

Stack Mechanism Discussion with Time Complexity

7.Stack Traversal Operation

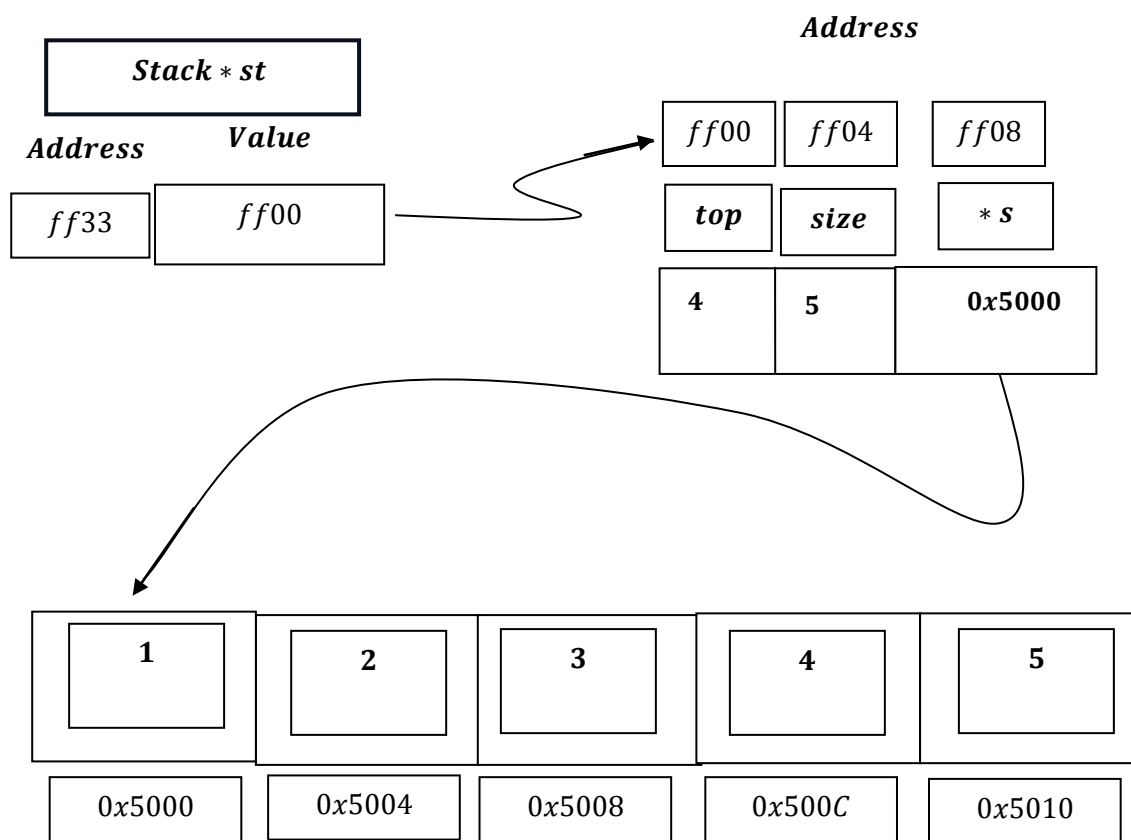
```
void stackTraversal(Stack st)
{
    if (isEmpty(st))
    {
        cout << "Stack is Empty" << endl;
    }

    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.

