# CS101 Algorithms and Data Structures

Stack
Textbook Ch 10.1



## Outline

- Stack ADT
- Implementation
- Example applications

Normally, mathematics is written using what we call *in-fix* notation:

$$(3+4) \times 5 - 6$$

The operator is placed between two operands

One weakness: parentheses are required

$$(3+4) \times 5-6 = 29$$

$$3+4 \times 5-6 = 17$$

$$3+4 \times (5-6) = -1$$

$$(3+4) \times (5-6) = -7$$

Alternatively, we can place the operands first, followed by the operator:

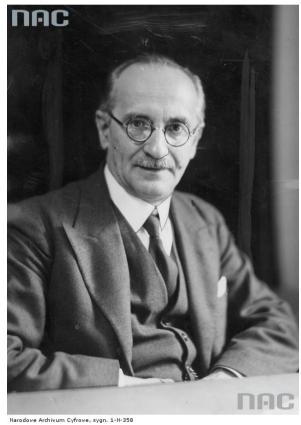
$$(3+4) \times 5-6$$
  
3 4 + 5 × 6 -

Parsing reads left-to-right and performs any operation on the last two operands:

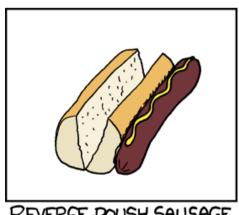
$$3 \ 4 + 5 \times 6 -$$
 $7 \ 5 \times 6 -$ 
 $35 \ 6 -$ 
 $29$ 

#### Other examples:

This is called *reverse-Polish* notation after the mathematician Jan Łukasiewicz



http://www.audiovis.nac.gov.pl/



REVERSE POUSH SAUSAGE http://xkcd.com/645/

#### Benefits:

- No ambiguity and no brackets are required
- It is the same process used by a computer to perform computations:
  - operands must be loaded into registers before operations can be performed on them

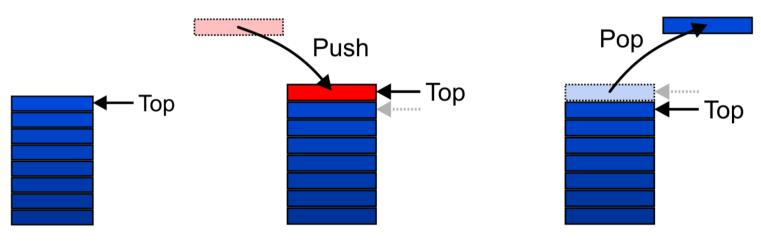
The easiest way to parse reverse-Polish notation is to use an operand stack:

- operands are processed by pushing them onto the stack
- when processing an operator:
  - pop the last two items off the operand stack,
  - · perform the operation, and
  - push the result back onto the stack

## Stack ADT

Also called a *last-in-first-out* (LIFO) behaviour

- Graphically, we may view these operations as follows:





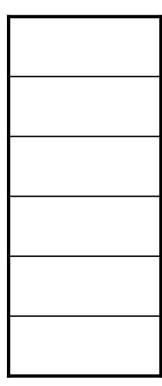
# **Applications**

#### Numerous applications:

- Parsing code:
  - Matching parenthesis
  - XML (e.g., XHTML)
- Tracking function calls
- Dealing with undo/redo operations
- Reverse-Polish calculators
- Assembly language

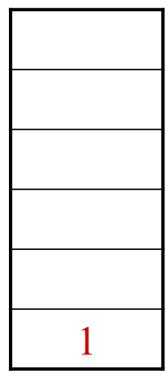
Evaluate the following reverse-Polish expression using a stack:

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



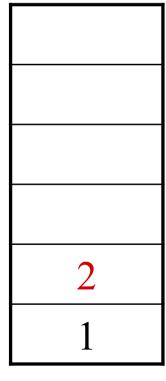
Push 1 onto the stack

$$1 2 3 + 4 5 6 \times - 7 \times + - 8 9 \times +$$



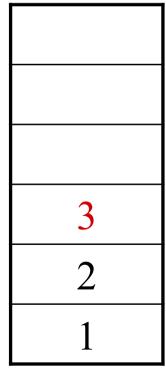
Push 1 onto the stack

$$1\ 2\ 3\ +\ 4\ 5\ 6\ \times\ -\ 7\ \times\ +\ -\ 8\ 9\ \times\ +$$



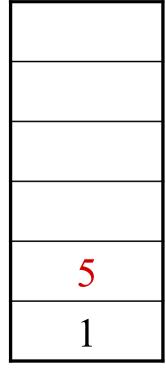
Push 3 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 + 4 \ 5 \ 6 \times - 7 \times + - 8 \ 9 \times +$$



