

# More data structures

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# Stacks and queues

- Stacks and queues are dynamic data structures
- Delete operation is pre-specified
- Stack: last-in, first-out (LIFO)
- Queue: first-in first-out (FIFO)

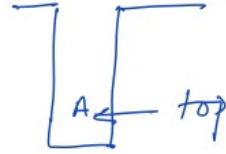
# Stacks

Empty stack

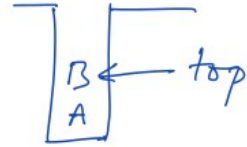


stack is  
created

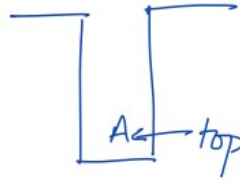
Push A



Push B



Pop



B  
topmost element  
comes out

Pop



A  
stack is empty

```
In [41]: s2 = Stack()
```

Create stack object

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In [42]: s2.push(1)
```

Push items into  
stack

```
In [43]: s2.push(2)
```

```
In [44]: s2.push(3)
```

```
In [45]: print(s2)  
[1, 2, 3*]
```

Print stack. \* indicates the top

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In [46]: s2.pop()
```

```
Out[46]: 3
```

Pop the stack. Returns the topmost element.

```
In [47]: print(s2)  
[1, 2*]
```

Stack after popping

```

3 """
4 Created on Tue May 18 06:17:10 2021
5
6 @author: paddy IIT Mandi
7 """
8
9 class Stack:
10
11     # create empty stack
12     def __init__(self):
13         # init with empty list
14         self.contents = []
15
16     # def __str__(self):
17     #     return str(self.contents)
18
19     def __str__(self):
20         foo = str(self.contents)
21         foo = foo[0:-1]+'*'+']'
22         return(foo)
23
24     # pushes x onto the stack
25     def push(self,x):
26         # append to list
27         self.contents.append(x)
28
29     def pop(self):
30         # use the pop() method of list object
31         return self.contents.pop()
32
33     def peek(self):
34         # return the last element
35         return str(self.contents[-1])
36
37
38 # main pgm
39 s = Stack()
40 s.push('Monday')
41 s.push('Tuesday')
42 print('Popping: ' + s.pop())
43 print('Popping: ' + s.pop())
44 s.push('January')
45 s.push('March')
46 s.push('Friday')
47 print('Top is now: ' + s.peek())
48 print(s)
49

```

Python list can be used to make a stack.

The class Stack defined here is a **wrapper** around the list.

The wrapper is used here to give a more familiar interface to the stack.

```

Popping: Tuesday
Popping: Monday
Top is now: Friday
['January', 'March', 'Friday*']

```

Output

Based on the application, a stack can have **overflow** and **underflow**.



Pushing onto a  
stack that is  
already full



Popping from  
an empty stack

**Think:** Python lists grow as needed. How will you implement overflow in the stack defined in the previous slide?

**HW:** Implement `isEmpty()`, `len()`, `isOnTop(x)` for the Stack class.

# Applications of stacks

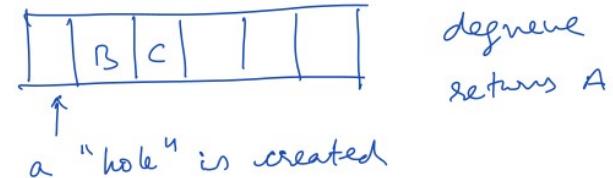
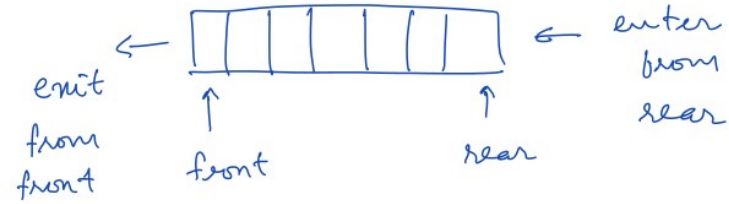
- Undo in text editors
- Uses in various other algorithms
- Function calls in programs

```
8  def f():
9      x = 5
10     g()
11     print('in f',x)
12
13  def g():
14      x = 7
15      h()
16
17  def h():
18      print('in h',x)
19
20
21  x = 3
22  f()
23  print('in main',x)
24
```

Where to go after executing h ( ) ?  
Need to come back to line 15.  
Use a stack to keep track.

# Queues

- Using a standard list is inefficient for queues
  - Removal from front requires movement of data to fill up the space created





- Python provides `collections.deque`
- Generalization of stacks and queues
- Provides many methods, in addition to basic stack and queue operations
- `deque` can also be used as a stack
- See more here:  
<https://docs.python.org/3/library/collections.html#collections.deque>

```
8 from collections import deque
9
10 queue = deque()
11 queue.append("Terry")
12 queue.append("Graham")
13 queue.popleft()
14 queue.popleft()
15
```

Using deque as a queue (FIFO)

# Applications of queues

- Job scheduling in operating systems
- As auxiliary data structures in various algorithms