

Data Structures Using C++ 2E

Chapter 7 *Stacks*

Objectives

- Learn about stacks
- Examine various stack operations
- Learn how to implement a stack as an array
- Learn how to implement a stack as a linked list
- Discover stack applications
- Learn how to use a stack to remove recursion

Stacks

- Data structure
 - Elements added, removed from one end only
 - Last In First Out (LIFO)

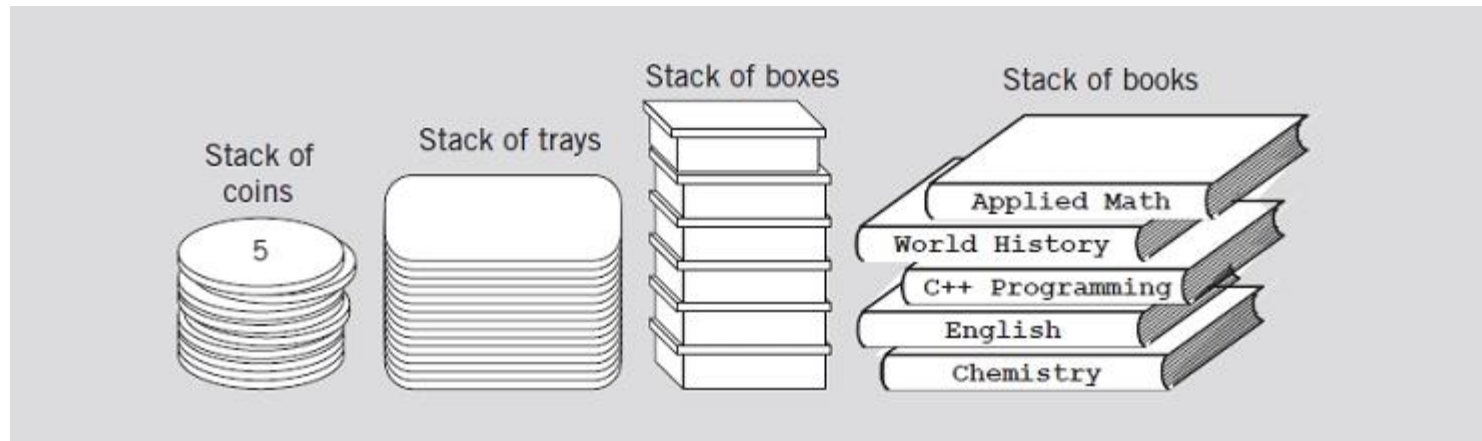


FIGURE 7-1 Various examples of stacks

Stacks (cont'd.)

- `push` operation
 - Add element onto the stack
- `top` operation
 - Retrieve top element of the stack, w/o remove top element
- `pop` operation
 - Remove top element from the stack

Stacks (cont'd.)

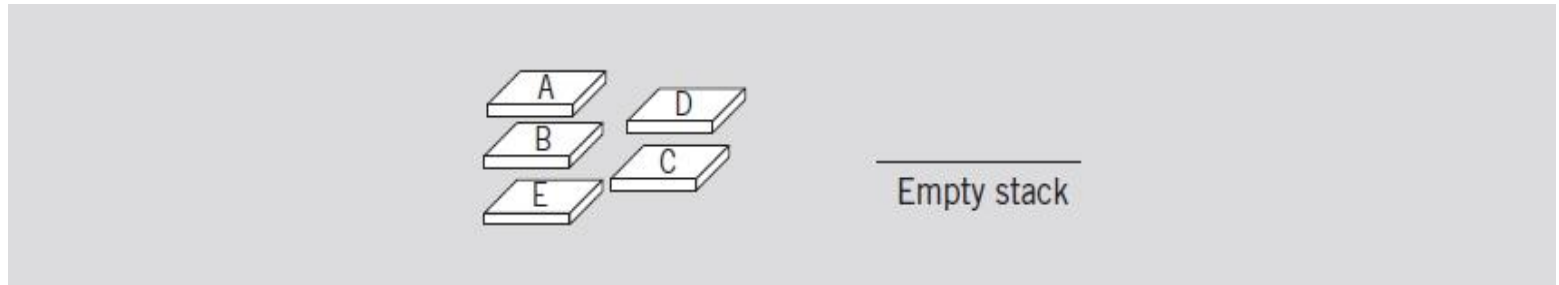


FIGURE 7-2 Empty stack

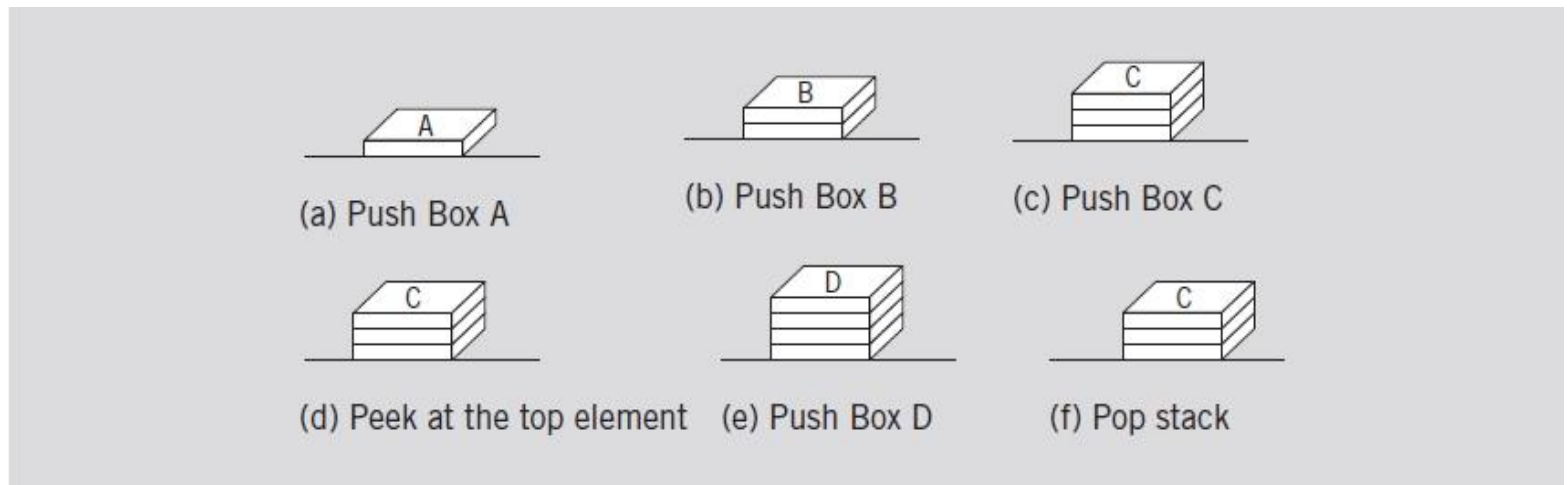


FIGURE 7-3 Stack operations

Stacks (cont'd.)

- Stack element removal
 - Occurs only if something is in the stack
- Stack element added only if room available
- `isFullStack` operation
 - Checks for full stack
- `isEmptyStack` operation
 - Checks for empty stack
- `initializeStack` operation
 - Initializes stack to an empty state

Stacks (cont'd.)

- Review code on page 398
 - Illustrates class specifying basic stack operations

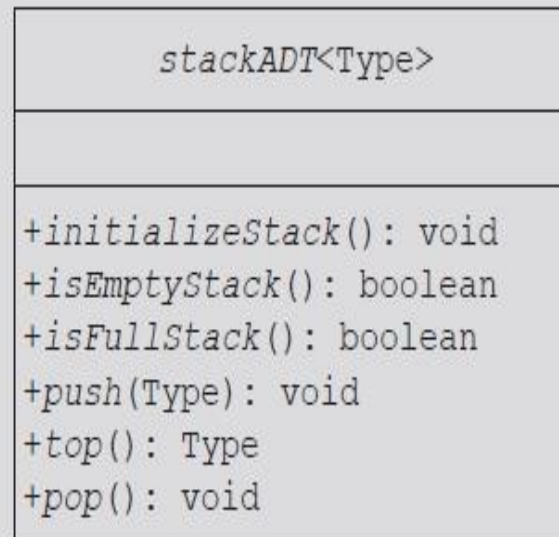


FIGURE 7-4 UML class diagram of the class `stackADT`

```

template <class Type>
class stackADT
{
public:
    virtual void initializeStack() = 0;
        //Method to initialize the stack to an empty state.
        //Postcondition: Stack is empty.

    virtual bool isEmptyStack() const = 0;
        //Function to determine whether the stack is empty.
        //Postcondition: Returns true if the stack is empty,
        //    otherwise returns false.

    virtual bool isFullStack() const = 0;
        //Function to determine whether the stack is full.
        //Postcondition: Returns true if the stack is full,
        //    otherwise returns false.

    virtual void push(const Type& newItem) = 0;
        //Function to add newItem to the stack.
        //Precondition: The stack exists and is not full.
        //Postcondition: The stack is changed and newItem is added
        //    to the top of the stack.

    virtual Type top() const = 0;
        //Function to return the top element of the stack.
        //Precondition: The stack exists and is not empty.
        //Postcondition: If the stack is empty, the program
        //    terminates; otherwise, the top element of the stack
        //    is returned.

    virtual void pop() = 0;
        //Function to remove the top element of the stack.
        //Precondition: The stack exists and is not empty.
        //Postcondition: The stack is changed and the top element
        //    is removed from the stack.

};

```


Implementation of Stacks as Arrays

- (fixed size) array is allocated by constructor
- First stack element
 - Put in first array slot
- Second stack element
 - Put in second array slot, and so on
- Top of stack
 - Index of last element added to stack
- Stack element accessed only through the top
 - Problem: array is a random access data structure
 - Solution: use another variable (`stackTop`)
 - Keeps track of the top position of the array

Implementation of Stacks as Arrays (cont'd.)

