

CSE 250

Data Structures

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Lec 17: Stacks and Queues

Announcements

- WA3 due Sunday @ 11:59PM

New ADT: Stacks

Represents a stack of objects on top of one another

```
1 public class Stack<E> {  
2  
3     public void push(E value); // Add value to the "top" of the stack  
4  
5     public E pop(); // Remove and return the top of the stack  
6  
7     public E peek(); // Return the top of the stack  
8  
9 }
```

Stacks

```
s.push("♣2")
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A diagram of a stack, represented as a vertical container. Inside the container, the string "♣2" is displayed, representing the element currently at the top of the stack.

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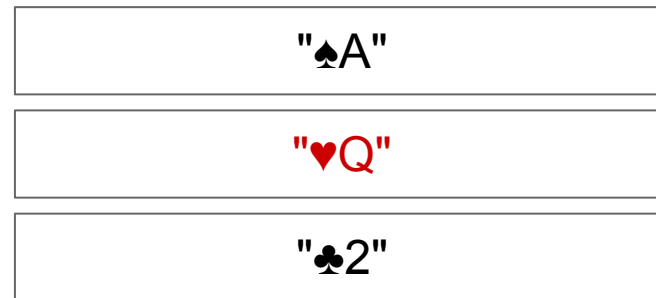


