



# Solution Review: Implementing Two Stacks Using One List

This review provides a detailed analysis of the different ways to solve the 'Implementing Two Stacks using one List' challenge.

## We'll cover the following



- Solution: Stacks on opposite ends
- Time Complexity

## Solution: Stacks on opposite ends #

```
1 class TwoStacks:
2
3     # constructor
4     def __init__(self, n):
5         self.size = n
6         # populating 0s on all n indices of array arr
7         self.arr = [0] * n
8         self.top1 = -1
9         self.top2 = self.size
10
11     # Method to push an element x to stack1
12     def push1(self, x):
13
14         # There is at least one empty space for new element
15         if self.top1 < self.top2 - 1:
16             self.top1 += 1
17             self.arr[self.top1] = x
18
19         else:
20             print("Stack Overflow ")
```



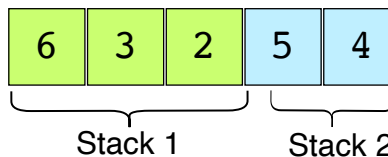
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21         exit(1)
22
23     # Method to push an element x to stack2
24     def push2(self, x):
25
26         # There is at least one empty space for new element
27         if self.top1 < self.top2 - 1:
28             self.top2 -= 1

```



This implementation is space-efficient as it utilizes all of the available space. It doesn't cause an overflow if there is any space available in the array. **The tops of the two stacks are the two extreme ends of the array.** The first stack starts from the **first** element at index **0** and the second starts from the **last** element. The first element in *stack2* is pushed at index **`(len(arr)-1)`**. Both stacks grow (or shrink) in the opposite direction. To check for overflow, all we need to do is check for space between the top elements of both stacks as reflected in the code.



## Time Complexity#

All the operations take **constant** time because the array is being indexed and not resized.

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