

# COMP2521 24T1

## Abstract Data Types

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abstraction  
abstract data types  
stacks and queues  
sets

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## Abstraction

is the process of  
**hiding or generalising**  
the **details** of an object or system  
to **focus on its high-level meaning** or behaviour

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## Assembly languages abstract away machine code

```
0000000000000000 <fn>:
  0: 55                push rbp
  1: 48 89 e5          mov rbp, rsp
  4: 89 7d ec          mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x14], edi
  7: c7 45 fc 01 00 00 00 mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04], 0x1
  e: c7 45 f8 01 00 00 00 mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08], 0x1
15: eb 0e            jmp 25 <fn+0x25>
17: 8b 45 fc          mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04]
1a: 0f af 45 f8       imul eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08]
1e: 89 45 fc          mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04], eax
21: 83 45 f8 01       add DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08], 0x1
25: 8b 45 f8          mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08]
28: 3b 45 ec          cmp eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x14]
2b: 7e ea            jle 17 <fn+0x17>
2d: 8b 45 fc          mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04]
30: 5d                pop rbp
31: c3                ret
```

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## Modern programming languages abstract away assembly code

```
push rbp
mov rbp, rsp
mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x14], edi
mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04], 0x1
mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08], 0x1
jmp 25 <fn+0x25>
mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04]
imul eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08]
mov DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04], eax
add DWORD PTR [rbp-0x08], 0x1
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jle 17 <fn+0x17>
mov eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-0x04]
pop rbp
ret
```

```
int fn(int n) {
    int res = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        res *= i;
    }
    return res;
}
```

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A function abstracts away the details or steps of a computation

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We drive a car by using a steering wheel and pedals

We operate a television through a remote control

We deposit and withdraw money to/from our bank account via an ATM

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To use a system,  
it should be enough to  
understand **what** its components do  
without knowing **how**...

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## A data type is...

- a collection or grouping of values
  - could be atomic, e.g., `int`, `double`
  - could be composite/structured, e.g., arrays, structs
- a collection of operations on those values

## Examples:

- `int`
  - operations: addition, multiplication, comparison
- array of `ints`
  - operations: index lookup, index assignment



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An abstract data type...

is a description of a data type  
from the point of view of a **user**,  
in terms of the **operations** on the data type and  
the **behaviour** of these operations.

Importantly, an ADT does not specify  
how the data type or operations should be implemented.

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## Example of an ADT: Stack

A stack is a linear collection of items  
with two main operations:

**push**

adds an item to the top of the stack

**pop**

removes the item at the top of the stack

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push 3

push 7

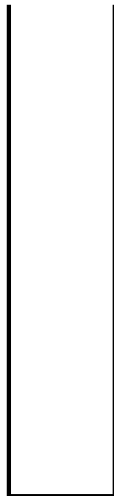
pop

pop

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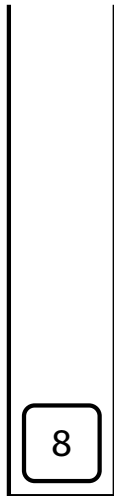
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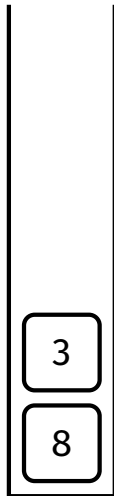
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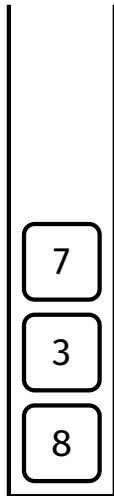
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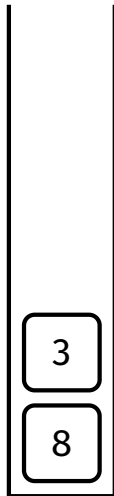
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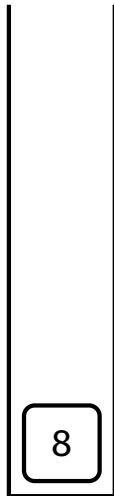
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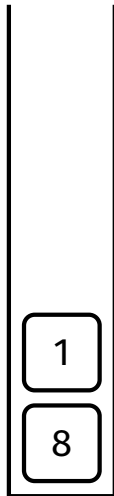
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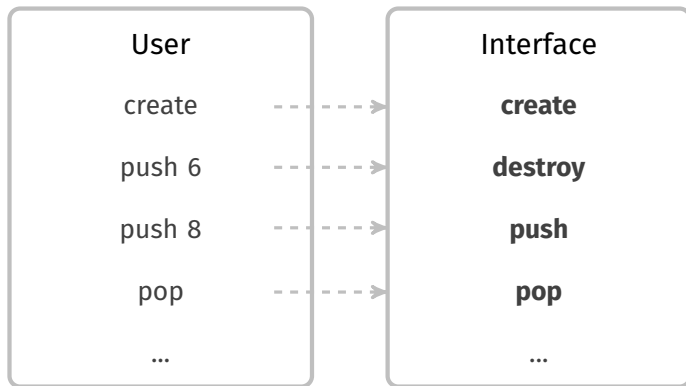
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The set of operations provided by an ADT is called the **interface**.

Users of an ADT only see and interact with the interface.



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An ADT interface must:

1. clearly describe the behaviour of each operation
2. describe the conditions under which each operation can be used

Example:

**pop**

removes the item at  
the top of the stack

assumes that the stack is not empty

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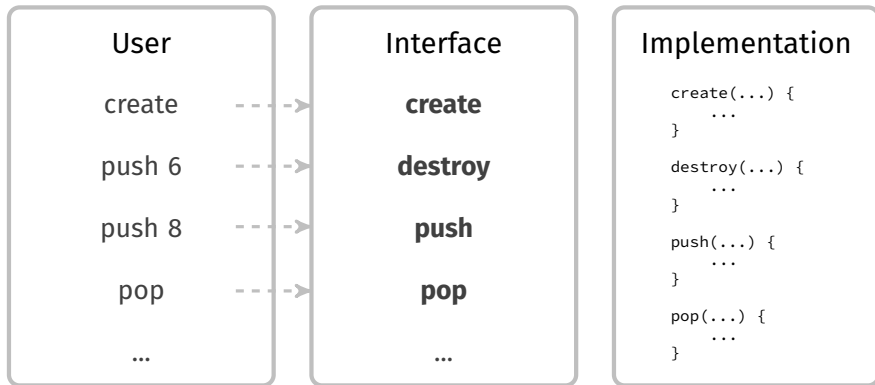
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Builders of an ADT provide an implementation of its operations.



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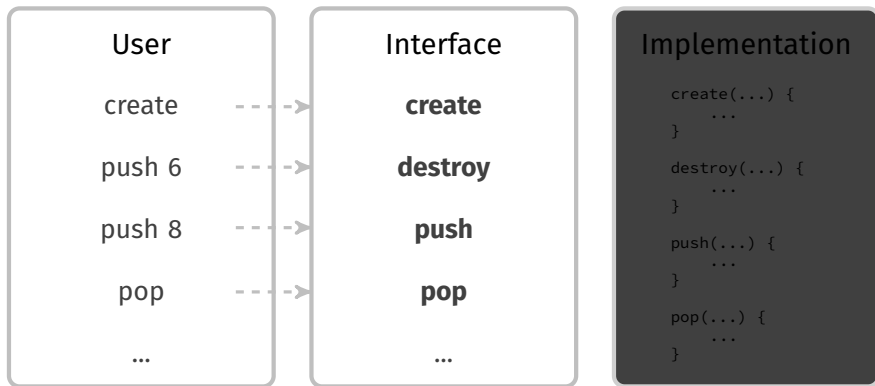
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Users of an ADT **do not** see the implementation.