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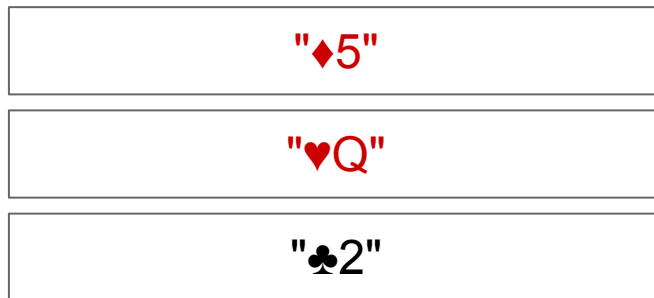
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s.push("♦5")
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Stacks in Practice

- Storing function variables in a "call stack"
- Certain types of parsers ("context free")
- Backtracking search
- Reversing Sequences

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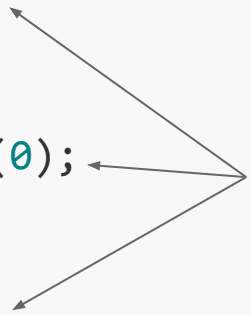
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A common assumption for Stacks (and Queues) is they will have a limited size. The contiguous nature of array memory usage has some benefits...

A New ADT: Queues

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In context of queues we will often refer to add/remove as enqueue/dequeue

Queues

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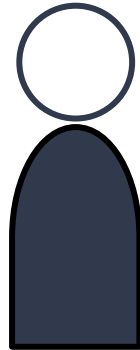
