

Big-O, Stacks, and Queues

Objectives

- 1 Understand the utility of big-O notation
- 2 Compare ArrayList and LinkedList on the basis of big-O notation
- 3 Understand the distinction between stacks and queues.
- 4 Use the Queue interface and Stack and their common methods in Java.
- 5 Use a stack to build an RPN calculator.
- 6 Use a queue to simulate round robin process scheduling.

Algorithmic Complexity

- ❶ **Definition:** A way of defining the number of “operations” and “amount of memory” an algorithm (method) will take depending on the size of the input (N).
- ❷ We consider two modes of complexity:
 - **Time Complexity:** The number of operations we can expect an operation to take, in the worst case.
 - **Space Complexity:** The amount of memory we can expect an operation to take, in the worst case.
- ❸ Today we will focus on time complexity.
- ❹ Denoted as $O(\text{input space})$ to represent the upper bound (i.e., the worst case).

Analyzing Algorithms

```
public void printList(Integer item){  
    System.out.println(item);  
}
```

```
public void printList(List<Integer> lst){  
    for(int i = 0; i < lst.size(); i++){  
        System.out.println(lst.get(i));  
    }  
}
```

```
public void multiplyAndPrint(Integer item1, Integer item2){  
    int result = item1 * item2;  
    System.out.println(result);  
}
```

What is the maximum number of operations each method will perform? What is the minimum?

An example of constant time

```
public void multiplyAndPrint(Integer item1, Integer item2){
    int result = item1 * item2;
    System.out.println(result);
}
```

```
public void pow(Integer item1, Integer item2){
    int result = item1 * item2;
    System.out.println(result);
}
```

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All of the above are treated as $O(1)$ since they don't increase with input size.

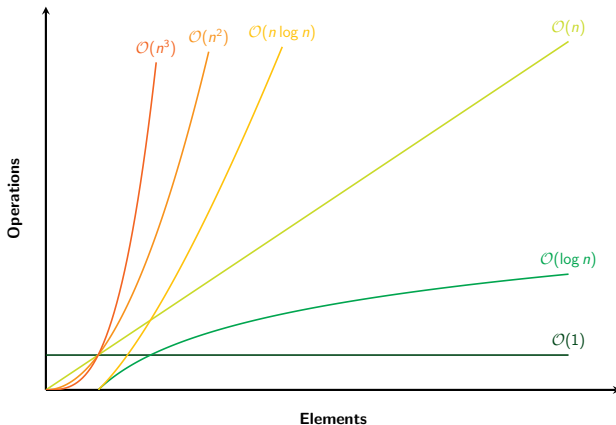
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public void printList(List<Integer> lst){  
    for(int i = 0; i < lst.size(); i++){  
        for(int j = 0; j < lst.size(); j++){  
            System.out.println(lst.get(i) * lst.get(j));  
        }  
    }  
}
```

If one for loop (the first one) is $O(N)$, what is a nested for loop (the second one)?

Examples



ArrayList vs LinkedList - Searching

```
public void search(ListNode<E> head, E data){  
    ListNode<E> tmp = head;  
    while(tmp != null && !tmp.data.equals(data)){  
        tmp = tmp.next;  
    }  
    return tmp;  
}
```

- ❶ **LinkedList:** $O(N)$ since we have to traverse to find the item.
- ❷ **ArrayList:** $O(N)$ since we also have to traverse the item.

ArrayList vs LinkedList - Getting Item at Index

- ① What is the complexity of getting an item at an arbitrary position in a LinkedList? And an ArrayList?
 - ① **LinkedList:** $O(N)$ since we have to traverse to find the item.
 - ② **ArrayList:** $O(1)$ since we can index.
- ② What would the complexity be for `getFront()` or `getEnd()` be for a LinkedList? How would this depend on whether we are keeping track of the tail?
 - ① **LinkedList wo/ tail:** $O(1)$ to get head and $O(N)$ to get last node.
 - ② **LinkedList w/ tail:** $O(1)$ for each.

ArrayList vs LinkedList - Insertion/Removal

- ① Adding/removing in the front?
 - ① **LinkedList:** We track the head so we can just add on to the front, $O(1)$.
 - ② **ArrayList:** Finding the position is $O(1)$ and copy/shift is $O(N)$.
- ② Adding/removing in the middle?
 - ① **LinkedList:** Finding the position is $O(N)$
 - ② **ArrayList:** Finding the position is $O(1)$ and copy/shift is $O(N)$.
- ③ Adding/removing to the end?
 - ① **LinkedList (wo/tail):** $O(N)$ since we have to search for the end.
 - ② **LinkedList (w/tail):** $O(1)$ since we track the tail.
 - ③ **ArrayList:** Finding the position is $O(1)$ and since it's at the end

Stacks

- 1 Last in, First out (LIFO) data structure.
- 2 Stack is a class Java
- 3 Uses the following operations:
 - 1 push to add to the top of the stack.
 - 2 pop to remove the element at the top of the stack.

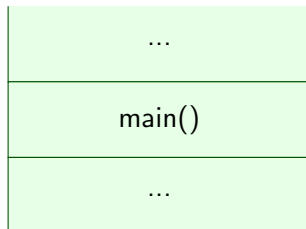
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```
public class PowerClass {

    public static int mult(int times, int val){
        int product = 0;
        for(int i = 0; i < times; i++){
            product += val;
        }
        return product;
    }

    public static int pow(int num, int raise){
        int total = 1;
        for(int i = 0; i < raise; i++){
            total = mult(total, num);
        }
        return total;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        pow(2, 5);
    }
}
```



Our program starts at main.