5	<i>top</i> = 4
4	
3	
2	
1	



i

<i>Address</i>	<i>Value</i>
ff37	4

- *Contiguous memory allocation*
- *Inside Heap.*

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

return value stored in $BaseAddress + (index \times size\ of\ int)$

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

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow return\ 5$

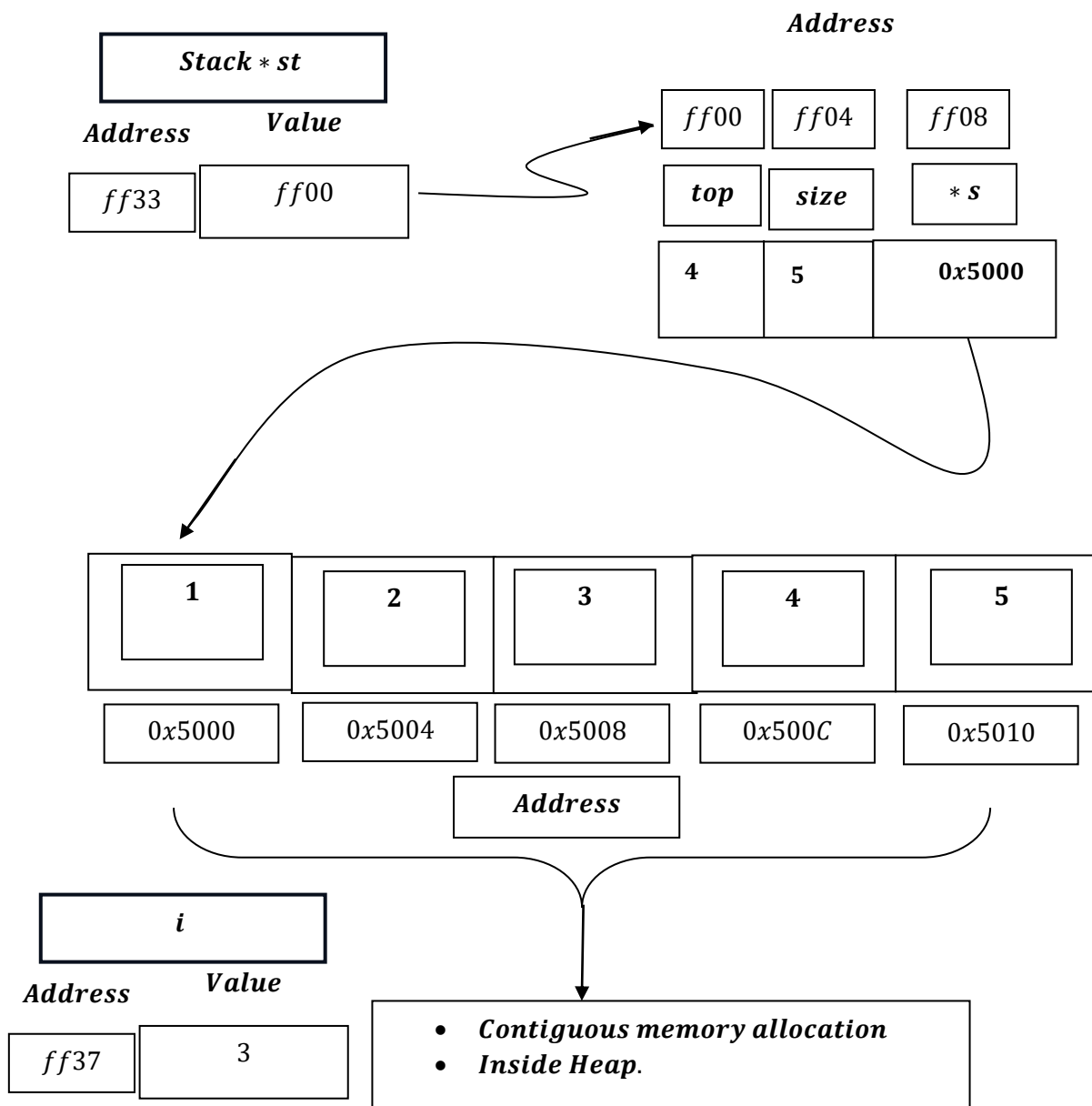
Now i becomes : 3 , from : $i - -$.

$= i = i - 1.$

$= i = 4 - 1.$

$= i = 3.$

i is it in post decrement.



