

## Introduction to Stack Data Structure

Stack is a linear data structure. Operations on Stack are performed in LIFO (last in first out) order.



Insertion/deletion can happen on this end

⇒ Item 2 which entered the basket last will be the first one to come out

LIFO (last in first out)

## Applications of Stack

1. Used in function calls
2. Infix to postfix conversion (and other similar conversions)
3. Parenthesis matching & more...

## Stack ADT

In order to create a stack we need a pointer to the topmost element along with other elements which are stored inside the stack.

Some of the operations of Stack ADT are:

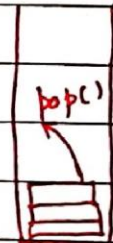
1.  $\text{push}()$  → push an element into the stack

2.  $\text{pop}()$  → remove the topmost element from the stack

3.  $\text{peek}(\text{index})$  → Value at a given position is returned

4.  $\text{isEmpty/isFull}()$  → Determine whether the stack is empty or full.

push()



stack



## Implementation

A stack is a collection of elements with certain operations following LIFO (Last in First out) discipline.

A Stack can be implemented using an array or a linked list

Value can be insert and delete from one end only

Undo/Redo button/operation in word processors.

Call logs, E-mails,