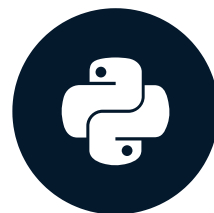


# Welcome!

DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS IN PYTHON



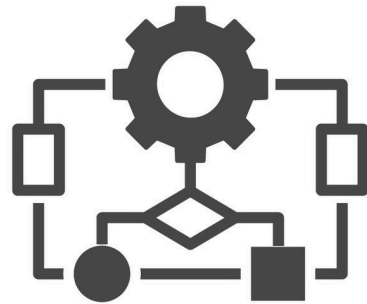
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# The importance of algorithms and data structures

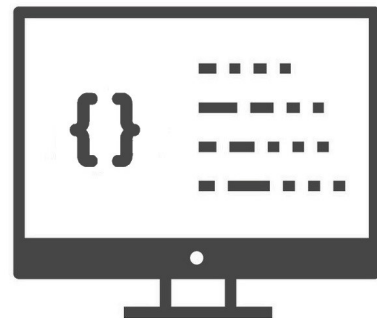
- **Data structures and algorithms** enable us to
  - solve **everyday problems**
  - using **efficient code**
- The course could be taught in **any programming language**

# Algorithms and data structures

- **Algorithm:** set of instructions that solve a problem
  1. *Design*
- **Data structures:** hold and manipulate data when we execute an algorithm
  - **Advanced** data structures: linked lists, stacks, queues...

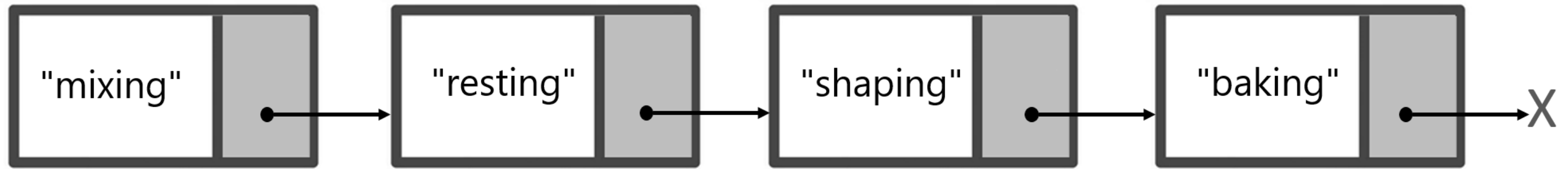


## 2. *Code*



# Linked lists

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- Sequence of data connected through links

# Linked lists - structure



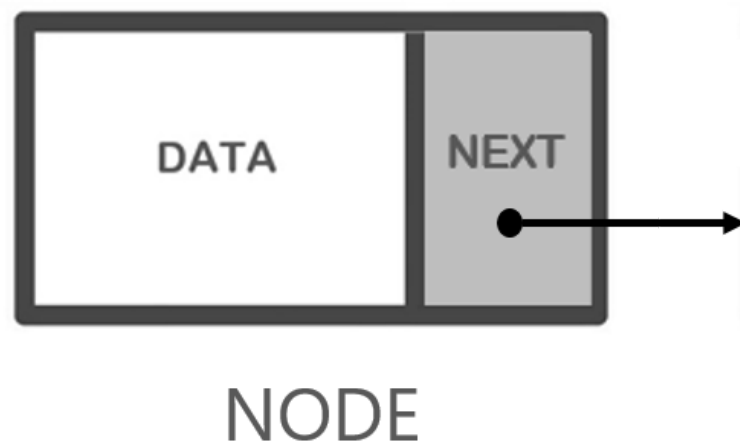
NODE

# Linked lists - structure

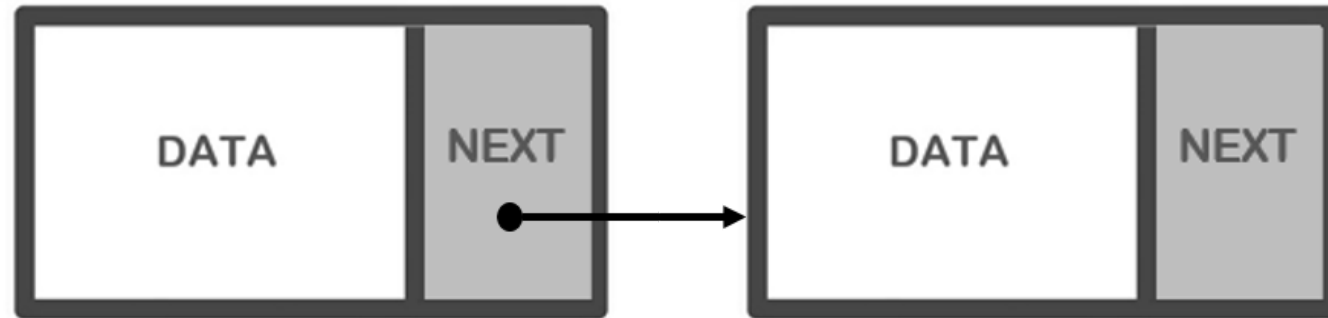


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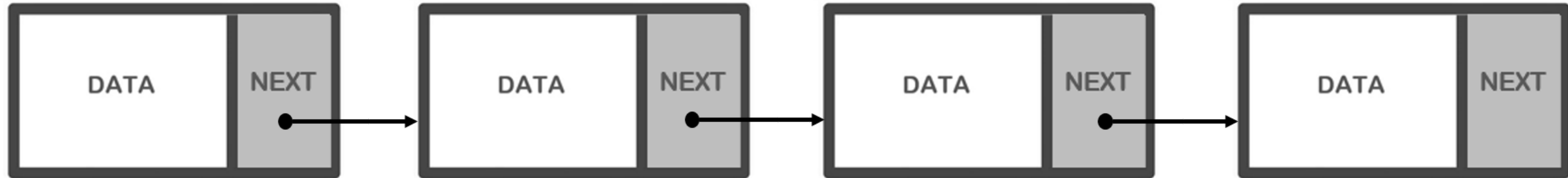