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

return value stored in $BaseAddress + (index \times size\ of\ int)$

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

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

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

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

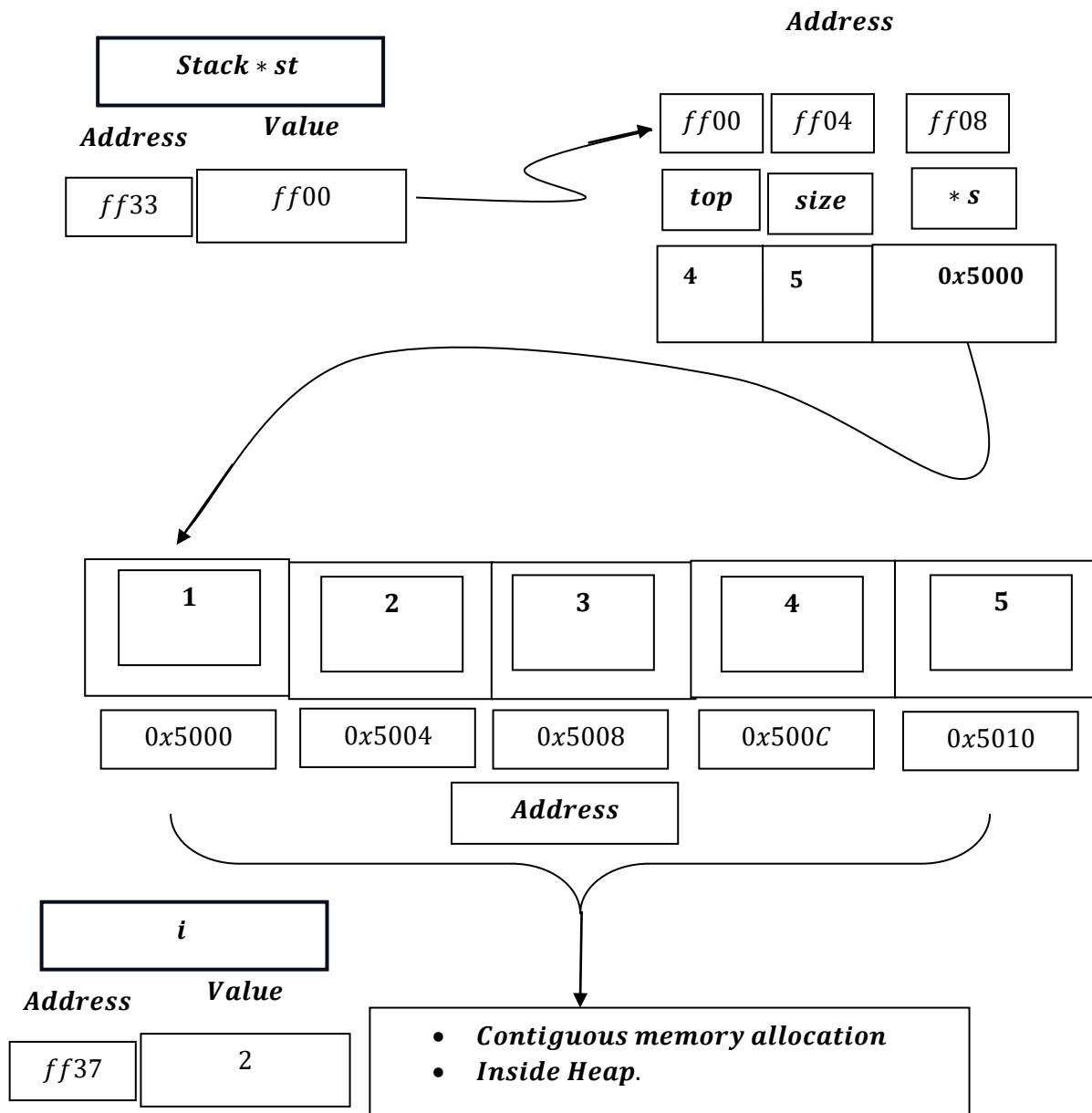