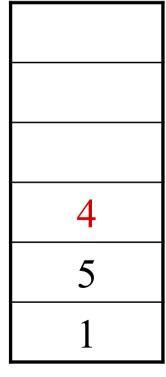
Pop 3 and 2 and push 2 + 3 = 5

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



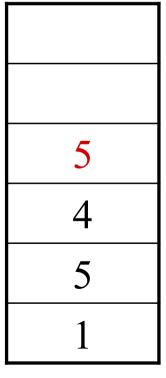
Push 4 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 + 4 \ 5 \ 6 \times - 7 \times + - 8 \ 9 \times +$$



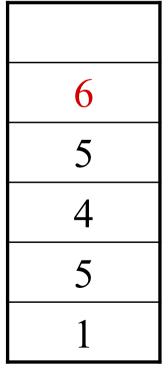
Push 5 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



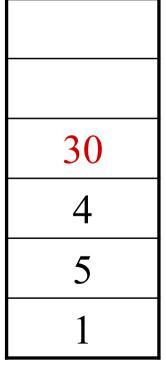
Push 6 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



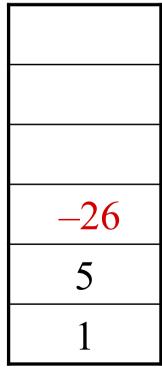
Pop 6 and 5 and push  $5 \times 6 = 30$ 

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \times - \ 7 \times + - \ 8 \ 9 \times +$$



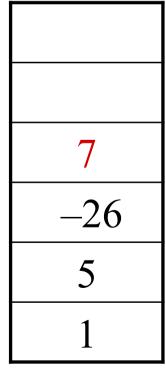
Pop 30 and 4 and push 4 - 30 = -26

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



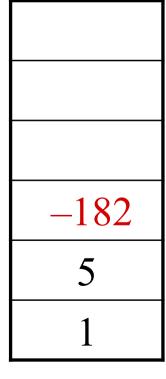
Push 7 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



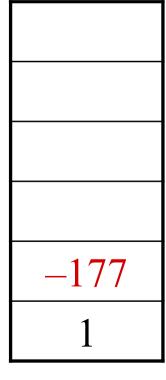
Pop 7 and -26 and push  $-26 \times 7 = -182$ 

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



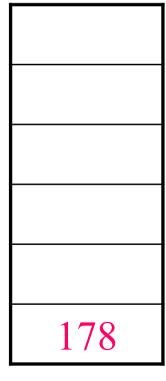
Pop -182 and 5 and push -182 + 5 = -177

$$1\ 2\ 3\ +\ 4\ 5\ 6\ \times\ -\ 7\ \times\ +\ -\ 8\ 9\ \times\ +$$



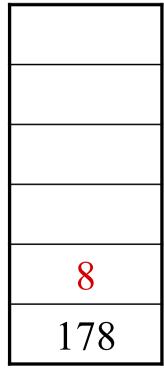
Pop -177 and 1 and push 1 - (-177) = 178

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



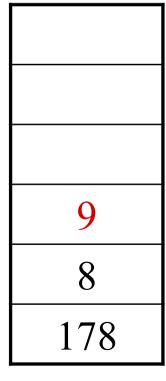
Push 8 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



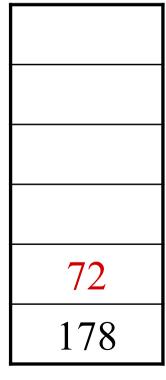
Push 1 onto the stack

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 + 4 \ 5 \ 6 \times - 7 \times + - 8 \ 9 \times +$$



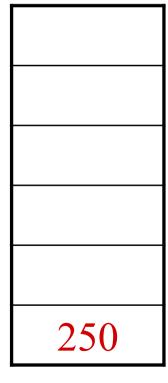
Pop 9 and 8 and push  $8 \times 9 = 72$ 

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ + \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ \times \ - \ 7 \ \times \ + \ - \ 8 \ 9 \ \times \ +$$



Pop 72 and 178 and push 178 + 72 = 250

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 + 4 \ 5 \ 6 \times - 7 \times + - 8 \ 9 \times +$$



Thus

$$1\ 2\ 3\ +\ 4\ 5\ 6\ \times\ -\ 7\ \times\ +\ -\ 8\ 9\ \times\ +$$

evaluates to the value on the top: 250

The equivalent in-fix notation is

$$((1-((2+3)+((4-(5\times 6))\times 7)))+(8\times 9))$$

We reduce the parentheses using order-of-operations:

$$1 - (2 + 3 + (4 - 5 \times 6) \times 7) + 8 \times 9$$

#### Stack ADT

- Uses an explicit linear ordering
- Two principal operations
  - Push: insert an object onto the top of the stack
  - Pop: erase the object on the top of the stack
  - CreateStack: generate an empty stack
  - IsEmpty: determine if stack is empty
  - IsFull: determine if stack is full

