

Ruchika PSA Class 3

Data Structure

- ↳ Learn how to use it
- ↳ Learn how its built (internally)

Python List interview questions

- heterogeneous container?
- [] representation size?
- append → inserting elements?
- access $a[i]$ in $\Theta(1)$ time?

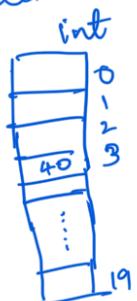
In C++ & Java:

- `int[] a = int[20];`
- static allocation (specify size)

hence we can now access & set

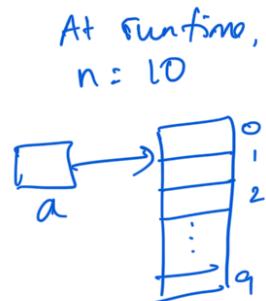
Ex: $a[3] = 40$

`a`



list container
of size 20
elements of
datatype int

- `int * a = new int(n);`
- dynamic allocation (size is not specified at compilation time)



But, if we have $\text{size} = 11$, it's fixed
not. $\text{size} = 10$ ($\because n = 10$)

Implementing python list as a dynamic growable array

In Python:

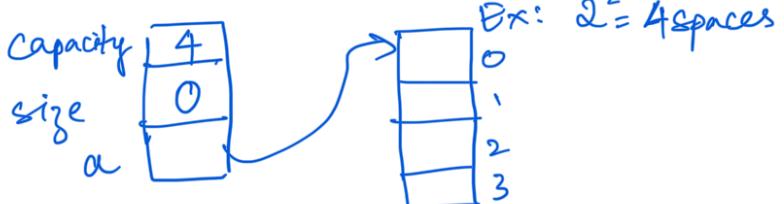
`a = []` (Typically no size) that's why we never specify
 $a[i]$ in $\Theta(1)$ time in the size like in C++ & Java

\therefore Python list is a dynamic array

How python list is built (under the hood)?

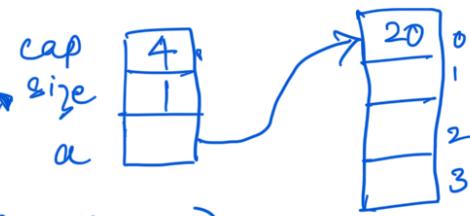
`a = []`

Internally using C++,
continuous memory
is allocated of a



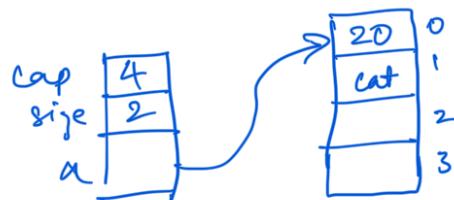
$2^{\text{powered number size}}$

a.append(20)
in $\Theta(1)$ time

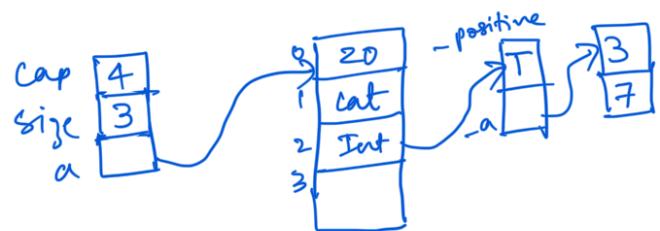


a.length = 1
(references size)
in $\Theta(1)$ time

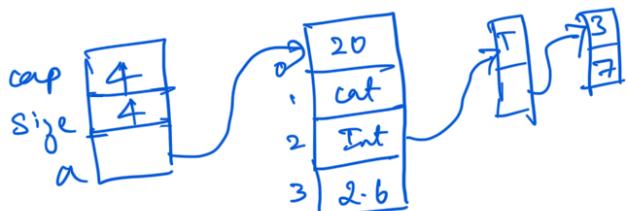
a.append("cat")



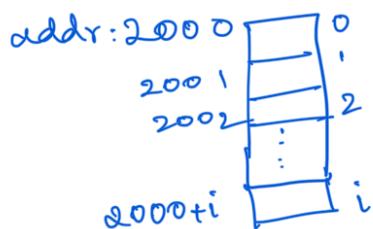
a.append(Int(37))



a.append(2.6)



Continuous Memory:



a[i]: a+i (in terms of address)

It's $\Theta(1)$ time since we know
a[i] is at a+i address location.
here 2000+ti since it's continuous
memory allocated.

Now, Inserting element at end of the list:

a.append(40)

Table doubling algorithm

We know that there's no more space, capacity = size = n
If we had an algo, whenever we wanted new
space, we would have to find another continuous
memory block of size n+1, then copy all the
... in inefficient in the algo.

Elements \rightarrow this is unnecessary, so we ...