\Rightarrow return 4

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 $BaseAddress + (index \times size\ of\ int)$

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 $0x5008$

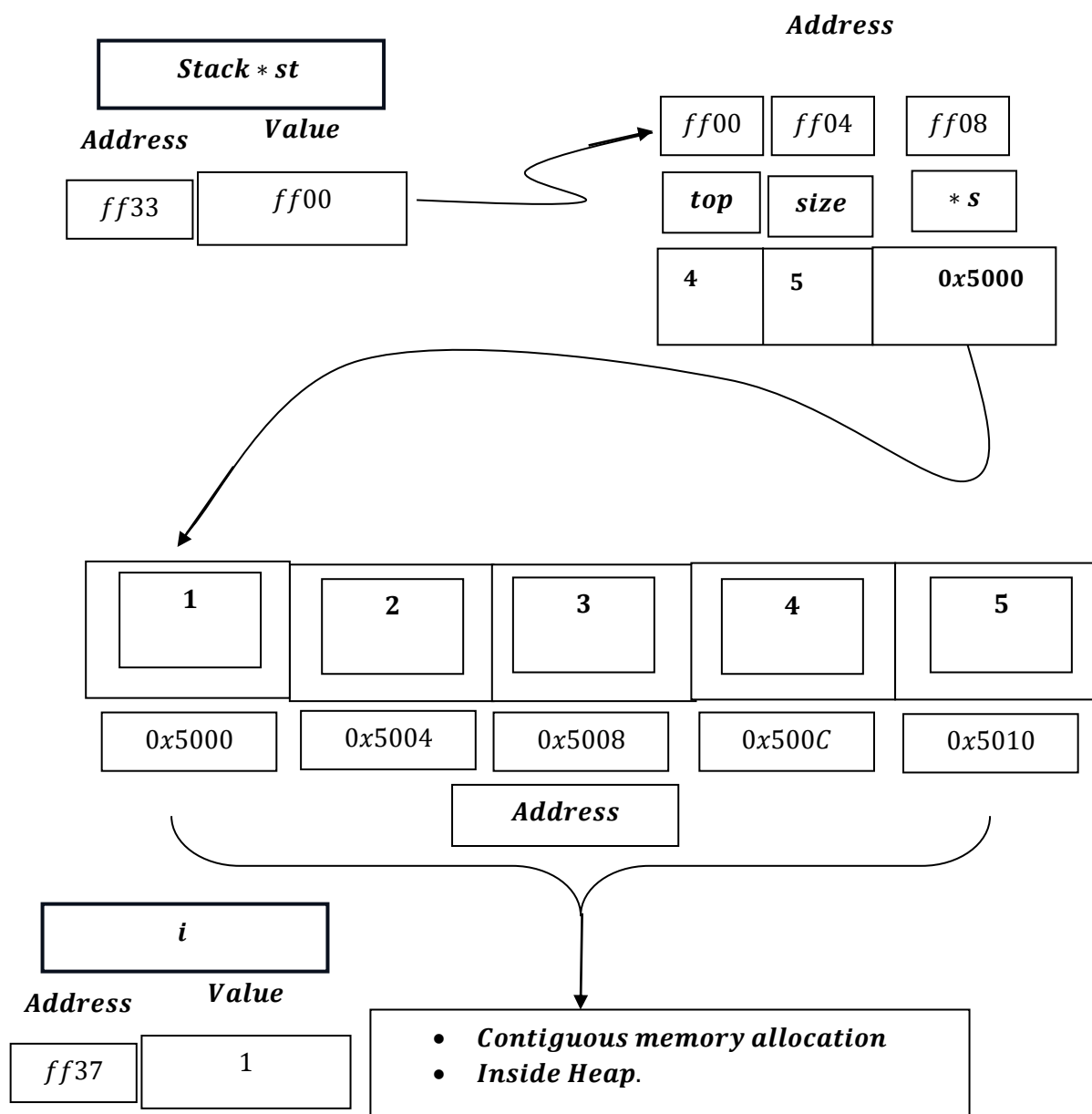
$\Rightarrow return\ 3$

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 $BaseAddress + (index \times size \text{ of } int)$

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 $0x5004$