- Review code on page 400
 - Illustrates basic operations on a stack as an array

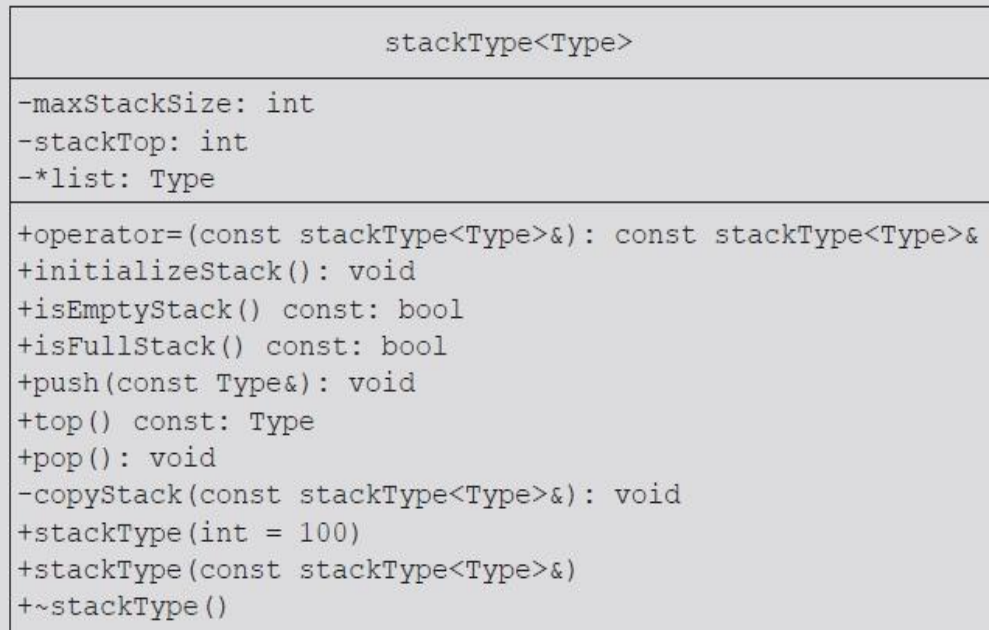


FIGURE 7-5 UML class diagram of the class `stackType`

Implementation of Stacks as Arrays (cont'd.)

- If `stackTop = 0`, stack is empty
- If `stackTop > 0`, top element at index `stackTop - 1`

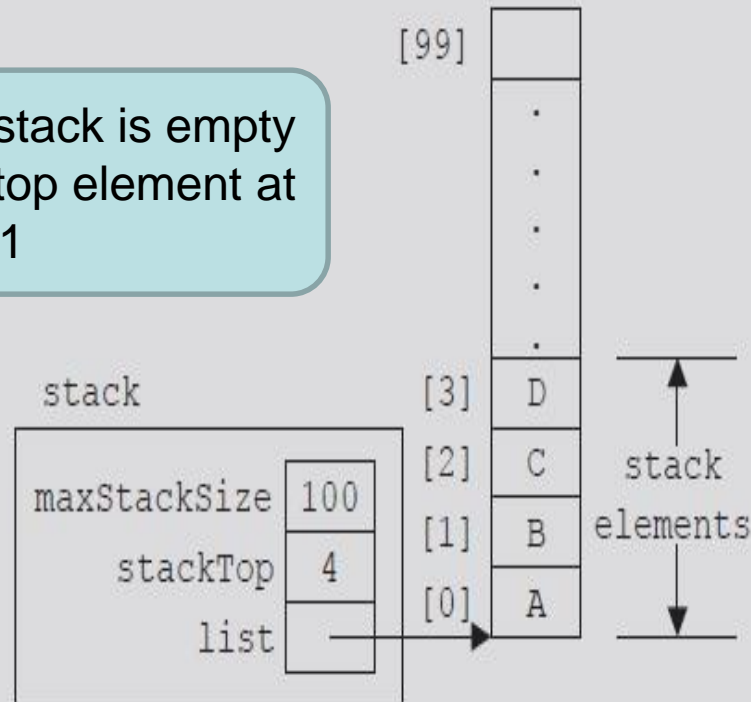


FIGURE 7-6 Example of a stack

Initialize Stack

- Value of `stackTop` if stack empty
 - Set `stackTop` to zero to initialize the stack
- Definition of function `initializeStack`

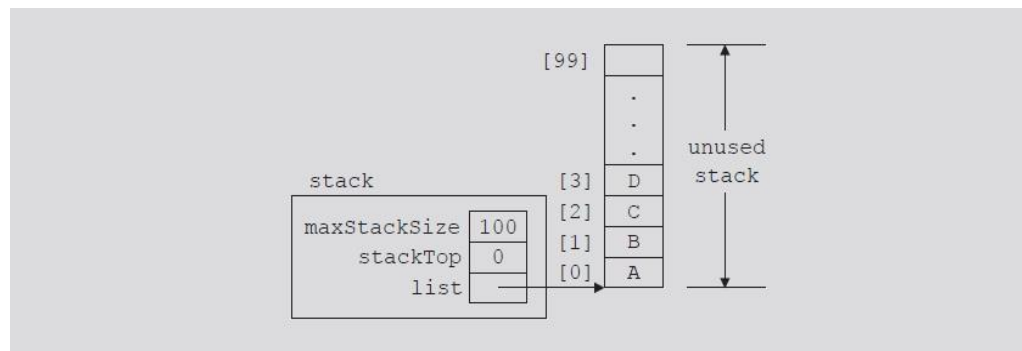


FIGURE 7-7 Empty stack

```
template <class Type>
void stackType<Type>::initializeStack()
{
    stackTop = 0;
} //end initializeStack
```

Empty Stack

- Value of `stackTop` indicates if stack empty
 - If `stackTop = zero`: stack empty
 - Otherwise: stack not empty
- Definition of function `isEmptyStack`

```
template <class Type>
bool stackType<Type>::isEmptyStack() const
{
    return(stackTop == 0);
} //end isEmptyStack
```

Full Stack

- Stack full
 - If `stackTop` is equal to `maxStackSize`
- Definition of function `isFullStack`

```
template <class Type>
bool stackType<Type>::isFullStack() const
{
    return(stackTop == maxStackSize);
} //end isFullStack
```

Push

- Two-step process
 - Store `newItem` in array component indicated by `stackTop`
 - Increment `stackTop`

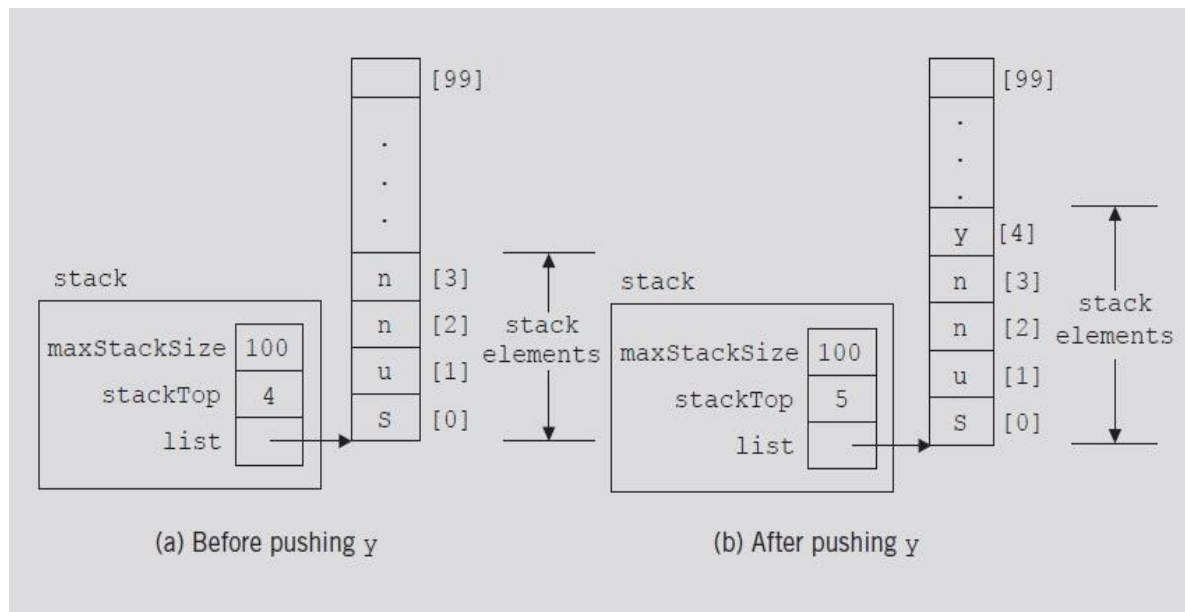


FIGURE 7-8 Stack before and after the `push` operation

Push (cont'd.)

