

# CS-218 DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

LECTURE 13

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# STACKS

BOOK 1 CHAPTER 7



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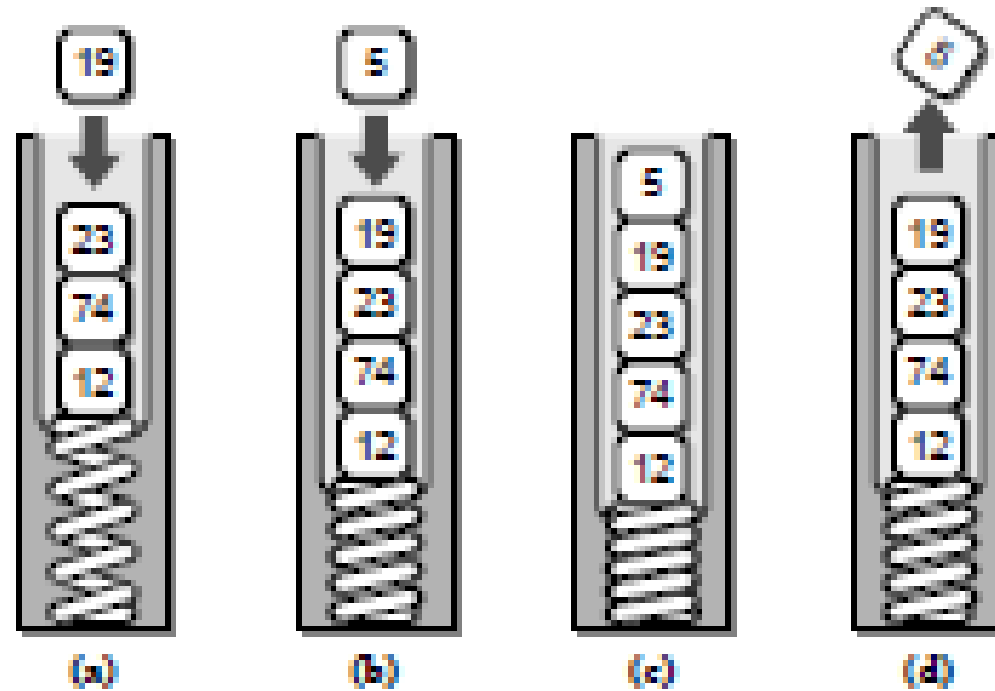
A stack is used to store data such that the last item inserted is the first item removed.

The stack is a linear data structure which implements the last-in-first-out (LIFO) protocol.

New items are added, and existing items are removed from the same end, called the **top of the stack (TOS)**.



# ILLUSTRATING THE USE OF A STACK



**Figure 7.1:** Abstract view of a stack: (a) pushing value 19; (b) pushing value 5; (c) resulting stack after 19 and 5 are added; and (d) popping top value.







# THINGS WE NEVER DO WITH STACKS

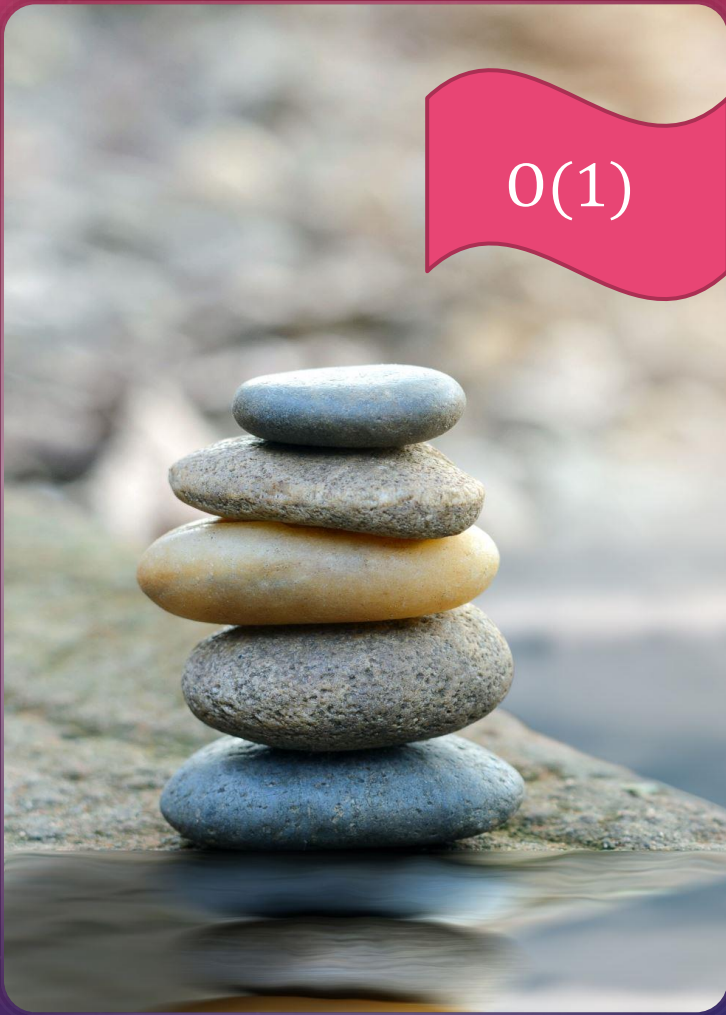
- We never push data on to a full stack. This leads to **overflow**.
- We never pop data from an empty stack. This leads to **underflow**.
- We never traverse, search or sort in a stack.
- We never use the other end of the stack for insertion or deletion. Only the **top** is used at all times.



