## Data Structures – LECTURE 6

## Dynamic data structures

- Motivation
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- Stacks, queues, lists: abstract description
- · Array implementation of stacks and queues
- Linked lists
- Rooted trees
- Implementations
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### Motivation (1)

- So far, we have dealt with one type of data structure: an array. Its **length** does not change, so it is a **static** data structure. This either requires knowing the length ahead of time or waste space.
- In many cases, we would like to have a **dynamic** data structure whose length changes according to computational needs
- For this, we need a scheme that allows us to store elements in physically different order.



## Motivation (2)

- Examples of operations:
  - **Insert**(*S*, *k*): Insert a new element
  - **Delete**(*S*, *k*): Delete an existing element
  - Min(S), Max(S): Find the element with the maximum/minimum value
  - Successor(S,x), Predecessor(S,x): Find the next/previous element
- At least one of these operations is usually expensive (takes O(n) time). Can we do better?

## Abstract Data Types - ADT

- An abstract data type is a collection of <u>formal</u> <u>specifications</u> of data-storing entities with a well designed set of operations.
- The set of operations defined with the ADT specification are the operations it "supports".
- What is the difference between a data structure (or a class of objects) and an ADT?

→ The data structure or class is an *implementation* of the ADT to be run on a specific computer and operating system. Think of it as an abstract JAVA class. The course emphasis is on <u>ADTs</u>.

## Common dynamic ADTs

- Stacks, queues, and lists
- Nodes and pointers
- · Linked lists
- Trees: rooted trees, binary search trees, red-black trees, AVL-trees, etc.
- Heaps and priority queues
- Hash tables

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 $-\operatorname{Pop}(S)$ 

# Queues -- תור

- A queue Q is a linear sequence of elements to which elements are inserted at the end and deleted from the beginning.
- A queue implements the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) policy.
- The queue operations are:













































- Most languages have a mechanism for allocating and freeing storage objects.
- Memory can thought of as containing two zones: *free memory* and *used memory*.
- <u>Allocating objects</u>: when a new object structure is created, the next available free memory block is used
- <u>De-allocating objects</u>: an object becomes unused when it cannot be reached anymore. Accumulating unused objects is bad since the system can run out of memory unexpectedly.

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# Allocating and freeing objects

- Two ways to deal with unused objects:
  - the user explicitly frees (de-allocate) objects the system performs "garbage collection" upon request or
  - automatically, once in a while
- When a program terminates, its storage must be recovered (marked free) for otherwise the memory will quickly fill up.
- Keep free objects in a singly linked list managed as a stack → freeing and releasing an object takes O(1).

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# Code for allocate and free

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# Allocate-Object()

- **1.** if free = null
- 2. then error "out of space"
- 3. else  $x \leftarrow free$ 4. free  $\leftarrow ne$
- 4. *free*  $\leftarrow$  *next*[x]
- 5. return *x*

### $\underline{Free-Object}(x)$

- 1.  $next[x] \leftarrow free$
- 2. free  $\leftarrow x$

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