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# **Topic 10: Abstract Data Types**

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- An abstract data type (ADT) is a high-level conceptual specification of an interface for a data type described using
  - informal sketch
  - standardized document  $\leftarrow$  *this course*
  - formal mathematical definition
  - programming language construct
- In this course, we will use a standardized documentation template to answer the following questions:
  - What is the name of the ADT?
  - What items are stored in the ADT?
  - How are these items related to each other?
  - What are the possible operations that can be performed on the ADT?
- A data structure is a concrete implementation of an ADT
- For each ADT we will:
  - sketch the high-level idea using an analogy
  - provide a standardized document describing the ADT
  - provide an example C-based interface for the ADT
  - discuss implementation trade-offs for the ADT

### 1. Indexed Sequence

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- a streaming service's episode list for a particular show
- a photo slideshow with 1 photo on each page
- a text editor storing a document as sequence of characters

Indexed Sequer	ice ADT		
Collection of item	s ordered b	y insert operations	
<pre>insert(s,i,v)</pre>	insert iten	n v into sequence s at index i	

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remove(s,i)	remove item from sequence s at index i
at(s,i)	access item in sequence s at index i

# 1.1. Indexed Sequence Interface

```
typedef struct
1
   ſ
2
    // implementation defined
3
   }
4
   idxseq_t;
5
6
  typedef /* any type */ item_t;
7
8
           idxseq_construct ( idxseq_t* this );
  void
9
  void
           idxseq_destruct
                            ( idxseq_t* this );
10
           idxseq_insert
                            ( idxseq_t* this, int idx, item_t v );
  void
11
                            ( idxseq_t* this, int idx );
           idxseq_remove
 void
12
 item_t* idxseq_at
                            ( idxseq_t* this, int idx );
13
```

#### Example of using indexed sequence interface

```
idxseq_t idxseq;
1
   idxseq_construct ( &idxseq );
2
   idxseq_insert
                     ( &idxseq, 1, 12 );
3
   idxseq_insert
                      ( &idxseq, 2, 18 );
4
   idxseq_insert
                      ( &idxseq, 3, 21 );
5
                      ( &idxseq, 4, 45 );
   idxseq_insert
6
7
   . . .
8
   for ( int i = 0; i < n; i++ )</pre>
9
     int v = *idxseq_at(i);
10
11
12
   idxseq_destruct
                     ( &idxseq );
```

# 1.2. Indexed Sequence Implementation

- What if we implement the indexed sequence with either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector.
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?

T 1 1	Time Complexity		
Indexed - Sequence	List	Vector	
insert			
remove			
at			
scan the sequence			

### 2. Iterable Sequence

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- making a music DVD with songs in a specific order
- dealing cards from a deck

Iterable Sequen	ace ADT		
Collection of items ordered by insert operations			
<pre>insert(s,i,v) remove(s,i) begin(s) end(s) next(s,i) get(s,i)</pre>	insert item v into sequence s at iterator i remove item from sequence s at iterator i return iterator to beginning of sequence s return iterator to end of sequence s return iterator to next item in sequence s return item in sequence s at iterator i		

### 2.1. Iterable Sequence Interface

```
typedef struct { /* implementation defined */ } itrseq_t;
1
2
  typedef /* any type */
3
                                       item_t;
  typedef /* implementation defined */ itr_t;
4
5
           itrseq_construct ( itrseq_t* this );
   void
6
  void
           itrseq_destruct
                            ( itrseq_t* this );
7
  void
         itrseq_insert
                            ( itrseq_t* this, itr_t itr );
8
                            ( itrseq_t* this, itr_t itr );
         itrseq_remove
  void
9
  itr_t itrseq_begin
                           ( itrseq_t* this );
10
11 itr_t itrseq_end
                           ( itrseq_t* this );
12 itr_t itrseq_next
                           ( itrseq_t* this, itr_t itr );
13 item_t* itrseq_get
                           ( itrseq_t* this, itr_t itr );
```