# IMPLEMENTING A STACK

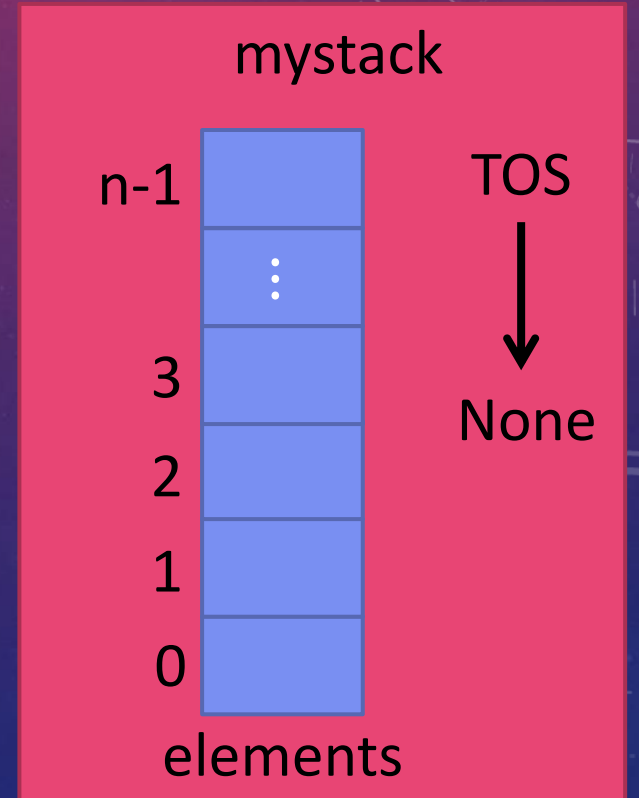
- The stack ADT can be implemented using:
  - A Python list or,
  - A linked list.
- We implement the class stack with both underlying data structures, with the same class function definitions, in different files.
- The user may change the implementation of stack by importing the relevant file into his code.
- No other changes will be required.



