

# Computer Programming I

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# C Basic Data Structures

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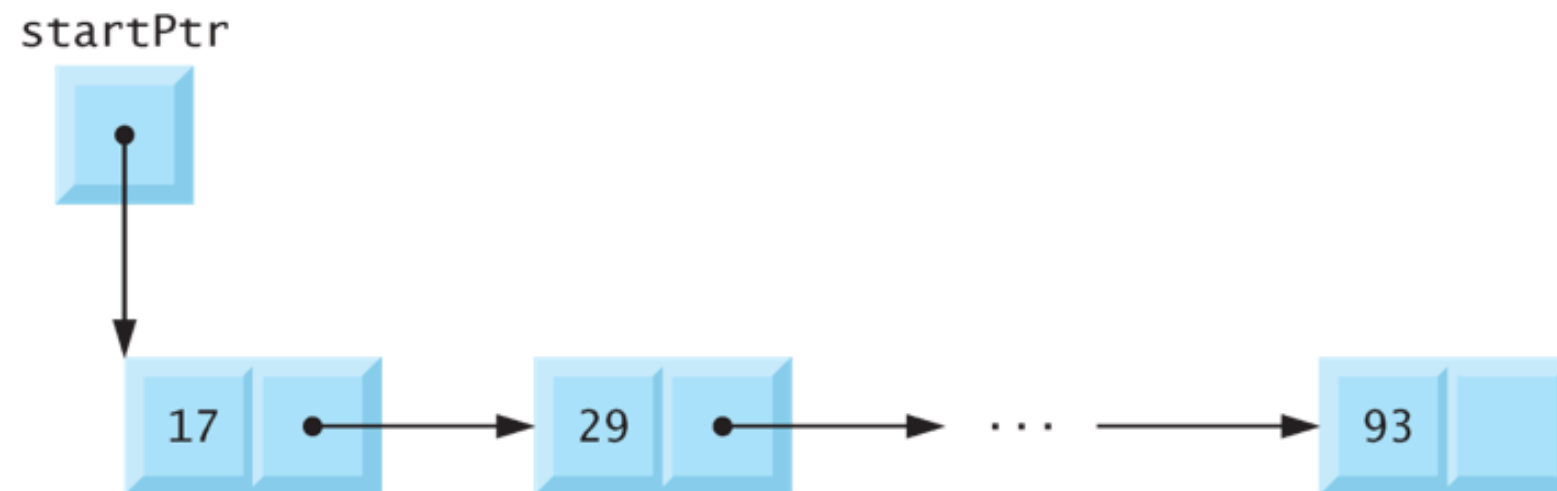
# Linked Lists

- A **linked list** is a linear collection of self-referential structures, called **nodes**, connected by pointer **links**—hence, the term “linked” list.
- A linked list is **accessed via a pointer** to the first node of the list.
- By convention, the link pointer in **the last node** of a list is set to **NULL** to mark the end of the list.
- Linked lists are **dynamic**, so the length of a list can increase or decrease as necessary.

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- The size of an array, however cannot be altered once memory is allocated.
- Arrays can become full.
- Linked lists become full only when the system has insufficient memory to satisfy dynamic storage allocation requests.

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- Linked list nodes are normally not stored contiguously in memory.
- Logically, however, the nodes of a linked list appear to be contiguous.