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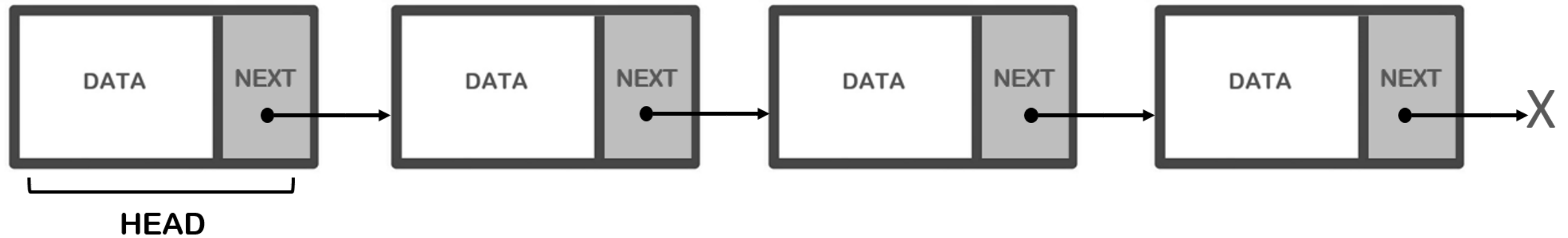
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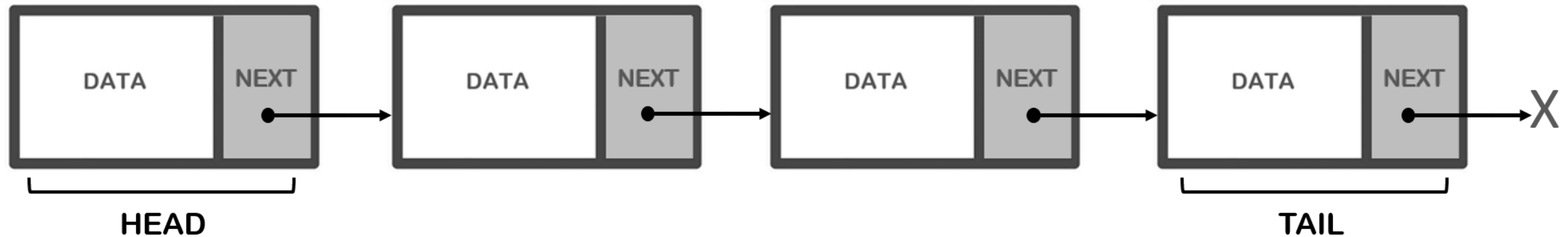
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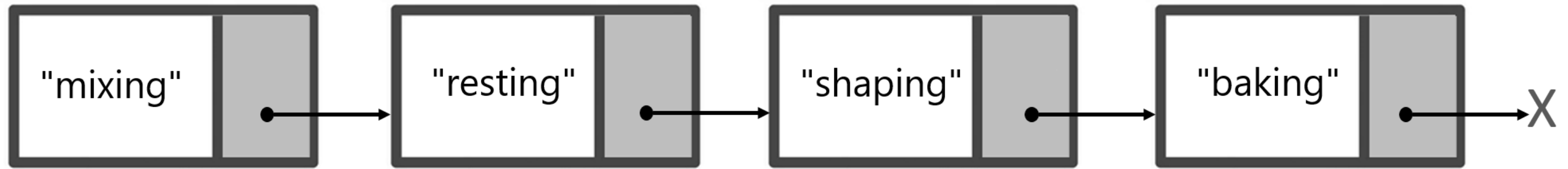
# Linked lists - structure



- Data doesn't need to be stored in contiguous blocks of memory
- Data can be located in any available memory address

# Singly linked lists

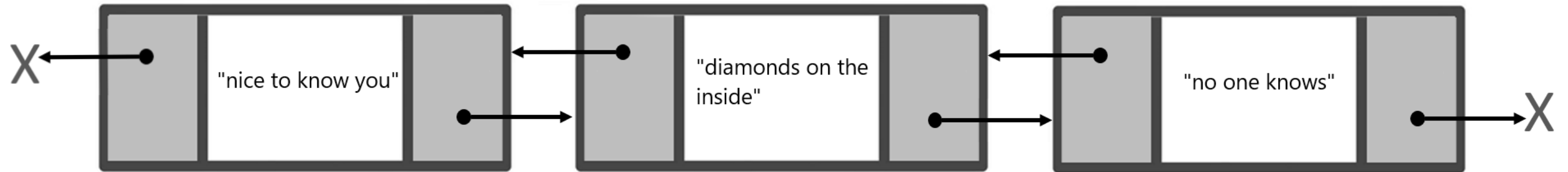
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- One link: **singly linked list**

# Doubly linked lists

my\_favourite\_playlist



- Two links in either direction: **doubly linked list**

# Linked lists - real uses

- Implement other data structures:
  - stacks
  - queues
  - graphs
- Access information by navigating backward and forward
  - web browser
  - music playlist

# Linked lists - Node class

```
class Node:
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data
        self.next = None
```



# Linked lists - LinkedList class

```
class LinkedList:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.head = None  
        self.tail = None
```