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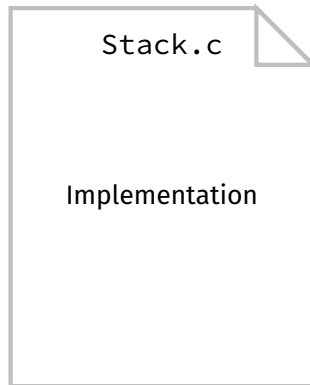
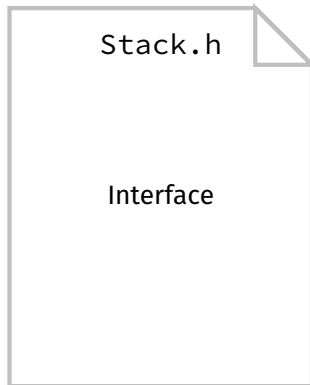
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In C, abstract data types are implemented using two files:

- a **.h** file that contains the **interface**
- a **.c** file that contains the **implementation**



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The interface includes:

- forward declaration of the struct for the concrete representation
  - via typedef struct t \*T
  - **the struct is not defined in the interface**
- function prototypes for all operations
- clear description of operations
  - via comments
- a contract between the ADT and clients
  - documentation describes how an operation can be used
  - and what the expected result is *as long as the operation is used correctly*



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## Stack.h

```
typedef struct stack *Stack;

/** Creates a new empty stack */
Stack StackNew(void);

/** Frees memory allocated to the stack */
void StackFree(Stack s);

/** Adds an item to the top of the stack */
void StackPush(Stack s, int item);

/** Removes the item at the top of the stack
    Assumes that the stack is not empty */
int StackPop(Stack s);
```

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The implementation includes:

- concrete definition of the data structures
  - definition of `struct t`
- function implementations for all operations

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## Stack.c

```
struct stack {  
    ...  
};  
  
Stack StackNew(void) {  
    ...  
}  
  
void StackFree(Stack s) {  
    ...  
}  
  
void StackPush(Stack s, int item) {  
    ...  
}  
  
int StackPop(Stack s) {  
    ...  
}
```

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A user of an ADT `#includes` the interface and uses the interface functions to interact with the ADT.

```
                                user.c

#include "Stack.h"

int main(void) {
    Stack s = StackNew();
    StackPush(s, 6);
    StackPush(s, 8);
    int item = StackPop(s);
    ...
}
```

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Users of an ADT only see and interact with the interface — they do not see the implementation!

## user.c

```
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int main(void) {
    Stack s = StackNew();
    StackPush(s, 6);
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    int item = StackPop(s);
    ...
}
```

## Stack.h

```
typedef struct stack *Stack;
...

```

## Stack.c

```
struct stack {
    ...
};
```

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Users of an ADT only see and interact with the interface — they do not see the implementation!

## user.c

```
#include "Stack.h"

int main(void) {
    Stack s = StackNew();

    // this is not valid!
    s->...
}
```

## Stack.h

```
typedef struct stack *Stack;

...
```

## Stack.c

```
struct stack {
    ...
};
```

This means users cannot access the concrete representation (struct) directly.

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## Naming conventions:

- ADTs are defined in files whose names start with an uppercase letter
  - For example, for a Stack ADT:
    - The interface is defined in `Stack.h`
    - The implementation is defined in `Stack.c`
- ADT interface function names are in PascalCase and begin with the name of the ADT

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- 1 Decide what operations you want to provide
  - Operations to **create, query, manipulate**
  - What are their inputs and outputs?
  - What are the conditions under which they can be used (if any)?
- 2 Provide the function signatures and documentation for these operations in a `.h` file
- 3 The “developer” builds a concrete implementation for the ADT in a `.c` file
- 4 The “user” `#includes` the interface in their program and uses the provided functions



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What operations can you perform on a simple bank account?

- Open an account
- Check balance
- Deposit money
- Withdraw money

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```
typedef struct account *Account;

/** Opens a new account with zero balance */
Account AccountOpen(void);

/** Closes an account */
void AccountClose(Account acc);

/** Returns account balance */
int AccountBalance(Account acc);

/** Withdraws money from account
    Returns true if enough balance, false otherwise
    Assumes amount is positive */
bool AccountWithdraw(Account acc, int amount);

/** Deposits money into account
    Assumes amount is positive */
void AccountDeposit(Account acc, int amount);
```

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```
int main(void) {  
    Account acc = AccountOpen();  
    printf("Balance: %d\n", AccountBalance(acc));  
  
    AccountDeposit(acc, 50);  
    printf("Balance: %d\n", AccountBalance(acc));  
  
    AccountWithdraw(acc, 20);  
    printf("Balance: %d\n", AccountBalance(acc));  
  
    AccountWithdraw(acc, 40);  
    printf("Balance: %d\n", AccountBalance(acc));  
  
    AccountClose(acc);  
}
```

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## Invalid usage of an ADT (breaking abstraction):

```
int main(void) {
    Account acc = AccountOpen();

    acc->balance = 1000000;

    // I'm a millionaire now, woohoo!
    printf("Balance: %d\n", AccountBalance(acc));

    AccountClose(acc);
}
```

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- Stack
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- Multiset
- Map
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- Priority Queue

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A **stack** is a collection of items,  
such that the **last** item to enter  
is the **first** item to leave:

**Last In, First Out (LIFO)**

(Think stacks of books, plates, etc.)

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A **stack** is a collection of items, such that the **last** item to enter is the **first** item to leave:

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- web browser history
- text editor undo/redo
- balanced bracket checking
- HTML tag matching
- RPN calculators  
(...and programming languages!)
- function calls

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A stack supports the following operations:

**push**

add a new item to the top of the stack

**pop**

remove the topmost item from the stack

**size**

return the number of items on the stack

**peek**

get the topmost item on the stack without removing it



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A Stack ADT can be used to check for balanced brackets.

Example of balanced brackets:

( [ { } ] )

Examples of unbalanced brackets!

( ) ) ) ( (

( [ { } ) ]

( [ ] ) ( [

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Sample input: ( [ { } ] )

char	stack	check
(	(	-
		-

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{	( [ {	-
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Sample input: ( [ { } ] )

char	stack	check
		-
(	(	-
[	( [	-
{	( [ {	-
}	( [	{ = }
]	(	[ = ]
)		( = )
EOF		is empty



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)	(	[ ≠ ) fail!

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```
typedef struct stack *Stack;

/** Creates a new, empty Stack */
Stack StackNew(void);

/** Frees memory allocated for a Stack */
void StackFree(Stack s);

/** Adds an item to the top of a Stack */
void StackPush(Stack s, Item it);

/** Removes an item from the top of a Stack
    Assumes that the Stack is not empty */
Item StackPop(Stack s);

/** Gets the number of items in a Stack */
int StackSize(Stack s);

