

COMP9024: Data Structures and Algorithms

Week Four: Stacks and Queues

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Stacks



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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

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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 size()`: returns the number of elements stored
 - `boolean isEmpty()`: indicates whether no elements are stored

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Stack Interface in Java

- Java interface corresponding to our Stack ADT
- Requires the definition of class `EmptyStackException`
- Different from the built-in Java class `java.util.Stack`

```
public interface Stack {  
    public int size();  
    public boolean isEmpty();  
    public Object top()  
        throws EmptyStackException;  
    public void push(Object o);  
    public Object pop()  
        throws EmptyStackException;  
}
```

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Exceptions

- Attempting the execution of an operation of ADT may sometimes cause an error condition, called an exception
- Exceptions are said to be "thrown" by an operation that cannot be executed
- In the Stack ADT, operations pop and top cannot be performed if the stack is empty
- Attempting the execution of pop or top on an empty stack throws an `EmptyStackException`

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Applications of Stacks

- Direct applications
 - Page-visited history in a Web browser
 - Undo sequence in a text editor
 - Chain of method calls in the Java Virtual Machine
- Indirect applications
 - Auxiliary data structure for algorithms
 - Component of other data structures

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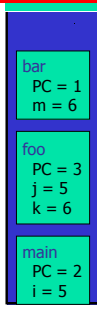
Method Stack in the JVM

- The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) keeps track of the chain of active methods with a stack
- When a method is called, the JVM pushes on the stack a frame containing
 - Local variables and return value
 - Program counter, keeping track of the statement being executed
- When a method ends, its frame is popped from the stack and control is passed to the method on top of the stack
- Allows for **recursion**

```
main() {
    int i = 5;
    foo(i);
}

foo(int j) {
    int k;
    k = j + 1;
    bar(k);
}

bar(int m) {
    ...
}
```

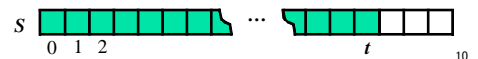


Array-based Stack (1/2)

- 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

```
Algorithm size()
{ return t + 1; }

Algorithm pop()
{ if (isEmpty())
    throw EmptyStackException;
  else
    t = t - 1;
    return S[t + 1];
}
```

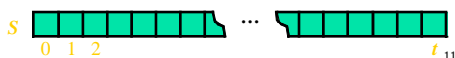


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Array-based Stack (2/2)

- The array storing the stack elements may become full
- A push operation will then throw a `FullStackException`
 - Limitation of the array-based implementation
 - Not intrinsic to the Stack ADT

```
Algorithm push(o)
{
    if (t = S.length - 1)
        throw FullStackException;
    else
    {
        t = t + 1;
        S[t] = o;
    }
}
```



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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 $O(1)$
- Limitations
 - The maximum size of the stack must be defined a priori and cannot be changed
 - Trying to push a new element into a full stack causes an implementation-specific exception—Overflow.

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Array-based Stack in Java

```
public class ArrayStack
    implements Stack {
    // holds the stack elements
    private Object S[];
    // index to top element
    private int top = -1;

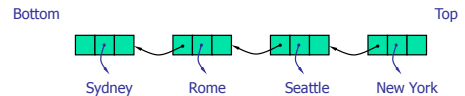
    // constructor
    public ArrayStack(int capacity) {
        S = new Object[capacity];
    }

    public Object pop()
        throws EmptyStackException {
        if isEmpty()
            throw new EmptyStackException
                ("Empty stack: cannot pop");
        Object temp = S[top];
        // facilitates garbage collection
        S[top] = null;
        top = top - 1;
        return temp;
    }
}
```

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Linked List-based Stack (1/4)

- The top of the stack is the head of the linked list.
- A instance variable keeps the current number of elements.
- push: create a new node and add it at the top of the stack.
- Pop: delete the node at the top of the stack.