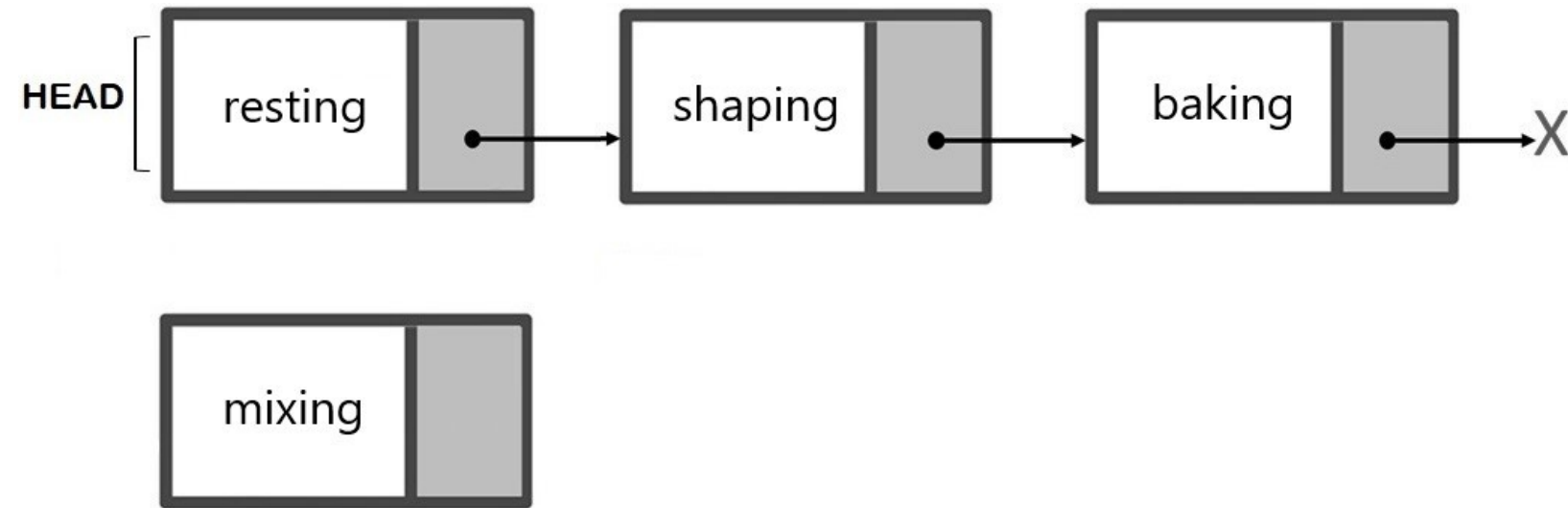
# Linked lists - methods

- `insert_at_beginning()`
- `remove_at_beginning()`
- `insert_at_end()`
- `remove_at_end()`
- `insert_at()`
- `remove_at()`
- `search()`
- ...

# Linked lists - insert\_at\_beginning

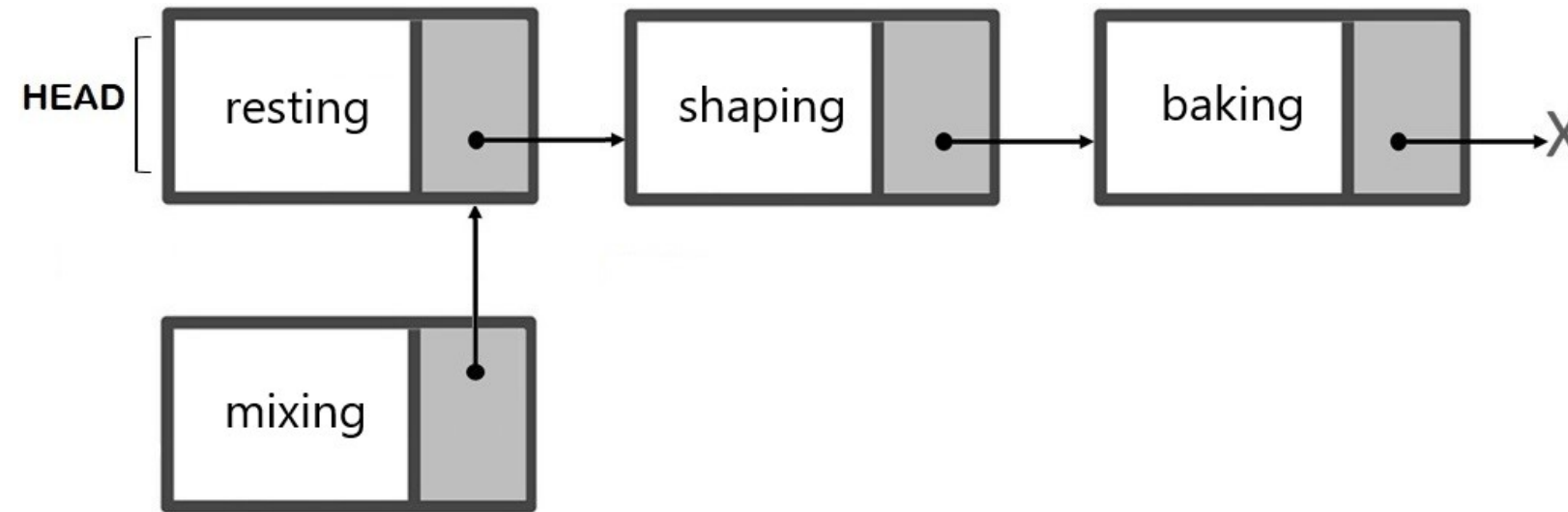


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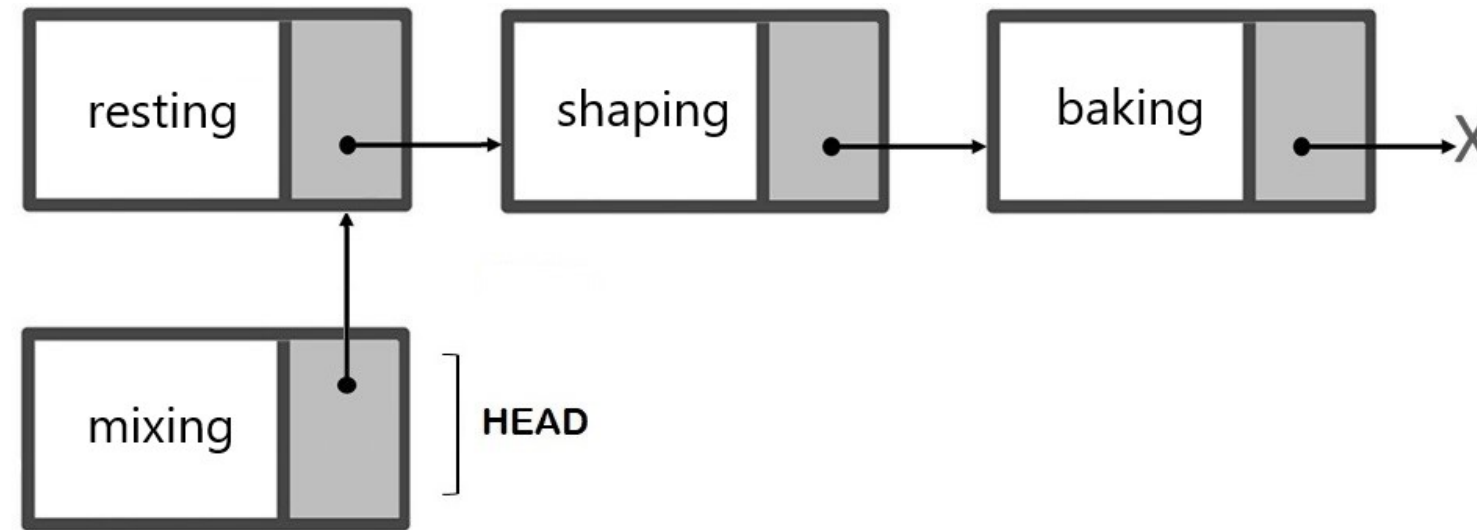
```
def insert_at_beginning(self, data):  
    new_node = Node(data)  
    if self.head:
```

# Linked lists - insert\_at\_beginning



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# Linked lists - insert\_at\_beginning



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    if self.head:  
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    else:  
        self.tail = new_node  
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```