/** Gets the item at the top of a Stack
    Assumes that the Stack is not empty */
Item StackPeek(Stack s);
```

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## How to implement a stack?

array

linked list



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Dynamically allocate an array with an initial capacity

Fill the array sequentially —  $s[0]$ ,  $s[1]$ , ...

Maintain a counter of the number of items on the stack

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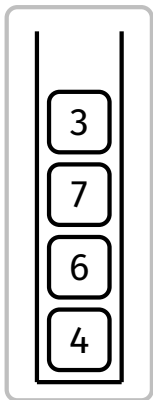
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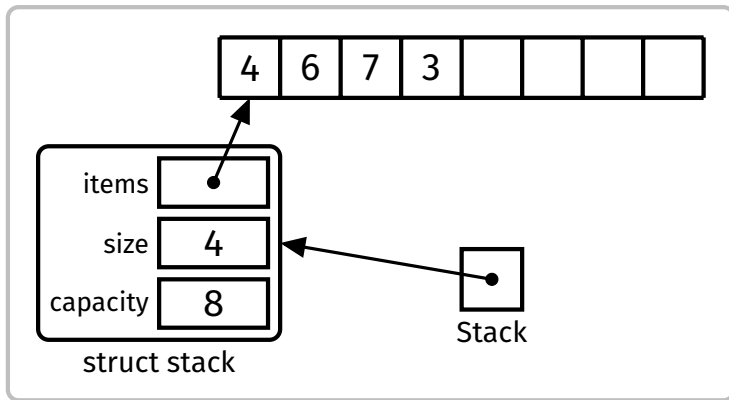
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User's view



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## Example

Perform the following operations:

PUSH(9), PUSH(2), PUSH(6), POP, POP, PUSH(8)

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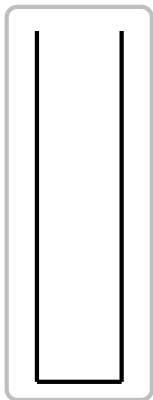
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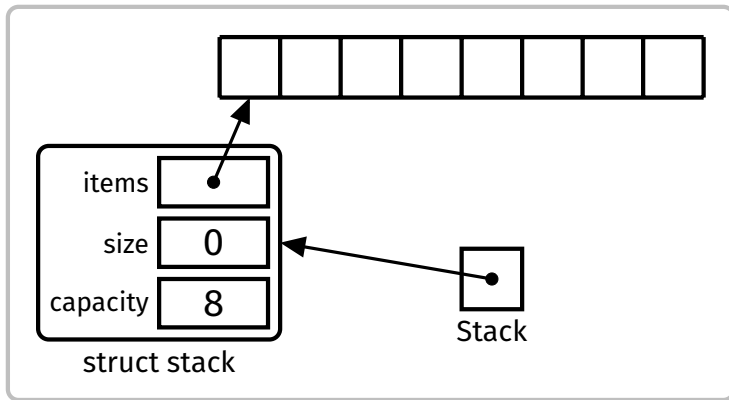
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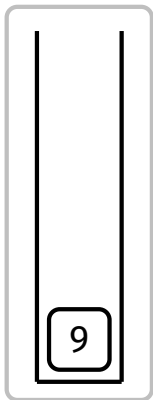
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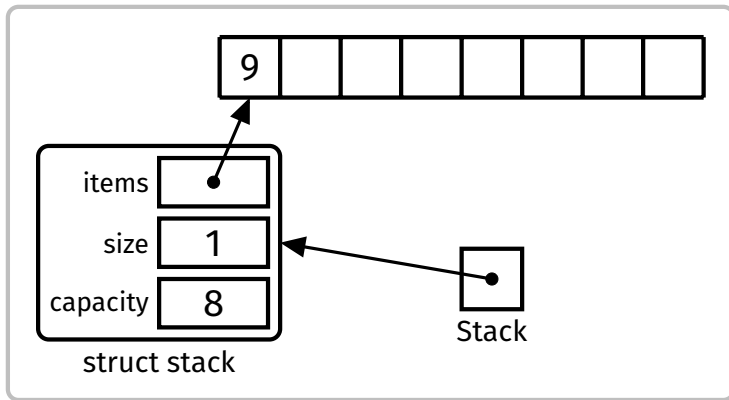
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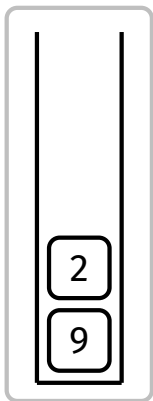
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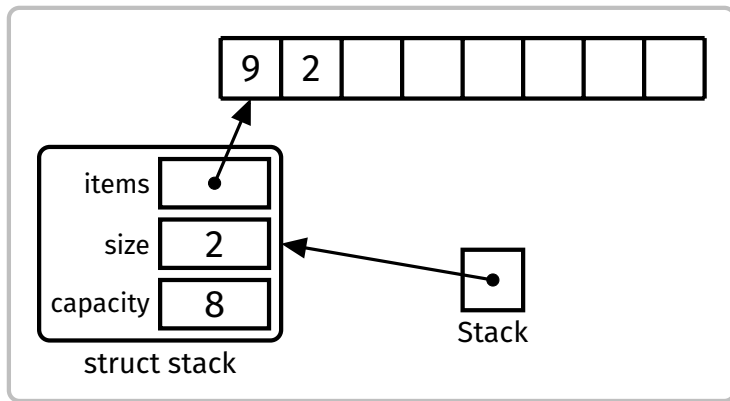
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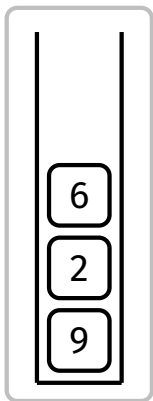
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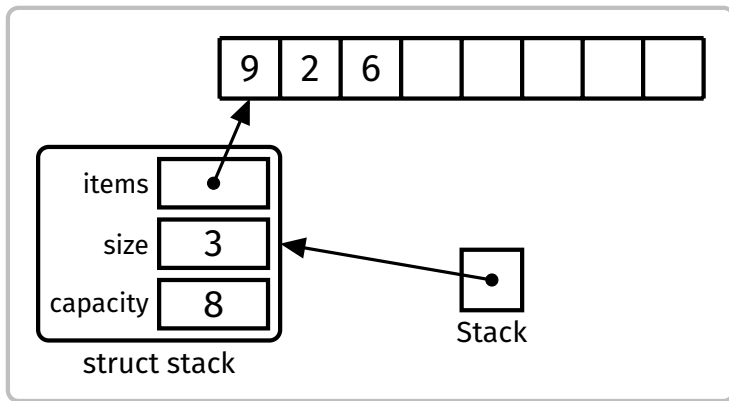
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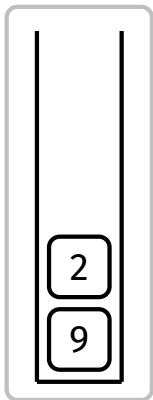
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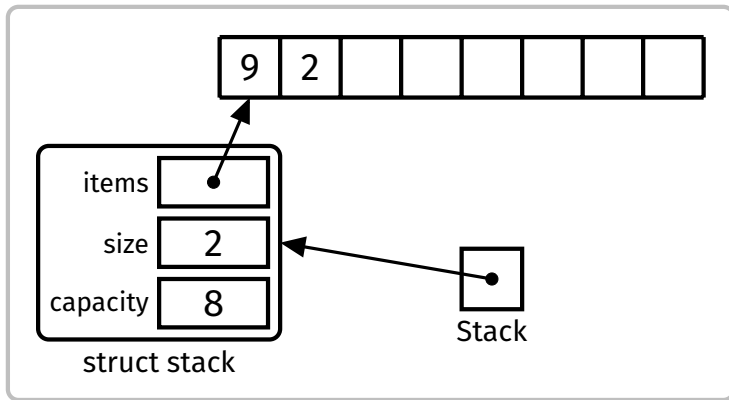
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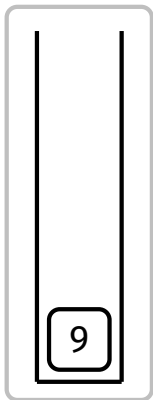
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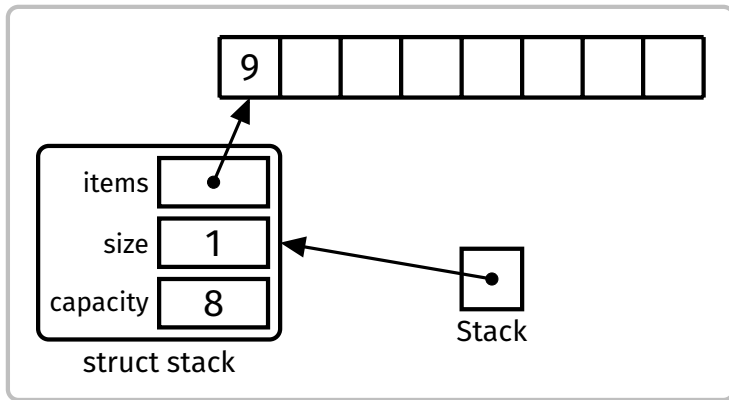
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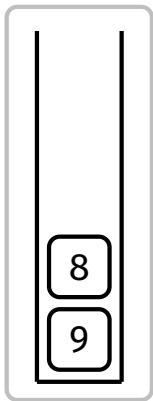
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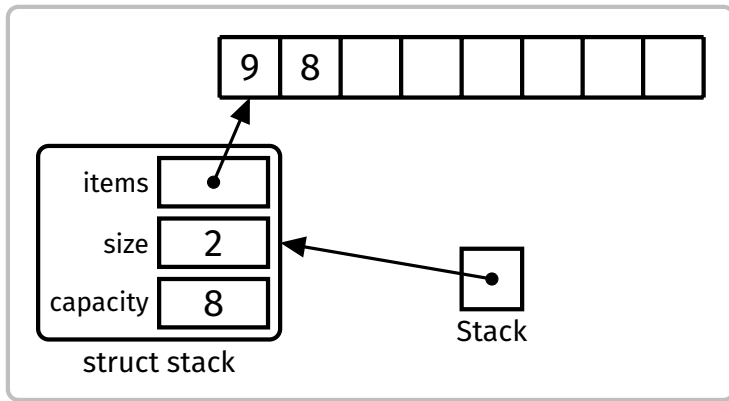
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### Cost of push:

- Inserting item at index `size` is  $O(1)$
- What if array is full?
  - If we double the size of the array with `realloc(3)` each time it is full, push will still be  $O(1)$  on average

### Cost of pop:

- Accessing item at index `(size - 1)` is  $O(1)$

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### Store items in a linked list

To push an item, insert it at the beginning of the list

To pop an item, remove it from the beginning of the list

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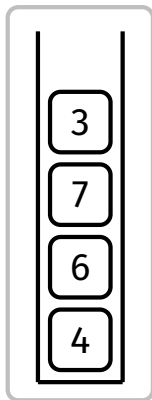
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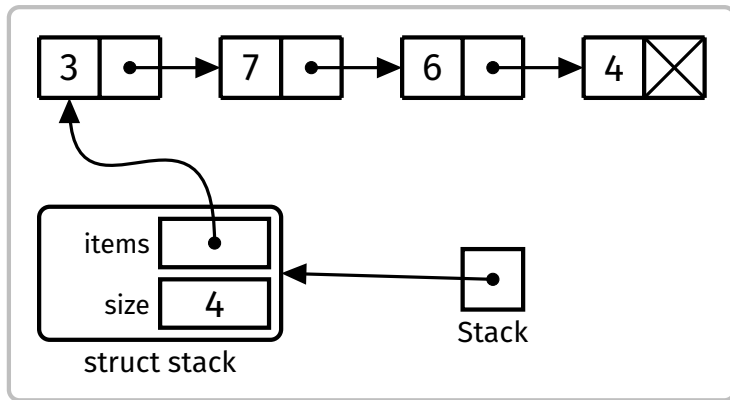
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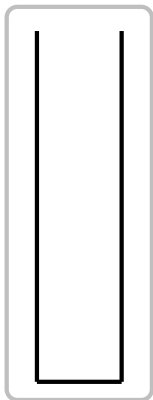