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`enqueue("Michael")`

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"Michael"

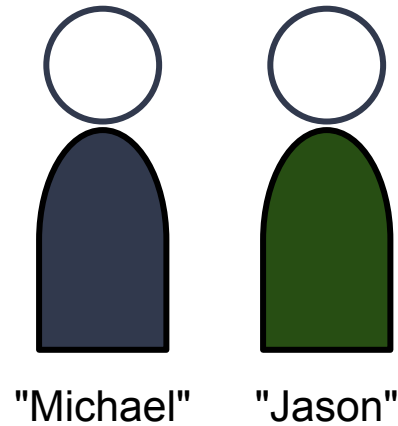
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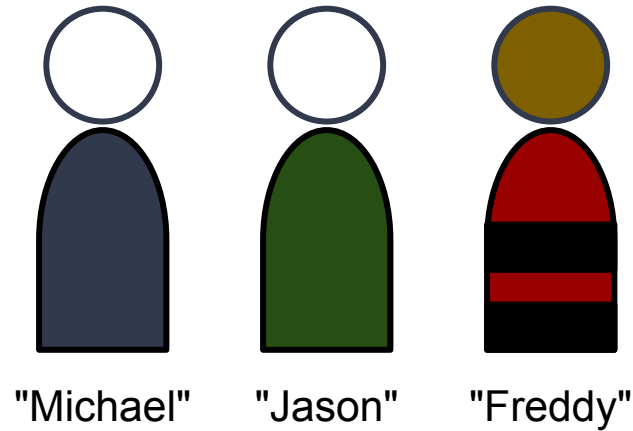


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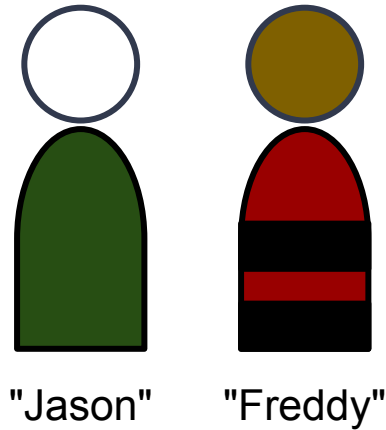
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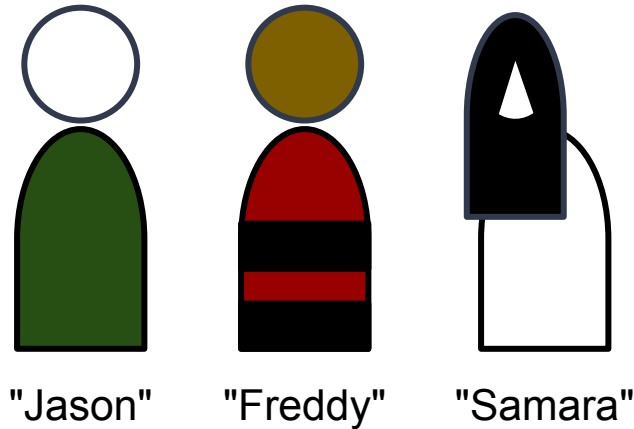
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Queues vs Stacks

Queue First in, First Out (FIFO)

Stacks Last in, First Out (LIFO / FILO)

Queues in Practice

- Delivering network packets, emails, twitter/tiktok/instagram
- Scheduling CPU cycles
- Deferring long-running tasks

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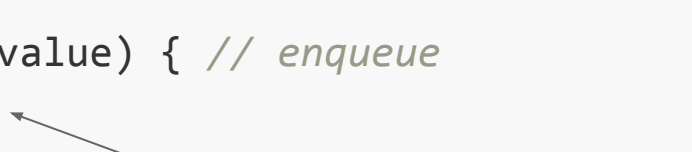
