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Lecture 7: Abstract Data Types - Stack & Queue


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- ▶ *resizing arrays*
- ▶ *queues*
- ▶ *generics*
- ▶ *iterators*
- ▶ *applications*

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- Stacks and Queues *
- S&W 1.2 and 1.3

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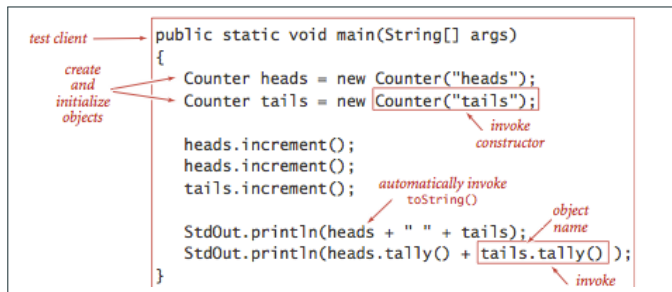
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An **Application Programming Interface** (API) is

→ A list and informal description of the operations of an ADT

WHO IS THE CLIENT OF AN ADT?

Example:



→ **Client**: the rest of the program, using the ADT

STACKS & QUEUES

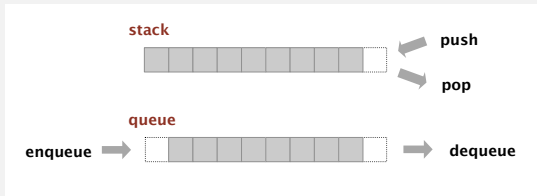
STACKS & QUEUES



Stacks and queues

Fundamental data types.

- Value: collection of objects.
- Operations: **insert**, **remove**, **iterate**, test if empty.
- Intent is clear when we insert.
- Which item do we remove?



Stack. Examine the item most recently added. ← LIFO = "last in first out"

Queue. Examine the item least recently added. ← FIFO = "first in first out"

Client, implementation, interface

Separate interface and implementation.

Ex: stack, queue, bag, priority queue, symbol table, union-find,

Benefits.

- Client can't know details of implementation \Rightarrow client has many implementation from which to choose.
- Implementation can't know details of client needs \Rightarrow many clients can re-use the same implementation.
- **Design:** creates modular, reusable libraries.
- **Performance:** use optimized implementation where it matters.

Client: program using operations defined in interface.

Implementation: actual code implementing operations.

Interface: description of data type, basic operations.



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Stack API

Warmup API. Stack of strings data type.

```
public class StackOfStrings
```

```
    StackOfStrings()           create an empty stack
```

```
    void push(String item)     insert a new string onto stack
```

```
    String pop()               remove and return the string  
                               most recently added
```

```
    boolean isEmpty()          is the stack empty?
```

```
    int size()                 number of strings on the stack
```

push pop

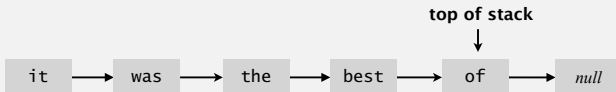


Warmup client. Reverse sequence of strings from standard input.

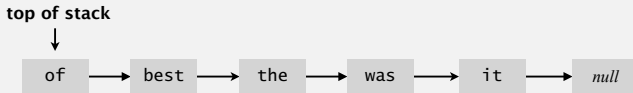
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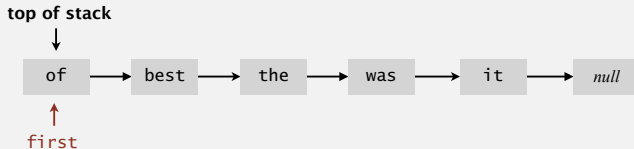


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Stack: linked-list implementation

- Maintain pointer *first* to first node in a singly-linked list.
- Push new item before *first*.
- Pop item from *first*.



