CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II



Linear Data Structures

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- Linear data structures
 - General properties
- Implementations
 - Array
 - Linked list
- Restricted abstractions
 - Stack
 - Queue

Linear Data Structures

1-to-1 relationship between elements

- Each element has unique predecessor & successor
- Results in total ordering over elements
- For any two distinct elements x and y, either x comes before y or y comes before x



Linear Data Structures

Terminology

■ Head (first element in list) ⇒ no predecessor
■ Tail (last element in list) ⇒ no successor

Operations

- Add element
- Remove element
- Find element

Add & Remove Elements

Add an element

- Where?
 - At head (front) of list
 - At tail (end) of list
 - After a particular element
- Remove an element
 - Remove first element
 - Remove last element
 - Remove a particular element (e.g., String "Happy")
 - What if "Happy" occurs more than once in list?

Accessing Elements

How do you find an element?

- At head (front) of list
- At tail (end) of list
- By position
 - **Example:** the 5th element
- By iterating through the list, and using relative position
 - Next element (successor)
 - Previous element (predecessor)



List Implementations

Two basic implementation techniques for lists

Store elements in an array ("Sequential Allocation")



Store as a linked list ("Linked Allocation")

- Place each element in a separate object (node)
- Node contains reference to other node(s)
- Link nodes together





Properties

- Elements in linked list are ordered
- Element has successor
- State of List
 - Head
 - Tail
 - Cursor (current position)

Cursor



Array Implementations

Advantages

- Can efficiently access element at any position
- Efficient use of space
 - Space to hold reference to each element

Disadvantages

- Expensive to grow / shrink array
 - Can amortize cost (grow / shrink in spurts)
- Expensive to insert / remove elements in middle

Linked Implementation

Advantages

Can efficiently insert / remove elements anywhere

Disadvantages

Cannot efficiently access element at any position

- Need to traverse list to find element
- Less efficient use of space
 - 1-2 additional references per element

Efficiency of Operations

Array

- Insertion / deletion = O(n)
- Indexing = O(1)

Linked list

- Insertion / deletion = O(1)
- Indexing = O(n)



Coding Example of LinkedList



Linked list where

Element has predecessor & successor



Issues

- Easy to find preceding / succeeding elements
- Extra work to maintain links (for insert / delete)
- More storage per node

Node Structures for Linked Lists

Linked list

Class Node { Object data; Node next; }



Doubly linked list

Class Node { Object data; Node next; Node previous;

}





Example



Must update references in both predecessor and successor nodes



Properties

Elements removed in opposite order of insertion

Last-in, First-out (LIFO)

- A restricted list where
 - Access only to elements at one end
 - Can add / remove elements only at one end



Stack operations

- Push = add element (to top)
- Pop = remove element (from top)

Example

top \rightarrow Z		top \rightarrow W
Y	top \rightarrow Y	Y
x	х	x
(a) A three-element stack	(b) After a pop() operation	(c) After a push (W) operation

Stack Implementations

Linked list

Add / remove from head of list



Array

Increment / decrement Top pointer after push / pop





Properties

- Elements removed in order of insertion
- First-in, First-out (FIFO)
- A restricted list where
 - Access only to elements at beginning / end of list
 - Add elements only to end of list
 - Remove elements only from front of list
 - Alternatively, can add to front & remove from end



Queue operations

- Enqueue = add element (to back)
- Dequeue = remove element (from front)

Example

х	Y	z	Y	z	Y	z	w
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front		back	front	back	front		back
(a) Three	(a) Three-element queue		(b) After deletion of X		(c) After insertion of W		

Queue Applications

Examples

- Songs to be played
- Jobs to be printed
- Customers to be served
- Citizens to cast votes

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Queue Implementations

Linked list

Add to tail (back) of list

Remove from head (front) of list



ArrayCircular array



- Store queue as elements in array
- Problem
 - Queue contents move ("inchworm effect")



As result, can not add to back of queue, even though queue is not full

<u>Queue – Circular Array</u>

Circular array (ring)
q[0] follows q[MAX – 1]
Index using q[i % MAX]

Problem

Detecting difference between empty and nonempty queue

