

Implementer's Design Decision Hierarchy

Abstract Data Type

Which ADT is the best fit?

List

Data Structure

Which data structure offers the best performance for our input/workload?

Resizable Array

Linked Nodes

Implementation Details

How do we maintain invariants?

data is an array of items, never null. The i -th item in the list is always stored in `data[i]`.

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Which List implementation is faster for `removeFront`?

Resizable array

Linked nodes

Both are about the same

Not sure

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Total Results

?: How do we determine whether one data structure is faster than another? Does it depend on the implementation details?

?: How do invariants relate to data structures?

Big-O Runtime Analysis

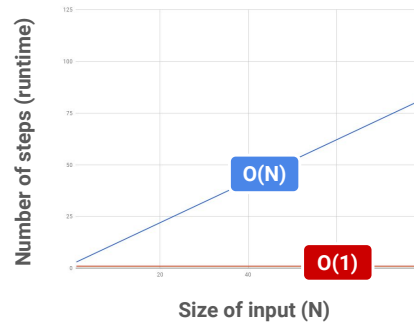
What does it mean for a data structure to be slow or fast?

Big-O runtime analysis: count how many **steps** a program takes to execute an input of size N .

Suppose our list has N items.

A method that takes a **constant** number of steps (e.g. 23) is in **$O(1)$** .

A method that takes a **linear** number of steps (e.g. $4N + 3$) is in **$O(N)$** .



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Q ArrayList vs. LinkedList

1. Which List implementation should we use to store a list of songs in a playlist?
2. Which List implementation should we use to store the history of a bank customer's transactions?
3. Which List implementation should we use to store the order of students waiting to speak to a TA at a tutoring center?

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?: How does **constant** or **linear** relate to analyzing runtime "with respect to big inputs"?

?: What are the big-O runtimes for ArrayList and LinkedList removeFront?

?: Can we say that an ADT is slower or faster than another ADT?

Time needed to access the i -th item from a list of N items.

- ArrayList: $O(1)$
- LinkedList: $O(N)$

Time needed to insert an item at position i in a list of N items.

- ArrayList: $O(N)$
- LinkedList: $O(N)$

?: Why are these runtimes what they are?

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Which Stack implementation is faster overall?

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ArrayStack

State

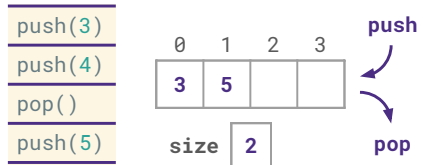
Item[] data

int size

Behavior

push – resize data array if necessary;
assign data[size] = item; increment size

pop – return data[size]; decrement size



Runtime

push – $O(1)$ if not resizing;
 $O(N)$ if resizing

pop – $O(1)$

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Recall that the Stack ADT specifies two important methods:

- push(Item item): Puts the item on the top of the stack.
- Item pop(): Removes and returns the top item of the stack.

Assume for the resizable array that we use the addLast and removeLast methods from ArrayList. Assume for linked nodes that we use the addFirst and removeFirst methods from LinkedList, and we have a reference to the front of the LinkedList.

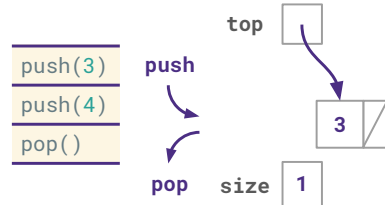
?: How do the Stack ADT methods compare to List ADT methods?

?: How do the implementations for ArrayList methods differ from ArrayStack methods?

LinkedList

State
Node top
int size

Behavior
push – create a new node linked to top;
update top to new node; increment size
pop – return top item; update top;
decrement size



Runtime
push – $O(1)$ always
pop – $O(1)$

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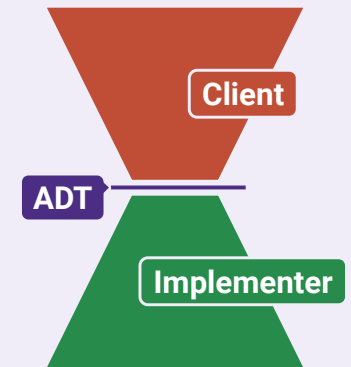
?: If the push and pop operations of LinkedList is always at least as good or better than ArrayStack, would we ever want to use ArrayStack?

Q Hiding Program Complexity

Contract: Assuming they agree to the ADT's possible values and operations, the client and the implementer can improve their programs at the same time.

Invariants: A checklist of assumptions the implementer needs to maintain every time they add a behavior to a data structure.