#### Example of using iterable sequence interface

```
itrseq_t itrseq;
1
   itrseq_construct ( &itrseq );
2
                     ( &itrseq, itrseq_end(&itrseq), 2 );
   itrseq_insert
3
                     ( &itrseq, itrseq_end(&itrseq), 4 );
   itrseq_insert
4
                     ( &itrseq, itrseq_end(&itrseq), 6 );
   itrseq_insert
5
                     ( &itrseq, itrseq_end(&itrseq), 3 );
   itrseq_insert
6
7
   . . .
8
   itr_t itr = itrseq_begin( &itrseq );
9
   while ( itr != itrseq_end( &itrseq ) ) {
10
     int v = *itrseq_get( &itrseq, itr );
11
     itr = itrseq_next( &itrseq, itr );
12
   }
13
14
   itrseq_destruct
                     ( &itrseq );
15
```

# 2.2. Iterable Sequence Implementation

	List	Vector
itr_t	pointer to node	index
begin		
end		
next		
get		

• What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?

<b>.</b>	Time Complexity		
Iterable — Sequence	List	Vector	
insert			
remove			
begin			
end			
next			
get			
scan the sequence			

# 3. Stack

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- pile of laundry?
- discard pile in a card game:
  - can add (push) cards onto the top of the pile
  - can remove (pop) cards from the top of the pile
  - cannot insert cards into the middle of the pile
  - only the top of the pile is accessible

#### Stack ADT

Collection of items in last in, first out (LIFO) order

push(s,v)	add item v to <i>top</i> of stack s
pop(s)	remove and return item from <i>top</i> of stack s

# 3.1. Stack Interface

```
typedef struct
1
   ſ
2
    // implementation defined
3
   }
4
   stack_t;
5
6
  typedef /* any type */ item_t;
7
8
  void
         stack_construct ( stack_t* this );
9
         stack_destruct ( stack_t* this );
  void
10
         stack_push ( stack_t* this, item_t v );
  void
11
  item_t stack_pop ( stack_t* this );
12
```

#### Example of using stack interface

```
stack_t stack;
1
   stack_construct ( &stack );
2
                 ( &stack, 6 );
  stack_push
3
                  ( &stack, 2 );
  stack_push
                                   // stack now has 2 items
4
5
  int a = stack_pop ( &stack );
                                   // returns 2
6
                ( &stack, 8 );
  stack_push
7
                    ( &stack, 3 );
   stack_push
                                   // stack now has 3 items
8
9
  int b = stack_pop ( &stack );
                                   // returns 3
10
  int c = stack_pop ( &stack );
                                  // returns 8
11
  int d = stack_pop ( &stack );
12
                                   // returns 6
13
   stack_destruct ( &stack );
14
```

# 3.2. Stack Implementation

- How can we implement the stack operations using either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector?
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?

	Time Co	omplexity
Stack	List	Vector
push		
рор		

# 4. Queue

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- calling customer service and being put on hold ("you are number 7")
- a queue of people waiting for coffee at CTB
  - people enqueue (enq) at the back of the line to wait
  - people dequeue (deq) at the front of the line to get coffee
  - people are not allowed to cut in line

Queue ADT

Collection of items in first in, first out (FIFO) order

enq(q,v)	enqueue an item v to <i>tail</i> of queue q
deq(q)	dequeue and return item from <i>head</i> of queue q

# 4.1. Queue Interface

```
typedef struct
1
   ſ
2
    // implementation defined
3
   }
4
   queue_t;
5
6
  typedef /* any type */ item_t;
7
8
         queue_construct ( queue_t* this );
9
  void
         queue_destruct ( queue_t* this );
  void
10
         queue_enq
                          ( queue_t* this, item_t v );
11 void
                          ( queue_t* this );
   item_t queue_deq
12
```