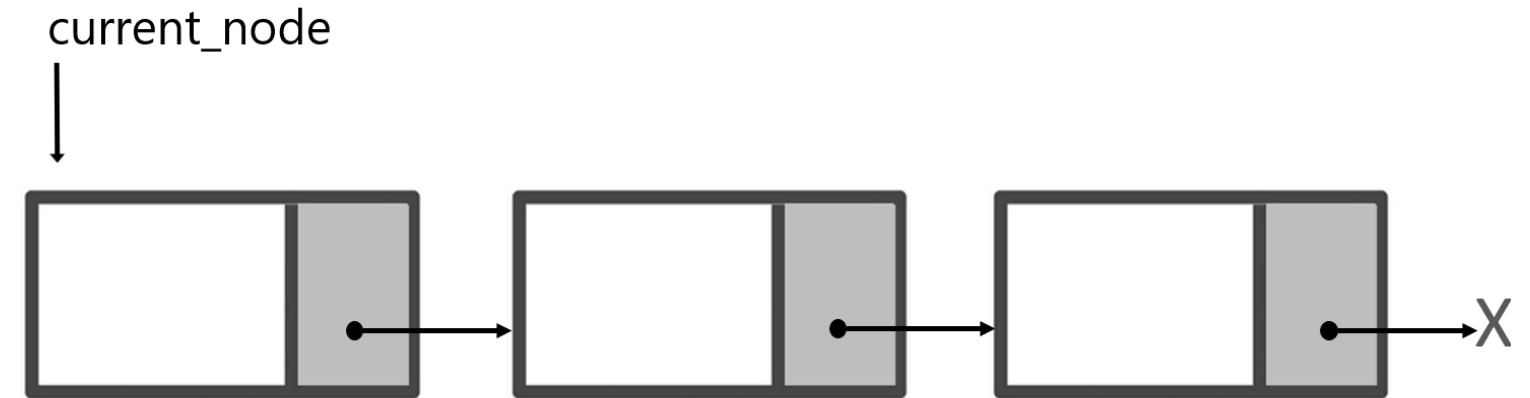
# Linked lists - insert\_at\_end

```
def insert_at_end(self, data):  
    new_node = Node(data)  
    if self.head:  
        self.tail.next = new_node  
        self.tail = new_node  
    else:  
        self.head = new_node  
        self.tail = new_node
```



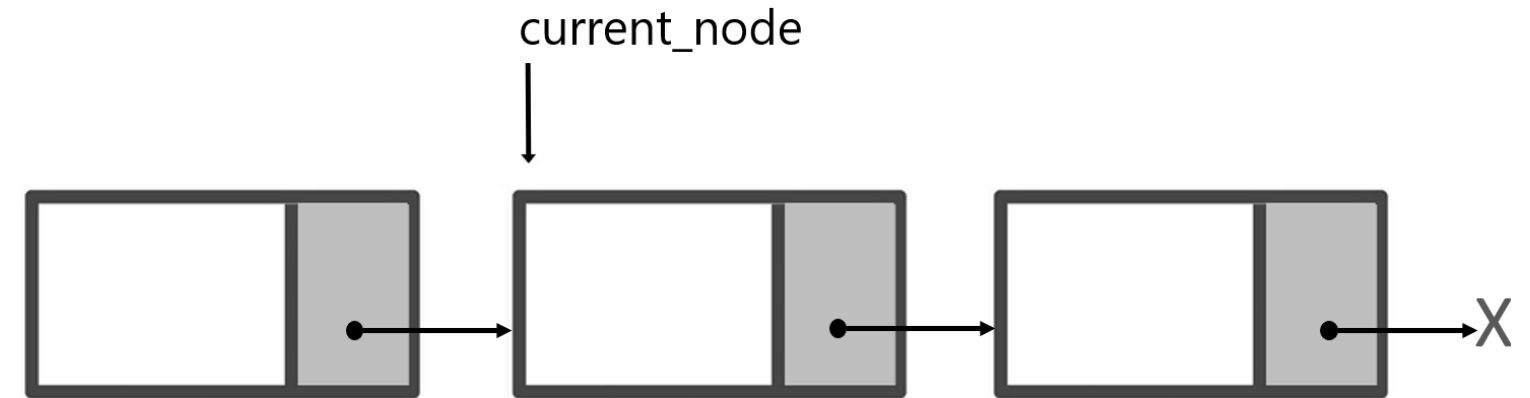
# Linked lists - search

```
def search(self, data):  
    current_node = self.head  
    while current_node:  
        if current_node.data == data:  
            return True
```



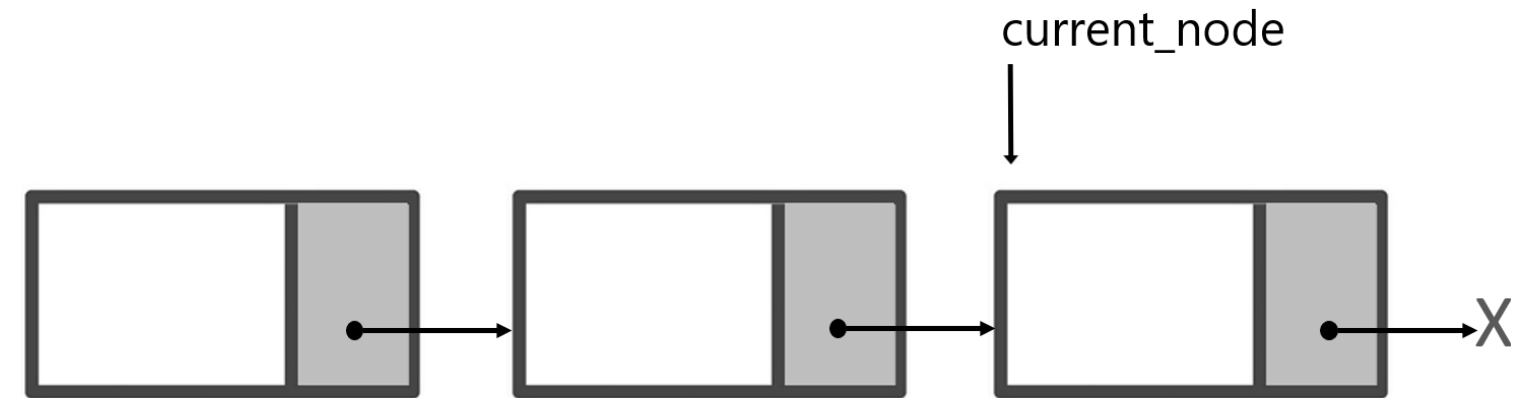
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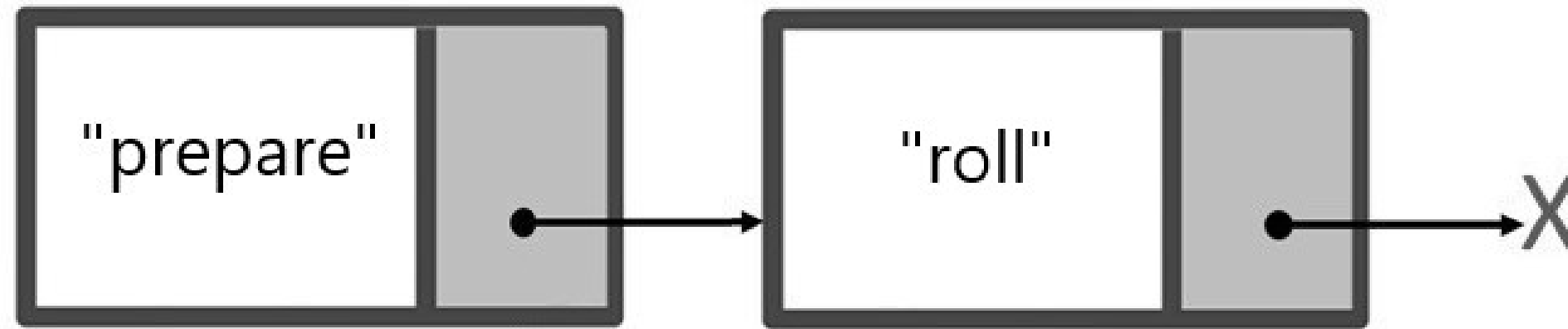


