Queues

Topic 16
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"FISH queue: n.
[acronym, by analogy with FIFO (First In, First Out)] 'First In, Still Here'. A joking way of pointing out that processing of a particular sequence of events or requests has stopped dead. Also FISH mode and FISHnet; the latter may be applied to any network that is running really slowly or exhibiting extreme flakiness."

-The Jargon File 4.4.7

Queue Properties

- Queues are a first in first out data structure
  - FIFO (or LILO, but that sounds a bit silly)
- Add items to the end of the queue
- Access and remove from the front
  - Access to the element that has been in the structure the longest amount of time
- Used extensively in operating systems
  - Queues of processes, I/O requests, and much more

Queues in Operating Systems

- On a computer with N cores on the CPU, but more than N processes, how many processes can actually be executing at one time?
- One job of OS, schedule the processes for the CPU
Queue operations

- void enqueue(E item)
  - a.k.a. add(E item)
- E front()
  - a.k.a. E peek()
- E dequeue()
  - a.k.a. E remove()
- boolean isEmpty()

Specify methods in an interface, allow multiple implementations.

Queue interface, version 1

```java
public interface Queue314<E> {
    //place item at back of this queue
    public void enqueue(E item);

    //access item at front of this queue
    //pre: !isEmpty()
    public E front();

    //remove item at front of this queue
    //pre: !isEmpty()
    public E dequeue();

    public boolean isEmpty();
}
```

Implementing a Queue

- Given the internal storage container and choice for front and back of queue what are the Big O of the queue operations?

  | ArrayList | LinkedList (Singly Linked) | LinkedList (Doubly Linked) |
  | enqueue   | front                    | dequeue                  |
  | isEmpty   |

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- If implementing a queue with a singly linked list with references to the first and last nodes (head and tail) which end of the list should be the front of the queue in order to have all queue operations O(1)?

  A. The front of the list should be the front of the queue.
  B. The back of the list should be the front of the queue.
  C. Either end will work to make all ops O(1).
  D. Neither end will allow all ops to be O(1).
Alternate Implementation

- How about implementing a Queue with a native array?
  - Seems like a step backwards

Application of Queues

- Radix Sort
  - radix is a synonym for base. base 10, base 2
  - Multi pass sorting algorithm that only looks at individual digits during each pass
- Use queues as buckets to store elements
- Create an array of 10 queues
- Starting with the least significant digit place value in queue that matches digit
  - empty queues back into array
- repeat, moving to next least significant digit

Radix Sort in Action: 1s place

- original values in array
  9, 113, 70, 86, 12, 93, 37, 40, 252, 7, 79, 12
- Look at ones place
  9, 113, 70, 86, 12, 93, 37, 40, 252, 7, 79, 12
- Array of Queues (all empty initially):
  0 5
  1 6
  2 7
  3 8
  4 9

Radix Sort in Action: 1s

- original values in array
  9, 113, 70, 86, 12, 93, 37, 40, 252, 7, 79, 12
- Look at ones place
  9, 113, 70, 86, 12, 93, 37, 40, 252, 7, 79, 12
- Queues:
  0 70, 40 5
  1 6 86
  2 12, 252, 12 7 37, 7
  3 113, 93 8
  4 9 9, 79
### Radix Sort in Action: 10s
- Empty queues in order from 0 to 9 back into array:
  - 70, 40, 12, 252, 12, 113, 93, 86, 37, 7, 9, 79
- Now look at 10's place:
  - 70, 40, 12, 252, 12, 113, 93, 86, 37, 7, 9, 79
- Queues:
  | 0  | 7, 9 |
  | 1  | 12, 12, 113 |
  | 2  | 70, 79 |
  | 3  | 37 |
  | 4  | 40, 99 |

### Radix Sort in Action: 100s
- Empty queues in order from 0 to 9 back into array:
  - 7, 9, 12, 12, 113, 37, 40, 252, 70, 79, 86, 93
- Now look at 100's place:
  - 7, 9, 12, 12, 113, 37, 40, 252, 70, 79, 86, 93
- Queues:
  | 0  | 7, 9, 12, 12, 113, 37, 40, 70, 79, 86, 93 |
  | 1  | 113 |
  | 2  | 252 |
  | 3  | 8 |
  | 4  | 9 |

### Radix Sort in Action: Final Step
- Empty queues in order from 0 to 9 back into array:
  - 7, 9, 12, 12, 40, 70, 79, 86, 93, 113, 252

### Radix Sort Code
```java
public static void sort(int[] list){
    ArrayList<Queue<Integer>> queues = new ArrayList<Queue<Integer>>();
    for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        queues.add( new LinkedList<Integer>() );

    // or int passes = (int) Math.log10(list[0]); // helper method
    int passes = numDigits(list[0]);

    for(int i = 1; i < list.length; i++){
        int temp = numDigits(list[i]);
        if( temp > passes )
            passes = temp;
        for(int j = 0; j < list.length; j++)
            queues.get(valueOfDigit(list[j], i)).add(list[j]);
    }

    int pos = 0;
    for(Queue<Integer> q : queues){
        while(!q.isEmpty())
            list[pos++] = q.remove();
    }
}
```