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# **Implementations**

We will look at two implementations of stacks:

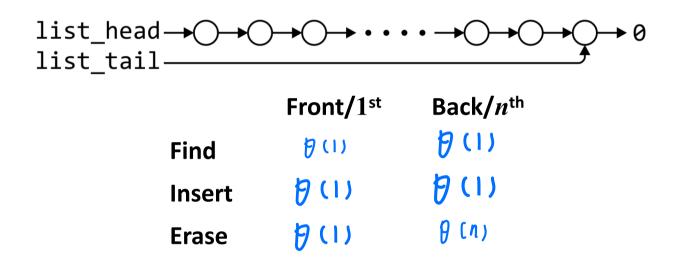
- Singly linked lists
- One-ended arrays

The optimal asymptotic run time of any algorithm is  $\Theta(1)$ 

 The run time of the algorithm is independent of the number of objects being stored in the container

# **Linked-List Implementation**

Operations at the front of a singly linked list are all  $\Theta(1)$ 



The desired behavior of an Abstract Stack may be reproduced by performing all operations at the front

# Single\_list Definition

#### The definition of single list class:

```
template <typename Type>
class Single list {
   public:
      Single list();
       ~Single list();
       int size() const; /* return the length of the List */
       bool empty() const; /* return true when List is empty */
       Type back() const; /* return the data in the last node */
       Single node<Type> *head() const; /* return the first node */
       Single node<Type> *tail() const; /* return the last node */
       int count( Type const & ) const; /* counts the number of instances of data*/
       void push front( Type const & ); /* insert a node as the first node*/
       void push back( Type const & ); /* insert a node as the last node*/
       Type pop front(); /* return the data in the first node and delete the first node*/
       int erase( Type const & ); /* removes the nodes containing that integer*/
```

#### Stack-as-List Class

The stack class using a singly linked list has a single private member variable:

```
template <typename Type>
class Stack {
    private:
        Single_list<Type> list;
    public:
        bool empty() const;
        Type top() const;
        void push( Type const & );
        Type pop();
};
```

#### Stack-as-List Class

The empty and push functions just call the appropriate functions of the Single\_list class

```
template <typename Type>
bool Stack<Type>::empty() const {
    return list.empty();
}

template <typename Type>
void Stack<Type>::push( Type const &obj ) {
    list.push_front( obj );
}
```

# void push\_front( int )

We could, however, note that when the list is empty, list head == 0, thus we could shorten this to:

```
void List::push_front( int n ) {
    list_head = new Node( n, list_head );
}
```

If it is empty, we start with:

and, if we try to add 81, we should end up with:

# void push\_front( int )

We could, however, note that when the list is empty, list\_head == 0, thus we could shorten this to:

```
void List::push_front( int n ) {
    list_head = new Node( n, list_head );
}
```

If it is not empty, we start with:

and, if we try to add 70, we should end up with:

list\_head 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 70  $\longrightarrow$  81  $\longrightarrow$  0

#### Stack-as-List Class

The top and pop functions, however, must check the boundary case:

```
template <typename Type>
Type Stack<Type>::top() const {
   if ( empty() ) {
      throw underflow();
   }

   return list.front();
}
template <typename Type>
Type Stack<Type>::pop() {
   if ( empty() ) {
      throw underflow();
   }

   return list.front();
}
```

```
int List::pop_front() {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
    int e = front();
    Node *ptr = list_head;
                                                     int front() const
    list_head = list_head->next();
                                                  int List::front() const {
    delete ptr;
                                                      if ( empty() ) {
    return e;
                                                         throw underflow();
}
                                                      return head()->retrieve();
                                                   }
```

```
int List::pop front() {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
                           list head
                          e = 70
    int e = front();
    Node *ptr = list_head;
                                                    int front() const
    list_head = list_head->next();
                                                 int List::front() const {
    delete ptr;
                                                     if ( empty() ) {
    return e;
                                                        throw underflow();
}
                                                     return head()->retrieve();
                                                 }
```

```
int List::pop_front() {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
    }

    int e = front();
    Node *ptr = list_head;
    list_head = list_head->next();
    delete ptr;
    return e;
}
```

```
int List::pop_front() {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
    }
        list_head

int e = front();
    Node *ptr = list_head;
    list_head = list_head->next();
    delete ptr;
    return e;
}
```