# Linked lists - example



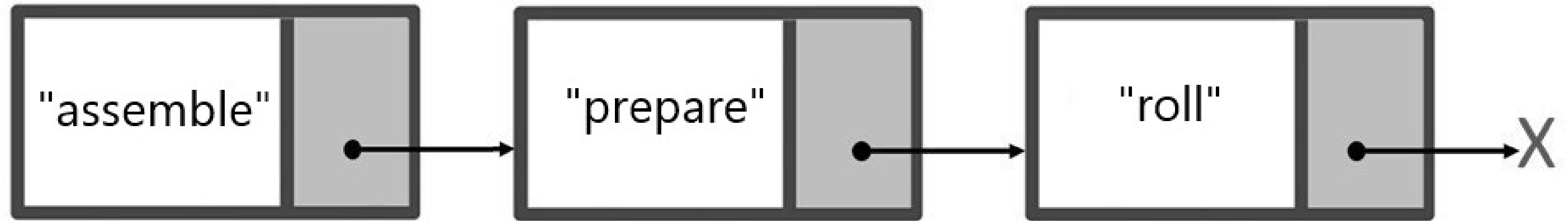
```
sushi_preparation = LinkedList()  
sushi_preparation.insert_at_end("prepare")
```

# Linked lists - example



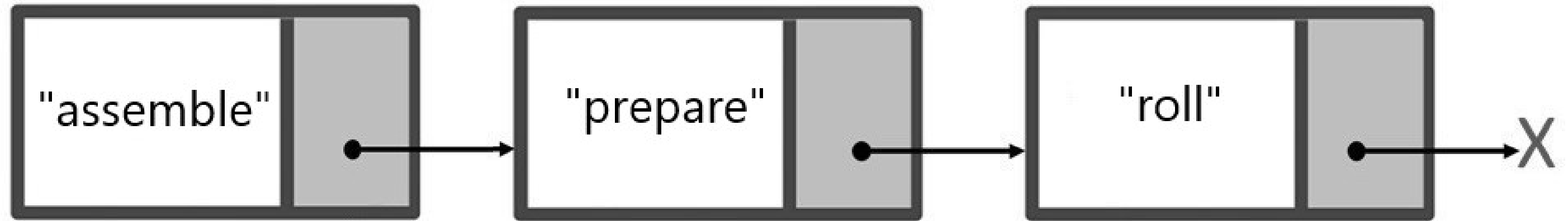
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```

# Linked lists - example



```
sushi_preparation.search("roll")
```

True

```
sushi_preparation.search("mixing")
```

False

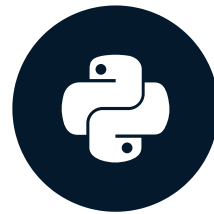
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# Understanding Big O Notation

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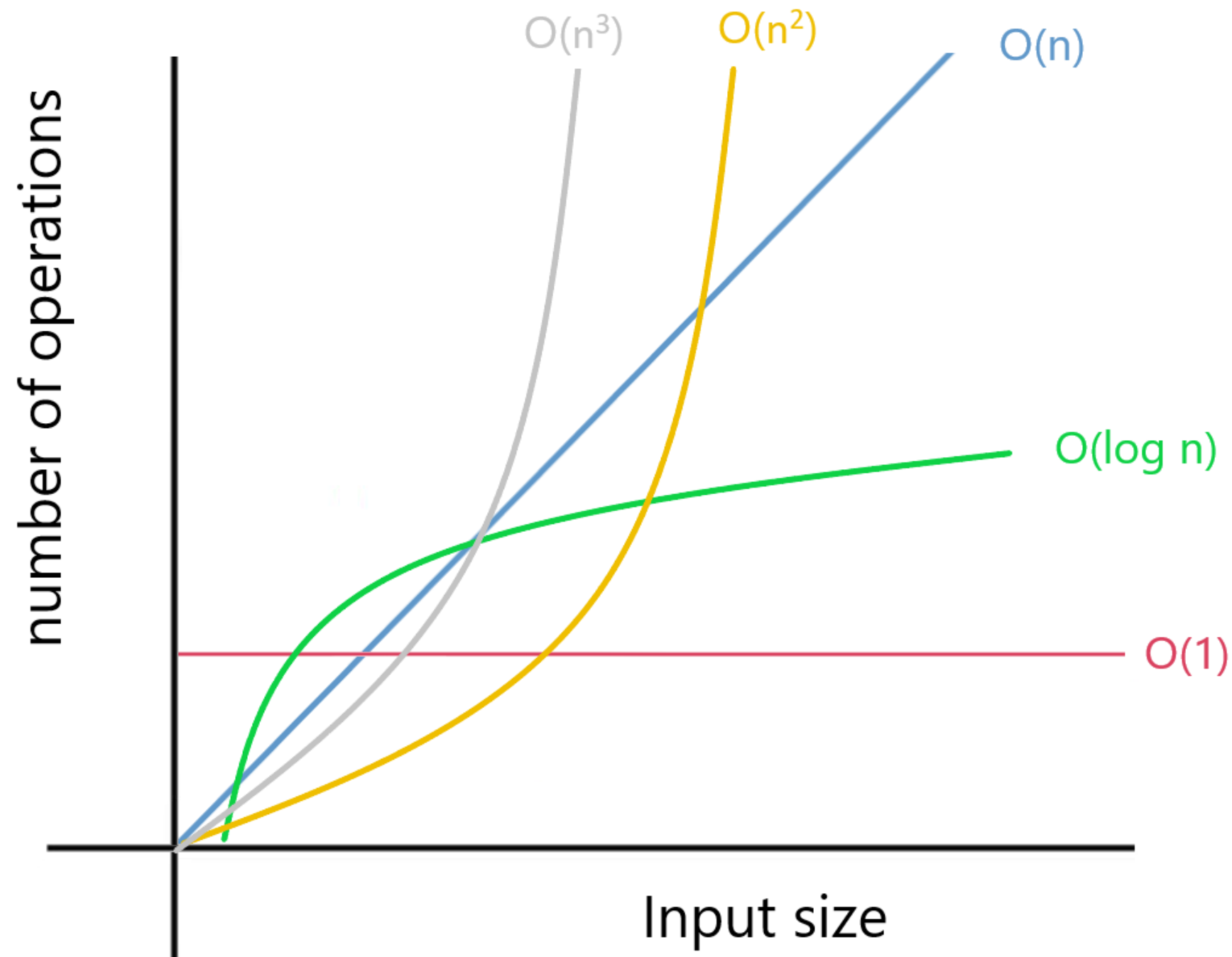