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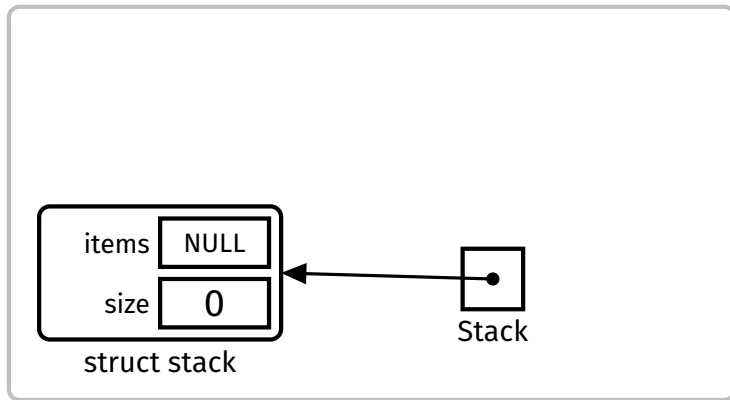
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POP

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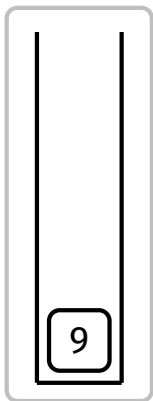
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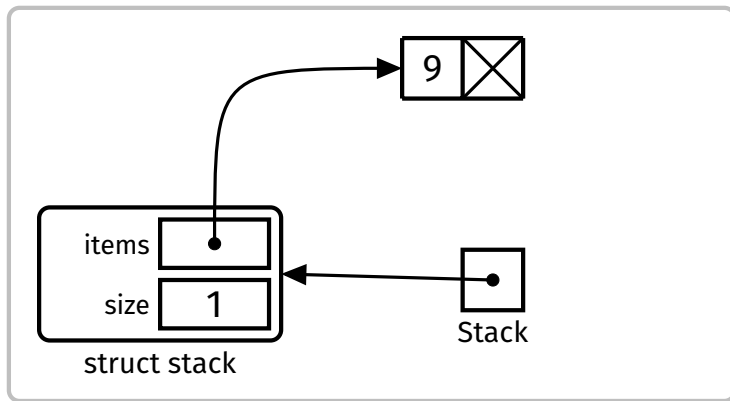
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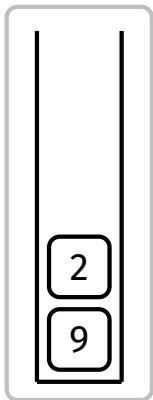
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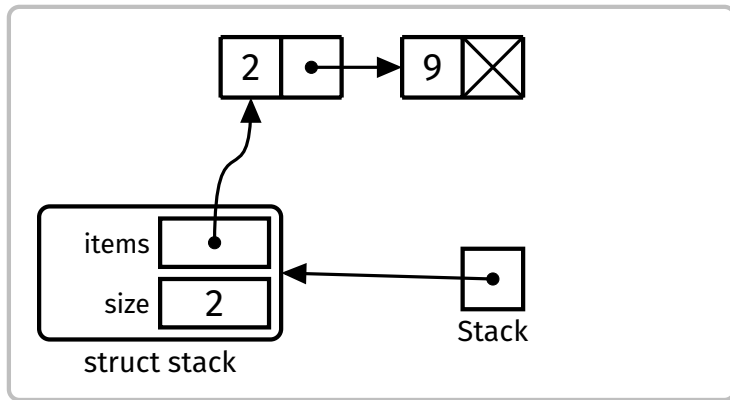
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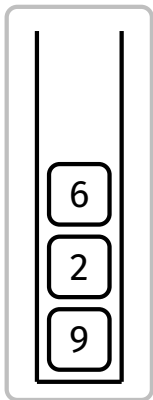
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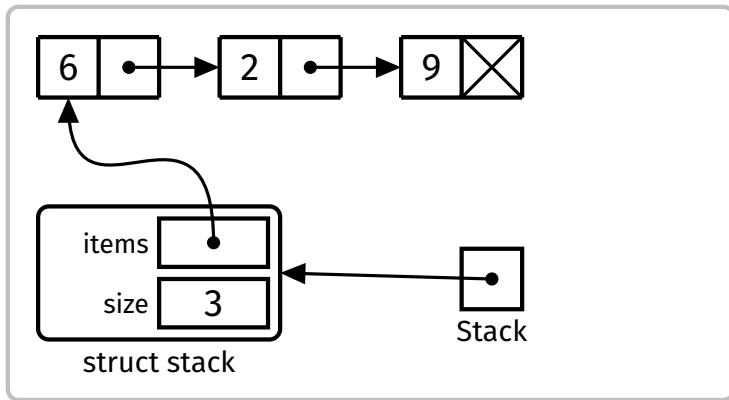
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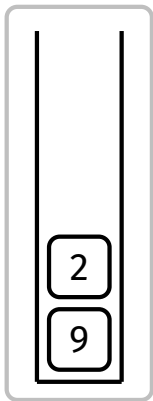
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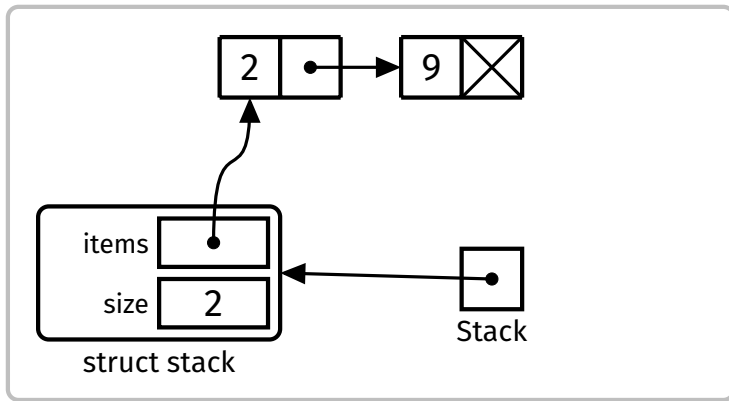
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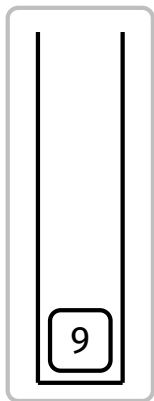
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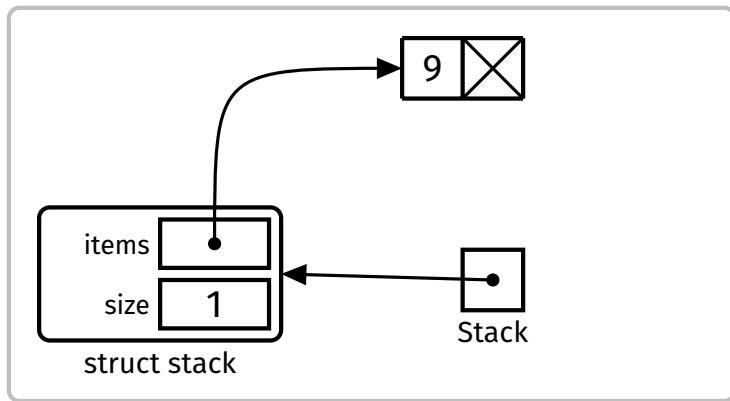
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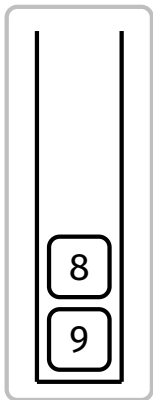
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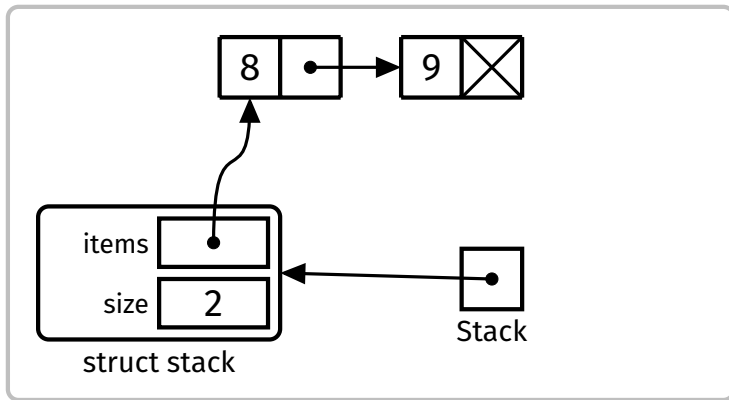
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Cost of push:

- Inserting at the beginning of a linked list is  $O(1)$

Cost of pop:

- Removing from the beginning of a linked list is  $O(1)$

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A **queue** is a collection of items, such that the **first** item to enter is the **first** item to leave:

**First In, First Out (FIFO)**

(Think queues of people, etc.)

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A **queue** is a collection of items, such that the **first** item to enter is the **first** item to leave:

**First In, First Out (FIFO)**

(Think queues of people, etc.)

- waiting lists
- call centres
- access to shared resources (e.g., printers)
- processes in a computer



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A queue supports the following operations:

**enqueue**

add a new item to the end of the queue

**dequeue**

remove the item at the front of the queue

**size**

return the number of items in the queue

**peek**

get the frontmost item of the queue, without removing it

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```
typedef struct queue *Queue;

/** Create a new, empty Queue */
Queue QueueNew(void);

/** Free memory allocated to a Queue */
void QueueFree(Queue q);

/** Add an item to the end of a Queue */
void QueueEnqueue(Queue q, Item it);

/** Remove an item from the front of a Queue
    Assumes that the Queue is not empty */
Item QueueDequeue(Queue q);

/** Get the number of items in a Queue */
int QueueSize(Queue q);

/** Get the item at the front of a Queue
    Assumes that the Queue is not empty */
Item QueuePeek(Queue q);
```

