

# **STACK & QUEUES**

COP 3502

### Queues

- If we wanted to simulate customers waiting in a line to be served,
  - We wouldn't use a stack...
    - LIFO is only going to make the person that got in line first mad.



### Queues

We would want to use FIFO

- First In First Out, or 1<sup>st</sup> in line 1<sup>st</sup> one to get served.
- Instead of push and pop, we have the operations
  - Enqueue and Dequeue that add/remove elements from the list.



# Sidenote: Abstract Data Type

- Queues are another example of an abstract data type (ADT)
  - ADT Something that is not built into the language, and it is defined in terms of its behavior.
  - So if I tell you to use MY implementation of a queue to simulate customer wait times

You wouldn't need to know how I implemented it, you could just call the functions – Enqueue, Dequeue, etc.



# **Queue Basic Operations**

#### Enqueue:

- Inserts an element at the back of the queue
- Returns 1 if successful, 0 otherwise.

#### Dequeue:

- Removes the element at the front of the queue.
- Returns the removed element.

#### Peek

- Looks at the element at the front of the queue without removing it.
- Returns the front element.

#### isEmpty

- Checks to see if the queue is empty.
- Returns true or false.

#### isFull

- Checks to see if the queue is full.
- Returns true or false.



## **Queue Example**



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3	Enqueue(15)
4	Dequeue()
5	Dequeue()



- What would we need for an array implementation?
  - We need an array obviously
  - And we need to keep track of the front and the back.



# **BAD** Queue Implementation Example



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Notice that you have to Shift the contents of the Array over each time front changes



struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
};

- We will use the following revamped idea to store our queue structure:
  - Keep track of the array, the front, and the current number of elements.



struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
};

### Enqueue:

- We'll simply add the given element to the index "back" in the array.
- BUT we're not storing "back"!!!!!
- What must we do instead?

Add it to the index: front + numElements

But what if this goes outside the bounds of our array?

numElements = 4





struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
 int queueSize;
};

### Enqueue(17):

- Add it to the index: front + numElements
  - But what if this goes outside the bounds of our array?
  - Front = 2, plus numElements = 4, gives us 6
  - We can mod by the queueSize
  - (front + numElements) % queueSize = 0





struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
 int queueSize;
};

So we're allowing our array to essentially wrap around.

This way we don't have to copy the contents of our array over if front or back moves





struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
 int queueSize;
};

#### Dequeue

If the numElements > 0

>numElements--;

>front = (front + 1) % queueSize





# Q's - Dynamically Allocated Array

struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
 int queueSize;
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elements = (int \*)realloc(elements, 2\*queueSize\*sizeof(int)); queueSize = 2\*queueSize; BUT where do front and back go? Does this look right?





# Q's - Dynamically Allocated Array

};

- So what we really need to do, is reset front = 0
  - And copy the elements accordingly:

3

12

4 5 6

front

struct queue {
 int \*elements;
 int front;
 int numElements;
 int queueSize;



front

say queueSize = 4
Enqueue(12);

In code we could do:

for (i=front, j=0; i<queueSize; i++, j++)
 temp[j] = values[i];
for (i=0; i<front; i++, j++)
 temp[j] = values[i];</pre>



# **Queues - Linked List Implementation**

- We are going to need a linked list
  - So we'll use the same node implementation as before.
- But we'll need to keep track of the front and the back.
  - Otherwise either enqueue or dequeue would require an O(n) traversal each time.
- So we'll keep a front and back pointer inside of a structure called queue.

```
struct node {
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
struct queue {
    struct node *front;
    struct node *back;
};
```



# **Stack Application**

### 2 examples:

- 1) Checking if we have matching parentheses
- Reading in a list of numbers from a user and printing it in backwards order.

// Either prints (1) More right paren's than left, (2)
More left paren's than right, or (3) Paren's are balanced
void ParenMatch();

```
void main() {
```

printf("Give input expression without blanks: \n"); char \*InputExpression = malloc(100\*sizeof(char)); scanf("%s", InputExpression); ParenMatch(InputExpression);