



# COMP 2012H Honors Object-Oriented Programming and Data Structures

## Topic 18: Stack & Queue

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# Data Structures

- Computer science is the study of how to process information (data) **efficiently** using computers.
- A **data structure** helps store, organize, and manipulate data in a particular way so that they can be processed **efficiently** by computers.
- Different applications require different **data structures**.
- Examples: **array**, **linked list**, **stack**, **queue**, **(binary) tree**, etc.
- An **abstract data type** (ADT) is the mathematical model of a data structure that is independent of its implementation. It may be used to analyze the efficiency of algorithms.

# Stack and Queue



**Stack** and **queue** let you **insert** and **remove** items at the **ends** only, not in the middle.

# Part I

## Stack



# Stack: How it Works



Consider a pile of cookies.

- more cookies: new cookies are **added** on **top**, one at a time.
- fewer cookies: cookies are **consumed** one at a time, starting at the **top**.

As an **ADT**, insertions and removals of items on a **stack** are based on the ***last-in first-out (LIFO)*** policy.

It supports:

- **Data**: an **ordered** list of data/items.
- **Operations** (major ones):
  - top** : **get** the value of the **top** item
  - push** : **add** a new item to the **top**
  - pop** : **remove** an item from the **top**

## Stack of int Data — stack.h

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: int-stack.h */
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 5;

class int_stack
{
private:
    int data[BUFFER_SIZE]; // Use an array to store data
    int top_index;         // Starts from 0; -1 when empty

public:
    // CONSTRUCTOR member functions
    int_stack();           // Default constructor

    // ACCESSOR member functions: const => won't modify data members
    bool empty() const;    // Check if the stack is empty
    bool full() const;     // Check if the stack is full
    int size() const;      // Give the number of data currently stored
    int top() const;       // Retrieve the value of the top item

    // MUTATOR member functions
    void push(int);        // Add a new item to the top of the stack
    void pop();            // Remove the top item from the stack
};
```

# Stack of int Data — Test Program

```
#include "int-stack.h" /* File: int-stack-test.cpp */

void print_stack_info(const int_stack& s)
{
    cout << "No. of data currently on the stack = " << s.size() << "\t";
    if (!s.empty())
        cout << "Top item = " << s.top();
    cout << endl << "Empty: " << boolalpha << s.empty()
        << "\t\t" << "Full: " << boolalpha << s.full() << endl << endl;
}

int main()
{
    int_stack a; print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(4);   print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(15);  print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(26);  print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(37);  print_stack_info(a);
    a.pop();     print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(48);  print_stack_info(a);
    a.push(59);  print_stack_info(a);

    return 0;
} /* compile: g++ -L. -o int-stack-test int-stack-test.cpp -lintstack */
```

## Example: Decimal to Binary Conversion — Illustration

- e.g.,  $26_{(10)} = 11010_{(2)}$
- Algorithm** to convert  $N_{(10)} = M_{(2)}$ :

**Step 1** : divide N by 2 successively

**Step 2** : each time **push** the remainder onto a stack

**Step 3** : print the answer by **popping** the stack successively

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 2 & 26 \\ \hline 2 & 13 \quad \dots \quad 0 \\ 2 & 6 \quad \dots \quad 1 \\ 2 & 3 \quad \dots \quad 0 \\ 2 & 1 \quad \dots \quad 1 \\ & 0 \quad \dots \quad 1 \end{array}$$



## Example: Decimal to Binary Conversion

```
#include "int-stack/int-stack.h" /* File: decimal2binary.cpp */

int main() // Convert +ve decimal number to binary number using an stack
{
    int_stack a;
    int x, number;

    while (cin >> number)
    { // Conversion: decimal to binary
        for (x = number; x > 0; x /= 2)
            a.push(x % 2);

        // Print a binary that is stored on a stack
        cout << number << "(base 10) = ";
        while (!a.empty())
        {
            cout << a.top();
            a.pop();
        }
        cout << "(base 2)" << endl;
    }

    return 0;
} // Compile: g++ -o decimal2binary -Lint-stack decimal2binary.cpp -lintstack
```

## Stack of int Data — Constructors, Assessors

```
#include "int-stack.h"  /* File: int-stack1.cpp */

    /***** Default CONSTRUCTOR member function *****/
int_stack::int_stack() { top_index = -1; } // Create an empty stack

    /***** ACCESSOR member functions *****/
// Check if the int_stack is empty
bool int_stack::empty() const { return (top_index == -1); }

// Check if the int_stack is full
bool int_stack::full() const { return (top_index == BUFFER_SIZE-1); }

// Give the number of data currently stored
int int_stack::size() const { return top_index + 1; }

// Retrieve the value of the top item
int int_stack::top() const
{
    if (!empty())
        return data[top_index];

    cerr << "Warning: Stack is empty; can't retrieve any data!" << endl;
    exit(-1);
}
```

# Stack of int Data — Mutators