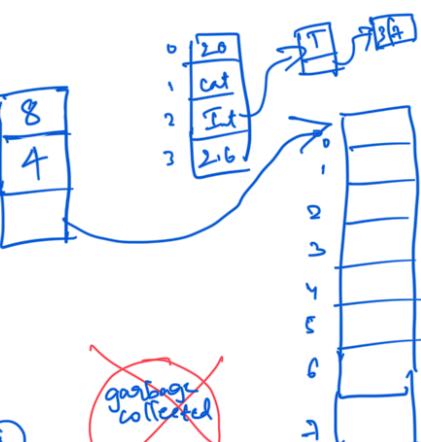
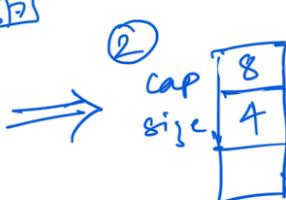
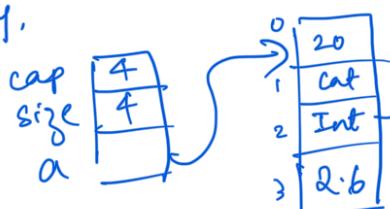
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Table Doubling method:

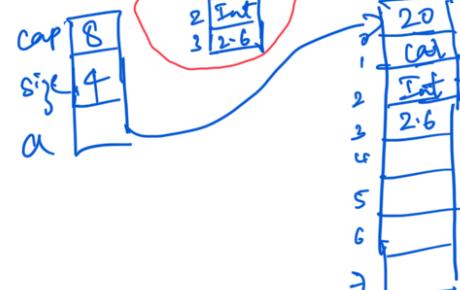
- Say we initially had 2^n size allocated,
 - now we'll introduce another block of $2^{n+1} = (2^n)(2)$ size doubled
 - All elements are then shallow copied
 - Previous array is taken away by garbage collector
- ⑤ a.append(40)

Initially,

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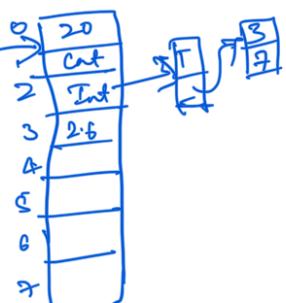


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garbage collected



- Next time, when 8 spaces are filled, a new continuous block of memory of size 16 is given when we want to append the 9th element of the list
- The previous memory's content is copied, 9th element is appended & previous block of memory is garbage

collected → automatically in Python

Amortized cost

Table Doubling grows 2^n time

$2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1024$

growth:	2 times	3 times	4 times	Time	Space
complexity				Usual $\text{size} \leq \text{cap}$	$\Theta(1)$
				Growth $\text{size} > \text{cap}$	$\Theta(n)$

∴ Time Complexity is $\Theta(1)$ Amortized cost

$O(1)$

✓ good operations

Python List Operations:

		Time	Space
✓	Initializing a list $a[]$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
✓	Accessing element $a[i]$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
✓	Inserting element at end of list	$a.append(x)$ amortized (during growth, max complexity for both: $O(n)$)	$\Theta(1)$ amortized
•	Inserting element at head of list	$a.prepend(x)$	$\Theta(n)$ (since we need to copy all elements into new memory block)
•	Inserting element at any position	$a.insert(x, i)$ element position	$O(n)$ (depends on the luck head = $O(1)$, grows $O(n)$, center $O(n)$ move n elements)
✓	Length of the list	$a.length$	$\Theta(1)$
•	Finding an element	$a.find(x)$	$\Theta(1)$ (depends on the luck, first $\rightarrow O(1)$, n^{th} element $\rightarrow O(n)$)
•	Deleting element	$a.del(0)$	$\Theta(n)$ \dots

at head of list

- ✓ Deleting element at end of list

a.del(n)

(after deleting at head, we need to move all the elements into a new memory block)

$\Theta(1)$

(we just delete last element & decrease size of array)

- Deleting element at any position

a.del(i)

$O(n)$

$O(n)$

(depends on how, deleting last \rightarrow deleting n^{th} position, we need to move elements by copying)

Why don't we perform opposite of table doubling,
to take away half the space while deleting?

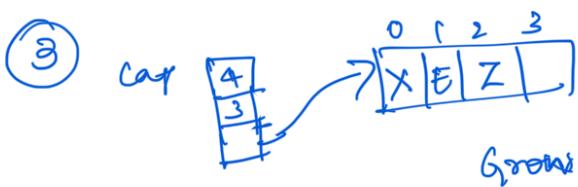
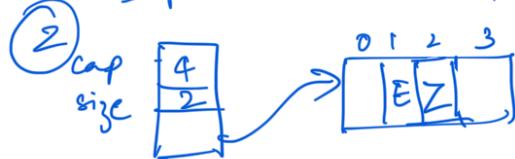
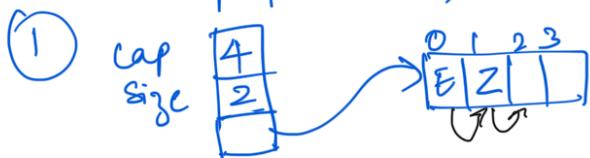
It's harder to get continuous memory again

