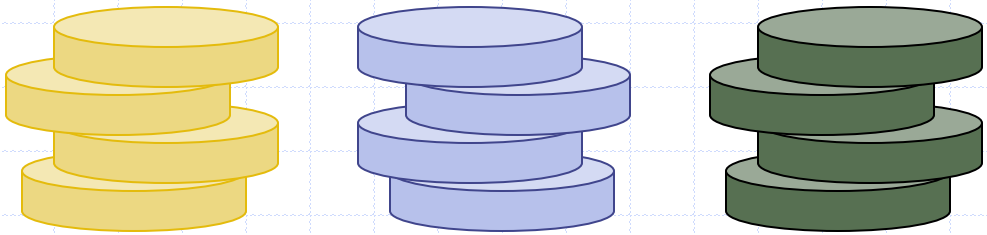
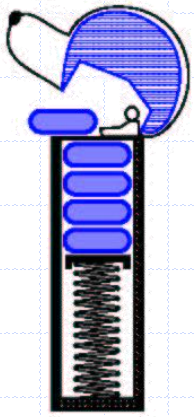
Stacks



Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

- An abstract data type (ADT) is an abstraction of a data structure
- An ADT specifies:
  - Data stored
  - Operations on the data
  - Error conditions associated with operations
- Example: ADT modeling a simple stock trading system
  - The data stored are buy/sell orders
  - The operations supported are
    - order buy(stock, shares, price)
    - order sell(stock, shares, price)
    - void cancel(order)
  - Error conditions:
    - Buy/sell a nonexistent stock
    - Cancel a nonexistent order

The Stack ADT



- The Stack ADT stores arbitrary objects
- Insertions and deletions follow the last-in first-out scheme
- Think of a spring-loaded plate dispenser
- Main stack operations:
  - push(object): inserts an element
  - object pop(): removes and returns the last inserted element
- Auxiliary stack operations:
  - object top(): returns the last inserted element without removing it
  - integer len(): returns the number of elements stored
  - boolean is_empty(): indicates whether no elements are stored

Stacks

- Last In First Out (LIFO)

  Remove the **most** recently added item

  Analogy: cafeteria trays

Example

Operation	Return Value	Stack Contents
S.push(5)	–	[5]
S.push(3)	–	[5, 3]
len(S)	2	[5, 3]
S.pop( )	3	[5]
S.is_empty( )	False	[5]
S.pop( )	5	[ ]
S.is_empty( )	True	[ ]
S.pop( )	"error"	[ ]
S.push(7)	–	[7]
S.push(9)	–	[7, 9]
S.top( )	9	[7, 9]
S.push(4)	–	[7, 9, 4]
len(S)	3	[7, 9, 4]
S.pop( )	4	[7, 9]
S.push(6)	–	[7, 9, 6]
S.push(8)	–	[7, 9, 6, 8]
S.pop( )	8	[7, 9, 6]

Stack in Action

- *Visualization time*

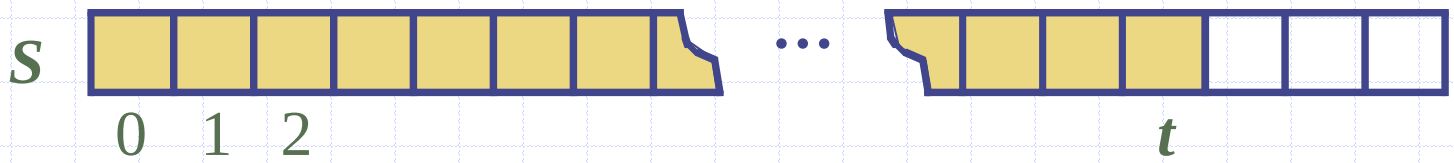
  http://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/StackArray.html

Applications of Stacks

- Direct applications
  - Page-visited history in a Web browser
  - Undo sequence in a text editor
  - Chain of method calls in a language that supports recursion
  - Parsing in a compiler
- Indirect applications
  - Auxiliary data structure for algorithms
  - Component of other data structures