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Linked List-based Stack (2/4)

The node class:

```
public class Node<E> { // Instance variables:
    private E element;
    private Node<E> next;
    /** Creates a node with null references to its element and next node. */
    public Node() { this(null, null); }
    /** Creates a node with the given element and next node. */
    public Node(E e, Node<E> n) { element = e; next = n; }

    // Accessor methods:
    public E getElement() { return element; }
    public Node<E> getNext() { return next; } // Modifier methods:
    public void setElement(E newElem) { element = newElem; }
    public void setNext(Node<E> newNext) { next = newNext; }
}
```

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Linked List-based Stack (3/4)

```
public class NodeStack<E> implements Stack<E> {
    protected Node<E> top; // reference to the head node
    protected int size; // number of elements in the stack
    public NodeStack() { // constructs an empty stack
        top = null; size = 0; }
    public int size() { return size; }
    public boolean isEmpty() { if (top == null) return true; return false; }
    public void push(E elem) {
        Node<E> v = new Node<E>(elem, top); // create and link-in a new node
        top = v; size++; }
    public E top() throws EmptyStackException {
        if (isEmpty()) throw new EmptyStackException("Stack is empty.");
        return top.getElement(); }
    public E pop() throws EmptyStackException {
        if (isEmpty()) throw new EmptyStackException("Stack is empty.");
        E temp = top.getElement();
        top = top.getNext(); // link-out the former top node
        size--;
        return temp; }
}
```

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Linked List-based Stack (4/4)

- Each of the methods of the Stack interface takes constant time.
- Space complexity is $O(n)$, where n is the number of elements on the stack.
- No overflow problem as in array-based stack.

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Parentheses Matching

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

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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 ( $i=0$ ;  $i < n$ ;  $i++$ )
    if ( $X[i]$  is an opening grouping symbol )
         $S.push(X[i])$ ;
    else if ( $X[i]$  is a closing grouping symbol )
        {
            if ( $S.isEmpty()$ )
                return false; // nothing to match with
            if ( $S.pop()$  does not match the type of  $X[i]$ )
                return false; // wrong type
        }
    if ( $S.isEmpty()$ )
        return true; // every symbol matched
    else
        return false; // some symbols were never matched
}
```

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HTML Tag Matching

- 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>
```

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1. Will the salesman die?
2. What color is the boat?
3. And what about Naomi?

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Tag Matching Algorithm (1/3)

- Is similar to parentheses matching:

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Scanner;
import net.datastructures.*;
/** Simplified test of matching tags in an HTML document. */
public class HTML {
    /** Strip the first and last characters off a <tag> string. */
    public static String stripEnds(String t) {
        if (t.length() <= 2) return null; // this is a degenerate tag
        return t.substring(1, t.length()-1);
    }
    /** Test if a stripped tag string is empty or a true opening tag. */
    public static boolean isOpeningTag(String tag) {
        return (tag.length() == 0) || (tag.charAt(0) != '/');
    }
}
```

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Tag Matching Algorithm (2/3)

```
/** Test if stripped tag1 matches closing tag2 (first character is '/'). */
public static boolean areMatchingTags(String tag1, String tag2) {
    return tag1.equals(tag2.substring(1)); // test against name after '/'
}

/** Test if every opening tag has a matching closing tag. */
public static boolean isHTMLMatched(String[] tag) {
    Stack<String> S = new NodeStack<String>(); // Stack for matching tags
    for (int i = 0; (i < tag.length) && (tag[i] != null); i++)
    {
        if (isOpeningTag(tag[i])) S.push(tag[i]); // opening tag; push it on the stack
        else { if (S.isEmpty()) return false; // nothing to match
                if (!areMatchingTags(S.pop(), tag[i]) return false; // wrong match
            }
        }
    }
    if (S.isEmpty()) return true; // we matched everything
    return false; // we have some tags that never were matched
}
```

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Tag Matching Algorithm (3/3)

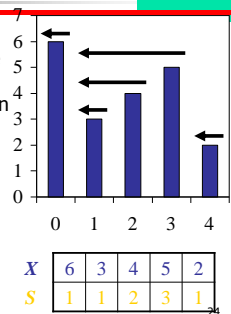
```
public final static int CAPACITY = 1000; // Tag array size
/** Parse an HTML document into an array of html tags */
public static String[] parseHTML(Scanner s) {
    String[] tag = new String[CAPACITY]; // our tag array (initially all null)
    int count = 0; // tag counter
    String token; // token returned by the scanner
    while (s.hasNextLine())
    {
        while ((token = s.findInLine("<[^>*>") != null) // find the next tag
            tag[count++] = stripEnds(token); // strip the ends off this tag
            s.nextLine(); // go to the next line
        }
        return tag; // our array of (stripped) tags
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException { // tester
        if (isHTMLMatched(parseHTML(new Scanner(System.in))))
            System.out.println("The input file is a matched HTML document.");
        else
            System.out.println("The input file is not a matched HTML document.");
    }
}
```

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Computing Spans (not in book)

- We show how to use a stack as an auxiliary data structure in an algorithm
- Given 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



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Quadratic Algorithm