- Definition of `push` operation

```
template <class Type>
void stackType<Type>::push(const Type& newItem)
{
    if (!isFullStack())
    {
        list[stackTop] = newItem; //add newItem at the top
        stackTop++; //increment stackTop
    }
    else
        cout << "Cannot add to a full stack." << endl;
} //end push
```


Return the Top Element

- Definition of `top` operation

```
template <class Type>
Type stackType<Type>::top() const
{
    assert(stackTop != 0); //if stack is empty, terminate the
                           //program
    return list[stackTop - 1]; //return the element of the stack
                              //indicated by stackTop - 1
} //end top
```

Pop

- Remove (pop) element from stack
 - Decrement `stackTop` by one

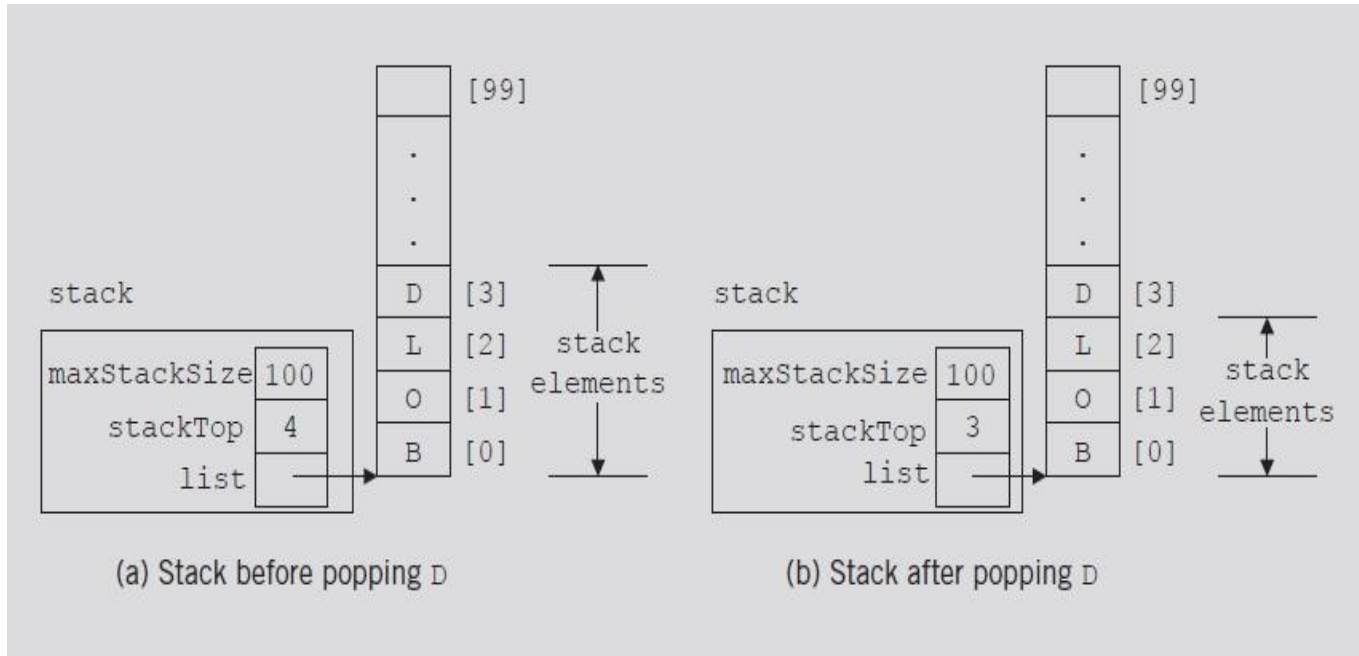
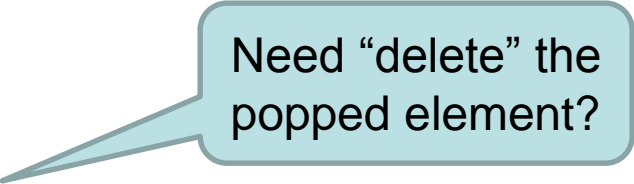


FIGURE 7-9 Stack before and after the `pop` operation

Pop (cont'd.)

- Definition of `pop` operation
- Underflow
 - Removing an item from an empty stack
 - Check within `pop` operation (see below)
 - Check before calling function `pop`

```
template <class Type>
void stackType<Type>::pop()
{
    if (!isEmptyStack())
        stackTop--;    //decrement stackTop
    else
        cout << "Cannot remove from an empty stack." << endl;
} //end pop
```



Need “delete” the popped element?

Copy Stack

- Definition of function `copyStack`

$O(n)$

```
template <class Type>
void stackType<Type>::copyStack(const stackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    delete [] list;
    maxStackSize = otherStack.maxStackSize;
    stackTop = otherStack.stackTop;
    list = new Type[maxStackSize];

    //copy otherStack into this stack
    for (int j = 0; j < stackTop; j++)
        list[j] = otherStack.list[j];
} //end copyStack
```

What if list is NULL?

Constructor and Destructor

```
template <class Type>
stackType<Type>::stackType(int stackSize)
{
    if (stackSize <= 0)
    {
        cout << "Size of the array to hold the stack must "
              << "be positive." << endl;
        cout << "Creating an array of size 100." << endl;

        maxStackSize = 100;
    }
    else
        maxStackSize = stackSize;    //set the stack size to
                                     //the value specified by
                                     //the parameter stackSize

    stackTop = 0;                    //set stackTop to 0
    list = new Type[maxStackSize];   //create the array to
                                     //hold the stack elements
} //end constructor


template <class Type>
stackType<Type>::~~stackType() //destructor
{
    delete [] list; //deallocate the memory occupied
                   //by the array
} //end destructor
```

Copy Constructor

- Definition of the copy constructor

```
template <class Type>
stackType<Type>::stackType(const stackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    list = NULL;

    copyStack(otherStack);
} //end copy constructor
```




$O(n)$

Overloading the Assignment Operator (=)

- Classes with pointer member variables
 - Assignment operator must be explicitly overloaded
 - Why?
- Function definition to overload assignment operator for class `stackType`

```
template <class Type>
const stackType<Type>& stackType<Type>::operator=
    (const stackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    if (this != &otherStack) //avoid self-copy
        copyStack(otherStack);

    return *this;
} //end operator=
```



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Stack Header File

- myStack.h
 - Header file name containing `class stackType` definition

```
//Header file: myStack.h
```

```
#ifndef H_StackType
#define H_StackType
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cassert>
```

```
#include "stackADT.h"
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
//Place the definition of the class template stackType, as given
//previously in this chapter, here.
```

```
//Place the definitions of the member functions as discussed here.
#endif
```


Stack Header File (cont'd.)

- Stack operations analysis
 - Similar to `class arrayListType` operations

TABLE 7-1 Time complexity of the operations of the `class stackType` on a stack with n elements

Function	Time complexity
<code>isEmptyStack</code>	$O(1)$
<code>isFullStack</code>	$O(1)$
<code>initializeStack</code>	$O(1)$
constructor	$O(1)$
<code>top</code>	$O(1)$
<code>push</code>	$O(1)$
<code>pop</code>	$O(1)$
<code>copyStack</code>	$O(n)$
destructor	$O(1)$
copy constructor	$O(n)$
Overloading the assignment operator	$O(n)$

Linked Implementation of Stacks

- Disadvantage of array (linear) stack representation
 - Fixed number of elements can be pushed onto stack
- Solution
 - Use pointer variables to dynamically allocate, deallocate memory
 - Use linked list to dynamically organize data
- Value of `stackTop`: array (linear) representation
 - Indicates number of elements in the stack
 - Gives index of the array
 - Value of `stackTop - 1`
 - Points to top item in the stack
- Value of `stackTop`: linked representation
 - Locates top element in the stack
 - Gives **address** (memory location) of the top element of the stack

```
template <class Type>
struct nodeType
{
    Type info;
    nodeType<Type> *link;
};
```

```

template <class Type>
class linkedStackType: public stackADT<Type>
{
public:
    const linkedStackType<Type>& operator=
        (const linkedStackType<Type>&);

    bool isEmptyStack() const;

    bool isFullStack() const;

    void initializeStack();

    void push(const Type& newItem);

    Type top() const;

    void pop();

    linkedStackType();

    linkedStackType(const linkedStackType<Type>& otherStack);

    ~linkedStackType();

private:
    nodeType<Type> *stackTop; //pointer to the stack

    void copyStack(const linkedStackType<Type>& otherStack);
};

```

Linked Implementation of Stacks (cont'd.)

