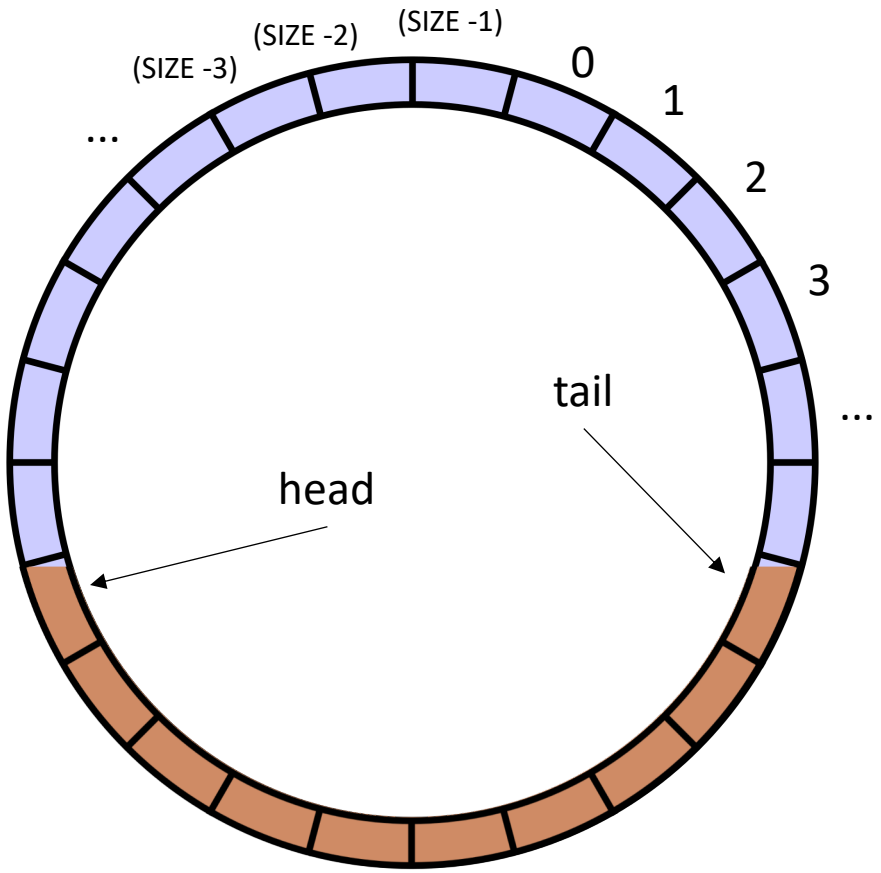
CSE113: Parallel Programming

Feb. 15, 2023

- **Topics**:
  - Producer consumer queues
    - Circular buffer



Announcements

- HW1 grades are out!
  - Please let us know if there are issues
- Homework 2 was due on Monday
  - We will start grading and try to get grades in 2 weeks
- Homework 3 is released
  - You can finish part 1 after today
  - Part 2 may need to wait until Friday
  - Due Feb 23 + 4 days = Feb 27

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- Midterm out!
  - asynchronous, 1 work week; Monday through Friday; no time limit
  - Open note, open internet (to a reasonable extent: no googling exact questions or asking questions on forums or ChatGPT)
  - do not discuss with classmates AT ALL while the test is active
  - **No late tests will be accepted.**

- You can ask clarifying questions about the midterm **(as private Piazza posts).** We will not comment on your answers or give any hints.

Previous quiz

Input/output queues use atomic increments and decrements to protect against threads that are trying to concurrently enqueue and dequeue

- ◯ True
- ◯ False

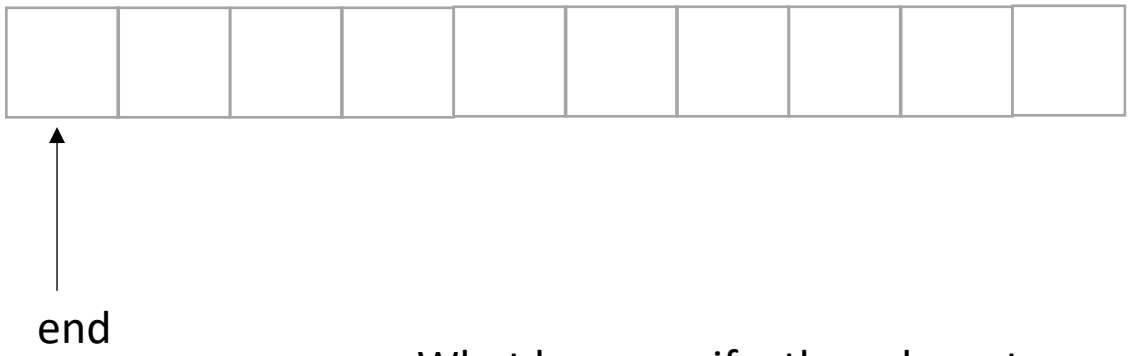
Previous quiz

Write a few questions about the pros and cons of using a specialized concurrent queue (e.g. an IO queue) and a fully general concurrent queue.

Review

Input/Output Queues

Implementation



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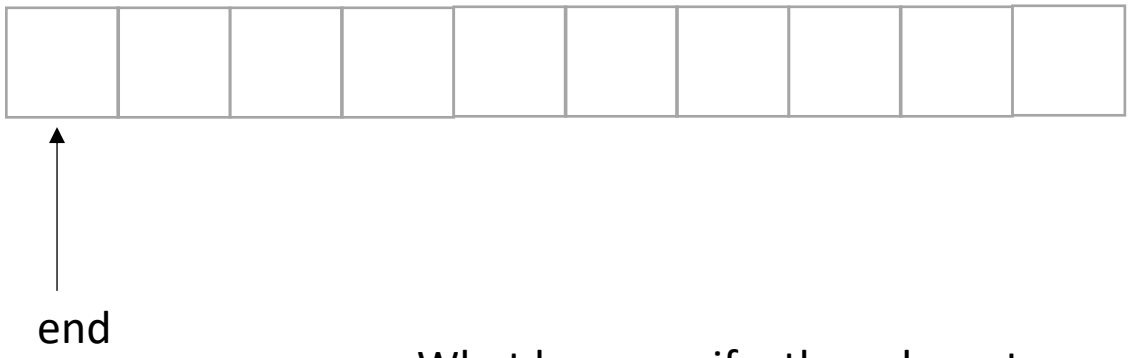

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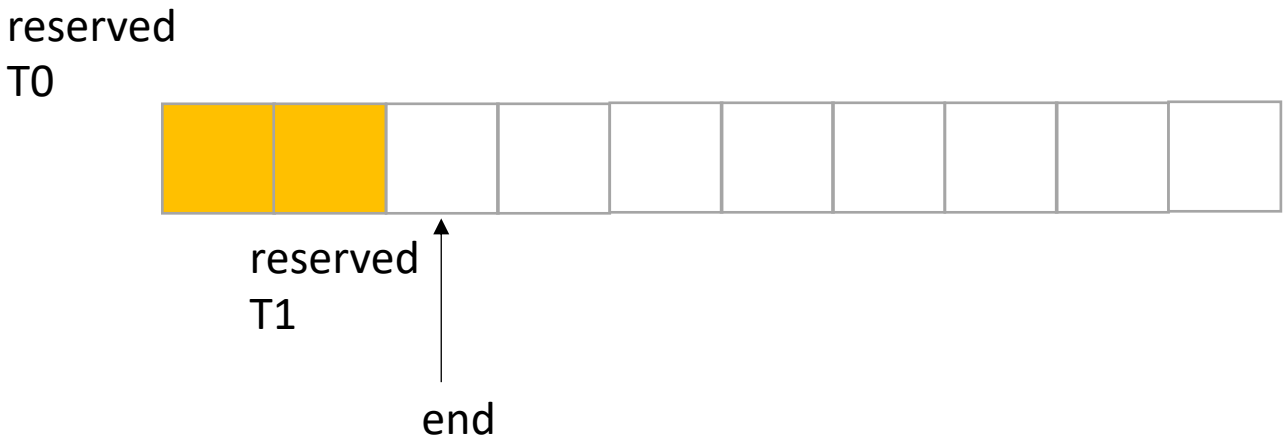

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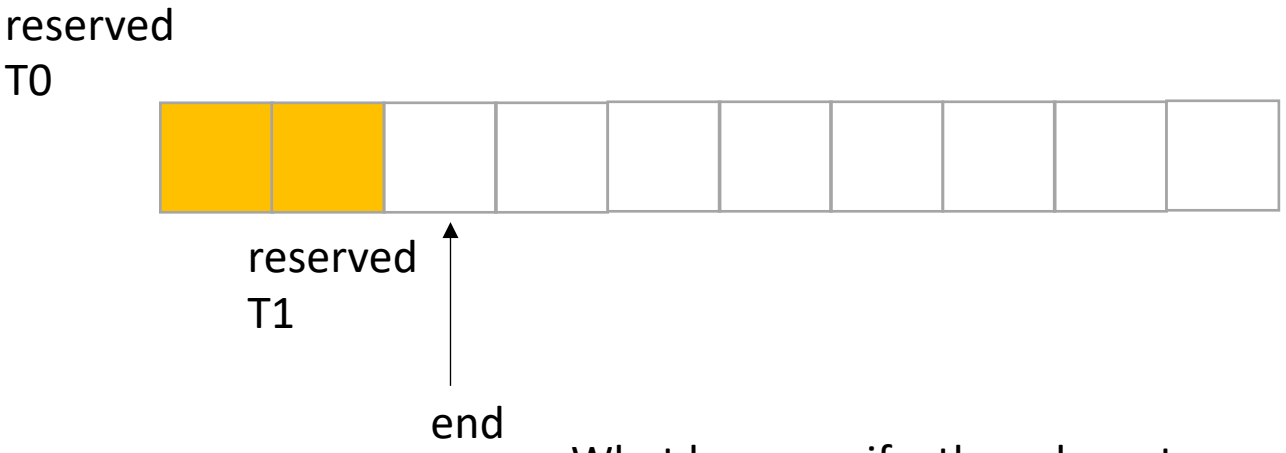

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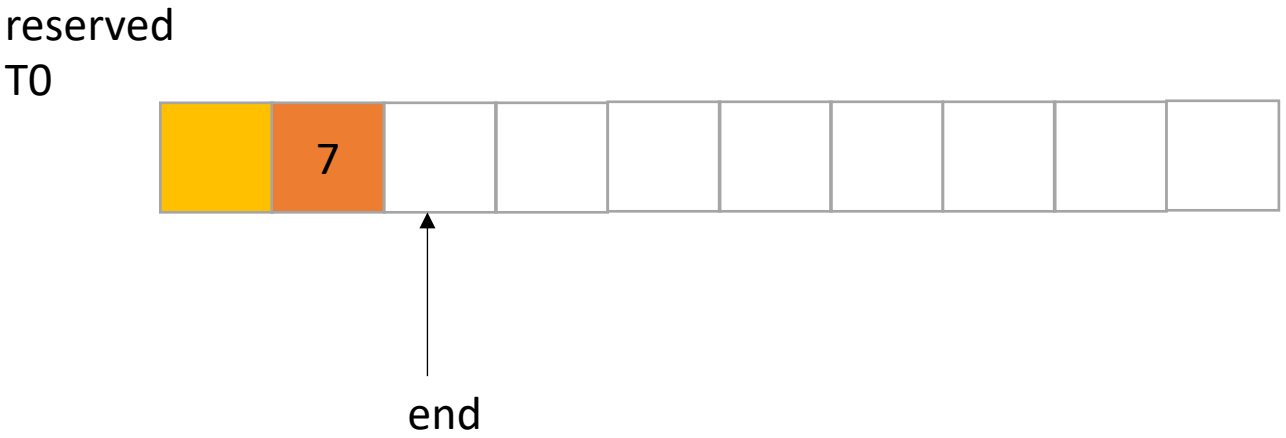

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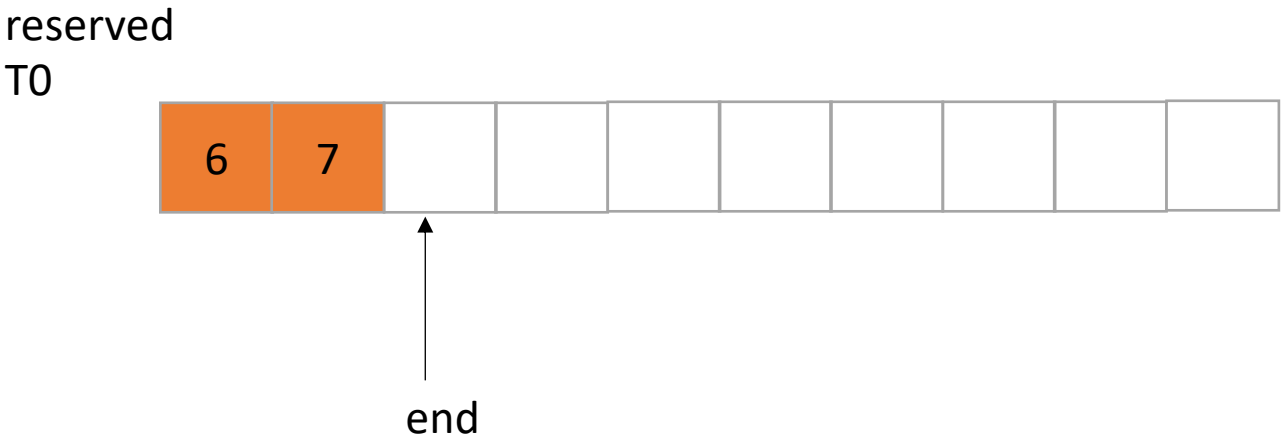

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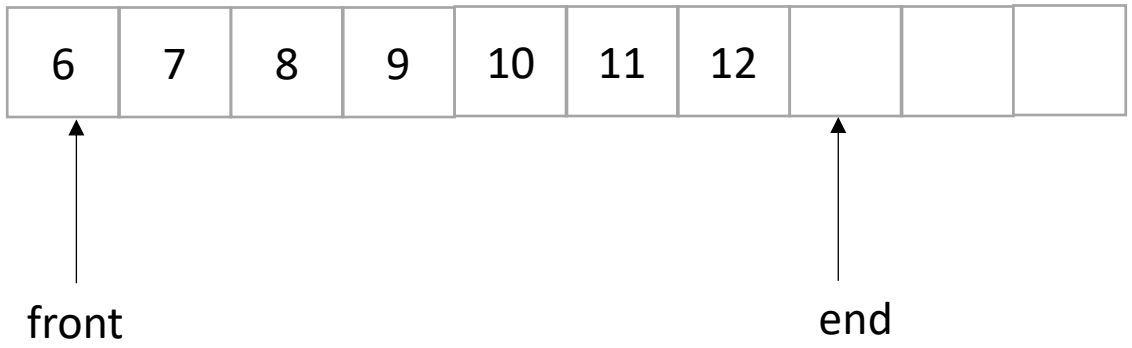

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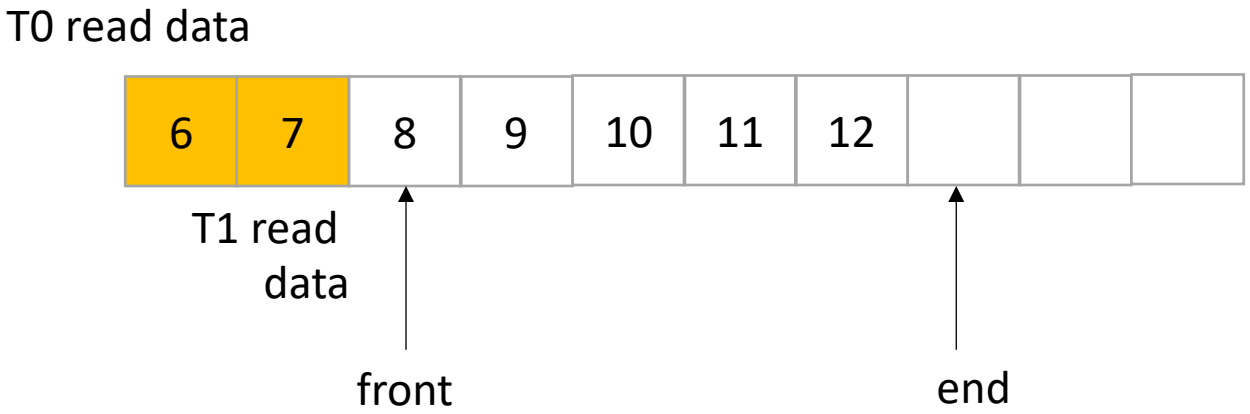

How to implement a stack?

Thread 0:
deq(); // reads 6

Thread 1:
deq(); // reads 7

What happens if a thread wants to deq an element?

Think concurrently:

```
data_index = atomic_fetch_add(&front, 1);
```

```
class InputOutputQueue {
  private:
    atomic_int front;
    atomic_int end;
    int list[SIZE];

  public:
    InputOutputQueue() {
        front = end = 0;
     }

     void enq(int x) {
        int reserved_index = atomic_fetch_add(&end, 1);
        list[reserved_index] = x;
     }

     int deq() {
       int reserved_index = atomic_fetch_add(&front, 1);
       return list[reserved_index];
     }

     int size() {
        return end.load() - front.load();
     }
 }
```

does the list need
to be atomic?

