Stacks and Queues

CSE 373
Data Structures
Lecture 6
Readings and References

- Reading
  - Sections 3.3 and 3.4
Stacks

- A list for which Insert and Delete are allowed only at one end of the list (the top)
  - the implementation defines which end is the "top"
  - LIFO – Last in, First out
- **Push**: Insert element at top
- **Pop**: Remove and return top element (aka TopAndPop)
- **IsEmpty**: test for emptiness
Important Applications of Stacks

- **Parsing phase in compilers**
  
  (a+b)*c+d

- **Call stack in run time systems**
  
  When a function (method, procedure) is called, the work area (local variables, copies of parameters, return location in code) for the new function is pushed on to the stack. When the function returns, the stack is popped.
Two Basic Implementations of Stacks

• Linked List
  › Push is InsertFront
  › Pop is DeleteFront
  › IsEmpty is test for null

• Array
  › The k items in the stack are the first k items in the array.
Linked List Implementation

- Stack of blobs
Array Implementation

- Stack of blobs

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\
\end{array}$$

holder = blob pointer array
size = number in stack
maxsize = max size of stack
Push and Pop

IsEmpty(A : blobstack pointer) : boolean {
    return A.size = 0
}

IsFull(A : blobstack pointer) : boolean {
    return A.size = A.maxsize;
}

Pop(A : blobstack pointer) : blob pointer {
    // Precondition: A is not empty //
    A.size := A.size - 1;
    return A.holder[A.size + 1];
}

Push(A : blobstack pointer, p : blob pointer) {
    // precondition: A is not full //
    A.size := A.size + 1;
    A.holder[A.size] := p;
}
Linked Lists vs Array

- **Linked list implementation**
  + flexible – size of stack can be anything
  + constant time per operation
  - Call to memory allocator can be costly

- **Array Implementation**
  + Memory preallocated
  + constant time per operation.
  - Not all allocated memory is used
  - Overflow possible - Resizing can be used but some ops will be more than constant time.
Queue

- Insert at one end of List, remove at the other end
- Queues are “FIFO” – first in, first out
- Primary operations are Enqueue and Dequeue
- A queue ensures “fairness”
  - customers waiting on a customer hotline
  - processes waiting to run on the CPU
Queue ADT

• Operations:
  › Enqueue - add an entry at the end of the queue
  › Dequeue - remove the entry from the front of the queue
  › IsEmpty
  › IsFull may be needed
Applications of Queues

- File servers: Users needing access to their files on a shared file server machine are given access on a FIFO basis
- Printer Queue: Jobs submitted to a printer are printed in order of arrival
- Phone calls made to customer service hotlines are usually placed in a queue
Pointer Implementation

Q

header

front

rear

null

front

trear
List Implementation

IsEmpty(Q : blobqueue pointer) : boolean {
    return Q.front = Q.rear
}

Dequeue(Q : blobqueue pointer) : blob pointer {
    // Precondition: Q is not empty //
    B : blob pointer;
    B := Q.front.next;
    Q.front.next := Q.front.next.next;
    return B;
}

Enqueue(Q : blobqueue pointer, p : blob pointer): {
    Q.rear.next := new node;
    Q.rear := Q.rear.next;
    Q.rear.value := p;
}
Array Implementation

• Circular array

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Q

0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11

front

rear

rear = (front + size) mod maxsize

holder = blob pointer array
size = number in stack
front = index of front of stack
maxsize = max size of stack
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Wrap Around

Q

rear

front

0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11

rear = (front + size) mod maxsize
= (10 + 4) mod 12 = 14 mod 12 = 2
Enqueue
Enqueue
Enqueue

Enqueue(Q : blobqueue pointer, p : blob pointer) : {
    // precondition : queue is not full //
    Q.holder[(Q.front + Q.size) mod Q.maxsize] := p;
    Q.size := Q.size + 1;
}

Constant time!
Dequeue
Dequeue

Q

front

rear

return
Try Dequeue

- Class Participation
- Define the circular array implementation of Dequeue
Solution to Dequeue

Dequeue(Q : blobqueue pointer) : blob pointer {
  // precondition : queue is not empty //
  p : blob pointer
  p := Q.holder[Q.front];
  Q.front := (Q.front + 1) mod Q.maxsize;
  Q.size := Q.size - 1;
  return p;
}