- Example 7-2
 - Stack: object of type `linkedStackType`

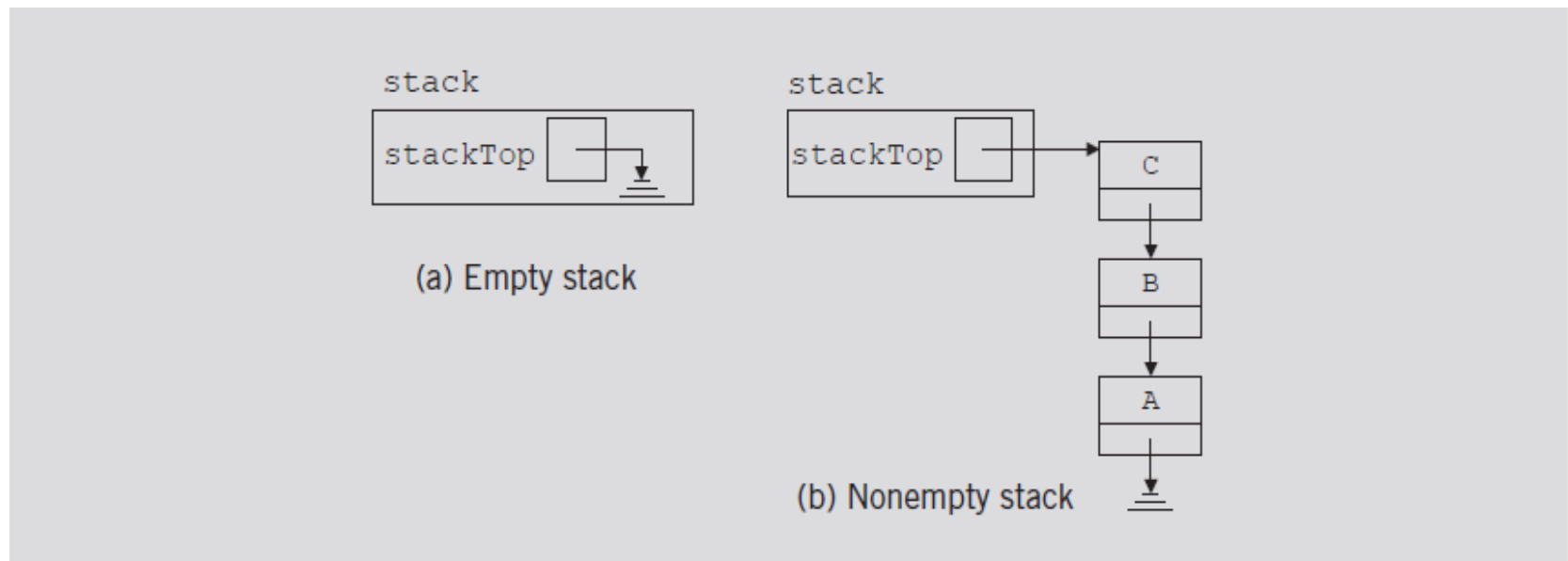


FIGURE 7-10 Empty and nonempty linked stacks

Default Constructor

- When stack object declared
 - Initializes stack to an empty state
 - Sets `stackTop` to `NULL`
- Definition of the default constructor

```
template <class Type>
linkedStackType<Type>::linkedStackType()
{
    stackTop = NULL;
}
```

Empty Stack and Full Stack

- Stack empty if `stackTop` is `NULL`
- Stack never full
 - Element memory allocated/deallocated dynamically
 - Function `isFullStack` always returns false value

```
template <class Type>
bool linkedStackType<Type>::isEmptyStack() const
{
    return(stackTop == NULL);
} //end isEmptyStack
```

```
template <class Type>
bool linkedStackType<Type>::isFullStack() const
{
    return false;
} //end isFullStack
```

Initialize Stack

- Reinitializes stack to an empty state
 - deallocate memory occupied by the stack elements, set `stackTop` to `NULL`
- Definition of the `initializeStack` function

```
template <class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>:: initializeStack()
{
    nodeType<Type> *temp; //pointer to delete the node

    while (stackTop != NULL)    //while there are elements in
                                //the stack
    {
        temp = stackTop;        //set temp to point to the
                                //current node
        stackTop = stackTop->link; //advance stackTop to the
                                //next node
        delete temp;            //deallocate memory occupied by temp
    }
} //end initializeStack
```

$O(n)$

Push

- `newElement` added at the beginning of the linked list pointed to by `stackTop`
- Value of pointer `stackTop` updated

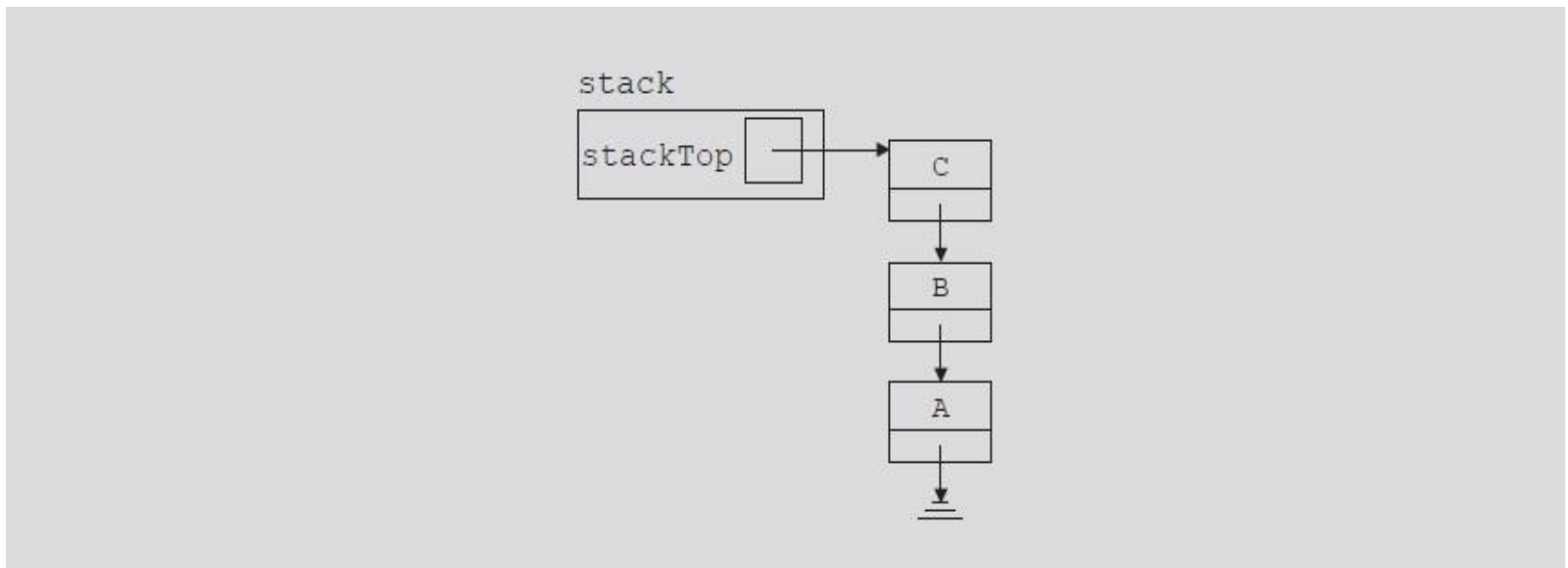


FIGURE 7-11 Stack before the `push` operation

Push (cont'd.)

