

Real-Time Double-Ended Queue Verified (Proof Pearl)

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Abstract

We present the first verification of the real-time doubled-ended queue by Chuang and Goldberg where all operations take constant time. The main contributions are the full system invariant, the precise definition of all abstraction functions, the structure of the proof and the main lemmas.

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1 Introduction

Based on the work of Chuang and Goldberg [2] we implement and formally verify a double-ended queue (*deque*) in a purely functional language such that each *enqueue* and *dequeue* operation on either end takes $\mathcal{O}(1)$ time in the worst case. This is what *real-time* means. Operations on previous versions of a deque are in constant time since purely functional data structures are persistent by default.

The deque implementation by Chuang and Goldberg consists of two stacks, with each stack corresponding to one of the two ends of the deque. These two stacks are balanced at all time, meaning that the bigger stack is never more than three times bigger than the smaller stack. The *enqueue* and *dequeue* operations use the respective stacks (by pushing and popping). The deque maintains its size invariant by rebalancing the two ends. Since such a rebalancing takes time $\mathcal{O}(n)$, it distributes a constant fraction of the rebalancing steps on the *enqueue* and *dequeue* operations before the invariant can be violated again. This achieves worst-case and not just amortized constant time for each operation. We show the detailed implementation in Section 5.

Chuang and Goldberg [2, p.292] describe the main size invariant of a real-time deque and explain how this invariant is re-established via rebalancing of the two ends. But to formally verify the implementation, we need much more detailed invariants, which also capture the state during rebalancing. For example, an explicit measure of the remaining rebalancing steps is needed. We verify the implementation w.r.t. a formal specification of deques. The verification uses the interactive theorem prover Isabelle/HOL [12, 11]. The Isabelle theories are available online [14] and comprise 4400 lines of definitions and proofs. Some of the names in this paper have been modified (mostly shortened) for presentation reasons.



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1.1 Related Work

The quest for efficient functional queues started with the two-stack implementation by Burton [1] where all operations take amortized constant time. Hood and Melville [7] show how to obtain a real-time implementation by distributing the work of moving elements from one of the two stacks to the other one over a whole sequence of *enqueue* and *dequeue* operations. A verification of Hood and Melville’s queue can be found elsewhere [4, 10]. The principles of the real-time deque were already described by Hood [6], apparently unbeknownst to Chuang and Goldberg. Madhavan and Kuncak [9] automatically verified the amortized constant-time complexity of a simpler deque (see start of Section 4).

Okasaki [13] shows how to obtain simpler implementations of real-time queues and deques by relying on lazy evaluation. The resource requirements of his code were analyzed semi-automatically by Madhavan *et al.* [8].

2 Preliminaries

Isabelle types are built from type variables, e.g. $'a$, and (postfix) type constructors, e.g. $'a \text{ list}$; the function type arrow is \Rightarrow . The notation $t :: \tau$ means that term t has type τ . The notation f^n , where $f :: \tau \Rightarrow \tau$, is the n -fold composition of f with itself.

Type $'a \text{ list}$ are lists of elements of type $'a$. They come with the following vocabulary: $\#$ (list constructor), @ (append), $|xs|$ (length of list xs), $rev \ xs$ (reverse of xs), hd (head), tl (tail, where $tl \ [] = []$), $take \ n \ xs$ (take the first n elements of list xs), $drop \ n \ xs$ (drop the first n elements of list xs), $take_last \ n \ xs$ (take the last n elements of list xs), and other self-explanatory notation. Type nat are the natural numbers. Pairs come with the projection functions fst and snd . Logical equivalence is written $=$ instead of \longleftrightarrow . A yellow background marks the code of the actual implementation of the data structure, while code without a background is just used for the verification.

3 Specification

The interface is comprised of the functions

$$\begin{array}{ll} empty :: 'q & is_empty :: 'q \Rightarrow bool \\ enqL :: 'a \Rightarrow 'q \Rightarrow 'q & enqR :: 'a \Rightarrow 'q \Rightarrow 'q \\ deqL :: 'q \Rightarrow 'q & deqR :: 'q \Rightarrow 'q \\ firstL :: 'q \Rightarrow 'a & firstR :: 'q \Rightarrow 'a \end{array}$$

where $'q$ is the type of deques and $'a$ the type of elements. They allow enqueueing and dequeuing elements on both ends (as indicated by the L/R suffixes). We express the specification using an abstraction function $listL :: 'q \Rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} listL \ empty = [] & is_empty \ q = (listL \ q = []) \\ listL \ (enqL \ x \ q) = x \# \ listL \ q & listR \ (enqR \ x \ q) = x \# \ listR \ q \\ listL \ q \neq [] \longrightarrow listL \ (deqL \ q) = tl \ (listL \ q) & listR \ q \neq [] \longrightarrow listR \ (deqR \ q) = tl \ (listR \ q) \\ listL \ q \neq [] \longrightarrow firstL \ q = hd \ (listL \ q) & listR \ q \neq [] \longrightarrow firstR \ q = hd \ (listR \ q) \end{array}$$

where $listR \ q = rev \ (listL \ q)$. The above properties express that $listL$ and $listR$ are homomorphisms from deques to lists. There is also an invariant $invar :: 'q \Rightarrow bool$ and $invar \ q$ is an additional precondition of the above equations, except for $listL \ empty = []$. All operations are required to preserve $invar$ – we do not show the corresponding propositions.

4 Abstract Description of Implementation

A deque is represented by two stacks, one for each end of the deque. Things work well as long as both stacks remain non-empty. As soon as one becomes empty and a *deq* (= *pop*) operation is to be performed, we need to move part of the other stack over to the empty side first. It can be shown that if the (bottom) half of the non-empty stack is moved (and reversed), this leads to an implementation with amortized constant-time operations.