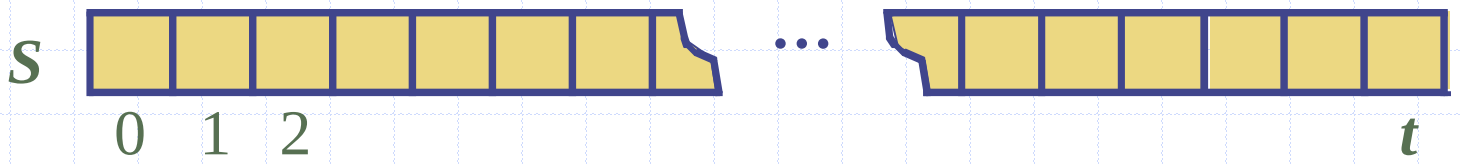
Array-based Stack

- A simple way of implementing the Stack ADT uses an array
- We add elements from left to right
- A variable keeps track of the index of the top element



Array-based Stack (cont.)

- The array storing the stack elements may become full
- A push operation will then need to grow the array and copy all the elements over.



Let's Implement a simple Stack using Python's List Class

- Open array_stack_students.py
- Fill in the #to do part to implement a stack
- We will implement ArrayStack Class.

Performance and Limitations

- Performance
  - Let n be the number of elements in the stack
  - The space used is $O(n)$
  - Each operation runs in time $O(1)$ (amortized in the case of a push)

Analyzing the Array-Based Stack

Operation	Running Time
S.push(e)	$O(1)^*$
S.pop( )	$O(1)^*$
S.top( )	$O(1)$
S.is_empty( )	$O(1)$
len(S)	$O(1)$

*amortized

Let's use our simple Stack to reverse a file

- Open reverse_file_students.py
- Fill in the #to do part to reverse the file contents of DSSyllabus.txt file.
- We will use ArrayStack Class from array_stack_students.py file.

Parentheses Matching (Application of Stack)

- Each “(”, “{”, or “[” must be paired with a matching “)”, “}”, or “[”
  - correct: ( )(( )){([( )])}
  - correct: ((( )(( )){([( )])}
  - incorrect:)(( )){([( )])}
  - incorrect: ({[ ])}
  - incorrect: (

Parentheses Matching Algorithm

Algorithm ParenMatch(*X*,*n*):
Input: An array *X* of *n* tokens, each of which is either a grouping symbol, a variable, an arithmetic operator, or a number
Output: **true** if and only if all the grouping symbols in *X* match
Let *S* be an empty stack
for *i*=0 to *n*-1 **do**
    if *X*[*i*] is an opening grouping symbol **then**
        S.push(*X*[*i*])
    else if *X*[*i*] is a closing grouping symbol **then**
        if *S*.is_empty() **then**
            return false {nothing to match with}
        if *S*.pop() does not match the type of *X*[*i*] **then**
            return false {wrong type}
if *S*.isEmpty() **then**
    return true {every symbol matched}
else return false {some symbols were never matched}

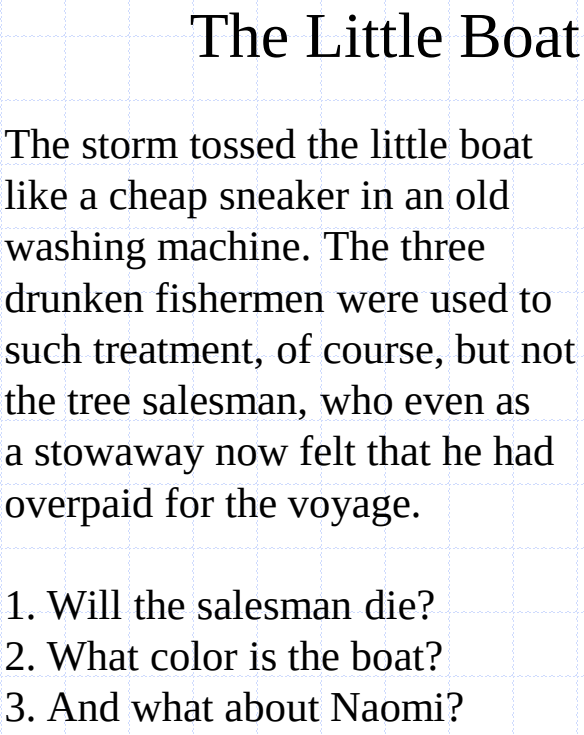
Parentheses Matching in Python

```
1  def is_matched(expr):
2    """Return True if all delimiters are properly match; False otherwise."""
3    lefty = '({['                                  # opening delimiters
4    righty = ')}]'                                 # respective closing delims
5    S = ArrayStack( )
6    for c in expr:
7      if c in lefty:
8        S.push(c)                                  # push left delimiter on stack
9      elif c in righty:
10       if S.is_empty( ):
11         return False                             # nothing to match with
12       if righty.index(c) != lefty.index(S.pop( )):
13         return False                             # mismatched
14   return S.is_empty( )                           # were all symbols matched?
```