```

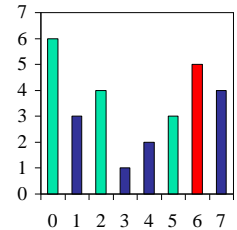
Algorithm spans1(X, n)
{
    Input array X of n integers
    Output array S of spans of X
    S = new array of n integers;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        s = 1;
        while (s ≤ i ∧ X[i - s] ≤ X[i])
            s = s + 1;
        S[i] = s;
    }
    return S;
}
    
```

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

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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 i onto the stack



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Linear Algorithm

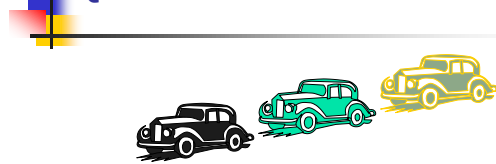
- Each index of the array
 - Is pushed into the stack exactly one
 - Is popped from the stack at most once
- The statements in the while-loop are executed at most n times
- Algorithm *spans2* runs in $O(n)$ time

```

Algorithm spans2(X, n)
{
    S = new array of n integers;
    A = new empty stack;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        while (¬A.isEmpty() ∧ X[A.top()] ≤ X[i])
            A.pop();
        if (A.isEmpty())
            S[i] = i + 1;
        else
            S[i] = i - A.top();
        A.push(i);
    }
    return S;
}
    
```

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Queues



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The Queue ADT

- The Queue ADT stores arbitrary objects
- Insertions and deletions follow the first-in first-out scheme
- Insertions are at the rear of the queue and removals are at the front of the queue
- Main queue operations:
 - `enqueue(object)`: inserts an element at the end of the queue
 - `object dequeue()`: removes and returns the element at the front of the queue
- Auxiliary queue operations:
 - `object front()`: returns the element at the front without removing it
 - `integer size()`: returns the number of elements stored
 - `boolean isEmpty()`: indicates whether no elements are stored
- Exceptions
 - Attempting the execution of `dequeue` or `front` on an empty queue throws an `EmptyQueueException`

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Queue Example

Operation	Output	Q
enqueue(5)	—	(5)
enqueue(3)	—	(5, 3)
dequeue()	5	(3)
enqueue(7)	—	(3, 7)
dequeue()	3	(7)
front()	7	(7)
dequeue()	7	()
dequeue()	"error"	()
isEmpty()	true	()
enqueue(9)	—	(9)
enqueue(7)	—	(9, 7)
size()	2	(9, 7)
enqueue(3)	—	(9, 7, 3)
enqueue(5)	—	(9, 7, 3, 5)
dequeue()	9	(7, 3, 5)

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Applications of Queues

- Direct applications
 - Waiting lists, bureaucracy
 - Access to shared resources (e.g., printer)
 - Multiprogramming
- Indirect applications
 - Auxiliary data structure for algorithms
 - Component of other data structures

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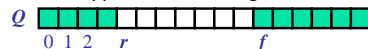
Array-based Queue

- Use an array of size N in a circular fashion
- Two variables keep track of the front and rear
 - f index of the front element
 - r index immediately past the rear element
- Array location r is kept empty

normal configuration



wrapped-around configuration



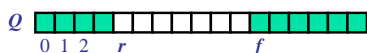
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Queue Operations (1/3)

- We use the modulo operator (remainder of division)

Algorithm *size()*
 { return $(N - f + r) \bmod N$; }

Algorithm *isEmpty()*
 { return $(f = r)$; }

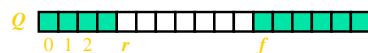


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Queue Operations (2/3)

- Operation enqueue throws an exception if the array is full
- This exception is implementation-dependent

Algorithm *enqueue(o)*
 { if (*size()* = $N - 1$)
 throw *FullQueueException*;
 else
 { $Q[r] = o$;
 $r = (r + 1) \bmod N$;
 }
 }

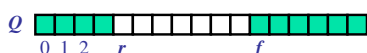


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Queue Operations (3/3)

- Operation dequeue throws an exception if the queue is empty
- This exception is specified in the queue ADT

Algorithm *dequeue()*
 { if (*isEmpty()*)
 throw *EmptyQueueException*
 else
 { $o = Q[f]$;
 $f = (f + 1) \bmod N$;
 return o ;
 }
 }



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Queue Interface in Java

- Java interface corresponding to our Queue ADT
- Requires the definition of class *EmptyQueueException*
- No corresponding built-in Java class