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# Big O Notation

- Measures the **worst-case complexity** of an algorithm
  - **Time complexity**: time taken to run completely
  - **Space complexity**: extra memory space
- Doesn't use seconds/bytes
  - Different results depending on the hardware
- **Mathematical expressions**:  $O(1)$ ,  $O(n)$ ,  $O(n^2)$ ...

# Big O Notation



# $O(1)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink']
```

```
def constant(colors):  
    print(colors[2])
```

```
constant(colors)
```

```
blue
```

# $O(1)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink', 'black', 'white', 'purple', 'red']
```

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def constant(colors):  
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blue

# $O(n)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink']
```

```
def linear(colors):  
    for color in colors:  
        print(color)
```

```
linear(colors)
```

```
green  
yellow  
blue  
pink
```

# $O(n)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink'] # n=4
```

```
def linear(colors):  
    for color in colors:  
        print(color)    # O(4)
```

```
linear(colors)
```

- `n=4` : 4 operations

# $O(n)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink', 'black', 'white', 'purple'] # n=7
```

```
def linear(colors):  
    for color in colors:  
        print(color)    # O(7)
```

```
linear(colors)
```

- `n=4` : 4 operations
- `n=7` : 7 operations
- `n=100` : 100 operations
- ...
- $O(n)$  complexity



# $O(n^2)$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue']
```

```
def quadratic(colors):  
    for first in colors:  
        for second in colors:  
            print(first, second)
```

```
quadratic(colors)
```

```
green green  
green yellow  
green blue  
yellow green  
yellow yellow  
yellow blue  
blue green  
blue yellow  
blue blue
```

- `n=3` : (3 x 3) **9 operations**
- `n=100` : (100 x 100) **10,000 operations**
- quadratic pattern
- $O(n^2)$  **complexity**

$$O(n^3)$$

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue']

def cubic(colors):
    for color1 in colors:
        for color2 in colors:
            for color3 in colors:
                print(color1, color2, color3)

cubic(colors)
```

- `n=3` : (3 x 3 x 3) **27 operations**
- `n=10` : (10 x 10 x 10) **1,000 operations**
- cubic pattern
- $O(n^3)$  **complexity**

# Calculating Big O Notation

```
colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink', 'black', 'white', 'purple']
other_colors = ['orange', 'brown']

def complex_algorithm(colors):
    color_count = 0

    for color in colors:
        print(color)
        color_count += 1

    for other_color in other_colors:
        print(other_color)
        color_count += 1

    print(color_count)

complex_algorithm(colors)
```

# Calculating Big O Notation

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colors = ['green', 'yellow', 'blue', 'pink', 'black', 'white', 'purple'] # 0(1)
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    for color in colors:
        print(color) # 0(n)
        color_count += 1 # 0(n)

    for other_color in other_colors:
        print(other_color) # 0(m)
        color_count += 1 # 0(m)

    print(color_count) # 0(1)

complex_algorithm(colors) # 0(4)
```

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# Simplifying Big O Notation

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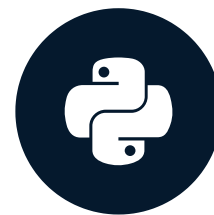


