

QUEUE

A queue is linear data structure and collection of elements. A queue is another special kind of list, where items are inserted at one end called the **rear** and deleted at the other end called the **front**. The principle of queue is a “**FIFO**” or “**First-in-first-out**”.

Queue is an abstract data structure. A queue is a useful data structure in programming. **It is similar to the ticket queue outside a cinema hall**, where the first person entering the queue is the first person who gets the ticket.

A real-world example of queue can be a single-lane one-way road, where the vehicle enters first, exits first.



More real-world examples can be seen as queues at the ticket windows and bus-stops and our college library.



The operations for a queue are analogues to those for a stack; the difference is that the insertions go at the end of the list, rather than the beginning.

Operations on QUEUE:

A queue is an object or more specifically an abstract data structure (ADT) that allows the following operations:

- **Enqueue or insertion:** which inserts an element at the end of the queue.
- **Deque or deletion:** which deletes an element at the start of the queue.

Queue operations work as follows:

1. Two pointers called FRONT and REAR are used to keep track of the first and last elements in the queue.
2. When initializing the queue, we set the value of FRONT and REAR to 0.
3. On enqueueing an element, we increase the value of REAR index and place the new element in the position pointed to by REAR.
4. On dequeuing an element, we return the value pointed to by FRONT and increase the FRONT index.
5. Before enqueueing, we check if queue is already full.
6. Before dequeuing, we check if queue is already empty.
7. When enqueueing the first element, we set the value of FRONT to 1.
8. When dequeuing the last element, we reset the values of FRONT and REAR to 0.

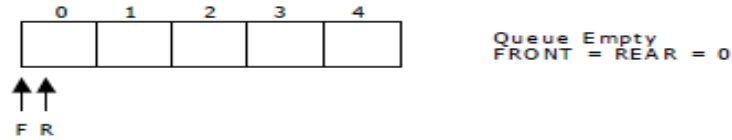
Representation of Queue (or) Implementation of Queue:

The queue can be represented in two ways:

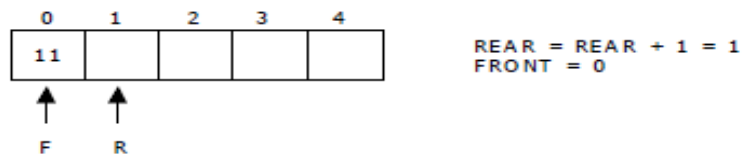
1. Queue using Array
2. Queue using Linked List

1.Queue using Array:

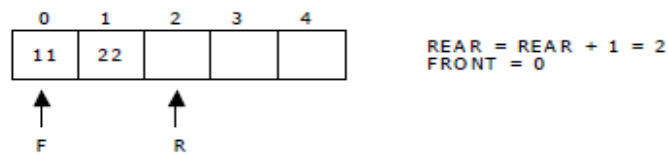
Let us consider a queue, which can hold maximum of five elements. Initially the queue is empty.



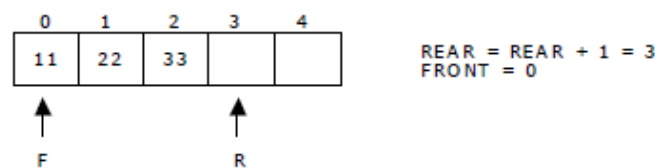
Now, insert 11 to the queue. Then queue status will be:



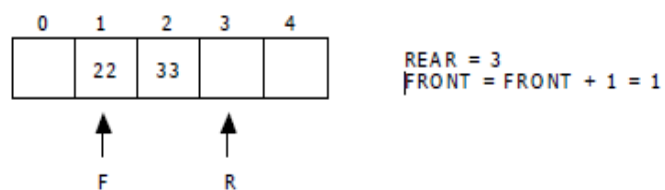
Next, insert 22 to the queue. Then the queue status is:



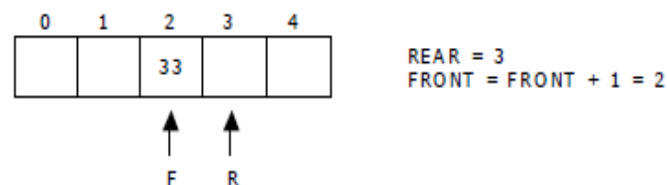
Again insert another element 33 to the queue. The status of the queue is:



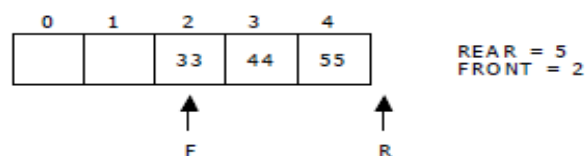
Now, delete an element. The element deleted is the element at the front of the queue. So the status of the queue is:



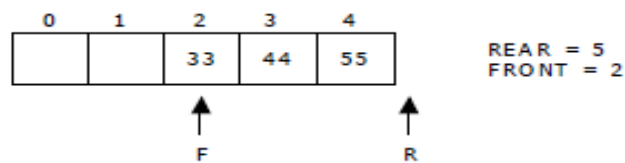
Again, delete an element. The element to be deleted is always pointed to by the FRONT pointer. So, 22 is deleted. The queue status is as follows:



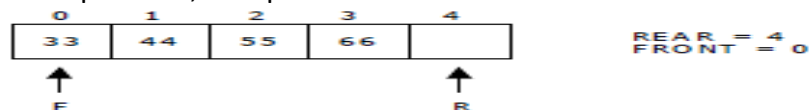
Now, insert new elements 44 and 55 into the queue. The queue status is:



Next insert another element, say 66 to the queue. We cannot insert 66 to the queue as the rear crossed the maximum size of the queue (i.e., 5). There will be queue full signal. The queue status is as follows:



Now it is not possible to insert an element 66 even though there are two vacant positions in the linear queue. To overcome this problem the elements of the queue are to be shifted towards the beginning of the queue so that it creates vacant position at the rear end. Then the FRONT and REAR are to be adjusted properly. The element 66 can be inserted at the rear end. After this operation, the queue status is as follows:



This difficulty can overcome if we treat queue position with index 0 as a position that comes after position with index 4 i.e., we treat the queue as a **circular queue**.

Queue operations using array:

a.enqueue() or insertion(): which inserts an element at the end of the queue.

<pre>void insertion() { if(rear==max) printf("\n Queue is Full"); else { printf("\n Enter no %d:",j++); scanf("%d",&queue[rear++]); } }</pre>	<p>Algorithm: Procedure for insertion():</p> <p>Step-1:START</p> <p>Step-2: if rear==max then Write 'Queue is full'</p> <p>Step-3: otherwise 3.1: read element 'queue[rear]'</p> <p>Step-4:STOP</p>
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b.dequeue() or deletion(): which deletes an element at the start of the queue.

<pre>void deletion() { if(front==rear) { printf("\n Queue is empty"); } else { printf("\n Deleted Element is %d",queue[front++]); x++; } }</pre>	<p>Algorithm: procedure for deletion():</p> <p>Step-1:START</p> <p>Step-2: if front==rear then Write' Queue is empty'</p> <p>Step-3: otherwise 3.1: print deleted element</p> <p>Step-4:STOP</p>
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c.display(): which displays an elements in the queue.

<pre> void deletion() { if(front==rear) { printf("\n Queue is empty"); } else { for(i=front; i<rear; i++) { printf("%d",queue[i]); printf("\n"); } } } </pre>	<p>Algorithm: procedure for deletion():</p> <p>Step-1:START</p> <p>Step-2: if front==rear then Write' Queue is empty'</p> <p>Step-3: otherwise 3.1: for i=front to rear then 3.2: print 'queue[i]'</p> <p>Step-4:STOP</p>
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2. Queue using Linked list:

We can represent a queue as a linked list. In a queue data is deleted from the front end and inserted at the rear end. We can perform similar operations on the two ends of a list. We use two pointers *front* and *rear* for our linked queue implementation.

