

Lecture 08: Basic Data Structures

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Operations

- ▶ `create()`
- ▶ `delete()`
- ▶ `isEmpty()`
- ▶ `push()`
- ▶ `pop()`
- ▶ `top()`

Delimiter Matching using a Stack

```
from ArrayStack import *

def is_matched(expr):
    '''Return True if all delimiters are properly match;
        False otherwise.'''
    lefty = '([{' # opening delimiters
    righty = ')]}' # respective closing delims

    S = ArrayStack()

    for c in expr:
        if c in lefty:
            S.push(c) # push left delimiter on stack
        elif c in righty:
            if S.is_empty():
                return False # nothing to match with
            if righty.index(c) != lefty.index(S.pop()):
                return False # mismatched
    return S.is_empty() # were all symbols matched?
```


Reversing a String using a Stack

```
from ArrayStack import *

def string_reverser(s):
    S = ArrayStack()

    for c in s:
        S.push(c)

    r = []
    while not S.is_empty():
        r.append(S.pop())

    return ''.join(r)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print(string_reverser('abcdef'))
```

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Using Stacks to Replace Recursion

- Stacks underlie recursion in computers!

```
from ArrayStack import *

def factorial_stack(n):

    S = ArrayStack()

    while n>1:
        S.push(n)
        n -= 1
    result = 1

    while not S.is_empty():
        result *= S.pop()

    return result

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print(factorial_stack(10))
```

Other Stack Scenarios

- ▶ 'Back button' on your browser
- ▶ Undo stack
- ▶ ...

QUEUE

Queue

- ▶ Queues can be implemented using an array or linked list

Operations

- ▶ `create()`
- ▶ `delete()`
- ▶ `isEmpty()`
- ▶ `length()`
- ▶ `enqueue()`
- ▶ `dequeue()`
- ▶ `front()`

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