Data Structures

Queues, Iterators, and maybe Trees?

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Learning Objectives

Discuss the importance of iterators

Review trees and binary trees

Practice tree theory with recursive definitions and proofs

Discuss the tree ADT

Stack ADT

• [Order]: LIFO

• [Implementation]: Array (such as std::vector)

• [Runtime]: O(1) Push and Pop

A queue stores an ordered collection of objects (like a list)

However you can only do two* operations:

Enqueue: Put an item at the back of the queue

Dequeue: Remove and return the front item of the queue

Front

```
enqueue(3); enqueue(5); dequeue(); enqueue(2)
```

The queue is a **first in** — **first out** data structure (FIFO)

What data structure excels at removing from the front?

Can we make that same data structure good at inserting at the end?

The C++ implementation of a queue is also a vector or deque — why?

Engineering vs Theory Efficiency

	Time x1 billion	Like
L1 cache reference	0.5 seconds	Heartbeat 💗
Branch mispredict	5 seconds	Yawn 设
L2 cache reference	7 seconds	Long yawn 设 设 设
Mutex lock/unlock	25 seconds	Make coffee 🕏
Main memory reference	100 seconds	Brush teeth
Compress 1K bytes	50 minutes	TV show 🖳
Send 2K bytes over 1 Gbps network	5.5 hours	(Brief) Night's sleep 🚞
SSD random read	1.7 days	Weekend
Read 1 MB sequentially from memory	2.9 days	Long weekend
Read 1 MB sequentially from SSD	11.6 days	2 weeks for delivery 📦
Disk seek	16.5 weeks	Semester
Read 1 MB sequentially from disk	7.8 months	Human gestation 🐣
Above two together	1 year	
Send packet CA->Netherlands->CA	4.8 years	Ph.D.

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```
q.enqueue(8);
q.enqueue(4);
q.dequeue();
```

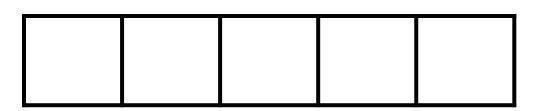
What do we need to track to maintain a queue with an array list?

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Unlike the array list, it is easier to implement a Queue using unsigned ints

Queue.h

```
#pragma once
   template <typename T>
   class Queue {
     public:
       void enqueue(T e);
       T dequeue();
       bool isEmpty();
     private:
10
       T *data ;
11
       unsigned size ;
12
       unsigned capacity;
13
       unsigned front ;
14
15 };
```

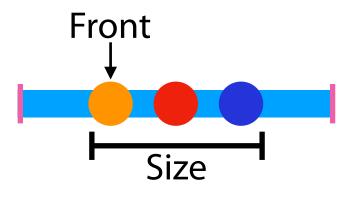


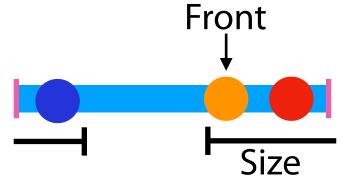
(Circular) Queue Data Structure



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11
       unsigned capacity_;
12
       unsigned size ;
13
       unsigned front_;
14
   };
15
```







Enqueue(D):

Dequeue():

Size:

Front:

```
Queue<int> q;
q.enqueue(3);
q.enqueue(8);
q.enqueue(4);
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue(7);
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue(2);
q.enqueue(1);
q.enqueue(3);
q.enqueue(5);
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue(9);
```

Capacity:



```
Enqueue(D): Insert @ (size+front) % capacity
size++ until size == capacity
```

```
Dequeue(): Remove @front
front = (front+1) % capacity
size--
```

Size:

Front:

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q.enqueue(1);
q.enqueue(3);
q.enqueue(5);
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue(9);
```

Capacity:



Enqueue(D): Add data to 'back' of queue
Insert D at index (size+front) % capacity
size++ (as long as size != capacity)
Dequeue(): Remove data at index front
front = (front+1) % capacity
size-- (as long as size != 0)

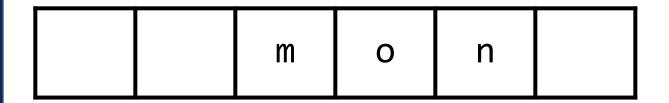
Size: 3

Front: 3

```
Queue<int> q;
...
q.enqueue(D);
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue(E);
```

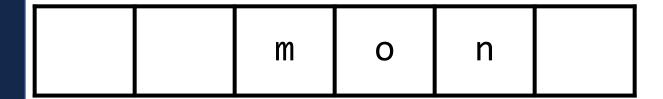
Capacity: 6

Queue Data Structure: Resizing