Is this queue thread safe?

Is this queue lock free?

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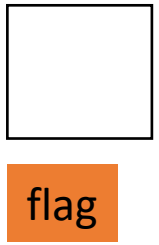

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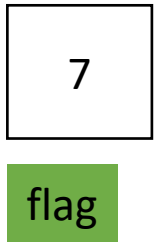

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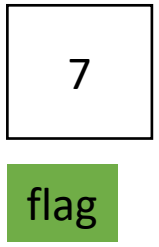

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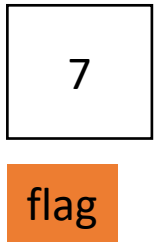

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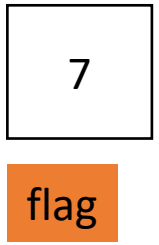

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Schedule

- Producer Consumer Queues
  - Synchronous
  - Circular buffer

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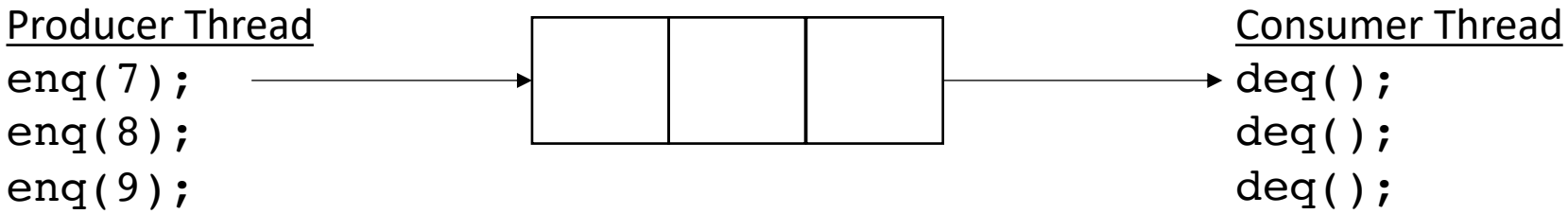

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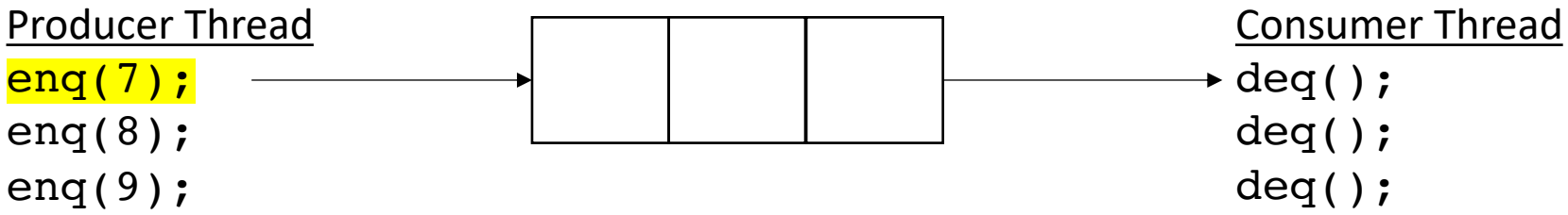

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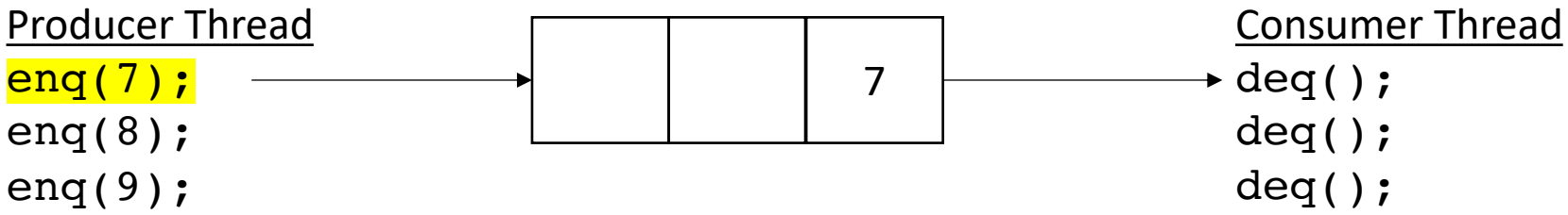

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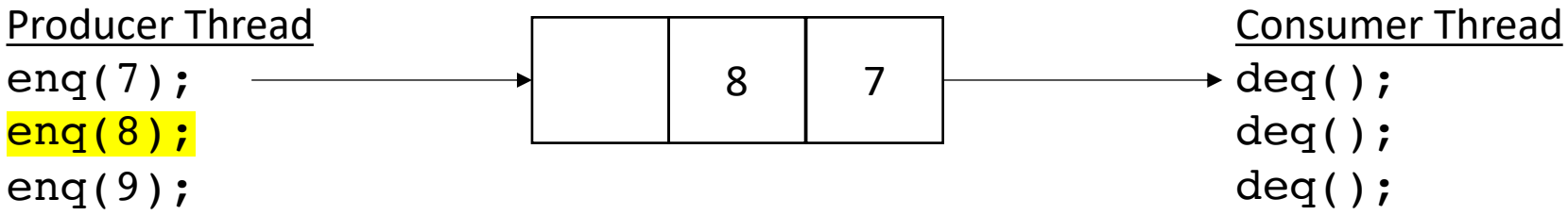

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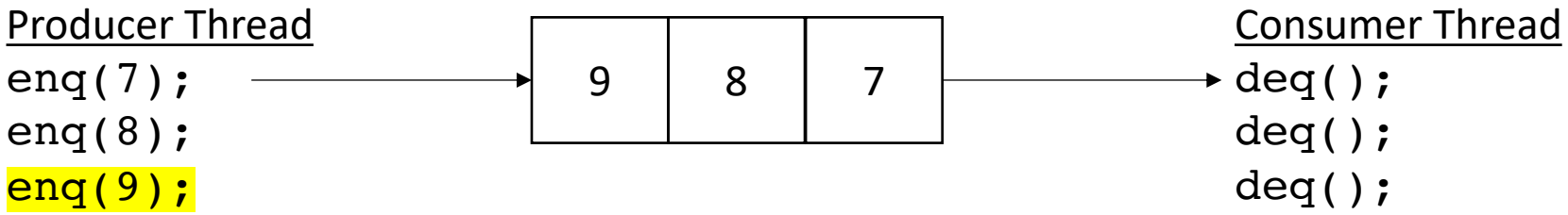

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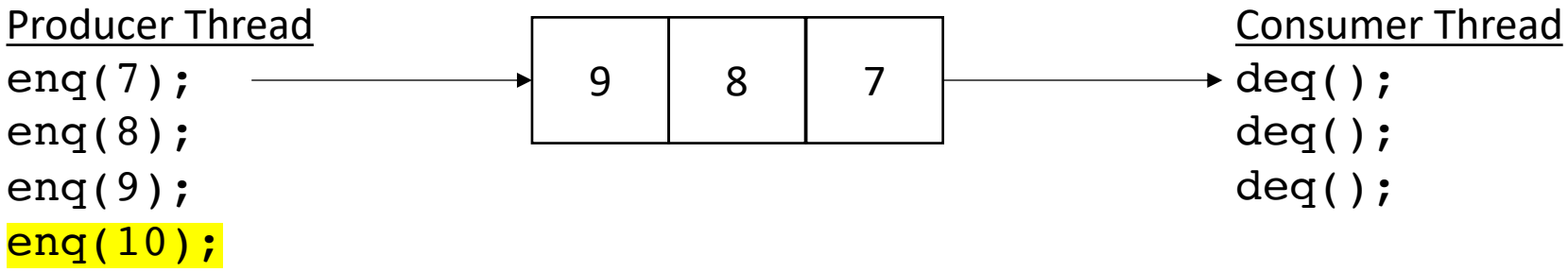

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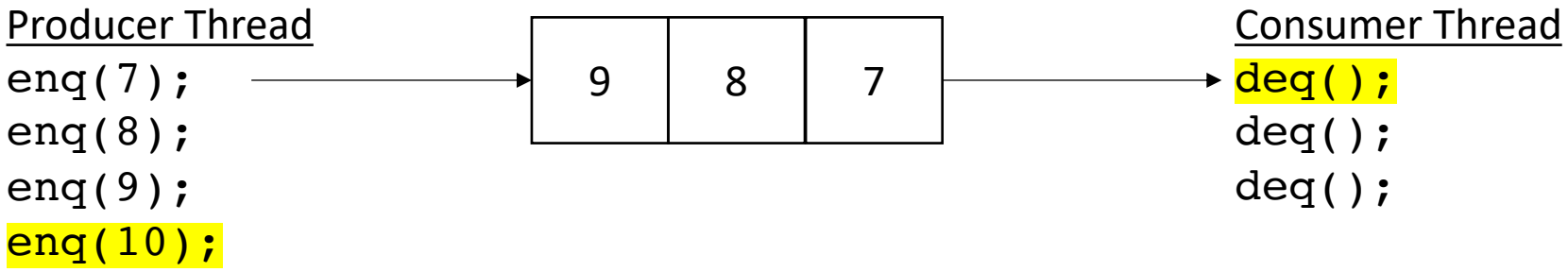

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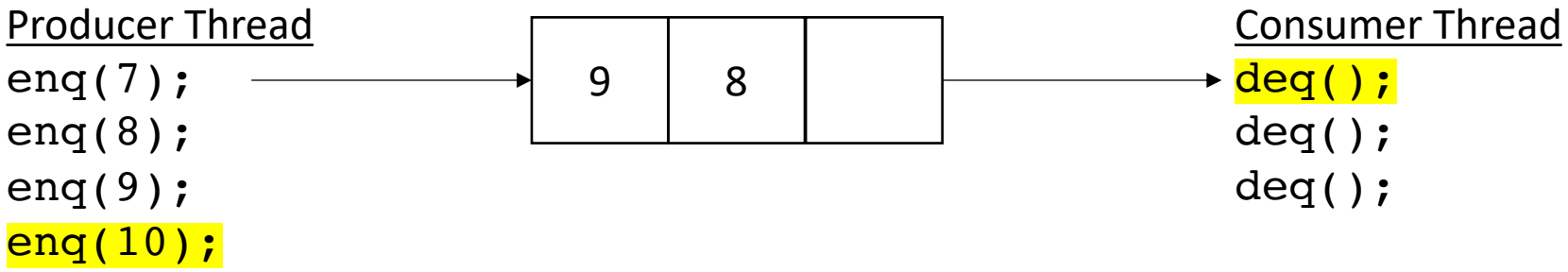

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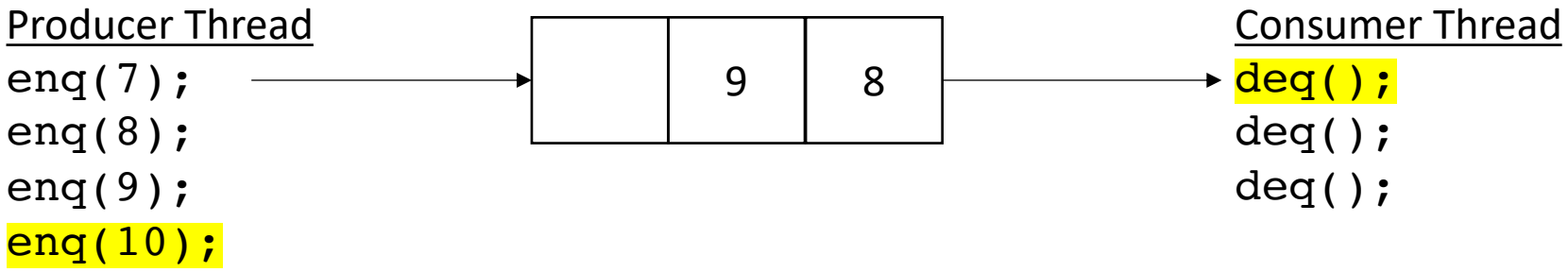

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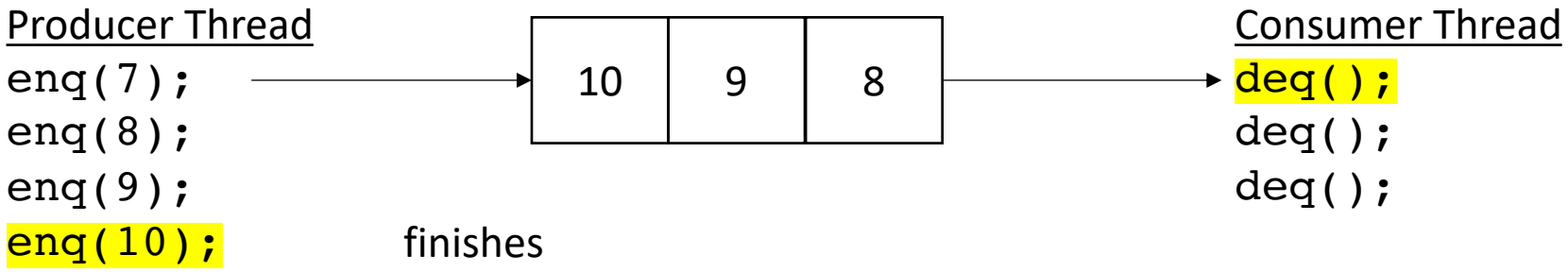

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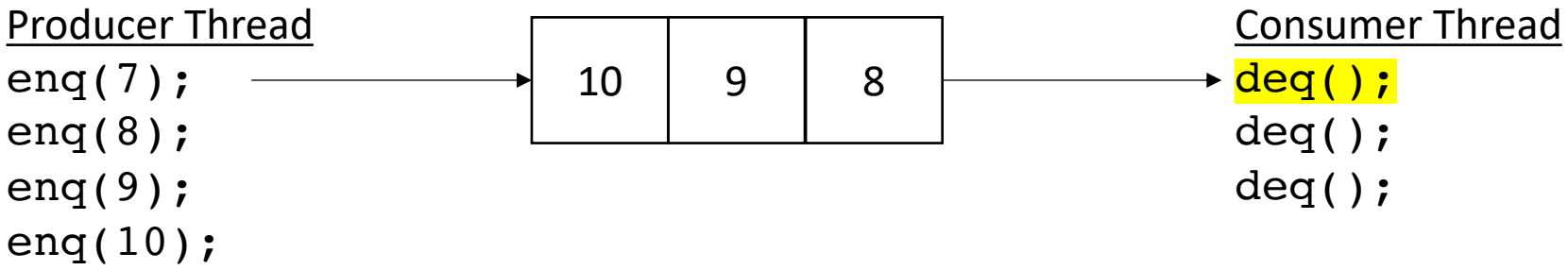

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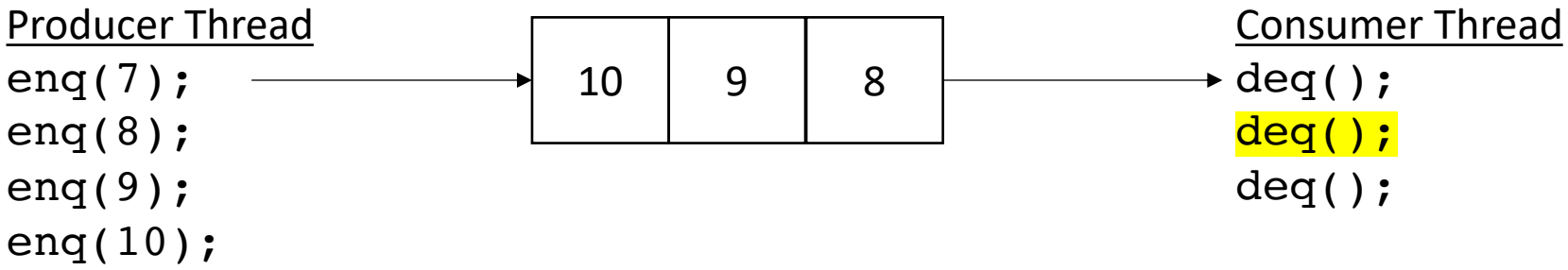

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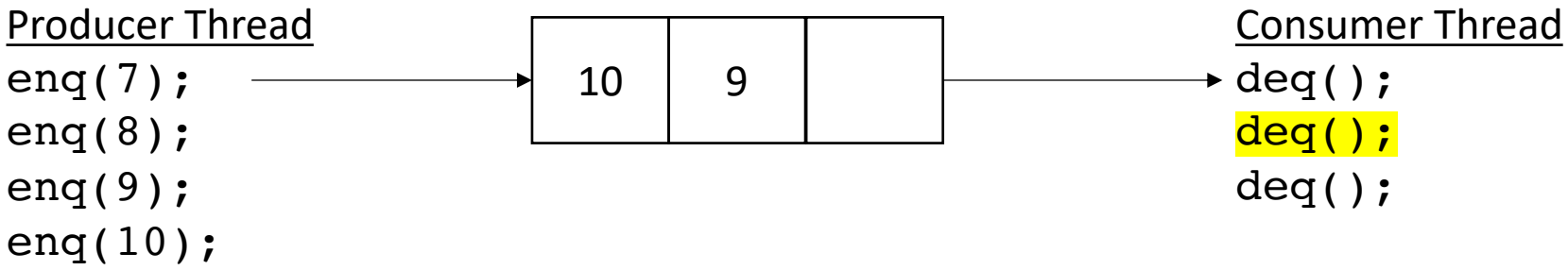