(There might be a way in Python lib to give away half the space when size = 1 billion)

- Inserting an element at the head of the list:

a.prepend(x)

Usual case: Inplace Time $O(n)$, Space $O(1)$



case: Time $O(n)$, Space $O(n)$

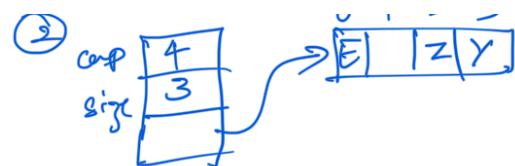
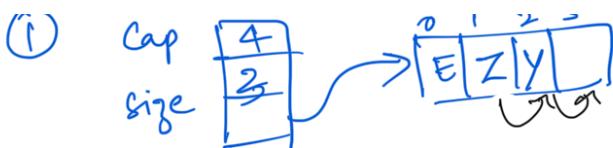


- allocate new memory
- copy each element

- Inserting element at pos (i) a.insert(x, i)

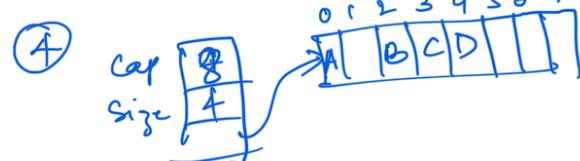
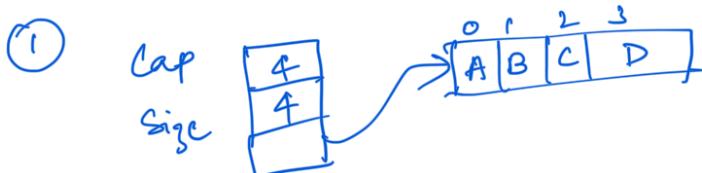
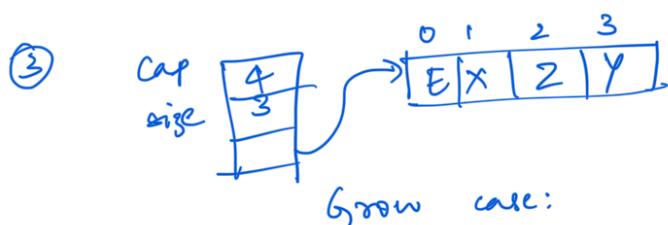
Usual case: Inplace a.insert(x, 1)

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Time $O(n)$

Space $O(1)$

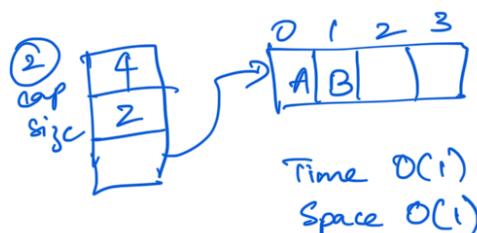
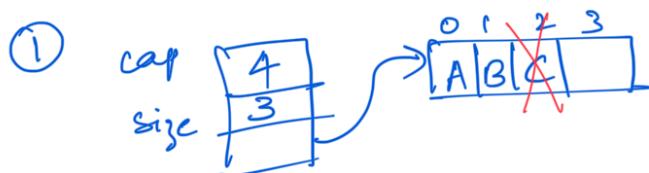


- allocate new memory
- copy each element

Time $O(n)$

Space $O(n)$

• Deleting element at end of list

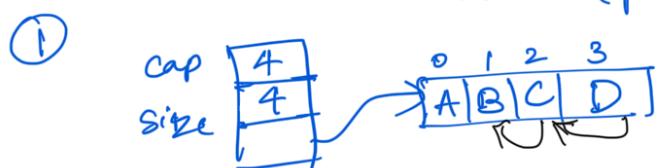


Time $O(1)$
Space $O(1)$

• Deleting element at head or any position of list:

Algo (with $O(n)$ Space) \rightarrow not used (copy each element into new list / memory block)
both $O(n)$ time

Algo Inplace (with $O(n)$ Space) is used
`a.del(pos=1)`



Conclusion : good operations of Python List:

- ∞ size (dynamic) \rightarrow capacity
- `a[i]` in $O(1)$ time \rightarrow access element
- `+=` and `+=` list \rightarrow append

moving from 5 to 11

$\Theta(1)$ amortized time

- Deleting from end of list \rightarrow remove
 $\Theta(1)$ time

Stack

Stack : LIFO - Last In First Out

Ex: stacking plates

- `isFull` \rightarrow `.push`
- `isEmpty` \rightarrow `.pop`, `.top`

We can see only the top element, not any element in between

All ops $\rightarrow \Theta(1)$ time, $\Theta(1)$ space

Since we use python list, we don't need to check condition `isFull()` before `push()` since Python list has dynamic size (∞), it's always False

