

Lecture # 5

Abstract Data Type

- We have looked at four different implementations of the List data structures:
 - Using arrays
 - Singly linked list
 - Doubly linked list
 - Circularly linked list.
- The interface to the List stayed the same, i.e., `add()`, `get()`, `next()`, `start()`, `remove()` etc.
- The list is thus an abstract data type; we use it without being concerned with how it is implemented.

Abstract Data Type

- What we care about is the **methods** that are available for use with the List ADT.
- We will follow this theme when we develop other ADT.
- We will **publish the interface** and keep the freedom to change the implementation of ADT without effecting users of the ADT.
- The C++ classes provide us the ability to create such ADTs.

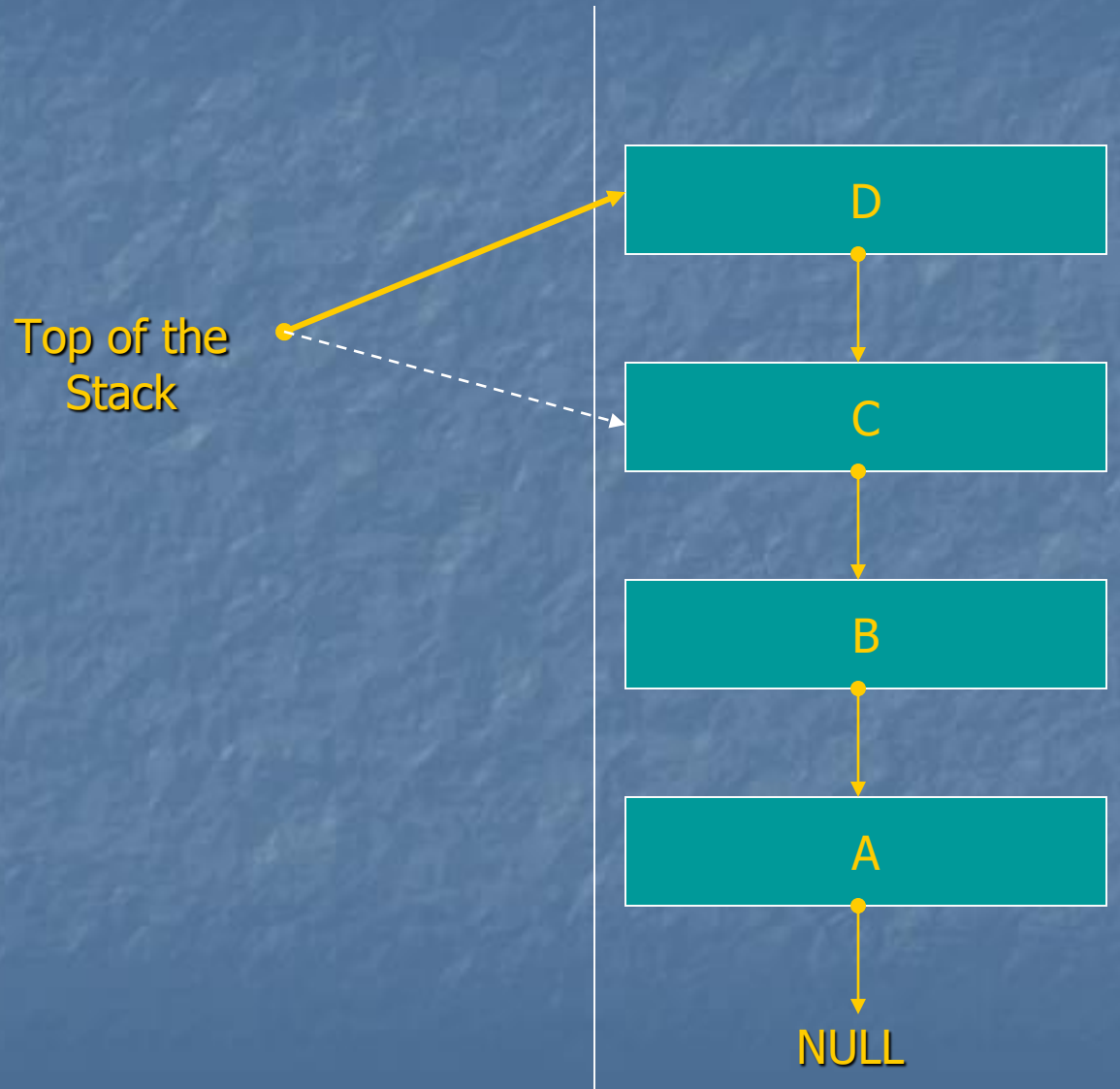
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- Stacks in real life: stack of books, stack of plates
- Add new items at the top
- Remove an item at the top
- Stack data structure similar to real life: collection of elements arranged in a linear order.
- Can only access element at the top

