

# Stack Data Structures

261217 Data Structures for Computer Engineers

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# Arrays versus Linked-lists

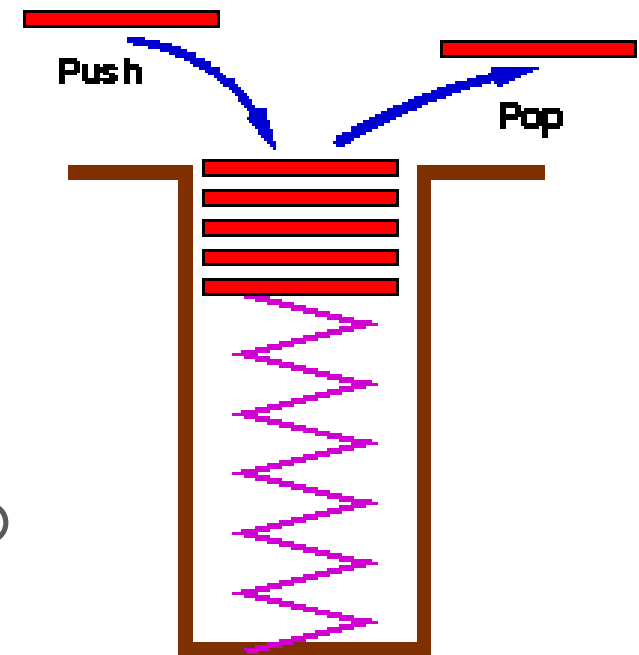
- ▣ Linear data structures
- ▣ Key Variables
  - ▣ Array: size, capacity
  - ▣ Linked-list: head
- ▣ Linear time  $\{O(n)\}$  to search for a key
  - ▣ **For loop** for array
    - ▣ Condition: `for (int i=0; i<size; i++){ }`
  - ▣ **While loop** for linked-list
    - ▣ Condition: `while(node.next != null) {node.move_next;}`
- ▣ Constant time  $\{O(1)\}$  to access the first and the last items
- ▣ How about running time to add/remove the first and last items?

# Let's apply Arrays and Linked-lists

- We will learn two more well-known data structures
  - Stacks
  - Queues
- These two data structures are *linear*
- So that means we can implement them using Arrays and Linked-lists
- At the end, you should be able to implement the new data structures from arrays and linked-lists

# Stack as an ADT

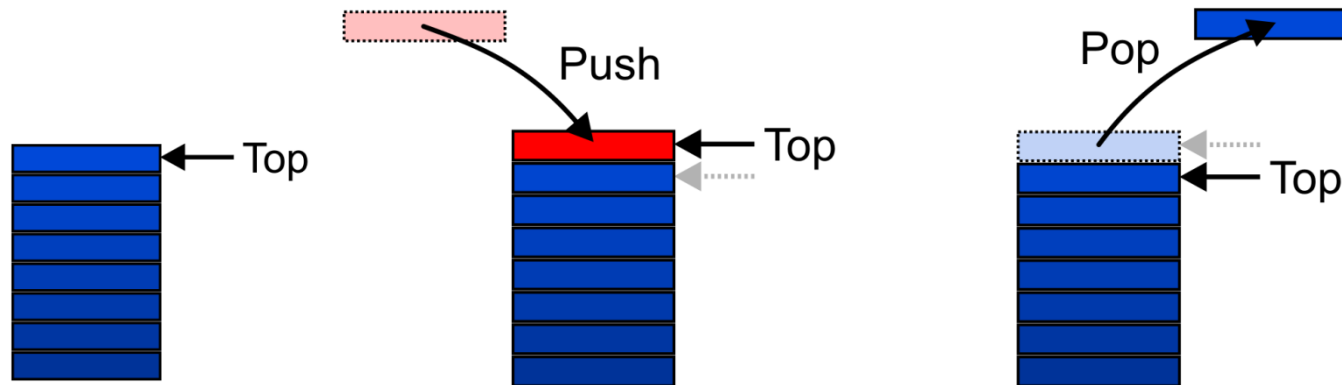
- A list for which Insert and Delete are allowed only at one end of the list (the *top*)
  - the implementation defines which end is the "top"
  - LIFO – Last in, First out
- *Push*: Insert element at the top
- *Pop*: Remove and return the top element (aka *TopAndPop*)
- *IsEmpty*: test for emptiness



a tray stack

# Stack Data Structures

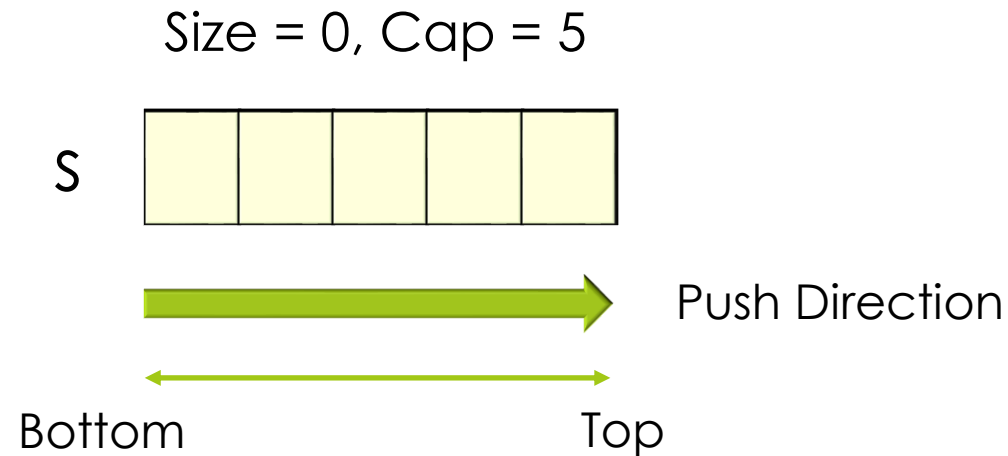
*Last-in–first-out (LIFO)*



There are two exceptions associated with abstract stacks:

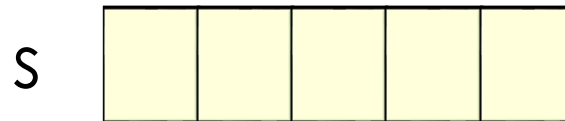
- It is an undefined operation to call either pop or top on an empty stack
- -> StackUnderflowException should be thrown
- If stack is full, StackOverflowException will be thrown

# Stack implementation using Array



# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 0, Cap = 5



Push(a)



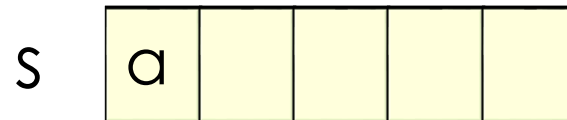
Array

`s.pushBack(a)`

What should be java code for this operation?