To achieve worst-case constant-time complexity the invariant $n \geq m \geq 1 \wedge 3 * m \geq n$ is maintained where m and n are the sizes of the smaller and the bigger stacks S and B . If the length of the deque is ≤ 3 , it is represented by a single list, all operations are trivially constant-time and the above invariant does not apply. We focus on the two-stack situation. The invariant can be violated by dequeuing on the smaller stack or enqueueing on the larger stack. Let S and B be the stacks after the violating operation and let $m = |S|$ and $n = |B|$. Then $3 * m < n$ and either $3 * (m + 1) \geq n$ (*pop*) or $3 * m \geq n - 1$ (*push*), i.e. $n = 3 * m + k$ where $1 \leq k \leq 3$. Thus there are P and Q such that $B = P @ Q$ and $|Q| = m + 1$. Now we transform S into $S @ rev Q$ and B into P in 5 phases. In each phase, we pop the elements off one stack and push them onto another stack, thus reversing the order.

Big1 Pop the top $2 * m + k - 1$ elements off B onto a new stack rP : $B = Q$ and $rP = rev P$
Small1 Reverse S onto a new stack rS : $rS = rev S$
Big2 Reverse rP onto a new stack B' : $B' = P$
Small2 Reverse B onto a new stack S' : $S' = rev Q$
Small3 Reverse rS onto S' : $S' = S @ rev Q$

Now S' and B' are the new stacks. Phases *Big1* and *Small1* can be performed in parallel thus taking at most $2 * m + 2 + 1$ steps – the 1 is an administrative step between phases. Similarly, phase *Big2* can be performed in parallel with phases *Small2* followed by *Small3*, thus taking at most $2 * m + 2 + 1$ steps again. The $4 * m + 6$ steps are spread out as follows: 6 steps are performed in the violating operation and 4 steps in each subsequent *enq* and *deq*. The invariant cannot be violated again during those m operations: we start with stacks S' and B' of size $2 * m + 1$ and $2 * m + k - 1$; in the worst case $k = 1$ and all m operations are *deqs* on B' ; in the end we still have $3 * (2 * m + k - 1 - m) \geq 2 * m + 1$. In fact, it takes about $4/3 * m$ *deqs* or $4 * m$ *pops* before the invariant can be violated again. Because rebalancing happens in parallel with enqueueing and dequeuing, the stacks are augmented with further data structures. A counter keeps track of how many elements of the original stacks are still valid – every *deq* decrements the counter. An additional list *ext* is maintained that *enqs* push to. At the end of the 5 phases, we cannot just append S' to *ext* – this would not be constant-time. Thus stacks are actually implemented as pairs of lists (which complicates push and pop a little) and phase *Small3* returns (ext, T) where T is S' or B' above, which are real lists, not stacks.

5 Verified Implementation

A deque can be in one of the following states:

```
datatype 'a deque = Empty | One 'a | Two 'a 'a | Three 'a 'a 'a
                | Idles ('a idle) ('a idle) | Rebal ('a states)
```

- A deque contains less than four elements (first four constructors), or
- it consists of two stacks representing the ends of the deque (*Idles* constructor), or
- it is in the middle of rebalancing (*Rebal* constructor).

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The emptiness check is trivial:

```
is_empty Empty = True  
is_empty _ = False
```

Note that all code is shown on coloured background to distinguish it easily from all verification-related material.

In the following, we will show the implementation bottom-up, except for the rebalancing process, where we follow the order of the phases. There are a number of overloaded functions that are defined on multiple types:

- Functions *push* and *pop* that implement *enq* and *deq*.
- Function *step* implements the rebalancing steps.
- An invariant *invar*.
- Two abstraction functions to lists: *list* returns the list abstraction after rebalancing, *list_current* returns the list in the current, non-rebalanced state.
- Function *remaining_steps* calculates the remaining steps of a rebalancing process.

The invariant, list abstractions and *remaining_steps* are not code but key components of the verification and important contributions of our paper. Some other functions are also overloaded. For types that only have a function *list* its *size* is defined as:

$$\text{size } d = |\text{list } d|$$

If it has *list* and *list_current* then there are *size* and *size_new*:

$$\text{size } d = \min |\text{list_current } d| |\text{list } d|$$
$$\text{size_new } d = |\text{list } d|$$

We verified the following properties for every type that have the respective functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{list } (\text{push } x \ d) &= x \# \text{list } d \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{size } (\text{push } x \ d) = \text{size } d + 1 \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{invar } (\text{push } x \ d) \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{remaining_steps } (\text{push } x \ d) = \text{remaining_steps } d \\ \text{invar } d \wedge 0 < \text{size } d \wedge \text{pop } d = (x, \ d') &\longrightarrow x \# \text{list } d' = \text{list } d \\ \text{invar } d \wedge 0 < \text{size } d \wedge \text{pop } d = (x, \ d') &\longrightarrow \text{size } d' = \text{size } d - 1 \\ \text{invar } d \wedge \text{pop } d = (x, \ d') &\longrightarrow \text{invar } d' \\ \text{invar } d \wedge \text{pop } d = (x, \ d') &\longrightarrow \text{remaining_steps } d' \leq \text{remaining_steps } d \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{list } (\text{step } d) = \text{list } d \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{size } d = \text{size } (\text{step } d) \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{invar } (\text{step } d) \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{remaining_steps } (\text{step } d) = \text{remaining_steps } d - 1 \end{aligned}$$

For *list_current* and *size_new* the same properties hold as for *list* and *size*.

Our collection of datatypes is considerably more refined than those by Chuang and Goldberg because we express a number of the implicit invariants in their code explicitly on the level of types. For example, Chuang and Goldberg's type *Deque* has a constructor *LIST* :: 'a list ⇒ *Deque* that is applied only to lists of size ≤ 4 . The latter is an important implicit invariant that guarantees that operations *rev* and (@), which are applied to arguments of *LIST*, execute in constant time. Our type *deque* expresses the invariant clearly via the first four constructors. As a result, our implementation is more explicit but requires more small building blocks.

