

Stacks and queues

Data structure for handling dynamic data where element to be removed is pre-specified

Stack: Item removed is always the one most recently added.

Queues: Item removed is the one added longest ago

Put words on a stack:

"A liger its pretty much my favorite animal."

Add words from bottom to top, stacking them on top of each other like cafeteria plates

<u>STACK</u>	
top	top order added
animal	8th
favorite	7th
my	6th
much	5th
pretty	4th
its	3rd
liger	2nd
A	1st
bottom	

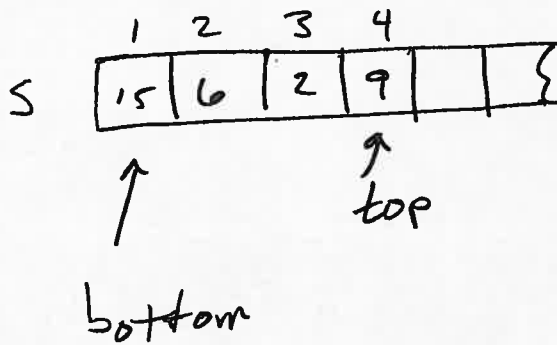
Remove words from stack

~~From~~ From top to bottom only
Can't pull stuff from anywhere but the top

"animal favorite my much pretty its liger A"

Can ~~be~~ implemented using an array or a linked list.

Array implementation of stack



4 items on the stack
stack has a top

In this example,
 $S[1 \dots S.top]$ are
contents of the stack

When $S.top = 0$, stack is empty

When $S.top = n$, stack is full (n is array size)

When $S.top > n$, we say stack overflows

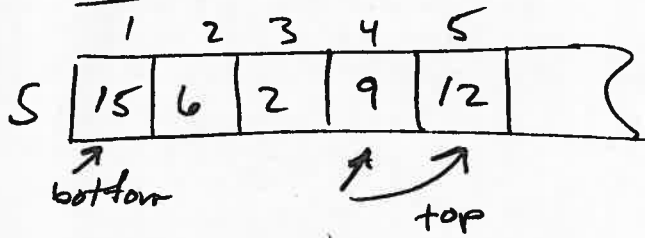
Happens when we
try to add more items than array
has space for.

Adding and removing from stack

To add an item, we push

To remove an item, we pop

PUSH



Push (12)

$$S_{\text{top}} = S_{\text{top}} + 1$$
$$S[s.\text{top}] = 12$$

// top is 5

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// not handling stack overflow
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$$\text{Pop}(s)$$

if $S_{\text{top}} = 0$

"underflow error"

else

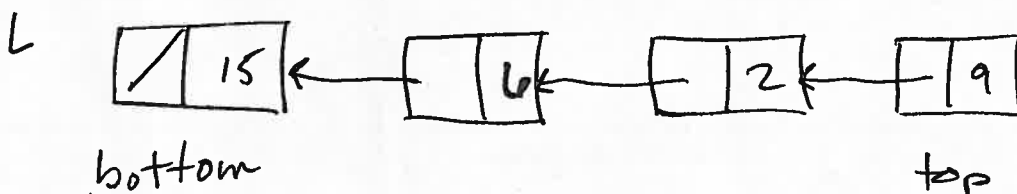
$$s_top = s_top - 1$$

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return s[s.top+1]
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// decrement top
and then return
value

A limitation of array-based implementation is array size is fixed. Filling the array means larger array needs to be allocated, generally, 2x of current array, and items copied over. That's costly.

Linked List Implementation of Stack



Each node stores link to previous. Singly-linked list

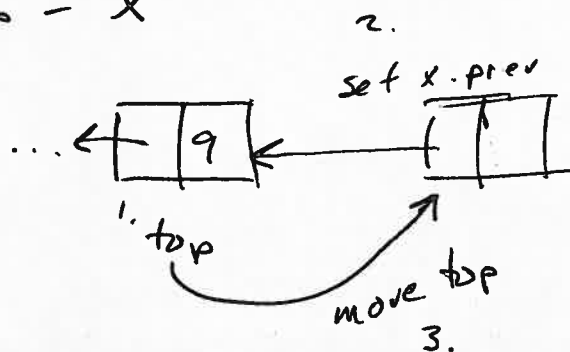
Push(L, x)

L is linked list

$x.\text{prev} = \text{top}$

x is node to push

$L.\text{top} = x$



Pop(L)

if $L.\text{top} == \text{NULL}$

"underflow"

else

$x = L.\text{top}$

$L.\text{top} = L.\text{top}.\text{prev}$

return x