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    }
        list_head

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    Node *ptr = list_head;
    list_head = list_head->next();
    delete ptr;
    return e;
}
```

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int List::pop_front() {
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        throw underflow();
    }
        list_head

int e = front();
    Node *ptr = list_head;
    list_head = list_head->next();
    delete ptr;
    return e;
}
```

#### Stack-as-List Class

#### A constructor and destructor is not needed

 Because list is declared, the compiler will call the constructor of the Single\_list class when the Stack is constructed

# **Array Implementation**

For one-ended arrays, all operations at the back are  $\Theta(1)$ 



	Front/1st	$Back/n^{th}$
Find	<b>9</b> ( D	8(1)
Insert	$\Theta(n)$	$\theta^{(1)}$
Erase	$\theta$ (n)	8 (1)

### Stack-as-Array Class

```
template <typename Type>
class Stack {
    private:
        int stack_size; //number of objects in the stack
        int array capacity; //capacity of the array
        Type *array;
    public:
        Stack( int = 10 );
        ~Stack();
        bool empty() const;
        Type top() const;
        void push( Type const & );
       Type pop();
};
```

#### Constructor

The class is only storing the address of the array

We must allocate memory for the array and initialize the member variables

```
#include <algorithm>
// ...

template <typename Type>
Stack<Type>::Stack( int n ):
    stack_size( 0 ),
    array_capacity( std::max( 1, n ) ),
    array( new Type[array_capacity] ) {
        // Empty constructor
}
```

#### Constructor

Warning: in C++, the variables are initialized in the order in which they are defined:

```
template <typename Type>
                                     class Stack {
                                         private:
template <typename Type>
                                              int stack size;
Stack<Type>::Stack( int n ):
                                              int array_capacity;
stack_size( 0 ),
                                              Type *array;
array_capacity() std::max( 1, n ) ),
                                         public:
array( new Type[array_capacity] ) {
                                              Stack( int = 10 );
    // Empty constructor
                                              ~Stack();
                                              bool empty() const;
                                              Type top() const;
                                              void push( Type const & );
                                             Type pop();
                                     };
```

#### **Destructor**

The destructor must release the memory for the array

```
template <typename Type>
Stack<Type>::~Stack() {
    delete [] array;
}
```

# **Empty**

The stack is empty if the stack size is zero:

```
template <typename Type>
bool Stack<Type>::empty() const {
    return ( stack_size == 0 );
}
```

### Top

If there are n objects in the stack, the last is located at index n-1

```
template <typename Type>
Type Stack<Type>::top() const {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
    }

    return array[stack_size - 1];
}
```

### Pop

Removing an object simply involves reducing the size

 By decreasing the size, the previous top of the stack is now at the location stack\_size

```
template <typename Type>
Type Stack<Type>::pop() {
    if ( empty() ) {
        throw underflow();
    }

    --stack_size;
    return array[stack_size];
}
```

#### Push

Pushing an object onto the stack can only be performed if the array is not full

```
template <typename Type>
void Stack<Type>::push( Type const &obj ) {
    if ( stack_size == array_capacity ) {
        throw overflow();
    }

    array[stack_size] = obj;
    ++stack_size;
}
```

### **Exceptions**

The case where the array is full is not an exception defined in the Abstract Stack

If the array is filled, we have five options:

- Increase the size of the array
- Throw an exception
- Ignore the element being pushed
- Replace the current top of the stack
- Put the pushing process to "sleep" until something else removes the top of the stack

Include a member function bool full() const;

The best option is to increase the array capacity

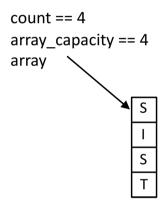
If we increase the array capacity, the question is:

```
- How much?
```