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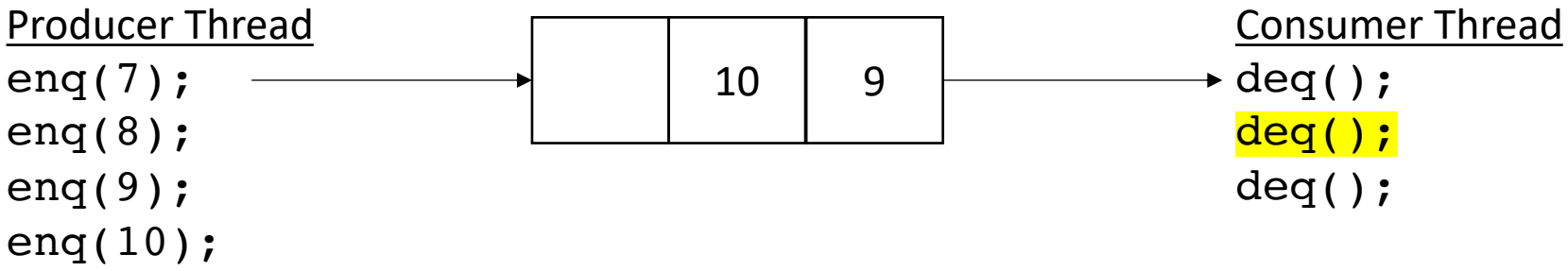

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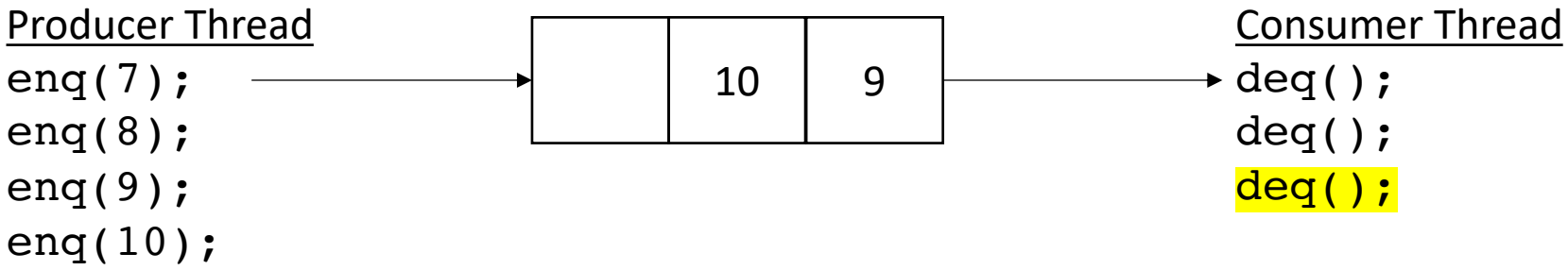

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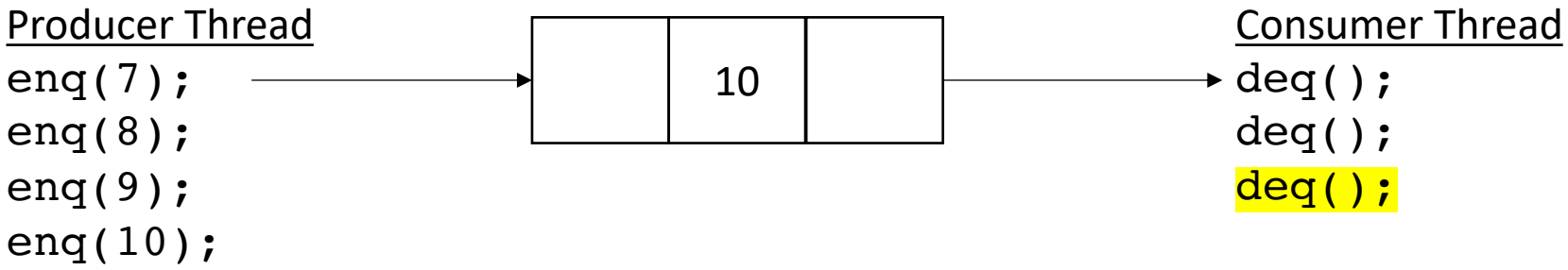

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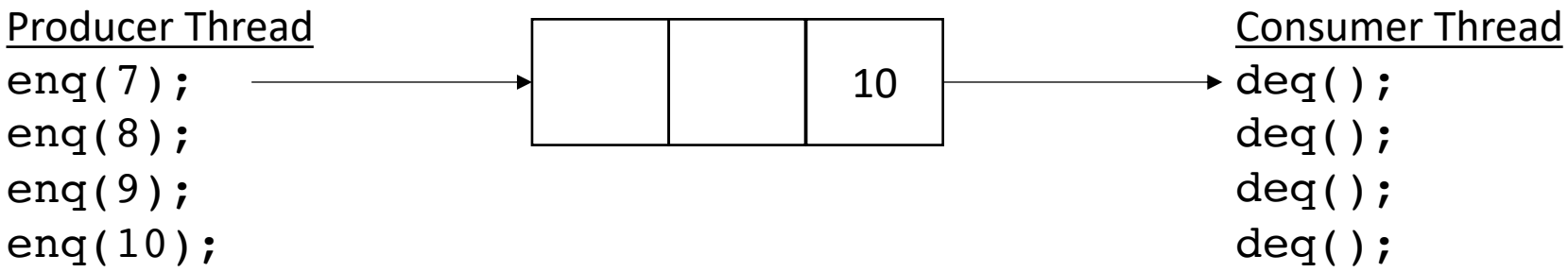

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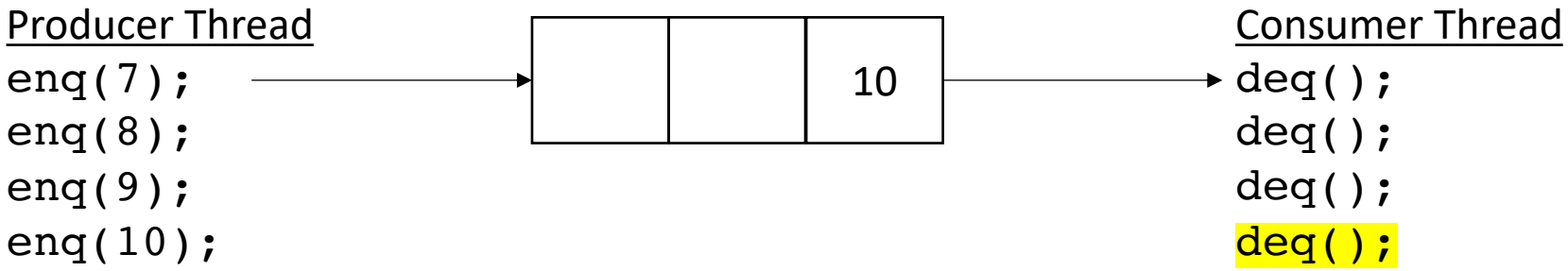

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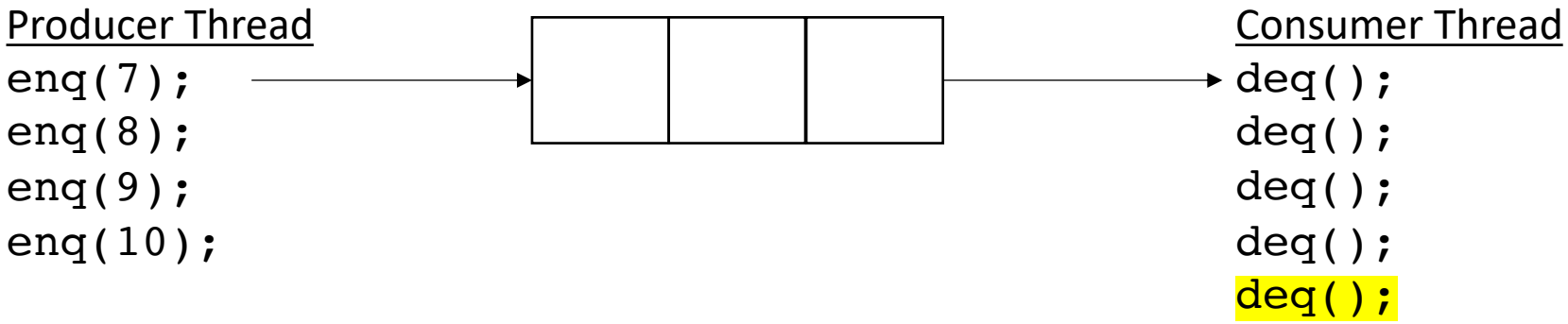

blocks when there is nothing in the queue

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- How do we implement it?

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We will use what is called a *circular buffer method*

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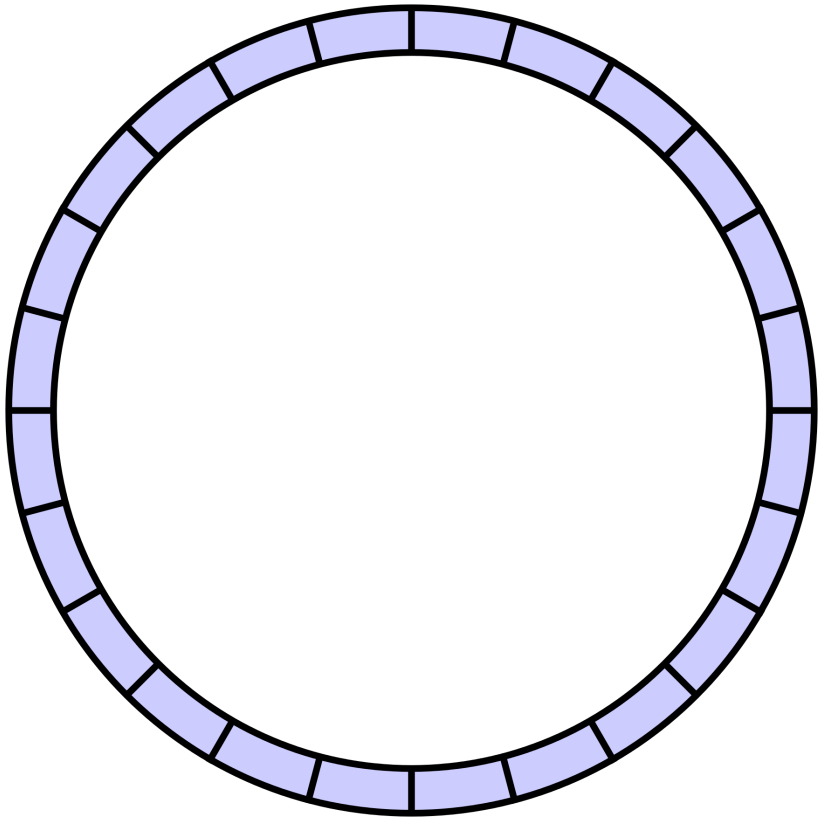

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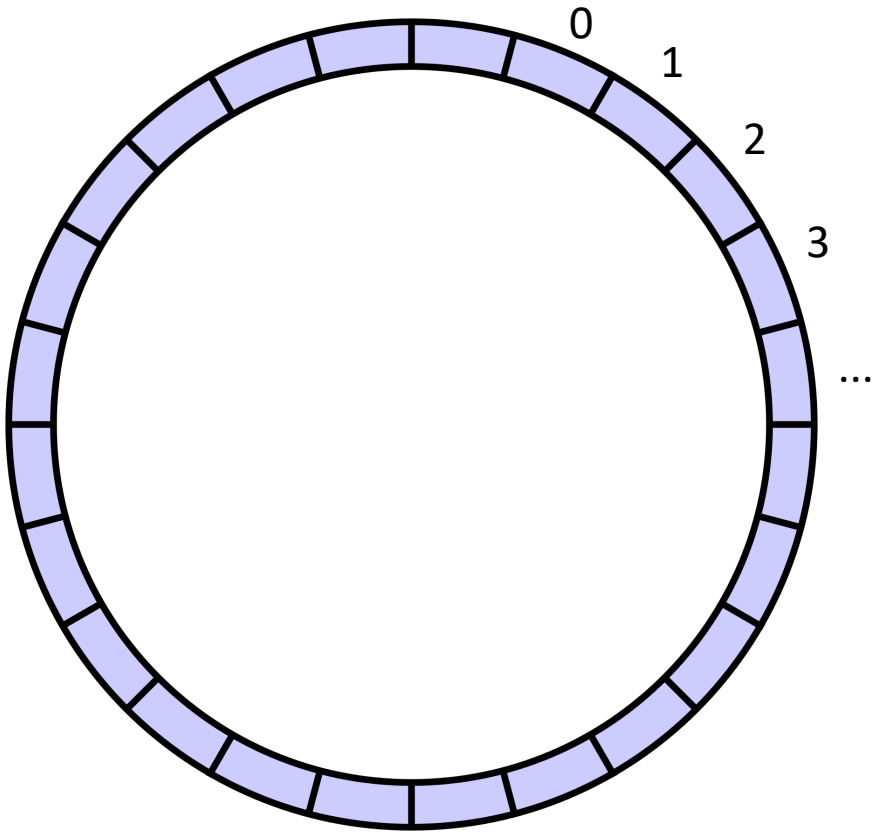

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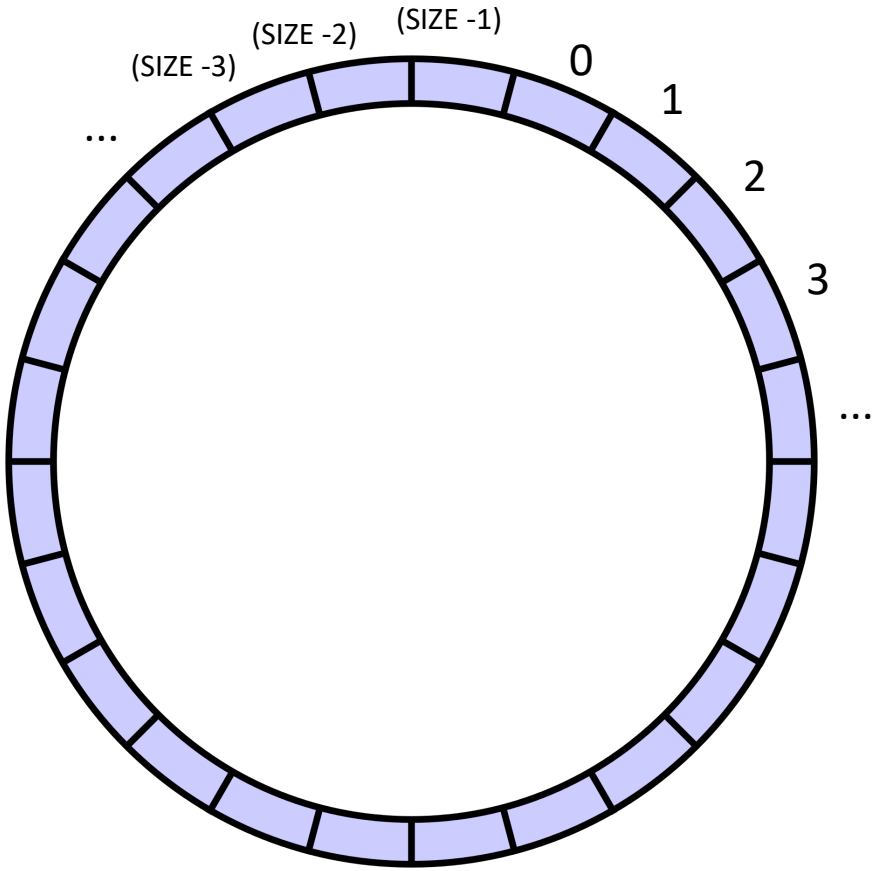