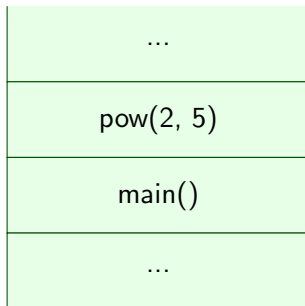
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Our program starts at the pow method is then called an placed on the call stack.

...
mult(1, 2)
pow(2, 5)
main()
...

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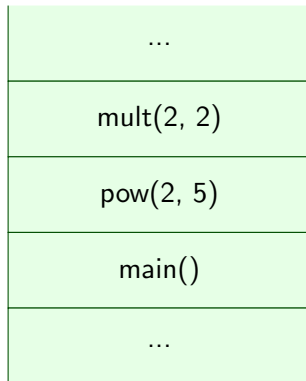
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We then call the mult method again.

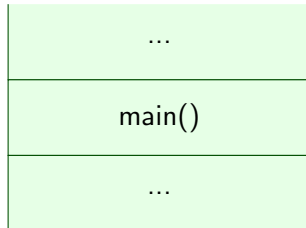
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We continue this until pow is complete and then pop it off the stack.

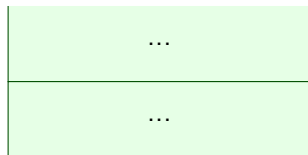
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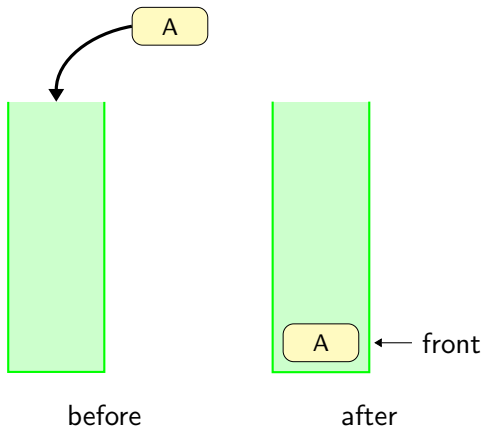
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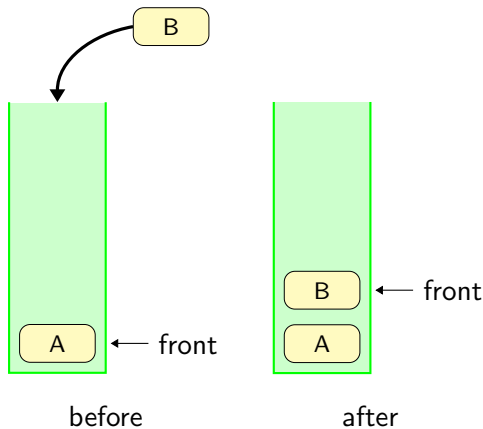
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    }
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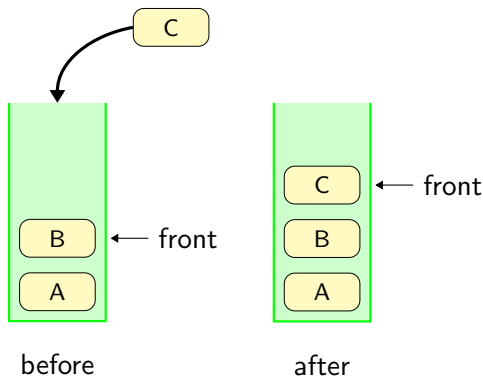
main has finished so that is popped as well and the program terminates.



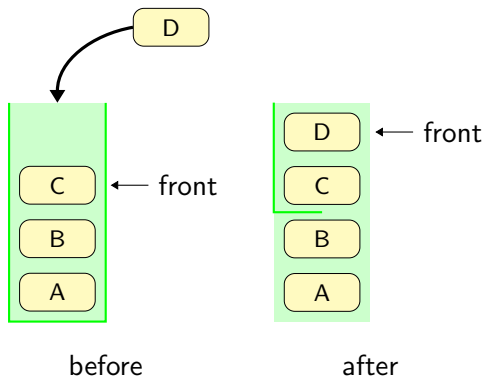
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Stack<Integer> nums = new Stack<>();
nums.push("A")
```



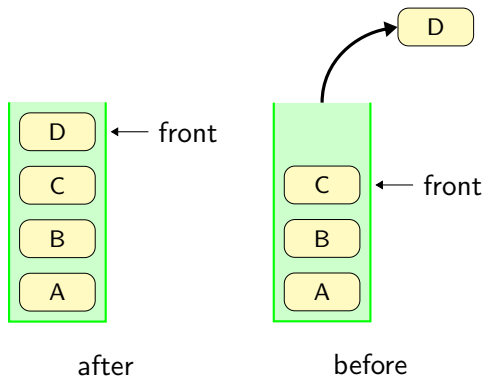
```
Stack<Integer> nums = new Stack<>();
nums.push("A");
nums.push("B");
```