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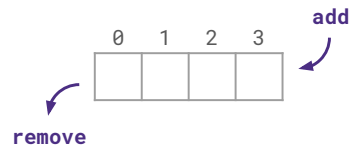
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?: How do invariants affect the implementation of ArrayList and ArrayStack?

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ArrayQueue: Design 1

Same design as ArrayStack: borrow ArrayList's addLast and removeFront. It's basically just an ArrayList.



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Q Reconsidering Data Structure Invariants

ArrayQueue (Design 1) is basically just an ArrayList.

Recall the representation invariant for the underlying data array in an ArrayList.

data is an array of items, never null.

The i -th item in the list is always stored in `data[i]`.

1. How does maintaining this invariant affect the runtimes for add and remove?
2. Propose an invariant that could result in faster runtimes for add and remove.

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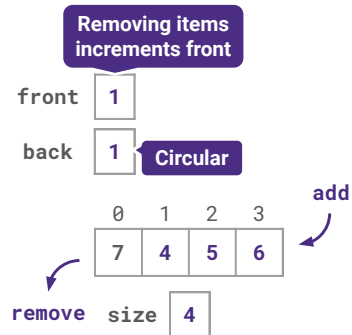
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A ArrayQueue: Design 2

The i -th item does not need to be `data[i]` so the front of the queue does not need to be the front of the array!

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add(3)
add(4)
remove()
add(5)
add(6)
add(7)
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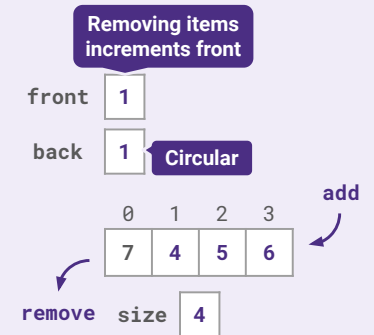


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`front` represents the index of the front of the queue (except when the queue is empty) while `back` represents the index for the **next** item.

?: What's the runtime for ArrayQueue (Design 2) `add` and `remove`?

?: Is it necessary to maintain an integer index for remembering the back of the array?

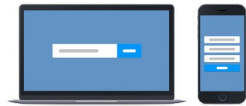
?: We found a faster way to implement ArrayQueue. Is it possible to take these invariants and use them to implement a faster ArrayList?

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Give an invariant that describes ArrayQueue (Design 2) in your own words.

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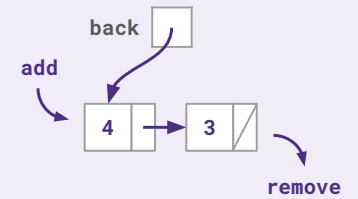
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Q LinkedQueue: Design 1

Same design as **LinkedStack**: borrow LinkedList's addLast and removeFront.

1. Which method has a worse runtime: add or remove?
2. How could we improve the runtime?



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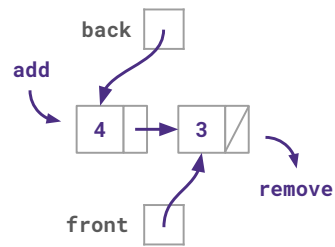
Q1: Which method has a worse runtime: add or remove?

Q2: How would you improve the runtime?

?: How does this change your visualization of the data structure?

A LinkedQueue: Design 2

Add a **front** pointer.



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?: What are other possible designs for LinkedQueue? What set of invariants can result in a **slower** LinkedQueue implementation?

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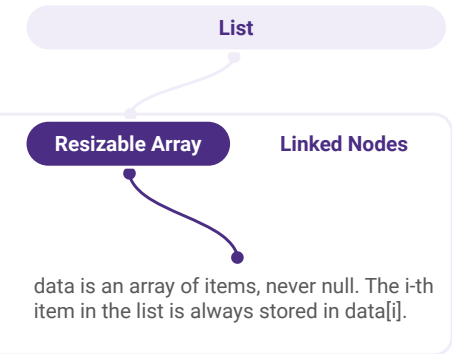
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Today, we studied the ADT implementer's view of the Design Decision Hierarchy. A recurring theme in computer science is that problem representations (**implementation details**) reflect problem solutions (**data structures**).

One neat observation: by simplifying the ADT interface, we gave the implementer more control over how they implemented their data structures. The more complex the ADT, the more restrictive the invariants, which means the implementer might not be able to make as many runtime optimizations.

?: We'll later look at the ADT client's perspective. How does the client determine which ADT is the best fit? To what extent does the client need to worry about ADT and data structure complexity?