#### Example of using queue interface

```
queue_t queue;
1
   queue_construct ( &queue );
2
                         ( &queue, 6 );
   queue_enq
3
                         ( &queue, 2 );
                                            // queue now has 2 items
   queue_enq
4
5
  int a = queue_deq ( &queue );
                                            // returns 6
6
   queue_enq ( &queue, 8 );
7
                        ( &queue, 3 );
                                            // queue now has 3 items
   queue_enq
8
9
   int b = queue_deq ( &queue );
                                            // returns 2
10
   int d = queue_deq ( &queue ); // returns 2
int d = queue_deq ( &queue ); // returns 2
int d = queue_deq ( &queue ); // returns 2
11
12
13
   queue_destruct ( &queue );
14
```

# 4.2. Queue Implementation

- How can we implement the queue operations using either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector?
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?

	Time Complexity		
Queue	List	Vector	
enq			
deq			

# 5. Priority Queue

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- boarding a plane (military, 1st class, families w/young children, etc.)
- Managing an emergency room at a hospital
  - Patients arrive and the triage nurse assigns each patient a priority
  - The triage nurse inserts patients into the waitlist based on priority
  - The emergency room doctor extracts patients from the waitlist based on priority; highest priority is always seen first

#### **Priority Queue ADT**

**Collection of**  $\langle item, priority \rangle$  pairs

insert(q,v,p)	insert an item v with priority p into
	priority queue q
extract(q)	extract and return item with the highest
	priority from priority queue q

# 5.1. Priority Queue Interface

```
typedef struct
1
   ſ
2
   // implementation defined
3
   }
4
  pqueue_t;
5
6
  typedef /* any type
                             */ item_t;
7
  typedef /* comparable type */ pri_t;
8
9
   void pqueue_construct ( pqueue_t* this );
10
  void pqueue_destruct
                           ( pqueue_t* this );
11
  void pqueue_insert
                           ( pqueue_t* this, item_t v, pri_t p );
12
                           ( pqueue_t* this );
   item_t pqueue_extract
13
```

#### Example of using priority queue interface

```
pqueue_t pqueue;
1
                            ( &pqueue );
  pqueue_construct
2
3
  pqueue_insert
                             ( &pqueue, "bob", 5 );
4
5 pqueue_insert
                            ( &pqueue, "cara", 7 );
                            ( &pqueue, "alice", 1 );
 pqueue_insert
6
7
  char* a = pqueue_extract ( &pqueue ); // returns "alice"
8
   char* b = pqueue_extract ( &pqueue ); // returns "bob"
9
   char* c = pqueue_extract ( &pqueue ); // returns "cara"
10
11
  pqueue_destruct
                            ( &pqueue );
12
```

### 5.2. Priority Queue Implementation

- How can we implement the priority queue operations using either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector?
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?
- What if we keep list or vector sorted by priority?

	Time Complexity					
Priority Queue	List (unsorted)	Vector (unsorted)	List (sorted)	Vector (sorted)		
insert						
extract						

# 6. Set

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- Shopping at Greenstar with your roommate for shared items
  - each of you has your own shopping bag
  - add items to your shopping bag
  - remove items from your shopping bag
  - might need to see if your bag already contains an item
  - might want to see if you both grabbed the same item (intersect)
  - might want to combine bags before checkout (union)

#### Set ADT

### Collection of items

add(s,v)	add item v to set s if not already in set
remove(s,v)	remove item v from set s
<pre>contains(s,v)</pre>	return true if item v is in set s
<pre>intersect(s,s0,s1)</pre>	make set s intersection of sets s0 and s1
union(s,s0,s1)	make set s union of sets s0 and s1