5.1 Stack

The basic building block for our implementation is the type *'a stack* that serves as the ends of the deque. It actually consists of two stacks represented by lists:

```
datatype 'a stack = Stack ('a list) ('a list)
```

The stack operations below use the left of the two stacks first, and resort to the right list if the left one is empty. As explained towards the end of Section 4 the right list contains elements resulting from a rebalancing, and the left list holds elements that were newly enqueued during rebalancing.

```
push x (Stack left right) = Stack (x # left) right
```

```
pop (Stack [] []) = Stack [] []
pop (Stack (x # left) right) = Stack left right
pop (Stack [] (x # right)) = Stack [] right
```

```
first (Stack (x # left) right) = x
first (Stack [] (x # right)) = x
```

```
is_empty (Stack [] []) = True
is_empty (Stack _ _) = False
```

There is no invariant but a list abstraction function:

```
list (Stack left right) = left @ right
```

5.2 Idle

Datatype *idle* represents an end of the deque that is not in a rebalancing process.

```
datatype 'a idle = Idle ('a stack) nat
```

It contains a *stack* to which it delegates its *push* and *pop* operations. Furthermore, we will need to check the size of the end frequently, to know whether rebalancing is required. To achieve this in constant time, we keep track of the size of the *stack* and update it with every operation accordingly.

```
push x (Idle stk n) = Idle (push x stk) (n + 1)
```

$$\text{pop } (\text{Idle } stk \ n) = (\text{first } stk, \text{Idle } (\text{pop } stk) \ (n - 1))$$

The invariant $\text{invar } (\text{Idle } stk \ n) = (\text{size } stk = n)$ is obvious. The list function delegates to the corresponding list function on the stack; we omit showing such trivial definitions.

5.3 Current

Now we start to look into the rebalancing procedure. Type $'a \ \text{current}$ stores information about operations that happen during rebalancing but which have not become part of the old state that is being rebalanced.

$$\text{datatype } 'a \ \text{current} = \text{Current } ('a \ \text{list}) \ \text{nat } ('a \ \text{stack}) \ \text{nat}$$

Both ends of the deque contain a current state which contains a list of newly enqueued elements and their number. The push operation on a current state adds to the list and increases its size counter:

$$\text{push } x \ (\text{Current } ext \ extn \ old \ tar) = \text{Current } (x \ \# \ ext) \ (extn + 1) \ old \ tar$$

Additionally, current has a stack keeping track of the end's state before rebalancing. The natural number after it is the **target size** (usually denoted by tar) of the end after rebalancing, but without taking the ext component into account. The pop operation on current enables dequeuing of elements during the rebalancing: If there are newly enqueued elements, pop dequeues an element from the corresponding list and adjusts its size counter. Otherwise, it dequeues an element from the old state of the end and reduces the target size by one.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pop } (\text{Current } (x \ \# \ ext) \ extn \ old \ tar) &= (x, \text{Current } ext \ (extn - 1) \ old \ tar) \\ \text{pop } (\text{Current } [] \ extn \ old \ tar) &= (\text{first } old, \text{Current } [] \ extn \ (\text{pop } old) \ (tar - 1)) \end{aligned}$$

The operations preserve the obvious invariant for the counter of newly enqueued elements:

$$\text{invar } (\text{Current } ext \ extn \ _ \ _) = (|\text{ext}| = extn)$$

The abstraction list yields the list of the state before rebalancing, but modified by the intervening push 's and pop 's. current has next to its size function based on list , an additional function size_new calculating the target size at the end of rebalancing.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{list } (\text{Current } ext \ _ \ old \ _) &= ext \ @ \ \text{list } old \\ \text{size_new } (\text{Current } _ \ extn \ _ \ tar) &= extn + tar \end{aligned}$$

5.4 Rebalancing

Rebalancing transfers elements from the bigger end to the smaller one. Datatype states stores both ends (types big_state and small_state are explained below) together with a direction indicating if the transfer happens from left to right or right to left. Therefore it also indicates which end is on which side.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{datatype } 'a \ \text{states} &= \text{States } \text{direction } ('a \ \text{big_state}) \ ('a \ \text{small_state}) \\ \text{datatype } \text{direction} &= L \ | \ R \end{aligned}$$

■ **Table 1** Rebalancing phases.

Big	Small
$Big1 _ (P @ Q) \quad [] P $	$Small1 _ S \quad []$
\downarrow $Big1 _ \quad Q (rev P) \quad 0$	\downarrow $Small1 _ [] (rev S)$
$Copy _ (rev P) \quad [] \quad 0$	$Small2 _ (rev S) Q \quad [] \quad 0$
$\downarrow(Big2)$	\downarrow $Small2 _ (rev S) \quad [] (rev Q) Q $
$Copy _ \quad [] P P $	$Copy _ \quad [] (S @ rev Q) (S + Q)$

The phases described in Section 4 are represented by the following constructors for the big and small end of the deque, with their corresponding behaviour w.r.t. rebalancing steps. *Big2* and *Small3* perform the same work and are both represented by the constructor *Copy*.

- *Big1* :: 'a current \Rightarrow 'a stack \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a big_state
Big1 _ S xs n pops the top n elements off S and puts them on xs.
- *Small1* :: 'a current \Rightarrow 'a stack \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a small_state
Small1 _ S xs pops all elements off S and puts them on xs.
- *Small2* :: 'a current \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a stack \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a small_state
Small2 _ xs S ys n pops all elements off S, puts them on ys, counts them in n and leaves xs unchanged.
- *Copy* :: 'a current \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a common_state
Copy cur xs ys n pops elements off xs, puts them on ys, and counts them, until n reaches the tar component of cur. Stopping before all of xs has been moved has the effect of performing the *deq* operations that have accumulated in cur during rebalancing.

Every phase contains a *current* state that deals with *enq* and *deq* operations (see Section 5.3).

Table 1 shows how each phase leads to the next at both ends of the deque. The variables are named as in Section 4. For readability we have equated stacks with lists. For simplicity the *Copy* phases assume that the copying is not cut short by a reduced *tar*. We will implement overloaded *step* functions that advance and transition the phases step-by-step.