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### How to implement a queue?

array

linked list (easier)

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To enqueue an item, insert it at the end of the list

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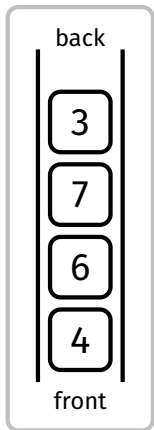
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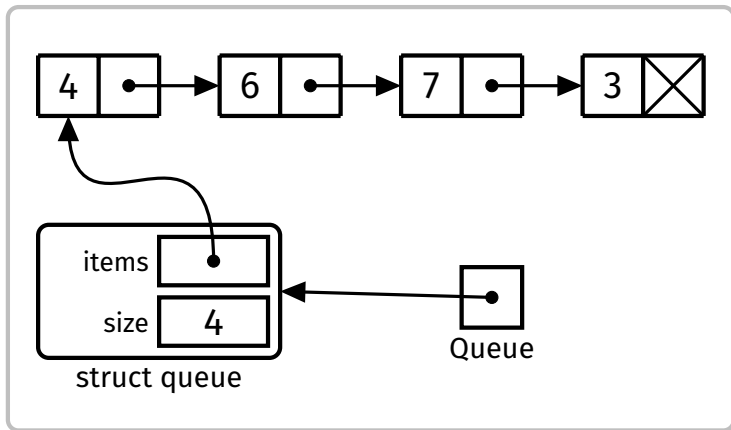
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What's the problem with this design?



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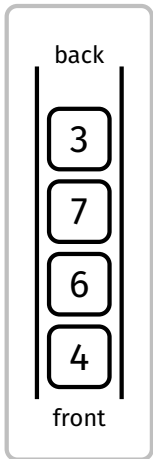
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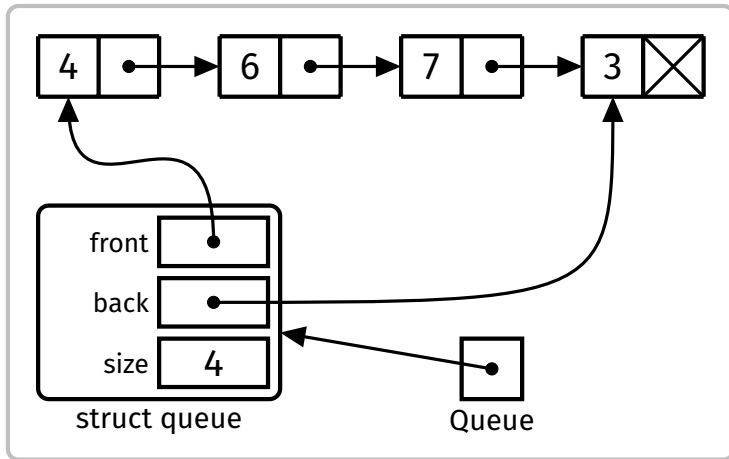
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Perform the following operations:

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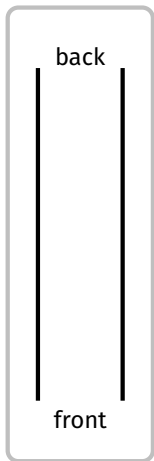
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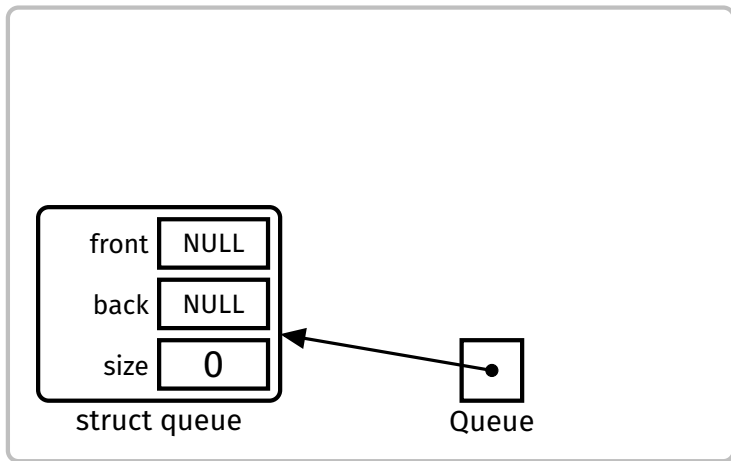
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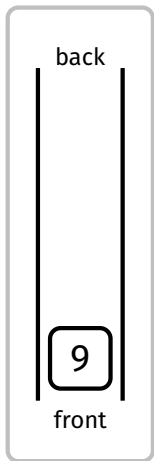
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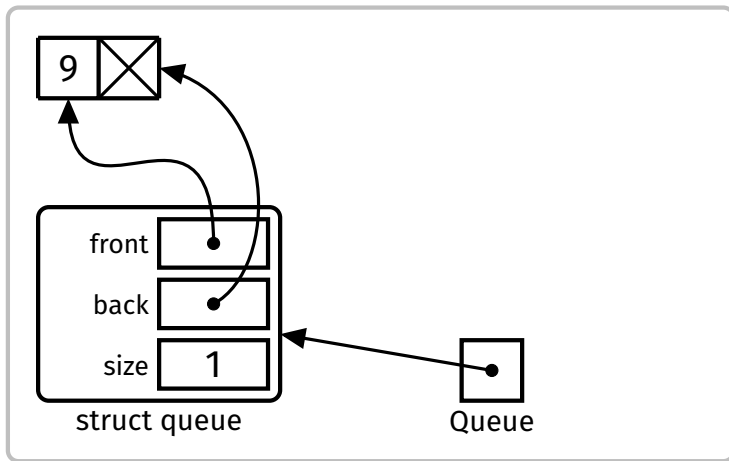
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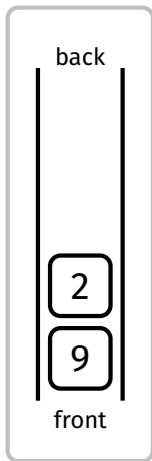
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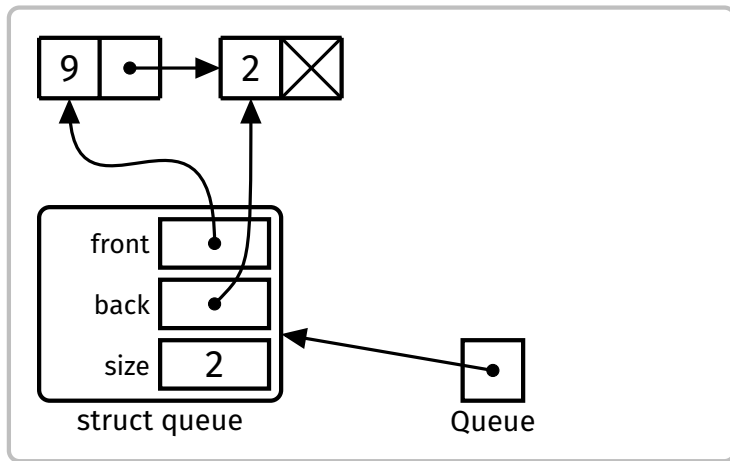
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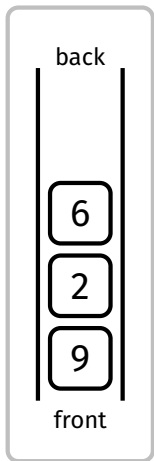
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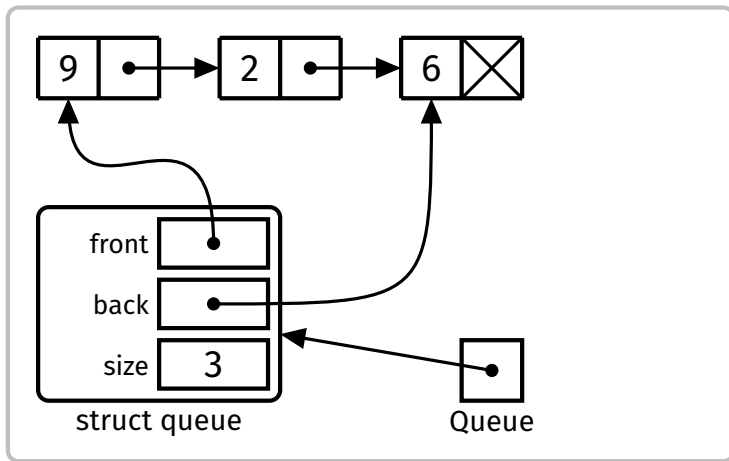
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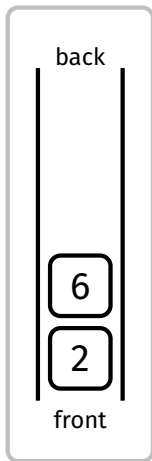
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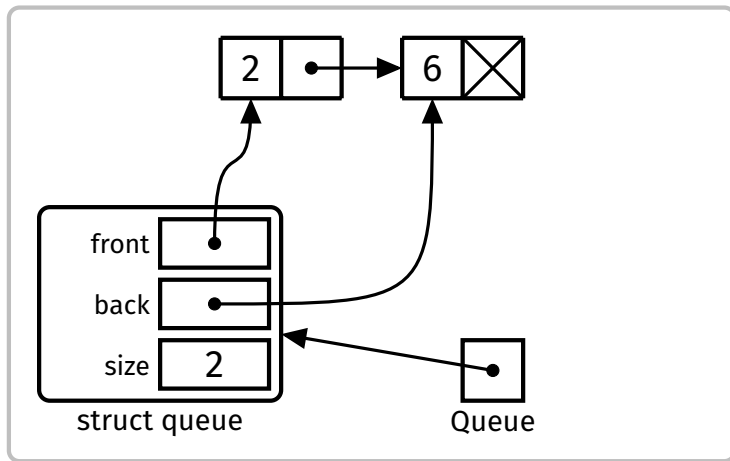
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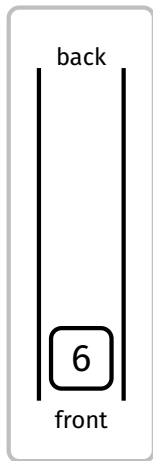
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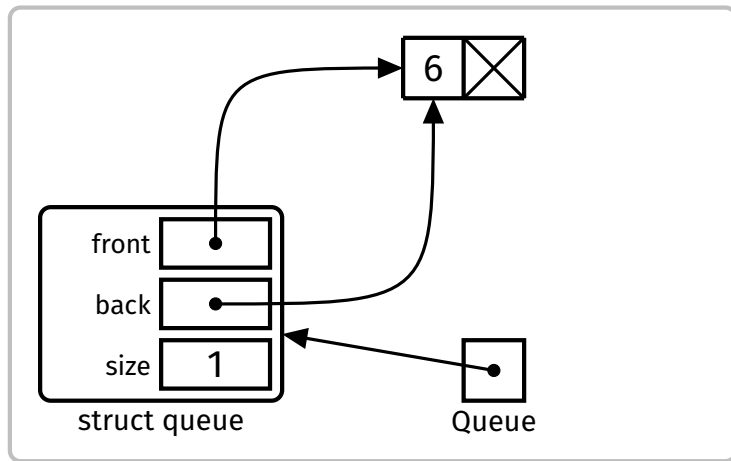
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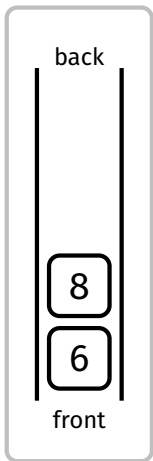
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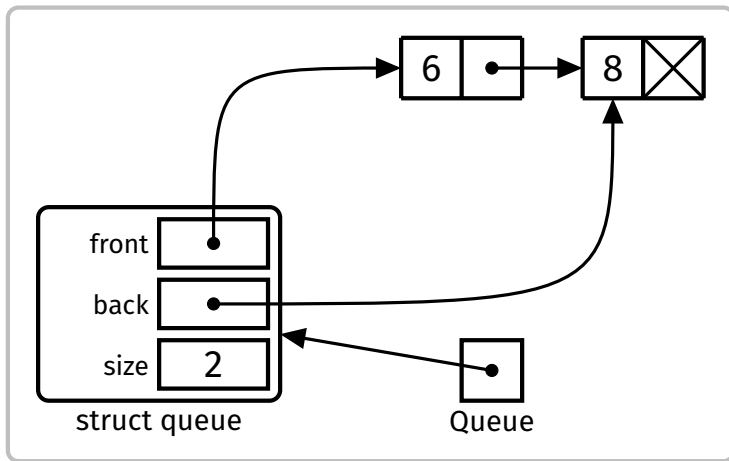
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Cost of enqueue:

- Inserting at the end of the linked list is  $O(1)$

Cost of dequeue:

- Removing from the beginning of the linked list is  $O(1)$

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Dynamically allocate an array with an initial capacity

