

Handout on ADTs in C.

Abstract Data Types

- (1) a set S of 'structures', called states.
- (2) a set of operations on states:
 - manipulation procedures:
change the state of an instance.
 - access functions:
return information on a state.

Ex. Queue ADT (of integers)

States: finite sequence of ints.

	<u>len</u>
e.g. (5, 1, 2, 7, 3, -2, 5)	7
(11)	1
() empty state	0

Operations:

- Enqueue()
- Dequeue()
- getFront()
- getLength()
- is Empty()

history of states:

<u>OP.</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>return</u>
	()	-
Enqueue(5)	(5)	-
Enqueue(1)	(5, 1)	-
Enqueue(8)	(5, 1, 8)	-
Dequeue()	(1, 8)	-
getFront()	(1, 8)	1
getLength()	(1, 8)	2
isEmpty()	(1, 8)	false
!	!	!
!	!	!

note:

Dequeue()

getFront()

are not defined on empty state ()

Preconditions

establish the set of states to which op. can be applied,

for Both Dequeue(), getFront()

! isEmpty()

Policy:

if a precondition is violated,
Print an error msg, then
Quit Program.

error msg:

- what ADT
- what operation
- what precondition

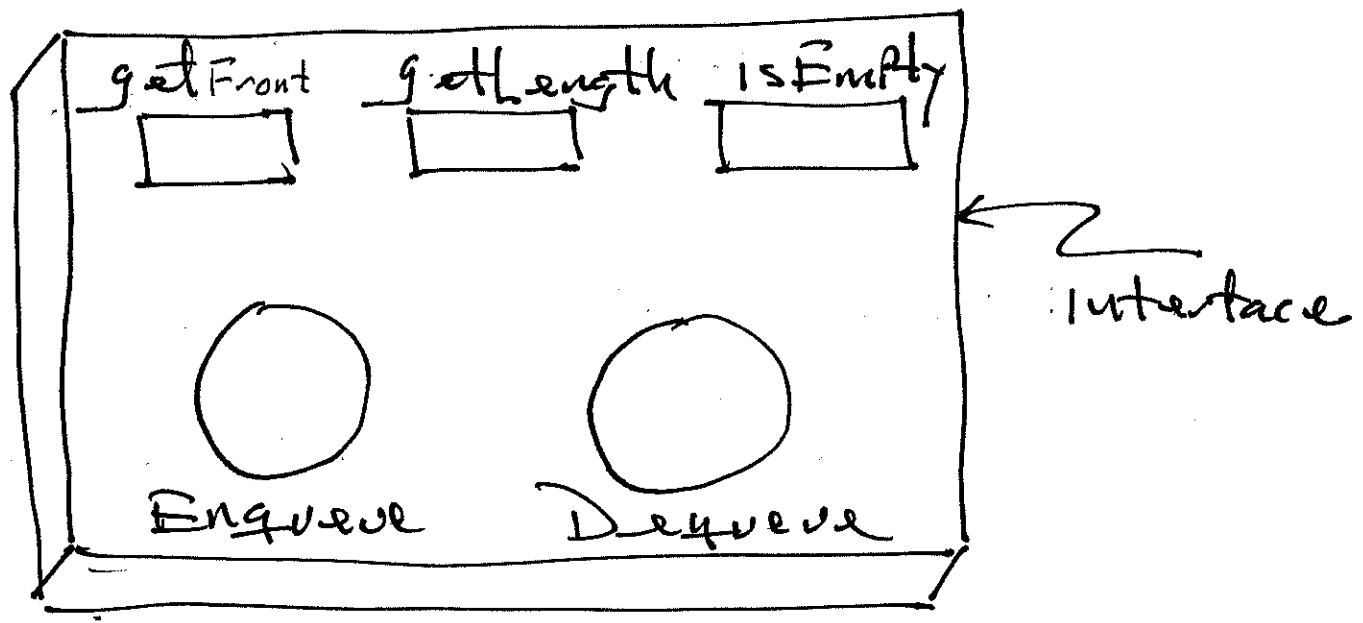
state Precond. in a comment
block before operation.

Calling an operation:

in C: `Dequeue(Q)` ↓ inst. of Queue ADT.

in C++: `Q.Dequeue()`
↑ implicit 1st arg.

