

# Stack

A **stack** is a linear data structure that follows the **Last In, First Out (LIFO)** or **First In, Last Out (FILO)** principle.

Elements are inserted and removed from only one end, known as the **top**.

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## Basic Operations

### 1. Push:

- The process of inserting an element into the stack.
- Time Complexity: (  $O(1)$  ).

### 2. Pop:

- The process of removing the top element from the stack.
- Time Complexity: (  $O(1)$  ).

### 3. Peek (or Top):

- Returns the element at the top of the stack without removing it.
- Time Complexity: (  $O(1)$  ).

### 4. isEmpty:

- Checks whether the stack is empty.
- Returns `true` if the stack is empty, otherwise `false` .

### 5. isFull:

- Checks whether the stack is full (relevant for fixed-size stacks).
  - Returns `true` if the stack is full, otherwise `false` .
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## Error Conditions

### 1. Stack Underflow:

- Occurs when trying to **pop** an element from an empty stack.
- Example: Calling `pop()` on a stack with no elements.

### 2. Stack Overflow:

- Occurs when trying to **push** an element into a full stack (in fixed-size implementations).
  - Example: Calling `push()` on a stack that has reached its maximum capacity.
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## Pseudocode

### Stack Operations

```
// Push operation
public void push(int data){
    if(isFull())
        throw new StackOverflowException("Stack Overflow");
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        arr[++top]=data;

    }

    // Pop operation
    public void pop(){
        if(isEmpty())
            throw new StackUnderFlowException("Stack UnderFlow");
        arr[top--]=0;
    }

    // Peek operation
    public int peek(){
        if(isEmpty())
            throw new StackUnderFlowException("Stack UnderFlow");
        return arr[top];
    }

    // isEmpty operation
    public boolean isEmpty(){
        return top== -1;
    }

    // isFull operation (for fixed-size stacks)
    public boolean isFull(){
        return top== -1;
    }
}
```

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## Applications of Stack

### 1. Function Calls:

- Stacks manage function calls and returns in programming languages.

### 2. Expression Evaluation:

- Used in parsing and evaluating arithmetic expressions (e.g., infix to postfix conversion).

### 3. Undo/Redo Operations:

- Stacks track changes in applications like text editors.

### 4. Backtracking Algorithms:

- Examples include maze-solving and depth-first search (DFS).

### 5. Syntax Checking:

- Compilers use stacks to check balanced parentheses or tags (e.g., HTML).
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## Summary

- **LIFO Principle:** Last element added is the first one removed.
- **Key Operations:** Push, Pop, Peek, isEmpty, isFull.

- **Errors:** Underflow (empty stack) and Overflow (full stack).
- **Applications:** Function calls, expression evaluation, undo/redo, backtracking, and syntax checking.