5.4.1 Big

The bigger end of the deque goes through two phases during rebalancing, modeled with datatype *big_state* with two constructors:

```
datatype 'a big_state = Big1 ('a current) ('a stack) ('a list) nat
                    | Big2 ('a common_state)
```

Both constructors were explained at the beginning of Section 5.4. At that point we pretended that both ends of the deque have a common constructor *Copy*. Instead, constructor *Big2* is a wrapper around a common state *common_state* (see Section 5.4.3) that both ends delegate their *push/pop/step* operations to in phases *Big2* and *Small3*. Operations *push* and *pop* on *Big1* are delegated to *current*. Function *step* uses *norm* for the transition from phase *Big1* to *Big2* which is defined in Section 5.4.3.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{push } x \text{ (Big1 cur big aux n)} &= \text{Big1 (push } x \text{ cur) big aux n} \\ \text{push } x \text{ (Big2 state)} &= \text{Big2 (push } x \text{ state)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pop (Big1 cur big aux n)} &= (\text{let } (x, \text{cur}) = \text{pop cur in } (x, \text{Big1 cur big aux n})) \\ \text{pop (Big2 state)} &= (\text{let } (x, \text{state}) = \text{pop state in } (x, \text{Big2 state})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{step (Big1 cur big aux 0)} &= \text{Big2 (norm (Copy cur aux [] 0))} \\ \text{step (Big1 cur big aux n)} &= \text{Big1 cur (pop big) (first big \# aux) (n - 1)} \\ \text{step (Big2 state)} &= \text{Big2 (step state)} \end{aligned}$$

The remaining functions on *big_state* again delegate to *common_state* in phase *Big2*. We do not show those equations.

The following invariant is preserved by *push*, *pop* and *step*:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{invar (Big1 cur big aux n)} &= \text{let Current _ _ old tar = cur in} \\ &\quad \text{invar cur} \\ \wedge \quad \text{tar} &\leq |aux| + n && \text{(1)} \\ \wedge \quad n &\leq \text{size big} && \text{(2)} \\ \wedge \quad \text{take_last (size old) (rev aux @ list big)} &= \text{list old} && \text{(3)} \\ \wedge \quad \text{take tar (rev (take n (list big)) @ aux)} &= \text{rev (take tar (list old))} && \text{(4)} \end{aligned}$$

- (1) The target size of the end after the rebalancing (*tar*) is \leq to the total number of elements that the phase reverses ($|aux| + n$). This needs to hold because phase *Big1* moves to *aux* the elements that remain on this end. Only \leq but not $=$ holds because of potentially dequeued elements that reduce the target size (see Section 5.3: *pop*).
- (2) There must be at least as many elements as the phase wants to reverse.
- (3) Undoing the progress of the phase by reversing *aux* back and appending it back to *big* reproduces the old state of the end. We account for potentially dequeued elements by dropping those from the front of the restored end.
- (4) Finishing the phase by reversing and appending *n* more elements to *aux* gives us the elements that remain on this end in a reversed order.

In phase *Big1*, *list* finishes rebalancing and returns the final list of the end. In contrast, *list_current* returns the original list of the end.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{list (Big1 (Current ext _ _ tar) big aux n)} &= \\ &\quad \text{let } a = \text{rev (take n (list big)) @ aux in ext @ rev (take tar a)} \\ \text{list_current (Big1 cur _ _ _)} &= \text{list cur} \end{aligned}$$

The verification also requires the number of remaining *steps* of rebalancing:

$$\text{remaining_steps (Big1 (Current _ _ _ tar) _ _ n)} = n + \text{tar} + 1$$

In phase *Big1*, *n* more elements need to be moved before 1 additional step transitions to phase *Big2* which requires *tar* steps.

5.4.2 Small

As depicted in Table 1, the smaller end of the deque goes through three different phases during rebalancing. They are represented by datatype *small_state*:

```
datatype 'a small_state = Small1 ('a current) ('a stack) ('a list)
                        | Small2 ('a current) ('a list) ('a stack) ('a list) nat
                        | Small3 ('a common_state)
```

Just as in *big_state*, constructor *Small3* contains the common data structure to which the phases *Big2* and *Small3* delegate their operations (see Section 5.4.3). This time we do not show any of the trivial delegating equations.

Operations *push* and *pop* are defined analogously to their *big_state* relatives:

```
push x (Small1 cur small aux) = Small1 (push x cur) small aux
push x (Small2 cur aux big new n) = Small2 (push x cur) aux big new n
```

```
pop (Small1 cur small aux) = (let (x, cur) = pop cur in (x, Small1 cur small aux))
pop (Small2 cur aux big new n)
= (let (x, cur) = pop cur in (x, Small2 cur aux big new n))
```

In phase *Small1*, *step* idles once it has emptied its stack because it needs to wait for the big end to finish phase *Big1* before both ends can transition to their next phases simultaneously (see Section 5.4.4). In phase *Small2* the stack is popped until it is empty and phase *Small3* starts:

```
step (Small1 cur small aux)
= (if is_empty small then Small1 cur small aux
   else Small1 cur (pop small) (first small # aux))
step (Small2 cur aux big new n)
= (if is_empty big then Small3 (norm (Copy cur aux new n))
   else Small2 cur aux (pop big) (first big # new) (n + 1))
```

The following invariant, presented phase by phase, is preserved by *push*, *pop* and *step*:

```
invar (Small1 cur small aux) = let Current __ old tar = cur in
  invar cur
  ∧ size old ≤ tar (1)
  ∧ size old ≤ size small + |aux| (2)
  ∧ take_last (size old) (rev aux @ list small) = list old (3)
```

- (1) The target size is not smaller than the original size of the end. Otherwise, rebalancing would not be successful because the smaller end would shrink further.
- (2) The stack holding the original elements of the smaller end (*old*) cannot grow but potentially shrink through *pop* operations. Moreover, since phase *Small1* is reversing a copy of the original elements of the smaller size, the total number of elements it works on is \geq to the size of the stack *old*.
- (3) Undoing the progress of the phase by reversing *aux* back and appending it back to *small* reproduces the old state of the end. We account for potentially dequeued elements by dropping those from the front of the restored end.