Maintain an index to the front of the queue

Maintain a counter of the number of items in the queue



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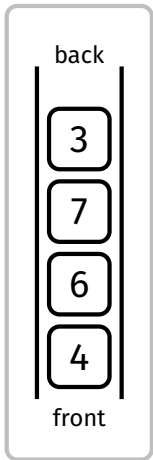
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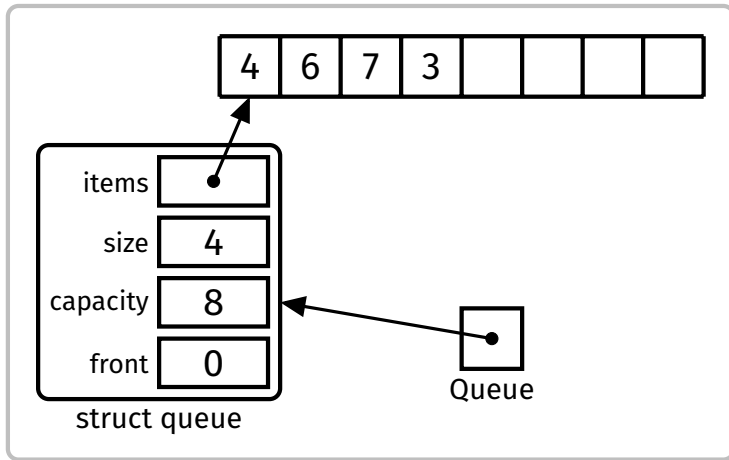
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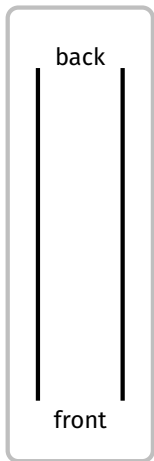
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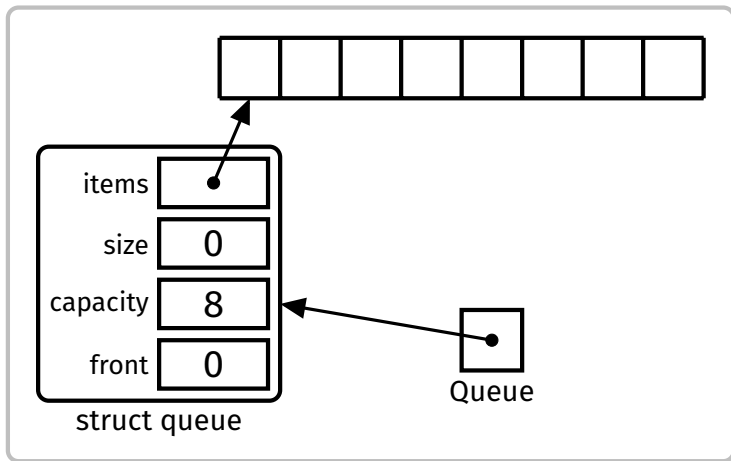
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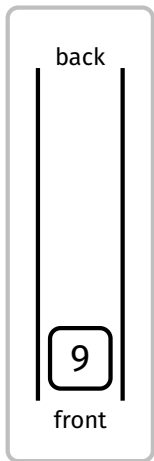
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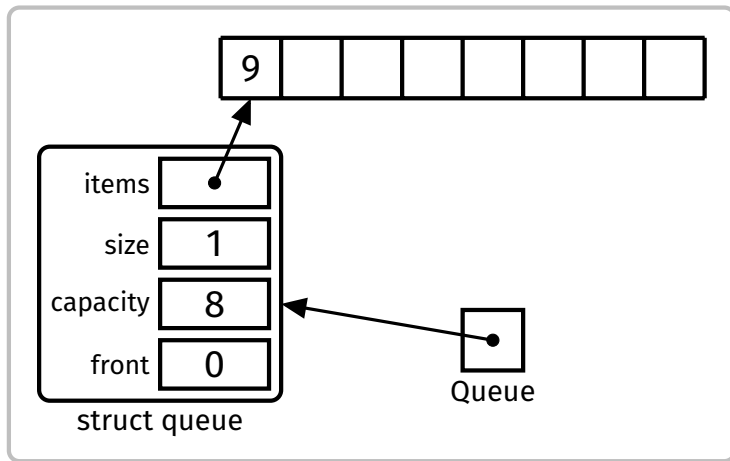
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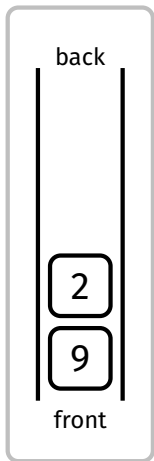
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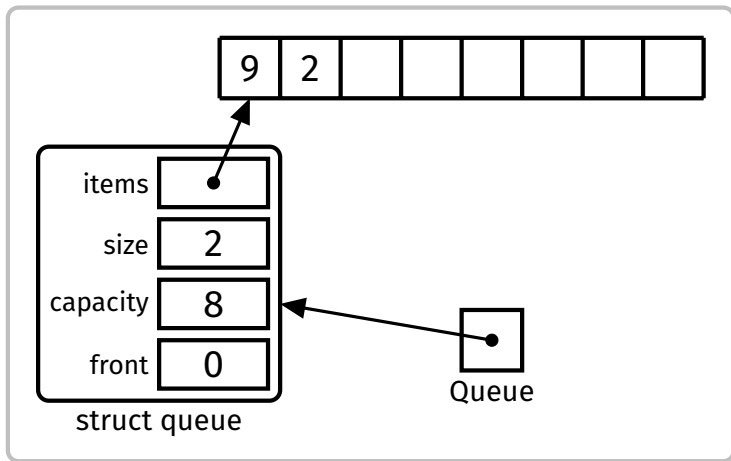
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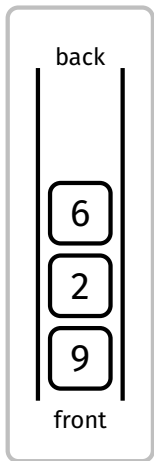
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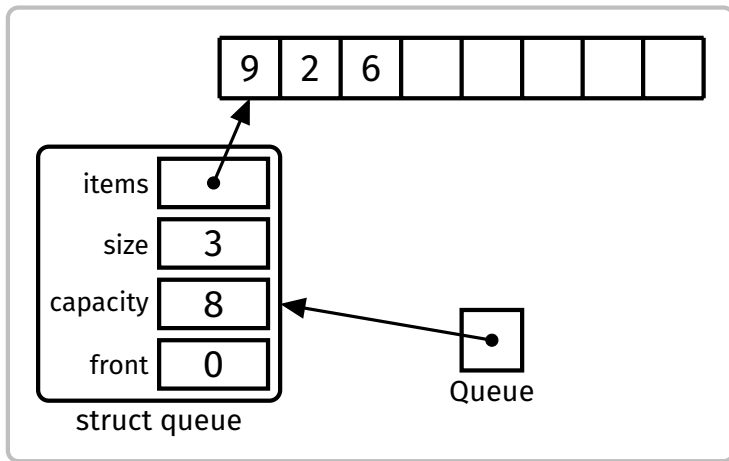
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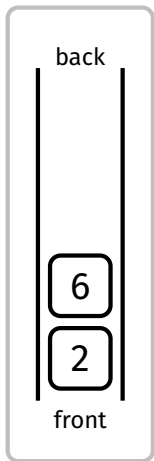
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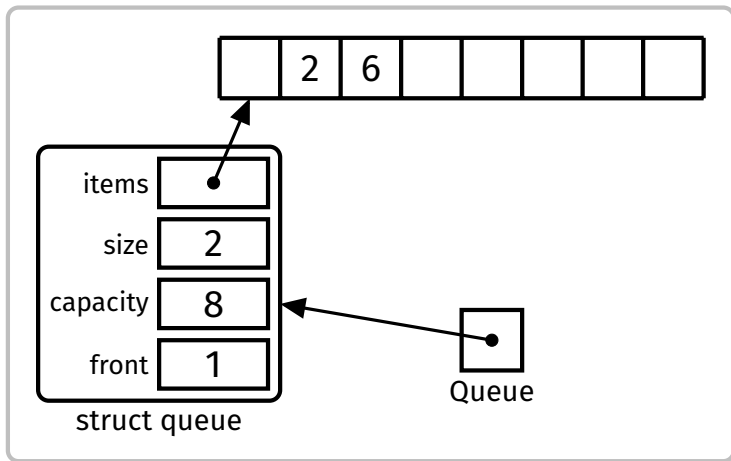
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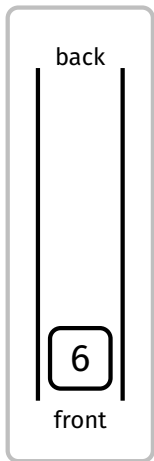
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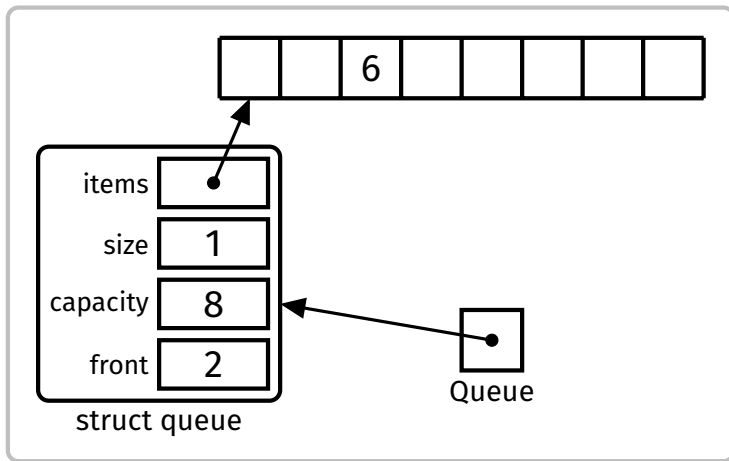
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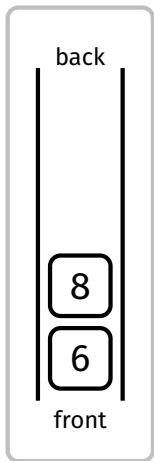
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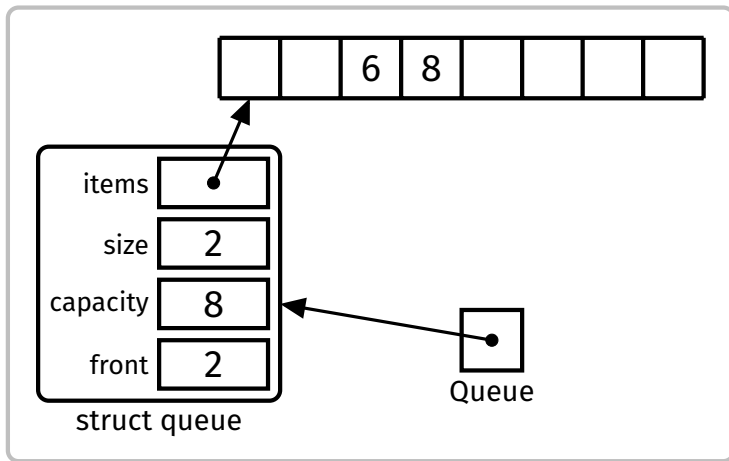
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### Cost of enqueue:

- Dequeue involves calculating insertion index and inserting item at that index  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

### Cost of dequeue:

- Dequeue involves accessing item at index front  $\Rightarrow O(1)$

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A set is an unordered collection of distinct elements.  
In this lecture we are concerned with sets of integers.