```
#include "int-stack.h" /* File: int-stack2.cpp */

    /***** MUTATOR member functions *****/
void int_stack::push(int x) // Add a new item to the top of the stack
{
    if (!full())
        data[++top_index] = x;
    else
    {
        cerr << "Error: Stack is full; can't add (" << x << ")!" << endl;
        exit(-1);
    }
}

void int_stack::pop()          // Remove the top item from the stack
{
    if (!empty())
        --top_index;
    else
    {
        cerr << "Error: Stack is empty; can't remove any data!" << endl;
        exit(-1);
    }
}
```

# Part II

## Queue



## Queue: How it Works

Consider the case when people line up for tickets.

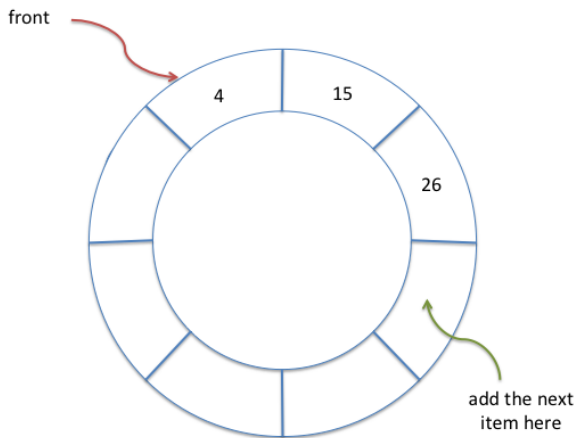
- more people: new customers **join** the **back** of a **queue**, one at a time.
- fewer people: the customer at the **front** buys a ticket and **leaves** the **queue**.

As an **ADT**, insertions and removals of items on a **queue** are based on a *first-in first-out (FIFO)* policy.

It supports:

- **Data**: an **ordered** list of data/items.
- **Operations** (major ones):
  - front** : **get** the value of the **front** item
  - enqueue** : **add** a new item to the **back**
  - dequeue** : **remove** an item from the **front**

## Circular Queue of int Data — Illustration



## Circular Queue of int Data — queue.h

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: int-queue.h */
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 5;

class int_queue // Circular queue
{
private:
    int data[BUFFER_SIZE]; // Use an array to store data
    int num_items;         // Number of items on the queue
    int first;             // Index of the first item; start from 0

public:
    // CONSTRUCTOR member functions
    int_queue();           // Default constructor

    // ACCESSOR member functions: const => won't modify data members
    bool empty() const;    // Check if the queue is empty
    bool full() const;     // Check if the queue is full
    int size() const;      // Give the number of data currently stored
    int front() const;     // Retrieve the value of the front item
    // MUTATOR member functions
    void enqueue(int);     // Add a new item to the back of the queue
    void dequeue();        // Remove the front item from the queue
};
```

# Circular Queue of int Data — Test Program

```
#include "int-queue.h" /* File: int-queue-test.cpp */

void print_queue_info(const int_queue& a) {
    cout << "No. of data currently on the queue = " << a.size() << "\t";
    if (!a.empty()) cout << "Front item = " << a.front();
    cout << endl << "Empty: " << boolalpha << a.empty();
    cout << "\t\t" << "Full: " << boolalpha << a.full() << endl << endl;
}

int main() {
    int_queue a;    print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(4);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(15);  print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(26);  print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(37);  print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(48);  print_queue_info(a);
    a.enqueue(59);  print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    a.dequeue();    print_queue_info(a);
    return 0;
} /* compile: g++ -L. -o int-queue-test int-queue-test.cpp -lintqueue */
```



# Circular Queue of int Data — Constructors, Assessors

```
#include "int-queue.h"  /* File: int-queue1.cpp */

        /***** Default CONSTRUCTOR member function *****/
// Create an empty queue
int_queue::int_queue() { first = 0; num_items = 0; }

        /***** ACCESSOR member functions *****/
// Check if the int_queue is empty
bool int_queue::empty() const { return (num_items == 0); }

// Check if the int_queue is full
bool int_queue::full() const { return (num_items == BUFFER_SIZE); }

// Give the number of data currently stored
int int_queue::size() const { return num_items; }

// Retrieve the value of the front item
int int_queue::front() const
{
    if (!empty())
        return data[first];

    cerr << "Warning: Queue is empty; can't retrieve any data!" << endl;
    exit(-1);
}
```

## Circular Queue of int Data — Mutators

```
#include "int-queue.h" /* File: int-queue2.cpp */

void int_queue::enqueue(int x) // Add a new item to the back of the queue
{
    if (!full())
    {
        data[(first+num_items) % BUFFER_SIZE] = x;
        ++num_items;
    } else {
        cerr << "Error: Queue is full; can't add (" << x << ")!" << endl;
        exit(-1);
    }
}

void int_queue::dequeue() // Remove the front item from the queue
{
    if (!empty())
    {
        first = (first+1) % BUFFER_SIZE;
        --num_items;
    } else {
        cerr << "Error: Queue is empty; can't remove any data!" << endl;
        exit(-1);
    }
}
```