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{invar } (\text{Small2 } cur \ aux \ big \ new \ n) &= \text{let } Current \ _ _ \ old \ tar = cur \ \text{in} \\
&\quad \text{invar } cur \\
\wedge \quad n &= |new| & (1) \\
\wedge \quad tar &= n + size \ big + size \ old & (2) \\
\wedge \quad size \ old &\leq |aux| & (3) \\
\wedge \quad rev \ (take \ (size \ old) \ aux) &= list \ old & (4)
\end{aligned}$$

- (1) The phase counts its reversed elements correctly.
- (2) The elements transferred from the bigger end and the original elements from the smaller end will build the new smaller end. Consequently, the sum of their elements is equal to the target size. Hereby, the number of transferred elements is split into already reversed and not yet reversed ones.
- (3, 4) Next to the reversal, phase *Small2* also holds the already reversed original state of the smaller end. Accordingly, it is equal to *old* when reversed back and accounted for the potentially dequeued elements.

Of the abstraction functions *list* and *list_current* we merely show *list* because *list_current* simply delegates to its counterpart on *current*.

$$\begin{aligned}
list \ (\text{Small2 } (Current \ ext \ _ _ \ tar) \ aux \ big \ new \ n) \\
= ext \ @ \ rev \ (take \ (tar - n - size \ big) \ aux) \ @ \ rev \ (list \ big) \ @ \ new
\end{aligned}$$

Function *list* is partial. It is lacking a case for phase *Small1* because phase *Small1* lacks the elements coming from the bigger end, so it is impossible to simulate all further steps of the rebalancing. The lacking case will be added one level higher for *States* where we also have the bigger end available (see Section 5.4.4).

For phase *Small2*, *list* finishes the reversal of the transferred elements, prepends the reversed result of phase *Small1* while accounting for potentially dequeued elements, and prepends the potentially enqueued elements.

The smaller end does not have its own remaining steps measurement because they depend on the state of the bigger end.

5.4.3 Common

The datatype *'a common_state* is a joint representation of phases *Big2* and *Small3*:

```

datatype 'a common_state = Copy ('a current) ('a list) ('a list) nat
                          | Idle ('a current) ('a idle)

```

Copy represents rebalancing; *Idle* signals termination of rebalancing and keeps the rebalanced state of an end in an *idle* state (see Section 5.2).

```

step (Copy cur aux new n)
= (let Current ext extn old tar = cur
   in norm
   (if n < tar then Copy cur (tl aux) (hd aux # new) (n + 1)
    else Copy cur aux new n))
step (Idle cur idle) = Idle cur idle

```

Function *norm* performs the transition back to an idle end. If *tar* has been reached, *norm* creates a new *stack* and puts the elements that arrived during rebalancing in the front and the result of rebalancing in the back and sets the size accordingly:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{norm } (\text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n) \\
& = (\text{let } \text{Current } \text{ext } \text{extn } \text{old } \text{tar} = \text{cur} \\
& \quad \text{in if } \text{tar} \leq n \text{ then } \text{Idle } \text{cur } (\text{Idle } (\text{Stack } \text{ext } \text{new}) (\text{extn} + n)) \\
& \quad \text{else } \text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n)
\end{aligned}$$

Both constructors also contain a *current* state on which the *push* and *pop* operations work:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{push } x (\text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n) = \text{Copy } (\text{push } x \text{ cur}) \text{ aux } \text{new } n \\
& \text{push } x (\text{Idle } \text{cur } (\text{Idle } \text{stk } n)) = \text{Idle } (\text{push } x \text{ cur}) (\text{Idle } (\text{push } x \text{ stk}) (n + 1))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{pop } (\text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n) \\
& = (\text{let } (x, \text{cur}) = \text{pop } \text{cur } \text{in } (x, \text{norm } (\text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n))) \\
& \text{pop } (\text{Idle } \text{cur } \text{idle}) = (\text{let } (x, \text{idle}) = \text{pop } \text{idle } \text{in } (x, (\text{Idle } (\text{fst } (\text{pop } \text{cur}))) \text{idle}))
\end{aligned}$$

Both operations also update the *idle* component when the respective phase terminated. Additionally, the *pop* operation checks if it dequeued the last element of the reversal and transitions, using *norm*, to the idle phase if so.

For the phases *Big2* and *Small3* the invariant is the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{invar } (\text{Copy } \text{cur } \text{aux } \text{new } n) = \text{let } \text{Current } _ _ \text{ old } \text{tar} = \text{cur } \text{in} \\
& \quad \text{invar } \text{cur} \\
& \quad \wedge \quad n < \text{tar} \tag{1} \\
& \quad \wedge \quad n = |\text{new}| \tag{2} \\
& \quad \wedge \quad \text{tar} \leq |\text{aux}| + n \tag{3} \\
& \quad \wedge \quad \text{take } \text{tar } (\text{list } \text{old}) = \text{take } (\text{size } \text{old}) (\text{rev } (\text{take } (\text{tar} - n) \text{aux}) @ \text{new}) \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

- (1) The number of elements for which the rebalancing is finished did not yet reach the target number.
- (2) *n* correctly holds the number of finished elements.
- (3) There are enough elements left to reach the target number.
- (4) When simulating the termination by reversing the missing elements, the front of the new and old end are the same.