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 1, Cap = 5



Push(a)



Array

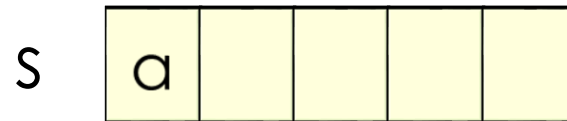
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# Stack implementation using Array

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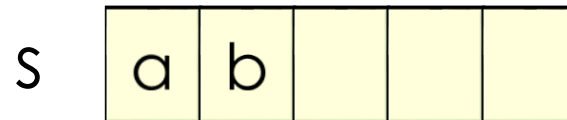
Push(b)



Array  
s.pushBack(b)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 2, Cap = 5



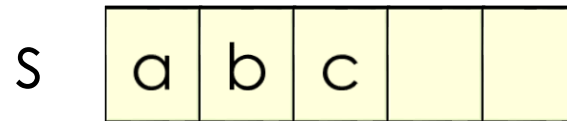
Push(b)



Array  
s.pushBack(b)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 3, Cap = 5



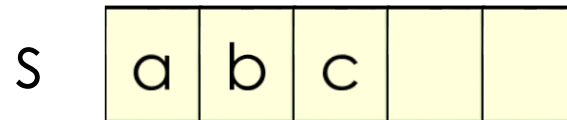
Push(c)



Array  
s.pushBack(c)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 3, Cap = 5



Push(c)

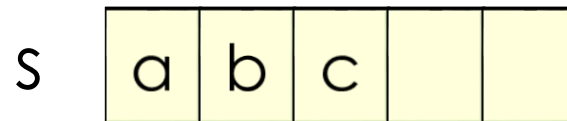


Array

s.pushBack(c)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 3, Cap = 5



Top() → c



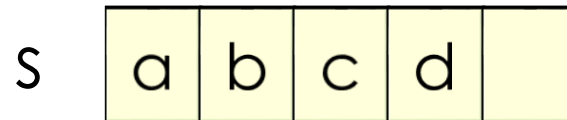
Array

`s.topBack()`

What should be java code for this operation?

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 4, Cap = 5



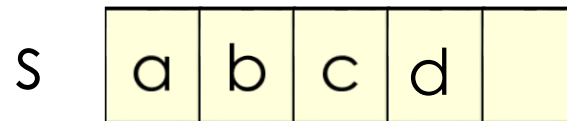
Push(d)



Array  
s.pushBack(d)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 3, Cap = 5



Pop() → d



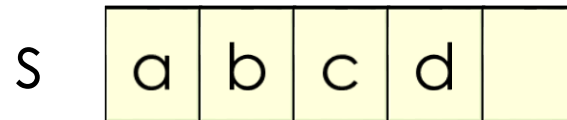
Array

`s.popBack()`

What should be java code for this operation?

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 4, Cap = 5



Push(d)

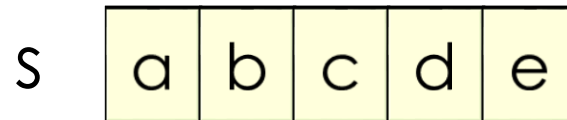


Array  
s.pushBack(d)



# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 5, Cap = 5



Push(e)

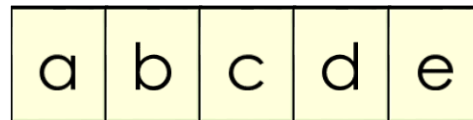


Array  
s.pushBack(e)

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 5, Cap = 5

Static array **s**



Push(f)



StackOverflowException  
[or other options]

# Exceptions

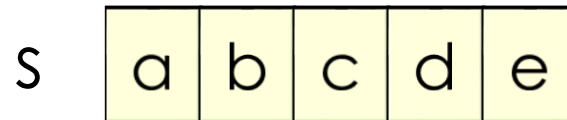
The case where the array is full is not an exception defined in the Stack ADT

If the array is full, we have five options:

- ❑ Increase the size of the array
- ❑ Throw an exception (StackOverflowException)
- ❑ 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

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 5, Cap = 5



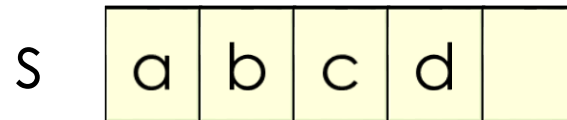
Pop()



Array  
s.popBack()

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 4, Cap = 5



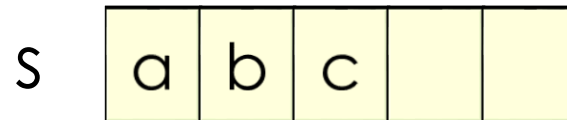
Pop() → e



Array  
s.popBack()

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 3, Cap = 5



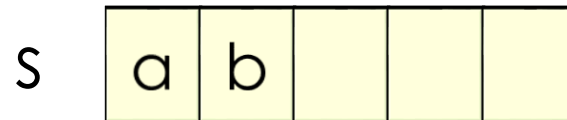
Pop() → d



Array  
s.popBack()

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 2, Cap = 5



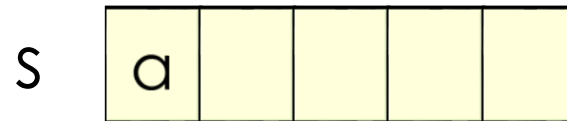
Pop() → c



Array  
s.popBack()

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 1, Cap = 5



Pop() → b

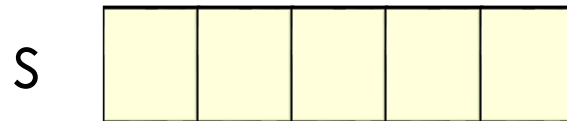


Array  
s.popBack()



# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 0, Cap = 5



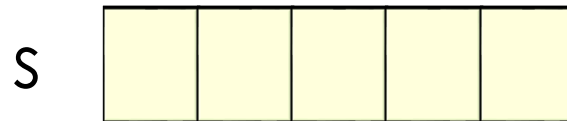
Pop() → a



Array  
s.popBack()

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 0, Cap = 5



isEmpty() → true



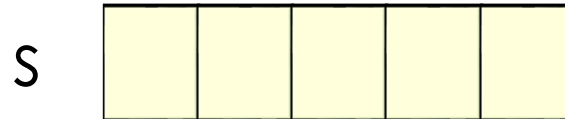
Array

s.isEmpty()

What should be java code for this?

