

# Stacks, Queues, and Linked Lists

## Stacks and Queues (Chapter 6)

### 1. Simulating a Stack Using a Python List

Implement a class `SimpleStack` that supports the following operations using a Python list:

- `push(x)`: Push an element onto the stack.
- `pop()`: Remove the top element and return it.
- `top()`: Return the top element without removing it.
- `is_empty()`: Return `True` if the stack is empty; otherwise, return `False`.

Implement the class and test it with at least three different sequences of push and pop operations.

### 2. Reverse a String Using a Stack

Implement a function `reverse_string(s: str) -> str` that reverses a given string using a stack.

**Example:**

```
reverse_string("hello") # Output: "olleh"
```

### 3. Balanced Parentheses with Stack

Given a string containing only '(', ')', '{', '}', '[', and ']', determine if the string is balanced. A string is considered balanced if:

- (a) Each opening bracket has a corresponding closing bracket.
- (b) Brackets are closed in the correct order.

**Examples:**

- `"([])"`  $\Rightarrow$  Valid
- `"([)]"`  $\Rightarrow$  Invalid
- `"[(])"`  $\Rightarrow$  Invalid
- `"()"`  $\Rightarrow$  Valid

Implement a function `is_balanced(s: str) -> bool` to check if a given string is balanced using a stack.

### 4. Implement a Stack with Minimum Retrieval in $O(1)$ Time

Extend the stack data structure to support a function `get_min()` that returns the minimum element in the stack in  $O(1)$  time. The stack should support the following operations:

- `push(x)`: Push an element onto the stack.
- `pop()`: Remove the top element.
- `top()`: Get the top element without removing it.
- `get_min()`: Retrieve the minimum element currently in the stack.

**Hint:** Maintain an auxiliary stack that keeps track of the minimum values as elements are pushed and popped.

Implement this modified stack in Python and demonstrate its correctness using test cases.

## 5. Implement a Queue Using Two Stacks

Using **two stacks**, implement a queue that supports the following operations:

- `enqueue(x)`: Insert an element into the queue.
- `dequeue()`: Remove the front element of the queue.
- `front()`: Retrieve the front element without removing it.
- `is_empty()`: Check if the queue is empty.

Write a Python class implementing this queue using two stacks and analyze the time complexity of each operation.

## 6. Design a Circular Queue

Implement a **circular queue** with a fixed size  $n$  that supports:

- `enqueue(x)`: Adds an element if there is space.
- `dequeue()`: Removes the front element.
- `front()`: Returns the front element.
- `rear()`: Returns the last element.
- `is_full()`: Checks if the queue is full.
- `is_empty()`: Checks if the queue is empty.

The queue should use an array (list) of size  $n$  and implement wrap-around behavior. Implement this circular queue in Python and test it with multiple enqueue and dequeue operations.

## 7. Implement a Browser Back-Forward Navigation System (Stack Application)

Simulate a simple browser navigation system using two stacks:

- `visit(url)`: Visit a new website (push onto the main stack).
- `back()`: Go back to the previous website (pop from main stack and push onto a "forward" stack).
- `forward()`: Go forward if possible (pop from the "forward" stack back onto the main stack).
- `current()`: Get the current webpage.

**Example Usage:**

```
browser = Browser()
browser.visit("google.com")
browser.visit("youtube.com")
browser.back()    # Returns "google.com"
browser.forward() # Returns "youtube.com"
browser.current() # Returns "youtube.com"
```

Implement this class and test it with a series of navigation commands.

# Linked Lists (Chapter 7)

## 1. Implement a Singly Linked List

Implement a class `SinglyLinkedList` that supports the following operations:

- `insert_at_head(value)`: Inserts a new node with the given value at the head.
- `insert_at_tail(value)`: Inserts a new node at the tail.
- `delete_by_value(value)`: Removes the first occurrence of the given value.
- `search(value)`: Returns `True` if the value is present, otherwise `False`.
- `display()`: Prints the linked list in order.

Implement this class in Python and test it with at least five different sequences of operations.

## 2. Reverse a Singly Linked List

Implement a function `reverse(head)` that reverses a singly linked list.

**Example:**

Input: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → None  
Output: 4 → 3 → 2 → 1 → None

Implement this function and analyze its time complexity.

## 3. Detect a Cycle in a Linked List

Given the head of a linked list, determine if it contains a cycle.

**Hint:** Use Floyd's cycle detection algorithm (slow and fast pointers).

**Example:**

Input: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 2 (cycle)  
Output: True

Implement this function and test it with both cyclic and acyclic linked lists.

## 4. Merge Two Sorted Linked Lists

Implement a function `merge_sorted(l1, l2)` that merges two sorted linked lists into a single sorted linked list.

**Example:**

Input: 1 → 3 → 5, 2 → 4 → 6  
Output: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5 → 6

Implement this function and analyze its time complexity.

## 5. Find the Middle Node of a Linked List

Implement a function `find_middle(head)` that returns the middle node of a linked list. If there are two middle nodes, return the second one.

**Hint:** Use the slow and fast pointer technique.

**Example:**

Input: 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 → 5  
Output: 3

Implement this function and test it with both even-length and odd-length linked lists.

## 6. Implement a Doubly Linked List

Implement a class `DoublyLinkedList` that supports the following operations:

- `insert_at_head(value)`: Inserts a new node at the head.
- `insert_at_tail(value)`: Inserts a new node at the tail.
- `delete_by_value(value)`: Removes the first occurrence of the given value.
- `display_forward()`: Prints the linked list from head to tail.
- `display_backward()`: Prints the linked list from tail to head.

Implement this class and test it with various operations.

## 7. Check if a Linked List is a Palindrome

Implement a function `is_palindrome(head)` that checks whether a singly linked list is a palindrome.

**Example:**

Input: 1 → 2 → 2 → 1  
Output: True

Implement this function using either a stack or the fast and slow pointer approach.