The invariant for the idle state requires that the subcomponents satisfy their invariants and that the fronts of the old and the rebalanced ends are the same:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{invar } (\text{Idle } \text{cur } \text{idle}) \\
& = \text{invar } \text{cur} \wedge \text{invar } \text{idle} \wedge \text{take } (\text{size } \text{idle}) (\text{list } \text{cur}) = \text{take } (\text{size } \text{cur}) (\text{list } \text{idle})
\end{aligned}$$

Function *list* finishes the phases *Big2/Small3* and prepends the elements that arrived during rebalancing. In the *Idle* state it delegates to *list* on *idle*.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{list } (\text{Copy } (\text{Current } \text{ext } _ _ \text{tar}) \text{aux } \text{new } n) = \text{ext} @ \text{rev } (\text{take } (\text{tar} - n) \text{aux}) @ \text{new} \\
& \text{list } (\text{Idle } _ \text{idle}) = \text{list } \text{idle}
\end{aligned}$$

The abstraction function *list_current* simply delegates to its counterpart on *current*.

Counting of the remaining steps is similarly straightforward. In phases *Big2/Small3* the difference between the processed elements and the target remains; the idle state does not need any more steps.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{remaining_steps } (\text{Copy } (\text{Current } _ _ _ \text{tar}) _ _ _ n) = \text{tar} - n \\
& \text{remaining_steps } (\text{Idle } _ _) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

5.4.4 States

Putting the two ends together into *states* completes the implementation of the rebalancing procedure. Remember that in Section 5.4.2 phase *Small1* could not transition to *Small2* by itself because it needs to synchronize with the end of *Big1*. The *step* function on *states* covers this case by moving from *Small1* to *Small2* once *Big1* has reached 0. The other cases were already covered by the *step* functions on *big_state* and *small_state*.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{step } (\text{States } \text{dir } (\text{Big1 } \text{currentB } \text{big } \text{auxB } 0) (\text{Small1 } \text{currentS } _ \text{auxS})) \\ &= \text{States } \text{dir } (\text{step } (\text{Big1 } \text{currentB } \text{big } \text{auxB } 0)) (\text{Small2 } \text{currentS } \text{auxS } \text{big } [] 0) \\ & \text{step } (\text{States } \text{dir } \text{big } \text{small}) = \text{States } \text{dir } (\text{step } \text{big}) (\text{step } \text{small}) \end{aligned}$$

The joint list abstraction *lists* returns the pair containing the lists for the two ends. It also compensates for the partiality of *list* on the smaller end: *lists* simulates the remaining steps of phase *Small1* and performs the transition to phase *Small2*, for which *list* is already defined, to create the missing list abstraction for phase *Small1*. For the other phases it calls the respective list abstractions.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{lists } (\text{States } _ (\text{Big1 } \text{curB } \text{big } \text{auxB } n) (\text{Small1 } \text{curS } \text{small } \text{auxS})) \\ &= (\text{list } (\text{Big1 } \text{curB } \text{big } \text{auxB } n), \\ & \quad \text{list } (\text{Small2 } \text{curS } (\text{rev } (\text{take } n (\text{list } \text{small})) @ \text{auxS}) (\text{pop}^n \text{big}) [] 0)) \\ & \text{lists } (\text{States } _ \text{big } \text{small}) = (\text{list } \text{big}, \text{list } \text{small}) \end{aligned}$$

Function *lists_current* simply delegates to the big and small end:

$$\text{lists_current } (\text{States } _ \text{big } \text{small}) = (\text{list_current } \text{big}, \text{list_current } \text{small})$$

For convenience, we define

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{list_small_first } \text{states} = (\text{let } (\text{big}, \text{small}) = \text{lists } \text{states } \text{in } \text{small} @ \text{rev } \text{big}) \\ & \text{list_current_small_first } \text{states} \\ &= (\text{let } (\text{big}, \text{small}) = \text{lists_current } \text{states } \text{in } \text{small} @ \text{rev } \text{big}) \end{aligned}$$

and analogously *list_big_first* and *list_current_big_first*.

The invariant is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{invar } (\text{States } \text{dir } \text{big } \text{small}) = \\ & \quad \text{invar } \text{big} \wedge \text{invar } \text{small} \\ \wedge & \quad \text{list_small_first } (\text{States } \text{dir } \text{big } \text{small}) \\ & \quad = \text{list_current_small_first } (\text{States } \text{dir } \text{big } \text{small}) \tag{1} \\ \wedge & \quad \text{case } (\text{big}, \text{small}) \text{ of} \\ & \quad (\text{Big1 } _ \text{big } _ n, \text{Small1 } (\text{Current } _ _ \text{old } \text{tar}) \text{small } _) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad \quad \text{size } \text{big} - n = \text{tar} - \text{size } \text{old} \wedge \text{size } \text{small} \leq n \tag{2,3} \\ & \quad | (\text{Big1 } _ _ _ _, _) \Rightarrow \text{False} \tag{4} \\ & \quad | (\text{Big2 } _ _, \text{Small1 } _ _ _) \Rightarrow \text{False} \tag{5} \\ & \quad | (_ _, _) \Rightarrow \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

- (1) Rebalancing preserves the abstract queue (as a list): the list abstraction after the end of rebalancing must be the same as the list abstraction that uses the state before rebalancing.
- (2) After phase *Big1*, the bigger end transfers exactly the number of elements missing on the smaller end to reach the target size.
- (3) Phase *Big1* does not finish before *Small1*. This needs to hold because the smaller end transitions from phase *Small1* to *Small2* at the end of stage *Big1*.

- (4) Phase *Big1* can only occur together with phase *Small1*.
- (5) Phase *Big2* cannot occur together with phase *Small1*.

The case analysis in the invariant ensures that phase *Big1* runs in parallel with phase *Small1*, and phase *Big2* with the phases *Small2* and *Small3*.