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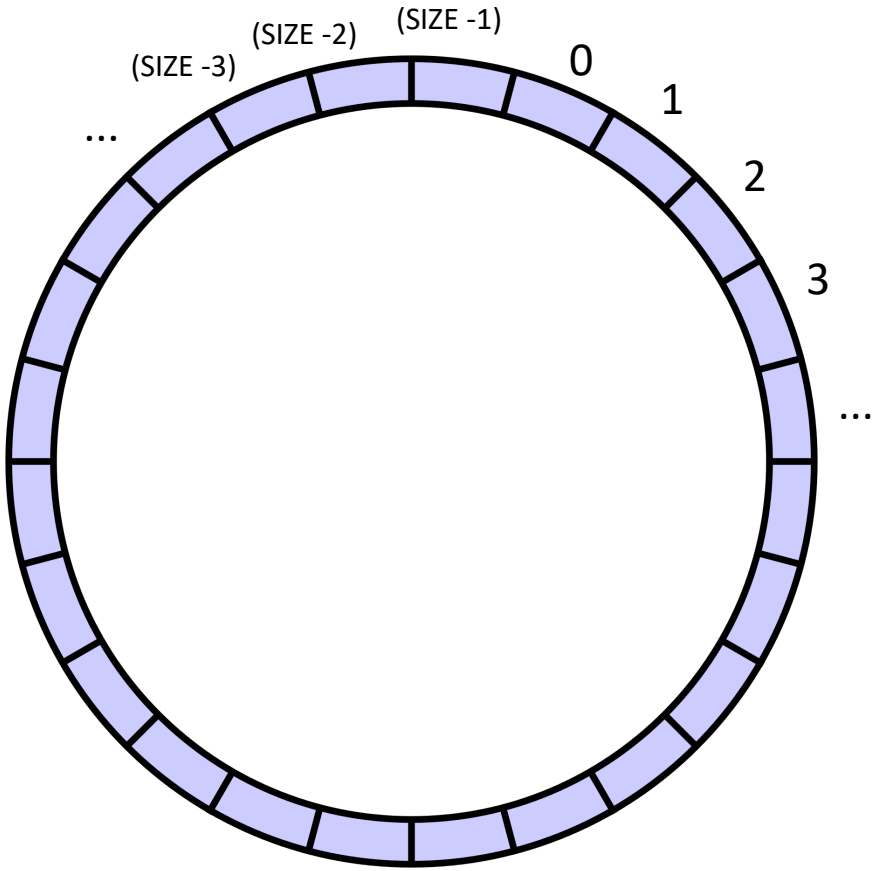

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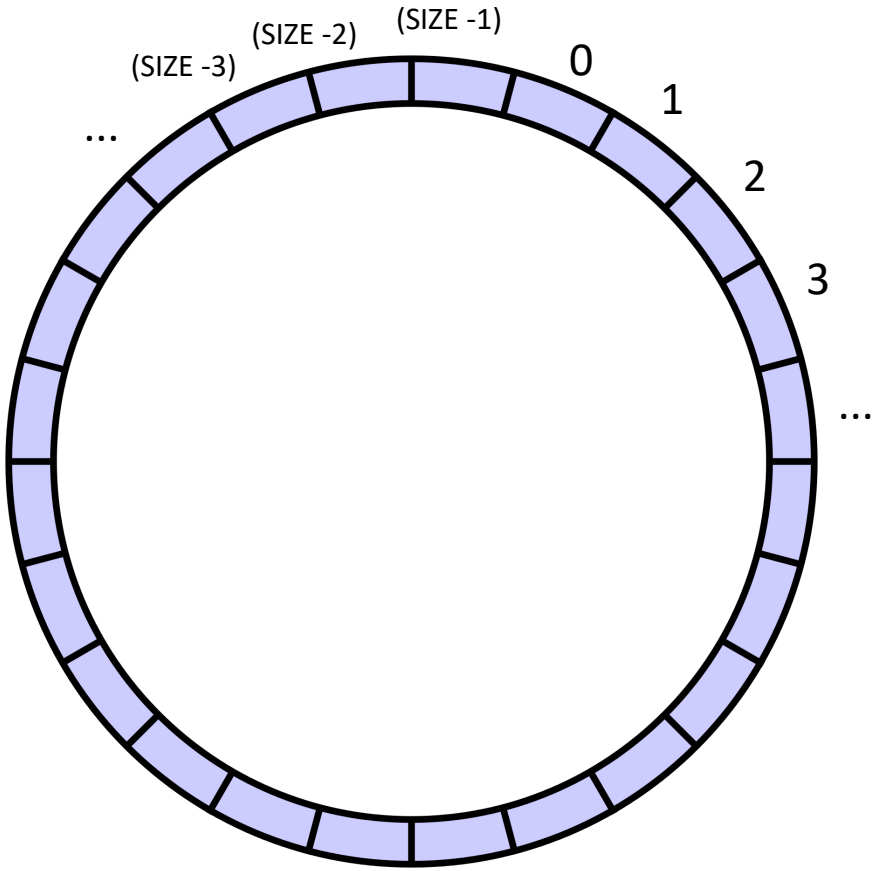

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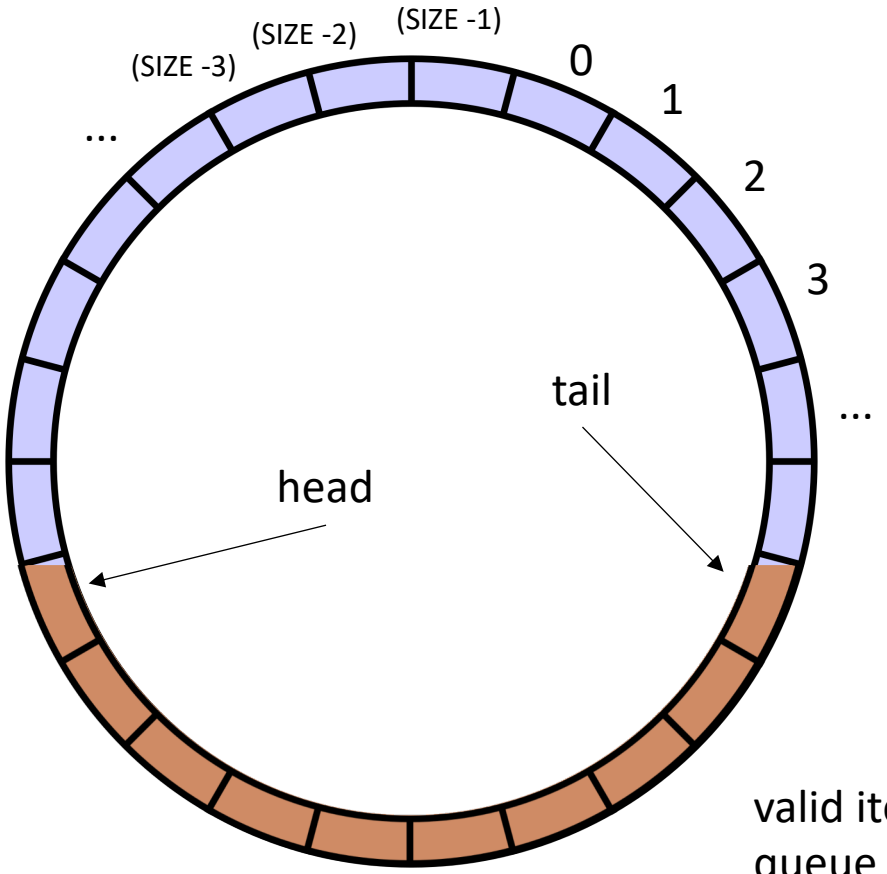

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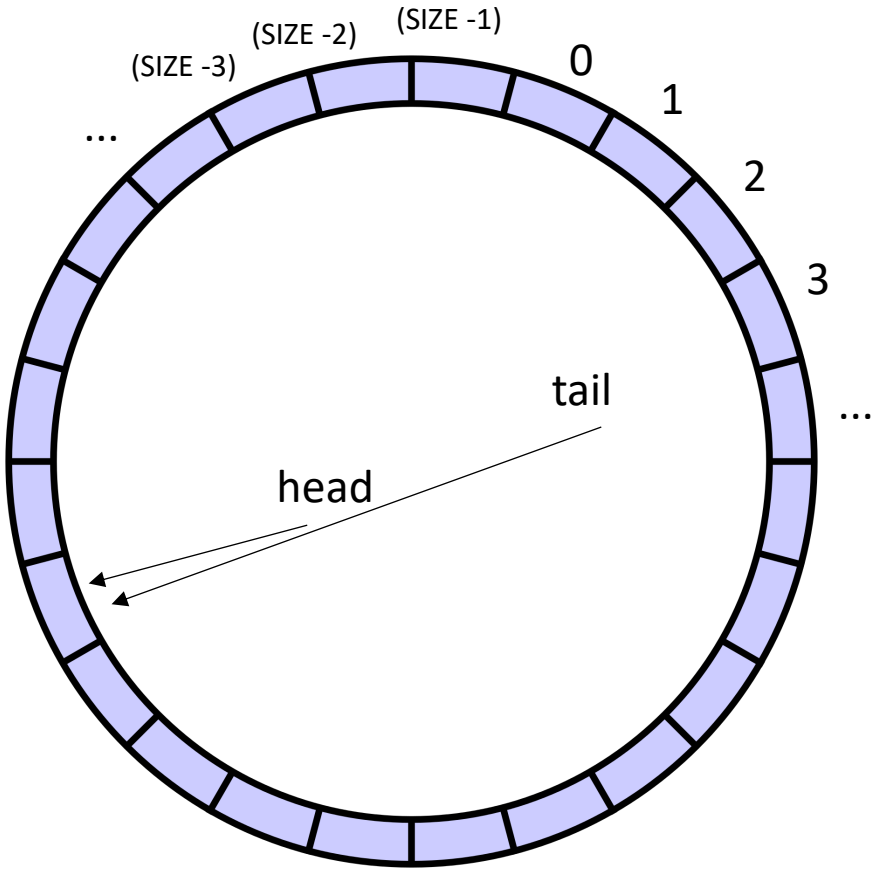

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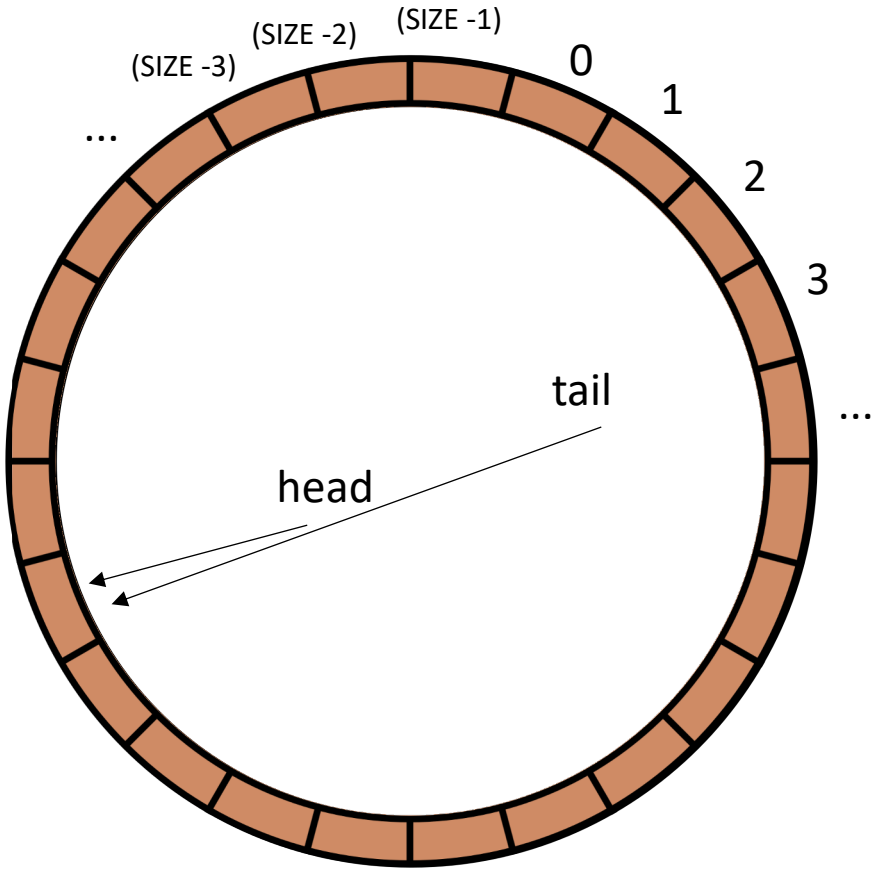

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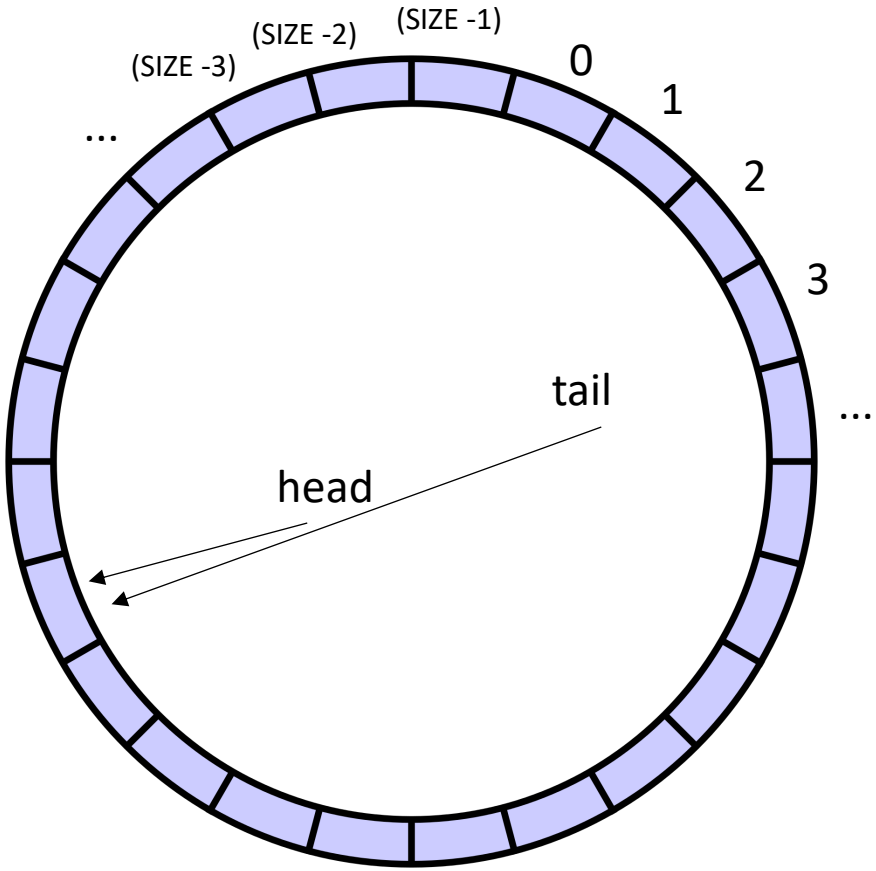

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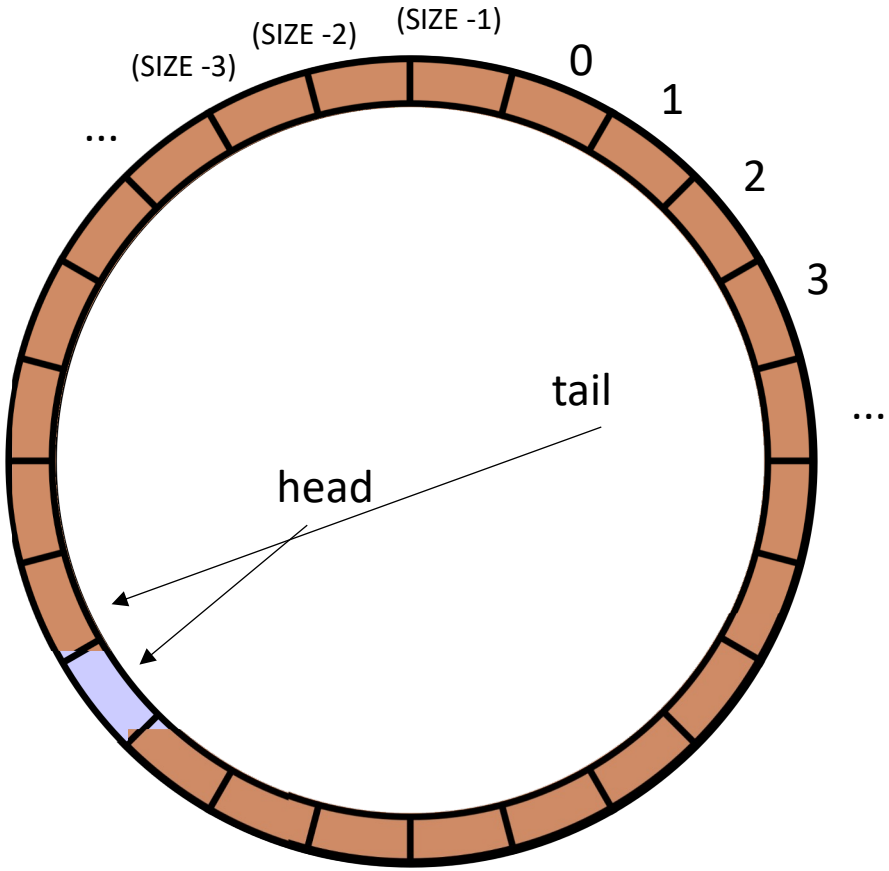