The linked queue looks as shown in figure:

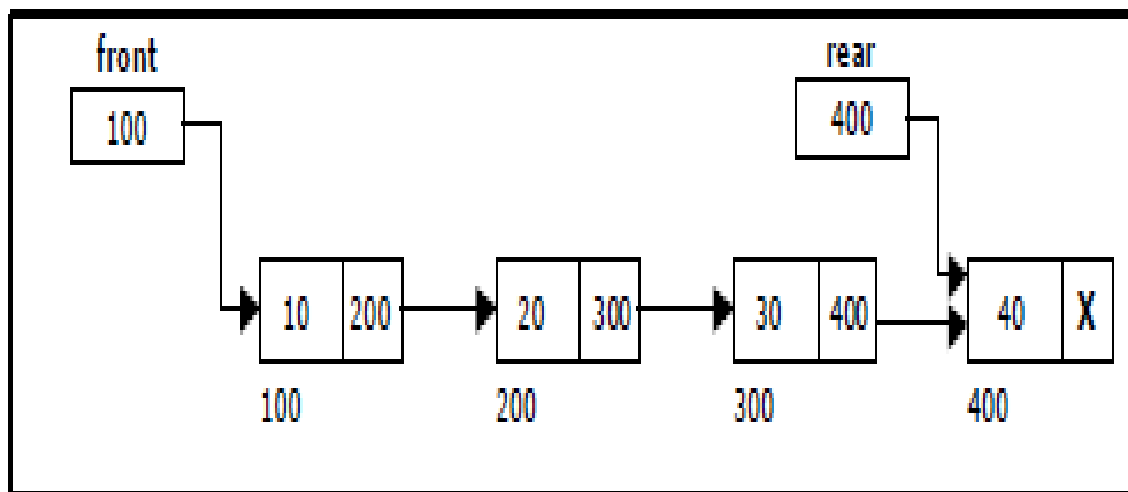


Figure : Linked Queue representation

Applications of Queue:

1. It is used to schedule the jobs to be processed by the CPU.
2. When multiple users send print jobs to a printer, each printing job is kept in the printing queue. Then the printer prints those jobs according to first in first out (FIFO) basis.
3. Breadth first search uses a queue data structure to find an element from a graph.

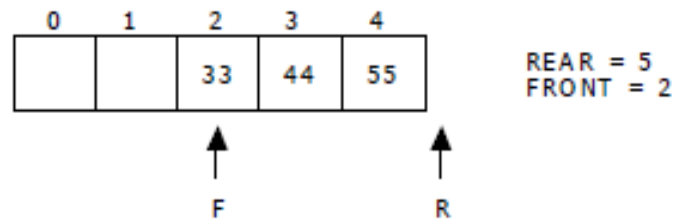
CIRCULAR QUEUE

A more efficient queue representation is obtained by regarding the array $Q[\text{MAX}]$ as circular. Any number of items could be placed on the queue. This implementation of a queue is called a circular queue because it uses its storage array as if it were a circle instead of a linear list.

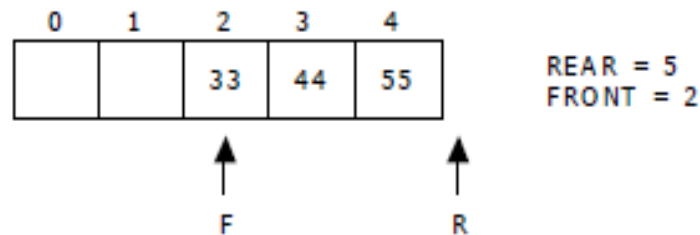
There are two problems associated with linear queue. They are:

- Time consuming: linear time to be spent in shifting the elements to the beginning of the queue.
- Signaling queue full: even if the queue is having vacant position.