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$\Theta(1)$ complexity in all cases as long as we have a reference to the last node in the list



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Thought Experiment: How can we use an array to build a queue?

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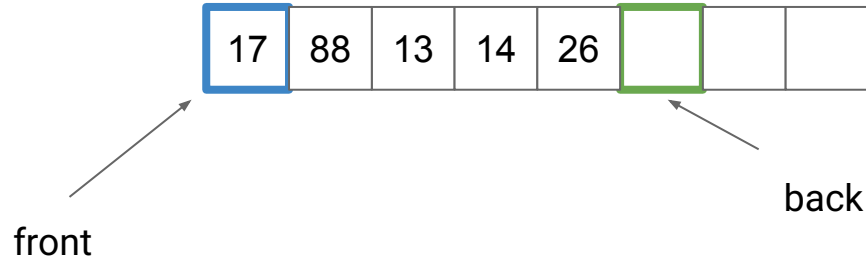
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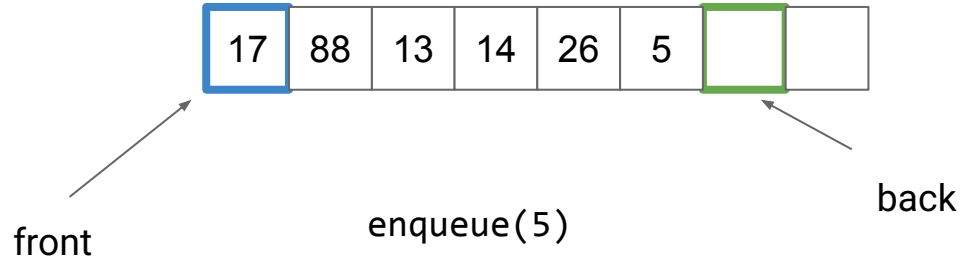
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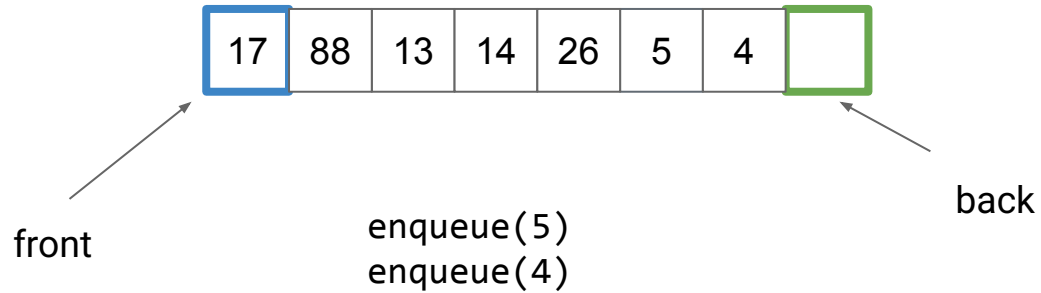
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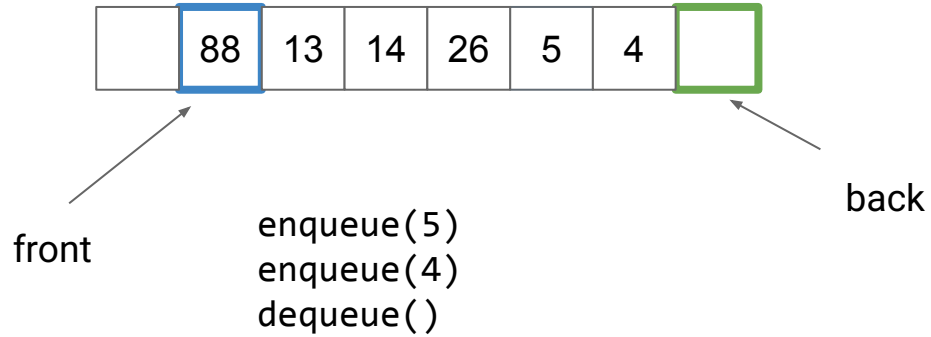
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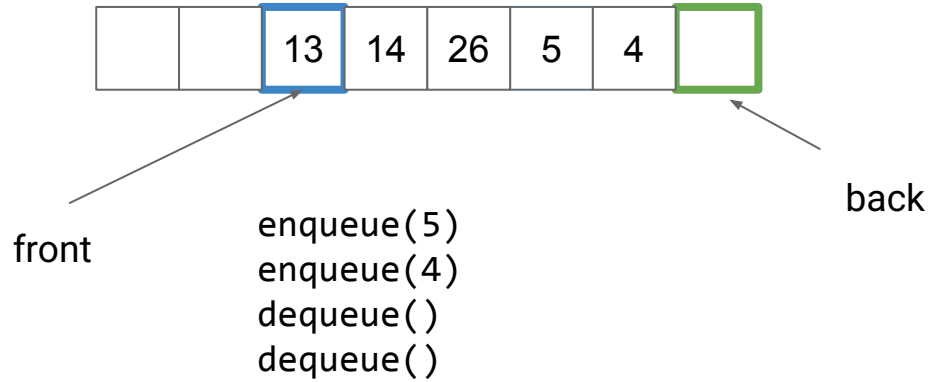
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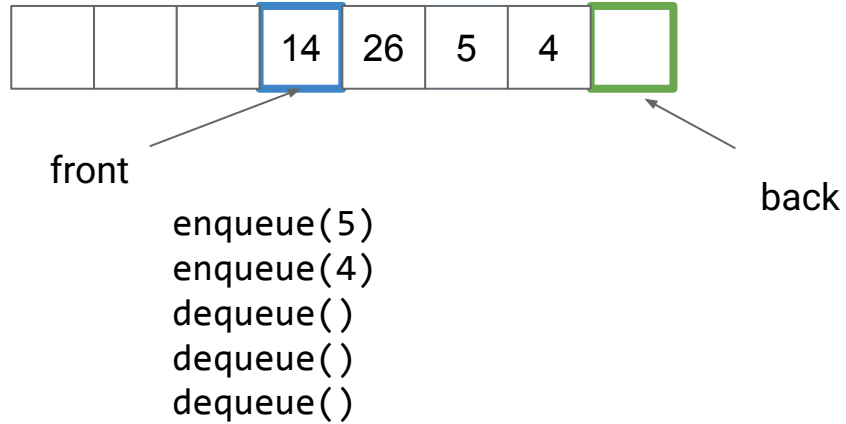