# 6.1. Set Interface

```
typedef struct { /* implementation defined */ } set_t;
1
  typedef /* any type */ item_t;
2
3
  void set_construct ( set_t* this );
4
 void set destruct ( set t* this );
5
  void set add
                      ( set_t* this, item_t v );
6
 void set_remove ( set_t* this, item_t v );
7
 int set_contains ( set_t* this, item_t v );
8
 void set_intersect ( set_t* this, set_t* s0, set_t* s1 );
9
                      ( set_t* this, set_t* s0, set_t* s1 );
10 void set_union
```

#### Example of using set interface

```
set_t set;
1
  set_construct ( &set );
2
              ( &set, 2 );
  set_add
3
  set_add
              ( &set, 4 );
4
  set_add
                ( &set, 6 );
5
6
  int x = set_contains( &set, 4 );
7
8
  set_destruct ( &set );
9
```

### 6.2. Set Implementation

- How can we implement the set operations using either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector?
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?
- What if we maintain a sorted doubly linked list or resizable vector?

	Time Complexity			
Set	List (unsorted)	Vector (unsorted)	List (sorted)	Vector (sorted)
add				
remove				
contains				

# 7. Map

Use Cases and/or Analogy:

- store database that maps a barcode to product details and pricing
- contact list mapping friends to phone numbers
  - need to add a new friend and their number
  - need to remove a friend and their number
  - need to use a friend's name to lookup a number
  - don't care about the order of entries in the contact list

### Map ADT

**Collection of**  $\langle key, item \rangle$  pairs

add(m,k,v)	if key k is already in map m, update item to v, otherwise add $\langle k, v \rangle$ pair to map m
remove(m,k)	remove $\langle k, v \rangle$ pair from map m
lookup(m,k)	find $\langle k, v \rangle$ pair in map m and return item v

# 7.1. Map Interface

```
typedef struct { /* implementation defined */ } map_t;
1
2
  typedef /* any type */ key_t;
3
  typedef /* any type */ item_t;
4
5
 void map_construct ( map_t* this );
6
7 void map_destruct ( map_t* this );
                       ( map_t* this, key_t k, item_t v );
 void map_add
8
9 void map_remove
                       ( map_t* this, key_t k );
 item_t map_lookup
                       ( map_t* this, key_t k );
10
```

#### Example of using map interface

1	<pre>map_t map;</pre>		
2	<pre>map_construct</pre>	(	↦ );
3	map_add	(	<pre>↦, "alice", 10 );</pre>
4	map_add	(	<pre>↦, "bob", 11 );</pre>
5	map_add	(	<pre>↦, "cara", 12 );</pre>
6	map_add	(	<pre>↦, "bob", 13 );</pre>
7			
8	<pre>int x = map_lc</pre>	ol	<pre>kup( ↦, "bob" ) )</pre>
9			
10	map_destruct	(	↦ );

# 7.2. Map Implementation

- How can we implement the map operations using either a doubly linked list or a resizable vector?
- What is the corresponding time complexity of these operations?
- What if we maintain a sorted doubly linked list or resizable vector?

	Time Complexity			
Set	List (unsorted)	Vector (unsorted)	List (sorted)	Vector (sorted)
add				
remove				
lookup				

### 8. ADT Summary

ADT	Collection of	Operations
Indexed Sequence	items ord. by insert ops	insert, remove, at
Iterable Sequence	items ord. by insert ops	insert, remove begin, end, next, get
Stack	items in LIFO order	push, pop
Queue	items in FIFO order	enq, deq
Priority Queue	$\langle item, priority \rangle$ pairs	insert, extract
Set	items	add, remove, contains, union, intersect
Мар	(key,item) pairs	add, remove, lookup

	Implementation					
-			Binary	Binary		
			Search	Heap	Lookup	Hash
ADT	List	Vector	Tree	Tree	Table	Table
Indexed Seq	1	*				
Iterable Seq	*	*				
Stack	★	★				
Queue	*	★				
Priority Queue	✓	1		★		
Set	1	1	*		*	*
Мар	1	1	*		*	*

Trees and Tables can also be used on their own as ADTs Graphs are a new ADT with specialized implementations