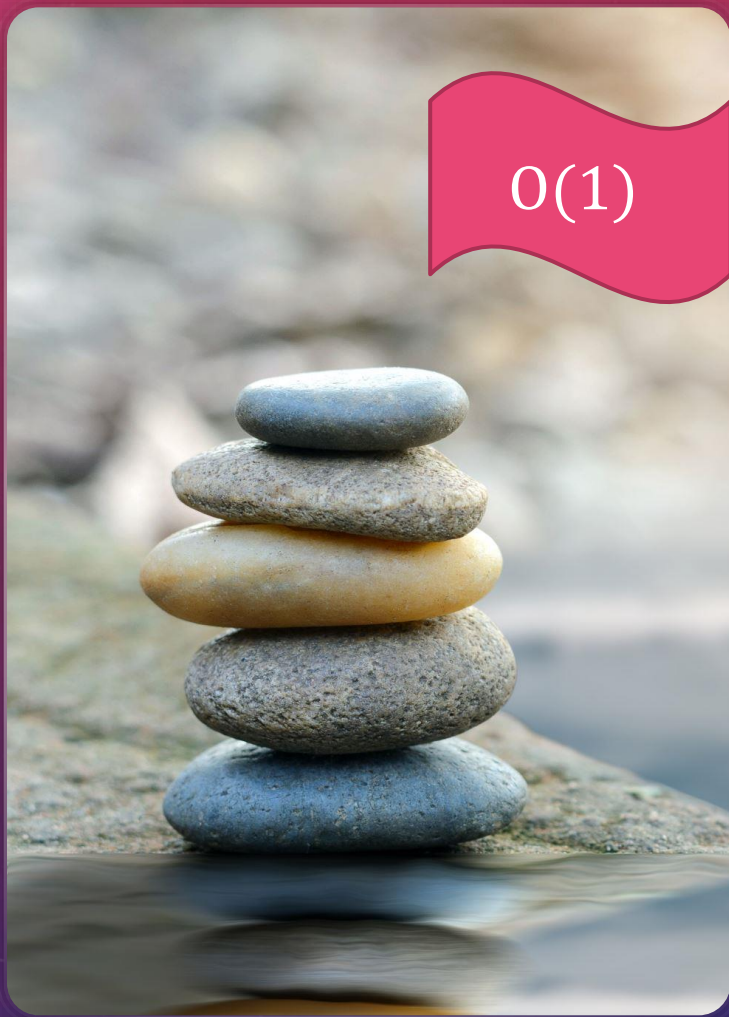


# THE STACKWITHLIST.PY FILE — THE CLASS MYSTACK

```
class mystack:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.elements = list()
```