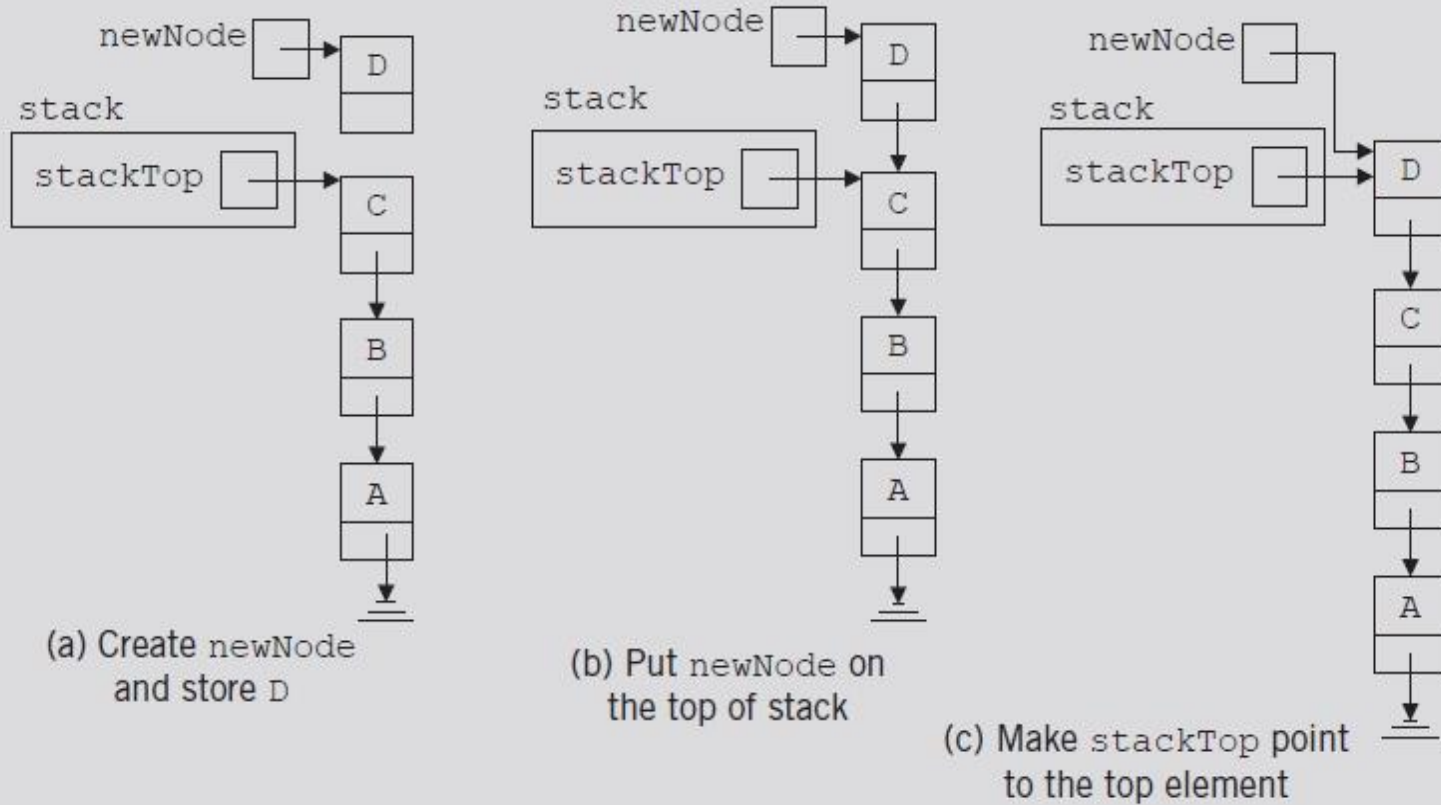


FIGURE 7-12 Push operation

Push (cont'd.)

- Definition of the `push` function

```
template <class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::push(const Type& newElement)
{
    nodeType<Type> *newNode; //pointer to create the new node

    newNode = new nodeType<Type>; //create the node

    newNode->info = newElement; //store newElement in the node
    newNode->link = stackTop; //insert newNode before stackTop
    stackTop = newNode;      //set stackTop to point to the
                             //top node
} //end push
```

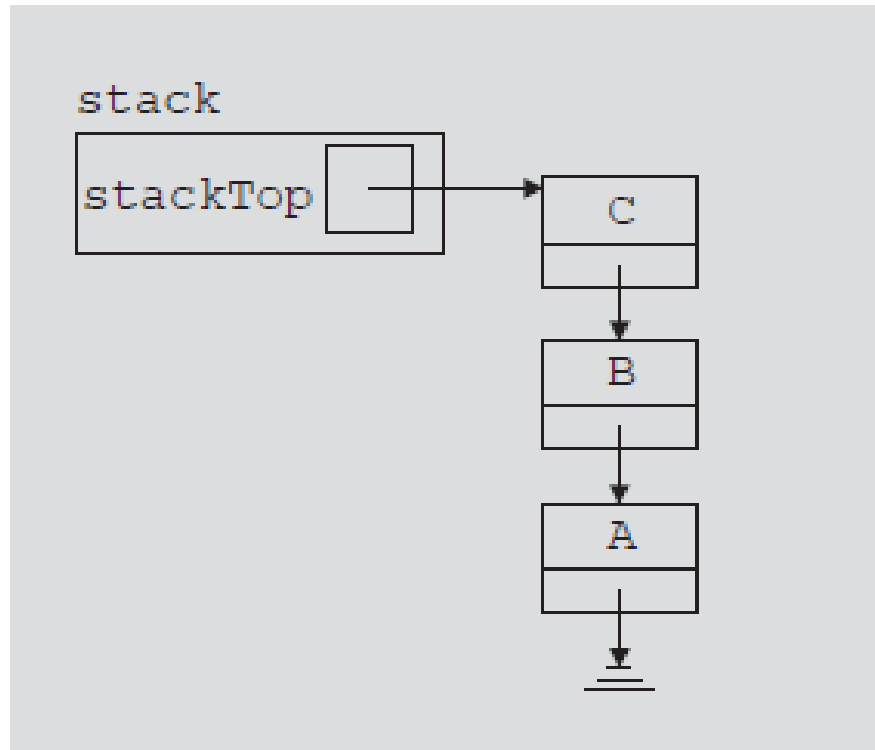
Return the Top Element

- Returns information of the node to which `stackTop` pointing
- Definition of the `top` function

```
template <class Type>
Type linkedStackType<Type>::top() const
{
    assert(stackTop != NULL); //if stack is empty,
                                //terminate the program
    return stackTop->info;      //return the top element
} //end top
```

Pop

- Removes top element of the stack
 - Node pointed to by `stackTop` removed
 - Value of pointer `stackTop` updated



Pop (cont'd.)

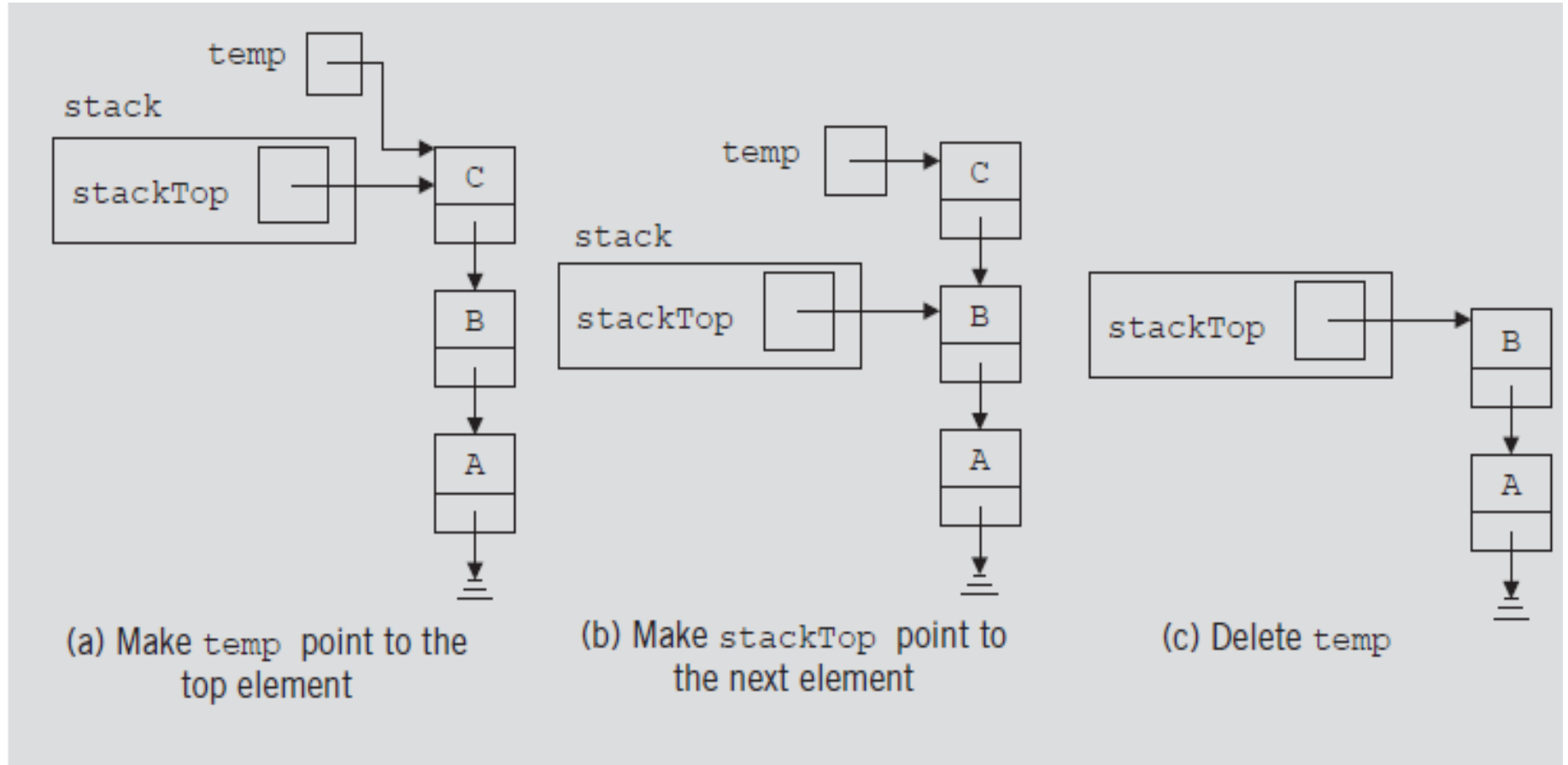


FIGURE 7-14 Pop operation


Pop (cont'd.)