For example, let us consider a linear queue status as follows:



Next insert another element, say 66 to the queue. We cannot insert 66 to the queue as the rear crossed the maximum size of the queue (i.e., 5). There will be queue full signal. The queue status is as follows:

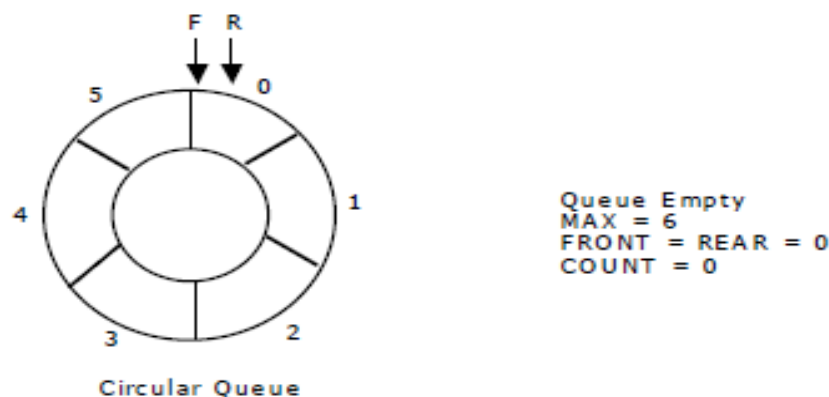


This difficulty can be overcome if we treat queue position with index zero as a position that comes after position with index four then we treat the queue as a **circular queue**.

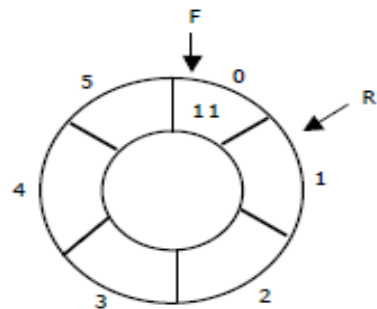
In circular queue if we reach the end for inserting elements to it, it is possible to insert new elements if the slots at the beginning of the circular queue are empty.

Representation of Circular Queue:

Let us consider a circular queue, which can hold maximum (MAX) of six elements. Initially the queue is empty.



Now, insert 11 to the circular queue. Then circular queue status will be:



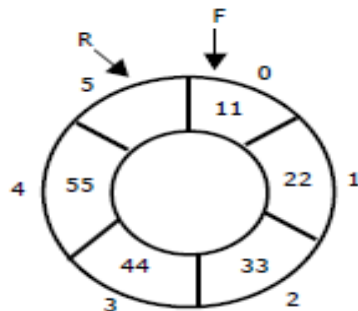
Circular Queue

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FRONT = 0
REAR = (REAR + 1) % 6 = 1
COUNT = 1

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Insert new elements 22, 33, 44 and 55 into the circular queue. The circular queue status is:



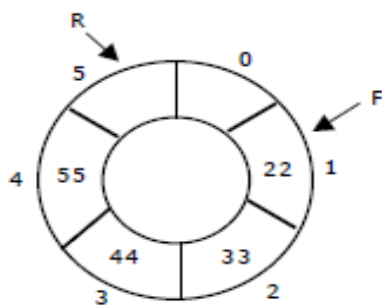
Circular Queue

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FRONT = 0
REAR = (REAR + 1) % 6 = 5
COUNT = 5

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Now, delete an element. The element deleted is the element at the front of the circular queue. So, 11 is deleted. The circular queue status is as follows:



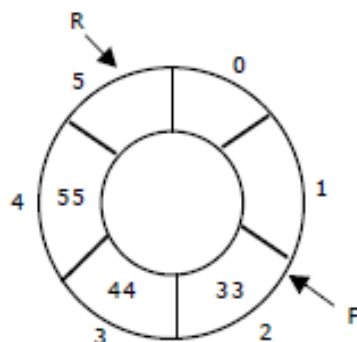
Circular Queue

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FRONT = (FRONT + 1) % 6 = 1
REAR = 5
COUNT = COUNT - 1 = 4