HTML Tag Matching (Application of Stack)

- For fully-correct HTML, each <name> should pair with a matching </name>

```
<body>
<center>
<h1> The Little Boat </h1>
</center>
<p> The storm tossed the little
boat like a cheap sneaker in an
old washing machine. The three
drunken fishermen were used to
such treatment, of course, but
not the tree salesman, who even as
a stowaway now felt that he
had overpaid for the voyage. </p>
<ol>
<li> Will the salesman die? </li>
<li> What color is the boat? </li>
<li> And what about Naomi? </li>
</ol>
</body>
```



Tag Matching Algorithm in Python

```
1  def is_matched_html(raw):
2    """Return True if all HTML tags are properly match; False otherwise."""
3    S = ArrayStack( )
4    j = raw.find('<')                    # find first '<' character (if any)
5    while j != -1:
6      k = raw.find('>', j+1)             # find next '>' character
7      if k == -1:
8        return False                     # invalid tag
9      tag = raw[j+1:k]                   # strip away < >
10     if not tag.startswith('/'):        # this is opening tag
11       S.push(tag)
12     else:                              # this is closing tag
13       if S.is_empty( ):
14         return False                   # nothing to match with
15       if tag[1:] != S.pop( ):
16         return False                   # mismatched delimiter
17     j = raw.find('<', k+1)             # find next '<' character (if any)
18   return S.is_empty( )                 # were all opening tags matched?
```

Evaluating Arithmetic Expressions

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$14 - 3 * 2 + 7 = (14 - (3 * 2)) + 7$

Operator precedence

* has precedence over +/–

Associativity

operators of the same precedence group evaluated from left to right

Example: $(x - y) + z$ rather than $x - (y + z)$

Idea: push each operator on the stack, but first pop and perform higher and *equal* precedence operations.

Algorithm for Evaluating Expressions

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Two stacks:

- opStk holds operators
- valStk holds values
- Use $ as special "end of input" token with lowest precedence

Algorithm doOp()

```
x ← valStk.pop();
y ← valStk.pop();
op ← opStk.pop();
valStk.push( y op x )
```

Algorithm repeatOps(refOp):

```
while ( valStk.size() > 1 ∧
        prec(refOp) ≤
        prec(opStk.top()))
  doOp()
```

Algorithm EvalExp()

Input: a stream of tokens representing an arithmetic expression (with numbers)

Output: the value of the expression

```
while there's another token z
  if isNumber(z) then
      valStk.push(z)
  else
      repeatOps(z);
      opStk.push(z)
repeatOps($);
return valStk.top()
```