<http://dsvproject.github.io/dsvproject/code/stackLinkedList.html>

Stack pop: linked-list implementation

inner class

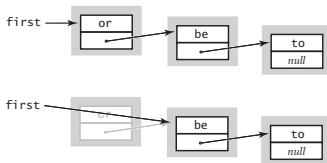
```
private class Node
{
    String item;
    Node next;
}
```

save item to return

```
String item = first.item;
```

delete first node

```
first = first.next;
```



return saved item

```
return item;
```

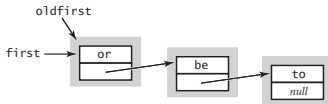
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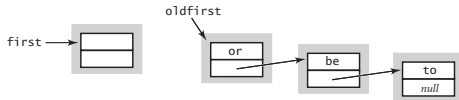
save a link to the list

```
Node oldfirst = first;
```



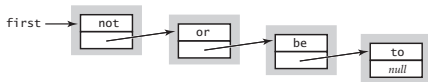
create a new node for the beginning

```
first = new Node();
```



set the instance variables in the new node

```
first.item = "not";
first.next = oldfirst;
```



Stack: linked-list implementation in Java

```
public class LinkedStackOfStrings
{
    private Node first = null;

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void push(String item)
    {
        Node oldfirst = first;
        first = new Node();
        first.item = item;
        first.next = oldfirst;
    }

    public String pop()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

← private inner class
(access modifiers for instance
variables don't matter)

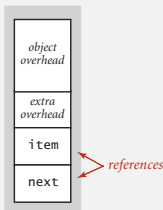
Stack: linked-list implementation performance

Proposition. Every operation takes constant time in the worst case.

Proposition. A stack with N items uses $\sim 40 N$ bytes.

inner class

```
private class Node
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    String item;
    Node next;
}
```



16 bytes (object overhead)

8 bytes (inner class extra overhead)

8 bytes (reference to String)

8 bytes (reference to Node)

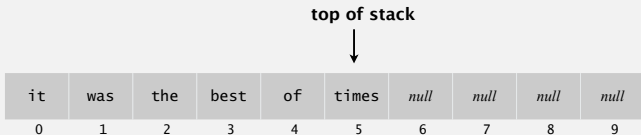
40 bytes per stack node

Remark. This accounts for the memory for the stack
(but not the memory for strings themselves, which the client owns).

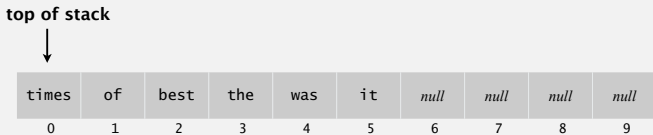
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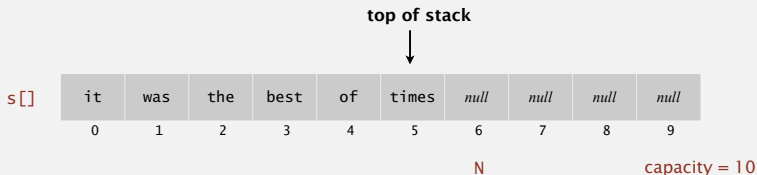


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Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

- Use array `s[]` to store N items on stack.
- `push()`: add new item at `s[N]`.
- `pop()`: remove item from `s[N-1]`.



Defect. Stack overflows when N exceeds capacity. [stay tuned]

<http://dsvproject.github.io/dsvproject/code/stackArray.html>

Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

```
public class FixedCapacityStackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s;
    private int N = 0;

    public FixedCapacityStackOfStrings(int capacity)
    { s = new String[capacity]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

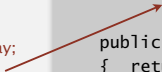
    public void push(String item)
    { s[N++] = item; }

    public String pop()
    { return s[--N]; }
}
```

a cheat
(stay tuned)



use to index into array;
then increment N



decrement N;
then use to index into array



Stack considerations

Overflow and underflow.

- Underflow: throw exception if pop from an empty stack.
- Overflow: use resizing array for array implementation. [stay tuned]

Null items. We allow null items to be inserted.

Loitering. Holding a reference to an object when it is no longer needed.

```
public String pop()
{ return s[--N]; }
```

loitering

```
public String pop()
{
    String item = s[--N];
    s[N] = null;
    return item;
}
```

**this version avoids "loitering":
garbage collector can reclaim memory for
an object only if no outstanding references**



The book cover for 'Algorithms' by Robert Sedgwick and Kevin Wayne features a light gray background with a pattern of thin, dark, irregular lines. The title 'Algorithms' is prominently displayed in a large, black, serif font. Below the title, the authors' names 'ROBERT SEDGWICK | KEVIN WAYNE' are listed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the cover, the URL 'http://algs4.cs.princeton.edu' is provided in a small, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the title, there is a small graphic consisting of a series of vertical bars of varying heights, resembling a bar chart or a histogram.

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Q. How to grow and shrink array?

First try.

- `push()`: increase size of array `s[]` by 1.
- `pop()`: decrease size of array `s[]` by 1.

Too expensive.

- Need to copy all items to a new array, for each operation.
- Array accesses to insert first N items = $N + (2 + 4 + \dots + 2(N-1)) \sim N^2$.

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Challenge. Ensure that array resizing happens infrequently.

INCREASE SIZE BY 1

We start with an empty array of size 1

Array accesses (AC):

- 1st push: 1 AC (store new item)
- 2nd push: 1 AC + 2 AC (read-write previous item(s) to new array)
- 3rd push: 1 AC + 4 AC
- 4th push: 1 AC + 6 AC
- ...
- Nth push: 1 AC + $2(N - 1)$ AC

~ N^2 array accesses to insert N items starting from the empty stack

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Q. How to grow array?

A. If array is full, create a new array of **twice** the size, and copy items.

"repeated doubling"