- Definition of the `pop` function

```
template <class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::pop()
{
    nodeType<Type> *temp;    //pointer to deallocate memory

    if (stackTop != NULL)
    {
        temp = stackTop;    //set temp to point to the top node

        stackTop = stackTop->link;    //advance stackTop to the
                                      //next node
        delete temp;    //delete the top node
    }
    else
        cout << "Cannot remove from an empty stack." << endl;
} //end pop
```



Copy Stack

- Makes an identical copy of a stack
- Definition similar to the definition of `copyList` for linked lists
- Definition of the `copyStack` function

```

template <class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::copyStack
    (const linkedStackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    nodeType<Type> *newNode, *current, *last;

    if (stackTop != NULL) //if stack is nonempty, make it empty
        initializeStack();

    if (otherStack.stackTop == NULL)
        stackTop = NULL;
    else
    {
        current = otherStack.stackTop; //set current to point
                                         //to the stack to be copied

        //copy the stackTop element of the stack
        stackTop = new nodeType<Type>; //create the node

        stackTop->info = current->info; //copy the info
        stackTop->link = NULL; //set the link field to NULL
        last = stackTop; //set last to point to the node
        current = current->link; //set current to point to the
                                //next node
        //copy the remaining stack
        while (current != NULL)
        {
            newNode = new nodeType<Type>;

            newNode->info = current->info;
            newNode->link = NULL;
            last->link = newNode;
            last = newNode;
            current = current->link;
        }
    }
}

```

$O(n)$

Constructors and Destructors

- Definition of the functions to implement the copy constructor and the destructor

```
//copy constructor
template <class Type>
linkedStackType<Type>::linkedStackType(
    const linkedStackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    stackTop = NULL;
    copyStack(otherStack);
} //end copy constructor
```

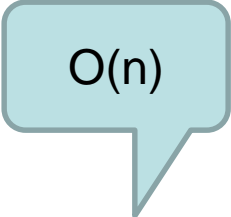
$O(n)$

```
//destructor
template <class Type>
linkedStackType<Type>::~~linkedStackType()
{
    initializeStack();
} //end destructor
```

$O(n)$

Overloading the Assignment Operator (=)

- Definition of the functions to overload the assignment operator



$O(n)$

```
template <class Type>
const linkedStackType<Type>& linkedStackType<Type>::operator=
    (const linkedStackType<Type>& otherStack)
{
    if (this != &otherStack) //avoid self-copy
        copyStack(otherStack);

    return *this;
} //end operator=
```

Overloading the Assignment Operator (=) (cont'd.)

TABLE 7-2 Time complexity of the operations of the class `linkedStackType` on a stack with n elements

Function	Time complexity
<code>isEmptyStack</code>	$O(1)$
<code>isFullStack</code>	$O(1)$
<code>initializeStack</code>	$O(n)$
constructor	$O(1)$
<code>top</code>	$O(1)$
<code>push</code>	$O(1)$
<code>pop</code>	$O(1)$
<code>copyStack</code>	$O(n)$
destructor	$O(n)$
copy constructor	$O(n)$
Overloading the assignment operator	$O(n)$

Stack as Derived from the `class unorderedLinkedList`

- **Stack** `push` function, `list insertFirst` function
 - Similar algorithms
 - `initializeStack` **and** `initializeList`, `isEmptyList` **and** `isEmptyStack`, etc.
- `class linkedStackType` **can be derived from** `class linkedListType`
 - `class linkedListType`: **abstract class**
- `class linkedStackType` **can be derived from** `class unorderedLinkedListType`
 - `class unorderedLinkedListType`: **derived from** `class linkedListType`

```

template<class Type>
class linkedStackType: public unorderedLinkedList<Type>
{
public:
    void initializeStack();
    bool isEmptyStack() const;
    bool isFullStack() const;
    void push(const Type& newItem);
    Type top() const;
    void pop();
};

template<class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::initializeStack()
{
    unorderedLinkedList<Type>::initializeList();
}

template<class Type>
bool linkedStackType<Type>::isEmptyStack() const
{
    return unorderedLinkedList<Type>::isEmptyList();
}

template<class Type>
bool linkedStackType<Type>::isFullStack() const
{
    return false;
}

template<class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::push(const Type& newElement)
{
    unorderedLinkedList<Type>::insertFirst(newElement);
}

template<class Type>
Type linkedStackType<Type>::top() const
{
    return unorderedLinkedList<Type>::front();
}

template<class Type>
void linkedStackType<Type>::pop()
{
    nodeType<Type> *temp;

    temp = first;
    first = first->link;
    delete temp;
}

```

Application of Stacks: Postfix Expressions Calculator

- Arithmetic notations
 - Infix notation: operator between operands
 - Prefix (Polish) notation: operator precedes operands
 - Postfix (Reverse Polish) notation: operator follows operands
- Stack use in compilers
 - Translate infix expressions into some form of postfix notation
 - Translate postfix expression into machine code

Infix, Prefix, and Postfix

Infix	Prefix	Postfix
A + B	+ A B	A B +
A * B + C	+ * A B C	A B * C +
A * (B + C)	* A + B C	A B C + *
A - (B - (C - D))	- A - B - C D	A B C D - - -
A - B - C - D	- - - A B C D	A B - C - D -

- Prefix and Postfix: no parentheses

Infix and Postfix Expression Conversion

EXAMPLE 7-4

Infix expression

$a + b$

$a + b * c$

$a * b + c$

$(a + b) * c$

$(a - b) * (c + d)$

$(a + b) * (c - d / e) + f$

Equivalent postfix expression

$a b +$

$a b c * +$

$a b * c +$

$a b + c *$

$a b - c d + *$

$a b + c d e / - * f +$

Postfix Algorithm

- Postfix expression can be evaluated using the following algorithm
 - *Scan the expression from left to right*
 - *When an operator is found, back up to get the required number of (preceding) operands, perform the operation*
 - *Repeat until reaching the end of the expression*

Application of Stacks: Postfix Expressions Calculator (cont'd.)