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## Basic set operations:

- Create an empty set
- Insert an item into the set
- Delete an item from the set
- Check if an item is in the set
- Get the size of the set
- Display the set

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```
#include <stdbool.h>

typedef struct set *Set;

/** Creates a new empty set */
Set SetNew(void);

/** Free memory used by set */
void SetFree(Set set);

/** Inserts an item into the set */
void SetInsert(Set set, int item);

/** Deletes an item from the set */
void SetDelete(Set set, int item);

/** Checks if an item is in the set */
bool SetContains(Set set, int item);

/** Returns the size of the set */
int SetSize(Set set);

/** Displays the set */
void SetShow(Set set);
```

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## Counting and displaying distinct numbers:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include "Set.h"
```

```
int main(void) {  
    Set s = SetNew();  
  
    int val;  
    while (scanf("%d", &val) == 1) {  
        SetInsert(s, val);  
    }  
  
    printf("Number of distinct values: %d\n", SetSize(s));  
    printf("Values: ");  
    SetShow(s);  
  
    SetFree(s);  
}
```

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Different ways to implement a set:

- Unordered array
- Ordered array
- Ordered linked list

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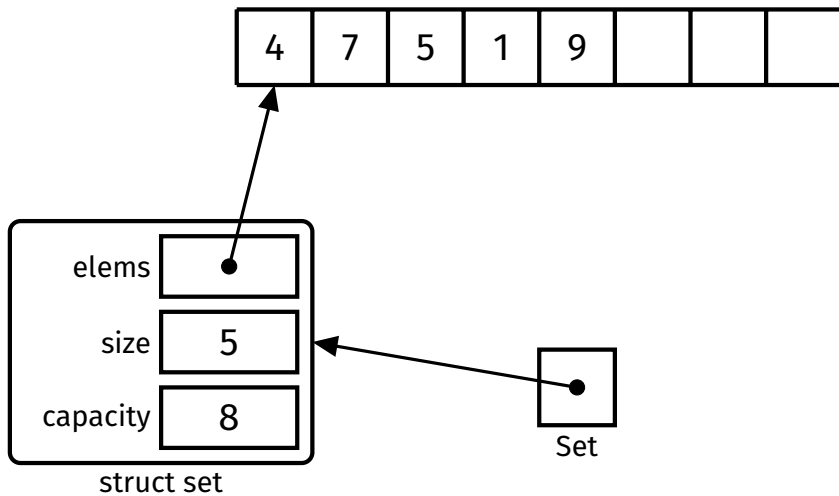
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How do we check if an element exists?

- Perform linear scan of array  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

```
bool SetContains(Set s, int elem) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < s->size; i++) {  
        if (s->elems[i] == elem) {  
            return true;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return false;  
}
```

## How do we insert an element?

- If the element doesn't exist, insert it after the last element

```
void SetInsert(Set s, int elem) {  
    if (SetContains(s, elem)) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    if (s->size == s->capacity) {  
        // error message  
    }  
  
    s->elems[s->size] = elem;  
    s->size++;  
}
```

Time complexity:  $O(n)$

- SetContains is  $O(n)$  and inserting after the last element is  $O(1)$

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## How do we delete an element?

- If the element exists, overwrite it with the last element

```
void SetDelete(Set s, int elem) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < s->size; i++) {  
        if (s->elems[i] == elem) {  
            s->elems[i] = s->elems[s->size - 1];  
            s->size--;  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Time complexity:  $O(n)$

- Finding the element is  $O(n)$ , overwriting it with the last element is  $O(1)$

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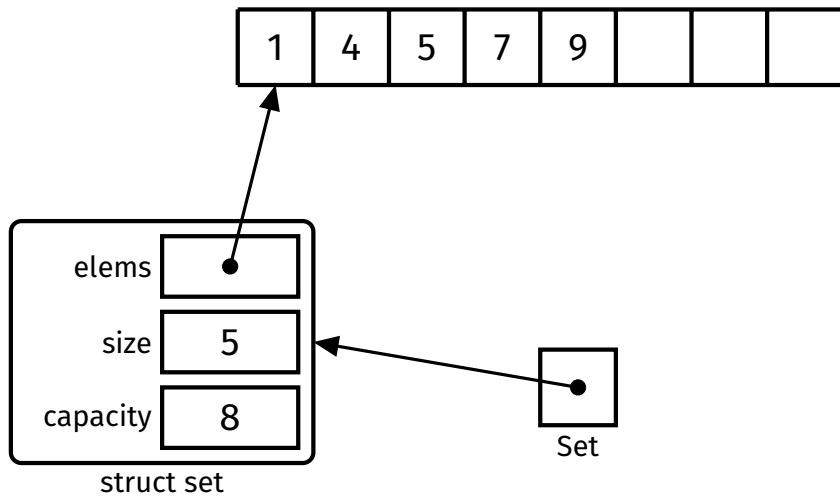
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## How do we check if an element exists?

- Perform binary search  $\Rightarrow O(\log n)$

```
bool SetContains(Set s, int elem) {
    int lo = 0;
    int hi = s->size - 1;

    while (lo <= hi) {
        int mid = (lo + hi) / 2;
        if (elem < s->elems[mid]) {
            hi = mid - 1;
        } else if (elem > s->elems[mid]) {
            lo = mid + 1;
        } else {
            return true;
        }
    }

    return false;
}
```

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## How do we insert an element?

- Use binary search to find the index of the smallest element which is *greater than or equal to* the given element
- If this element *is* the given element, then it already exists, so no need to do anything
- Otherwise, insert the element at that index and shift everything greater than it up

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## Time complexity of insertion?

- Binary search lets us find the insertion point in  $O(\log n)$  time
- ...but we still have to potentially shift up to  $n$  elements, which is  $O(n)$

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## How do we delete an element?

- Use binary search to find the element
- If the element exists, shift everything greater than it down

## Time complexity?

- Binary search lets us find the element in  $O(\log n)$  time
- ...but we still have to potentially shift up to  $n$  elements, which is  $O(n)$



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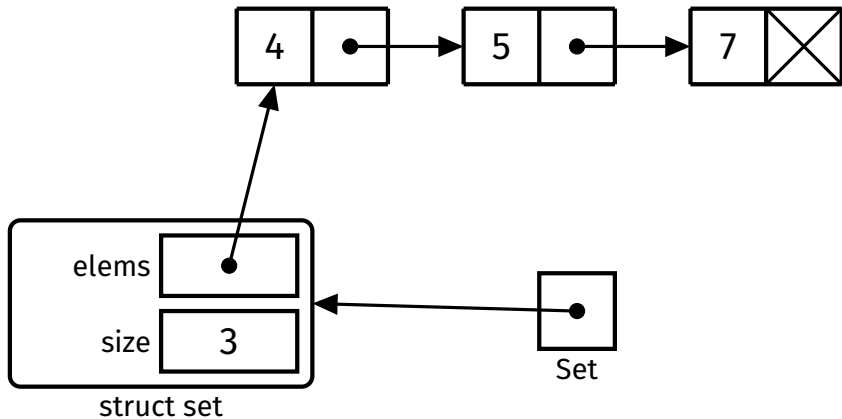
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## How do we check if an element exists?

- Traverse the list  $\Rightarrow O(n)$

```
bool SetContains(Set s, int elem) {
    for (struct node *curr = s->elems; curr != NULL; curr = curr->next) {
        if (curr->elem == elem) {
            return true;
        }
    }

    return false;
}
```

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We always have to traverse the list from the start. Therefore...

- Insertion and deletion are also  $O(n)$

However, this analysis hides a crucial advantage of linked lists:

- Finding the insertion/deletion point is  $O(n)$
- But inserting/deleting a node is  $O(1)$ , as no shifting is required

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Data Structure	Contains	Insert	Delete
Unordered array	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Ordered array	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Ordered linked list	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

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