```
public interface Queue {
    public int size();
    public boolean isEmpty();
    public Object front()
        throws EmptyQueueException;
    public void enqueue(Object o);
    public Object dequeue()
        throws EmptyQueueException;
}
```

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Linked List-based Implementation of Queue (1/2)

- A generic singly linked list is used to implement queue.
- The front of the queue is the head of the linked list and the rear of the queue is the tail of the linked list.
- The queue class needs to maintain references to both head and tail nodes in the list.
- Each method of the singly linked list implementation of queue ADT runs in $O(1)$ time.
- Two methods, namely `dequeue()` and `enqueue()`, are given on the next slide.

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Linked List-based Implementation of Queue (2/2)

```
public void enqueue(E elem) {
    Node<E> node = new Node<E>();
    node.setElement(elem);
    node.setNext(null); // node will be new tail node
    if (size == 0) head = node; // special case of a previously empty queue
    else tail.setNext(node); // add node at the tail of the list
    tail = node; // update the reference to the tail node
    size++;
}

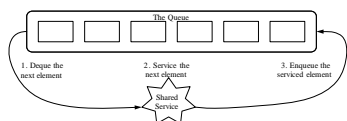
public E dequeue() throws EmptyQueueException {
    if (size == 0) throw new EmptyQueueException("Queue is empty.");
    E tmp = head.getElement();
    head = head.getNext();
    size--;
    if (size == 0) tail = null; // the queue is now empty
    return tmp;
}
```

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Application 1: Round Robin Schedulers

- We can implement a round robin scheduler using a queue, Q , by repeatedly performing the following steps:

1. $e = Q.dequeue()$
2. Service element e
3. $Q.enqueue(e)$



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Application 2: The Josephus Problem (1/4)

- A group of children sit in a circle passing an object, called "potato", around the circle.
- The potato begins with a starting child in the circle, and the children continue passing the potato until a leader rings a bell, at which point the child holding the potato must leave the game after handing the potato to the next child in the circle.
- After the selected child leaves, the other children close up the circle.

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Application 2: The Josephus Problem (2/4)

- This process then continues until there is only child remaining, who is declared the winner.
- If the leader always uses the strategy of ringing the bell after the potato has been passed k times, for some fixed k , determining the winner for a given list of children is known as the **josephus problem**.

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Application 2: The Josephus Problem (3/4)

```
import net.datastructures.*;

public class Josephus { /** Solution of the Josephus problem using a queue.
    */ public static <E> E Josephus(Queue<E> Q, int k) {
    if (Q.isEmpty()) return null;
    while (Q.size() > 1) {
        System.out.println(" Queue: " + Q + " k = " + k);
        for (int i=0; i < k; i++)
            Q.enqueue(Q.dequeue()); // move the front element to the end
        E e = Q.dequeue(); // remove the front element from the collection
        System.out.println(" " + e + " is out");
        return Q.dequeue(); // the winner
    }
}
```

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Application 2: The Josephus Problem (4/4)

```
/** Build a queue from an array of objects */
public static <E> Queue<E> buildQueue(E a[]) {
    Queue<E> Q = new NodeQueue<E>();
    for (int i=0; i<a.length; i++) Q.enqueue(a[i]); return Q; }

/** Tester method */
public static void main(String[] args) {
    String[] a1 = {"Alice", "Bob", "Cindy", "Doug", "Ed", "Fred"};
    String[] a2 = {"Gene", "Hope", "Irene", "Jack", "Kim", "Lance"};
    String[] a3 = {"Mike", "Roberto"};
    System.out.println("First winner is " + Josephus(buildQueue(a1), 3));
    System.out.println("Second winner is " + Josephus(buildQueue(a2),
    10)); System.out.println("Third winner is " + Josephus(buildQueue(a3),
    7));
    } }
```

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References

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