The overall remaining steps are the maximum of the remaining steps of both ends:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{remaining_steps } (States _ big \ small) = & \\
 \max & \\
 & (\text{remaining_steps } big) \\
 & (\text{case } small \text{ of} \\
 & \quad \text{Small1 } (Current _ _ _ tar) _ _ \Rightarrow \text{let } Big1 _ _ _ nB = big \text{ in } nB + tar + 2 \\
 & \quad | \text{Small2 } (Current _ _ _ tar) _ _ _ nS \Rightarrow tar - nS + 1 \\
 & \quad | \text{Small3 } state \Rightarrow \text{remaining_steps } state)
 \end{aligned}$$

We focus on the smaller end because we covered the bigger end already in Section 5.4.1. The remaining steps for the small end in phase *Small1* cannot be calculated in isolation because they depend on the big end: Phase *Small1* needs to wait for phase *Big1* to finish, which are nB steps. Then it moves via *Small2* and *Small3* to *Idle*, counting up until the target size *tar* is reached. Consequently, the smaller end needs $nB + tar$ steps from phase *Small1* to finish and 2 more steps for the transitions. In phase *Small2*, the counter is at nS already and hence $tar - nS$ steps remain, plus 1 for the last transition. The remaining steps for phase *Small3* are already covered in Section 5.4.3.

Finally, we must ensure that the deque re-establishes the size constraints after rebalancing, therefore *size_ok* calculates, relative to the remaining steps, if the size constraints can be met: it is not allowed that one end is more than 3 times larger than the other after rebalancing. Additionally, none of the ends is allowed to be empty at the end. Herefore, it is also important that both ends have enough elements to facilitate all the *dequeue* operations that can potentially happen. Therefore, *size_ok* uses the size measurements implemented for both ends.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{size_ok } states = \text{size_ok}' \text{ states } (\text{remaining_steps } states) \\
 \text{size_ok}' (States _ big \ small) \text{ steps} = & \\
 & \text{size_new } small + \text{steps} + 2 \leq 3 * \text{size_new } big \\
 & \wedge \text{size_new } big + \text{steps} + 2 \leq 3 * \text{size_new } small \\
 & \wedge \text{steps} + 1 \leq 4 * \text{size } small \\
 & \wedge \text{steps} + 1 \leq 4 * \text{size } big
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $(m \leq k * n \wedge n \leq k * m) = (\max m \ n \leq k * \min m \ n)$, i.e. we have merely rewritten the size invariant from Section 4.

5.5 Deque

Finally, we can put together all the parts for the overall invariant:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{invar } (Idles \ l \ r) = & \\
 & \text{invar } l \wedge \text{invar } r \wedge \neg \text{is_empty } l \wedge \neg \text{is_empty } r \\
 & \wedge \text{size } l \leq 3 * \text{size } r \wedge \text{size } r \leq 3 * \text{size } l \\
 \text{invar } (\text{Rebal } states) = & (\text{invar } states \wedge \text{size_ok } states \wedge 0 < \text{remaining_steps } states) \\
 \text{invar } _ = & \text{True}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the idle state, the deque must satisfy the invariants of both ends and the size constraints between them. During rebalancing, the deque must satisfy the invariant of the rebalancing process, must ensure that it meets the size constraints after rebalancing, and *remaining_steps*

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must correctly predict that there are further steps needed. The other states of the deque fulfill the invariant trivially.

The overall list abstraction function *listL* (Section 3) is composed trivially from the separate states' list abstractions:

```
listL Empty = []
listL (One x) = [x]
listL (Two x y) = [x, y]
listL (Three x y z) = [x, y, z]
listL (Idles left right) = list left @ rev (list right)
listL (Rebal states) = listL states

listL (States L big small) = list_small_first (States L big small)
listL (States R big small) = list_big_first (States R big small)
```

5.5.1 Enqueuing

Function *enqL* enqueues one element on the left end of the deque and returns the resulting deque.

```
enqL x Empty = One x
enqL x (One y) = Two x y
enqL x (Two y z) = Three x y z
enqL x (Three a b c) = Idles (Idle (Stack [x, a] []) 2) (Idle (Stack [c, b] []) 2)
enqL x (Idles l (Idle r nR)) =
  let Idle l nL = push x l in
  if nL ≤ 3 * nR then Idles (Idle l nL) (Idle r nR)
  else let nl = nl - nR - 1;
    nR = 2 * nL + 1;
    big = Big1 (Current [] 0 l nL) l [] nL;
    small = Small1 (Current [] 0 r nR) r [];
    states = States R big small;
    states = step6 states;
  in Rebal states
enqL x (Rebal (States L big small)) =
  let small = push x small;
    states = step4 (States L big small);
  in case states of
    States L (Big2 (Idle _ big)) (Small3 (Idle _ small)) ⇒ Idle small big
    | _ ⇒ Rebal states
```

```
enqL x (Rebal (States R big small)) =
  let big = push x big;
    states = step4 (States R big small);
  in case states of
    States R (Big2 (Idle _ big)) (Small3 (Idle _ small)) ⇒ Idle big small
    | _ ⇒ Rebal states
```

Function *enqL* advances the constructors *Empty*, *One* and *Two* to the next larger one. For *Three*, it transitions the deque into the idle state by placing two elements at each end.

In the idle state, it enqueues one element on the left end and checks if the size invariant between the two ends still holds. If so, it keeps the deque in the idle state. Otherwise, it initiates rebalancing in the same way as *deqL'*, but in the other direction.

If the deque is already in the rebalancing process, *enqL* enqueues the new element and advances rebalancing by 4 steps. If that finishes rebalancing, it moves back into the idle state.