## THE STACKWITHLIST.PY FILE — ISEMPTY

```
def isEmpty(self):  
    return len(self.elements) == 0
```

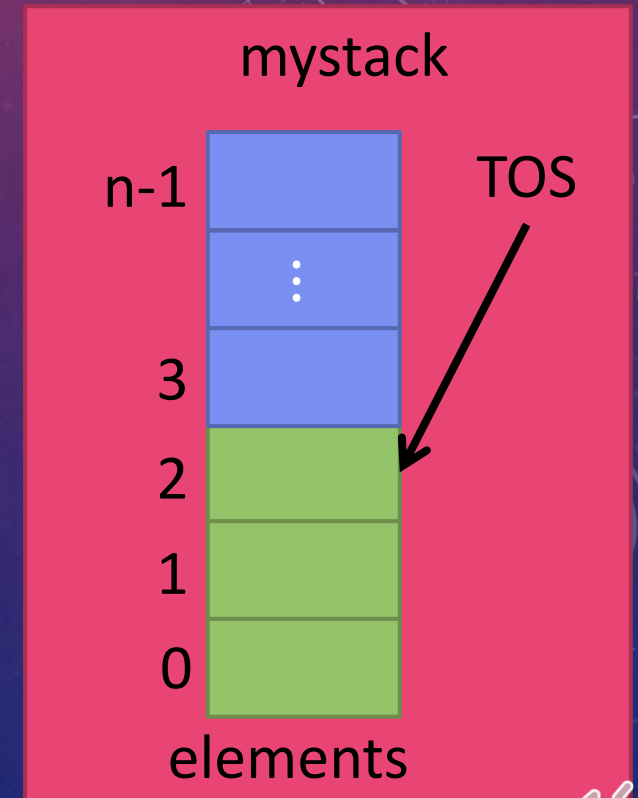


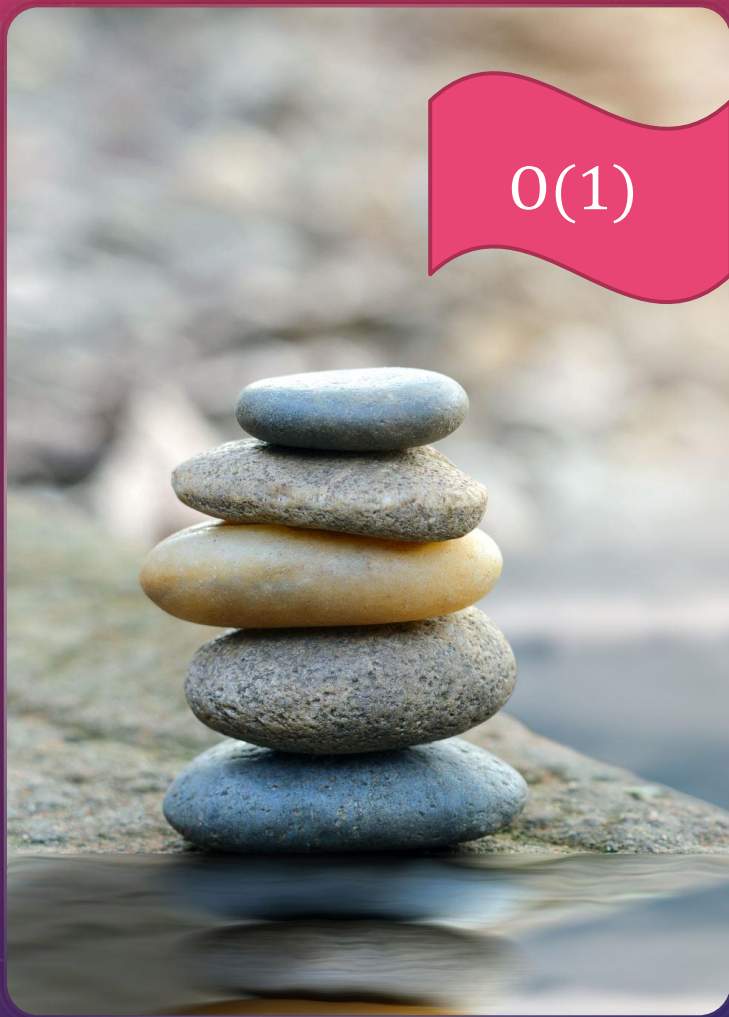




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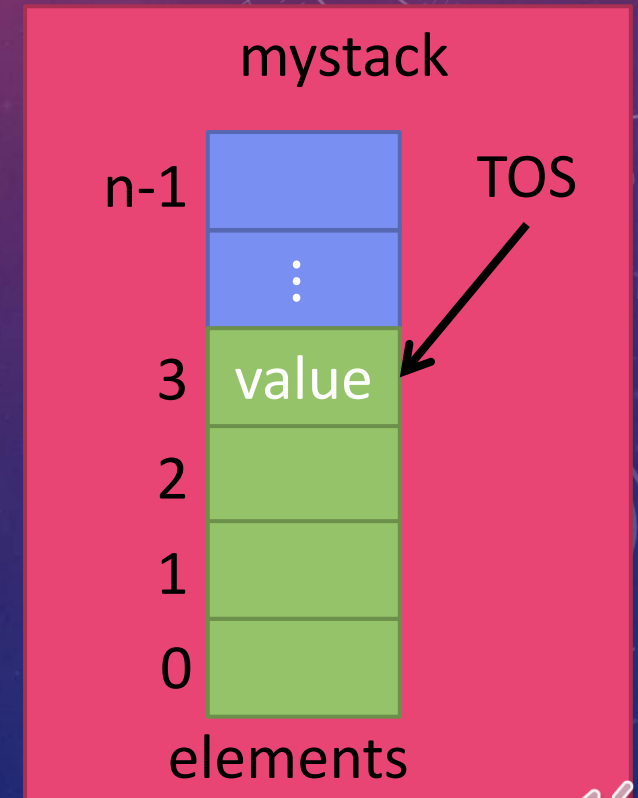
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def push(self,value):  
    self.elements.append(value)
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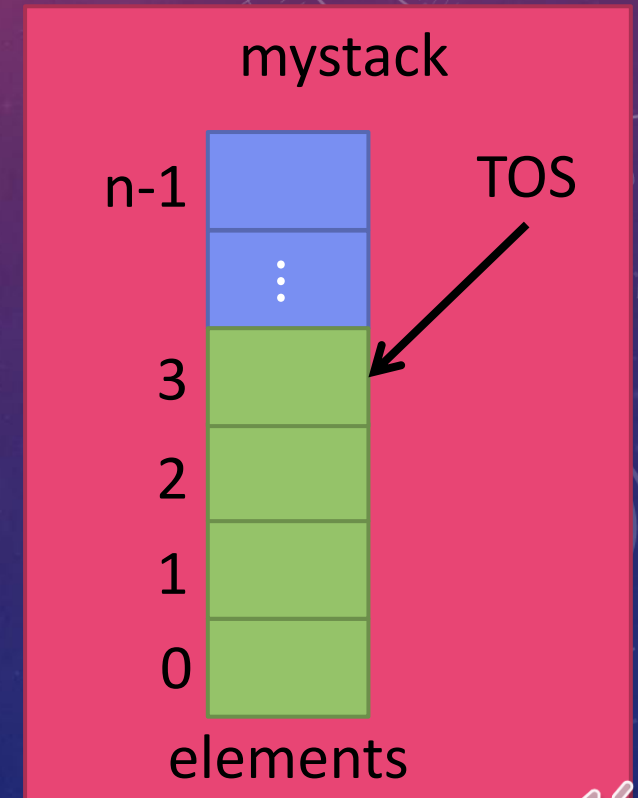
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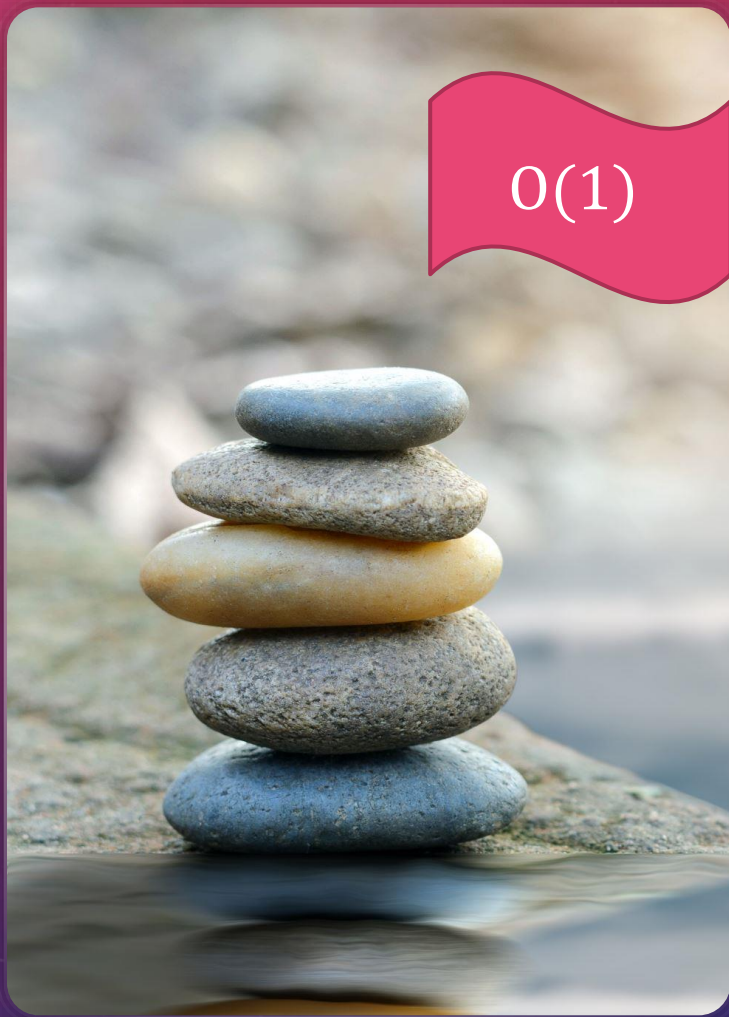