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125     ListNodePtr tempPtr; /* temporary node pointer */
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127     /* delete first node */
128     if ( value == ( *sPtr )->data ) {
129         tempPtr = *sPtr; /* hold onto node being removed */
130         *sPtr = ( *sPtr )->nextPtr; /* de-thread the node */
131         free( tempPtr ); /* free the de-threaded node */
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140             previousPtr = currentPtr; /* walk to ... */
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142         } /* end while */
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144         /* delete node at currentPtr */
145         if ( currentPtr != NULL ) {
146             tempPtr = currentPtr;
147             previousPtr->nextPtr = currentPtr->nextPtr;
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166     if ( currentPtr == NULL ) {
167         printf( "List is empty.\n\n" );
168     } /* end if */
169     else {
170         printf( "The list is:\n" );
171
172         /* while not the end of the list */
173         while ( currentPtr != NULL ) {
174             printf( "%c --> ", currentPtr->data );
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176         } /* end while */
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178         printf( "NULL\n\n" );
179     } /* end else */
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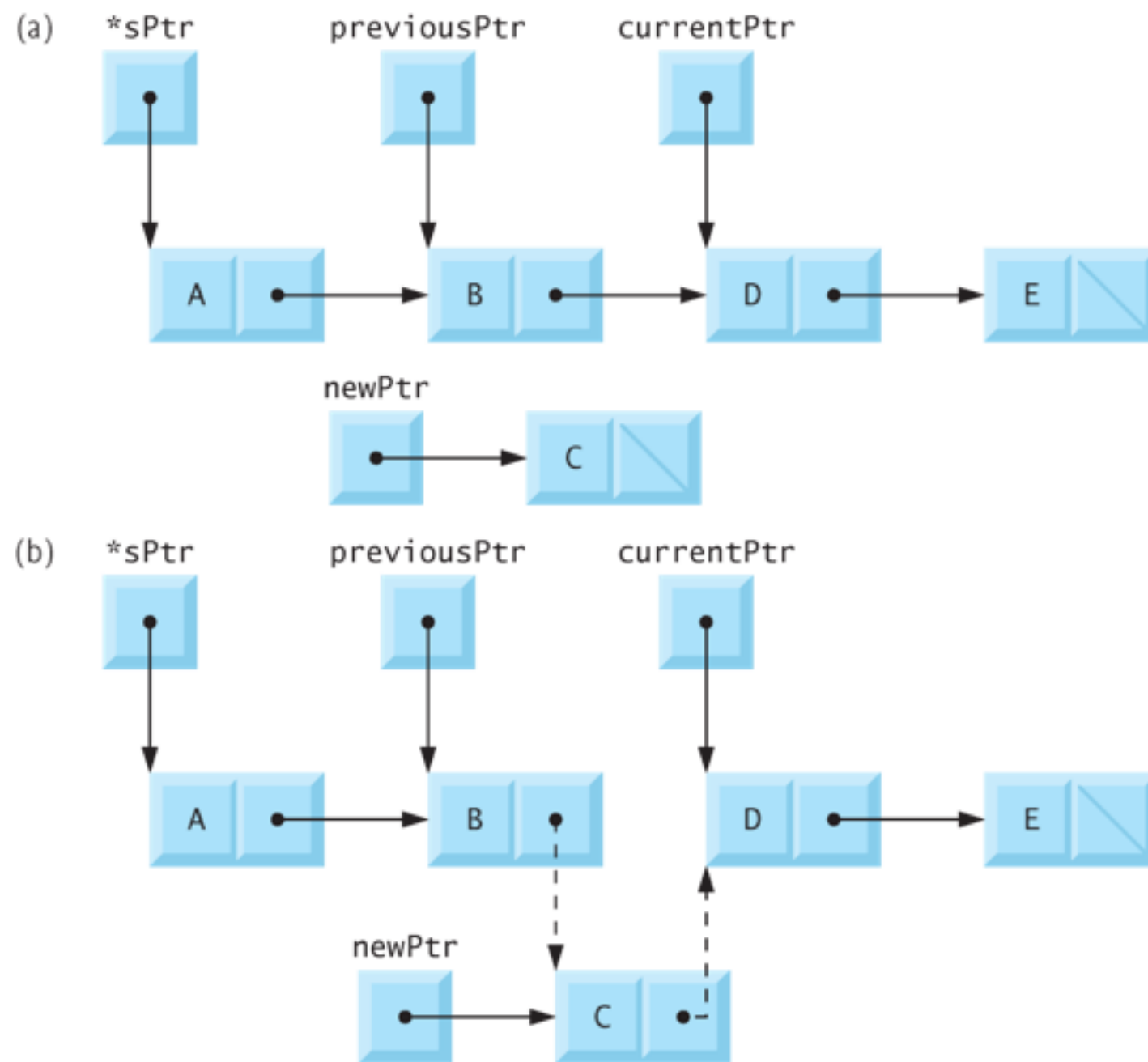
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**Fig. 12.5** | Inserting a node in order in a list.