Algorithm on an Example Expression

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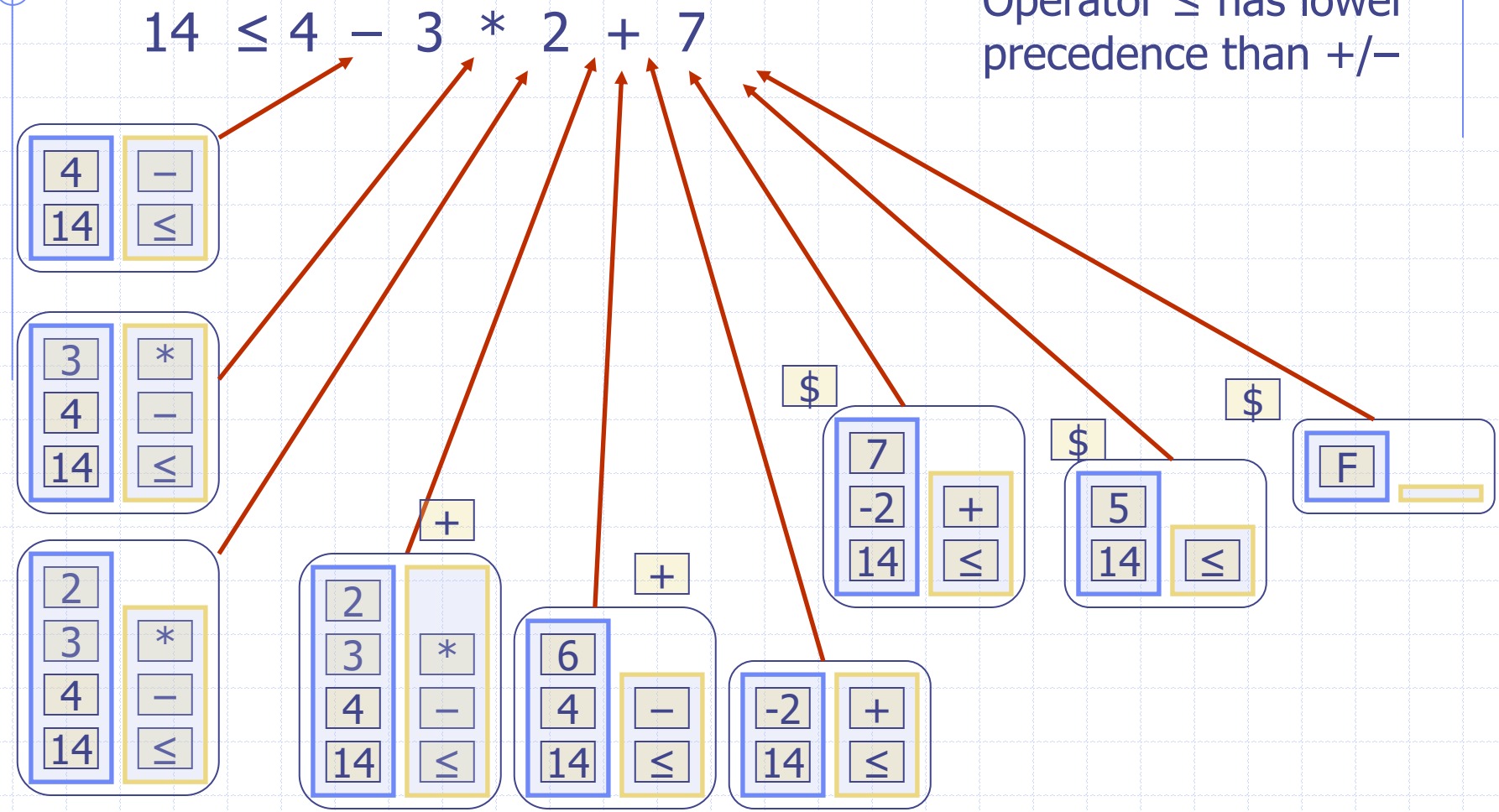
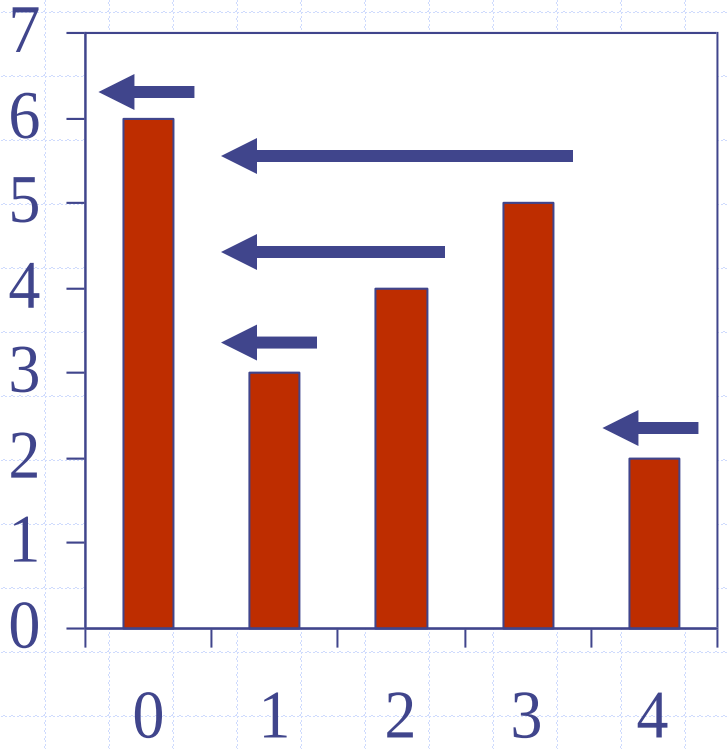
Operator ≤ has lower precedence than +/–