## Further Reading



# Simplified STL Stack

- **typedef** is a keyword used to introduce a **synonym** for an **existing** type expression:

**typedef** < a type expression > <type-synonym>

```
template <typename T, typename Sequence = deque<T> >
class Stack
{
    protected:
        Sequence c; // Underlying container

    public:
        typedef typename Sequence::value_type      value_type;
        typedef typename Sequence::reference        reference;
        typedef typename Sequence::const_reference  const_reference;
        typedef typename Sequence::size_type        size_type;

        // (Default) Constructor
        explicit stack(const Sequence& _c = Sequence()) : c(_c) {}
}
```

# Simplified STL Stack ..

```
// Return true if the stack is empty
bool empty() const { return c.empty(); }

// Return the number of elements in the stack
size_type size() const { return c.size(); }

// Return a R/W reference to the data at the first element
reference top() { return c.back(); }

// Read-only version of top()
const_reference top() const { return c.back(); }

// Create an element at the top of the stack and assign x to it
void push(const value_type& x) { c.push_back(x); }

// Shrink the stack by one. Note that no data is returned.
void pop() { c.pop_back(); }
};
```

# Stack Application: Balanced Parentheses — Illustration

- e.g.,  $[()][()()]()$  is balanced but  $[()]$  is not.

- **Algorithm** to check balanced parentheses:

**Step 1** : Scan the given character expression from left to right.

**Step 2** : If a left parenthesis is read, push it onto a stack.

**Step 3** : If a right parenthesis is read, check if its matching left parenthesis is on the top of the stack.

**Step 4** : If Step 3 is true, pop the stack and continue.

**Step 5** : If Step 3 is false, return false and stop.

**Step 6** : If the end of the expression is reached, check if the stack is empty.

**Step 7** : If Step 6 is true, return true otherwise false.

# Stack Application: Balanced Parentheses I

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: balanced-paren.cpp */
#include <stack>
using namespace std;

const char L_PAREN      = '('; const char R_PAREN      = ')';
const char L_BRACE      = '{'; const char R_BRACE      = '}';
const char L_BRACKET    = '['; const char R_BRACKET    = ']';
bool balanced_paren(const char* expr);

int main()  // To check if a string has balanced parantheses
{
    char expr[1024];
    cout << "Input an expression containing parentheses: ";
    cin >> expr;
    cout << boolalpha << balanced_paren(expr) << endl;
    return 0;
}

bool check_char_stack(stack<char>& a, char c)
{
    if (a.empty()) return false;
    if (a.top() != c) return false;
    a.pop(); return true;
}
```

# Stack Application: Balanced Parentheses II

```
bool balanced_paren(const char* expr)
{
    stack<char> a;
    for (const char* s = expr; *s != '\0'; ++s)
        switch (*s)
        {
            case L_PAREN: case L_BRACE: case L_BRACKET:
                a.push(*s); break;

            case R_PAREN:
                if (!check_char_stack(a, L_PAREN)) return false;
                break;
            case R_BRACE:
                if (!check_char_stack(a, L_BRACE)) return false;
                break;
            case R_BRACKET:
                if (!check_char_stack(a, L_BRACKET)) return false;
                break;

            default: break;
        }

    return a.empty();
}
```



# Simplified STL Queue

```
template<typename T, typename Sequence = deque<T> >
class queue
{
protected:
    Sequence c; // Underlying container

public:
    typedef typename Sequence::value_type      value_type;
    typedef typename Sequence::reference       reference;
    typedef typename Sequence::const_reference const_reference;
    typedef typename Sequence::size_type      size_type;

    // (Default) Constructor
    explicit queue(const Sequence& _c = Sequence()) : c(_c) { }

    // Return true if the queue is empty
    bool empty() const { return c.empty(); }

    // Return the number of elements in the queue
    size_type size() const { return c.size(); }

    // Return a R/W reference to the data at the first element of the queue
    reference front() { return c.front(); }
```

## Simplified STL Queue ..

```
// Read-only version of front()
const_reference front() const { return c.front(); }

// Return a R/W reference to the data at the last element of the queue
reference back() { return c.back(); }

// Read-only version of back()
const_reference back() const { return c.back(); }

// Create an element at the end of the queue and assigns x to it
// i.e., enqueue
void push(const value_type& x) { c.push_back(x); }

// It shrinks the queue by one. Note that no data is returned.
// i.e., dequeue
void pop() { c.pop_front(); }
};
```

## Example: Queue of int Data

```
#include <iostream>      /* File: int-queue-test.cpp */
#include <queue>
using namespace std;

void print_queue_info(const queue<int>& a) {
    cout << "\nNo. of data currently on the queue = " << a.size() << endl;
    if (!a.empty()) {
        cout << "First: " << a.front() << "\nLast: " << a.back() << endl; }
}

int main()
{
    queue<int> a; print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(4);    print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(15);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(26);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(37);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(48);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.push(59);   print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a);
    a.pop();      print_queue_info(a); return 0;
}
```

That's all!

Any questions?

