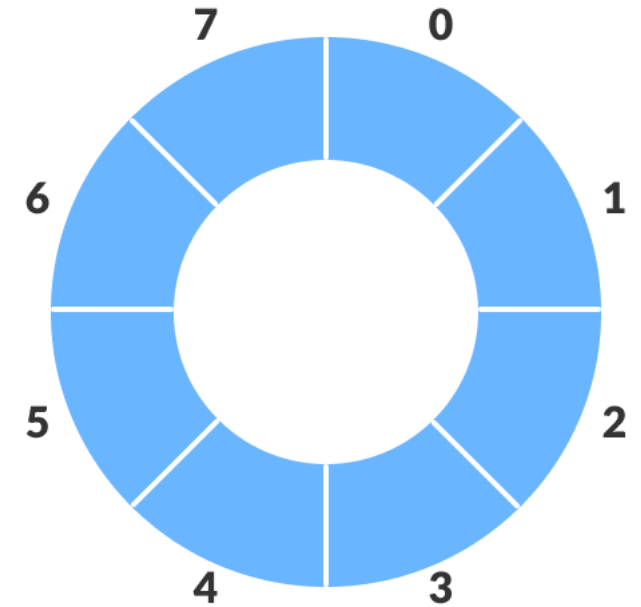
Circular Queue

- A Circular Queue is a linear data structure that follows the **FIFO (First In, First Out)** principle, but the ***last position is connected back to the first*** to form a circle
- It is an improved version of the **simple queue** that solves the problem of **unused space** in the array.

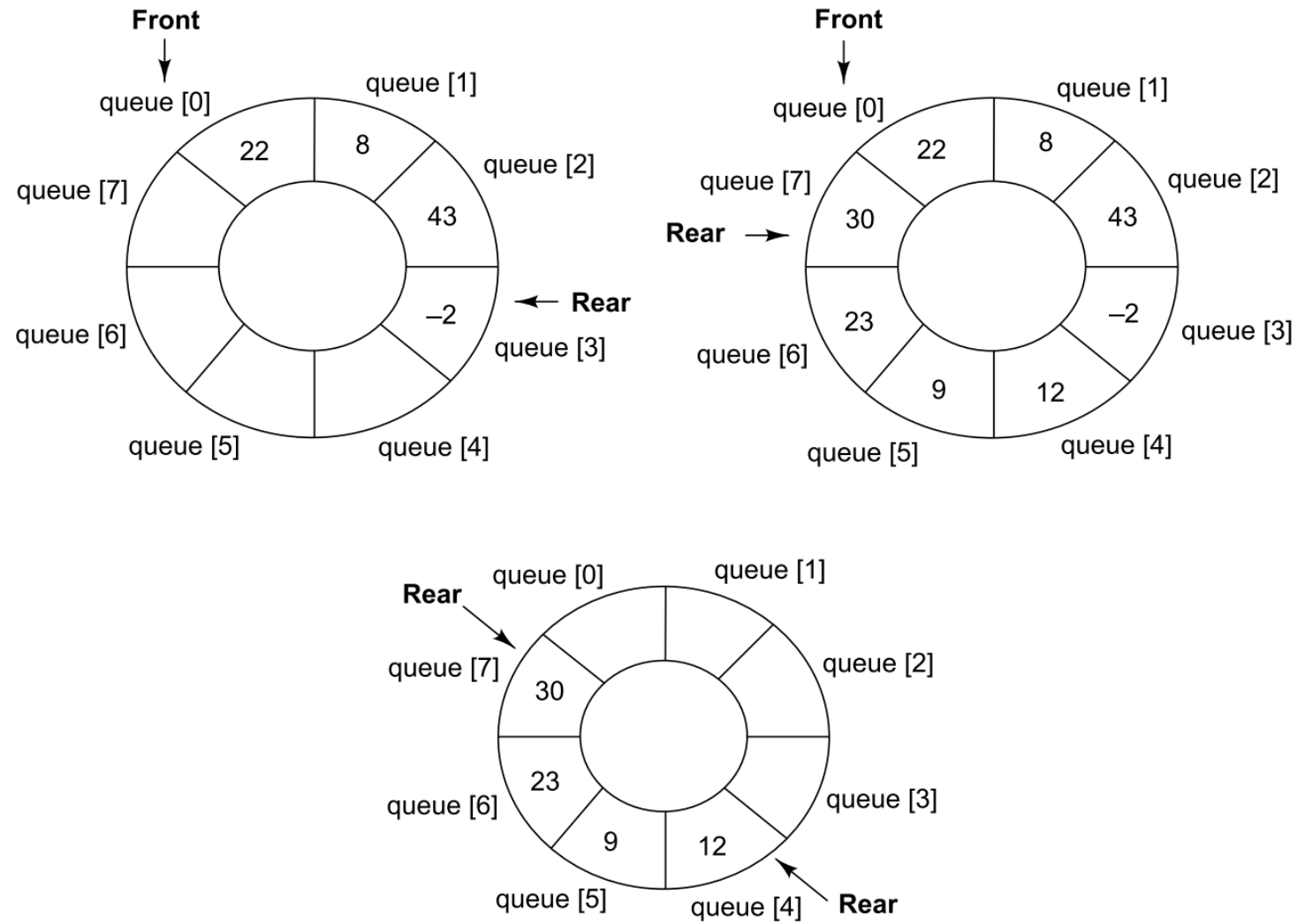
Circular Queue



Regular Queue



Circular Queue



Inserting and deleting elements in a circular queue

Circular Queue Conditions

Condition	Formula / Description
Empty	$\text{front} == -1$
Full	$(\text{rear} + 1) \% \text{size} == \text{front}$
Front Move	$\text{front} = (\text{front} + 1) \% \text{size}$
Rear Move	$\text{rear} = (\text{rear} + 1) \% \text{size}$

Priority Queue

- A **Priority Queue** is an abstract data type similar to a regular queue, but **each element is associated with a priority**.
- In a PQ, **elements with higher priority are dequeued before elements with lower priority**, regardless of their insertion order.
- If two elements have the same priority, they may be served based on **FIFO order** (depending on implementation).

PQ

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5
Element	10	30	15	60	40	
Priority	2	10	5	10	12	

- Initialization: *priorityQ[], priority[], totalItem*
- isFull()
- isEmpty()
- Enqueue(element, priority)
- Dequeue()
- Display()

References

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Thank You