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# Working with stacks

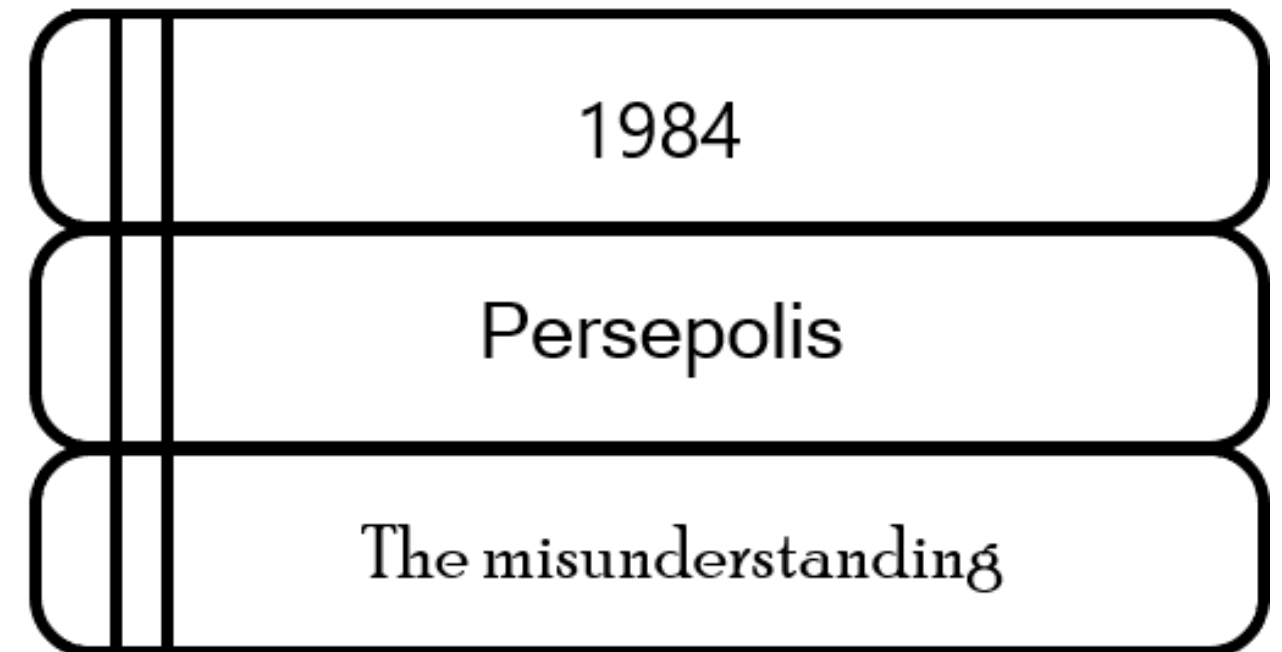
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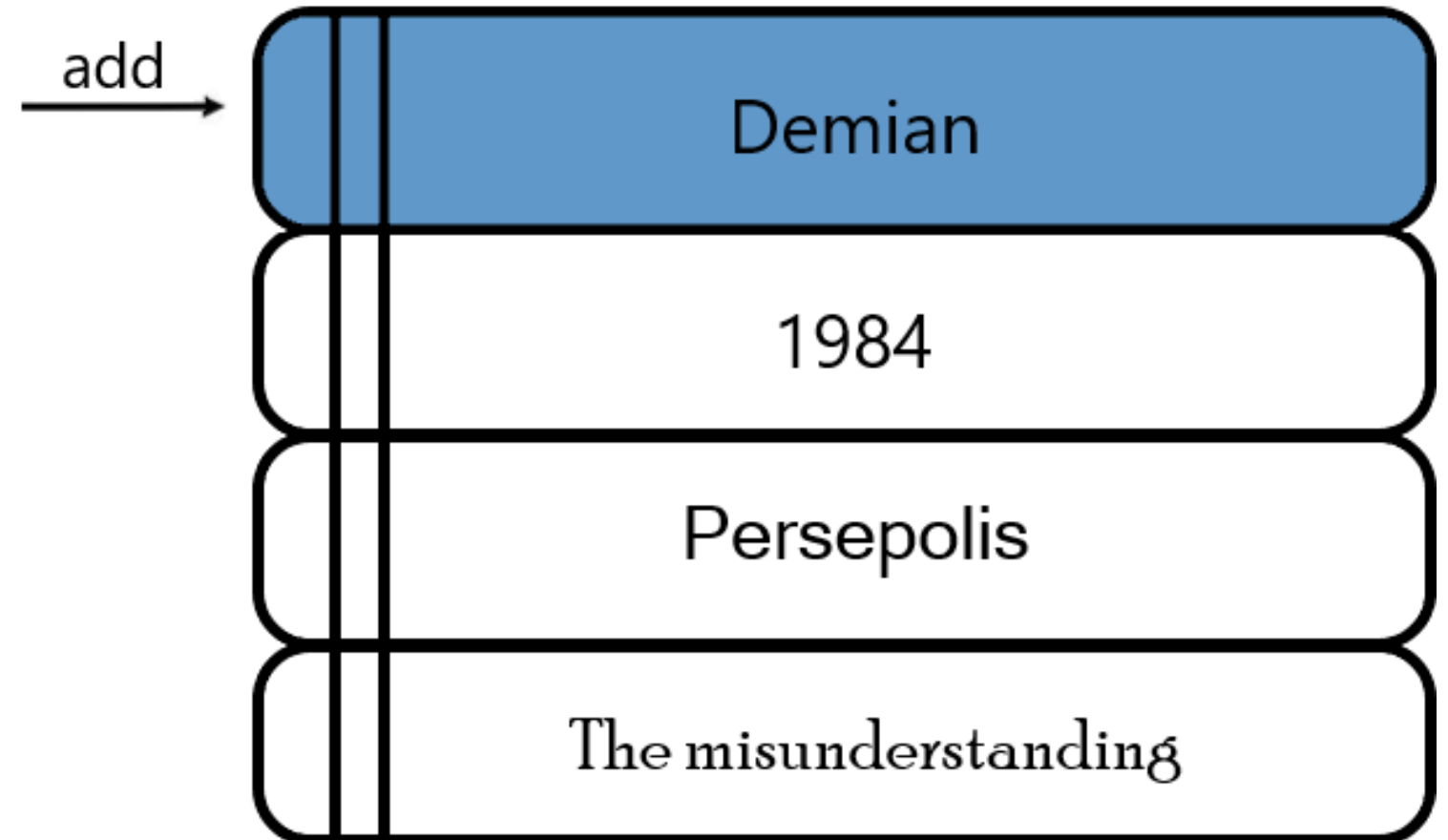
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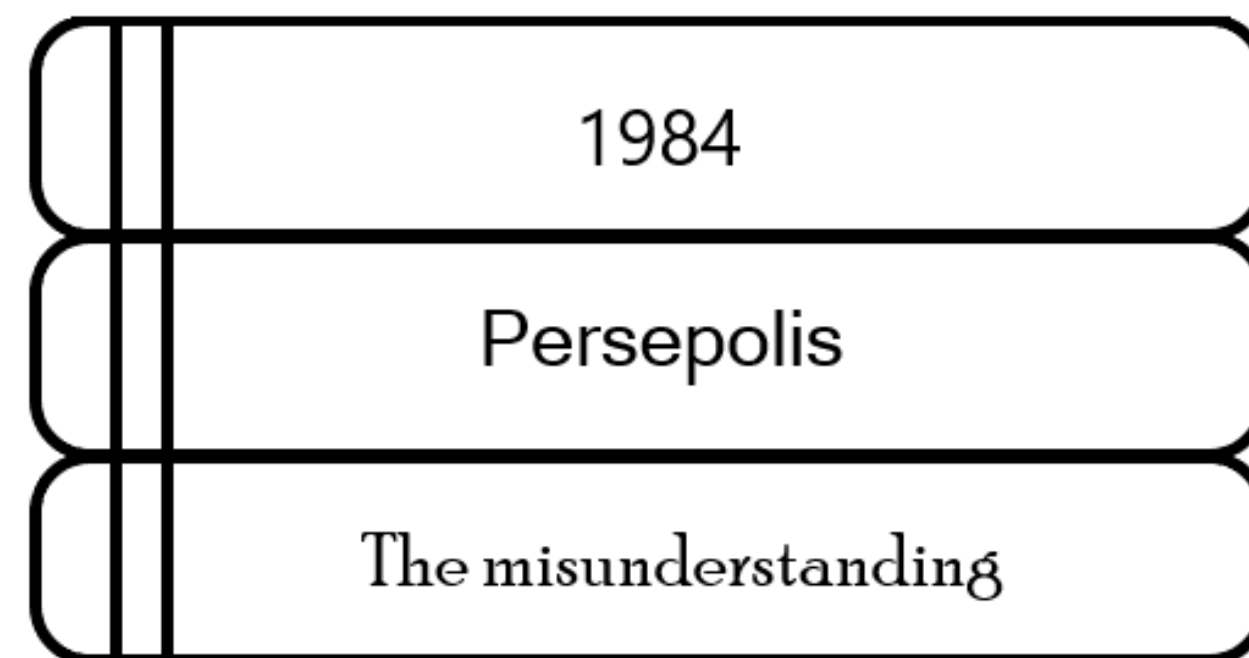