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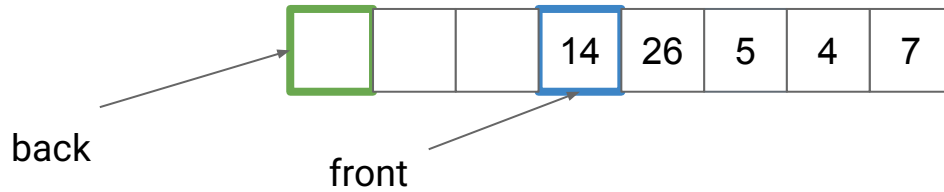
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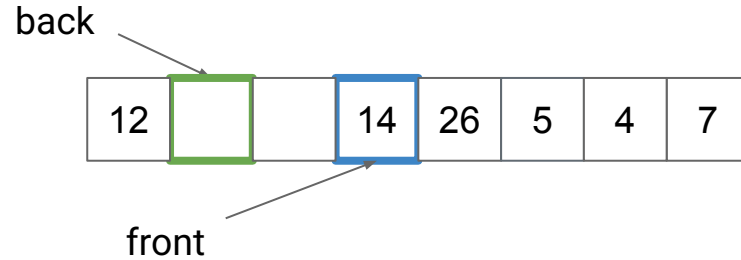


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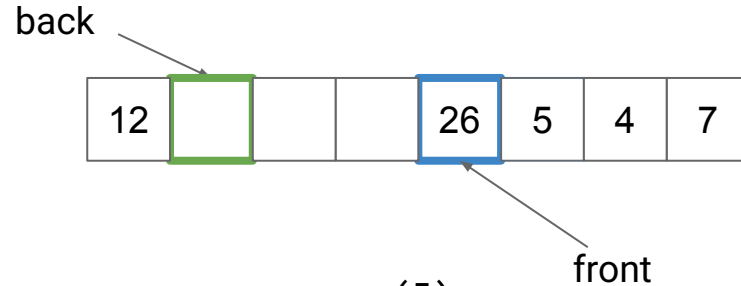
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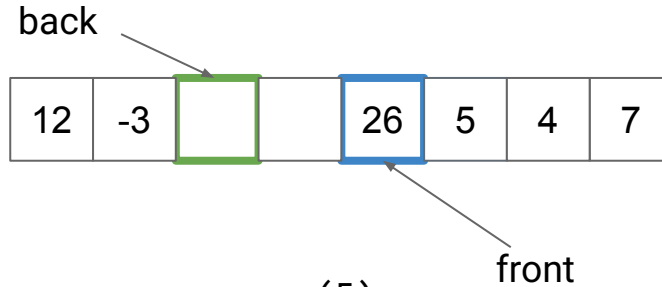
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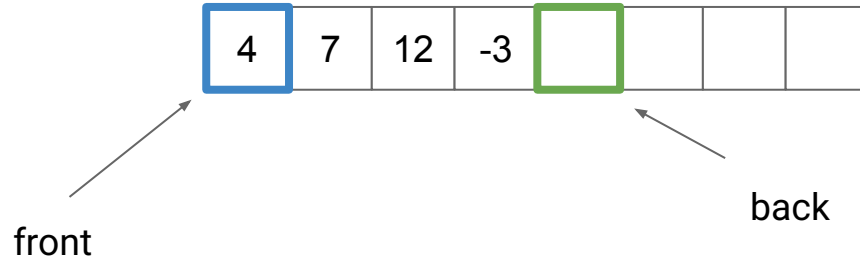
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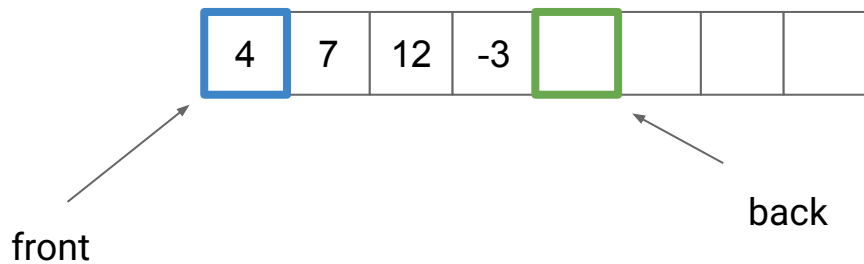
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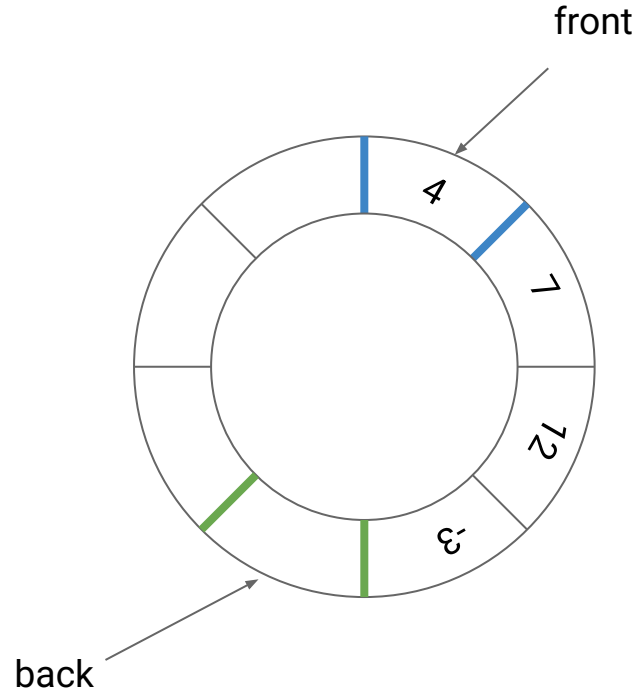


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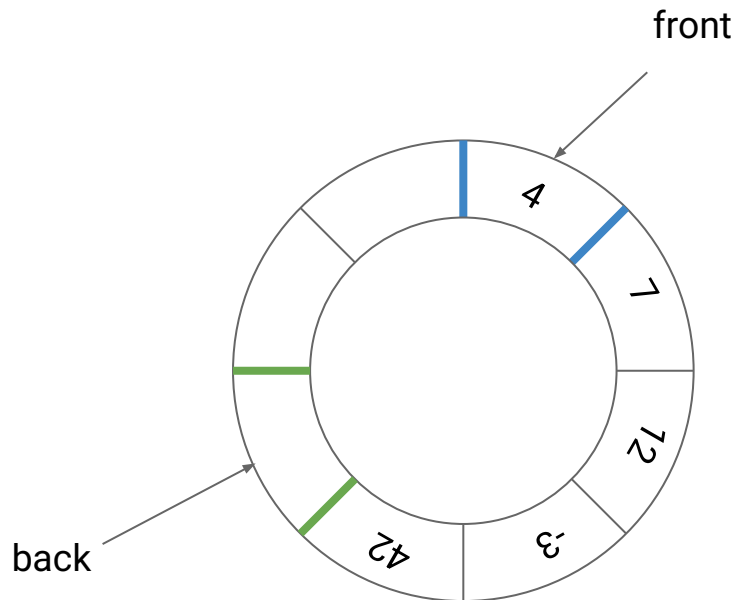


Conceptually, we can think of this as a ring...