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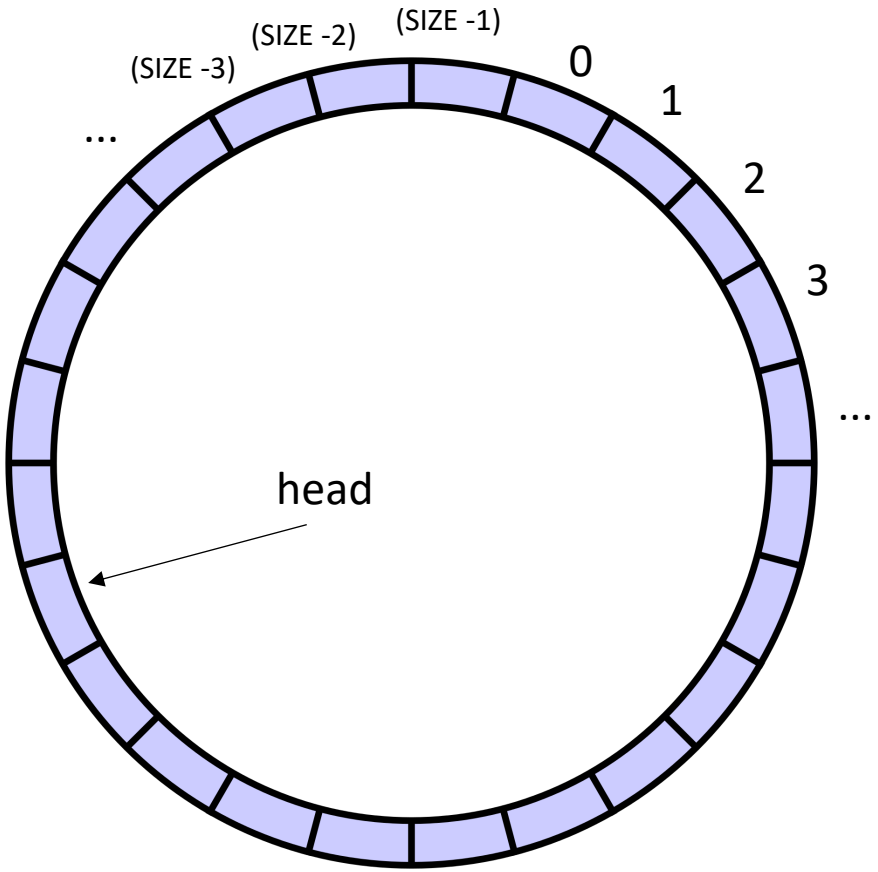


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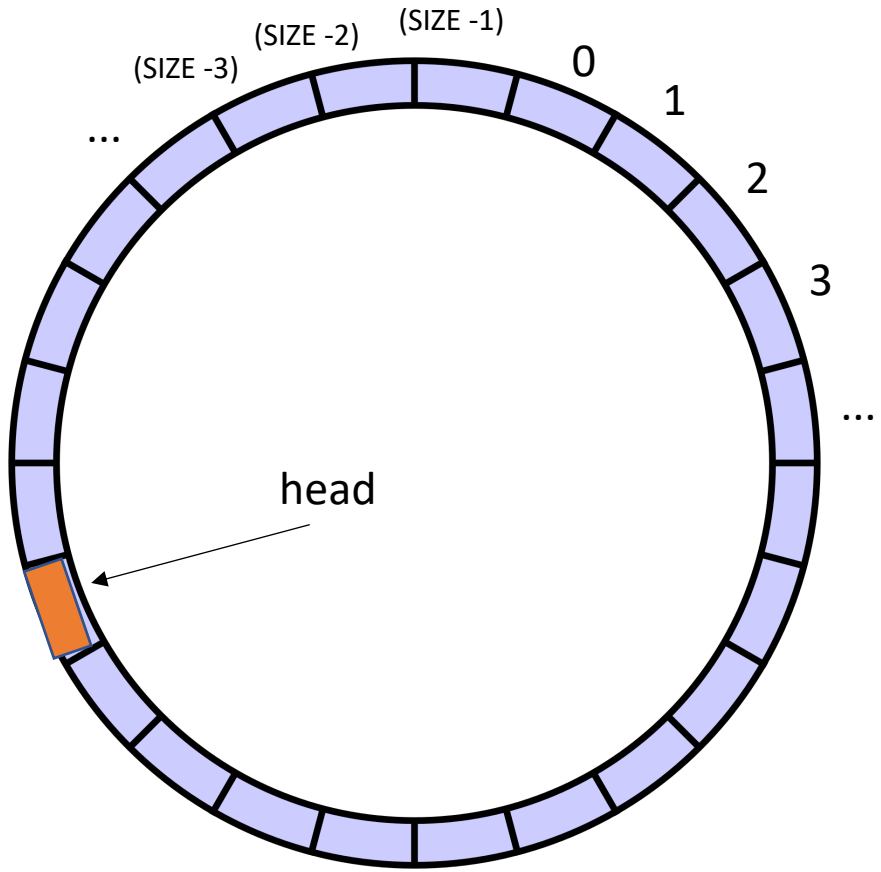


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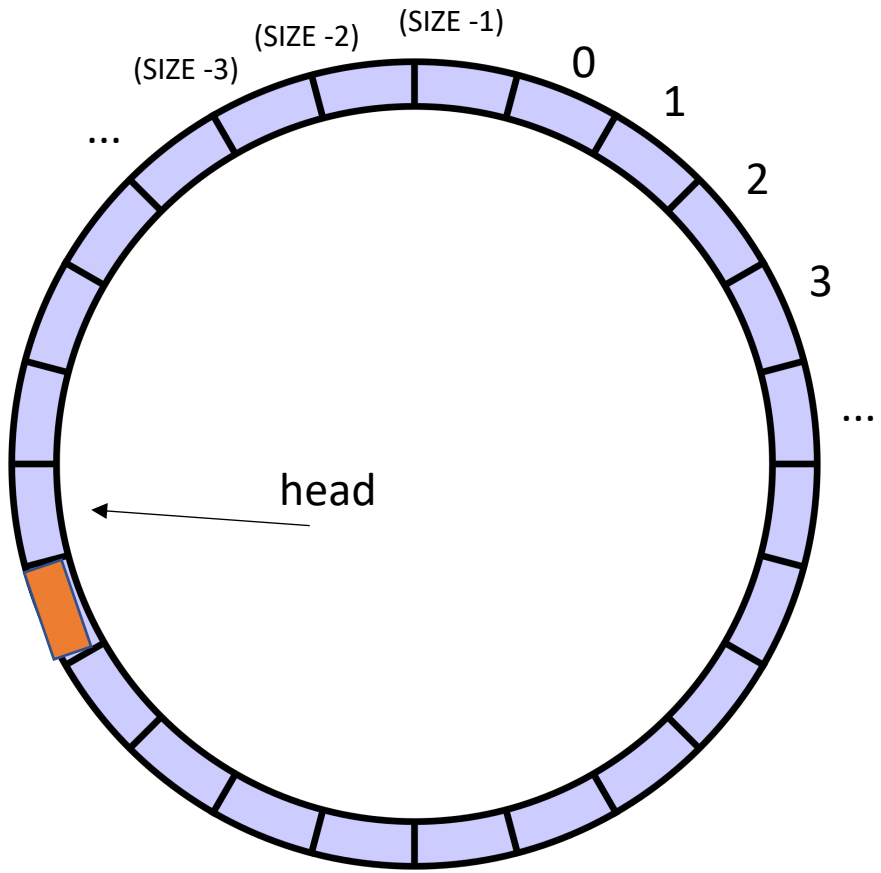


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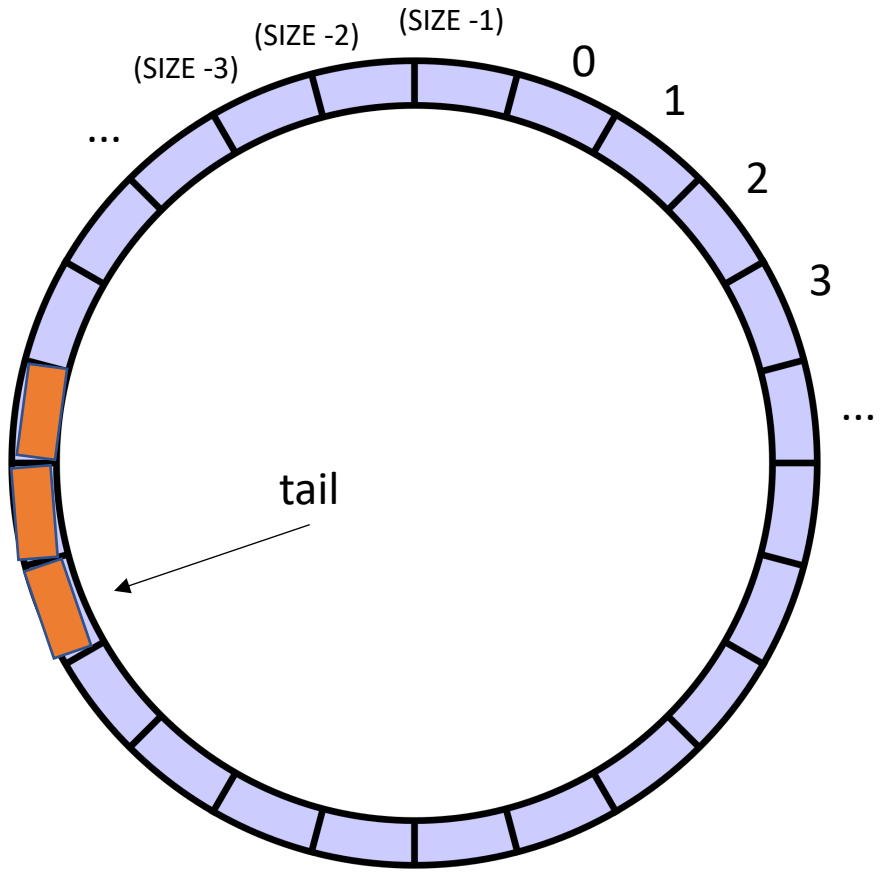


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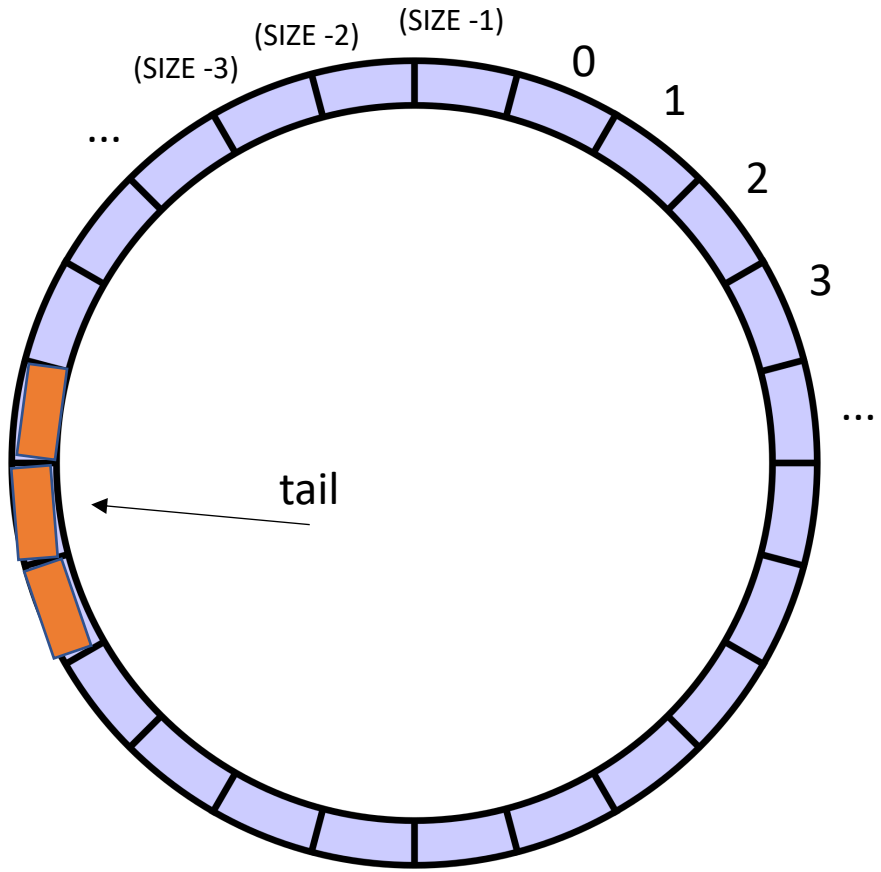


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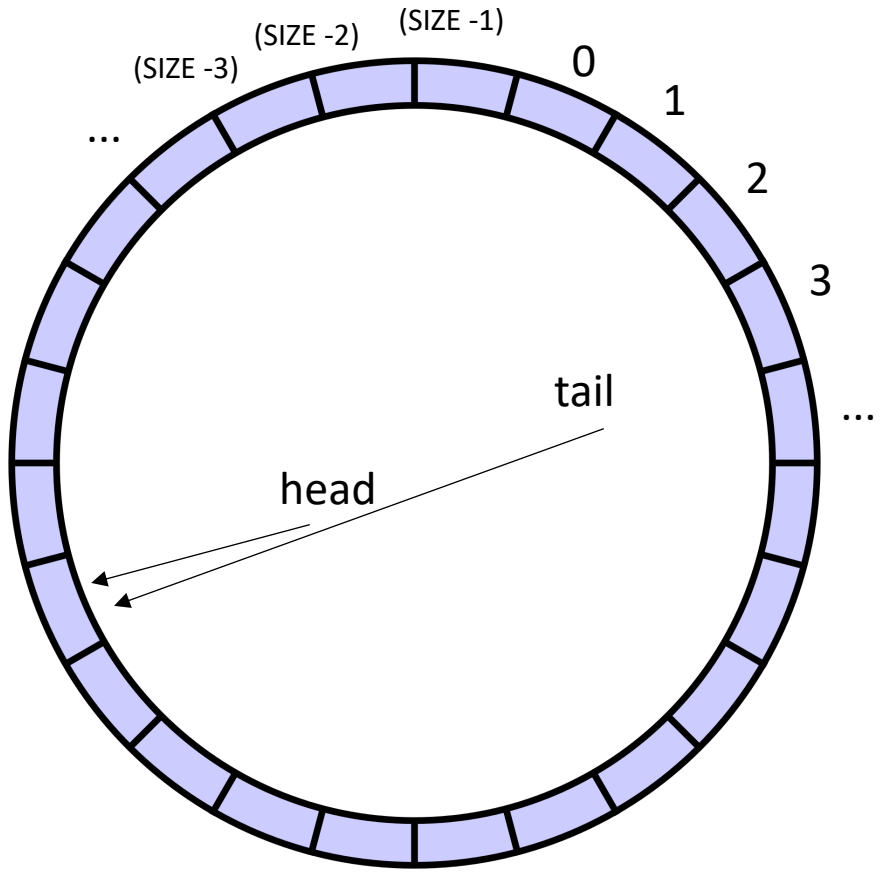


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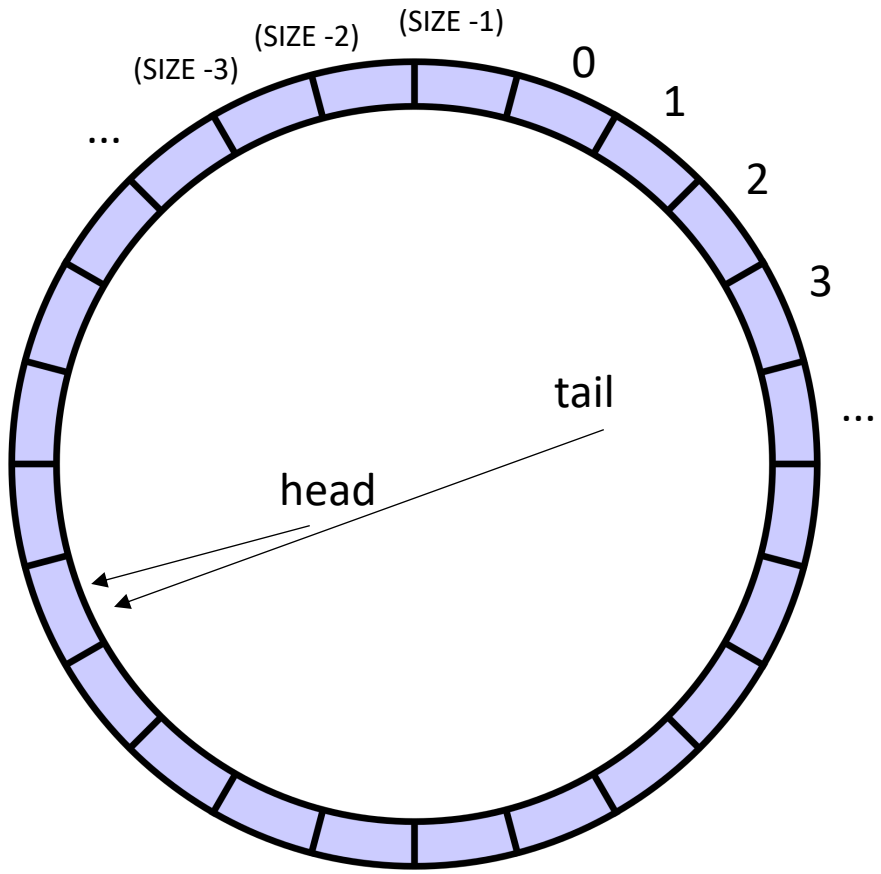
what happens if we try to dequeue here?