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Again, delete an element. The element to be deleted is always pointed to by the FRONT pointer. So, 22 is deleted. The circular queue status is as follows:



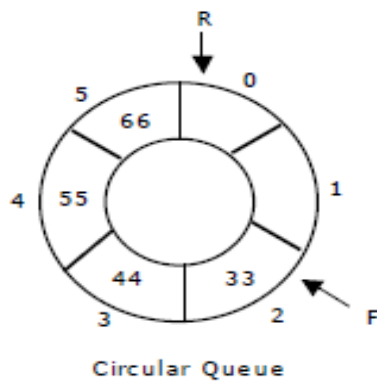
Circular Queue

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FRONT = (FRONT + 1) % 6 = 2
REAR = 5
COUNT = COUNT - 1 = 3

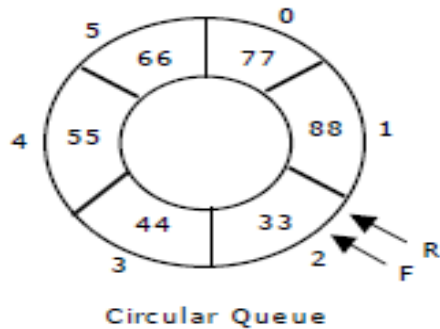
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Again, insert another element 66 to the circular queue. The status of the circular queue is:



$FRONT = 2$
 $REAR = (REAR + 1) \% 6 = 0$
 $COUNT = COUNT + 1 = 4$

Now, insert new elements 77 and 88 into the circular queue. The circular queue status is:



$FRONT = 2, REAR = 2$
 $REAR = REAR \% 6 = 2$
 $COUNT = 6$

Now, if we insert an element to the circular queue, as $COUNT = MAX$ we cannot add the element to circular queue. So, the circular queue is *full*.

Operations on Circular queue:

a.enqueue() or insertion(): This function is used to insert an element into the circular queue. In a circular queue, the new element is always inserted at Rear position.

<pre> void insertCQ() { int data; if(count == MAX) { printf("\n Circular Queue is Full"); } else { printf("\n Enter data: "); scanf("%d", &data); CQ[rear] = data; rear = (rear + 1) % MAX; count ++; printf("\n Data Inserted in the Circular Queue "); } } </pre>	<p>Algorithm: procedure of insertCQ():</p> <p>Step-1: START</p> <p>Step-2: if count == MAX then Write "Circular queue is full"</p> <p>Step-3: otherwise</p> <p>3.1: read the data element</p> <p>3.2: $CQ[rear] = data$</p> <p>3.3: $rear = (rear + 1) \% MAX$</p> <p>3.4: $count = count + 1$</p> <p>Step-4: STOP</p>
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b.dequeue() or deletion():This function is used to delete an element from the circular queue. In a circular queue, the element is always deleted from front position.

<pre>void deleteCQ() { if(count ==0) { printf("\n\nCircular Queue is Empty.."); } else { printf("\n Deleted element from Circular Queue is %d ", CQ[front]); front = (front + 1) % MAX; count --; } }</pre>	<p>Algorithm: procedure of deleteCQ():</p> <p>Step-1:START</p> <p>Step-2: if count==0 then Write "Circular queue is empty"</p> <p>Step-3:otherwise 3.1: print the deleted element 3.2: front=(front+1)%MAX 3.3: count=count-1</p> <p>Step-4:STOP</p>
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c.display():This function is used to display the list of elements in the circular queue.