- A **stack** is an ordered collection of items into which new items may be **inserted** and from which items may be **deleted** at one end only, called **top** of the stack. i.e. **deletion/insertion** can only be done from **top** of the stack.
- The **insert** operation on a stack is often called **Push** operation and **delete** operation is called **Pop** operation.

■ Figure showing stack.....



- In a **stack**, the element **deleted** from the list is the one most **recently inserted**.
- Stack is also referred as **Last-in First-out** i.e **LIFO**.
- The example of stack is the **stacks of plates** used in cafeterias. The order in which plates are **popped** from the stack is the reverse of the order in which they were **pushed** onto the stack, since only the **top plate is accessible**.

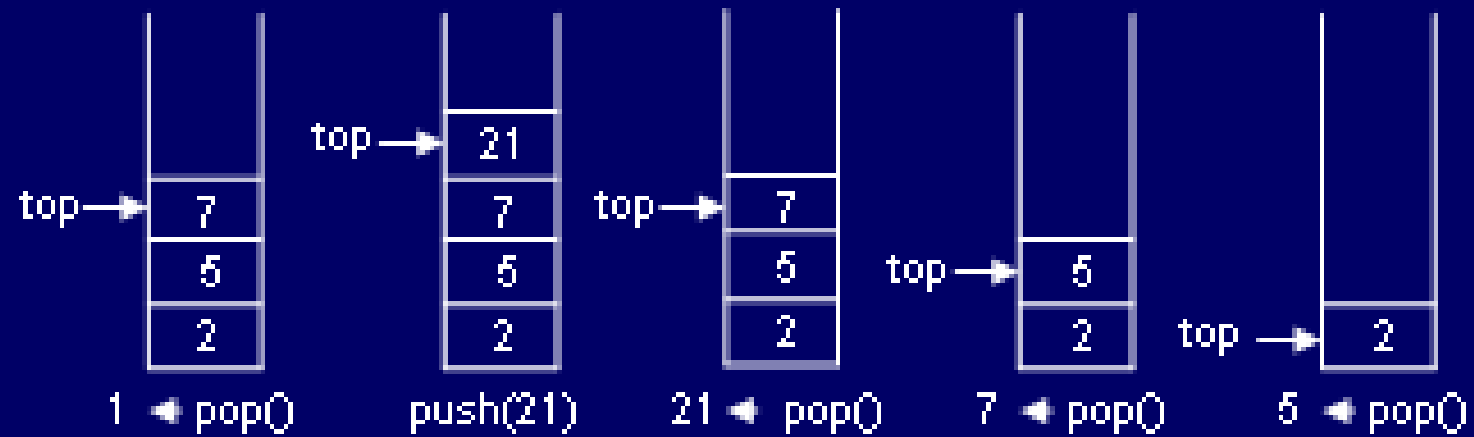
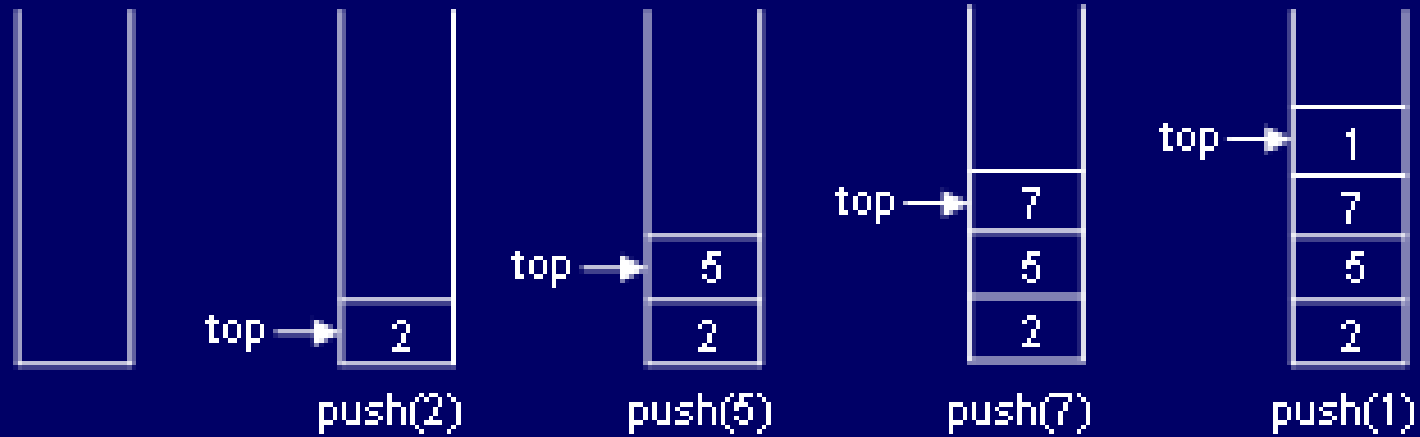
- If an **empty** stack is popped, we say stack **underflows**, which is normally an error. and
- If **top** of the stack exceeds **n**, the stack **overflows**.