<code>s.push(1)</code>	$s \rightarrow [1]$	Time $\Theta(1)$
<code>s.push("a")</code>	$s \rightarrow [1 a]$	space $\Theta(1)$
<code>s.push(3)</code>	$s \rightarrow [1 a 3]$	

We can remove the last element using python list, but we want to just shift the end pointer

Ex: `s = Stack()`

`s.push(1)`

`s.push(2)`

`s.push(3)`

`s.push(4)`

space $\Theta(1)$

time $\Theta(1)$

`s.pop()`

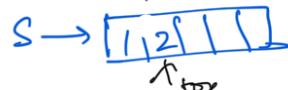
just move `top` pvt, no need to remove `last` from the list



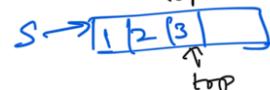
`top` $\rightarrow [1]$



`top` $\rightarrow [2]$



`top` $\rightarrow [3]$



`top` $\rightarrow [4]$

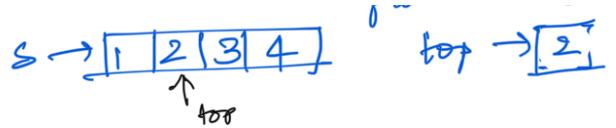


`top` $\rightarrow [5]$



`top` $\rightarrow [6]$

s.pop()



s.push(6)



since we know front top ptr is at 2,
inc top ptr & replace at top

Say if $\text{top} == -1$, if we perform $\text{pop}()$ then,
don't remove since there are no elements
in the stack

Ex:



\therefore isEmpty() should check if $\text{top} == -1$

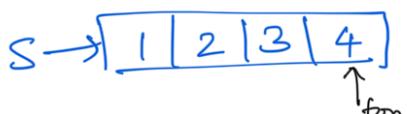
\therefore size() should return $\text{top} + 1$

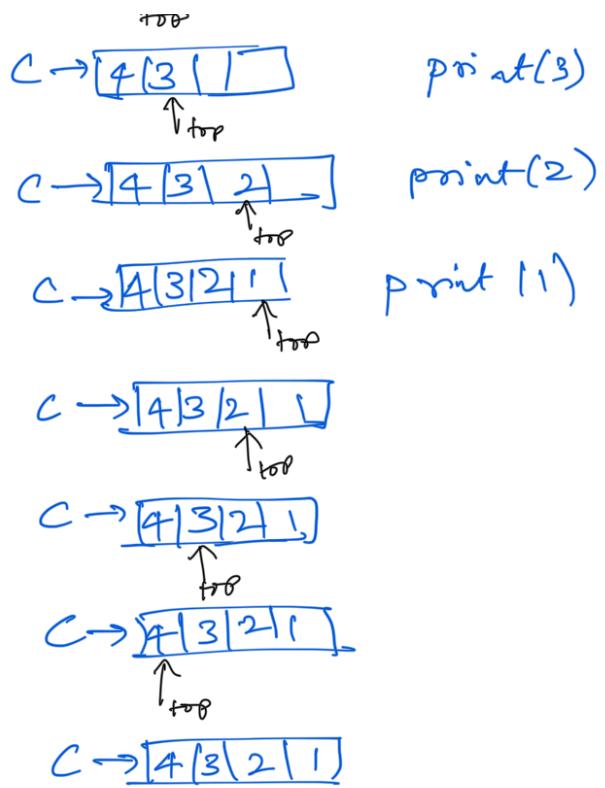
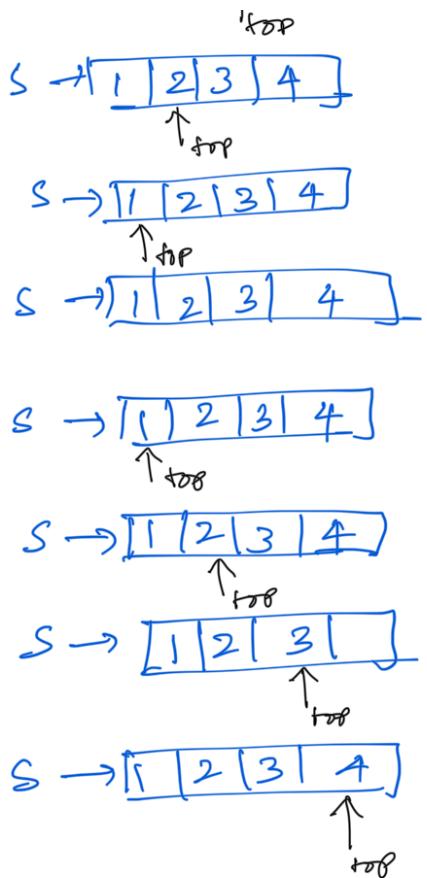
In the above case there were max
no. of elements = 4, since we are not
removing the elements from the list, but
rather just moving the top ptr, len(list)
will give us the max space that was used

\therefore space() should return $s.length$

Printing a stack : Time $\Theta(n)$ Space $\Theta(n)$

Since we can access only the top element,
we would need to pop all the elements
to another stack & then print the elements
& then push it back to the original stack