```
public ResizingArrayStackOfStrings()
{ s = new String[1]; }

public void push(String item)
{
    if (N == s.length) resize(2 * s.length);
    s[N++] = item;
}

private void resize(int capacity)
{
    String[] copy = new String[capacity];
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        copy[i] = s[i];
    s = copy;
}
```

Array accesses to insert first $N = 2^i$ items. $N + (2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + N) \sim 3N$.

↑
1 array access
per push

↑
k array accesses to double to size k
(ignoring cost to create new array)

Stack: resizing-array implementation

Q. How to shrink array?

First try.

- `push()`: double size of array `s[]` when array is full.
- `pop()`: halve size of array `s[]` when array is **one-half full**.

Too expensive in worst case.

- Consider push-pop-push-pop-... sequence when array is full.
- Each operation takes time proportional to N .



Stack: resizing-array implementation

Q. How to shrink array?

Efficient solution.

- push(): double size of array `s[]` when array is full.
- pop(): halve size of array `s[]` when array is **one-quarter full**.

```
public String pop()
{
    String item = s[--N];
    s[N] = null;
    if (N > 0 && N == s.length/4) resize(s.length/2);
    return item;
}
```

Invariant. Array is between 25% and 100% full.

AMORTIZED RUNNING TIME

Assume implementation of ADT with operations A, B, C

How do we calculate the amortized running time of the operations of the ADT?

- Consider the ADT to be **empty**
- Consider **all feasible sequences of N operations**
 - A, A, A, ...
 - A, B, A, C, ...
 - ...
- calculate total running time for each of these sequences take the **largest one** (worst case sequence)
- Amortized running time of ADT operations = worst-case running time of N operations / N

Stack resizing-array implementation: performance

Amortized analysis. Starting from an empty data structure, average running time per operation over a worst-case sequence of operations.

Proposition. Starting from an empty stack, any sequence of M push and pop operations takes time proportional to M .

	best	worst	amortized
construct	1	1	1
push	1	N	1
pop	1	N	1
size	1	1	1

doubling and
halving operations

order of growth of running time
for resizing stack with N items

Operations (push/pop/construct/resize) have
 $O(1)$ amortized running time

Stack resizing-array implementation: memory usage

Proposition. Uses between $\sim 8 N$ and $\sim 32 N$ bytes to represent a stack with N items.

- $\sim 8 N$ when full.
- $\sim 32 N$ when one-quarter full.

```
public class ResizingArrayStackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s; ← 8 bytes × array size
    private int N = 0;
    ...
}
```

Remark. This accounts for the memory for the stack (but not the memory for strings themselves, which the client owns).

Stack implementations: resizing array vs. linked list

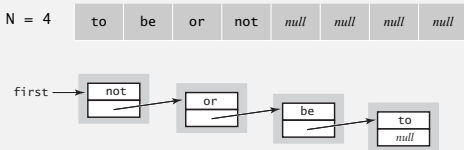
Tradeoffs. Can implement a stack with either resizing array or linked list; client can use interchangeably. Which one is better?

Linked-list implementation.

- Every operation takes constant time in the **worst case**.
- Uses extra time and space to deal with the links.

Resizing-array implementation.

- Every operation takes constant **amortized** time.
- Less wasted space.





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Queue API

```
public class QueueOfStrings
```

```
    QueueOfStrings()
```

create an empty queue

```
    void enqueue(String item)
```

insert a new string onto queue

```
    String dequeue()
```

*remove and return the string
least recently added*

```
    boolean isEmpty()
```

is the queue empty?