- Postfix expression: $6\ 3\ +\ 2\ *\ =$

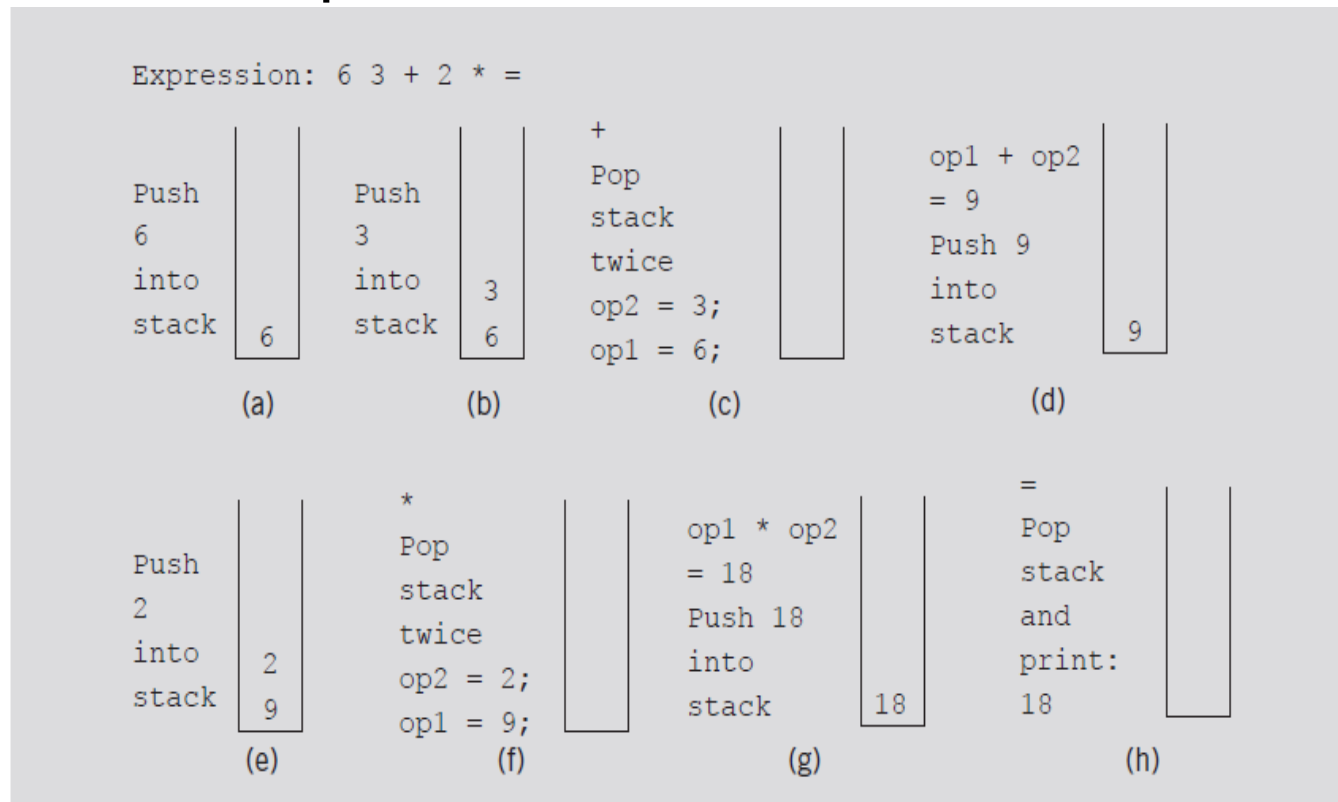


FIGURE 7-15 Evaluating the postfix expression: $6\ 3\ +\ 2\ *\ =$

Postfix Algorithm w/ Stack

- When an operand (number) is encountered in an expression, it is pushed onto the stack.
- When we read a symbol other than a number, the following cases arise
 1. The symbol we read is one of +, -, *, /, or =.
 - a) If the symbol is +, -, *, or /, it is an operator and we must evaluate it. Because an operator requires two operands, the stack must have at least two elements; otherwise, the expression has an error
 - b) If the symbol is =, the expression ends and we must print the answer. The stack must contain exactly one element, which is the result; otherwise, it has an error.
 2. The symbol we read is something other than +, -, *, /, or =. In this case, the expression contains an illegal operator.

Postfix Expression

- Consider the following expressions

– 7 6 + 3 ; 6 - =

Invalid operator ;

– 14 + 2 3 * =

Insufficient operand for +

– 13 2 3 + =

Too many operands

- To make the input easier to read, we assume the postfix expressions are in the following form:

#6 #3 + #2 * =

- The symbol # precedes each number in the expression

Application of Stacks: Postfix Expressions Calculator (cont'd.)

- Main algorithm pseudocode

```
Read the first character
while not the end of input data
{
    a. initialize the stack
    b. process the expression
    c. output result
    d. get the next expression
}
```

- Broken into four functions for simplicity

- Function `evaluateExpression`
- Function `evaluateOpr`
- Function `discardExp`
- Function `printResult`

```

void evaluateExpression(ifstream& inpF, ofstream& outF,
                       stackType<double>& stack,
                       char& ch, bool& isExpOk)
{
    double num;
    outF << ch;

    while (ch != '=')
    {
        switch (ch)
        {
            case '#':
                inpF >> num;
                outF << num << " ";
                if (!stack.isFullStack())
                    stack.push(num);
                else
                {
                    cout << "Stack overflow. "
                        << "Program terminates!" << endl;
                    exit(0); //terminate the program
                }

                break;

            default:
                evaluateOpr(outF, stack, ch, isExpOk);
        } //end switch

        if (isExpOk) //if no error
        {
            inpF >> ch;
            outF << ch;

            if (ch != '#')
                outF << " ";
        }
        else
            discardExp(inpF, outF, ch);
    } //end while (!= '=')
} //end evaluateExpression

```

```
void evaluateOpr(ofstream& out, stackType<double>& stack,
```

```
char& ch, bool& isExpOk)
```

```
{
```

```
double op1, op2;
```

```
if (stack.isEmptyStack())
```

```
{
```

```
out << " (Not enough operands)";
```

```
isExpOk = false;
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
op2 = stack.top();
```

```
stack.pop();
```

```
if (stack.isEmptyStack())
```

```
{
```

```
out << " (Not enough operands)";
```

```
isExpOk = false;
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
op1 = stack.top();
```

```
stack.pop();
```

```
switch (ch)
```

```
{
```

```
case '+':
```

```
stack.push(op1 + op2);
```

```
break;
```

```
case '-':
```

```
stack.push(op1 - op2);
```

```
break;
```

```
case '*':
```

```
stack.push(op1 * op2);
```

```
break;
```

```
case '/':
```

```
if (op2 != 0)
```

```
stack.push(op1 / op2);
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
out << " (Division by 0)";
```

```
isExpOk = false;
```

```
}
```

```
break;
```

```
default:
```

```
out << " (Illegal operator)";
```

```
isExpOk = false;
```

```
}//end switch
```

```
} //end else
```

```
} //end else
```

```
} //end evaluateOpr
```

```

void discardExp(istream& in, ostream& out, char& ch)
{
    while (ch != '=')
    {
        in.get(ch);
        out << ch;
    }
} //end discardExp

void printResult(ostream& outF, stackType<double>& stack,
                bool isExpOk)
{
    double result;

    if (isExpOk) //if no error, print the result
    {
        if (!stack.isEmptyStack())
        {
            result = stack.top();
            stack.pop();

            if (stack.isEmptyStack())
                outF << result << endl;
            else
                outF << " (Error: Too many operands)" << endl;
        } //end if
        else
            outF << " (Error in the expression)" << endl;
    }
    else
        outF << " (Error in the expression)" << endl;

    outF << " _____"
        << endl << endl;
} //end printResult

```



```

int main()
{
    bool expressionOk;
    char ch;
    stackType<double> stack(100);
    ifstream infile;
    ofstream outfile;

    infile.open("RpnData.txt");

    if (!infile)
    {
        cout << "Cannot open the input file. "
              << "Program terminates!" << endl;
        return 1;
    }

    outfile.open("RpnOutput.txt");

    outfile << fixed << showpoint;
    outfile << setprecision(2);

    infile >> ch;
    while (infile)
    {
        stack.initializeStack();
        expressionOk = true;
        outfile << ch;

        evaluateExpression(infile, outfile, stack, ch,
                          expressionOk);
        printResult(outfile, stack, expressionOk);
        infile >> ch; //begin processing the next expression
    } //end while

    infile.close();
    outfile.close();

    return 0;

} //end main

```

fixed: floating-point values are written using fixed-point notation: the value is represented with exactly as many digits in the decimal part as specified by the *precision field* ([precision](#)) and with no exponent part.

showpoint: the decimal point is always written for floating point values inserted into the stream (even for those whose decimal part is zero).

Infix to Postfix Conversion

1. **Initialize an empty stack of operators**
2. **While (no error && !end of expression)**
 - a) Get next input "token" from infix expression
 - b) If token is ...
 - i. "(" : push onto stack
 - ii. ")" : pop and append stack elements until "(" occurs, do not display it
 - iii. operator
if (stack is empty or operator has higher priority than top of stack)
push token onto stack
else
pop and append top of stack to postfix; repeat comparison of token with top of stack
 - iv. Operand: append to postfix
3. **When end of infix reached, pop and append stack items to postfix until empty**
 - Ex: $A * B + C$
 - Ex: $A * (B + C)$

NOTE: (in stack
has lower priority
than operators

Print a Linked List in Reverse Order (Chapter 6)

- Function template to implement previous algorithm and then apply it to a list

```
template <class Type>
void linkedListType<Type>::reversePrint
                                   (nodeType<Type> *current) const
{
    if (current != NULL)
    {
        reversePrint(current->link);    //print the tail
        cout << current->info << " ";  //print the node
    }
}
```

Removing Recursion: Nonrecursive Algorithm to Print a Linked List Backward

- Stack
 - Used to design nonrecursive algorithm
 - Print a linked list backward
- Use linked implementation of stack

```
current = first; //Line 1

while (current != NULL) //Line 2
{ //Line 3
    stack.push(current); //Line 4
    current = current->link; //Line 5
} //Line 6

while (!stack.isEmptyStack()) //Line 7
{ //Line 8
    current = stack.top(); //Line 9
    stack.pop(); //Line 10
    cout << current->info << " "; //Line 11
} //Line 12
```

delete current;