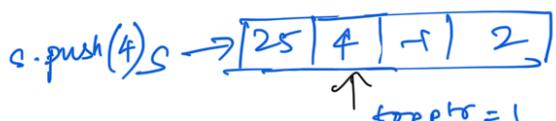
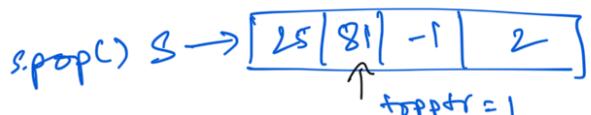
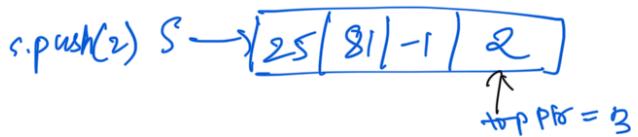


Find min element

Find max element

Min/Max Stack

Min Stack \rightarrow with how many ever elements inserted into the stack, in $\Theta(1)$ time find the min ele present in the stack



Python list	Min Stack
Time $\Theta(n)$ Space $\Theta(1)$	Time $\Theta(1)$ Space $\Theta(1)$
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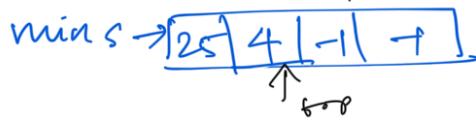
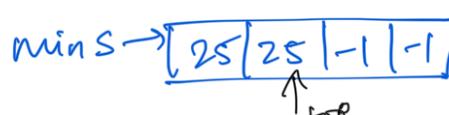
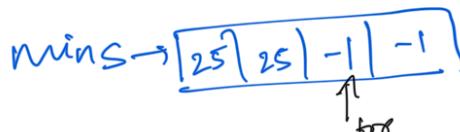
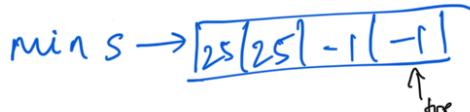
Python list

Time $\Theta(1)$
Space $\Theta(1)$

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Max Stack

$s.top() \rightarrow 2$
 $s.getmin() \rightarrow -1$

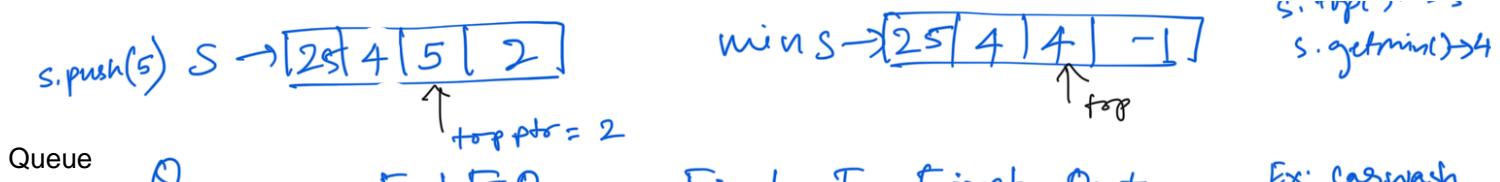


$s.top() \rightarrow -1$
 $s.getmin() \rightarrow -1$

$s.top() \rightarrow 81$
 $s.getmin() \rightarrow 25$

$s.top() \rightarrow 4$
 $s.getmin() \rightarrow 4$

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Queue : FIFO - First In First Out Ex: carwash

all methods are $\Theta(1)$ Time & $\Theta(1)$ Space ideally

- isFull() \rightarrow enqueue() back()
- isEmpty() \rightarrow dequeue() front()

Since we are using Python list to implement the Queue, it has ∞ dynamic size, so isFull() is always False, and maybe not required

If we implement with a single Python list,

enqueue will take $\Theta(1)$ time, but

dequeue will take $\Theta(n)$ time since

removing from head of list is $\Theta(n)$ time

Circular Queue

Circular Queue - FIFO

If we restrict size of the queue, we can create methods for both enqueue & dequeue in $\Theta(1)$ time & $\Theta(1)$ space

Ex: max space = 4

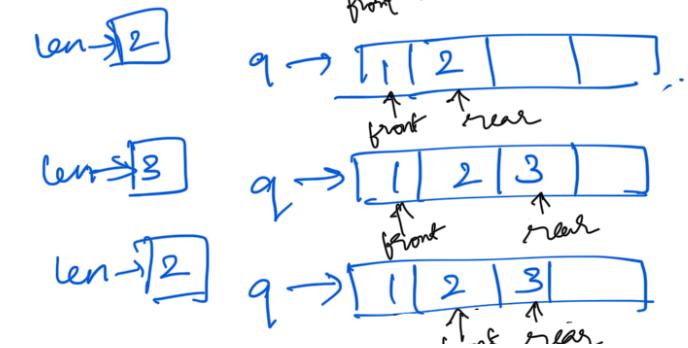
$q = \text{Queue}()$ $\text{len} \rightarrow 0$ $q \rightarrow []$