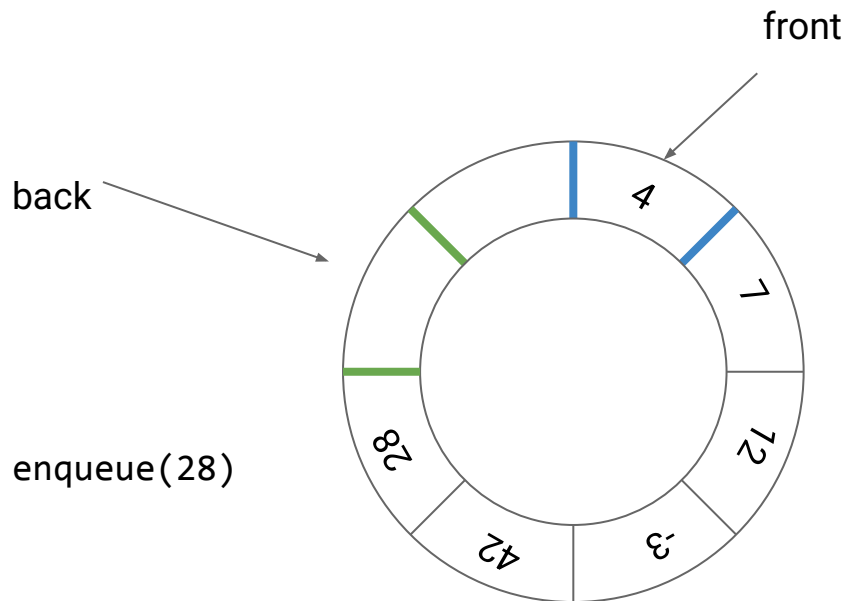
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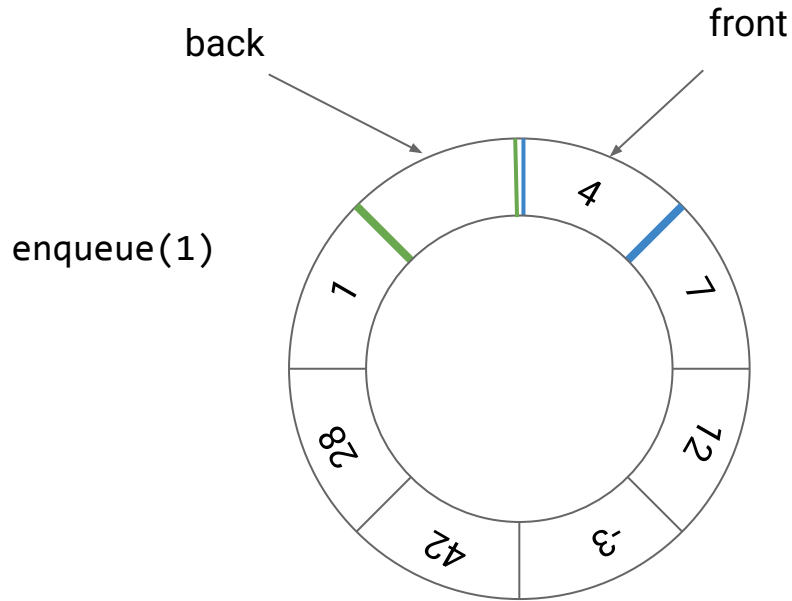
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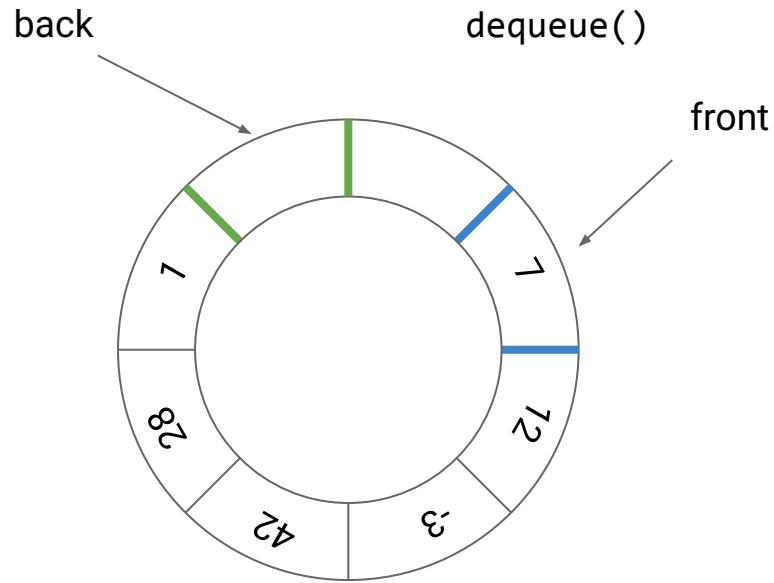
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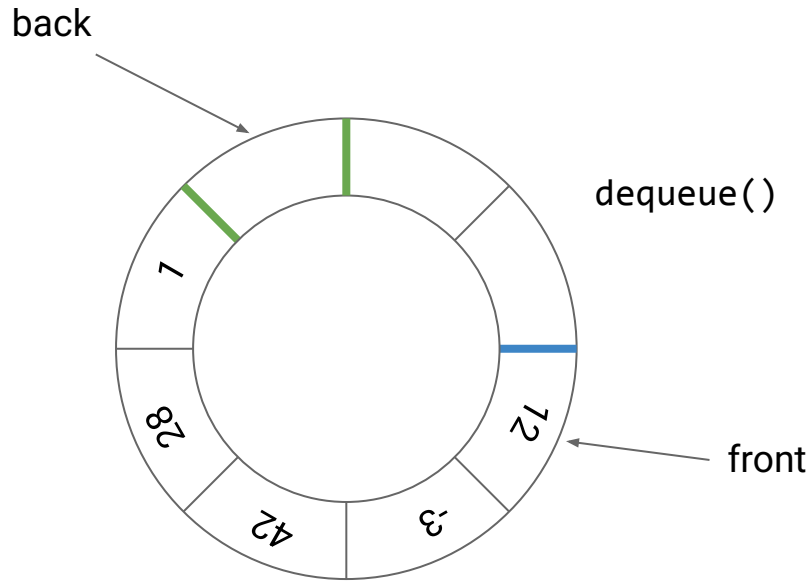
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Applications of Stacks and Queue

Stack: Checking for balanced parentheses/braces

Queue: Scheduling packets for delivery

Both: Searching mazes

Network Packets

Router: 1gb/s internal network, 100mb/s external

- 1 gb/s sent to the router, but only 100mb/s can leave.
- How do we handle this?

Queues

- Enqueue data packets in the order they are received.
- When there is available outgoing bandwidth, dequeue and send.

Avoiding Queueing Delays

- Limit size of queue; Packets that don't fit are dropped

TCP: blocked packets are retried

UDP: application deals with dropped packets

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Idea: Track nesting on a stack!

On (or {, push the symbol on the stack.

On) or }, pop the stack and check for a match.

