CSE 373

SEPTEMBER 29 – STACKS AND QUEUES

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- This isn't sufficient to distinguish them, their behavior is also a critical part of their ADT. Which element do we expect to be 'removed'?
 - FIFO v LIFO

- The ADT describes the methods provided and the behavior we expect from them
- The *Data Structure* is a theoretical arrangement of the data that supports the functionality of the *ADT*

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 - Resizing (costly!)
 - Circular Array (?)

Front

Back





Why this way?

What function to front and back serve?



enqueue(4)



Which operations will move what pointers?



Let's do several enqueues



What happens now, on enqueue(7)?



Problems here? How to implement?



The queue is full, but it is the same situation (front == back) as when the queue is empty. This is a boundary condition.



We have to resize the list (or deny the add) if we get another enqueue.



What if we dequeue some items?



Dequeue() outputs 4



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Output 5



Now we've freed up some space and can enqueue more



enqueue(5)

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 - Fixed number of items
 - Small data (Memory efficiency)
- From Wednesday: What is the memory overhead of the linked list?

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- Object oriented programming allows modularity – good testing can pinpoint bugs to particular modules

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 - Black box
 - Behavior only, no peeking into the code
 - This usually tests ADT behavior
 - Can test performance/efficiency by using a timer

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- White box (or clear box)
 - Where there is an understanding of the implementation that can be leveraged for testing
 - If you're writing your own DS, you can peek into attributes that you would normally refuse access to the client

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- More inputs can increase certainty
 - Adversarial testing
 - The client is not your friend

- Good things to test
 - Expected behavior (at multiple sizes)
 - Forbidden input
 - Empty/Null
 - Side effects
 - Boundary/Edge Cases

NEW ADT

- Stacks and Queues are great, but they're very simple.
- Data structures is about storing and managing data, but S/Q restrict access to that data
- What sort of behavior would be more general?

- Operates on two data types
 - a key, our lookup data type
 - a value, the related data stored in the structure
- Supports three main functions
 - insert(K key, V value)
 - delete(K key)
 - find(K key)

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 - find(String word) will return the definition of the word – provided that the <word,definition> pair was added to the dictionary

NEXT WEEK

- Dictionary/Map behavior and ADT
- Simple Implementations
- Analyzing behavior, what do we mean when we say an algorithm is efficient?