Section Solutions 6

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Problem One: Double-Ended Queues

class Deque {
    public:
        Deque();
        ~Deque();

        /* Adds a value to the front or the back of the deque. */
        void pushFront(int value);
        void pushBack(int value);

        /* Returns and removes the first or last element of the deque. */
        int popFront();
        int popBack();

    private:
        struct Cell {
            int value;
            Cell* next;
            Cell* prev;
        };
        Cell* head;
        Cell* tail;
    };

    /* Initially, there are no elements at all. */
    Deque::Deque() {
        head = tail = NULL;
    }

    /* Standard linked-list deletion code. */
    Deque::~Deque() {
        while (head != NULL) {
            Cell* next = head->next;
            delete head;
            head = next;
        }
    }

    void Deque::pushFront(int value) {
        /* Create the new cell to add. */
        Cell* cell = new Cell;
        cell->value = value;

        /* This cell is at the front of the list. */
        cell->next = head;
        cell->prev = NULL;

        /* If the list is empty, the new cell is now the sole element. */
        if (head == NULL) {
            head = tail = cell;
        } else {
            head->prev = cell;
            head = cell;
        }
    }
}
void Deque::pushBack(int value) {
    /* Create the new cell to add. */
    Cell* cell = new Cell;
    cell->value = value;
    /* This cell is at the back of the list. */
    cell->prev = tail;
    cell->next = NULL;
    /* If the list is empty, the new cell is now the sole element. */
    if (tail == NULL) {
        head = tail = cell;
    } /* Otherwise, rewire the last element to point into the new cell,
        then update the tail pointer. */
    else {
        tail->next = cell;
        tail = cell;
    }
}

int Deque::popFront() {
    if (head == NULL) error("That which does not exist cannot be popped.");
    /* Cache the value to be removed, since we're going to free memory. */
    int result = head->value;
    Cell* toRemove = head;
    /* Advance the head to the next location. */
    head = head->next;
    /* There are two cases to consider. First, if the deque is nonempty,
        then we need to break the backward-pointing link to the cell we're
        about to remove. */
    if (head != NULL) {
        head->prev = NULL;
    } /* Otherwise, we have to also update the tail pointer to be NULL. */
    else {
        tail = NULL;
    }
    /* Reclaim memory. */
    delete toRemove;
    return result;
}
/* … continued … */
int Deque::popBack() {
    if (tail == NULL) error("That which does not exist cannot be popped.");

    /* Cache the value to be removed, since we're going to free memory. */
    int result = tail->value;
    Cell* toRemove = tail;

    /* Retreat the tail to the previous location. */
    tail = tail->prev;

    /* There are two cases to consider. First, if the deque is nonempty,
    * then we need to break the forward-pointing link to the cell we're
    * about to remove.
    */
    if (tail != NULL) {
        tail->next = NULL;
    }

    /* Otherwise, we have to also update the head pointer to be NULL. */
    else {
        head = NULL;
    }

    /* Reclaim memory. */
    delete toRemove;

    return result;
}

Problem Two: Quicksort Revisited

Here is one possible implementation:

/* Concatenates the two given lists together, updating first to
 * point to the new first cell of the concatenated list.
 */
void concatenateLists(Cell*& first, Cell* second) {
    /* Base case: If the first list is empty, we concatenate the
    * lists by just setting the second list to point to the first
    * list.
    */
    if (first == NULL) {
        first = second;
    }

    /* Recursive step: Otherwise, we concatenate the second list to
    * the list appearing after the first cell.
    */
    else {
        concatenateLists(first->next, second);
    }
}

/* Prepends the given single cell to the given list, updating the
 * pointer to the first element of that linked list.
 */
void prependCell(Cell* toPrepend, Cell*& list) {
    toPrepend->next = list;
    list = toPrepend;
}

    /* ... continued on next page ... */
void partitionList(Cell* list, Cell*& smaller, Cell*& pivot, Cell*& bigger) {
    /* Distribute cells in the list into the three groups. */
    while (list != NULL) {
        /* Remember the next pointer, because we're going to remove this
         * element from the list it is currently in.
         */
        Cell* next = list->next;

        /* Determine which list this element belongs to. */
        if (list->value == pivot->value) {
            prependCell(list, pivot);
        } else if (list->value < pivot->value) {
            prependCell(list, smaller);
        } else {
            prependCell(list, bigger);
        }

        list = next;
    }
}

void quicksort(Cell* list) {
    /* Determine the length of the list. If it's length 0 or 1, we're done. */
    if (list == NULL || list->next == NULL) return;

    /* Remove the first element as the pivot element. */
    Cell* pivot = list;
    Cell* rest = pivot->next;

    /* Remove the pivot element from the list. */
    pivot->next = NULL;

    /* Create two other lists: one of elements less than the pivot and one of
     * elements greater than the pivot.
     */
    Cell* smaller = NULL;
    Cell* bigger = NULL;

    /* Distribute the elements into the three lists based on
     * whether they are smaller than, equal to, or greater
     * than the pivot.
     */
    partitionList(rest, smaller, pivot, bigger);

    /* Recursively sort the two smaller regions. */
    quicksort(smaller);
    quicksort(bigger);

    /* Concatenate everything together. */
    concatenateLists(smaller, pivot);
    concatenateLists(smaller, bigger);

    /* The sorted list now begins with the element pointed at by the
     * smaller pointer.
     */
    list = smaller;
}