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- By a constant? array_capacity += c;
```

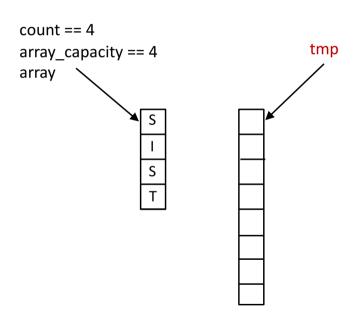
– By a multiple? array\_capacity \*= c;

First, let us visualize what must occur to allocate new memory

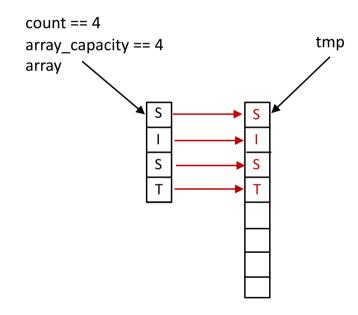


First, this requires a call to new Type[N] where N is the new capacity

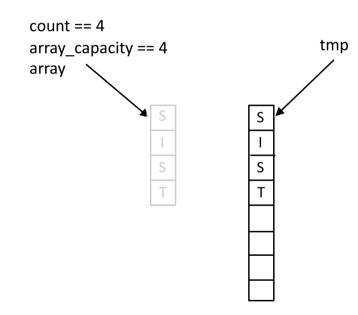
 We must have access to this so we must store the address returned by new in a local variable, say tmp



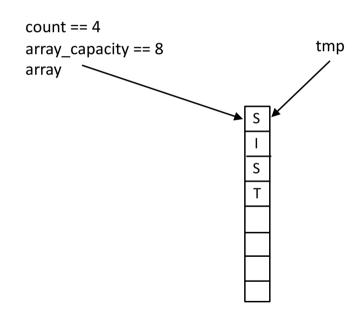
Next, the values must be copied over



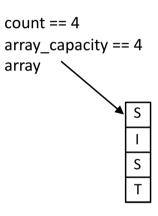
The memory for the original array must be deallocated



Finally, the appropriate member variables must be reassigned



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The implementation: void double_capacity() {
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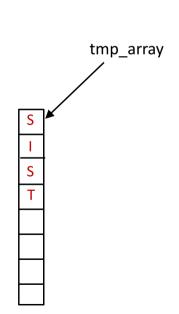


}

```
The implementation:
void double_capacity() {
    Type *tmp_array = new Type[2*array_capacity];
                                                     count == 4
                                                                               tmp_array
                                                     array_capacity == 4
                                                     array
```

```
The implementation:
void double_capacity() {
    Type *tmp_array = new Type[2*array_capacity];
    for ( int i = 0; i < array_capacity; ++i ) {</pre>
        tmp_array[i] = array[i];
                                                      count == 4
    }
                                                      array capacity == 4
                                                                                tmp_array
                                                      array
```

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                                                     count == 4
    }
                                                     array capacity == 4
                                                     array
    delete [] array;
```



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void double_capacity() {
    Type *tmp_array = new Type[2*array_capacity];
    for ( int i = 0; i < array_capacity; ++i ) {</pre>
        tmp_array[i] = array[i];
    }
                                                     count == 4
                                                     array capacity == 8
                                                                              tmp
                                                     array
    delete [] array;
    array = tmp_array;
```

