

Chapter 4

Queue



- A queue is a data structure that is somewhat like a stack, except that in a queue the first item inserted is the first to be removed (First-In-First-Out,FIFO), while in a stack the last item inserted is the first to be removed (LIFO).
- The main rule for queue is to insert and delete objects according to the FIFO principle.



- There are various queues quietly doing their job in your computer's (or the network's) operating system. There is printer queue where print jobs wait for the printer to be available.
- A queue also stores keystroke data as you type at type at the keyboard.
- To avoid moving objects once they are placed in Q, we define two variables first and rear, which has the following meanings:
- first points to the first element and rear points to the last element.
- Initially first=rear=0, which indicate that the Q is empty.



```
class Queue {
  private int maxSize;
  private long[] queArray;
  private int front;
  private int rear;
  private int nItems;
  public Queue(int s) {
     maxSize = s;
     queArray = new long[maxSize];
    front = 0;
     rear = -1;
     nltems = 0;
```



```
public void insert(long j) {
     if(rear == maxSize - 1)
       rear = -1;
     queArray[++rear] = j;
     nltems++;
public long remove() {
     long temp = queArray[front++];
     if(front == maxSize)
       front = 0;
     nltems--;
     return temp;
```



```
public long peekFront() {
  return queArray[front];
public boolean isEmpty() {
  return (nltems==0);
public boolean isFull() {
  return (nltems==maxSize);
public int Size() {
  return nltems;
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
  Queue theQueue = new Queue(5);
  theQueue.insert(10);
  theQueue.insert(20);
  theQueue.insert(30);
  theQueue.insert(40);
  theQueue.remove();
  theQueue.remove();
  theQueue.remove();
  theQueue.insert(50);
  theQueue.insert(60);
  theQueue.insert(70);
  theQueue.insert(80);
```



```
while(!theQueue.isEmpty())
{
    long n = theQueue.remove();
    System.out.print(n);
    System.out.print(" ");
}
System.out.println(" ");
}
```



Priority queues

- A priority queue is a more specialized data structure than a stack or queue. Like an ordinary queue, a priority queue has a front and a rear, and items are removed from the front.
- However, in a priority queue, items are ordered by key value so that the item with the lowest key (or in some implementations the highest key) is always at the front. Items are inserted in the proper position to maintain the order.
- Like ordinary queues, priority queues are used in various ways in certain computer systems. In a preemptive multitasking operating system for example, programs may be placed in a priority queue so the highest-priority program is the next one to receive a time-slice that allow it to execute.



Priority Queue Example

```
class PriorityQ {
    private int maxSize;
    private long[] queArray;
    private int nItems;

public PriorityQ(int s) {
    maxSize = s;
    queArray = new long[maxSize];
    nItems = 0;
}
```



```
public void insert(long item) {
     int j;
     if(nItems == 0)
       queArray[nltems++] = item;
     else {
       for(j=nItems-1; j>=0; j--) {
          if(item > queArray[j] )
             queArray[j+1] = queArray[j];
          else
             break;
       queArray[j+1] = item;
       nltems++;
```



```
public long remove() {
     return queArray[--nltems];
public long peekMin() {
     return queArray[nItems - 1];
public boolean isEmpty() {
     return (nItems == 0);
public boolean isFull() {
     return (nItems == maxSize);
```



```
class PriorityQApp {
public static void main(String[] args) {
  PriorityQ thePQ = new PriorityQ(5);
  thePQ.insert(30);
  thePQ.insert(50);
  thePQ.insert(10);
  thePQ.insert(40);
  thePQ.insert(20);
  while( !thePQ.isEmpty()) {
     long item = thePQ.remove();
     System.out.print(item + " ");
  System.out.println(" ");
```