<pre>void displayCQ() { int i, j; if(count ==0) { printf("\n\n\t Circular Queue is Empty "); } else { printf("\n Elements in Circular Queue are: "); j = count; for(i = front; j != 0; j--) { printf("%d\t", CQ[i]); i = (i + 1) % MAX; } } }</pre>	<p>Algorithm: procedure of displayCQ():</p> <p>Step-1:START</p> <p>Step-2: if count==0 then Write "Circular queue is empty"</p> <p>Step-3:otherwise 3.1: print the list of elements 3.2: for i=front to j!=0 3.3: print CQ[i] 3.4: i=(i+1)%MAX</p> <p>Step-4:STOP</p>
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Deque:

In the preceding section we saw that a queue in which we insert items at one end and from which we remove items at the other end. In this section we examine an extension of the queue, which provides a means to insert and remove items at both ends of the queue. This data structure is a **deque**. The word **deque** is an acronym derived from **double-ended queue**. Below figure shows the representation of a deque.

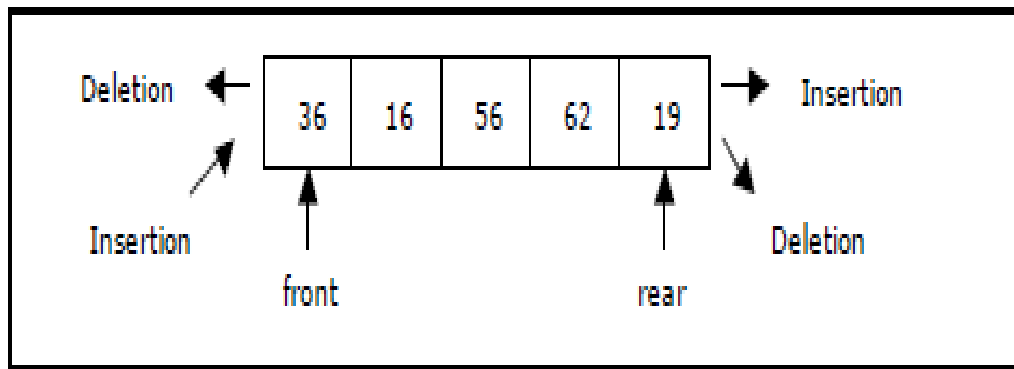


Figure Representation of a deque.

deque provides four operations. Below Figure shows the basic operations on a deque.

- enqueue_front: insert an element at front.
- dequeue_front: delete an element at front.
- enqueue_rear: insert element at rear.
- dequeue_rear: delete element at rear.

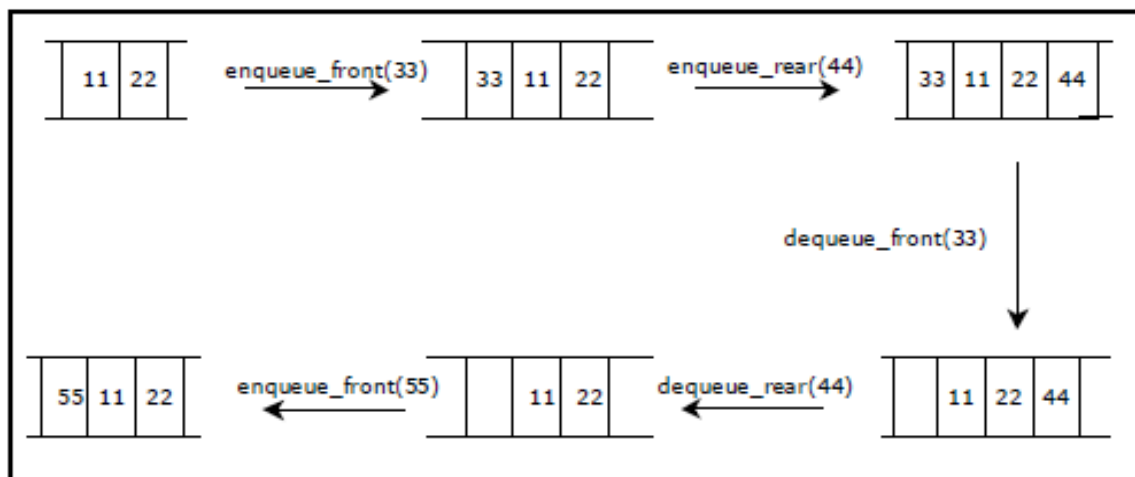


Figure Basic operations on deque

There are two variations of deque. They are:

- Input restricted deque (IRD)
- Output restricted deque (ORD)

An Input restricted deque is a deque, which allows insertions at one end but allows deletions at both ends of the list.

