

## ***Stack Mechanism Discussion with Time Complexity***

### ***7. Stack Traversal Operation***

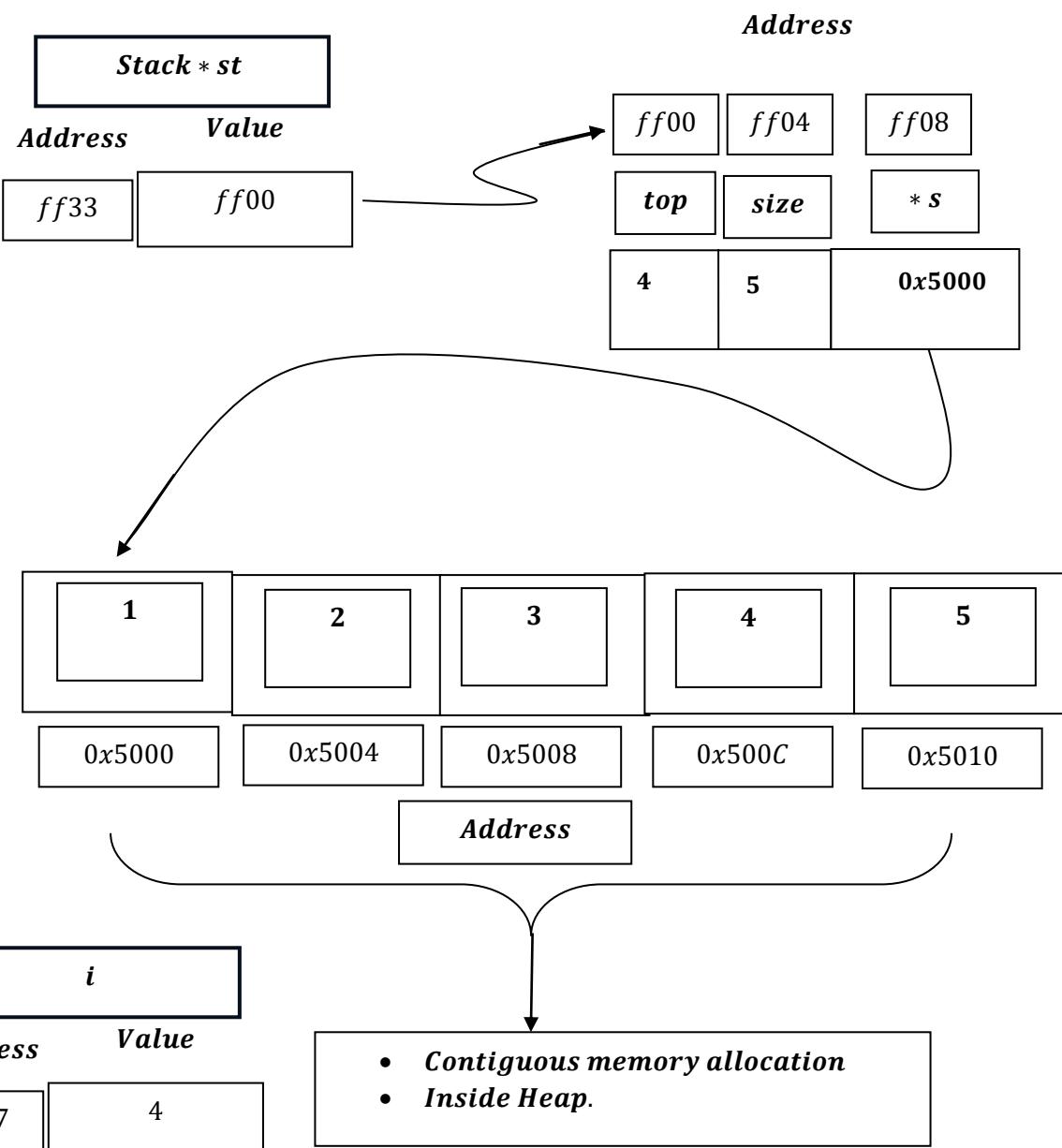
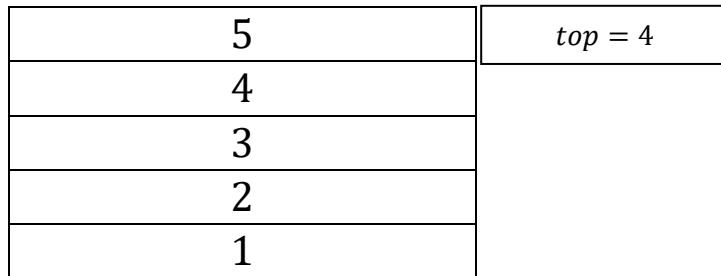
```
void stackTraversal(Stack st)
{
    if (isEmpty(st))
    {
        cout << "Stack is Empty" << endl;
    }

    for (int i = st.top; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        cout << st.s[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}
...
case 4:
    cout << "The elements in the stack are: " << endl;
    stackTraversal(stck);
    break;
```