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    x = self.elements.pop()  
    return x
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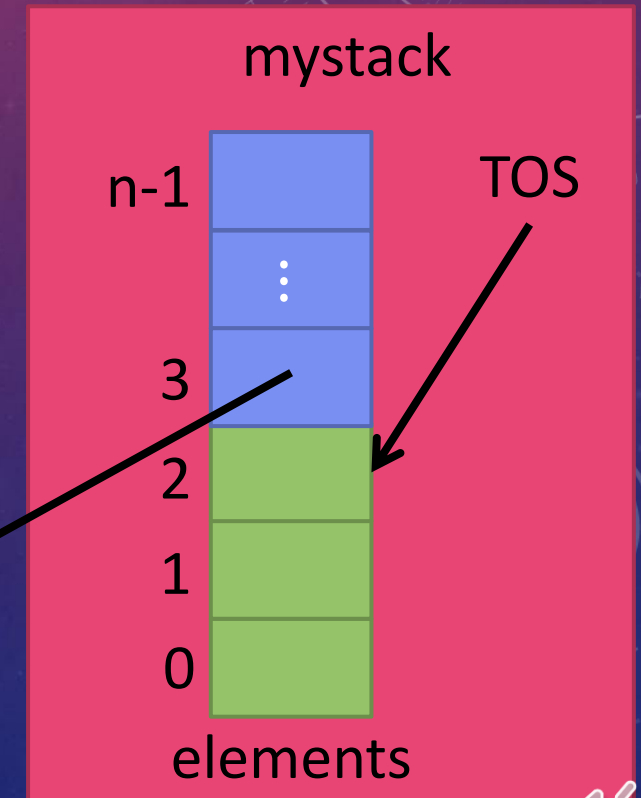




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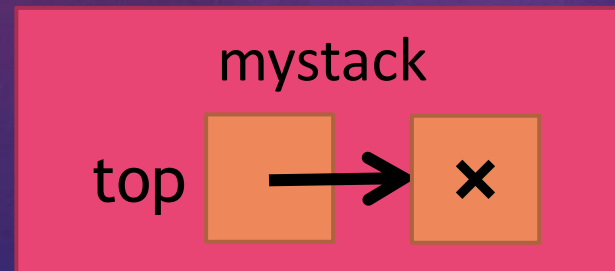
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# THE STACKWITHLINKEDLIST.PY FILE – THE CLASS MYSTACK

```
from singlylinkedlist import ListNode
```

```
class mystack:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.top = None
```