$q.\text{enqueue}(1)$ $\text{len} \rightarrow 1$ $q \rightarrow [1]$

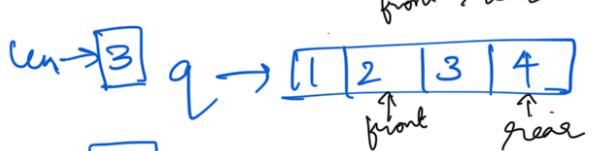
$q.\text{enqueue}(2)$ $\text{len} \rightarrow 2$ $q \rightarrow [1, 2]$

$q.\text{enqueue}(3)$ $\text{len} \rightarrow 3$ $q \rightarrow [1, 2, 3]$

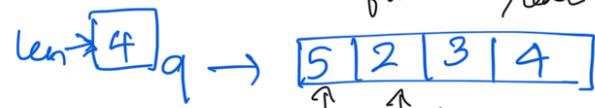
$q.\text{dequeue}()$ $\text{len} \rightarrow 2$ $q \rightarrow [1, 2]$



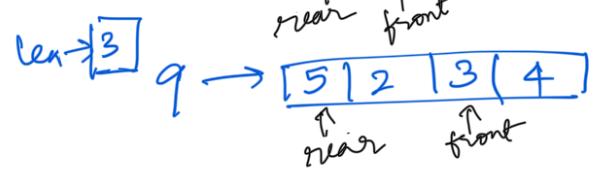
q. enqueue(4)



q. enqueue(5)



q. dequeue()



Implement Stack given interface of Queue

only ops that can be used:

enqueue, dequeue, isFull, isEmpty, Front, Back

Implement Queue given interface of Stack

only ops that can be used:

push, pop, isFull, isEmpty, top

When we say using interface of any other DS, ex: Stack using List, Stack using Queue,
we are using Design Pattern: "Adapter Pattern"

Ex: we have a device from India, but we want to use it in US, we can use an adapter to connect US socket & the India device.

Similarly, we can implement adapters in our code to implement other DS.

Suppose we implement Queue Using Stack

& we want to know call it MyQueue say in Leetcode,

we can use this section of code:

MyQueue = Queue Using Stack

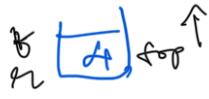
Since this is a shallow pointer copy, we can now invoke interfaces with MyQueue class

Stack using queue

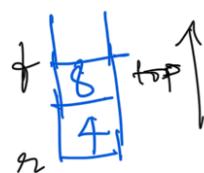
Stack Using Circular Queue : // limited capacity

$s = \text{StackUsingQueue}(4)$

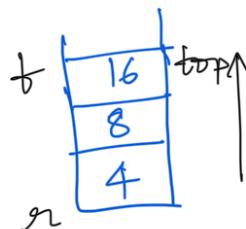
$s.\text{push}(4)$



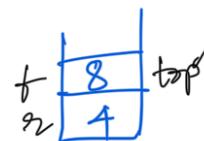
$s.\text{push}(8)$



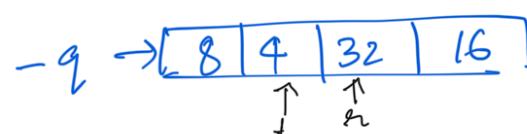
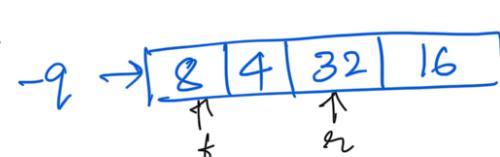
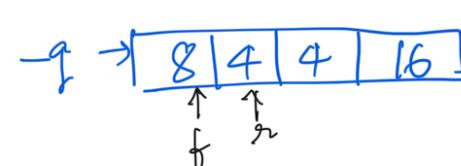
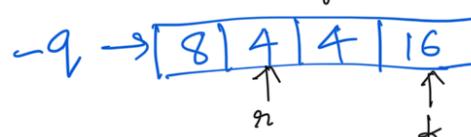
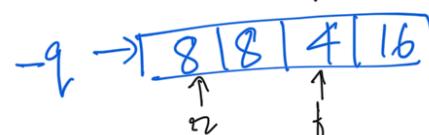
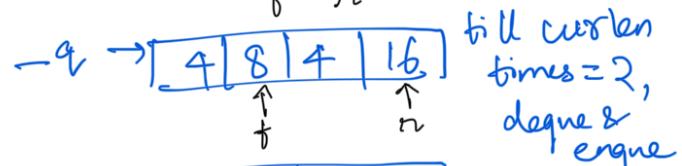
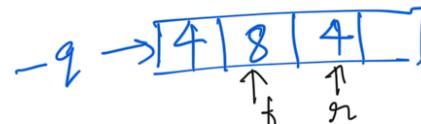
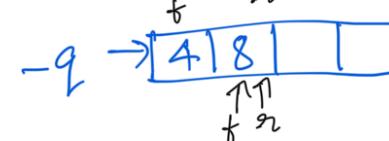
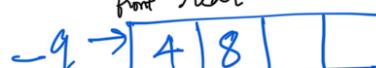
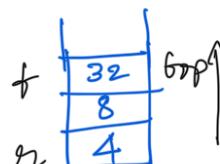
$s.\text{push}(16)$