```
The implementation:
void double_capacity() {
    Type *tmp_array = new Type[2*array_capacity];
    for ( int i = 0; i < array_capacity; ++i ) {</pre>
        tmp_array[i] = array[i];
    }
                                                    count == 4
                                                    array capacity == 8
                                                                             tmp
                                                    array
    delete [] array;
    array = tmp_array;
                                                                        S
    array_capacity *= 2;
```

Back to the original question:

- How much do we change the capacity?
- Add a constant?
- Multiply by a constant?

First, we recognize that any time that we push onto a full stack, this requires n copies, and the run time is  $\Theta(n)$ 

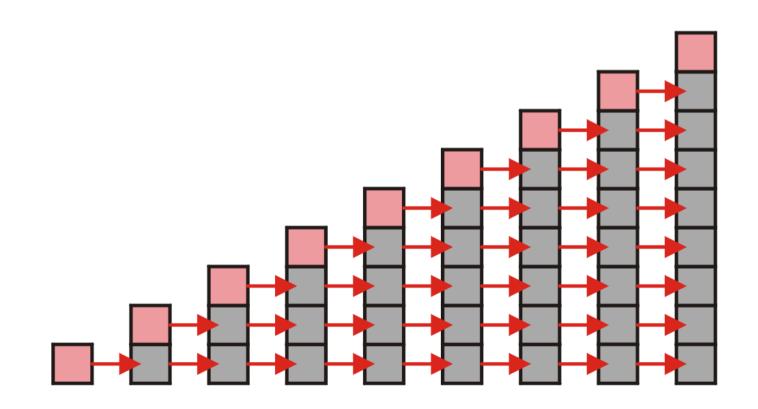
Therefore, push is usually  $\Theta(1)$  except when new memory is required

To state the average run time, we will introduce the concept of amortized time:

- If n operations requires  $\Theta(f(n))$ , we will say that an individual operation has an amortized run time of  $\Theta(f(n)/n)$
- Therefore, if inserting *n* objects requires:
  - $\Theta(n^2)$  copies, the amortized time is  $\Theta(n)$
  - $\Theta(n)$  copies, the amortized time is  $\Theta(1)$

Let us consider the case of increasing the capacity by 1 each time the array is full

 With each insertion when the array is full, this requires all entries to be copied



#### Suppose we insert *k* objects

- The pushing of the  $k^{th}$  object on the stack requires k-1 copies
- The total number of copies is now given by:

$$\binom{n}{k-1}(k-1)$$
  $\binom{n}{k}$   $\binom{n}{2}$   $\binom{n(n-1)}{2}$   $\binom{n(n-1)}{2}$   $\binom{n^2}{2}$ 

- Therefore, the amortized number of copies is given by  $n^2$ 

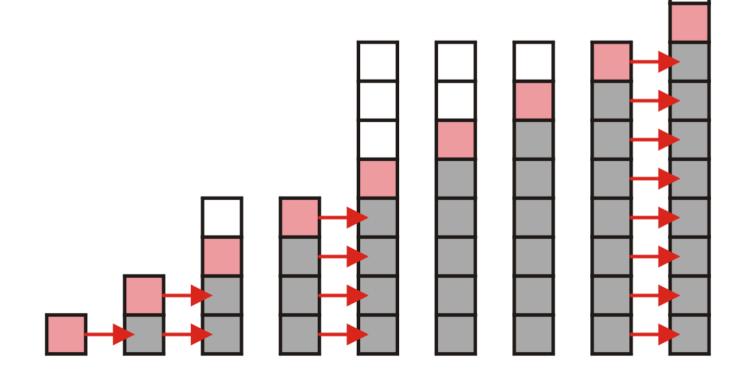
 $\frac{n^2}{n}$  n

Therefore, each push must run in
 Θ(n) time

- The wasted space, however is  $\Theta(1)$ 

Suppose we double the number of entries each time the array is full

Now the number of copies appears to be significantly fewer

