

STACK QUESTION

Challenge: Reverse "RUBAVU" using stack.

- **Push each letter:** $R \rightarrow U \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow V \rightarrow U$
- **Pop all:** $U \rightarrow V \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow U \rightarrow R$
- **Reversed:** "UVABUR"

• Reflection: Why stack structure is simple yet powerful?

- **Simplicity:** Only two operations – push and pop
- **Power:**
 - Manages function calls (call stack)
 - Supports undo/redo in apps
 - Helps in parsing expressions and syntax
 - Enables depth-first search in algorithms
- **Analogy:** Like a pile of plates – you take the top one first

Queue question

• Challenge: Model ticketing queue for Kigali Arena. Why not stack?

- **Model:** Use a queue \rightarrow First come, first served
- **Why not stack:**
 - Stack serves last person first (LIFO) – unfair!
 - Queue ensures fairness and order (FIFO)
 - Real-world ticketing must respect arrival time

• Reflection: Why FIFO matches fairness principle in events?

- **Fairness:**
 - Everyone gets served in the order they arrive
 - Prevents jumping the line
 - Encourages discipline and trust in the system