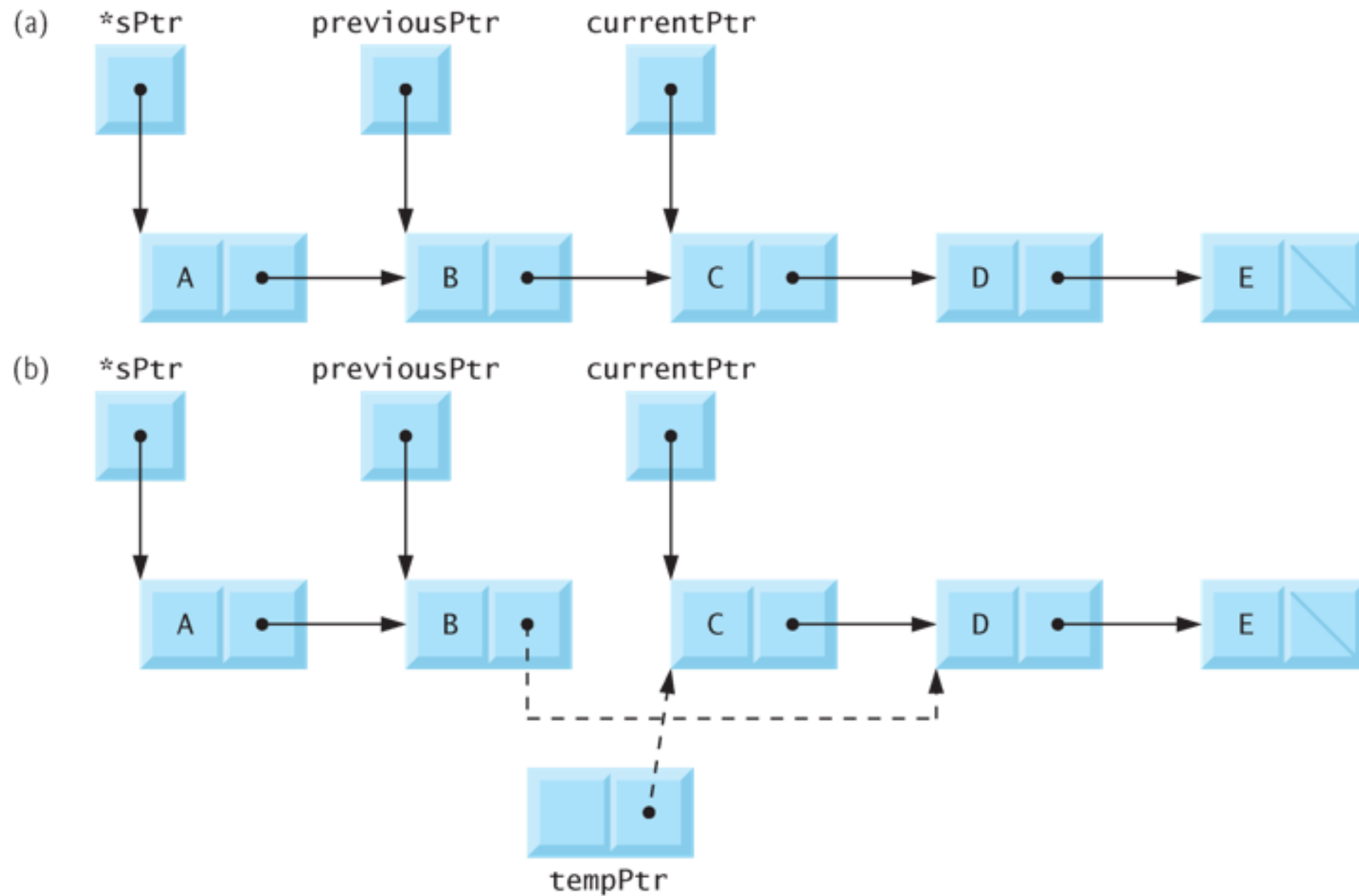
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## Error-Prevention Tip 12.2

*Assign NULL to the link member of a new node. Pointers should be initialized before they are used.*

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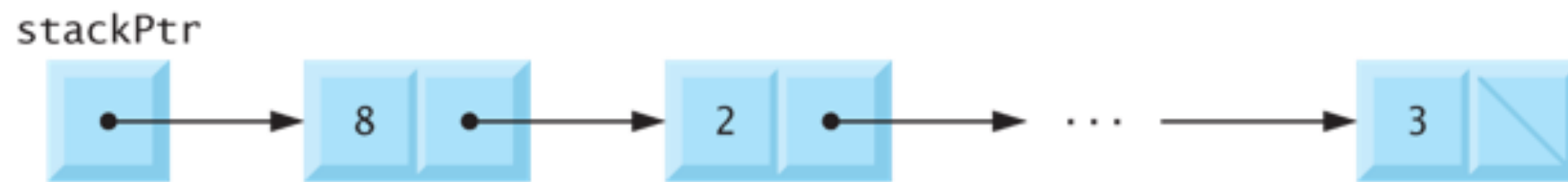


**Fig. 12.6** | Deleting a node from a list.

# Stacks

- A **stack** is a constrained version of a linked list.
- New nodes can be added to a stack and removed from a stack only at the top.
- For this reason, a stack is referred to as a **last-in, first-out (LIFO)** data structure.
- A stack is referenced via a pointer to the top element of the stack.
- The link member in the last node of the stack is set to NULL to indicate the bottom of the stack.

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**Fig. 12.7** | Stack graphical representation.

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- The primary functions used to manipulate a stack are **push** and **pop**.
- Function **push** creates a new node and places it on top of the stack.
- Function **pop** removes a node from the top of the stack, frees the memory that was allocated to the popped node and returns the popped value.

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30     printf( "? " );
31     scanf( "%d", &choice );
32
33     /* while user does not enter 3 */
34     while ( choice != 3 ) {
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80     /* insert the node at stack top */  
81     if ( newPtr != NULL ) {  
82         newPtr->data = info;  
83         newPtr->nextPtr = *topPtr;  
84         *topPtr = newPtr;  
85     } /* end if */  
86     else { /* no space available */  
87         printf( "%d not inserted. No memory available.\n", info );  
88     } /* end else */  
89 } /* end function push */
```

# Stacks

- Example: [fig12\\_08.c](#)

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92 int pop( StackNodePtr *topPtr ) {  
93     StackNodePtr tempPtr; /* temporary node pointer */  
94     int popValue; /* node value */  
95  
96     tempPtr = *topPtr;  
97     popValue = ( *topPtr )->data;  
98     *topPtr = ( *topPtr )->nextPtr;  
99     free( tempPtr );  
100     return popValue;  
101 } /* end function pop */
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104 void printStack( StackNodePtr currentPtr ) {  
105     /* if stack is empty */  
106     if ( currentPtr == NULL ) {  
107         printf( "The stack is empty.\n\n" );  
108     } /* end if */  
109     else {  
110         printf( "The stack is:\n" );  
111  
112         /* while not the end of the stack */  
113         while ( currentPtr != NULL ) {  
114             printf( "%d --> ", currentPtr->data );  
115             currentPtr = currentPtr->nextPtr;  
116         } /* end while */  
117  
118         printf( "NULL\n\n" );  
119     } /* end else */  
120 } /* end function printList */
```

```
123 int isEmpty( StackNodePtr topPtr ) {  
124     return topPtr == NULL;  
125 } /* end function isEmpty */
```

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118         printf( "NULL\n\n" );  
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120 }
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# Stacks