***isEmpty() function return 1 or 0 ,when return 0***

***is false ,when return 1 its true ,if true then it print "Stack is Empty" else if return '0' ,its false,then :***

***it traverse the stack and print the elements.***



$st \rightarrow s[i = st \rightarrow top] \Rightarrow s[4]$

**return value stored in  $BaseAddress + (index \times \text{size of int})$**

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + (4 \times 4 \text{ bytes})$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 16$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 10$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5010$*

$\Rightarrow \text{return } 5$

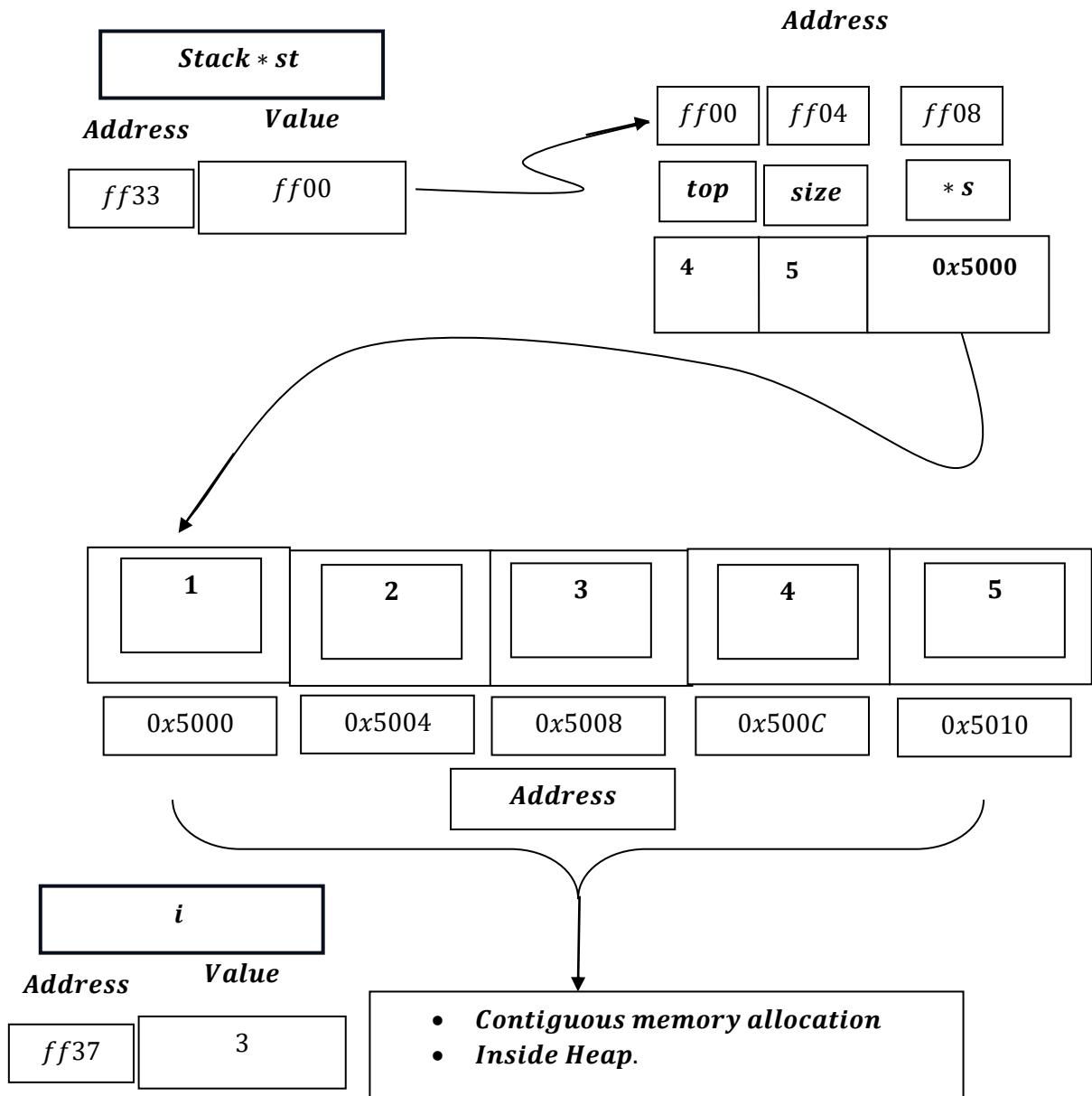
*Now i becomes : 3 , from :  $i--$  .*

$= i = i - 1.$

$= i = 4 - 1.$

$= i = 3.$

**i is it in post decrement.**



$st \rightarrow s[i] : \Rightarrow s[3]$ .

**return value stored in  $\text{BaseAddress} + (\text{index} \times \text{size of int})$**

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + (3 \times 4 \text{ bytes})$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 12$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + C$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x500C$*