```
Queue<char> q;
...
q.enqueue(d);
q.enqueue(a);
q.enqueue(y);
q.enqueue(i);
q.enqueue(s);
```

Queue Data Structure: Resizing



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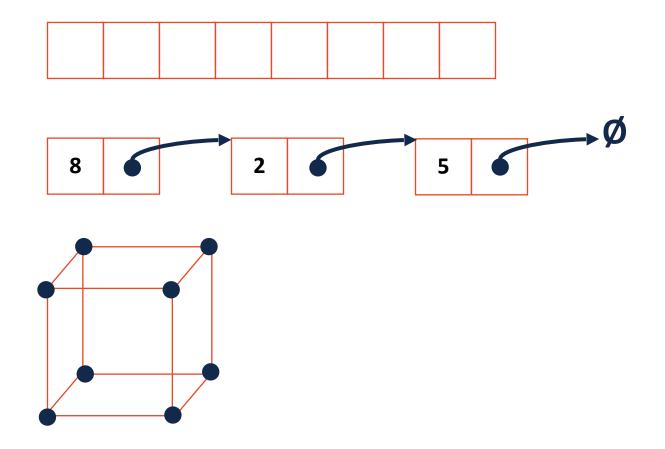
Queue ADT

• [Order]:

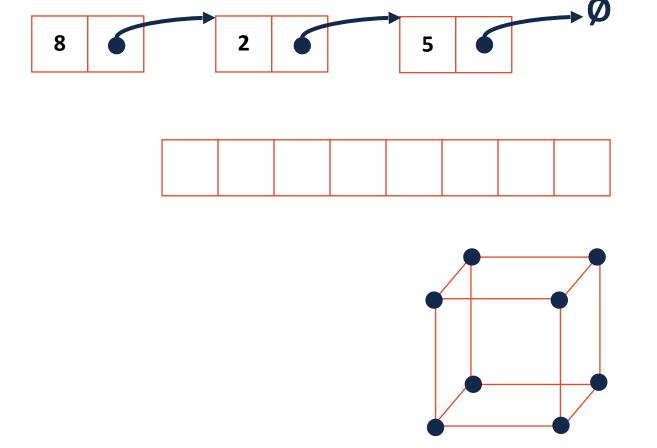
• [Implementation]:

• [Runtime]:

We want to be able to loop through all elements for any underlying implementation in a systematic way

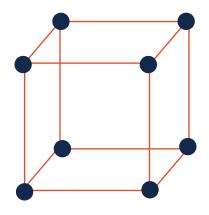


We want to be able to loop through all elements for any underlying implementation in a systematic way



Cur. Location	Cur. Data	Next
ListNode * curr		
unsigned index		
Some form of		
(x, y, z)		

Iterators provide a way to access items in a container without exposing the underlying structure of the container



```
1 Cube::Iterator it = myCube.begin();
2 
3 while (it != myCube.end()) {
    std::cout << *it << " ";
    it++;
6 }
7</pre>
```

For a class to implement an iterator, it needs two functions:

Iterator begin()

Iterator end()

The actual iterator is defined as a class **inside** the outer class:

1. It must be of base class std::iterator

2. It must implement at least the following operations:

Iterator& operator ++()

const T & operator *()

bool operator !=(const Iterator &)

Here is a (truncated) example of an iterator:

```
template <class T>
   class List {
 3
       class ListIterator : public
   std::iterator<std::bidirectional iterator tag, T> {
         public:
 6
           ListIterator& operator++();
 8
           ListIterator& operator--()
 9
10
11
           bool operator!=(const ListIterator& rhs);
12
13
           const T& operator*();
       };
14
15
16
       ListIterator begin() const;
17
       ListIterator end() const;
18
19|};
```

stlList.cpp

```
#include <list>
   #include <string>
   #include <iostream>
   struct Animal {
     std::string name, food;
     bool big;
     Animal(std::string name = "blob", std::string food = "you", bool big = true) :
       name(name), food(food), big(big) { /* nothing */ }
10
   };
11
   int main() {
12
     Animal g("giraffe", "leaves", true), p("penguin", "fish", false), b("bear");
13
     std::vector<Animal> zoo;
14
15
     zoo.push back(q);
16
     zoo.push back(p); // std::vector's insertAtEnd
17 l
     zoo.push back(b);
18
19
     for ( std::vector<Animal>::iterator it = zoo.begin(); it != zoo.end(); ++it ) {
20
       std::cout << (*it).name << " " << (*it).food << std::endl;
21
22
23
     return 0;
24
25
```

