

# Algorithm and Data Structures

"Problem Solving is a skill that can be developed via practice"

→ Define the Problem.

- what exactly is the problem we are trying to solve?

→ Identify the problem

- How and why did this problem happen?

→ what are the possible solutions?

- The ideal solution could be one of the many possible solutions.

→ A decision is to be made.

- Any decision is usually is better than no decision.

- 80% of problems should be solved at the moment they come up.  
Only 20% will need time & research.

→ Assign responsibilities to carry out the decision.

- If a team, who will do what and when.
- If alone, still decide what & when.

→ Set a schedule.

- without a schedule & deadline, it's just a discussion.

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## Core Components of Computational Thinking.

→ Decomposition

- Break down complex problems

into smaller, simpler problems.

→ Pattern recognition.

- Make connections between similar problems & experience

→ Abstraction

- Identify important information and ignore irrelevant details.

→ Algorithm

→ Sequential rules to follow in order to solve a problem.

# Algorithm

- A "finite sequence" of  
"well defined" computational  
steps that transform  
"input" into "output"

## Basic constructs of algorithm

- Linear Sequence: - statements  
that follow one after the  
other.
- Conditional - "if then else"
- Loop - sequence of statements  
that are repeated  
number of times.

# Data Structure

A data structure is a way to store and organise data in order to facilitate access and modification.

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Array  $\Rightarrow$  Sequential data structure.  
Linear data structure.

$\Downarrow$   
Stores data in a sequential manner.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
0	1	2	3	4

Index / Subscript

All elements are stored in a single memory block.

Every element of an array is of

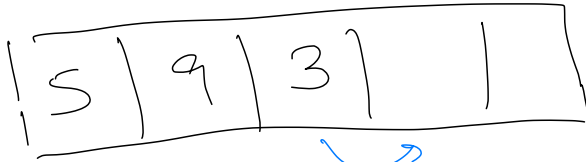
same type.

Fast

Benefit :- Random access.

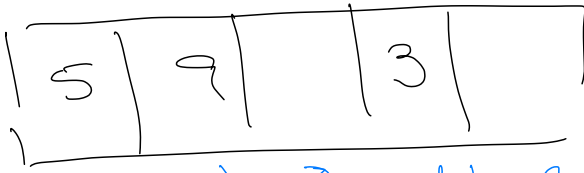
start location +  $i \times$  size of array element type.

Insert / Delete is inefficient in array.

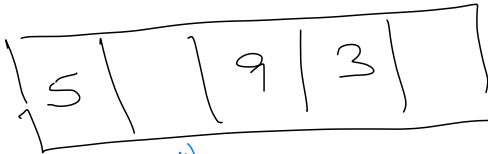


Insert  
between 5  
and 9, 1.

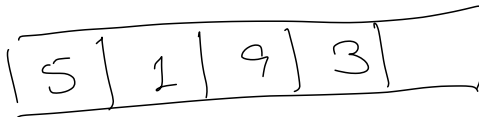
Shift 3 to right



Shift 9 to right



Insert 1



# Stack



LIFO

Last In

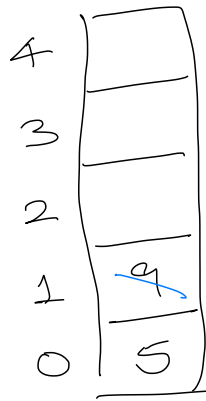
First Out

top ← add

& delete

done with

respect to top.



top → ~~2~~ 0

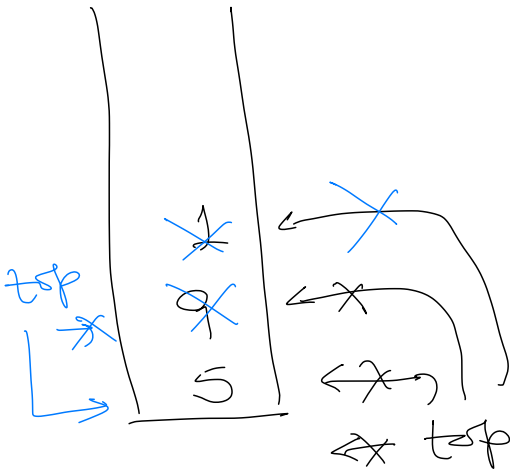
Push(5)

Push(9)

Pop() → 9

Push(elem) → add element to stack.

- Make space at top.
- Store element at top.



Push(5)

Push(9)

Push(1)

Pop() → removes element from stack.

Psp()  $\rightarrow$  1

Psp()  $\rightarrow$  9

→ Fetch element at top  
→ Set top to previous element  
→ Return the fetched element.

IsEmpty()

→ if top stores a element then stack is not empty

else  
stack is empty.

IsFull()

→ if stack has space for atleast one more element

then  
stack is not full

else  
stack is full.

ADT  $\rightarrow$  Abstract Data Type } Defines WHAT & NOT HOW.

Define ADT in JAVA

$\rightarrow$  Use Regwood interface.