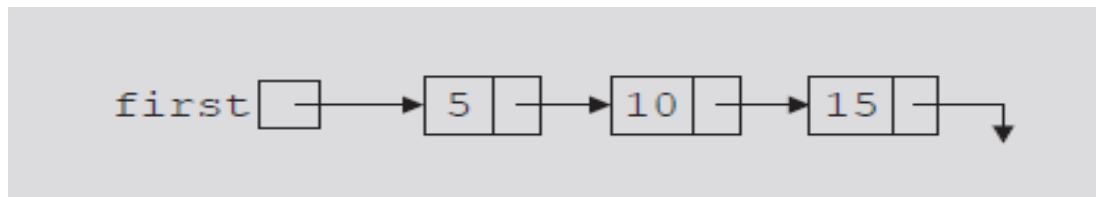


FIGURE 7-16 Linked list

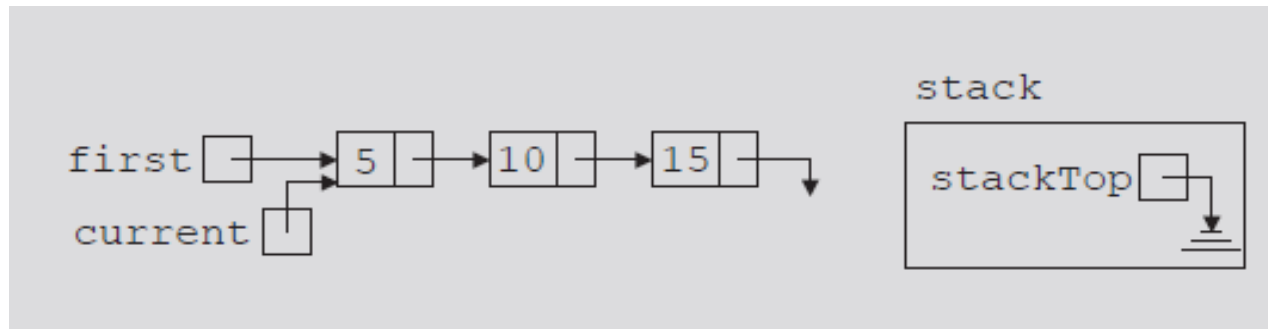


FIGURE 7-17 List after the statement `current = first;` executes

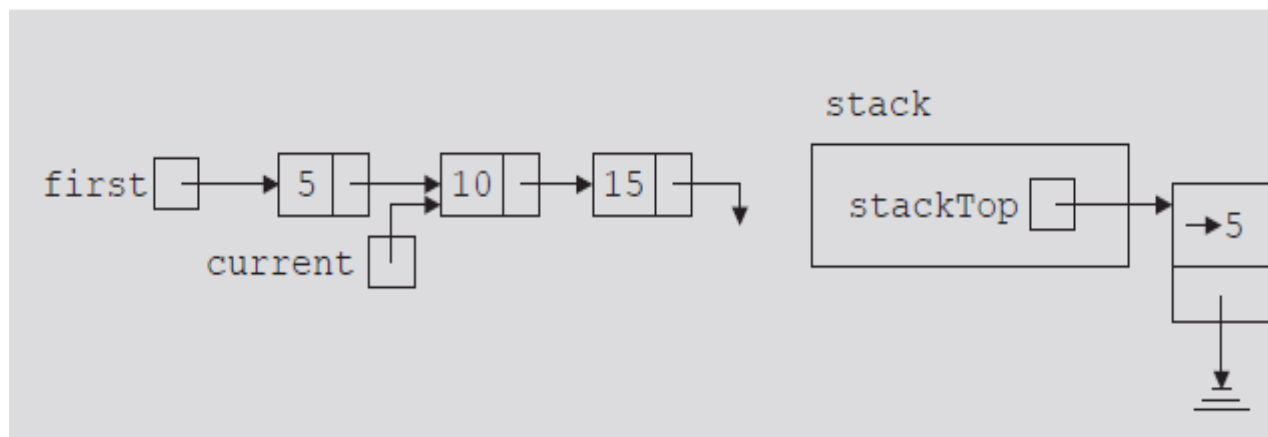


FIGURE 7-18 List and stack after the statements
`stack.push(current);` and `current = current->link;`
 execute

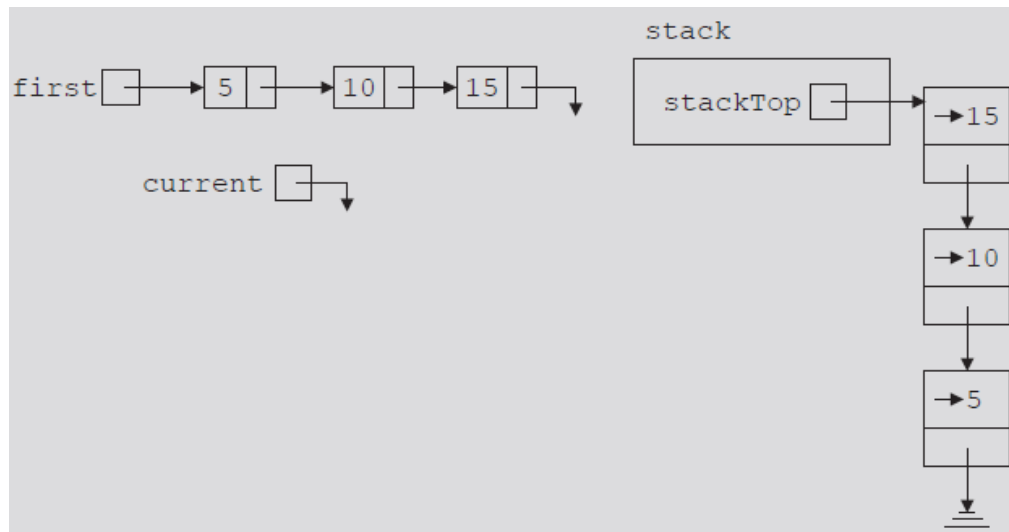


FIGURE 7-19 List and stack after the 1st `while` statement executes

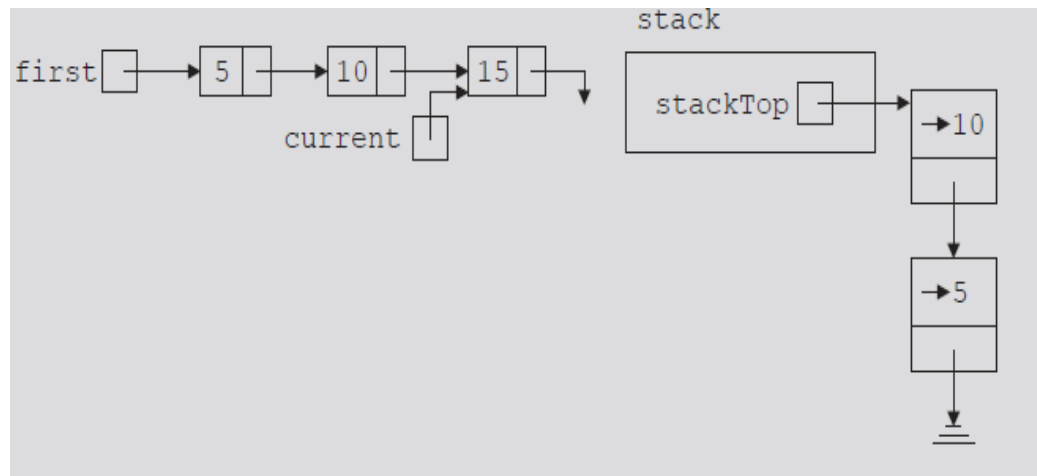


FIGURE 7-20 List and stack after the statements `current = stack.top();` and `stack.pop();` execute

STL class stack

- Standard Template Library (STL) library class defining a stack
- Header file containing `class stack` definition
 - `stack`

TABLE 7-3 Operations on a `stack` object

Operation	Effect
<code>size</code>	Returns the actual number of elements in the stack.
<code>empty</code>	Returns <code>true</code> if the stack is empty, and <code>false</code> otherwise.
<code>push(item)</code>	Inserts a copy of <code>item</code> into the stack.
<code>top</code>	Returns the top element of the stack, but does not remove the top element from the stack. This operation is implemented as a value-returning function.
<code>pop</code>	Removes the top element of the stack.

Summary

- Stack
 - Last In First Out (LIFO) data structure
 - Implemented as array or linked list
 - Arrays: limited number of elements
 - Linked lists: allow dynamic element addition
- Stack use in compilers
 - Translate infix expressions into some form of postfix notation
 - Translate postfix expression into machine code
- Standard Template Library (STL)
 - Provides a class to implement a stack in a program

Self Exercises

- Programming Exercises: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9