# THE STACKWITHLINKEDLIST.PY FILE – ISEEMPTY

```
def isEmpty(self):  
    return self.top is None
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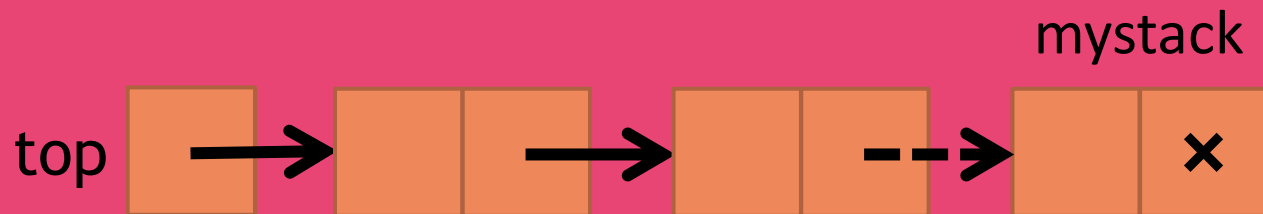
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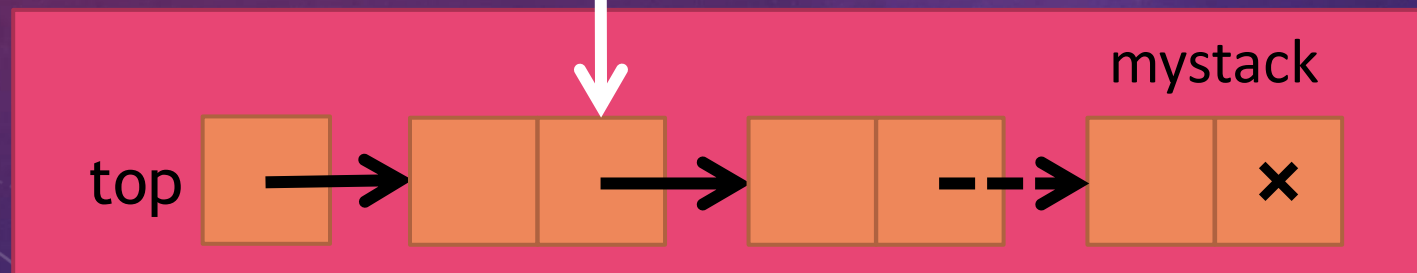
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def push(self, val):  
    x = ListNode(val)  
    x.next = self.top  
    self.top = x
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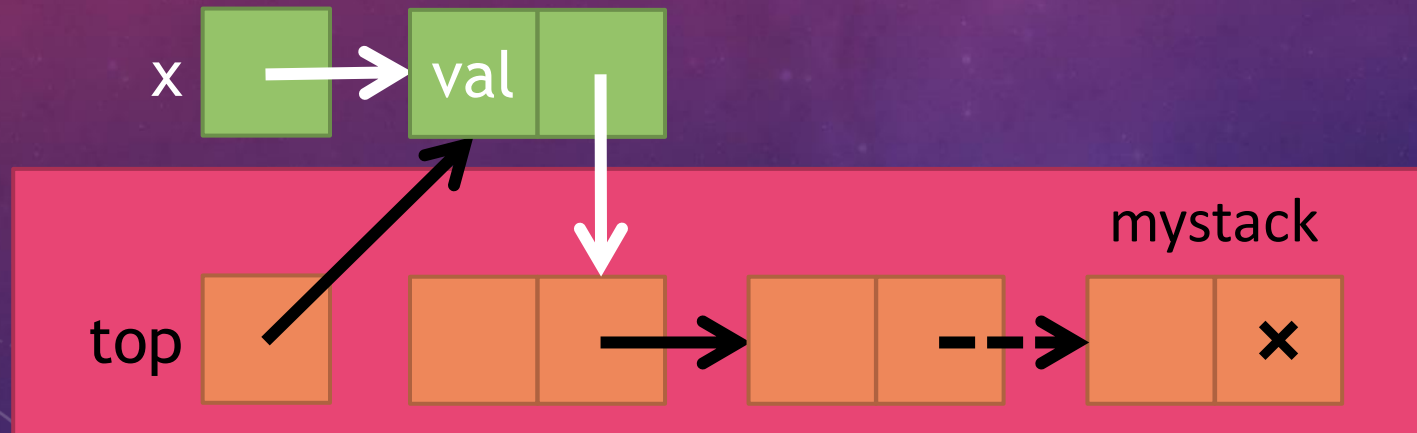