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 0, Cap = 5



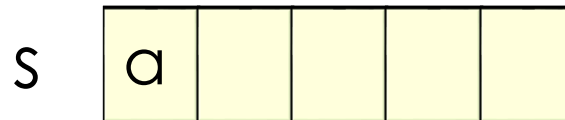
pop()



ERROR  
StackUnderflowException

# Stack implementation using Array

Size = 1, Cap = 5



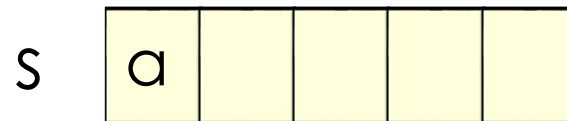
Push(a)

What is the Big O for adding an item to Stacks  
(implemented using Array)?

$O(1)$

# Stack implementation using Array

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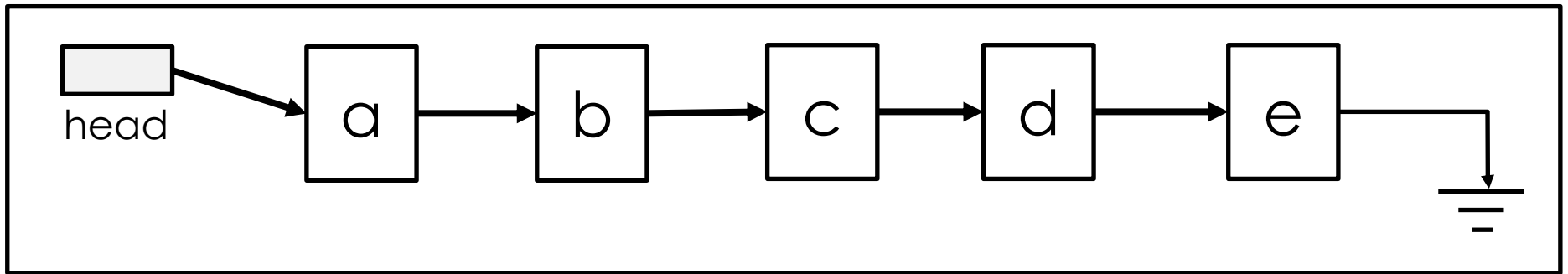


Pop() -> a

What is the Big O for removing an item from Stacks (implemented using Array)?

$O(1)$

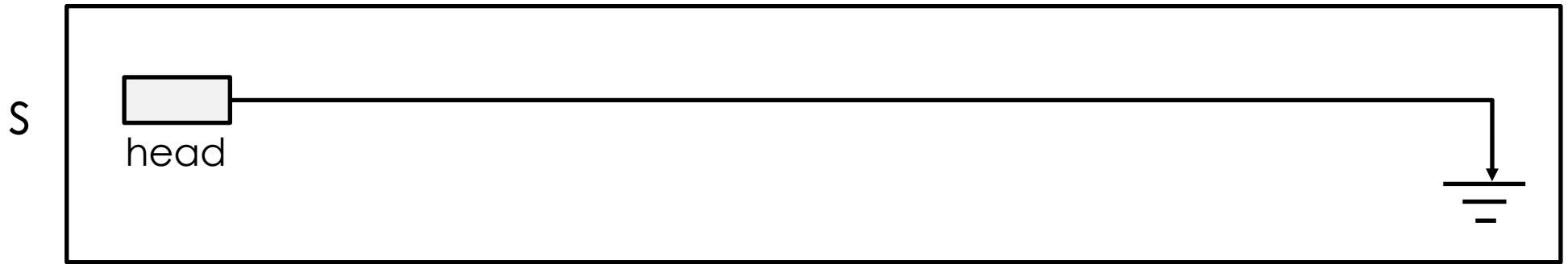
# Stack implementation using Linked List



Which direction is the best for pushing an object into the stack?



# Stack implementation using Linked List

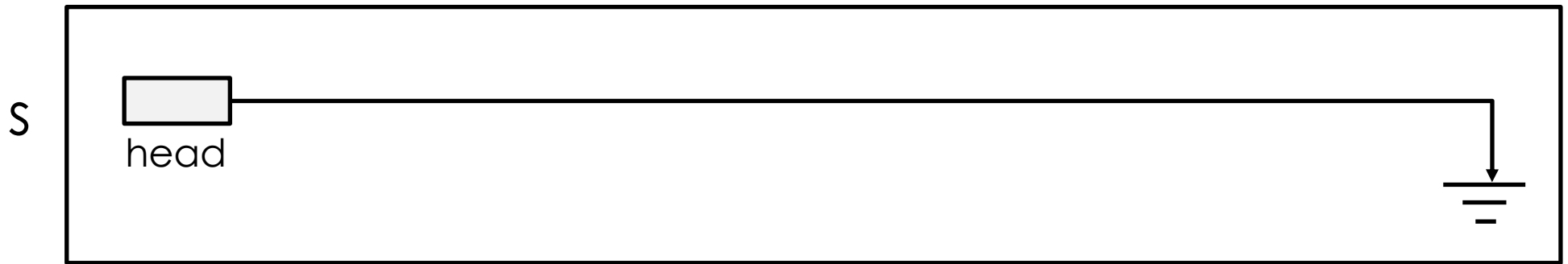


`s.isEmpty()`



`true`

# Stack implementation using Linked List



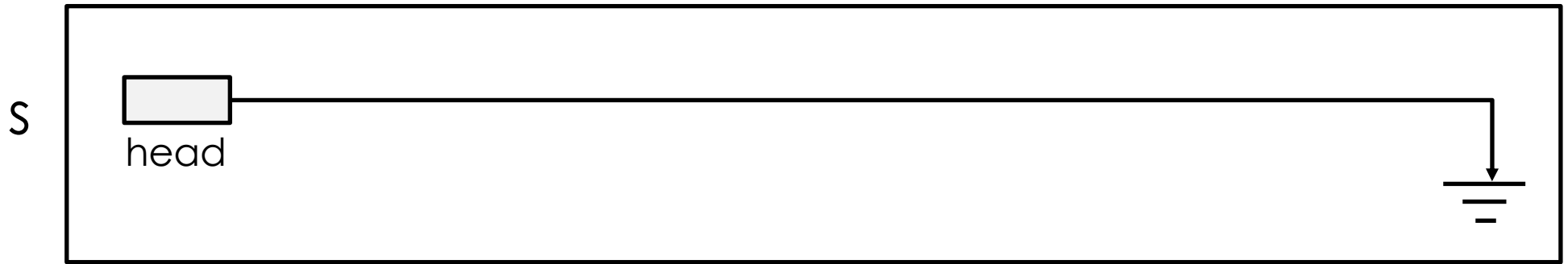
s.pop()



ERROR  
StackUnderflowException



# Stack implementation using Linked List



s.push(a)

# Stack implementation using Linked List



s.push(a)

# Stack implementation using Linked List



`s.push(b)`

# Stack implementation using Linked List

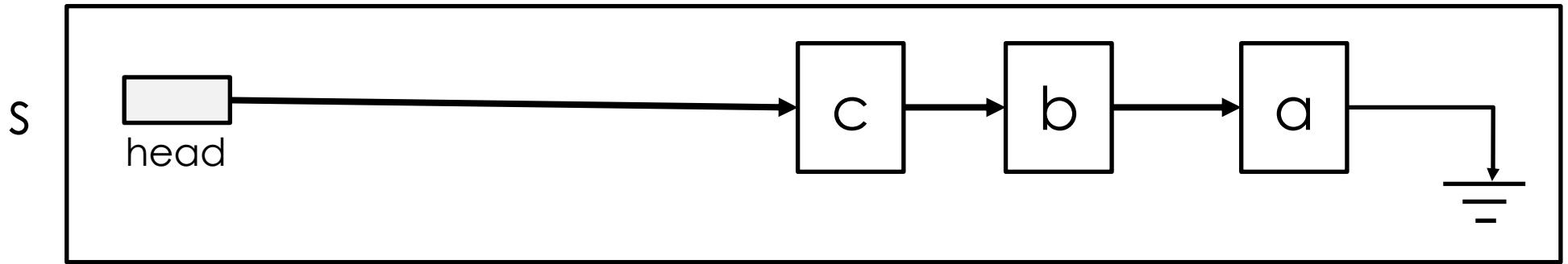


s.top()



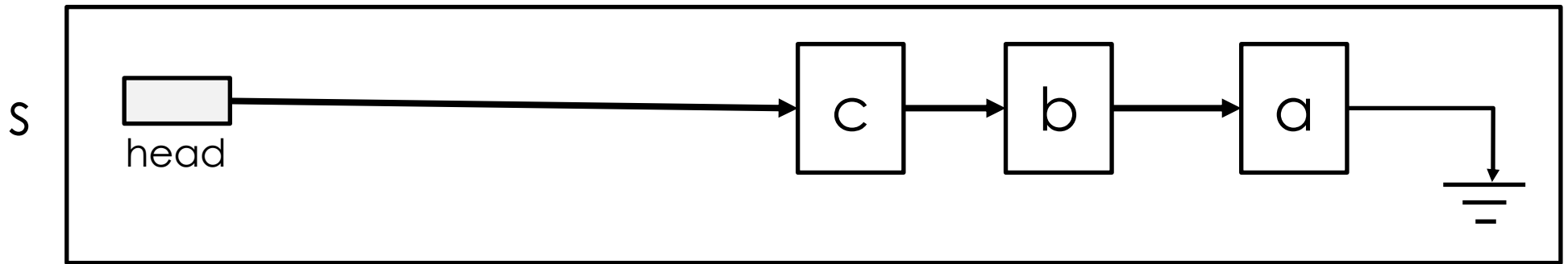
b

# Stack implementation using Linked List



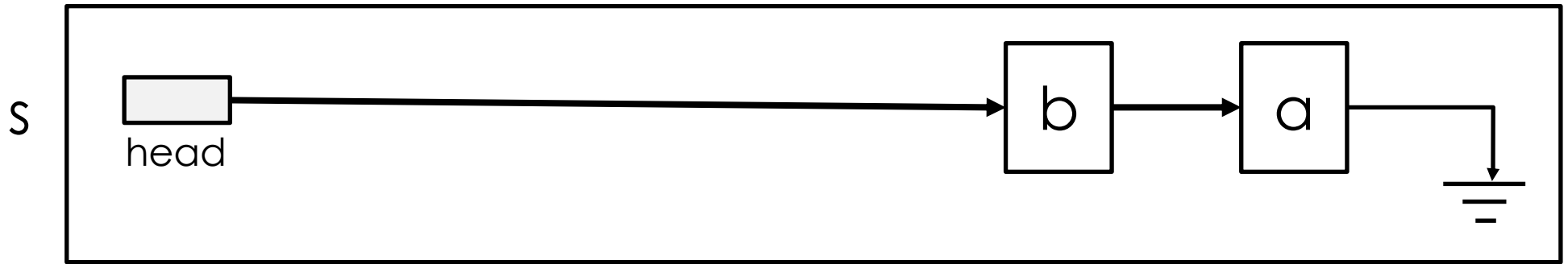
`s.push(c)`

# Stack implementation using Linked List



`s.pop()`

# Stack implementation using Linked List

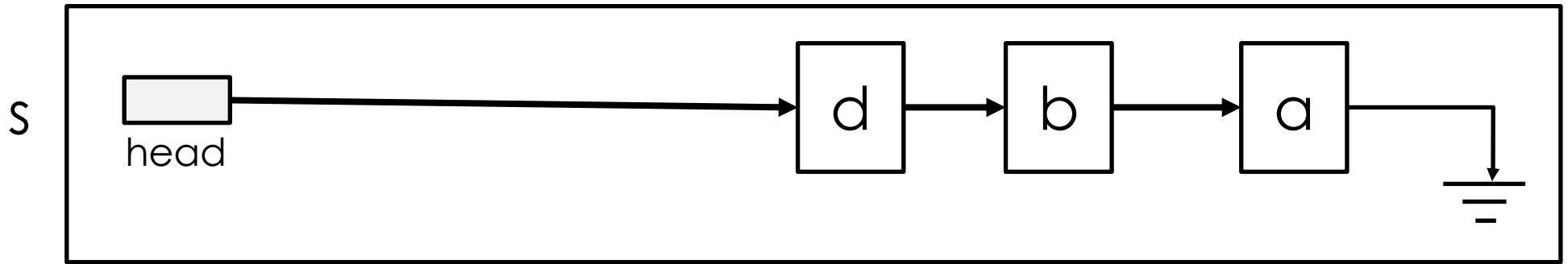


s.pop()



c

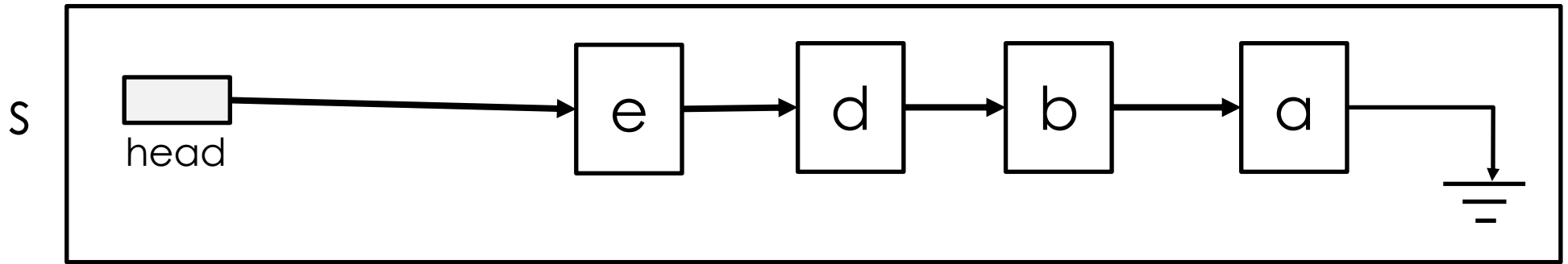
# Stack implementation using Linked List



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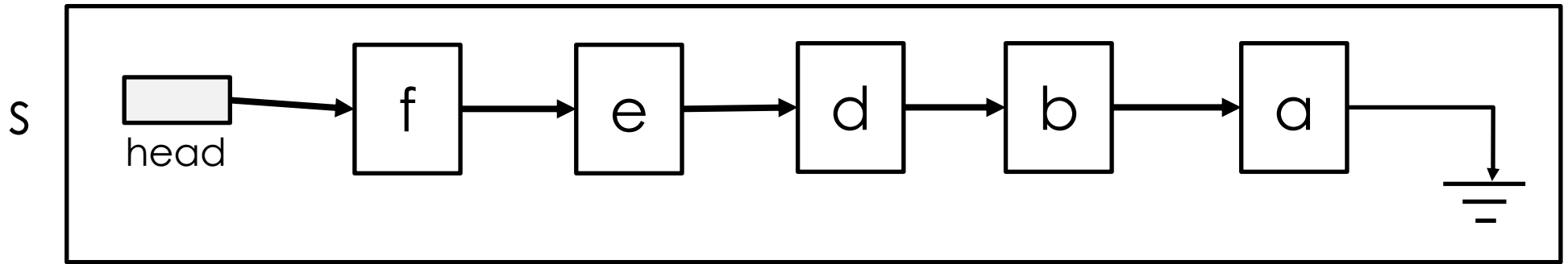


# Stack implementation using Linked List



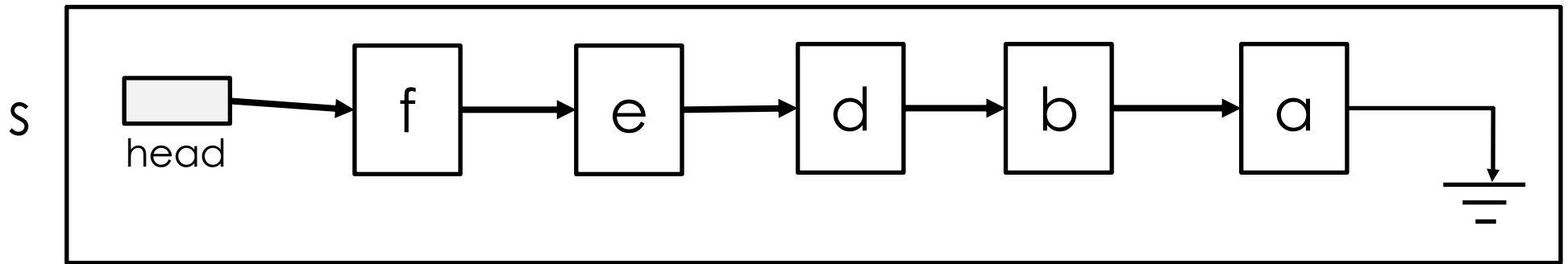
s.push(e)

# Stack implementation using Linked List



s.push(f)

# Stack implementation using Linked List



s.isEmpty()



false

# Stack Applications

- ▣ Balance Checking
- ▣ Undo Redo Implementation
- ▣ Function Calling
- ▣ XHTML Parsing
- ▣ Reverse Polish notation

# Balanced Bracket Problem

## □ Input:

- A string `str` consisting of `'(, ')', '[' , '']'` characters.

## □ Output:

- Return whether or not the string's parentheses and square brackets are balanced.

# Balanced Bracket Problem

## □ Balanced:

- “( [ ] ) [ ] ( )”

- “( ( ( [ ( [ ] ) ] ) ) ( ) )”

## □ Unbalanced:

- “( [ ] ] ( )”

- “] [“

- “[ )”

# IsBalance Algorithm

**( [ ] ) [ ] ( )**

- For each character in the string (the current character)
  - If the current character is the Open's, then Push the current character into a stack and then continue.
  - If the current character is the Close's
    - If stack is empty, return false
    - If stack is not empty, then Pop the stack and check if the top matches the current character.
      - If yes, then continue
      - If no, return false
- Return true if the stack is empty otherwise return false

# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



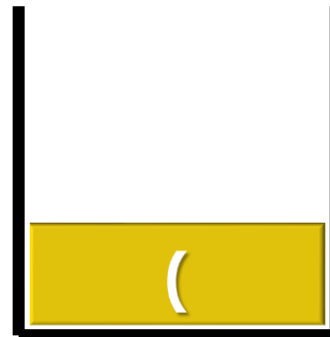
Current character

the current == the open's



Push(the current)

stack





# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



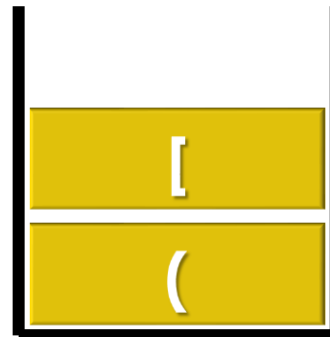
Current character

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Push(the current)

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



Current character

the current == the close's



Pop() → "[" matches The current?

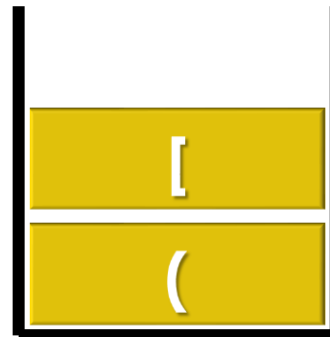


YES



continue

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



Current character

the current == the close's



NOT isEmpty()

Pop() → "(" matches The current?

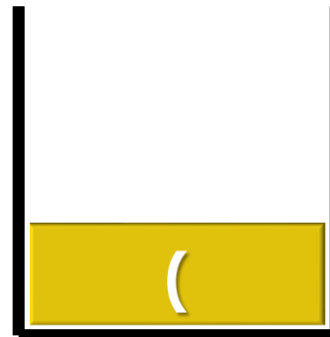


YES



continue

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

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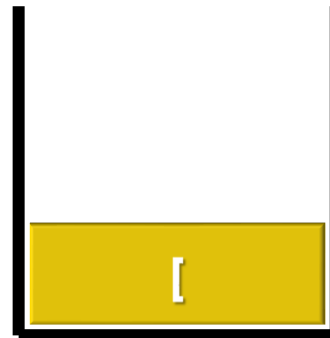
Current character

the current == the open's



Push(the current)

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



Current character

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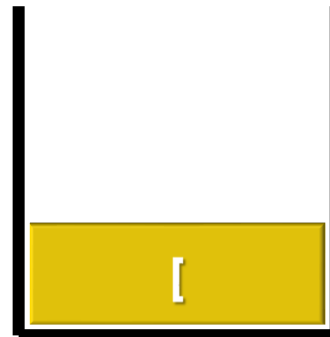


YES



continue

stack



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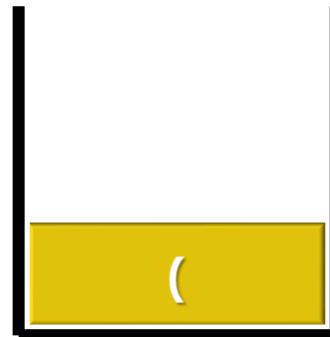
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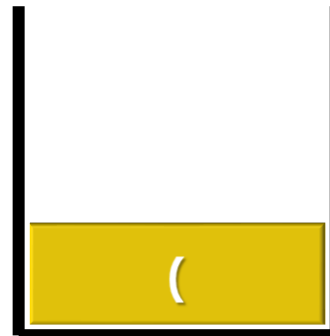


YES



continue

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ) [ ] ( )



Current character

the current == EOF (End of File)

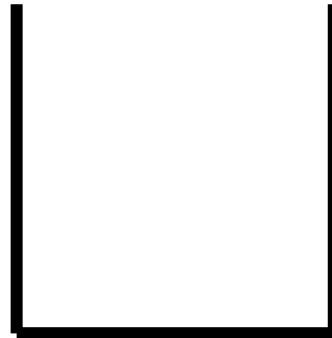


return isEmpty()



return true

stack





## Example 2

str ( [ ] )



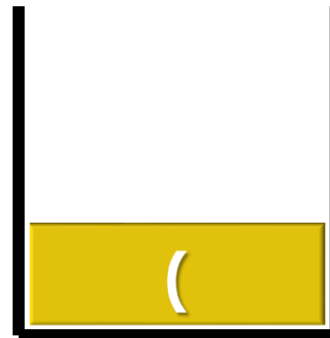
Current character

the current == the open's




Push(the current)

stack



# Example 2

str ( [ ] ( )

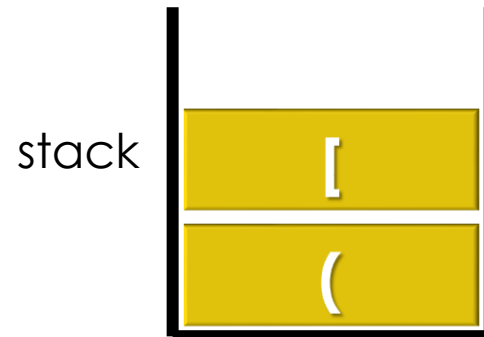


Current character

the current == the open's



Push(the current)



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

str ( [ ] ( )



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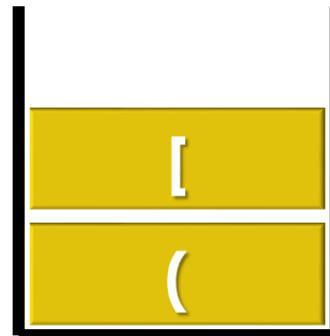


YES



continue

stack



# Boolean IsBalance(str)

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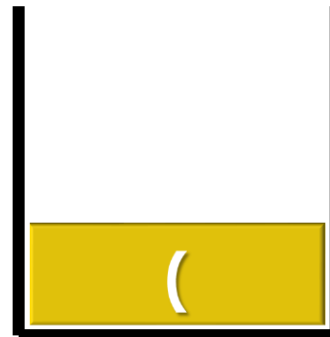


NO



Return false

stack



# Example 3

str **1111()**



Current character

the current == the close's

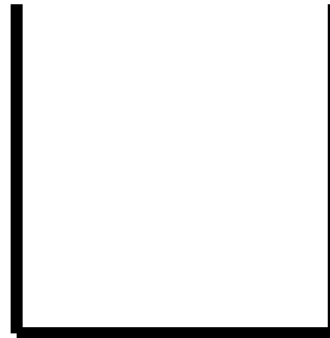


isEmpty() → YES



Return false

stack

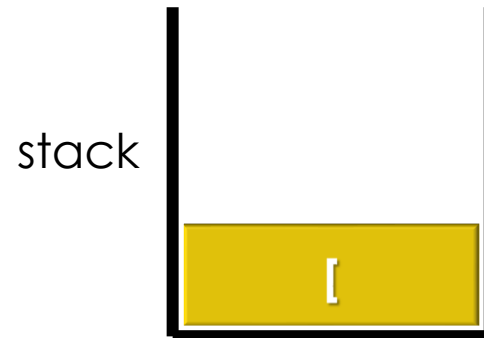


# Example 4

str [ ]  
↑  
Current character

the current == the close's

↓  
Push(the current)



# Example 4

str [ [



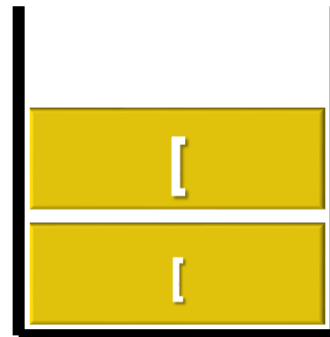
Current character

the current == the close's



Push(the current)

stack



# Example 4

str [ [



Current character

the current == EOF

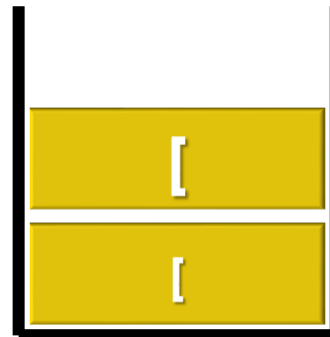


return isEmpty()



return false

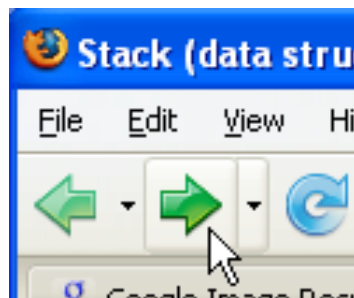
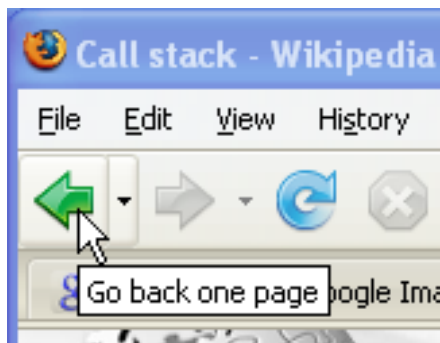
stack





