




DATA-Lab3

Question 5:

The Big-O notation of each functions are listed in the table 1. For more details, please check Python scripts.

Table 1

 Name	 Array	 Singly linked list
<u><code>emptyStack()</code></u>	O(1)	O(1)
<u><code>push()</code></u>	O(1)	O(1)
<u><code>pop()</code></u>	O(1)	O(1)
<u><code>peek()</code></u>	O(1)	O(1)
<u><code>enqueue()</code></u>	O(1)	O(1)
<u><code>dequeue()</code></u>	O(1)	O(n)

The results of all attempts below showed that no p value is smaller than 0.05, which means that H_0 of those tests could not be rejected.

Then, I came to the following conclusion:

- For **Stack**, there is no significant difference in runtime (efficiency) when implementing four functions of stack (**`emptyStack()`**, **`push()`**, **`pop()`**, **`peek()`**) with array and singly linked list.
- For **Queue**, there is no significant difference in runtime (efficiency) when implementing **`enqueue()`** functions of queue with array and singly linked list. However, implementing **`dequeue()`** function with array is more efficient than implementing queue with singly link list.

Result from `ex5_comparative_test.py`

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Attempt no.1:
  p_value_emptyStack: 0.1328
  p_value_push: 0.7053
  p_value_pop: 0.0536
  p_value_peek: 0.4146
  p_value_enqueue: 0.4429
  p_value_dequeue: 0.7064
Attempt no.2:
  p_value_emptyStack: 0.2418
  p_value_push: 0.4185
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p_value_pop: 0.2078
p_value_peek: 0.6671
p_value_enqueue: 0.5318
p_value_dequeue: 0.735
Attempt no.3:
p_value_emptyStack: 0.8103
p_value_push: 0.9928
p_value_pop: 0.3913
p_value_peek: 0.3861
p_value_enqueue: 0.8529
p_value_dequeue: 0.6111
Attempt no.4:
p_value_emptyStack: 0.3257
p_value_push: 0.7127
p_value_pop: 0.2831
p_value_peek: 0.9051
p_value_enqueue: 0.4025
p_value_dequeue: 0.791
Attempt no.5:
p_value_emptyStack: 0.3014
p_value_push: 0.1099
p_value_pop: 0.1736
p_value_peek: 0.3808
p_value_enqueue: 0.3863
p_value_dequeue: 0.8999
```