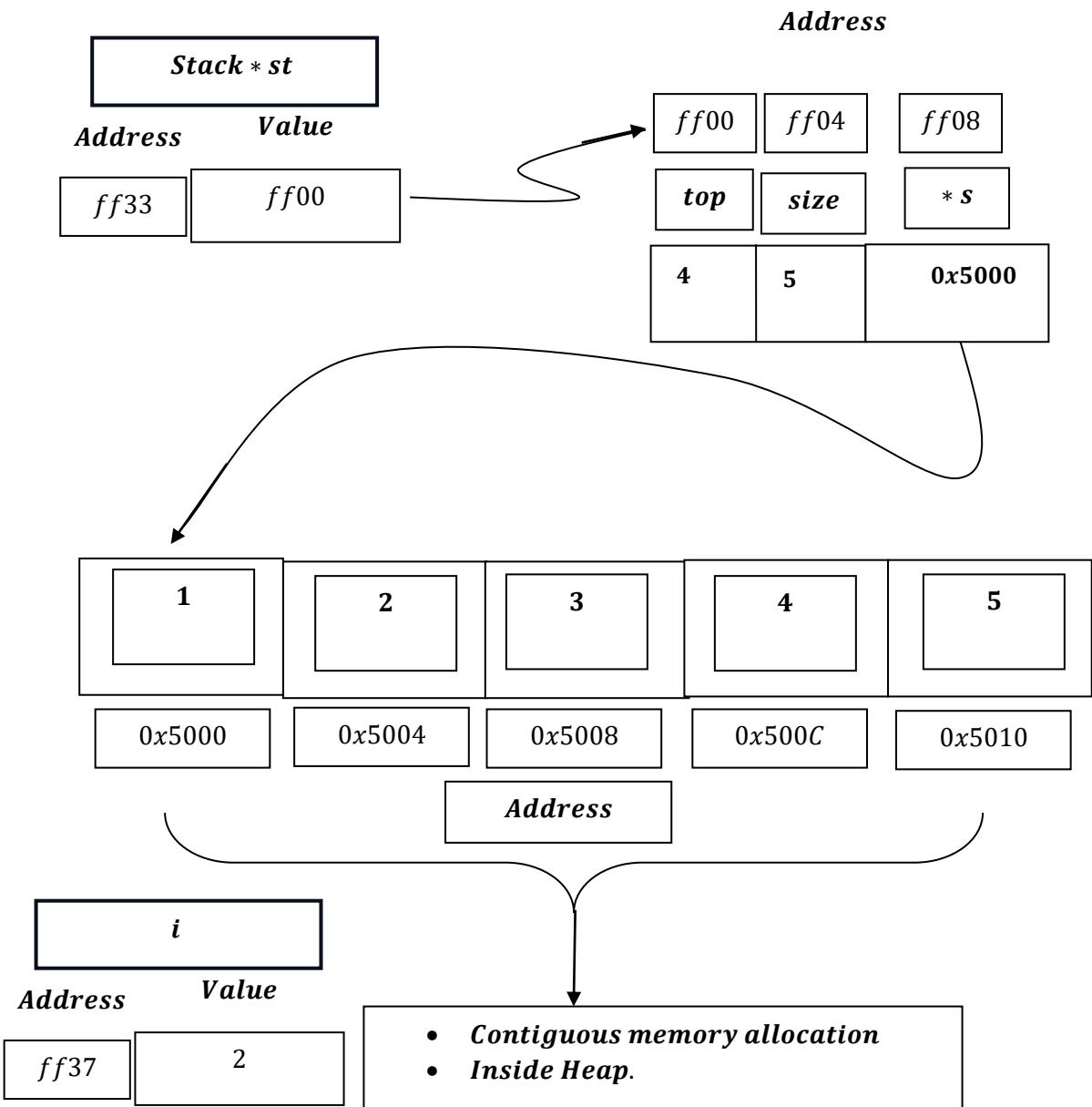
$\Rightarrow \text{return } 4$

*Now i becomes : 2 , from : i-- .*

= i = i - 1.

= i = 3 - 1.

= i = 2.



$st \rightarrow s[i] : \Rightarrow s[2]$ .

***return value stored in BaseAddress + (index × size of int)***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + (2 \times 4$  bytes)***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 8$***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5008$***