# Undo Redo using Stacks

- The runtime stack used by a process (running program) to keep track of methods in progress
- Undo, redo, back, forward



# Undo in Word using a stack

- “Undo” can reverse the state to previous states.
- “Redo” reverses the “Undo”
- Undo/Redo in Word Processing: implementation using one stack:
  - When typing new words (ending with white space), the stack is cleared.
  - When undoing, the current word is pushed into the stack and then erased.
  - When redoing, the stack is popped, and the top word is added to the paragraph.
- Example:
  - “I” “love” “cats” [UNDO] [UNDO] [UNDO] [REDO] “like” “dogs” [UNDO] [UNDO] [REDO] “cats” “and” “dogs” [UNDO] [UNDO] “very” “much” [UNDO] [UNDO] [REDO] [REDO]

# Parsing XHTML

- Stacks may be used to parse an XHTML document
- 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

# Parsing 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><p>This appears in the
```

```
    <i>browser</i>.</p></body>
```

```
</html>
```

# Parsing XHTML

*Nesting* indicates that any closing tag must match the most recent opening tag

Strategy for parsing XHTML:

- ▣ read through 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 and

# Parsing XHTML

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</html>

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# Parsing XHTML

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

# Function Calls

Function calls need stack data structure:

- ▣ you write a function to solve a problem
- ▣ the function may require sub-problems to be solved, hence, it may call another function
- ▣ once a function is finished, it returns to the function which called it

# Function Calls

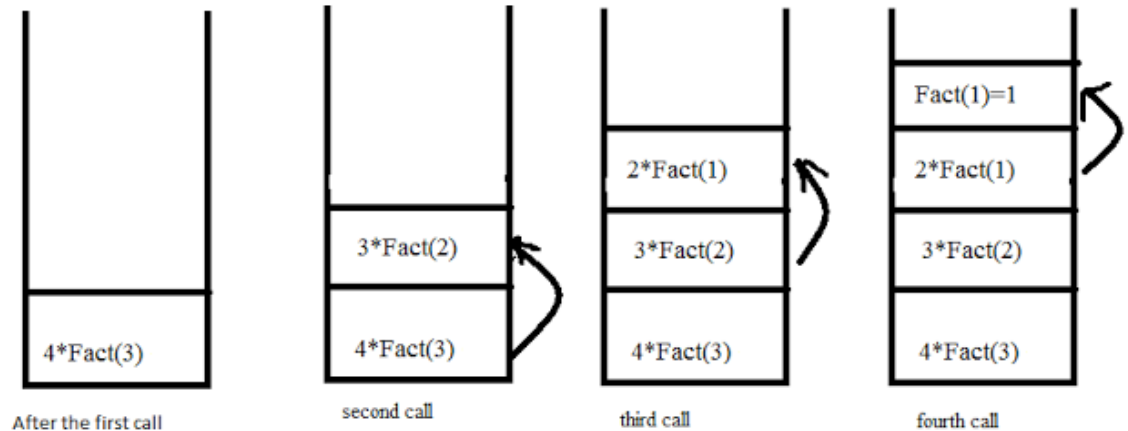
- You will notice that the when a function returns, execution and the return value is passed back to the last function which was called
- This is again, the last-in—first-out property

# Function calls

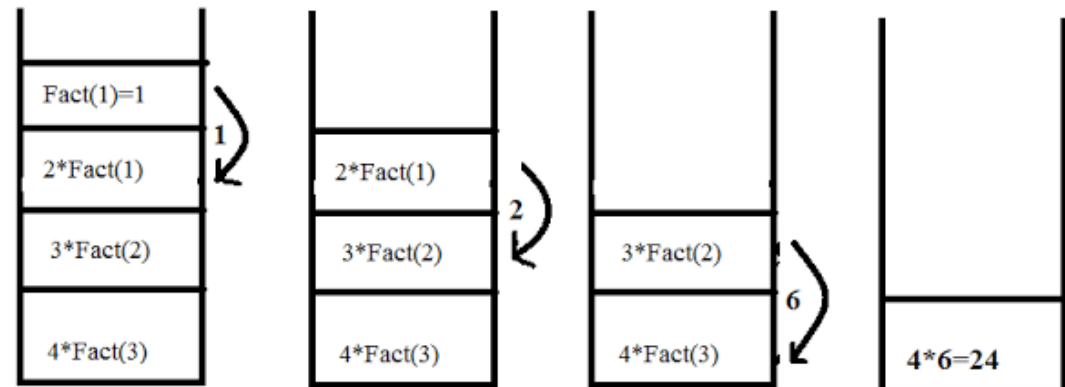
When function call happens previous variables gets stored in stack

```
System.out.println(Fact(3))
```

```
int Fact(int n){  
    if n==1{  
        return 1;  
    }  
    else  
        return n*Fact(n-1);  
}
```



Returning values from base case to caller function



# Reverse-Polish Notation

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

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

The operator is placed between to operands

One weakness: parentheses are required

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

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

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

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

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

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

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

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

$$7 \ 5 \ \times \ 6 \ -$$

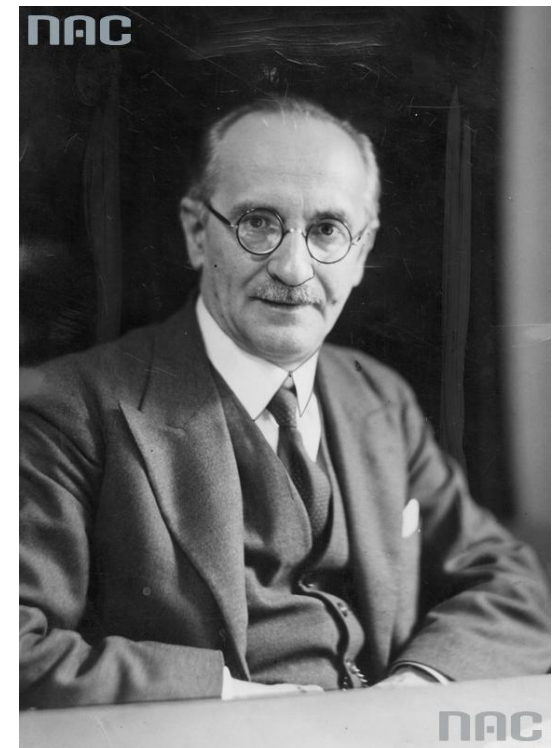
$$35 \ 6 \ -$$

$$29$$

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

He also made significant contributions to logic and other fields



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# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Other examples:

3 4 5 × + 6 −

3 20 + 6 −

23 6 −

17

3 4 5 6 − × +

3 4 −1 × +

3 −4 +

−1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

## 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
- Reverse-Polish can be processed using stacks

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Reverse-Polish notation is used with some programming languages

- e.g., postscript, pdf, and HP calculators

Similar to the thought process required for writing assembly language code

- you cannot perform an operation until you have all of the operands loaded into registers

