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- Abstract data types (ADT)

an ADT consists of

(1) a set of 'mathematical structures' called states: S .

(2) an assoc. set of operations on states.

- manipulation procedure. (change state)

- access functions (return information on a state)

Each ADT instance has a current state, and a history of states.

Example Integer Queue.

states

$S = \{ \text{all finite sequences of integers, within some bounds: integers } x \text{ satisfying } L \leq x \leq U, \text{ and seq length} \leq M. \}$

operations

manip. Proc. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Enqueue}() : \text{inserts new int at back of sequence.} \\ \text{Dequeue}() : \text{delete an int from front of seq.} \end{array} \right.$

access here: {
 get Front(): returns front element
 get Length(): returns length of seq.
 isEmpty(): returns True if in empty state, false otherwise.

a Particular history of states:
 (client view)

<u>operations</u>	<u>state</u>	<u>return Val.</u>
.	()	-
Enqueue(5)	(5)	-
Enqueue(1)	(5, 1)	-
Enqueue(7)	(5, 1, 7)	-
Dequeue()	(1, 7)	-
Enqueue(3)	(1, 7, 3)	-
get Length()	(1, 7, 3)	3
get Front()	(1, 7, 3)	1
isEmpty()	(1, 7, 3)	False

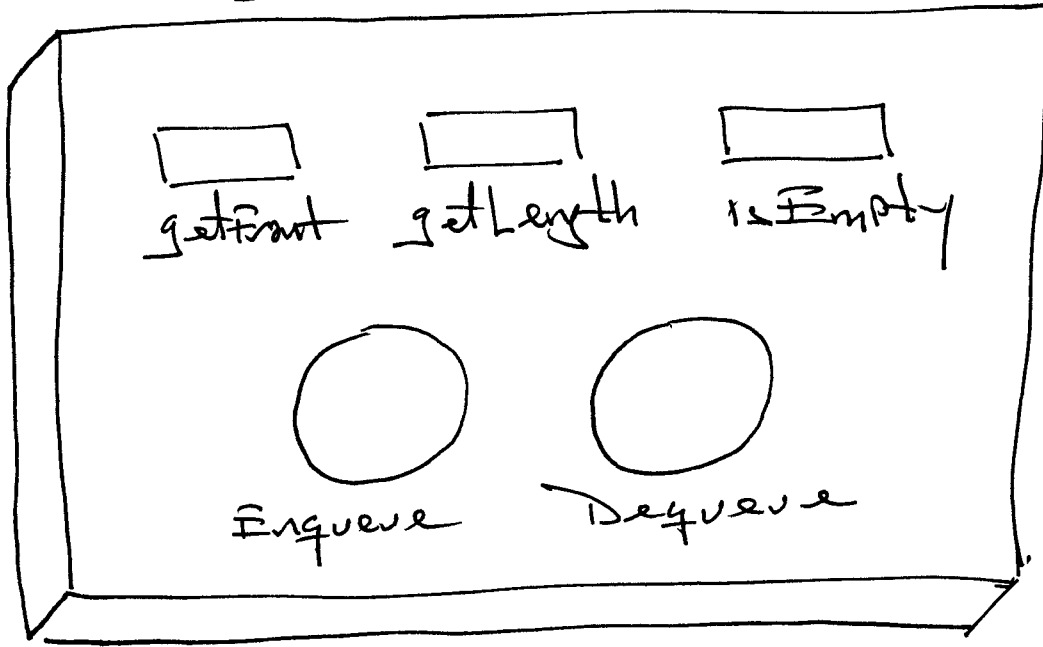
we establish Preconditions for some operations: conditions that must be true when an op. is called,

Policy: if an ADT operation is called on a state that violates its one or more of its Preconditions, Program end with an error message specifying

- which ADT
- which operation
- which Precondition

think of an ADT instance as being a 'black box'.

Integer queue object



Information hiding: simplify task of client.

modules:

