Linked Queue Push Operation

Assume that we have the following lines of code:

myqueue queuel;	//	Line	1
queue1.push(5);	//	Line	2
queue1.push(8);	//	Line	3
queue1.push(3);	//	Line	4

The following sequence of diagrams shows how the myqueue object and its associated dynamic storage changes as these lines are executed.

Figure 1: The new, empty myqueue object queue1 created in Line 1 of the code above. The q_front and q_back pointers are nullptr, while q_size is 0.



Figure 2a: The call to <code>push()</code> in Line 2 causes a new list <code>Node</code> to be allocated using the temporary pointer <code>new_node</code>. The node's <code>value</code> field is initialized to the value passed to <code>push()</code>, while its <code>next</code> field is initialized to nullptr.



Figure 2b: Since the queue is currently empty, the pointer q_front is set to point at new_node. Then q_back is set to point at new_node and the q_size is incremented to 1.



Figure 2c: When the push () method ends, the local variable new node ceases to exist.



Figure 3a: The call to <code>push()</code> in Line 3 causes a new list <code>Node</code> to be allocated using the temporary pointer <code>new_node</code>. The node's <code>value</code> field is initialized to the value passed to <code>push()</code>, while its <code>next</code> field is initialized to nullptr.



Figure 3b: Since the queue is not empty, the pointer <code>q_back->next</code> is set to point at <code>new_node</code>. Then <code>q_back</code> is set to point at <code>new_node</code> and the <code>q_size</code> is incremented to 2.



Figure 3c: When the push () method ends, the local variable new_node ceases to exist.



Figure 4a: The call to push() in Line 4 causes a new list Node to be allocated using the temporary pointer new_node. The node's value field is initialized to the value passed to push(), while its next field is initialized to nullptr.



Figure 4b: Since the queue is not empty, the pointer <code>q_back->next</code> is set to point at <code>new_node</code>. Then <code>q_back</code> is set to point at <code>new_node</code> and the <code>q size</code> is incremented to 3.



Figure 4c: When the push () method ends, the local variable new node ceases to exist.



Linked Queue Pop Operation

Assume that we then add the following lines of code after the code listed above:

queuel.pop();	//	Line	5
queue1.pop();	//	Line	6
queue1.pop();	//	Line	7

The following sequence of diagrams shows how the myqueue object and its associated dynamic storage changes as these lines are executed.

Figure 5a: The call to pop() in Line 5 creates the temporary pointer del_node and sets it to the value of q_front.

Figure 5b: The pointer <code>q_front</code> is set to <code>q_front->next</code>. It now points to the 2nd node in the list. <code>q_front</code> is not nullptr, so <code>q_back</code> is not changed.

Figure 5c: The node pointed to by del node is deleted and q size is decremented to 2.

Figure 5d: When the pop() method ends, the local variable del node ceases to exist.

Figure 6a: The call to pop() in Line 6 creates the temporary pointer del_node and sets it to the value of q_front.

Figure 6b: The pointer <code>q_front</code> is set to <code>q_front->next</code>. It now points to the 2nd node in the list. <code>q_front</code> is not nullptr, so <code>q_back</code> is not changed.

Figure 6c: The node pointed to by del_node is deleted and q_size is decremented to 1.

Figure 6d: When the pop() method ends, the local variable del_node ceases to exist.

Figure 7a: The call to pop() in Line 7 creates the temporary pointer del_node and sets it to the value of q_front.

Figure 7b: The pointer <code>q_front</code> is set to <code>q_front->next</code>. It is now <code>nullptr</code>. Since <code>q_front</code> is <code>nullptr</code>, <code>q_back</code> is also set to <code>nullptr</code>.

Figure 7c: The node pointed to by del_node is deleted and <code>q_size</code> is decremented to 0.

Figure 7d: When the pop() method ends, the local variable del_node ceases to exist. The queue is now empty.