```
    int size()
```

number of strings on the queue



enqueue

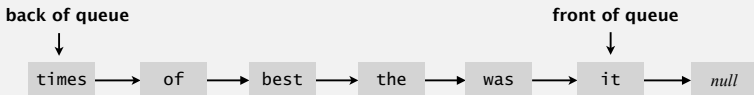


dequeue

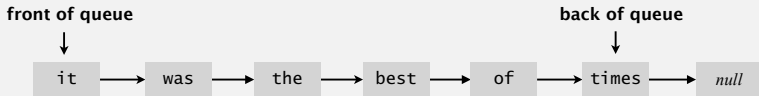
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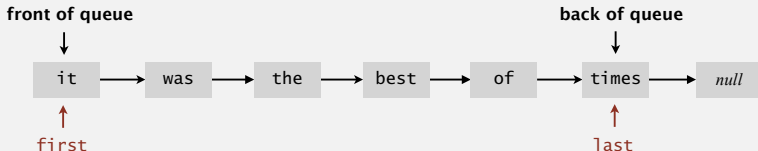


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Queue: linked-list implementation

- Maintain one pointer *first* to first node in a singly-linked list.
- Maintain another pointer *last* to last node.
- Dequeue from *first*.
- Enqueue after *last*.



Visualisation:

<http://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/QueueLL.html>

Queue dequeue: linked-list implementation

inner class

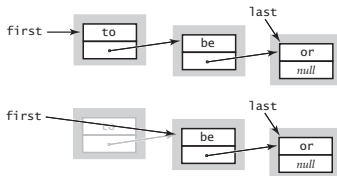
```
private class Node
{
    String item;
    Node next;
}
```

save item to return

```
String item = first.item;
```

delete first node

```
first = first.next;
```



return saved item

```
return item;
```

Remark. Identical code to linked-list stack pop().

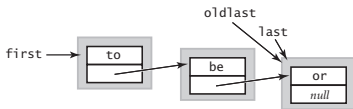
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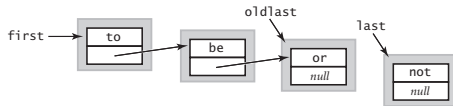
save a link to the last node

```
Node oldlast = last;
```



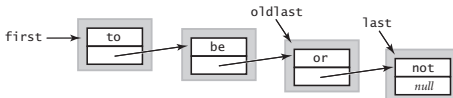
create a new node for the end

```
last = new Node();
last.item = "not";
```



link the new node to the end of the list

```
oldlast.next = last;
```



Queue: linked-list implementation in Java

```
public class LinkedQueueOfStrings
{
    private Node first, last;

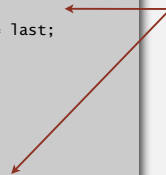
    private class Node
    { /* same as in LinkedStackOfStrings */ }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void enqueue(String item)
    {
        Node oldlast = last;
        last = new Node();
        last.item = item;
        last.next = null;
        if (isEmpty()) first = last;
        else          oldlast.next = last;
    }

    public String dequeue()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first      = first.next;
        if (isEmpty()) last = null;
        return item;
    }
}
```

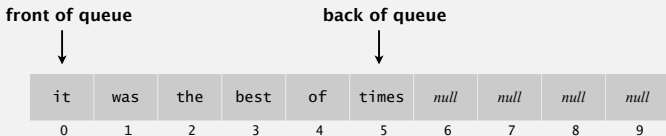
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empty queue



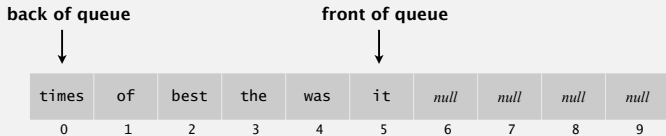
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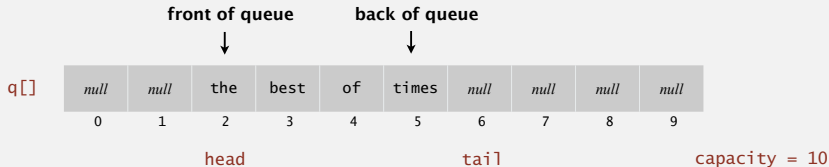


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Queue: resizing-array implementation

- Use array `q[]` to store items in queue.
- `enqueue()`: add new item at `q[tail]`.
- `dequeue()`: remove item from `q[head]`.
- Update `head` and `tail` modulo the capacity.
- Add resizing array.



Q. How to resize?