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interface StackIntf {
    void Push (int);
    int Pop ();
    boolean IsFull ();
    boolean IsEmpty ();
}

```

Queue



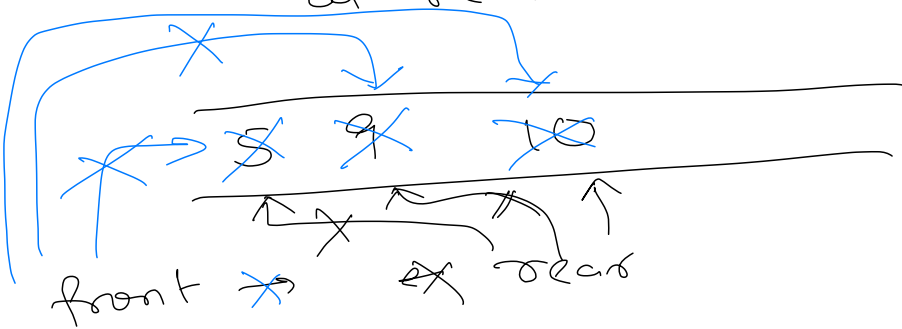
FIFO

First In

First Out

Add (elem)  
 {  
   Make space at  
   rear  
   Store element  
   at rear.  
 }

front → Remove element from front  
           of queue  
 rear → Adding of element is done  
           at rear of queue.



Add (5)  
~~Add (9)~~

Delete  $O(1)$

Add  $O(10)$

- Move front to next element
- Remove element from front.

Delete  $O(1) \rightarrow 5$

Delete  $O(1) \rightarrow 9$

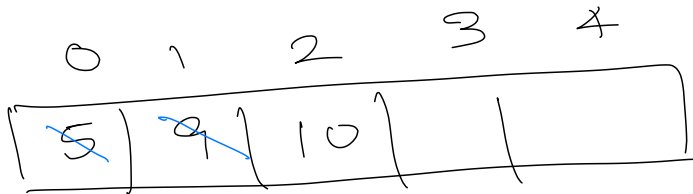
Delete  $O(1) \rightarrow 10$

Is Empty()

- if front equals rear then queue is empty
- else queue is not empty.

Is Full()

- If no space after rear then queue is full
- else queue is not full.



front  $\rightarrow$  ~~-1~~ ~~0~~ 1

rear  $\rightarrow$  ~~-1~~ ~~0~~ 1 2

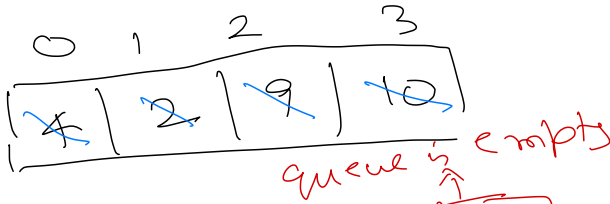
Add  $O(5)$

Add  $O(9)$

Add  $O(10)$

Delete  $O(1) \rightarrow 5$       Delete  $O(1) \rightarrow 9$

Linear Queue  $\rightarrow$  Has problem that Queue can be empty & Full at the same time.



Add Q(4)  
Add Q(2)  
Add Q(9)  
Add Q(10)

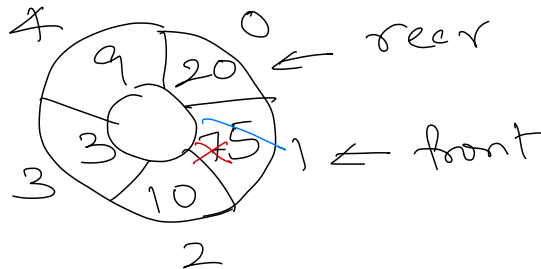
front  $\rightarrow$  ~~1~~ 0 ~~1~~ 2 3  
rear  $\rightarrow$  ~~1~~ 0 ~~1~~ 2 3

$\uparrow$  queue is full.

Delete Q()  $\rightarrow$  4  
Delete Q()  $\rightarrow$  2  
Delete Q()  $\rightarrow$  9  
Delete Q()  $\rightarrow$  10

Circular Queue

N = Array Size = 5



front  $\rightarrow$  0  
rear  $\rightarrow$  0

front  $\rightarrow$  -2  
rear  $\rightarrow$  ~~1~~ 0 ~~1~~ 2 3 4 0

rear  $\rightarrow$  4

Increment rear by 1 MOD N

rear  $\rightarrow$  5    MOD 5  $\Rightarrow$  0

↓  
value remains  
in range of  
0 to N-1

Add Q(5) rear  $\rightarrow$  0

rear = (rear + 1) MOD N

rear  $\rightarrow$  1

Add Q(10) rear  $\rightarrow$  2

Delete Q()  $\rightarrow$  front  $\rightarrow$  0

$\Rightarrow$  5

front = (front + 1) MOD N

front  $\rightarrow$  1

Add Q(3) rear  $\rightarrow$  3

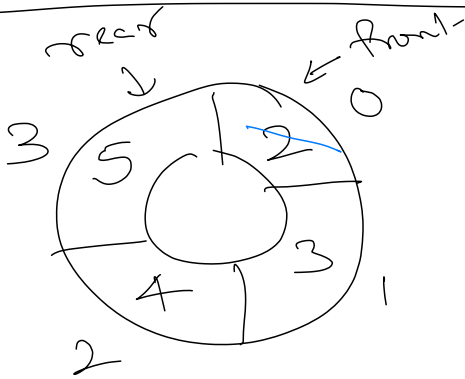
Add Q(9) rear  $\rightarrow$  4

Add Q(20) rear  $\rightarrow$  5 MOD 5  
0

~~Add Q(7) rear  $\rightarrow$  6~~

$(\text{rear} + 1) \text{ MOD } N$  equals front  
↑↑  
queue full in circular Q.

→ In circular queue, we end up storing max  $(N-1)$  elements.



$N = 4$

front = ~~0~~

rear = ~~0 1 2 3~~

Add Q(2)

Add Q(3)

Add Q(4)

Add Q(5)

if front equals -1 AND  
rear equals last element then  
queue full

Delete Q() → 2

Add Q(10) → ~~Queue is full.~~