Computing Spans (not in book)

- Using a stack as an auxiliary data structure in an algorithm
- Given an an array X, the span $S[i]$ of $X[i]$ is the maximum number of consecutive elements $X[j]$ immediately preceding $X[i]$ and such that $X[j] \leq X[i]$
- Spans have applications to financial analysis
  - E.g., stock at 52-week high



X	6	3	4	5	2
S	1	1	2	3	1

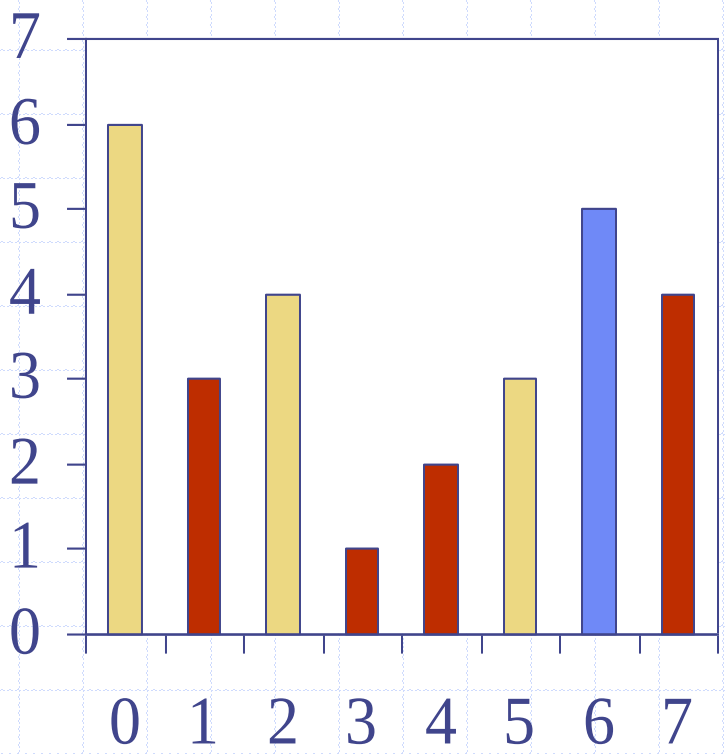
Quadratic Algorithm

```
Algorithm spans1(X, n)                                  #
    Input array X of n integers
    Output array S of spans of X                        #
    S ← new array of n integers                         n
    for i ← 0 to n – 1 do                               n
        s ← 1                                           n
        while s ≤ i ∧ X[i – s] ≤ X[i]                   1 + 2 + …+ (n – 1)
            s ← s + 1                                   1 + 2 + …+ (n – 1)
        S[i] ← s                                        n
    return S                                            1
```

- Algorithm *spans1* runs in $O(n^2)$ time

Computing Spans with a Stack

- We keep in a stack the indices of the elements visible when "looking back"
- We scan the array from left to right
  - Let i be the current index
  - We pop indices from the stack until we find index j such that $X[i] < X[j]$
  - We set $S[i] \leftarrow i - j$
  - We push x onto the stack



Linear Algorithm

- Each index of the array
  - Is pushed into the stack exactly one
  - Is popped from the stack at most once
- The statements in the while-loop are executed at most n times
- Algorithm *spans2* runs in $O(n)$ time

```
Algorithm spans2(X, n)                          #
    S ← new array of n integers                 n
    A ← new empty stack                         1
    for i ← 0 to n – 1 do                       n
        while (¬A.is_empty() ∧
                X[A.top()] ≤ X[i] ) do          n
            A.pop()                             n
        if A.is_empty() then                      n
            S[i] ← i + 1                        n
        else
            S[i] ← i – A.top()                  n
        A.push(i)                               n
    return S                                    1
```