```
MOVE 42, D1      ; Load 42 into Register D1
MOVE 256, D2     ; Load 256 into Register D2
ADD D2, D1       ; Add D2 into D1
```

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

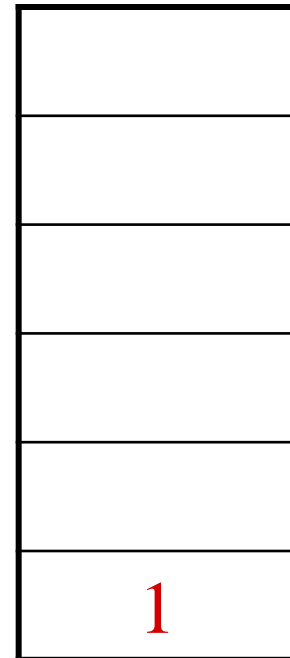
Evaluate the following reverse-Polish expression using a stack:

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +


# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 1 onto the stack

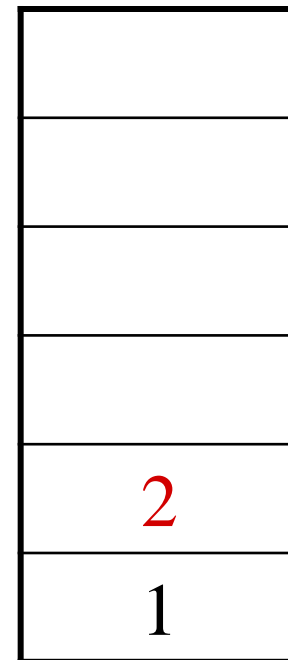
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# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 3 onto the stack

1 2 **3** + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

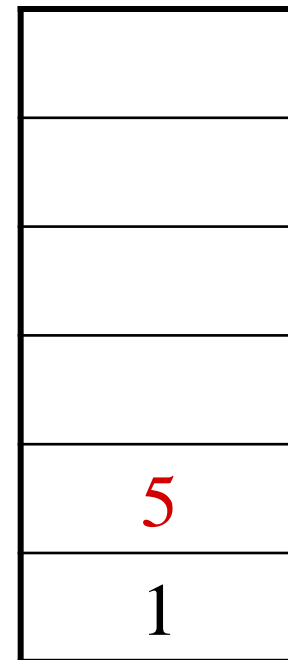
<b>3</b>
2
1



# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Pop 3 and 2 and push  $2 + 3 = 5$

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +



# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 4 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

4
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 5 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 **5** 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

<b>5</b>
4
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 6 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 5 **6** × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

<b>6</b>
5
4
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

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

30
4
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

−26
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 7 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

7
−26
5
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

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

$-182$
5
1



# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

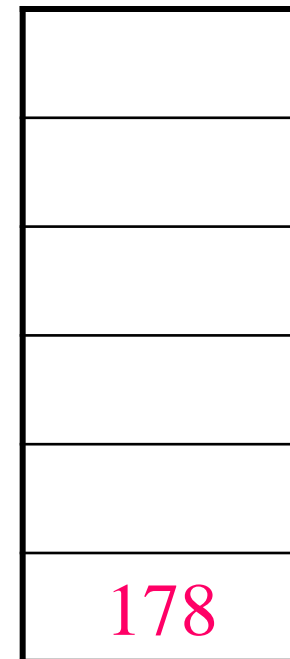
1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

$-177$
1

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

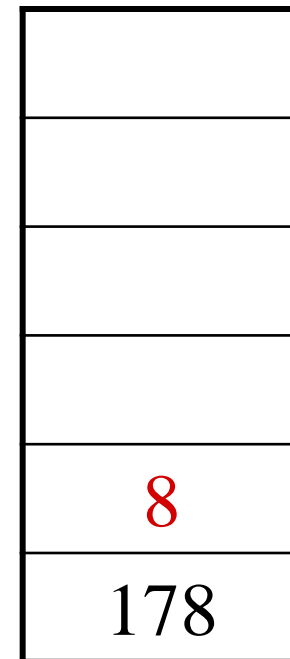
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# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 8 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +



# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Push 1 onto the stack

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +

9
8
178

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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

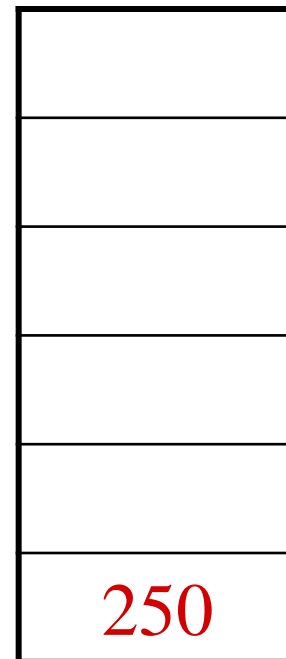
1 2 3 + 4 5 6  $\times$  - 7  $\times$  + - 8 9  $\times$  +

72
178

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Pop 72 and 178 and push  $178 + 72 = 250$

1 2 3 + 4 5 6 × − 7 × + − 8 9 × +



# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

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:

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

# Postfix (Reverse-Polish) Notation

Incidentally,

$$1 - 2 + 3 + 4 - 5 \times 6 \times 7 + 8 \times 9 = -132$$

which has the reverse-Polish notation of

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

For comparison, the calculated expression was

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



# Summary

- Stacks can be implemented with either an array or a linked list.
- Each stack operation is  $O(1)$ : Push, Pop, Top, Empty.
- Stacks are occasionally known as LIFO queues
- Stack applications such as balancing symbols, Markup language parsing, function calling, reverse Polish notation or postfix notation