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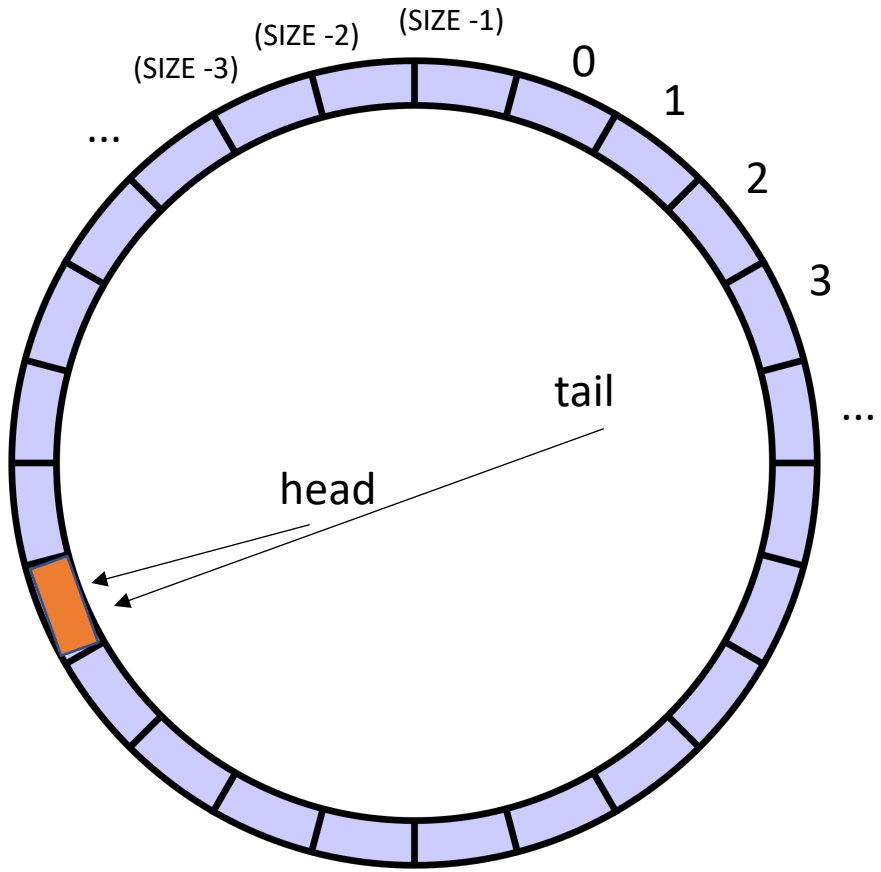


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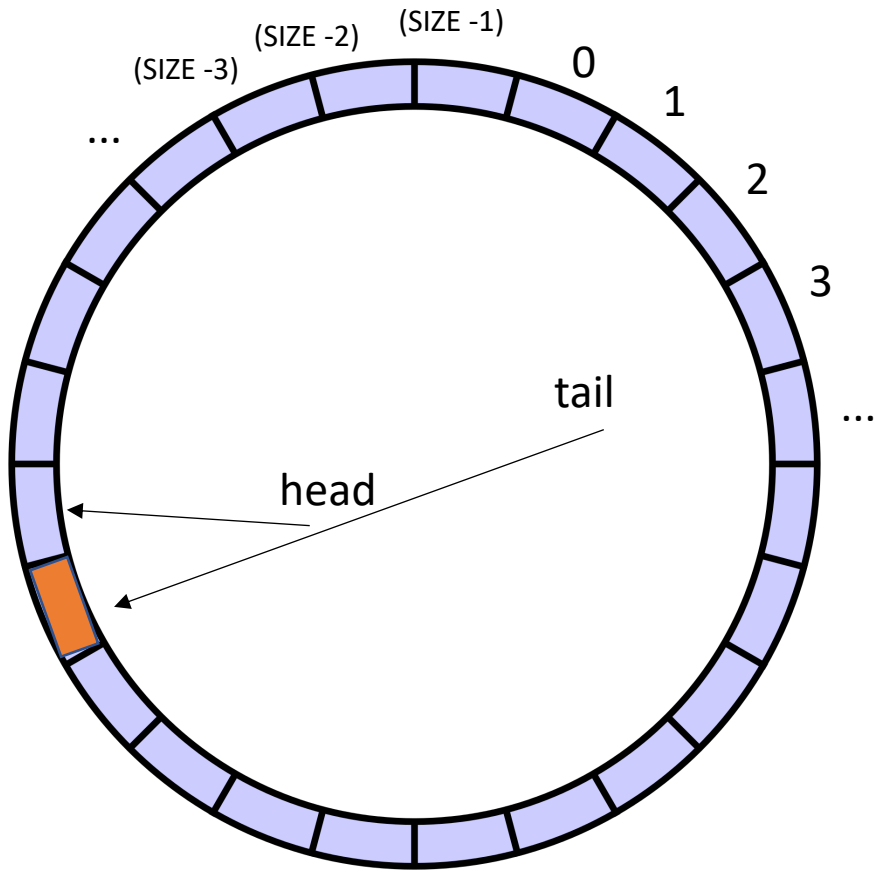


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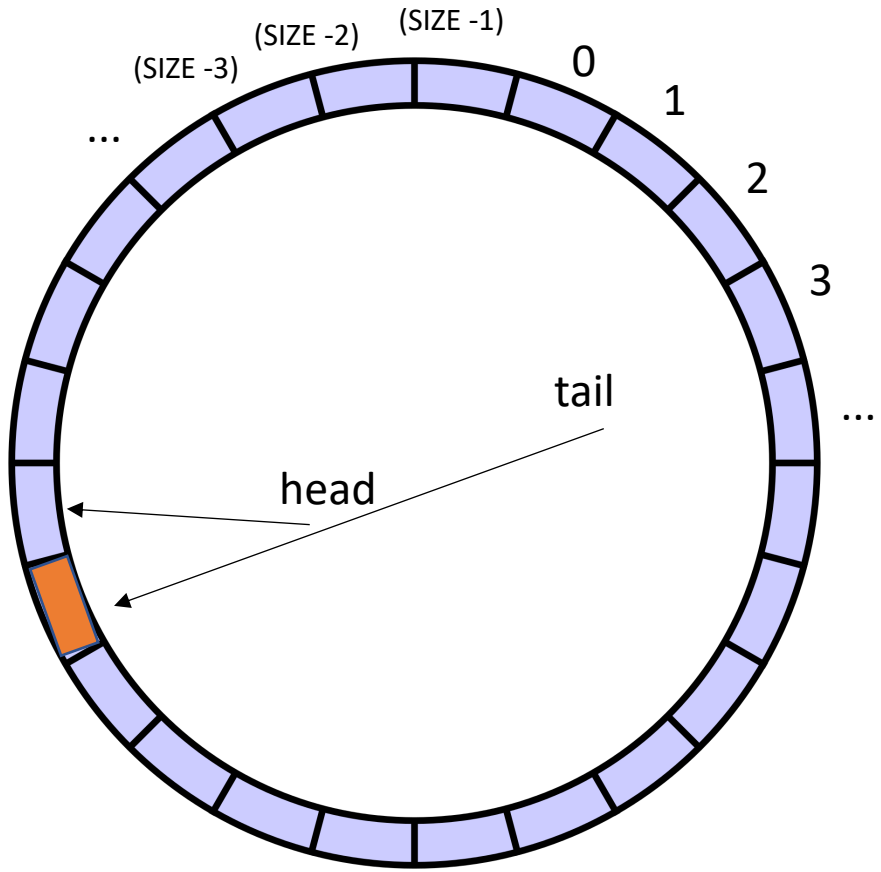


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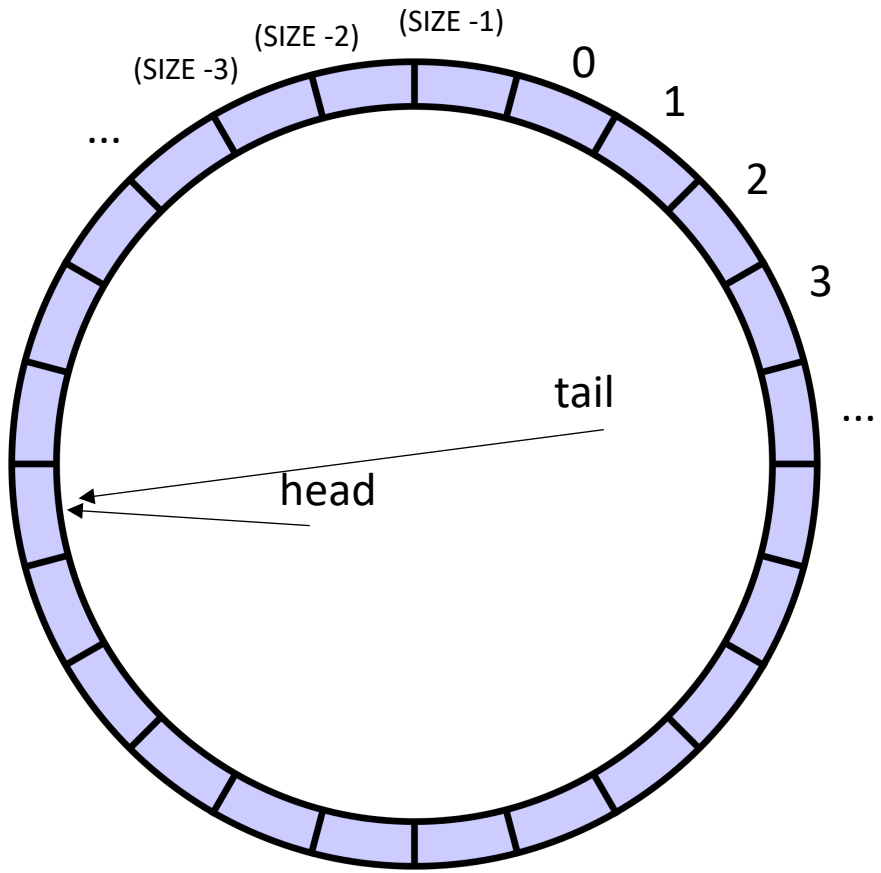


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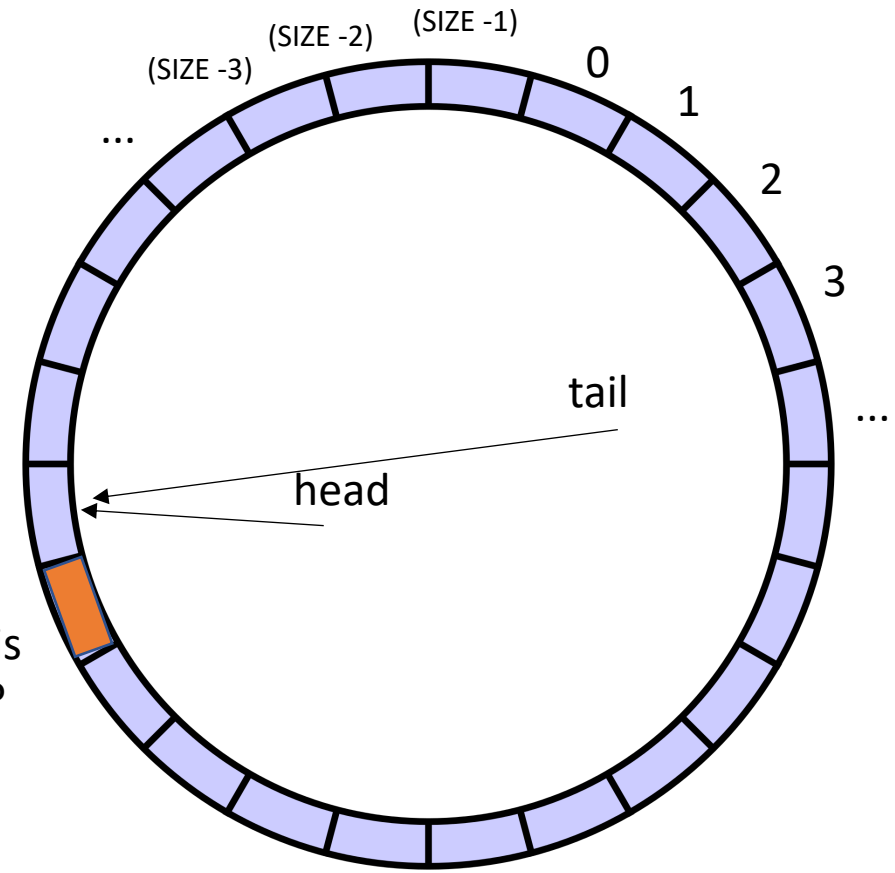

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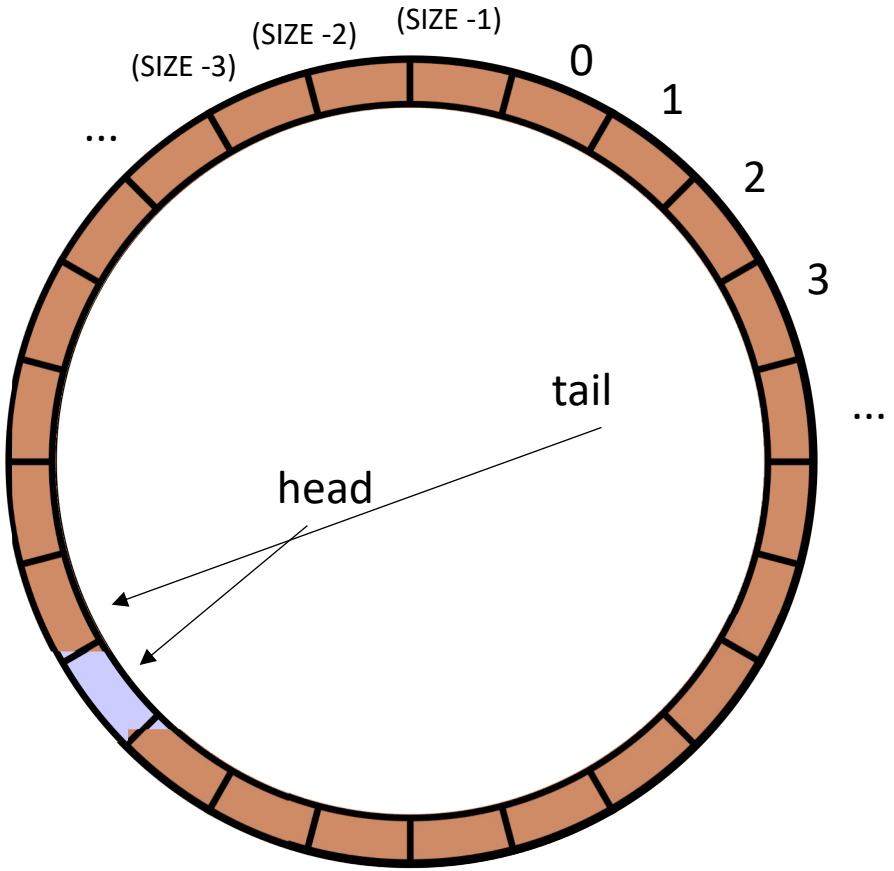


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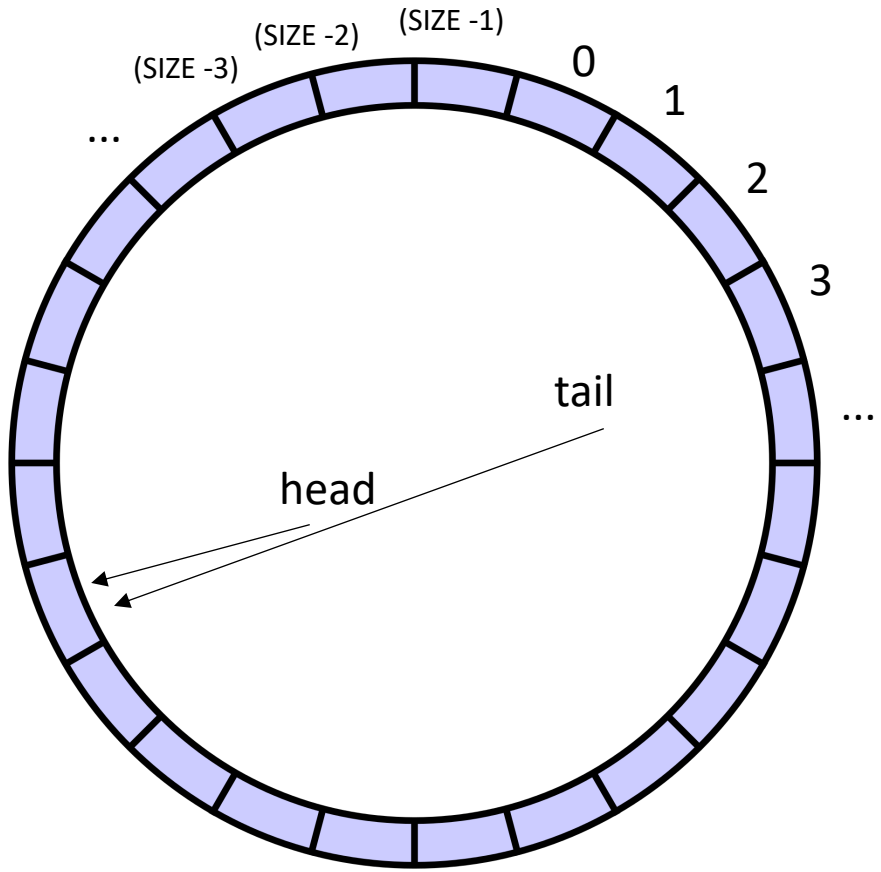
similarly for enqueue

but why can't we enqueue?