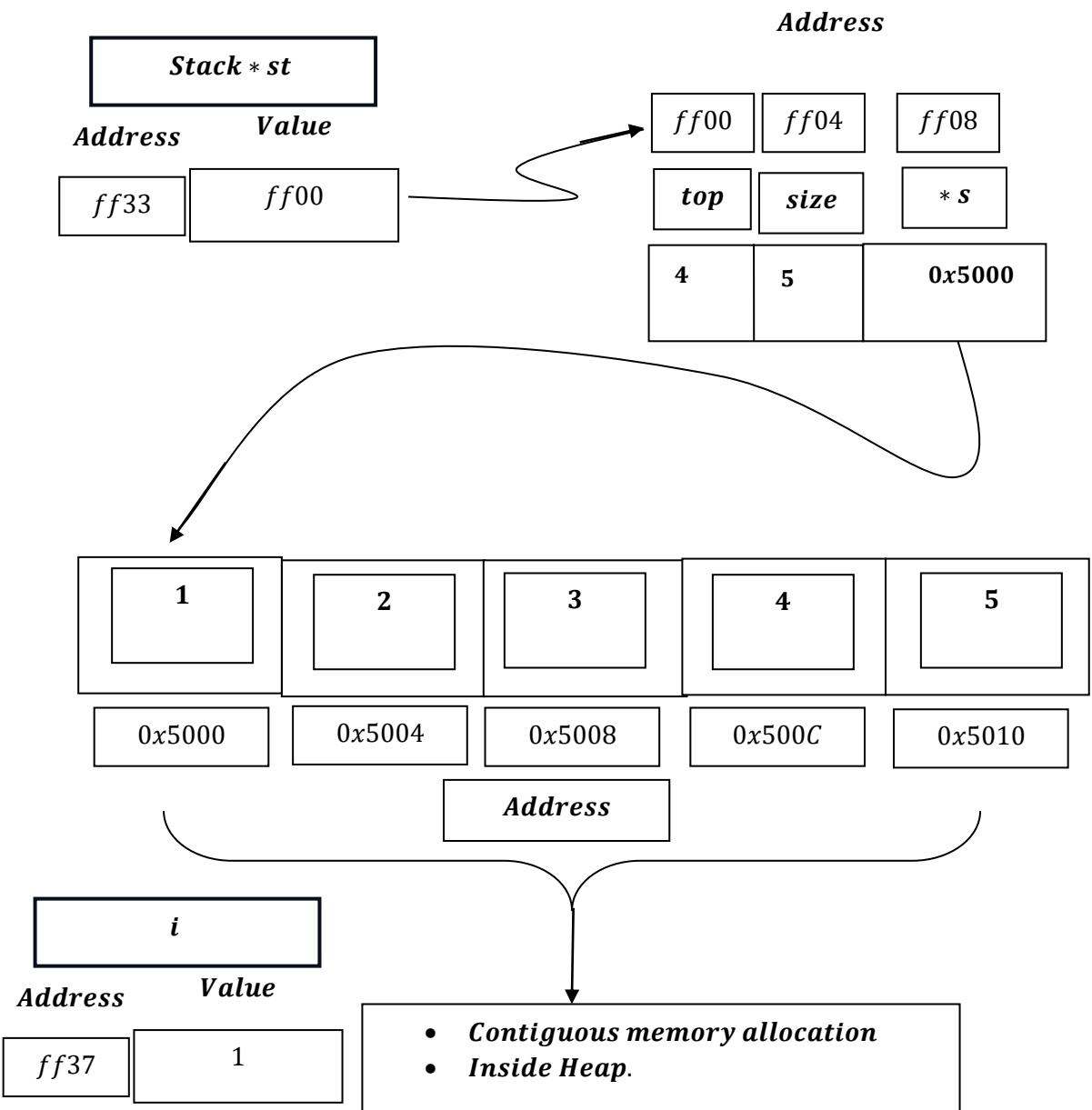
**$\Rightarrow \text{return } 3$**

***Now i becomes : 1 , from : i -- .***

***= i = i - 1.***

***= i = 2 - 1.***

***= i = 1.***



$st \rightarrow s[i] : \Rightarrow s[1]$ .

**return value stored in BaseAddress + (index × size of int)**

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + (1 \times 4 \text{ bytes})$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 4$*