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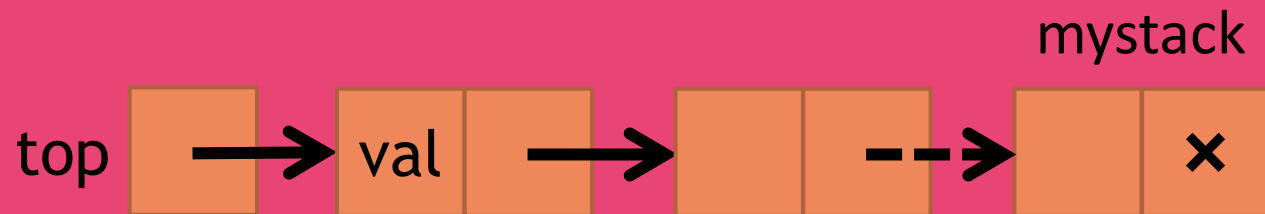
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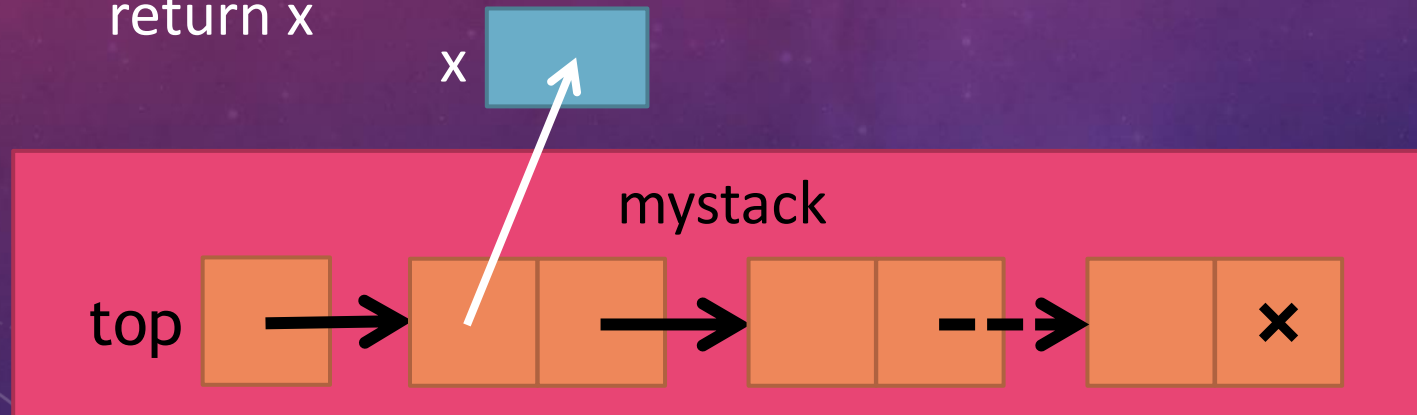
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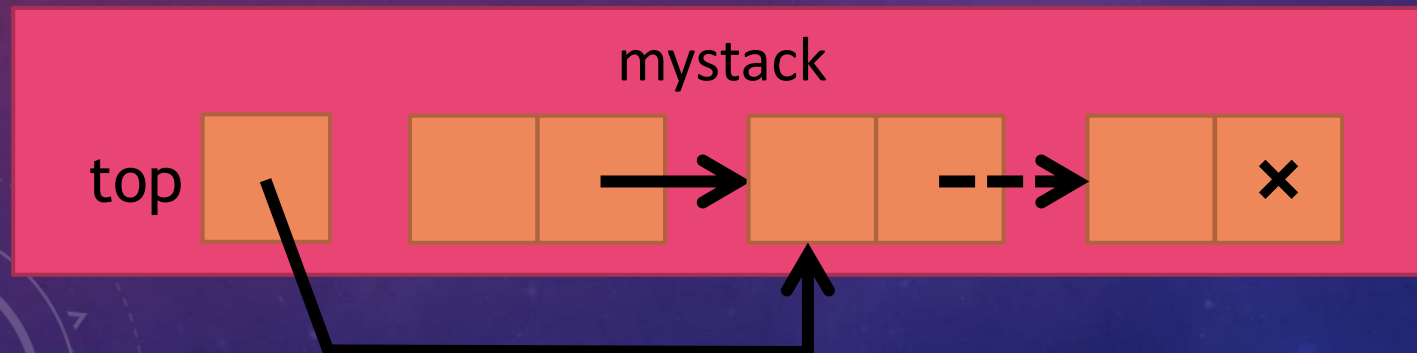
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    x = self.top.data
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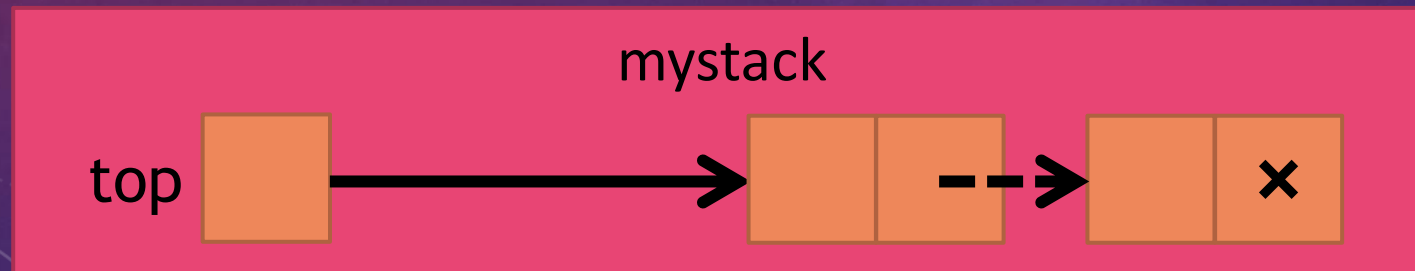




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## USING ONE OF THE TWO STACK IMPLEMENTATIONS