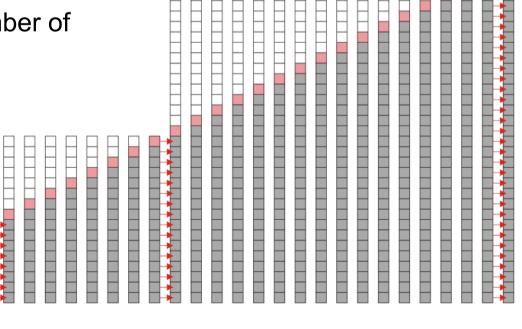


Suppose we double the array size each time it is full:

- Inserting n objects would require 1, 2, 4, 8, ..., all the way up to the largest  $2^k < n$  or  $k = |\lg(n)|$ 

- Therefore, the amortized number of copies per insertion is  $\Theta(1)$ 

The wasted space,
 however is O(n)



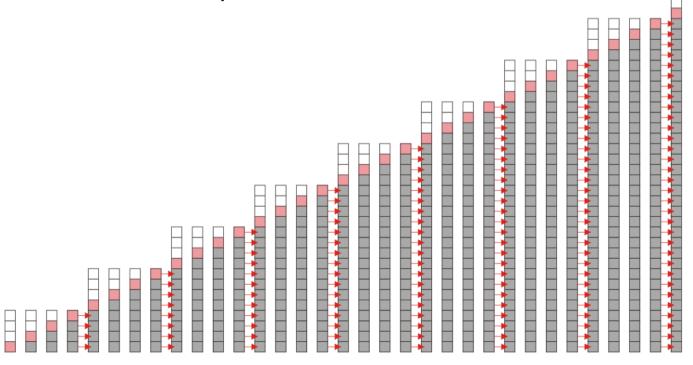
What if we increase the array size by a larger constant?

– For example, increase the array size by 4, 8, or 100?

Suppose we increase it by a **constant** value *m* 

$$\frac{n}{m} \frac{n}{m} \frac{n}{m} \frac{n}{m} \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^2}{2m} \frac{n}{2} n^2$$

Therefore, the amortized run time per insertion is  $\Theta(n)$ 



Note the difference in worst-case amortized scenarios:

	Copies per Insertion	Unused Memory
Increase by 1	n-1	0
Increase by $m$	n/m	m-1
Increase by a factor of 2	1	n
Increase by a factor of $r > 1$	1/(r-1)	(r-1)n

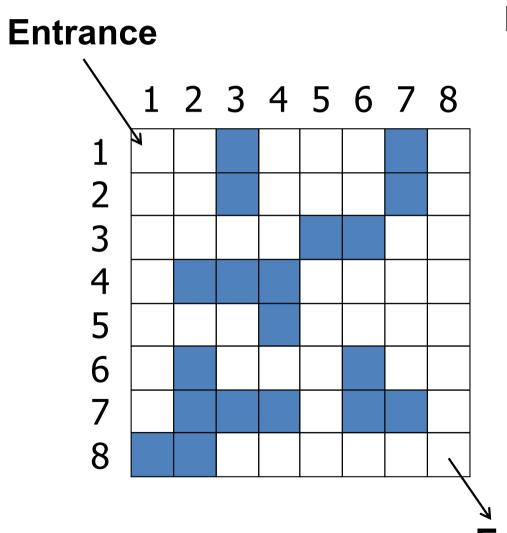
#### Outline

- Stack ADT
- Implementation
- Example applications

# Example: Maze Routing

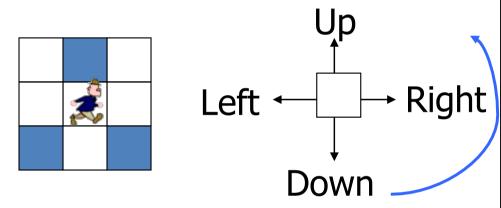
#### **Objective:**

One path from the entrance to the exit



#### **Directions:**

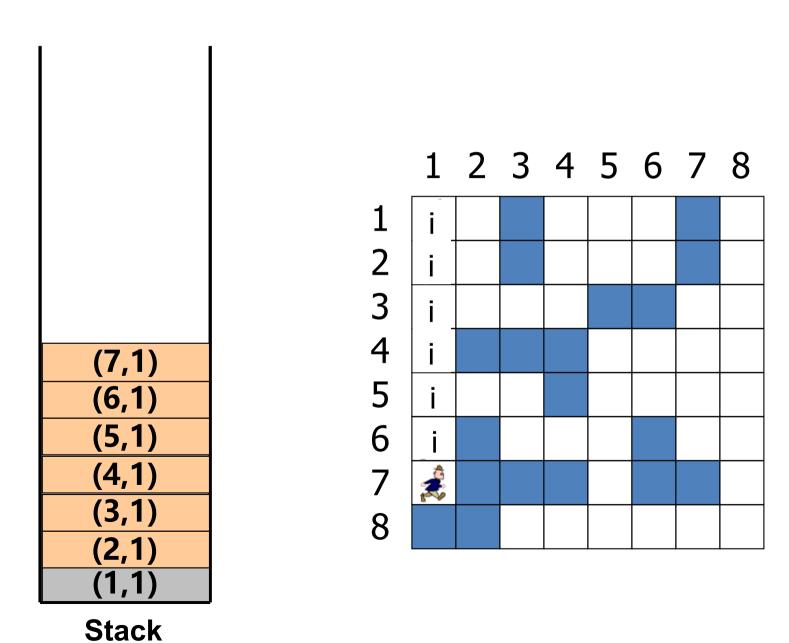
Up(N), Down(S), Left(W), Right(E)



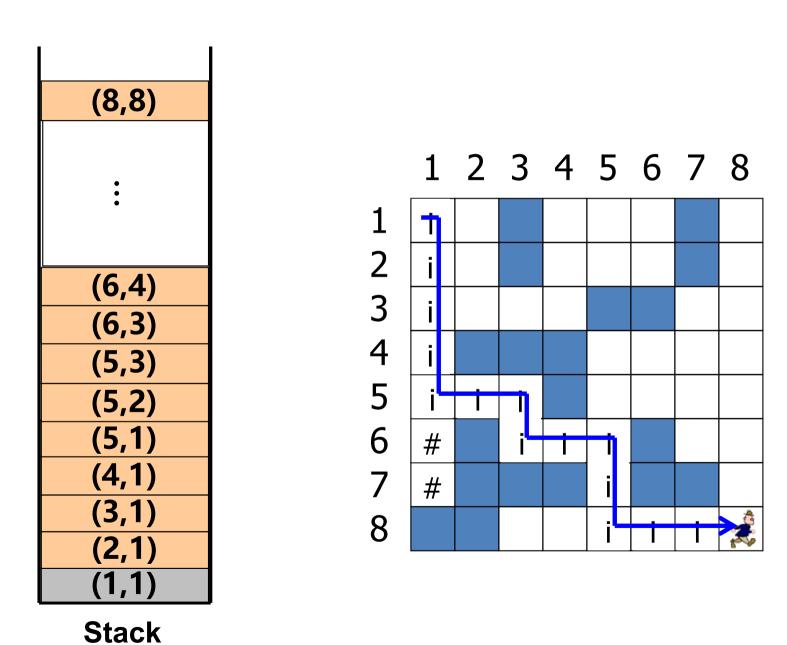
#### Rules:

Go down first. If possible, the man can further explore. Otherwise, the man explores the possible next steps in a counterclockwise direction.

# Example: Maze Routing



# Example: Maze Routing



# Application: Parsing

Most parsing uses stacks

#### Examples includes:

- Matching tags in XHTML
- In C++, matching
  - parentheses ( ... )
  - brackets, and [ ... ]
  - braces { ... }

A markup language is a means of annotating a document to given context to the text

 The annotations give information about the structure or presentation of the text

The best known example is HTML, or HyperText Markup Language

We will look at XHTML

#### XHTML is made of nested

- opening tags, e.g., <some\_identifier>, and
- matching closing tags, e.g., </some\_identifier>

