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## Merging two queues

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In the `public_files` section of the problem statement, a class called **LinkedQueue**, which implements the **Queue ADT** using a singly-linked list, is defined. Extend the implementation of this class with a new public method **merge(self, other)**. This method merges the elements of two queues  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  as follows: If  $q_1$  represents the queue  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  and  $q_2$  represents the queue  $o_1, o_2, \dots, o_m$ , after executing `q1.merge(q2)` queue  $q_1$  represents

- the queue  $e_1, o_1, e_2, o_2, \dots, e_n, o_n, o_{n+1}, \dots, o_m$ , if  $n \leq m$ ; or
- the queue  $e_1, o_1, e_2, o_2, \dots, e_m, o_m, e_{m+1}, \dots, e_n$ , if  $n > m$ .

In both cases, after executing `q1.merge(q2)`, the queue  $q_2$  is empty, because its elements have been transferred to  $q_1$ .

For example, if **q1** is an instance of the class `LinkedQueue` that represents the *queue*

`front 1, 3, 5, 7 back`

and **q2** is an instance of the class `LinkedQueue` that represents the *queue*

`front 2, 4, 6 back`

after executing the statement `q1.merge(q2)`, **q1** will represent the *queue*

`front 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 back`

and **q2** will be empty.

Your implementation of `merge(self, other)` should not use any public method of the class `LinkedQueue`. It should work directly with the representation of the class (i.e. attributes of the classes `LinkedQueue` and `_Node`), and it should not create any new node.

You should also override the *special method* `__str__` of the class `LinkedQueue` so that the contents of an instance of this class representing a queue of integer numbers can be printed without making any call to the public method `dequeue`.

In particular, you should add the following public methods to the `LinkedQueue` class:

```
def merge(self, other):  
    # Insert your implementation below  
  
def __str__(self):  
    # In the implementation of this method, assume the queue instance  
    # can only contain integer numbers. This is only true in the context  
    # of this problem.  
    # Insert your implementation below
```

### Sample input

```
1 3 5 7  
2 4 6
```

### Sample output

```
v[0]: 1 3 5 7  
v[1]: 2 4 6
```

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After calling v[0].merge(v[1])
v[0]: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

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v[1]:
```

## Problem information

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