Demo:

[\[https://odin.cse.buffalo.edu/teaching/cse-250/2022fa/slide/14b-QueueStackApps.html#/13\]](https://odin.cse.buffalo.edu/teaching/cse-250/2022fa/slide/14b-QueueStackApps.html#/13)

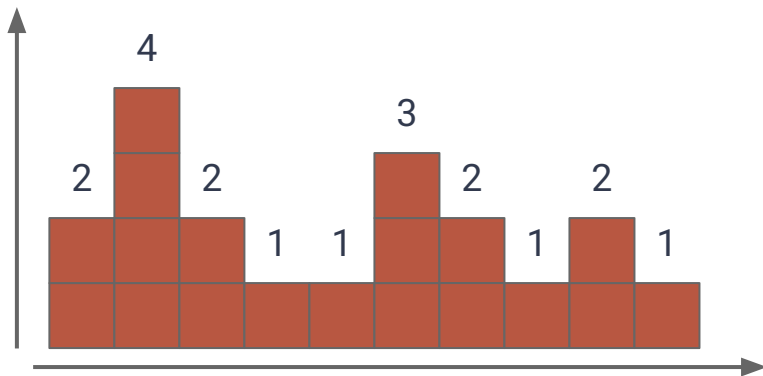
Takeaway

The stack in this solution let us "remember" what we had seen previously:

Trickier Example (Interview Question)

Imagine a bar graph as a 2D landscape that can be filled with water

Develop an algorithm to determine how much water a bar graph holds

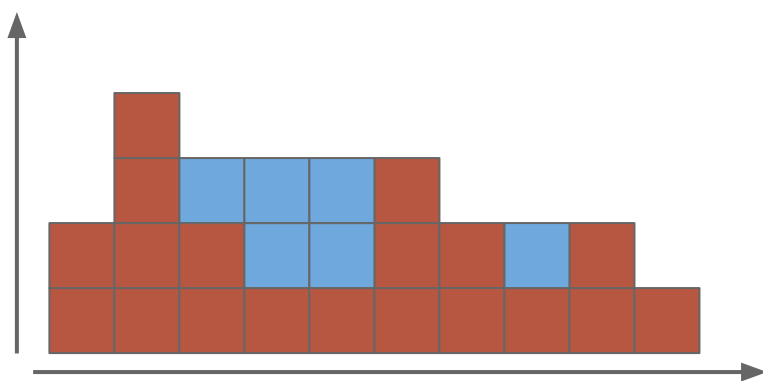


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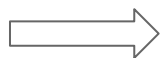
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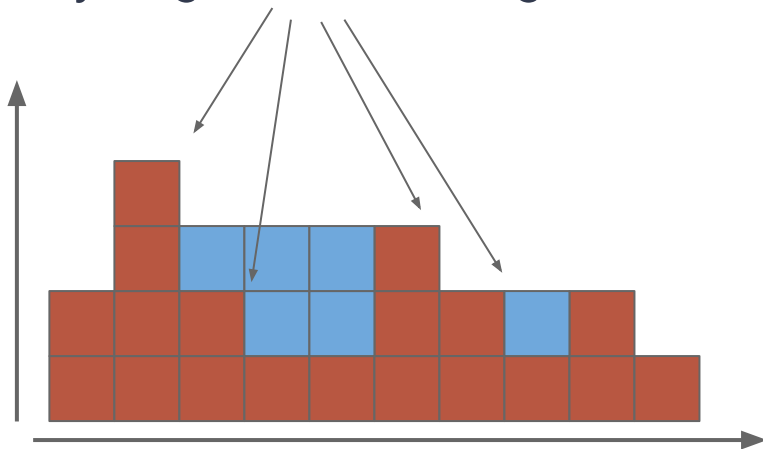


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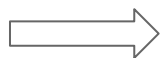
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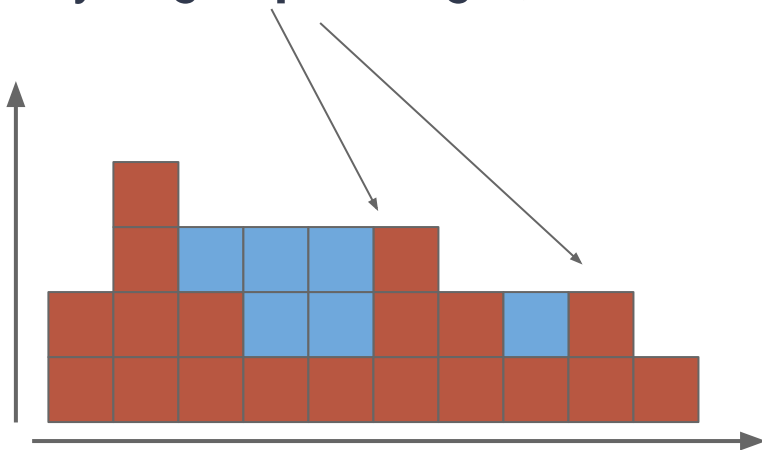


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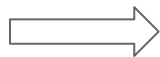
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