```
<html>
    <head><title>Hello</title></head>
    <body>This appears in the <i>browser</i>.</body>
</html>
```

Nesting indicates that any closing tag must match the most <u>recent</u> opening tag

#### Strategy for parsing XHTML:

- read though the XHTML linearly
- place the opening tags in a stack
- when a closing tag is encountered, check that it matches what is on top of the stack

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<head><title>Hello</title></head>
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We are finished parsing, and the stack is empty

#### Possible errors:

- a closing tag which does not match the opening tag on top of the stack
- a closing tag when the stack is empty
- the stack is not empty at the end of the document

#### Parsing C++

Like opening and closing tags, C++ parentheses, brackets, and braces must be similarly nested:

```
void initialize( int *array, int n ) {
    for ( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) {
        array[i] = 0;
    }
}</pre>
```

```
int a() {
 b();
  c();
  return 0;
int b() { return 0; }
int c() { return 0; }
int main(){
  a();
  return 0;
```

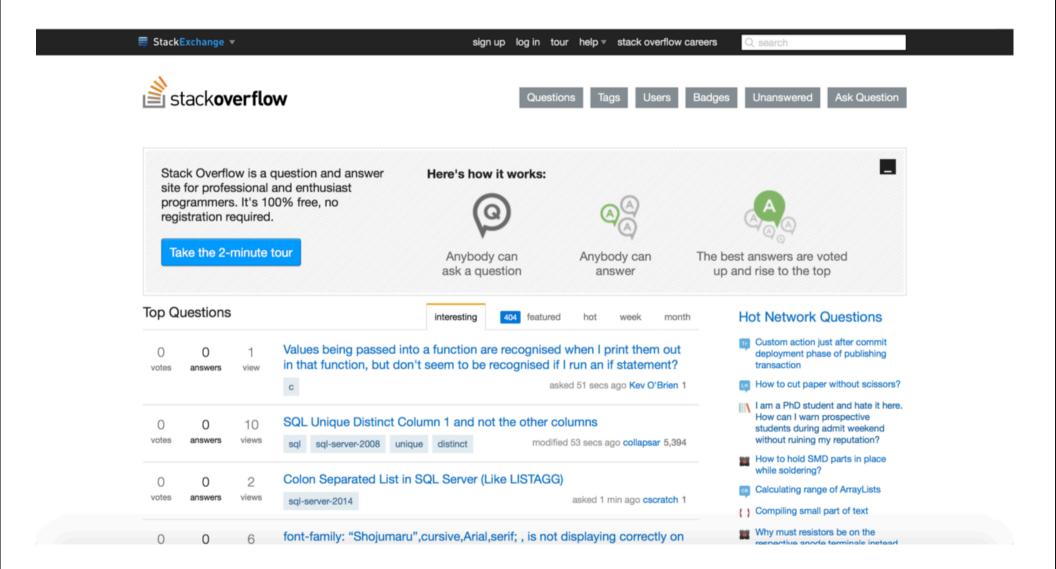
	main			
main() calls a()	main	a		
a() calls b()	main	a	b	
b() returns	main	a		
a() calls c()	main	a	С	
c() returns	main	a		
a() returns	main			

```
int a() {
  return a();
}
```

calls a()	a			
a() calls a()	a	a		
a() calls a()	a	a	a	
a() calls a()	a	a	a	a
a() calls a()	a	a	a	a

Stack Overflow!

#### **StackOverflow**



## Summary

- Stack ADT
  - Push, pop, LIFO
- Implementation
  - Linked list
  - Array
    - How to increase the array capacity
- Example Applications
  - Reverse-Polish Notation
  - Maze Routing

#### Standard Template Library

The Standard Template Library (STL) has a *wrapper* class stack with the following declaration:



#### Standard Template Library

```
#include <iostream>
#include <stack>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    stack<int> istack;
    istack.push( 13 );
    istack.push( 42 );
    cout << "Top: " << istack.top() << endl;</pre>
    istack.pop();
                                                  // no return value
    cout << "Top: " << istack.top() << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Size: " << istack.size() << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```



#### Standard Template Library

The reason that the stack class is termed a wrapper is because it uses a different container class to actually store the elements

The stack class simply presents the *stack interface* with appropriately named member functions:

push, pop, and top