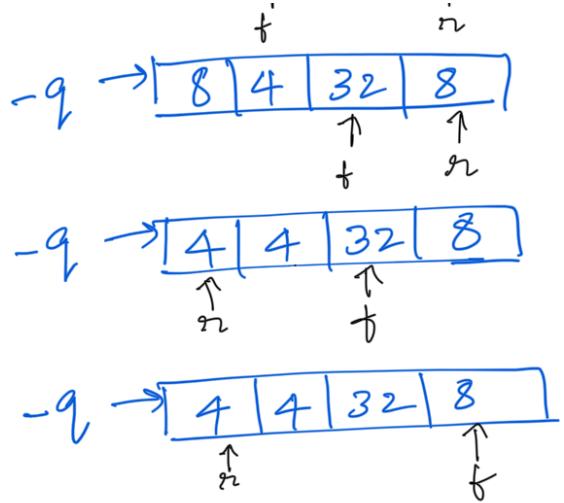
$s.\text{pop}()$



$s.\text{push}(32)$



till cur len = 2, times, deque & enqueue

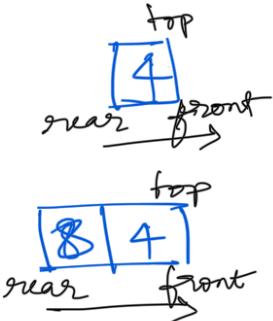


Queue using stack

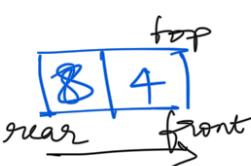
Queue using Stack

$q = \text{QueueUsingStack}()$

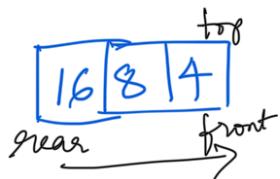
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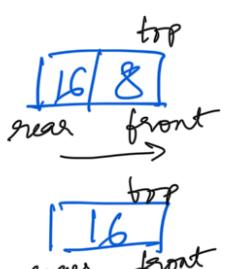
$q.\text{push}(8)$



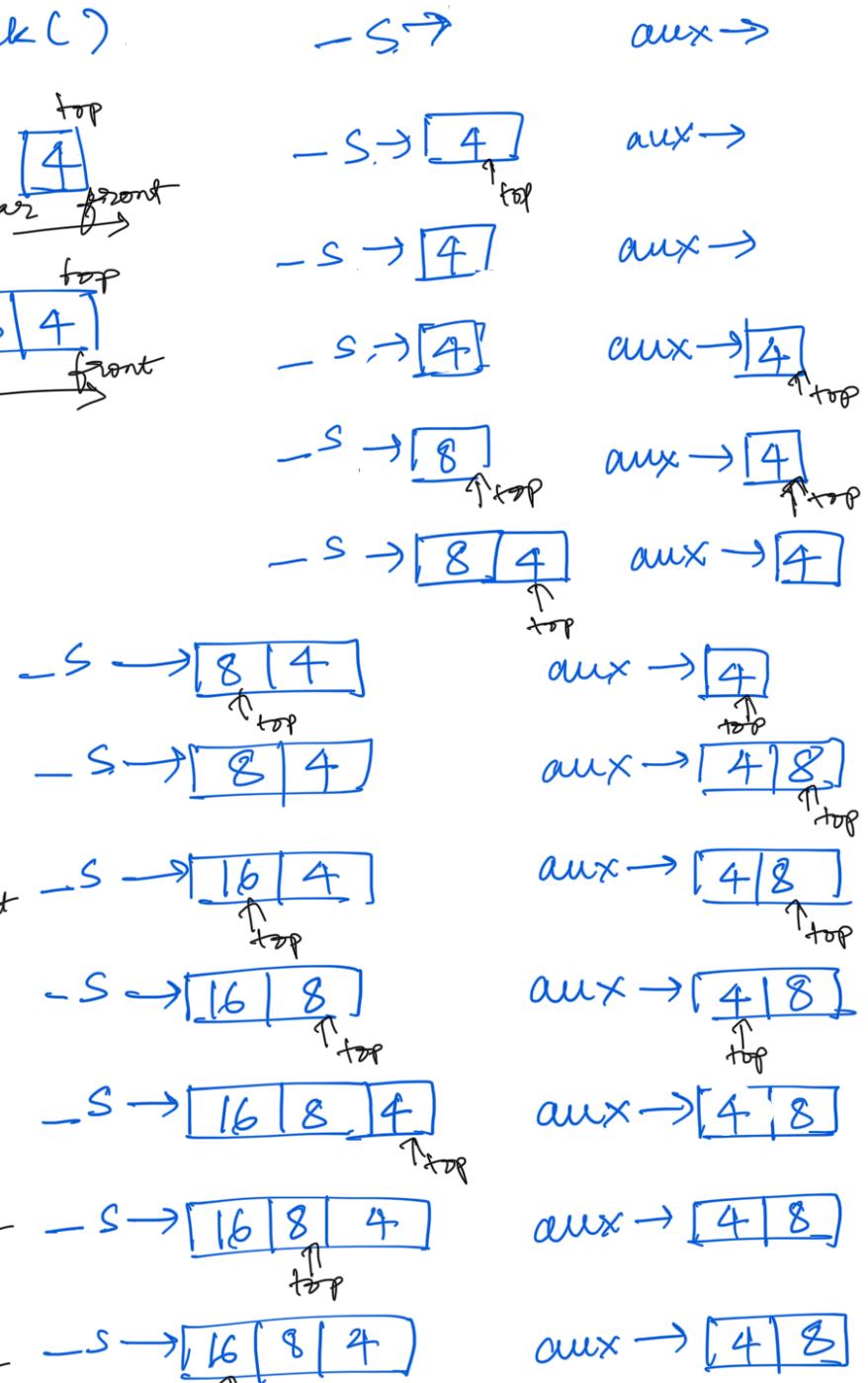
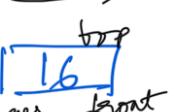
$q.\text{push}(16)$