*i.e. return value stored in  $0x5004$*

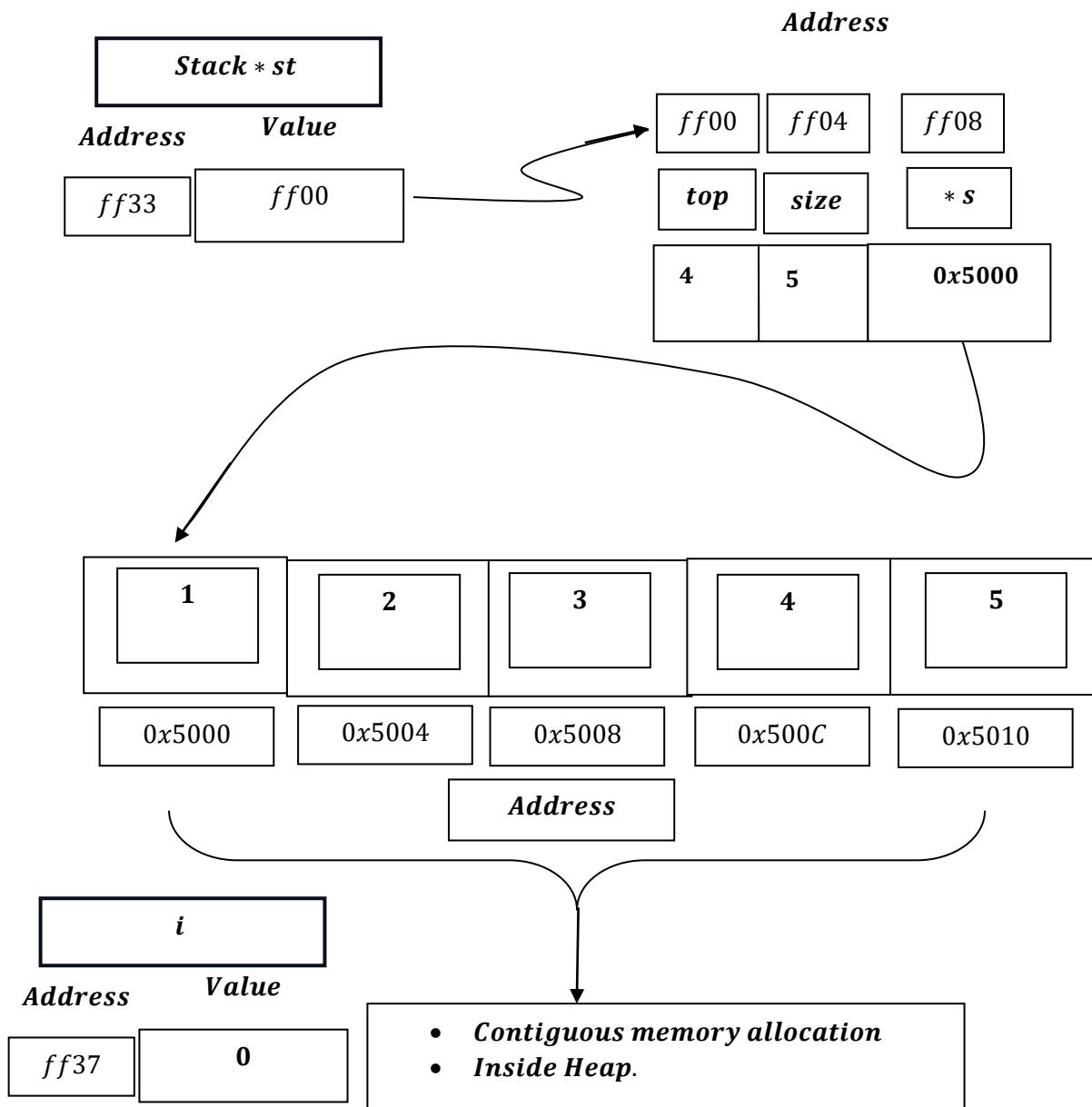
$\Rightarrow \text{return } 2$

*Now i becomes : 0 , from : i-- .*

$= i = i - 1.$

$= i = 1 - 1.$

$= i = 0.$



$st \rightarrow s[i] : \Rightarrow s[0]$ .

***return value stored in BaseAddress + (index × size of int)***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + (0 \times 4$  bytes)***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000 + 0$***

