

## ACE Tutorial 4

### Question 1: Stacks and Queues

Consider an array-based queue, where the underlying array of size  $N$  is used in a circular fashion. We keep track of two variables:  $f$  referring to the index of the front element and  $sz$  referring to the number of stored elements. When the queue has *fewer than*  $N$  elements, the array index  $r = (f + sz) \bmod N$  is the first empty slot past the rear of the queue.

Consider a queue that has an underlying array  $A$  of size 5. Fill in the following  $f$ ,  $sz$  and  $r$  values, and show the state of the array  $A$  after each operation.

- Initial State of  $A$

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 4

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Dequeue

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 7

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 10

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 13

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 16

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Dequeue

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Dequeue

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 19

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 22

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

- Enqueue 25

Index	0	1	2	3	4
Element					

	value
$f$	
$sz$	
$r$	

What happens here? Is  $r$  referring to an empty cell? Can we add more elements to the array?

## Question 2: Lists

Consider a growable array-based array list. Let  $push(o)$  be the operation that adds an element  $o$  at the end of the list. For the pseudocode of the  $push(o)$  algorithm, see Slide 13 in Lists.pdf. When the array is full, we replace the array with a larger one. There are two commonly used strategies which determine the size of the new array.

**Incremental strategy:** when an array of size  $n$  is full, we replace it with a new array of size  $(n+c)$ , where  $c$  is a constant.

**Doubling strategy:** when an array of size  $n$  is full, we replace it with a new array of size  $2n$ .

Assume that when the array is not full, adding an element into it takes a constant time 1. Fill in the two tables below, which illustrate the process of performing a series of  $n$   $push(o)$  operations over an initial array which is empty and of size 1, using the incremental strategy and the doubling strategy, respectively. For the incremental strategy, we set  $c=3$ .

*Incremental strategy,  $c=3$*

Array size	Push $i$ -th element	Time for adding elements	Time for copying elements
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
	6		
	7		
	8		
	9		
	10		
	11		
	12		

Let  $m$  denote the total number of push operations in the series,  $k$  denote the number of times of increasing the array size. Can you express the relationship between  $m$  and  $k$  using  $c$ ?

Let  $T(m)$  denote the total time for performing these  $m$  push operations. How to express  $T(m)$  using  $m$ ,  $k$  and  $c$ ? Which big-Oh class does  $T(m)$  belong to? Which big-Oh class does  $T(m)/m$  belong to?

***Doubling strategy***

Array size	Push $i$ -th element	Time for adding elements	Time for copying elements
1	1	1	0
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
	6		
	7		
	8		
	9		
	10		
	11		
	12		
	13		
	14		
	15		
	16		

Let  $m$  denote the total number of push operations in the series,  $k$  denote the number of times of increasing the array size. Can you express the relationship between  $m$  and  $k$ ?

Let  $T(m)$  denote the total time for performing these  $m$  push operations. How to express  $T(m)$  using  $m$  and  $k$ ? Which big-Oh class does  $T(m)$  belong to? Which big-Oh class does  $T(m)/m$  belong to?