Function *enqR*, the counterpart of *enqL*, swaps the two ends of the deque, calls *enqL* and swaps the ends back.

```
enqR x d = swap (enqL x (swap d))
```

5.5.2 Dequeuing

The function *deqL'* dequeues one element from the left end of the deque and returns the dequeued element and the remaining deque. Accordingly, it implements *deqL* and *firstL* simultaneously.

```
deqL' (One x) = (x, Empty)
deqL' (Two x y) = (x, One y)
deqL' (Three x y z) = (x, Two y z)
deqL' (Idles l (Idle r nR)) =
  let (x, Idle l nL) = pop l in
  if nR ≤ 3 * nL then (x, Idles (Idle l nL) (Idle r nR))
  else if 1 ≤ nL then
    let nL' = 2 * nL + 1;
        nR' = nR - nL - 1;
        small = Small1 (Current [] 0 l nL') l [];
        big = Big1 (Current [] 0 r nR') r [] nR';
        states = States L big small;
        states = step6 states;
    in (x, Rebal states)
  else case r of Stack r1 r2 ⇒ (x, small_deque r1 r2)
deqL' (Rebal (States L big small)) =
  let (x, small) = pop small;
      states = step4 (States L big small);
  in case states of
    States R (Big2 (Idle _ big)) (Small3 (Idle _ small)) ⇒ (x, Idle big small)
  | _ ⇒ (x, Rebal states)
```

```
deqL' (Rebal (States R big small)) =
  let (x, big) = pop big;
      states = step4 (States R big small);
  in case states of
    States R (Big2 (Idle _ big)) (Small3 (Idle _ small)) ⇒ (x, Idle big small)
  | _ ⇒ (x, Rebal states)
```

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If the deque has less than four elements, $deqL'$ dequeues the leftmost element and transitions to the next smaller constructor (not shown).

In the idle state, $deqL'$ dequeues an element from the left end and checks if the size invariant between the two ends still holds. If so, the deque stays in the idle states. Otherwise, it checks if the left end became empty and transitions to one of the small states using $small_deque$ (below) in that case. In the last case, when the left end is not empty and the size constraints are violated, it starts rebalancing. Therefore, it divides the total number of elements into two almost equal halves – the right is one larger because the total number is odd. Then, the phases *Big1* (for the bigger, right side) and *Small1* (for the smaller, left side) are initialized with these numbers as target sizes and the state of the respective end. Finally, $deqL'$ starts rebalancing by executing 6 steps.

When the deque is already in the rebalancing state, $deqL'$ dequeues one element from the respective end and advances the rebalancing with 4 more steps. If that finishes rebalancing, it transitions the deque back into the idle state.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 small_deque [] [] = Empty & small_deque [] [x, y] = Two\ y\ x \\
 small_deque [x] [] = One\ x & small_deque [] [x, y, z] = Three\ z\ y\ x \\
 small_deque [] [x] = One\ x & small_deque [x, y, z] [] = Three\ z\ y\ x \\
 small_deque [x] [y] = Two\ y\ x & small_deque [x, y] [z] = Three\ z\ y\ x \\
 small_deque [x, y] [] = Two\ y\ x & small_deque [x] [y, z] = Three\ z\ y\ x
 \end{array}$$

Function $deqR'$, analogously to $enqR$, is reduced to $deqL'$ by swapping the ends twice. $deqR$ and $firstR$ are specializations of $deqR'$.

$$deqR'\ deque = (\text{let } (x, deque) = deqL' (swap\ deque) \text{ in } (x, swap\ deque))$$

5.6 Proof

In this section we explain how the top-level properties of the specification in Section 3 are proved. This is what we proved for $enqL$ and $deqL'$:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 invar\ d \longrightarrow listL (enqL\ x\ d) = x \# listL\ d \\
 invar\ d \longrightarrow invar (enqL\ x\ d)
 \end{array} \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 invar\ d \wedge listL\ d \neq [] \wedge deqL'\ d = (x, d') \longrightarrow x \# listL\ d' = listL\ d \\
 invar\ d \wedge \neg is_empty\ d \longrightarrow invar (deqL\ d)
 \end{array}$$

The proofs are case analyses over all the defining equations of the non-recursive functions $enqL$ and $deqL'$. In each case, the proof is largely by application of the verified properties for the underlying data structures (see Section 5). As an example of these top-level proofs we present one crucial case of (*):

$$listL (enqL\ x (Rebal (States\ L\ big\ small))) = x \# listL (Rebal (States\ L\ big\ small))$$

assuming that the deque stays in the rebalancing state. We start by defining $states = States\ L\ big\ small$, $small' = push\ x\ small$ and $states' = States\ L\ big\ small'$ as shorthands. Then we can unfold the definition of $enqL$:

$$listL (enqL\ x (Rebal (States\ L\ big\ small))) = listL (step^4\ states')$$

Using the property of the $step$ functions preserving list abstractions (see Section 5), we can simply ignore the four rebalancing steps:

$$\dots = \text{listL } \text{states}'$$

This enables us to unfold the definition of *listL*:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= \text{list_small_first } \text{states}' \\ &= \text{let } (bs, ss') = \text{lists } \text{states}' \text{ in } ss' @ \text{rev } bs \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can utilize that *push* operations prepend the new element to the list abstractions:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= \text{let } (bs, x \# ss) = \text{lists } \text{states}' \text{ in } (x \# ss) @ \text{rev } bs \\ &= x \# (\text{let } (bs, ss) = \text{lists } \text{states} \text{ in } ss @ \text{rev } bs) \end{aligned}$$

Concluding the proof, we fold the definition of *listL* again:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= x \# \text{list_small_first } \text{states} \\ &= x \# \text{listL } (\text{Rebal } \text{states}) \end{aligned}$$

The required properties of *firstL* and *deqL* are simple corollaries of the above properties for *deqL'*. The dual properties of *enqR* and *deqR'* are again corollaries via these additional properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{listR } (\text{swap } d) = \text{listL } d \\ \text{invar } d &\longrightarrow \text{invar } (\text{swap } d) \end{aligned}$$

5.7 Complexity

All operations of our implementation take constant time because they only employ constant-time functions (arithmetic, (*#*), *hd*, *tl*) and are not recursive. Some of the auxiliary functions used in the verification are not constant-time but this is irrelevant. Our colour schema helps to distinguish the two worlds.

6 Conclusion

We have presented an implementation of a real-time double-ended queue and in particular the key ingredients of its verification: the abstraction functions, the invariants (incl. all auxiliary functions to define them), and the key theorems about the implementation. It would be interesting to investigate if our invariants could be simplified and if semi-automatic theorem provers like Why3 [3] could automate the proof significantly beyond the current level.

Finally note that our deque implementation is fully executable and that Isabelle can generate code in many functional languages (including Haskell and Scala) from it [5].

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