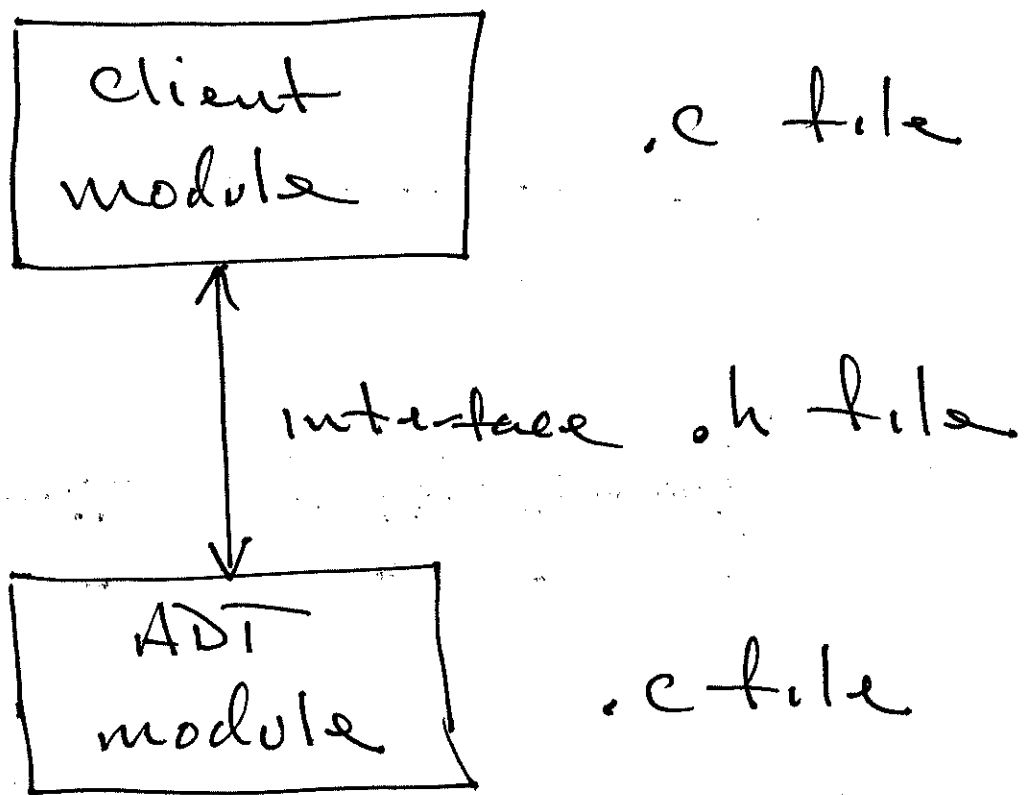
Black Box Picture:



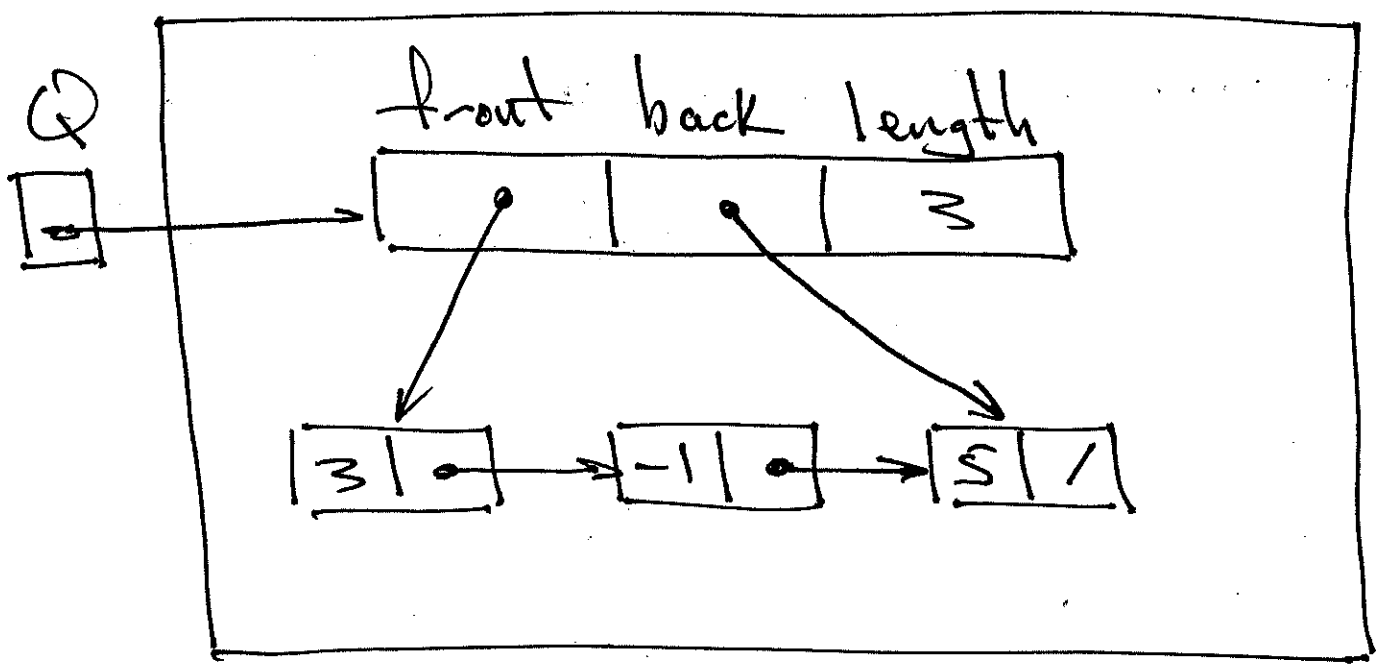
Information hiding!

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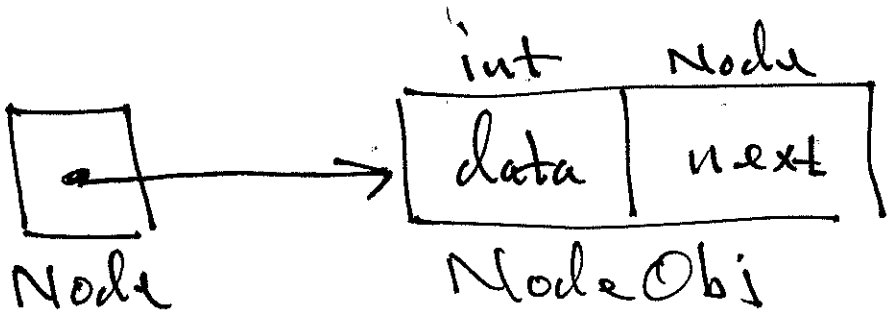
The client interacts with an ADT instance only through the interface



Inside of the Queue block box . (linked list)



client view : (3, -1, 5)



How to create a Node in C?

```
typedef A B;
```

↑
B is now an alias for A.