Stack Operations

- `Push(X)` – insert `X` as the top element of the stack
- `Pop()` – remove the top element of the stack and return it.
- `Top()` – return the top element without removing it from the stack.

Stack Operation

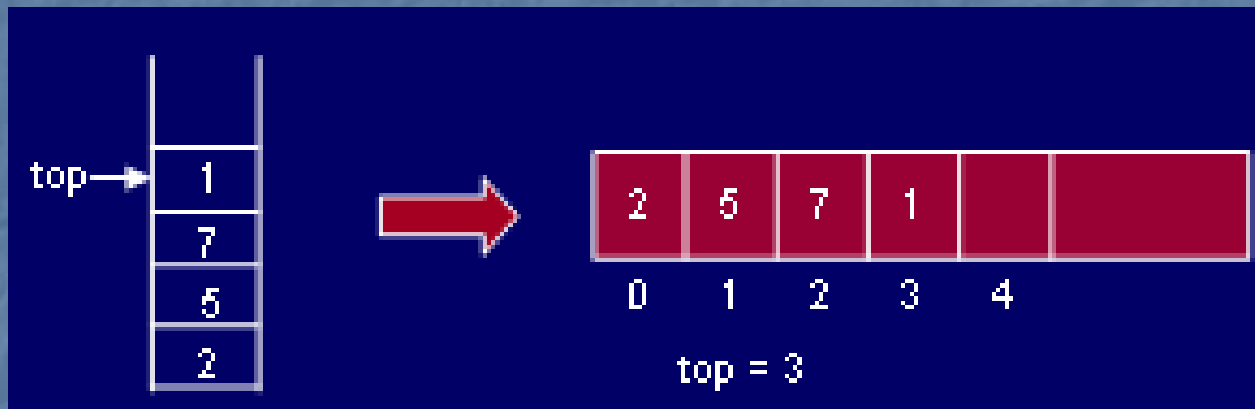
- The last element to go into the stack is the first to come out: *LIFO* – Last In First Out.
- What happens if we call `pop()` and there is no element?
- Have `IsEmpty()` boolean function that returns true if stack is empty, false otherwise.
- Throw `StackEmpty` exception: advanced C++ concept.



Stack Implementation: Array

- **Worst case** for insertion and deletion from an array when insert and delete from the beginning: *shift elements to the left.*
- **Best case** for insert and delete is at the end of the array – *no need to shift any elements.*
- Implement push() and pop() by inserting and deleting at the **end of an array**

Stack Implementation: Array



Stack using an Array

- In case of an array, it is possible that the array may “fill-up” if we push enough elements.
- Have a boolean function **IsFull()** which returns true if stack (array) is full, false otherwise.
- We would call this function before calling push(x).

Stack Using Linked List

- We can **avoid the size limitation** of a stack implemented with an array by using a linked list to hold the stack elements.
- As with array, however, we need to decide where to insert elements in the list and where to delete them so that push and pop will run the fastest.

