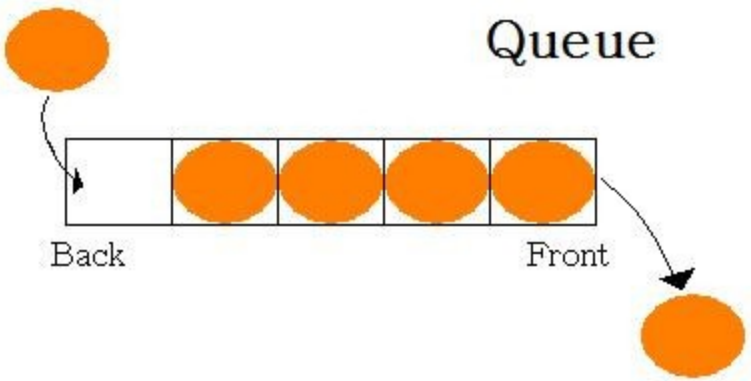
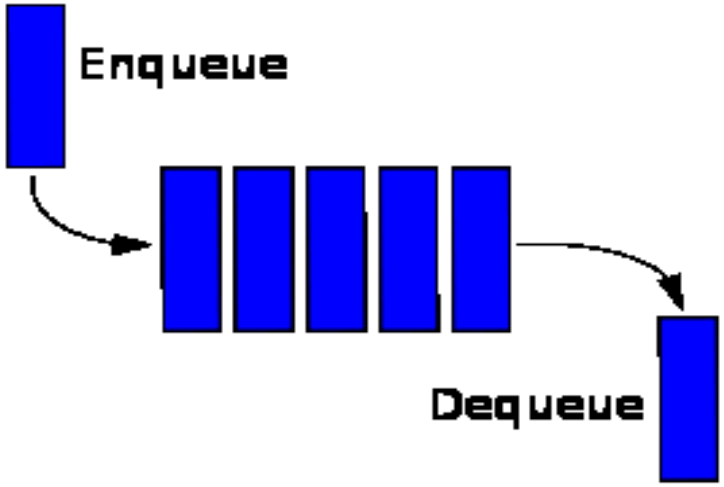
QUEUE

Queue

- Ordered collection of homogeneous elements
- Non-primitive linear data structure.
- A new element is added at one end called rear end and the existing elements are deleted from the other end called front end.
- This mechanism is called First-In-First-Out (FIFO).
- Total no of elements in queue= rear – front +1

Fig: Models of a Queue



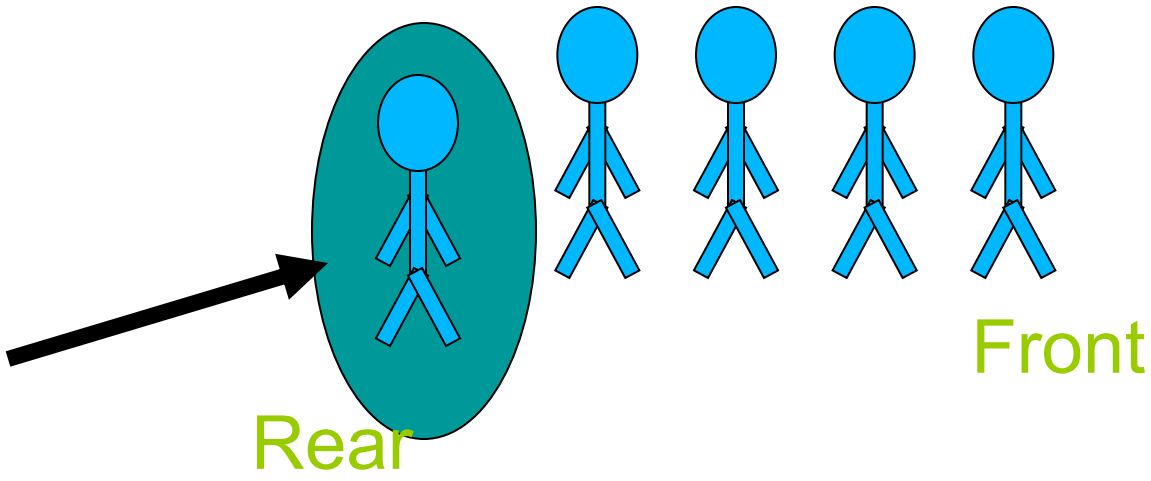


Operations On A Queue

1. To insert an element in queue
2. Delete an element from queue

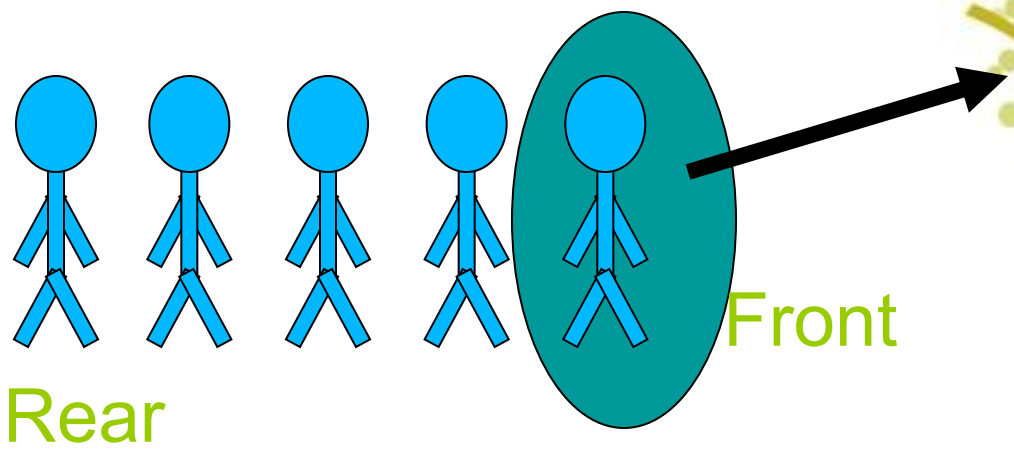
The Queue Operation

Placing an item in a queue is called "insertion or enqueue", which is done at the end of the queue called "rear".



The Queue Operation

Removing an item from a queue is called “deletion or dequeue”, which is done at the other end of the queue called “front”.



Algorithm QINSERT (ITEM)

1. If (rear = maxsize-1)

    print (“queue overflow”) and return

2. Else

    rear = rear + 1

    Queue [rear] = item

Algorithm QDELETE ()

1. If (front =rear)

   print “queue empty” and return

2. Else

   Front = front + 1

   item = queue [front];

   Return item

Queue Applications

- Real life examples
  - ✓Waiting in line
  - ✓Waiting on hold for tech support
- Applications related to Computer Science
  - ✓Round robin scheduling
  - ✓Job scheduling (FIFO Scheduling)
  - ✓Key board buffer

3 states of the queue

1. Queue is empty

   FRONT=REAR

2. Queue is full

   REAR=N

3. Queue contains element >=1

   FRONT<REAR

   NO. OF ELEMENT=REAR-FRONT+1

Representation Of Queues

1. Using an array
2. Using linked list