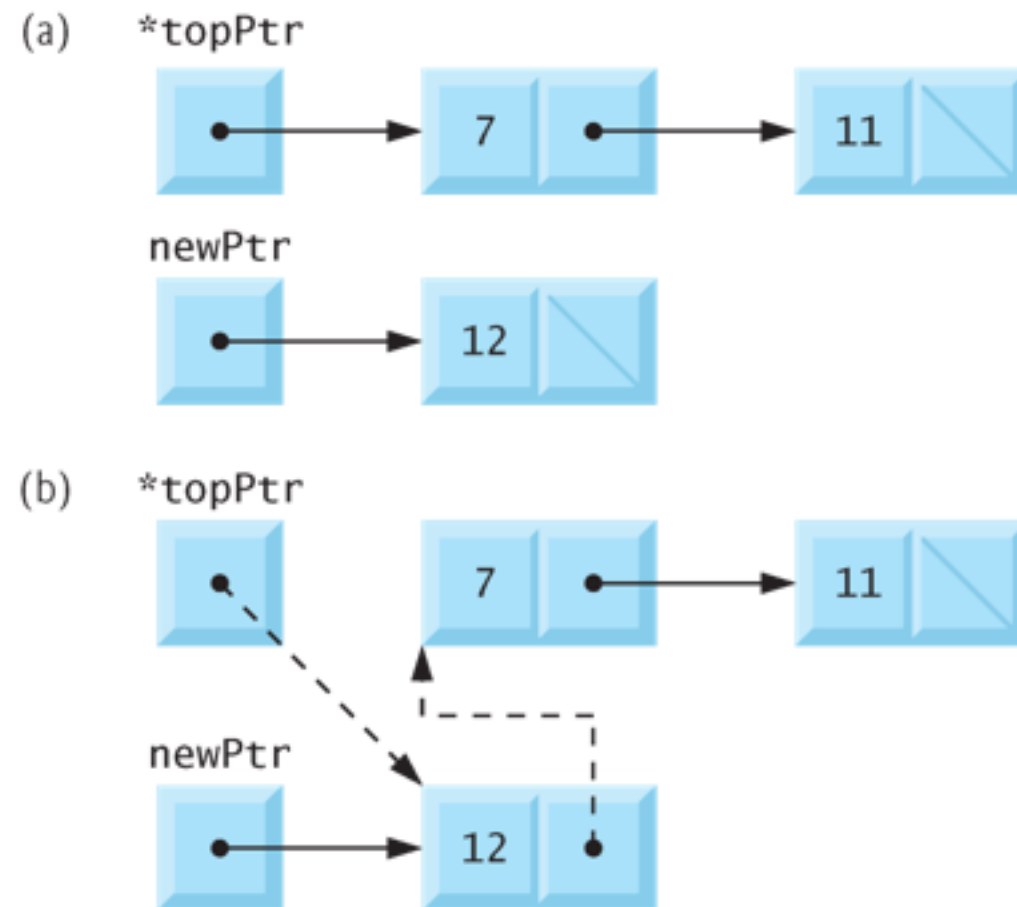
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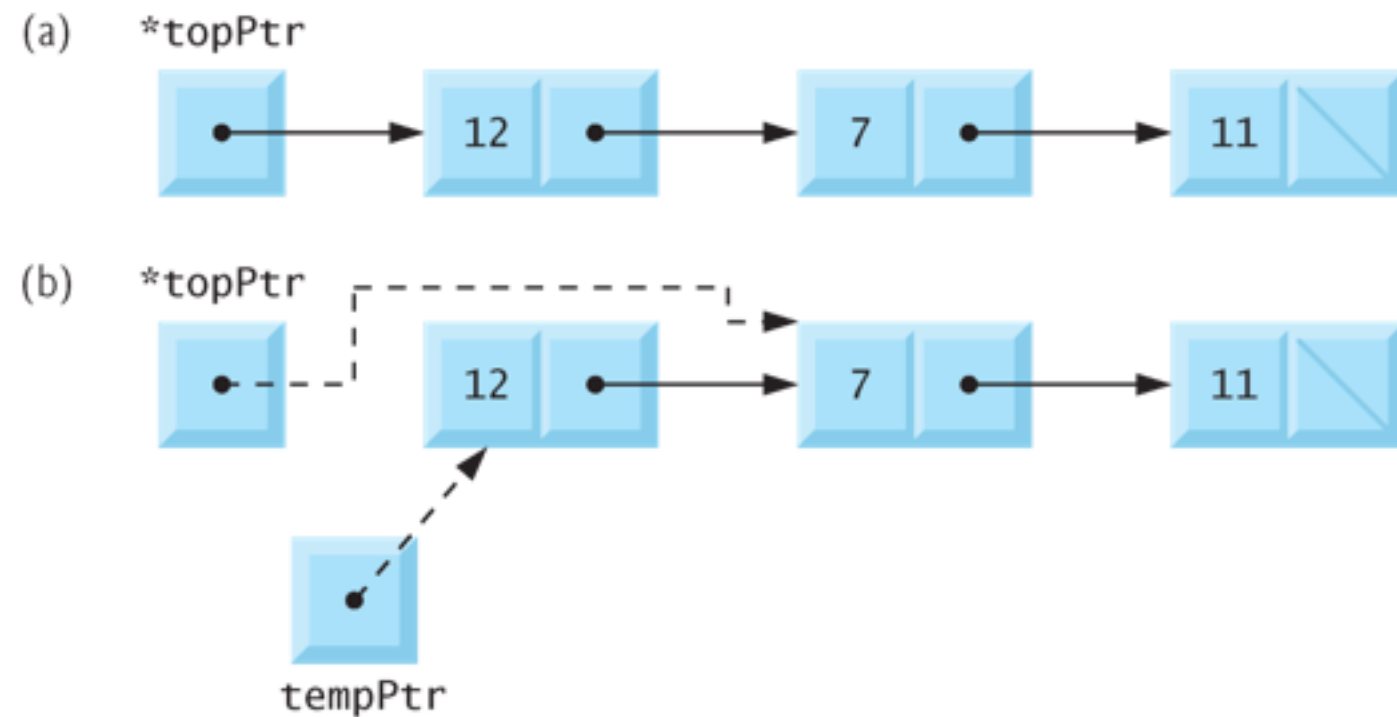


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**Fig. 12.10** | push operation.

# Stacks



**Fig. 12.11** | pop operation.

# Stacks

- Stacks have many interesting applications.
- For example, whenever a function call is made, the called function must know how to return to its caller, so the return address is pushed onto a stack.
- If a series of function calls occurs, the successive return values are pushed onto the stack in last-in, first-out order so that each function can return to its caller.