

ADT - Abstract Data Type

- Data structure
 - How data is organized in memory?
 - How operations are performed on that data?
- From user perspective, all data structures are ADTs.

Array ADT

- Operations
 - Write element on given index: $\text{arr}[i] = x$
 - Read element from given index: $y = \text{arr}[i]$
- Advanced Operations
 - Sorting
 - Searching
 - Traversing

Queue ADT

- FIFO behaviour
- Operations
 - Insert in Queue -- Enqueue() / Push()
 - Delete from Queues -- Dequeue() / Pop()
 - Read next Element -- Peek()
 - isEmpty() -- True/False
 - isFull() -- True/False
- isFull() operation is applicable if storage capacity is fixed

Types of Queue

1. Linear queue
 - data is inserted from rear end and removed from front end
 - follows FIFO principle
 - may lead to poor memory utilization
2. Circular queue
 - data is inserted from rear end and removed from front end
 - follows FIFO principle
 - front and rear are moved circular so that memory will be utilized properly
3. Deque (Double Ended Queue)
 - data can be inserted or removed from both the ends of queue
 - operations : push front, pop front, peek front, push rear, pop rear, peek rear
 - do not follows FIFO principle
 - stack and queue can be implemented using deque
4. Priority Queue
 - every element is associated with a priority
 - always high priority element is removed from the queue
 - do not follows FIFO principle

- can be implemented with array, linked list but implemented efficiently with heap data structure

Queue Applications

1. CPU Scheduling (Operating Systems)
 - Processes wait in a ready queue
 - The first process to arrive gets executed first (in simple scheduling)
2. Printer Spooling
 - Multiple print jobs are stored in a queue
 - Jobs are printed in the order they are received
3. Waiting Lines (Real Life)
 - Ticket counters, banks, supermarkets
 - First person in line is served first
4. Data Buffers
 - Used in keyboard input, network data packets, IO buffers
 - Data is processed in the order it arrives
5. Breadth-First Search (BFS)
 - Used in graphs and trees
 - Explores nodes level by level
6. Message Queues
 - WhatsApp, email servers, task queues
 - Messages/tasks are delivered in arrival order
7. Web Server Request Handling
 - Incoming client requests are queued
 - Handled one by one or by workers
8. Traffic Systems
 - Cars at toll booths or traffic signals
 - First car to arrive moves first
9. Call Center Systems
 - Incoming calls are placed in a queue
 - Answered in the order received
10. Resource Sharing
 - Shared resources (CPU, printer, disk)
 - Requests are queued to avoid conflicts
11. Multiplayer Games / Online Matchmaking
 - Players waiting to join a game are queued
 - Matched in arrival order

Stack ADT

- LIFO behaviour
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 - Delete -- Pop()
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Stack Applications

1. Function Calls & Recursion
 - The call stack stores function calls, local variables, and return addresses
 - Enables recursion
 - Example: when a function calls another function, it's pushed onto the stack
2. Expression Evaluation
 - Used by compilers and calculators to:
 - Evaluate postfix (Reverse Polish) expressions
 - Convert infix -> postfix / prefix
 - Example: $A + B \rightarrow AB+$
3. Syntax Parsing (Compilers)
 - Checking balanced parentheses, brackets, braces
 - Used in syntax analysis of programming languages
4. Undo / Redo Operations
 - Text editors, graphic tools, IDEs
 - Undo = pop last action
 - Redo = push it back
5. Backtracking Algorithms
 - Used in problems where you explore choices and revert:
 - Maze solving
 - N-Queens problem
 - Sudoku
 - Depth-First Search (DFS)
6. Memory Management
 - Stack memory for:
 - Local variables
 - Function parameters
 - Faster than heap allocation
7. Reversal of Data
 - Reversing:
 - Strings
 - Arrays
 - Linked lists
 - Push elements -> pop in reverse order
8. Web Browser's history
 - Back/Forward navigation
 - Each visited page is pushed onto a stack
9. Operating Systems
 - Interrupt handling
 - Process execution states
 - Context switching
10. Expression & Algorithm Design
 - Depth-First Search (DFS)
 - Topological sorting

- Tree traversals (inorder, preorder, postorder)

Stack Vs Heap

1. OS Interview: What is Stack and Heap?

- Program in execution is called as "Process".
- Process is logically divided into multiple sections.
- Text : Program code (binary)
- Data : Variable (global)
- Stack : Function call -- Function Activation Record/Stack Frame
- Heap : Dynamic memory allocation -- new operator
- ...

2. DSA Interview: What is Stack and Heap?

- Stack - Utility data structure that has LIFO behaviour
 - Push and Pop are done from same end (a.k.a. top end)
 - operations: push, pop, peek, ... -- time: $O(1)$
 - can be implemented using array or linked list
- Heap - Data structure that is Array implementation of Complete binary Tree
 - Types: Max heap, Min heap