***i.e. return value stored in  $0x5000$***

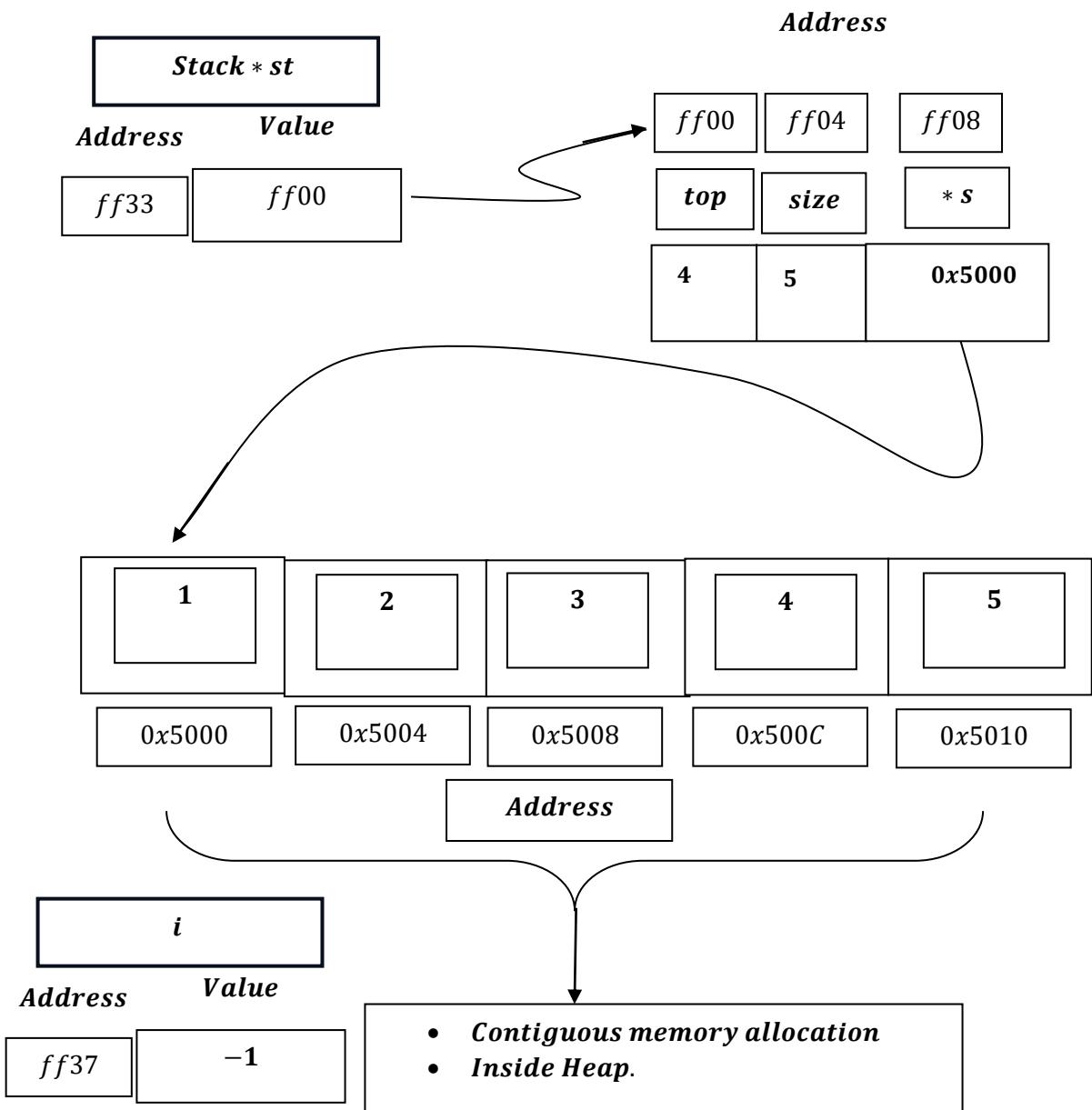
**$\Rightarrow \text{return } 1$**

***Now i becomes : -1 , from : i -- .***

**$= i = i - 1.$**

**$= i = 0 - 1.$**

**$= i = -1.$**



**When  $i = -1$ , loop condition fails, hence return void and exit from the stack traversal function .**

## *Time Complexity*

```
void stackTraversal(Stack st)
{
    if (isEmpty(st))
    {
        cout << "Stack is Empty" << endl;
    }

    for (int i = st.top; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        cout << st.s[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}
```

**1. Function overhead due to function call which includes creation of stack frame for the function *stackTraversal()* takes constant amount of time :  $O(1)$ .**

**2. *isEmpty()* function return 1 or 0 ,when return 0 is false ,when return 1 its true , if condition its become true i.e. stack is empty. [if condition check takes constant time :  $O(1)$ .]**

***Then inner statement runs:***

→ Print ``Stack is Empty``. → Takes constant time  $O(1)$ .

**3. If stack is not empty, stack traversal occurs:**

→ loop runs from  $i = 'n - 1'$  to  $'0'$  [where ' $n$ ' is size]:

*print value stored at  $s[i]$ .* → Runs

**1 unit of time + 1 unit of time + ⋯  $n$  times**

**Note :  $[0 \text{ to } n - 1 \approx 1 \text{ to } n[\text{resequenced}]]$**

**Hence :  $O(n)$ .**

**∴ Total Time Complexity :  $O(1) + [O(1) + O(1)] + O(n) = O(n)$ .**

**When  $\text{stackTraversal}()$  is called:**

1. A stack frame (activation record) is created.
2. The return address is stored.
3. Parameters are handled.
4. Control jumps to the function.
5. After execution, the stack frame is removed.

**These steps:**

- **Do not depend on input size ( $n$ ).**
- **Take a fixed number of CPU instructions.**

**Hence, Function Call Overhead =  $O(1)$ .**

*The function call overhead, including stack frame creation and destruction for `stackTraversal()`, takes constant time  $O(1)$ , since it does not depend on the input size.*

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*Stack Data structure basically shows how call stack frame works i.e. in LIFO method , but in Stack Data Structure we manually do `push()` and `pop()` , where in call stack frame, it creates stack frame for entire function containing local variables , parameters , return address and saved registers and adds or push another stack frame if called again and pops whole stack frame automatically thus different from Stack datastructure , yet conceptually similar.*

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