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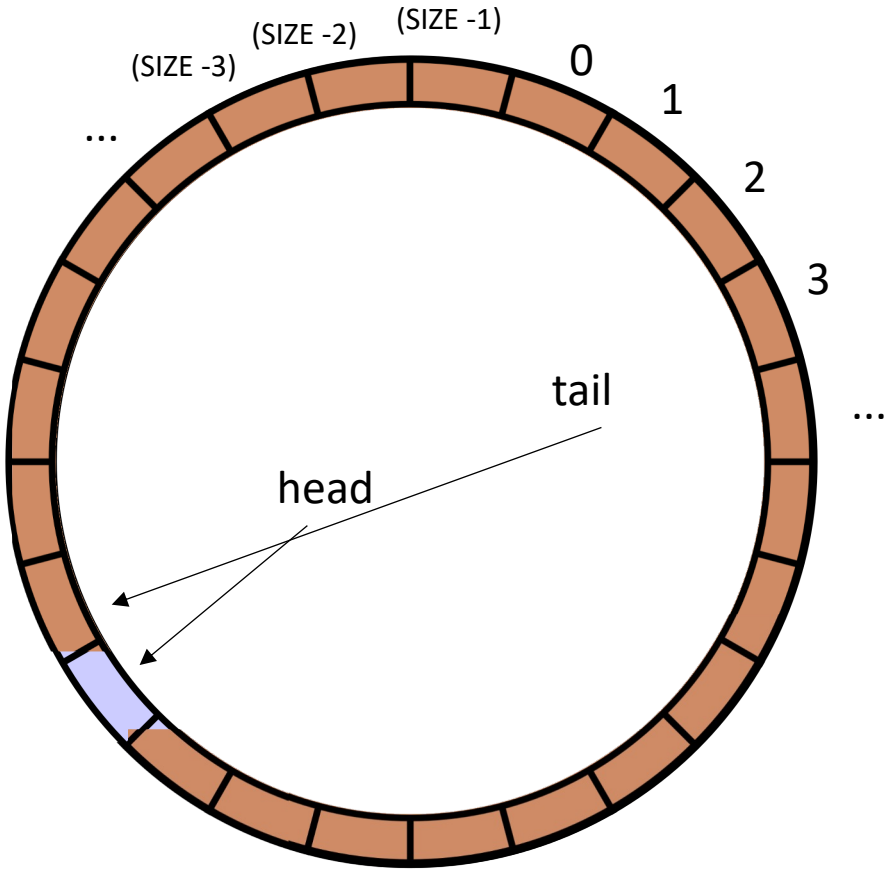
incrementing the head would make it empty!

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we need to wait for there to be room

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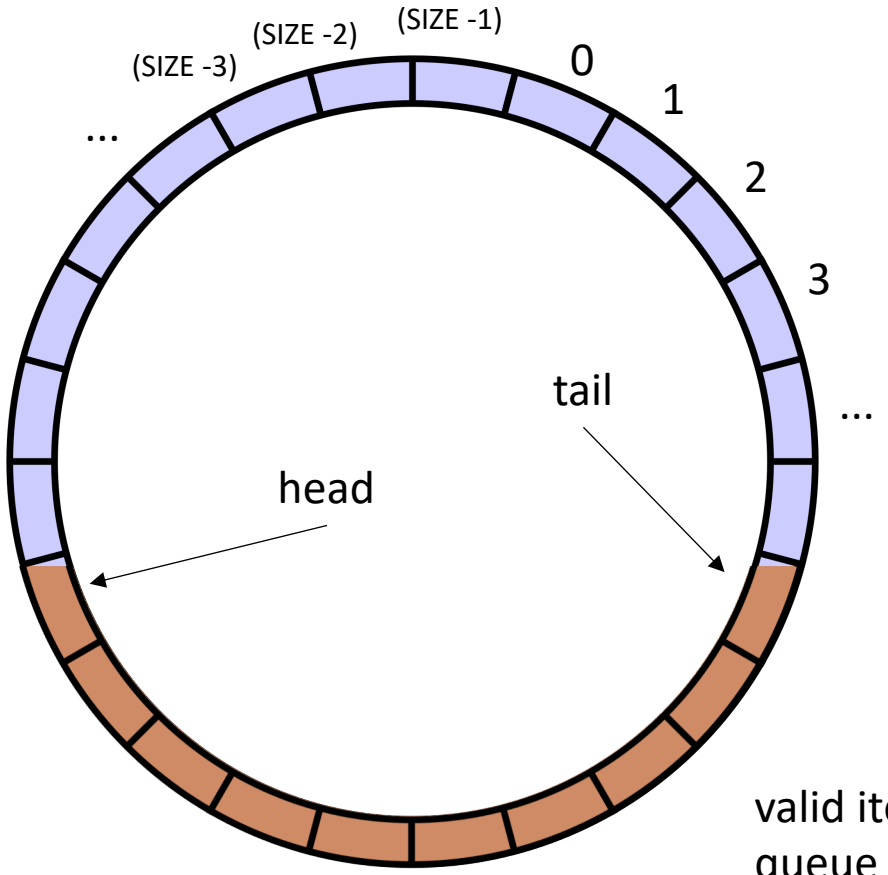

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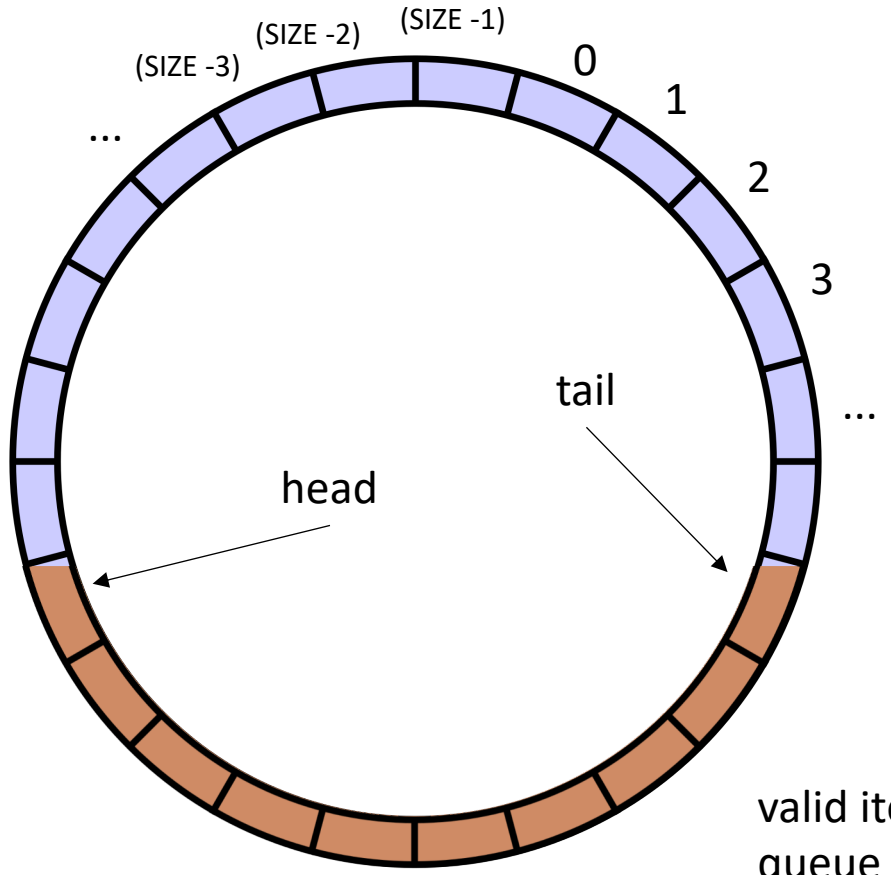

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Next topic

- Work stealing

Schedule

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  - **DOALL Loops**
  - Parallel Schedules
    - Static schedule
    - Global worklist
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- Most importantly: you can do the iterations in parallel!
- Assign each thread a set of indices to compute

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    for (int k = 0; k < dim2; k++) {
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matrix multiplication example

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- Criteria: every iteration of the outer-most loop must be *independent*
  - The loop can execute in any order, and produce the same result

Safety Criteria

- How do we check this?
  - If the property doesn't hold then there exists 2 iterations, such that if they are re-ordered, it causes different outcomes for the loop.
  - **Write-Write conflicts**: two distinct iterations write different values to the same location
  - **Read-Write conflicts**: two distinct iterations where one iteration reads from the location written to by another iteration.

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Because if
index(i_x) == index(i_y)
then:
a[index(i_x)] will equal
either loop(i_x) or loop(i_y)
depending on the order

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Why?

if i_x iteration happens first, then iteration i_y reads an updated value.

if i_y happens first, then it reads the original value

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Schedule

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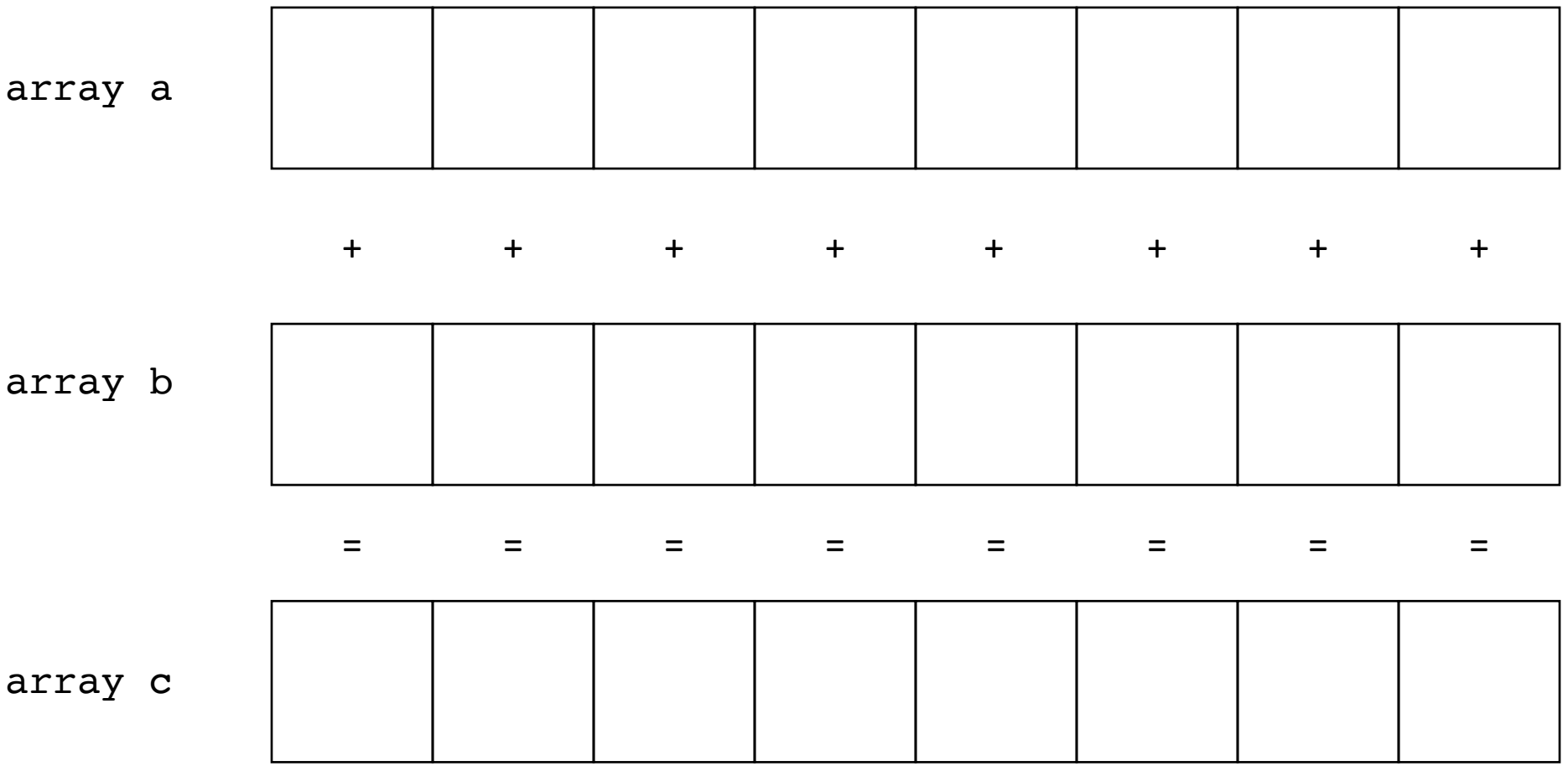

Parallel Schedules

Computation can easily be divided into threads

Thread 0 - Blue
Thread 1 - Yellow
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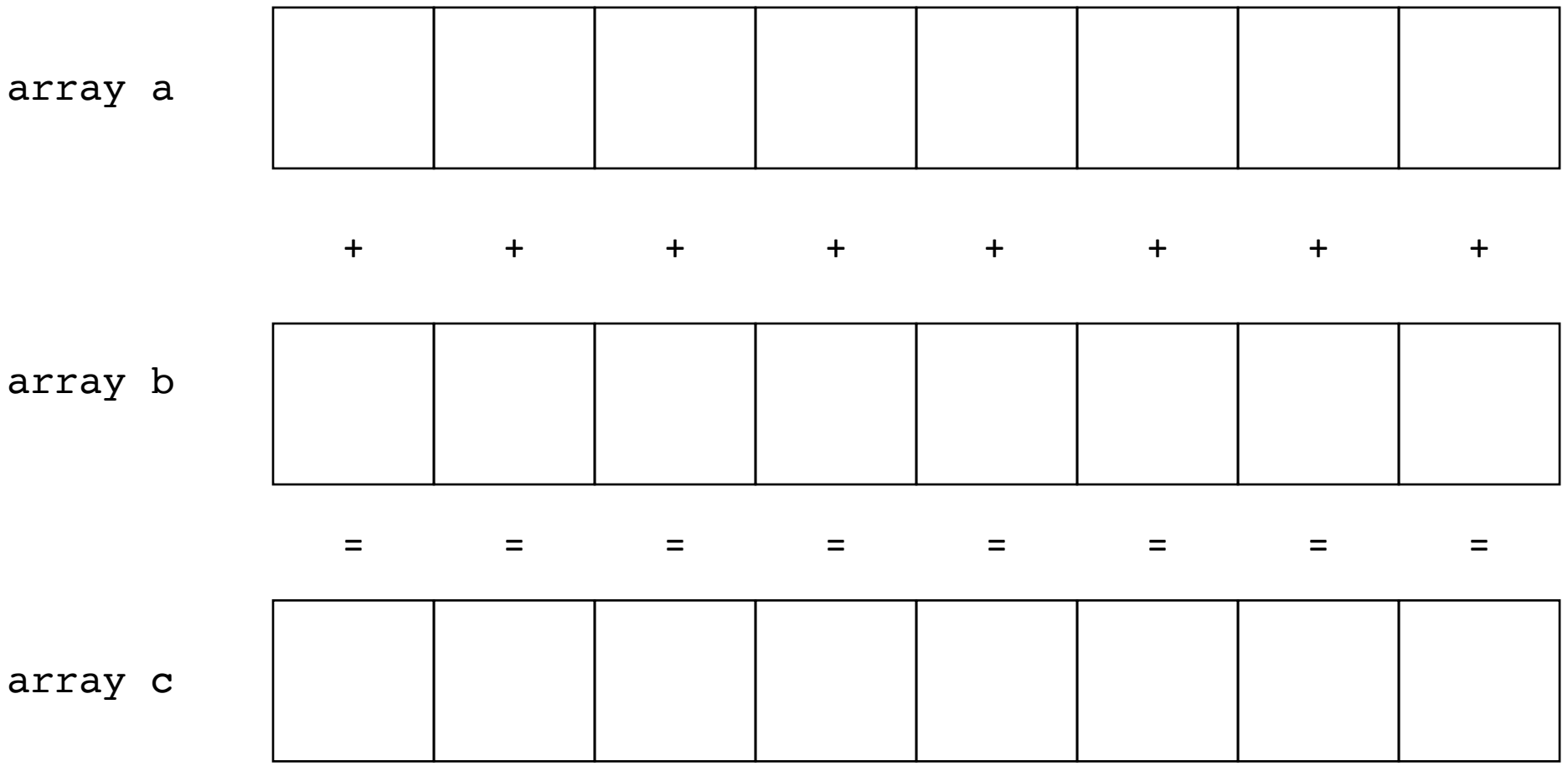

