

# Project Title: Fixed-Capacity Queue Implementation Using Two Stacks

---

## 1. Introduction

---

In this project, you will build a queue—a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) data structure—using two stacks, which naturally follow a Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) order. This exercise challenges you to combine these two contrasting data structures to simulate the behavior of a queue. Additionally, you will implement capacity constraints and a full suite of queue operations that mirror those found in standard libraries.

## 2. Objectives

---

- **Data Structures Mastery:**

Gain a deeper understanding of stacks and queues by implementing a queue using two stacks.

- **Algorithm Design:**

Develop an efficient algorithm that leverages two stacks to ensure that enqueue and dequeue operations maintain FIFO order.

- **Capacity Management:**

Incorporate a fixed capacity for the queue, ensuring that no more than the specified number of elements can be stored.

- **Method Semantics:**

Implement the following methods with behavior consistent with Java's and Python's queue interfaces:

- `add(element)` : Inserts an element. Returns true if successful; throws an exception if the queue is full.
- `offer(element)` : Inserts an element. Returns true if the element was added, or false if the queue is full.
- `remove()` : Removes and returns the head of the queue. Throws an exception if the queue is empty.
- `poll()` : Removes and returns the head of the queue. Returns null (or `None` in Python) if the queue is empty.
- `element()` : Retrieves, but does not remove, the head of the queue. Throws an exception if the queue is empty.

- `peek()` : Retrieves, but does not remove, the head of the queue. Returns null (or `None` in Python) if the queue is empty.

- **Testing:**

Ensure your solution passes a series of 25 test cases (provided in a Java testing file) that cover normal operations, edge cases, and error conditions.

## 3. Requirements

---

### Functional Requirements

#### 1. Fixed Capacity:

The queue must have a fixed capacity defined at initialization (for example, 3 elements).

#### 2. Queue Operations:

- **Enqueue Operations:**

- `add(element)` : Should add an element if there is available space; if not, throw an exception.
- `offer(element)` : Should add an element if there is available space; if not, return `false`.

- **Dequeue Operations:**

- `remove()` : Should remove and return the head element; if the queue is empty, throw an exception.
- `poll()` : Should remove and return the head element; if the queue is empty, return null (or `None`).

- **Peek Operations:**

- `element()` : Should return the head element without removing it; throw an exception if the queue is empty.
- `peek()` : Should return the head element without removing it; return null (or `None`) if the queue is empty.

#### 3. Data Structure Implementation:

Use two stacks:

- **Stack In:** Used for enqueue (insertion) operations.
- **Stack Out:** Used for dequeue (removal) and peek operations. When `stackOut` is empty, transfer all elements from `stackIn` to `stackOut` to reverse the order, ensuring FIFO behavior.

#### 4. Error Handling:

- The methods `remove()` and `element()` must throw exceptions (e.g., `NoSuchElementException` in Java or `IndexError` in Python) if the queue is empty.
- The `add()` method must throw an exception if the queue is full.
- The methods `offer()`, `poll()`, and `peek()` should return a failure value ( `false` or `null / None` ) when the operation cannot be performed.

## Non-Functional Requirements

- **Efficiency:**

Aim for  $O(1)$  amortized time for queue operations by minimizing the number of transfers between stacks.

- **Code Quality:**

Ensure your code is well-organized, with clear documentation and modular design.

- **Portability:**

The solution should be implemented in a way that it can be developed in either Java or Python with equivalent functionality.

## 4. Design Overview

---

### Two-Stack Concept

#### 1. Data Structures:

- **stackIn:** Stores incoming elements. All enqueue operations push items onto this stack.
- **stackOut:** Used for dequeue and peek operations. When this stack is empty, move all elements from `stackIn` to `stackOut` to reverse the order, making the oldest element accessible.

#### 2. Capacity Check:

Before adding a new element using `add()` or `offer()`, check that the current size (the sum of elements in both stacks) is less than the fixed capacity.