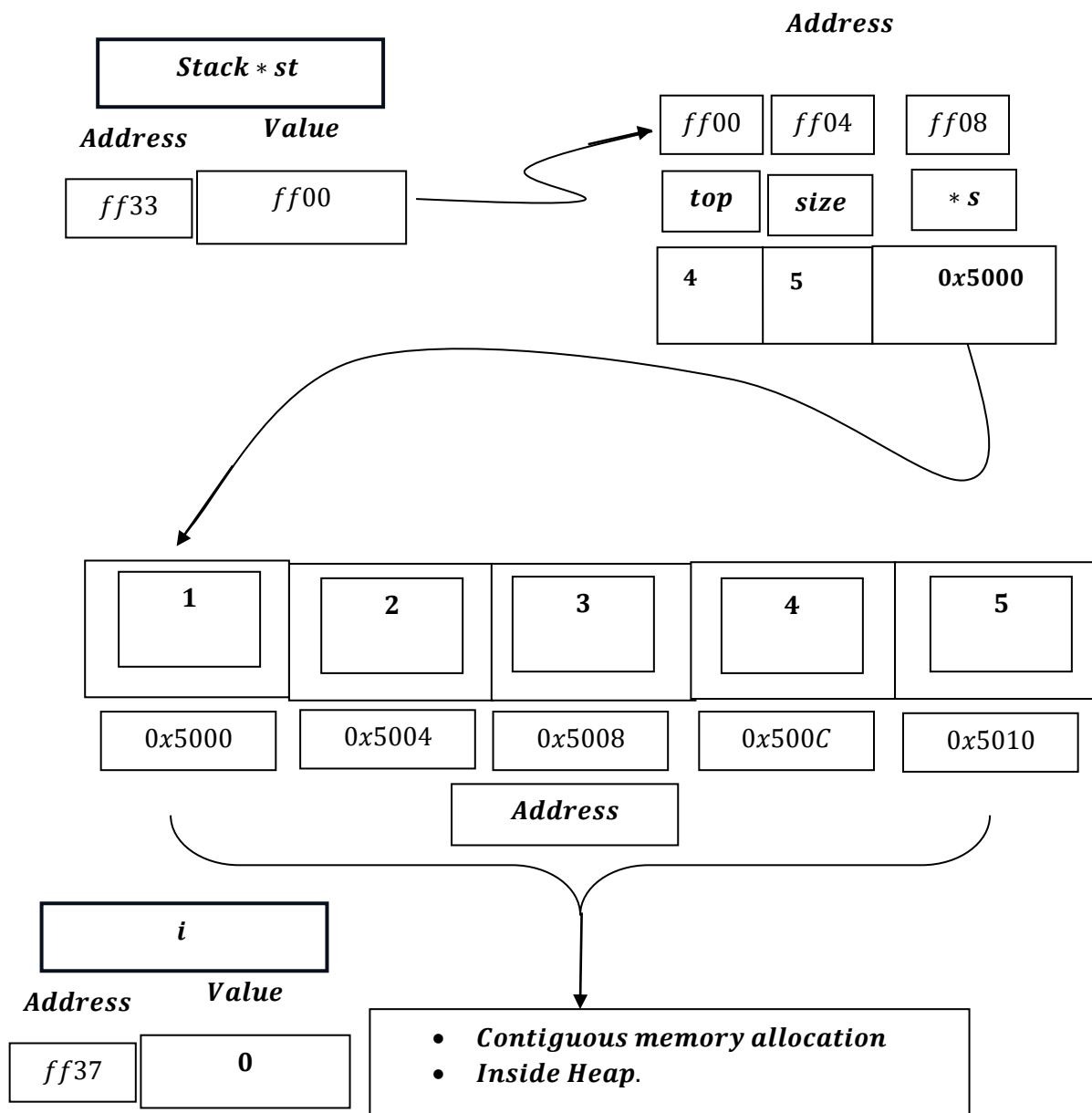
$\Rightarrow \text{return } 2$

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 $BaseAddress + (index \times size\ of\ int)$

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 $0x5000$

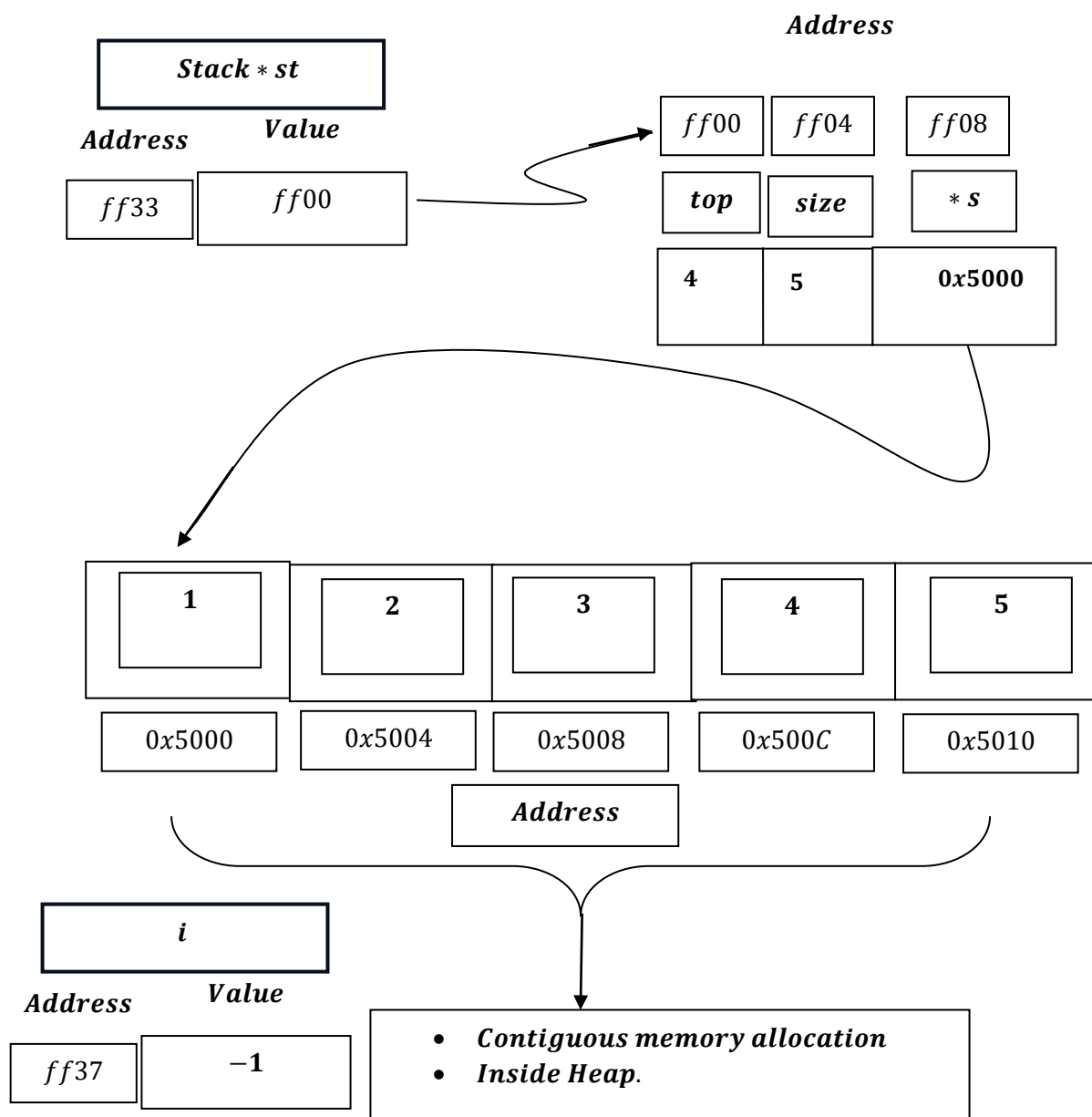
$\Rightarrow return\ 1$

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]:

$\text{print value stored at } s[i]. \rightarrow \text{Runs}$

$1 \text{ unit of time} + 1 \text{ unit of time} + \dots n \text{ to times}$

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

Hence : $O(n)$.

$\therefore \text{Total Time Complexity : } O(1) + [O(1) + O(1)] + O(n) = O(n)$.

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.

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.