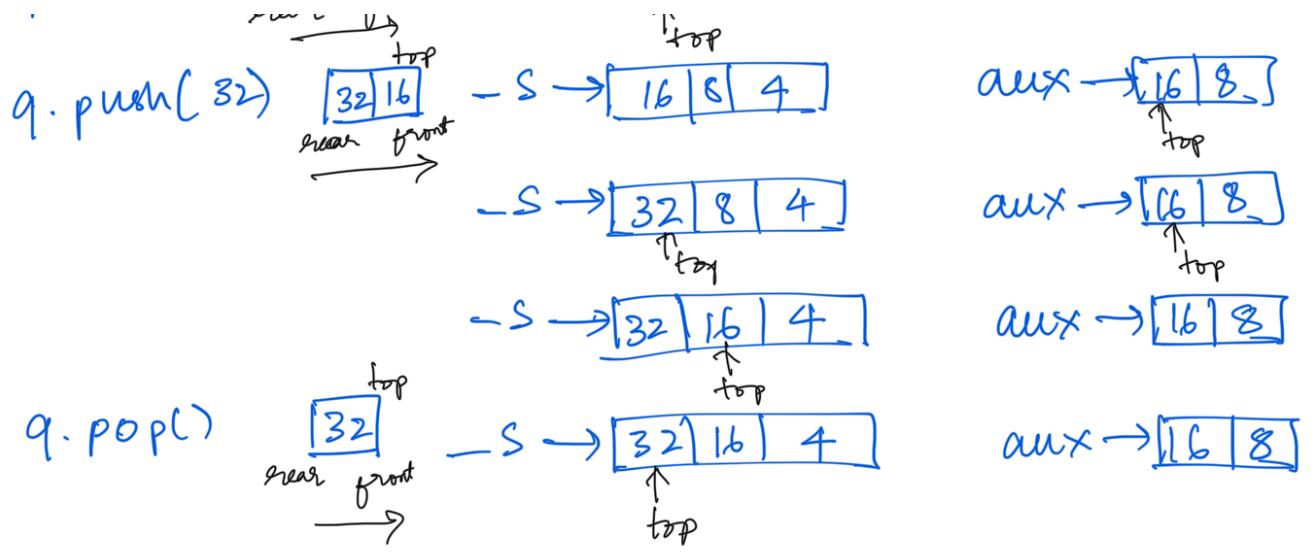


$q.\text{pop}()$



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Time Complexity, Space Complexity	Accessing front / top element	Accessing rear element	Accessing center element	Inserting at front / top position	Inserting at rear position	Inserting at any position	Length	Finding any element	Finding min element	Finding max element	Deleting from front / top position	Deleting from rear position	Deleting from any position	Printing DS (<code>__str__</code>)
Python List	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Amortized O (1)	Amortized O (1), Amortized O (1)	O (n), Amortized O (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)
Stack using Python List	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (n)	O (n), O (n)	Theta (1), Amortized O (1)	Theta (n), Theta (n)	O (n), O (n)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), O (n)	O (n), O (n)	O (n), O (n)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (n)	O (n), O (n)	Theta (n), Theta (n)
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Circular Queue using Python List	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)
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Stack using Circular Queue	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	Theta (1), Theta (1)	O (n), Theta (1)	Theta (n), Theta (1)
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