```
#from stackwithlist import mystack  
from stackwithlinkedlist import mystack
```

```
sl=mystack()  
print(sl.isEmpty())  
mynum=[5,8,4,3,7]  
for i in range(len(mynum)):  
    sl.push(mynum[i])  
print(sl.isEmpty())  
while not sl.isEmpty():  
    print(sl.pop())  
print(sl.isEmpty())
```

What do you observe  
about the output of  
this code?



# USES OF STACKS

Conversion of infix expressions  
to postfix expressions

Evaluation of postfix expressions

Execution of the quicksort  
algorithm

Transfer of control from one  
function to another, and back

Implementation of recursion





# MATHEMATICAL EXPRESSIONS

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CONVERSION AND EVALUATION WITH STACKS



# FORMATS FOR MATHEMATICAL EXPRESSIONS

Infix  
notation

The operator is mentioned  
between the operands.

$A + B$

Prefix  
notation

The operator is mentioned  
before the operands.

$+ A B$

Postfix  
notation

The operator is mentioned after  
the operands.

$A B +$



# CONVERSION BETWEEN FORMATS

Convert the given infix expression to postfix.

$a+b/(c+d)$

$a+b/cd+$

$a+bcd+ /$

$abcd+ / +$

Convert the given infix expression to prefix.

$a+b/(c+d)$

$a+b/+cd$

$a+ / b+cd$

$+a / b+cd$





# CONVERSION BETWEEN FORMATS

Convert the given prefix expression to infix.

$+/a \times bcd$   
 $+/a(b \times c)d$   
 $+(a/(b \times c))d$   
 $(a/(b \times c))+d$

Convert the given postfix expression to infix.

$abc \times /d +$   
 $a(b \times c)/d +$   
 $(a/(b \times c))d +$   
 $(a/(b \times c))+d$



# EVALUATION OF MATHEMATICAL EXPRESSION

Evaluate the given postfix expression.

1,5,+,8,4,1,-,-,×

6,8,4,1,-,-,×

6,8,3,-,×

6,5,×

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Convert the given postfix expression to infix.

1,5,+,8,4,1,-,-,×

(1 + 5),8,4,1,-,-,×

(1 + 5),8,(4 - 1),-,×

(1 + 5),(8 - (4 - 1)),×

(1 + 5) × (8 - (4 - 1))



Save your snapshot as  
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the file should be  
named 500\_lec13.)

Submit your response  
in the assignment  
titled “Lecture 13  
tasks” in Google  
Classroom.

## TASK

1. Convert the following infix expression to postfix and prefix:

$$8 + 9 - (5 - 2) \times ((1 - 7) + 4) / 2$$

2. Evaluate the given postfix expression:

$$4, 12, 11, 9, \times, 9, -, 6, +, 12, /, +, -$$





# SO WHAT DID WE LEARN TODAY?

We were introduced to stacks.



We implemented stacks using the Python list and the singly linked list.



We listed several problems that use stacks for solution.



We learned about different formats for mathematical expressions.



We learned how to convert between formats.



We learned how to evaluate postfix expressions.



# THINGS TO DO

Read the book!

Submit your answers to the tasks in this lecture.

Note your questions and put them up in the relevant online session.

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