

Chapter 6: Stacks/Queues

Stack: collection of objects that are inserted and removed using LIFO

→ can insert anytime but only access/remove most recent

$S.push(e)$: add element e to the top of stack S

$S.pop()$: remove/return top element from stack S

$S.top()$: return reference w/o popping it off

Adapter Pattern

→ applies to any context where we want to modify an existing class so its methods may match those of a different (but related) class/interface

- general way to apply the pattern is to define a new class which contains an instance of the existing class as a hidden field, then implement each method of new class using hidden instance variable

→ Example using ArrayStack w/ underlying Python list for storage

class ArrayStack:

def __init__(self):

self._data = []

def __len__(self):

return len(self._data)

def is_empty(self):

return len(self._data) == 0

def push(self, e):

self._data.append(e)

def top(self):

if self.is_empty():

raise Empty

return self._data[-1]

def pop(self):

if self.is_empty():

raise Empty

return self._data.pop()