An output restricted deque is a deque, which allows deletions at one end but allows insertions at both ends of the list.

Priority Queue:

A **priority queue** is a collection of elements such that each element has been assigned a priority. We can insert an element in priority queue at the rare position. We can delete an element from the priority queue based on the elements priority and such that the order in which elements are deleted and processed comes from the following rules:

1. An element of higher priority is processed before any element of lower priority.
2. Two elements with same priority are processed according to the order in which they were added to the queue. It follows FIFO or FCFS(First Comes First serve) rules.

We always remove an element with the highest priority, which is given by the minimal integer priority assigned.

[3]	[1]	[4]	[2]	[5]	priority
5	10	30	25	40	Queue
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	index

A prototype of a priority queue is time sharing system: programs of high priority are processed first, and programs with the same priority form a standard queue. An efficient implementation for the Priority Queue is to use heap, which in turn can be used for sorting purpose called heap sort

Priority queues are two types:

1. Ascending order priority queue
2. Descending order priority queue

1. Ascending order priority queue: It is Lower priority number to high priority number.

Examples: order is 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10

2. Descending order priority queue: It is high priority number to lowest priority number.

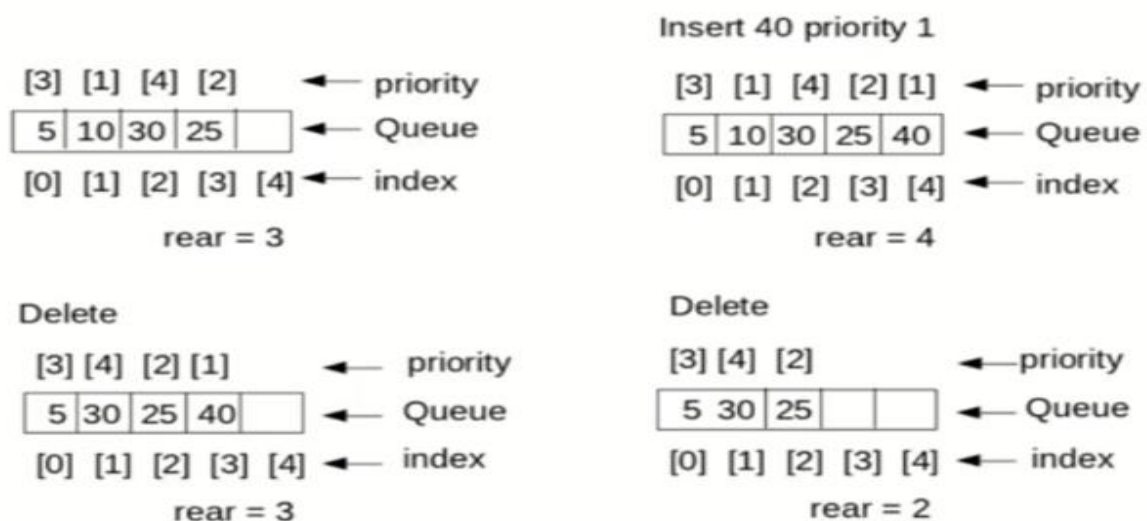
Examples: Order is 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

Implementation of Priority Queue:

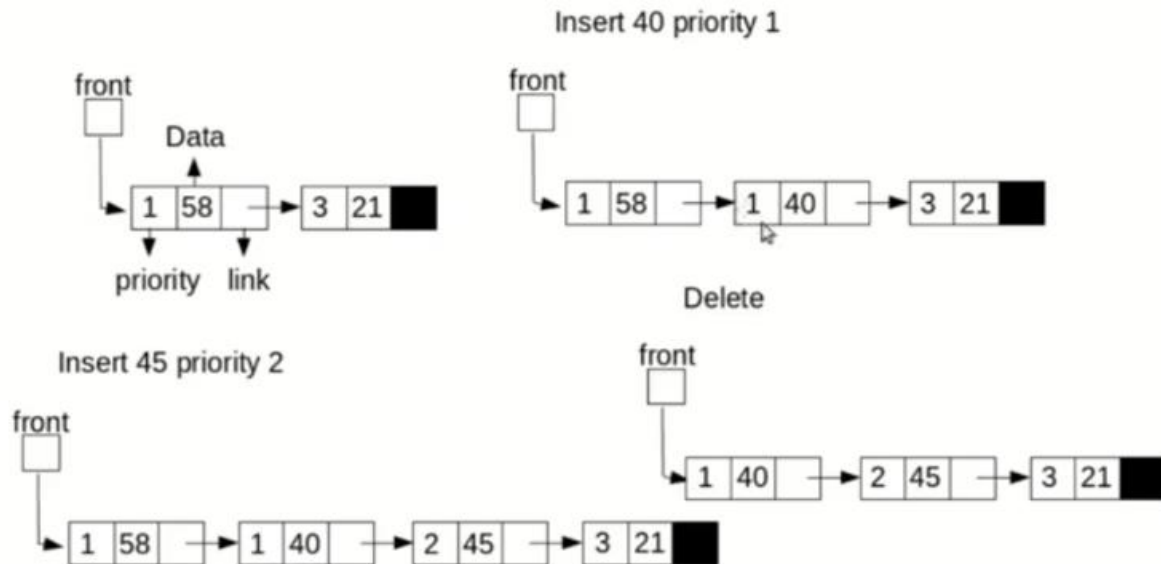
Implementation of priority queues are two types:

1. Through Queue(Using Array)
2. Through Sorted List(Using Linked List)

1. Through Queue (Using Array): In this case element is simply added at the rear end as usual. For deletion, the element with highest priority is searched and then deleted.



2. Through sorted List (Using Linked List): In this case insertion is costly because the element insert at the proper place in the list based on the priority. Here deletion is easy since the element with highest priority will always be in the beginning of the list.



1. Difference between stacks and Queues?

stacks	Queues
1.A stack is a linear list of elements in which the element may be inserted or deleted at one end.	1.A Queue is a linear list of elements in which the elements are added at one end and deletes the elements at another end.
2. In stacks, elements which are inserted last is the first element to be deleted.	2. . In Queue the element which is inserted first is the element deleted first.
3.Stacks are called LIFO (Last In First Out)list	3. Queues are called FIFO (First In First Out)list.
4.In stack elements are removed in reverse order in which thy are inserted.	4. In Queue elements are removed in the same order in which thy are inserted.
5.suppose the elements a,b,c,d,e are inserted in the stack, the deletion of elements will be e,d,c,b,a.	5. Suppose the elements a,b,c,d,e are inserted in the Queue, the deletion of elements will be in the same order in which thy are inserted.
6.In stack there is only one pointer to insert and delete called "Top".	6. In Queue there are two pointers one for insertion called "Rear" and another for deletion called "Front".
7.Initially top=-1 indicates a stack is empty.	7. Initially Rear=Front=-1 indicates a Queue is empty.
8.Stack is full represented by the condition TOP=MAX-1(if array index starts from '0').	8.Queue is full represented by the condition Rear=Max-1.
9.To push an element into a stack, Top is incremented by one	9.To insert an element into Queue, Rear is incremented by one.
10.To POP an element from stack,top is decremented by one.	10.To delete an element from Queue, Front is