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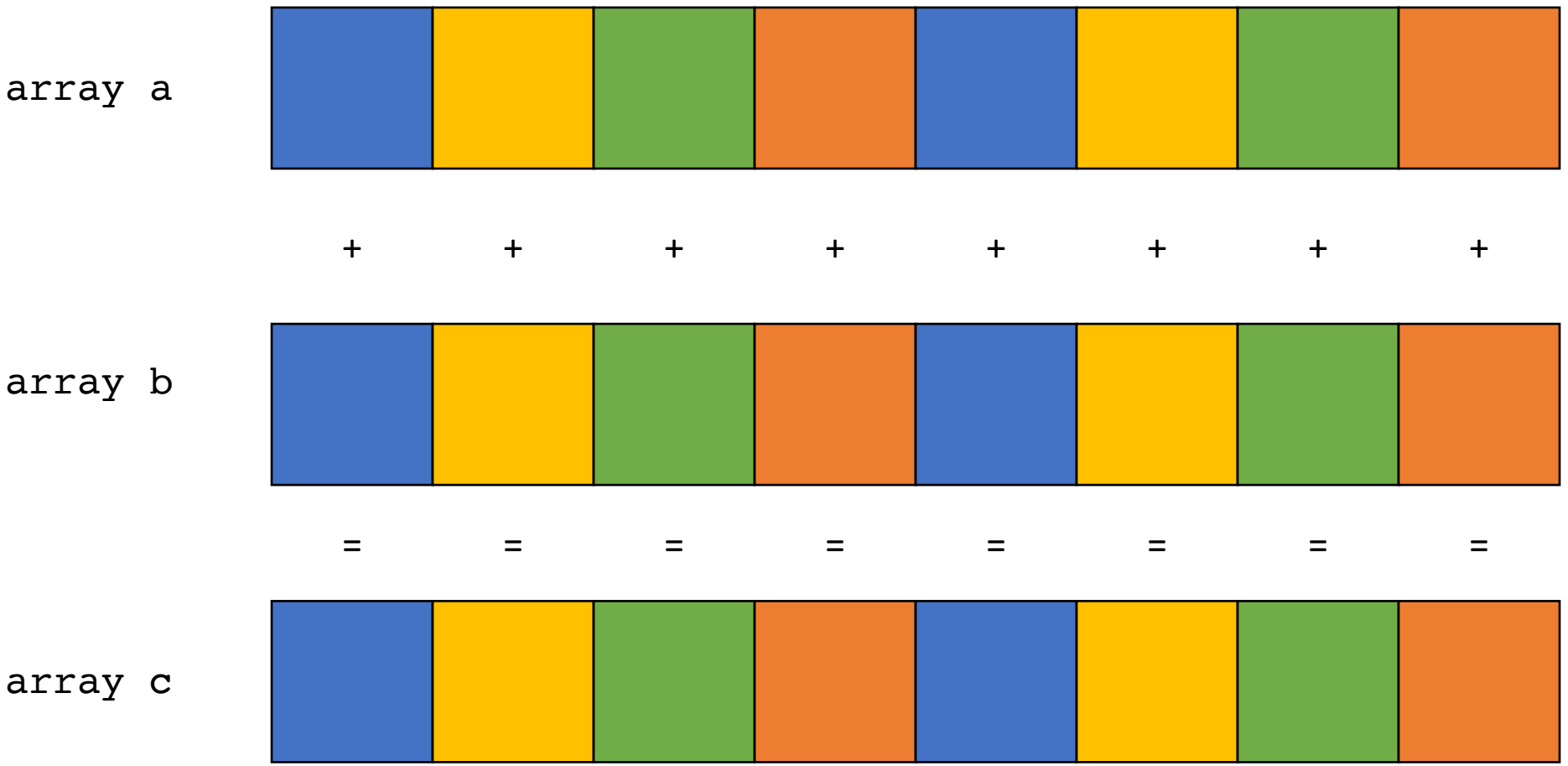

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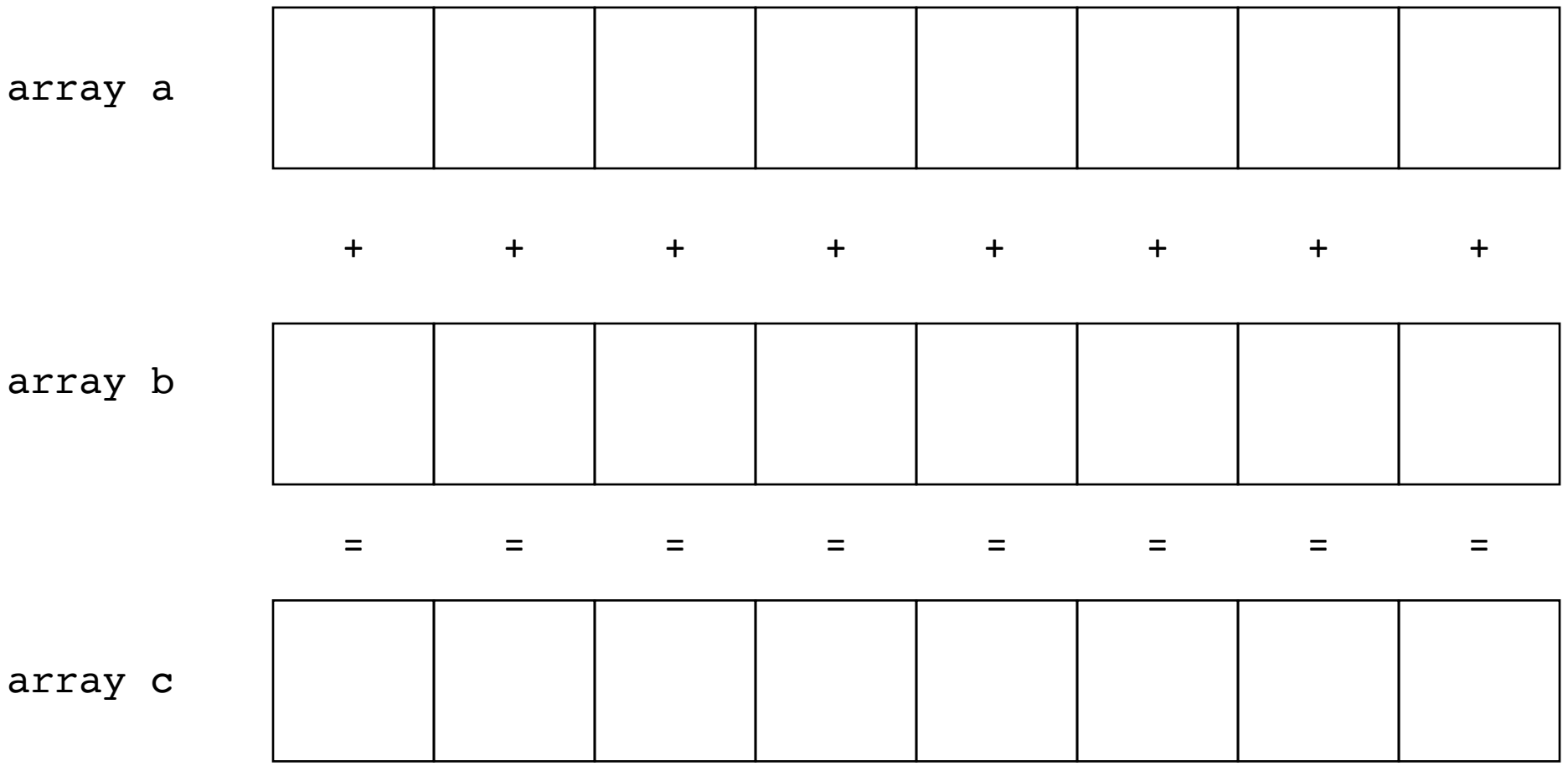

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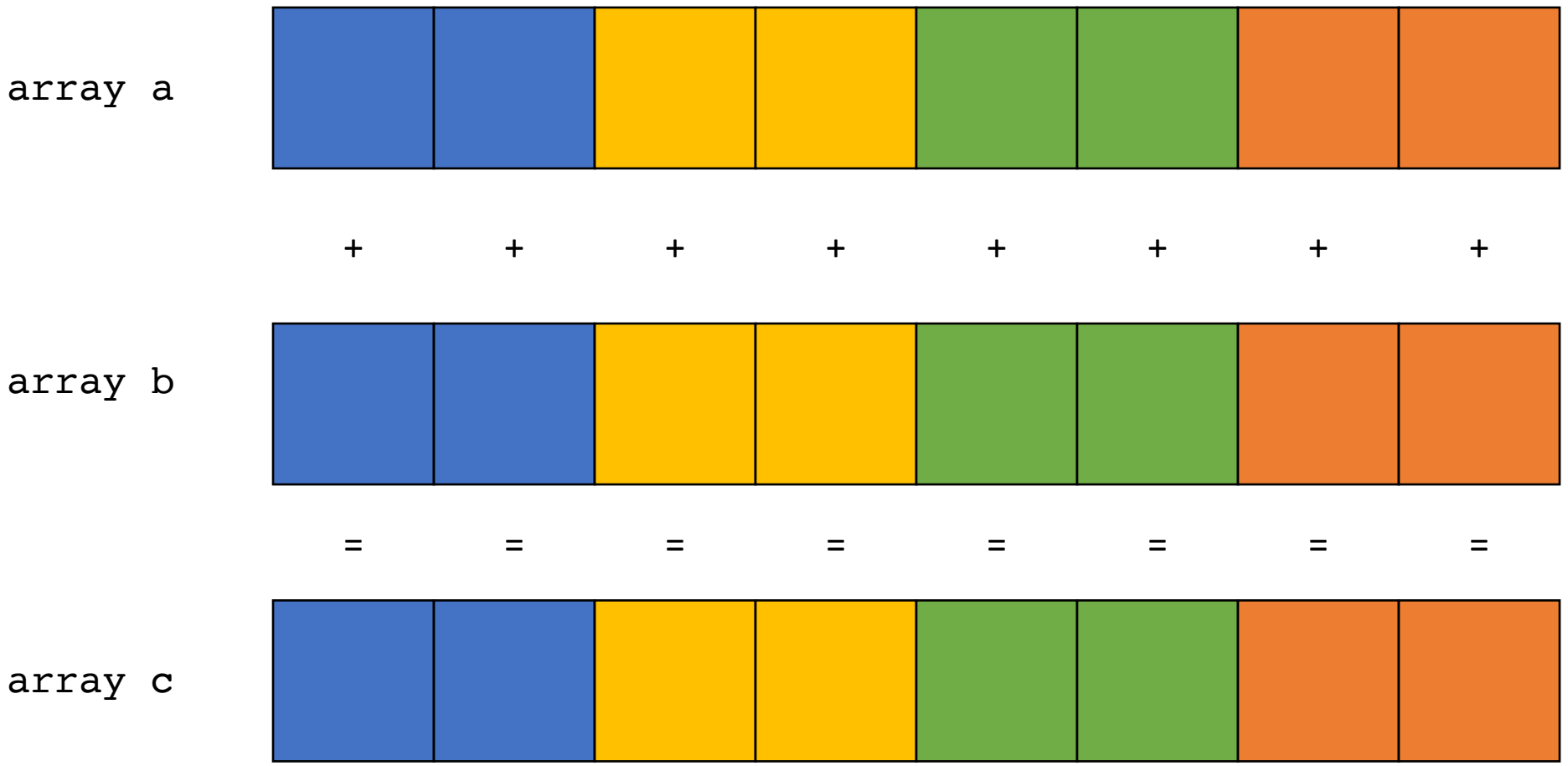

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- These are called Parallel Schedules for DOALL Loops
- We will discuss several of them.

Schedule

- DOALL Loops

- **Parallel Schedules:**
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  - Global Worklists
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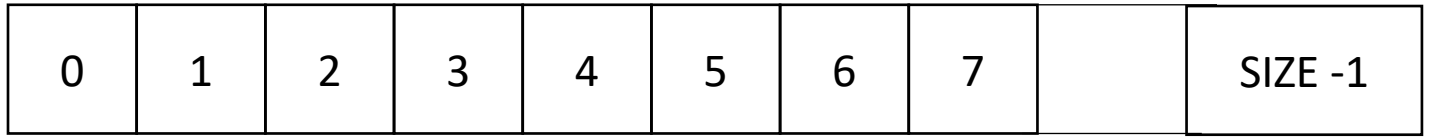

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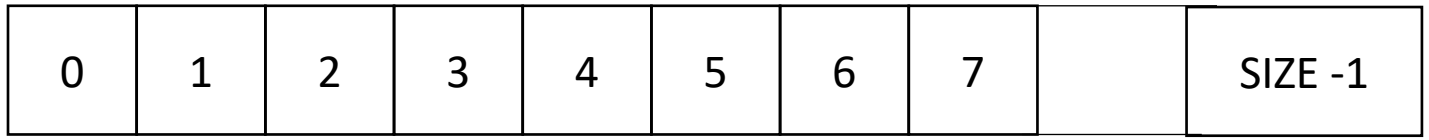

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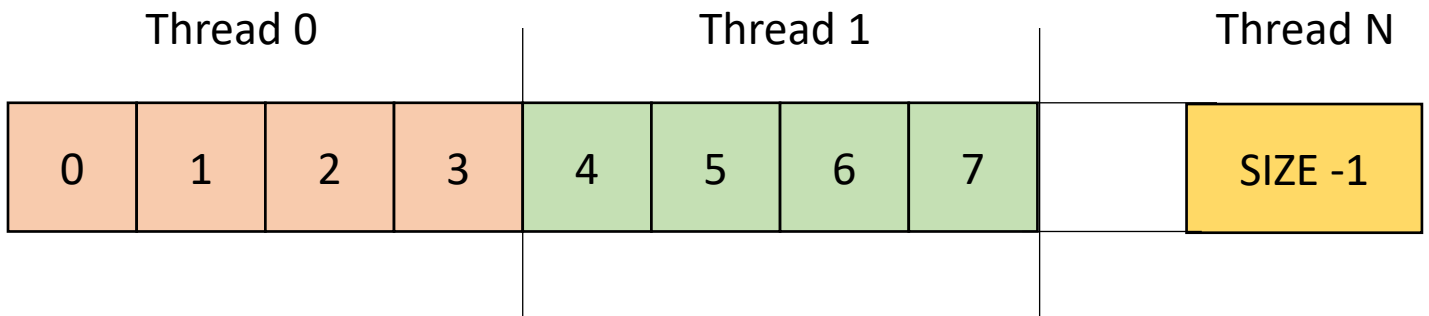

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determine chunk size in new function

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Set new loop bounds

Static schedule

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```
void foo() {
...
  for (int t = 0; t < NUM_THREADS; t++) {
    spawn(parallel_loop(..., t, NUM_THREADS))
  }
  join();
...
}
```

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You will need to adapt the thread spawn, join to C++

Spawn threads

Static schedule

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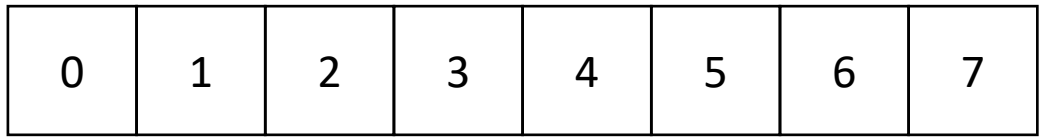


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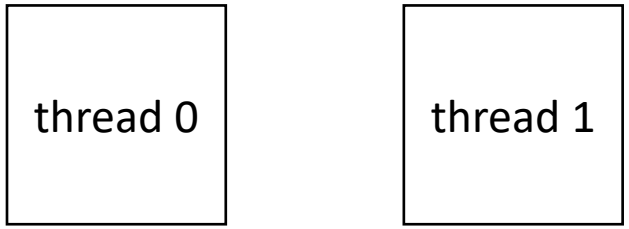


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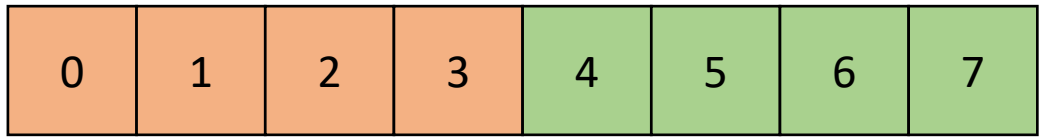


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0: start = 0    1: start = 4
0: end = 4      1: end = 8
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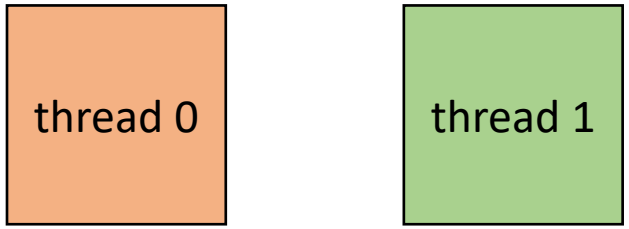


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End example

Next lecture

- Work stealing and generalized concurrent objects
- Get HW 2 turned in today!
- HW 3 is out today. You can get started on Part 1
- Work on midterm