```
Stack<Integer> nums = new Stack<>();
nums.push("A")
nums.push("B")
nums.push("C")
```



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nums.push("A");
nums.push("B");
nums.push("C");
nums.push("D");
```



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Stack<Integer> nums = new Stack<>();
nums.push("A");
nums.push("B");
nums.push("C");
nums.push("D");
nums.pop();
```

Worksheet: Stack Practice

Off to work on the worksheet to play with stacks.

RPN Calculator

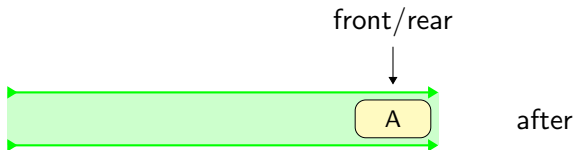
Look at each element in the list and, at each stage:

- ❶ If an element is an operation (i.e., $+$ / $-$):
 - ❶ Pop two numbers from the stack
 - ❷ Perform the operation
 - ❸ Push the result onto the stack
- ❷ Otherwise, it must be a string representation of a number so:
 - ❶ Convert it to an 'Integer'
 - ❷ Push it to the stack

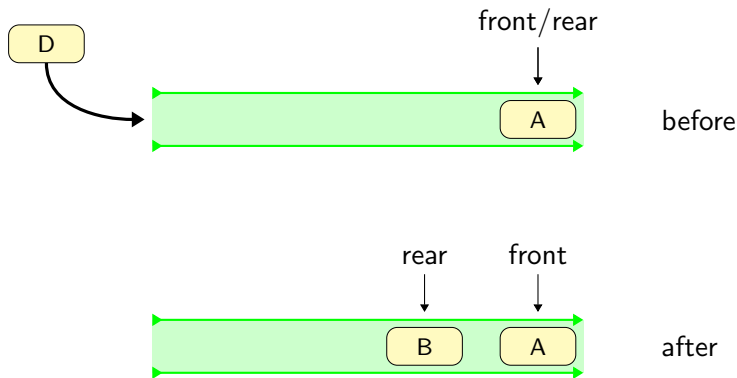
Worksheet: RPN Calculator

Off to work on the worksheet to implement the RPN calculator

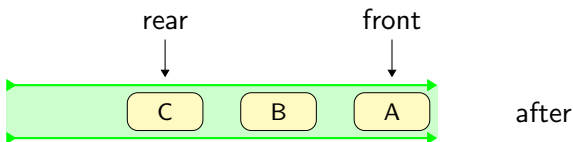
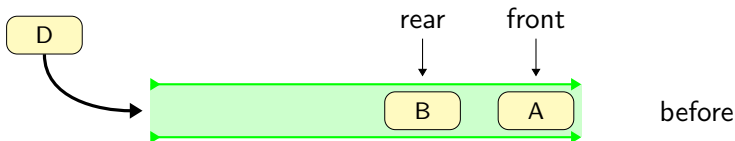
- ➊ First in, First out (FIFO) data structure.
- ➋ Queue is an interface in Java.
- ➌ Uses the following operations:
 - ➊ enqueue: to add to the end of a queue.
 - ➋ dequeue: to remove the element at the front of the queue.



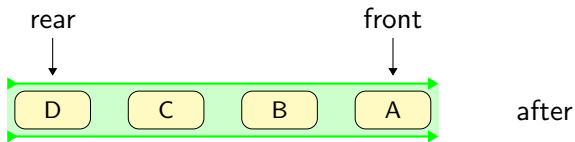
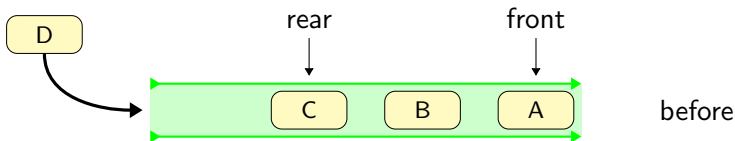
```
Queue<Integer> nums = new ArrayDeque<>();
nums.offer("A")
```



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nums.offer("A");
nums.offer("B");
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nums.offer("D")
```



```
Queue<Integer> nums = new ArrayDeque<>();
nums.offer("A")
nums.offer("B")
nums.offer("C")
nums.offer("D")
nums.poll()
```


Worksheet: Queue Practice

Off to work on the worksheet to play with queues.

Process Scheduling

- 1 Dequeue a process
- 2 Check if the allowed processing time (quanta) is less than the time remaining to serve that process:
- 3 If it is:
 - 1 reduce the proc's remaining time by that quanta
 - 2 increment the total process time by the quanta
 - 3 increment that proc's context switch count
 - 4 enqueue the process
 - 5 Print a message indicating the name of the process and it's quanta
- 4 Otherwise:
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Worksheet: Round Robin Scheduler

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Application: Card Game