```
std::vector<Animal> zoo;
 4
   /* Full text snippet */
 6
     for ( std::vector<Animal>::iterator it = zoo.begin(); it != zoo.end(); ++it ) {
       std::cout << (*it).name << " " << (*it).food << std::endl;
9
10
11
   /* Auto Snippet */
12
13
     for ( auto it = zoo.begin(); it != zoo.end; ++it ) {
14
       std::cout << (*it).name << " " << (*it).food << std::endl;
15
16
```

std::cout << animal.name << " " << animal.food << std::endl;</pre>

/* For Each Snippet */

for (const Animal & animal : zoo) {



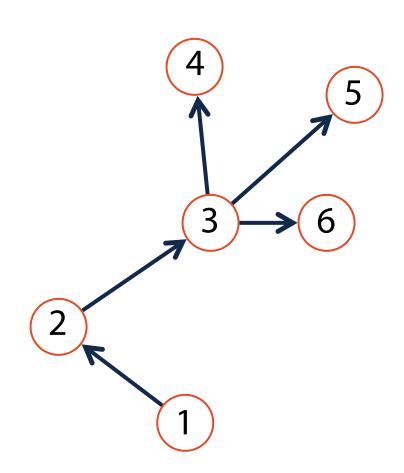
Trees

A non-linear data structure defined recursively as a collection of nodes where each node contains a value and zero or more connected nodes.

[In CS 225] a tree is also:

1) Acyclic — No path from node to itself

2) Rooted — A specific node is labeled root

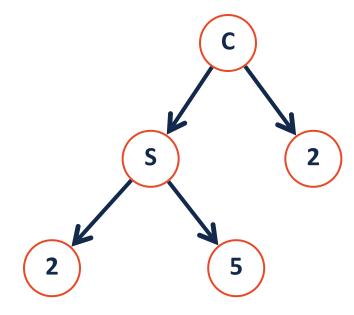


Binary Tree

A **binary tree** is a tree *T* such that:

1.
$$T = \emptyset$$

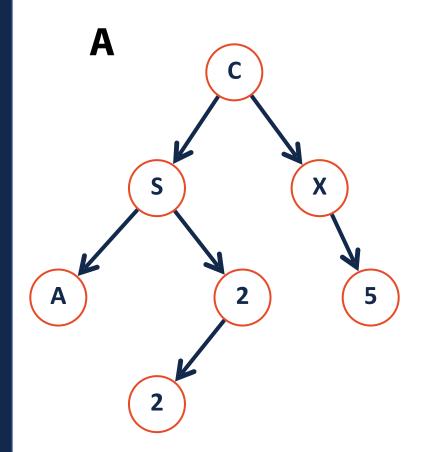


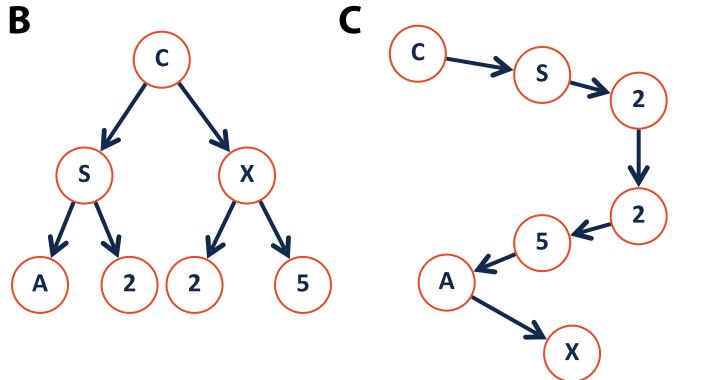


Which of the following are binary trees?



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Binary Tree

Lets define additional terminology for different **types** of binary trees!

1.

2.

3

Binary Tree: full

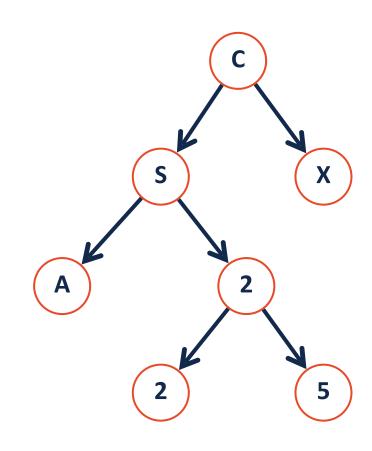
A full tree is a binary tree where every node has either 0 or 2 children

A tree **F** is **full** if and only if:

1.

2.

3



Binary Tree: full

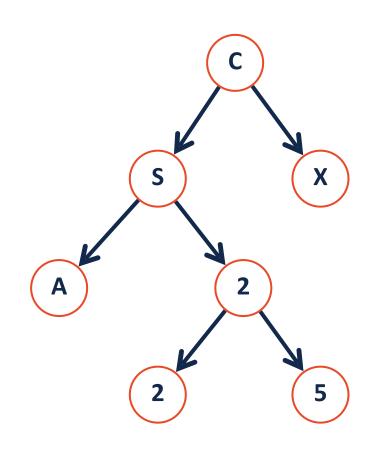
A full tree is a binary tree where every node has either 0 or 2 children

A tree **F** is **full** if and only if:

$$1.F = \emptyset$$

$$2.F = (data, \emptyset, \emptyset)$$

3.
$$F = (data, F_l \neq \emptyset, F_r \neq \emptyset)$$



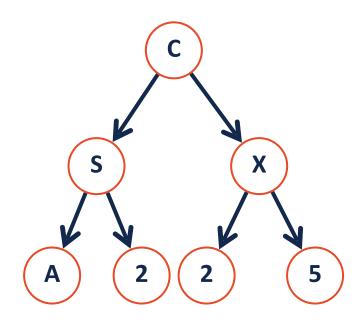
Binary Tree: perfect A perfect tree is a binary tree where...

Every internal node has 2 children and all leaves are at the same level.

A tree **P** is **perfect** if and only if:

1.

2



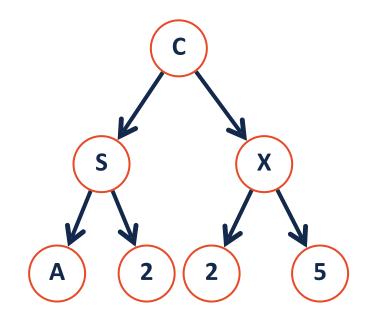
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A tree **P** is **perfect** if and only if:

1.
$$P_h = (data, P_{h-1}, P_{h-1})$$

$$2.P_0 = (data, \emptyset, \emptyset) \equiv P_{-1} = \emptyset$$



Binary Tree: complete A complete tree is a B.T. where...

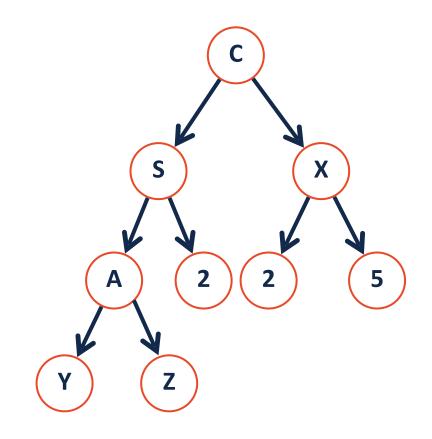
All levels except the last are completely filled.

The last level contains at least one node (and is pushed to left)

A tree **C** is **complete** if and only if:

1.

2.



3

Binary Tree: complete

A **complete tree** is a B.T. where...

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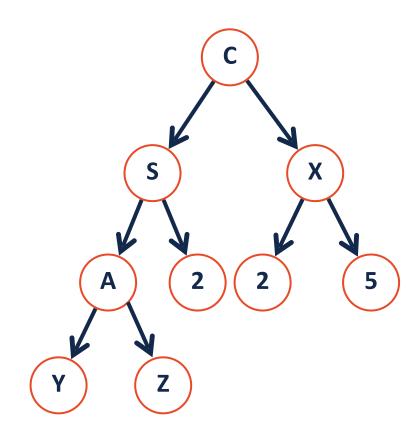
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A tree **C** is **complete** if and only if:

1.
$$C_h = (data, C_{h-1}, P_{h-2})$$

2.
$$C_h = (data, P_{h-1}, C_{h-1})$$

3.
$$C_{-1} = \emptyset$$



Binary Tree



Why do we care?

1. Terminology instantly defines a particular tree structure

2. Understanding how to think 'recursively' is very important.

Binary Tree: Thinking with Types

Is every **full** tree **complete**?

Is every **complete** tree **full**?

Binary Tree: Practicing Proofs

Theorem: If there are **n** objects in our representation of a binary tree, then there are _____ NULL pointers.

Binary Tree: Practicing Proofs

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Base Case:

Binary Tree: Practicing Proofs

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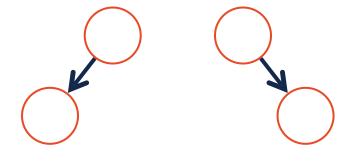
Base Case:

Let F(n) be the max number of NULL pointers in a tree of n nodes

N=0 has one NULL

N=1 has two NULL

N=2 has three NULL



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Induction Step:

Theorem: If there are **n** objects in our representation of a binary tree, then there are **n+1** NULL pointers.



IS: Assume claim is true for $|T| \le k - 1$, prove true for |T| = k

By def, $T=r,\,T_L,\,T_R$. Let q be the # of nodes in T_L

Since r exists, $0 \le q \le k-1$. By IH, T_L has q+1 NULL

All nodes not in r or T_L exist in T_R . So T_R has k-q-1 nodes

k-q-1 is also smaller than k so by IH, T_R has k-q NULL

Total number of NULL is the sum of T_L and T_R : q+1+k-q=k+1

Tree ADT