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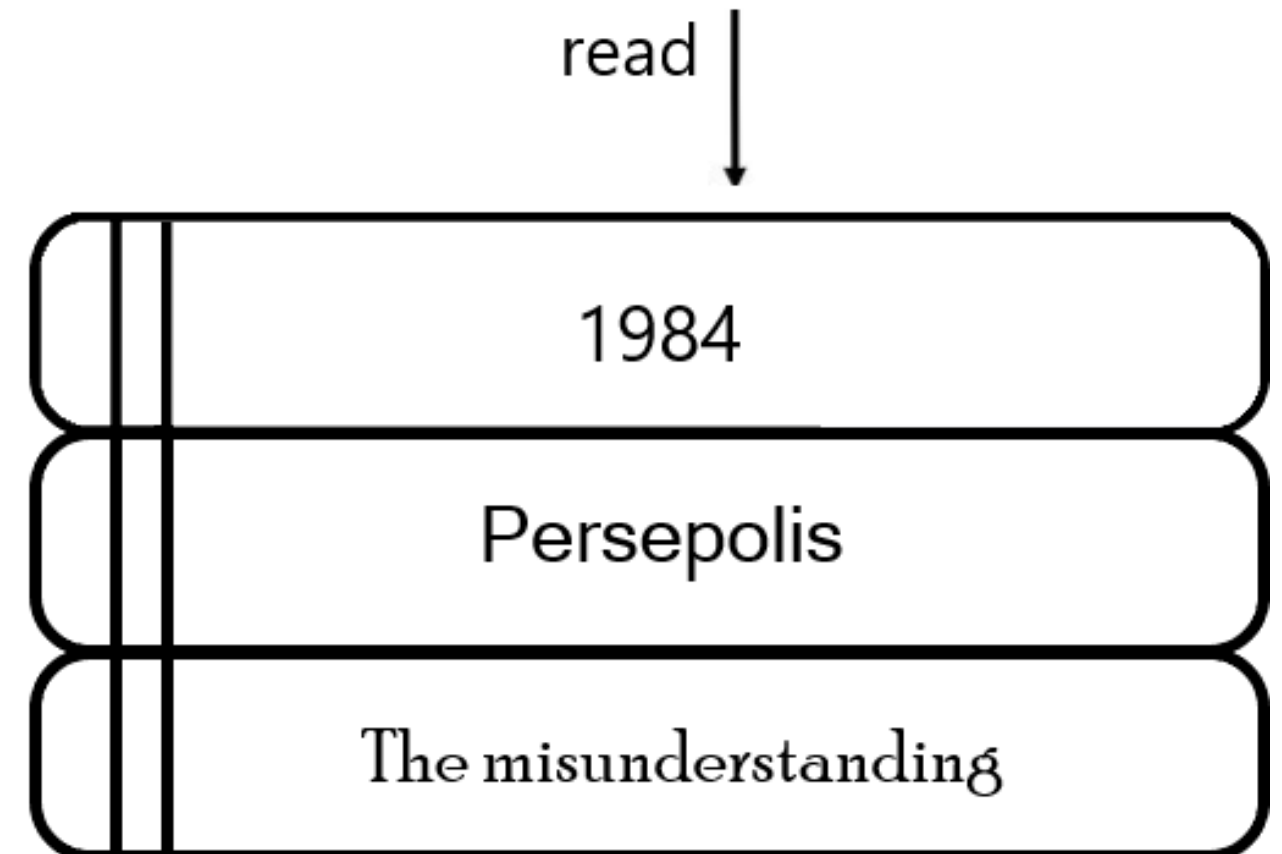
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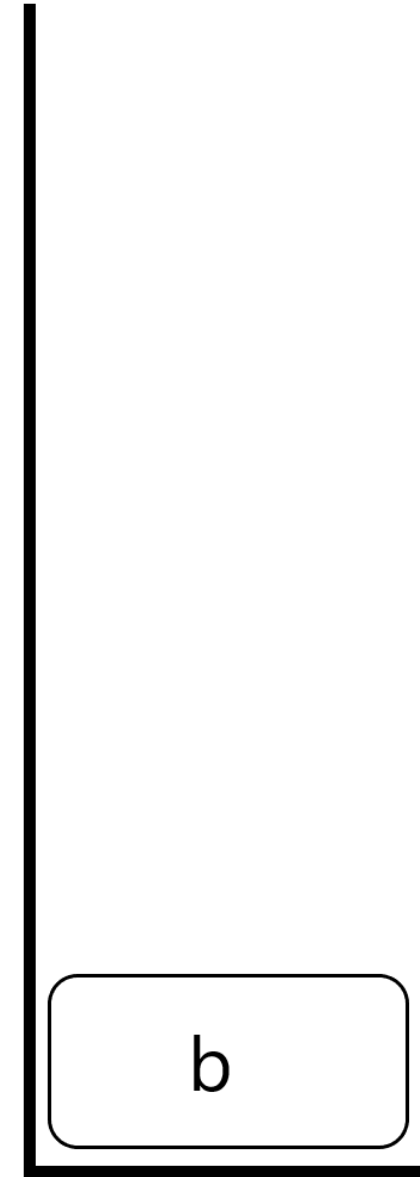
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  - ***Popping** from the stack*
- Can only **read** the **last element**
  - ***Peeking** from the stack*



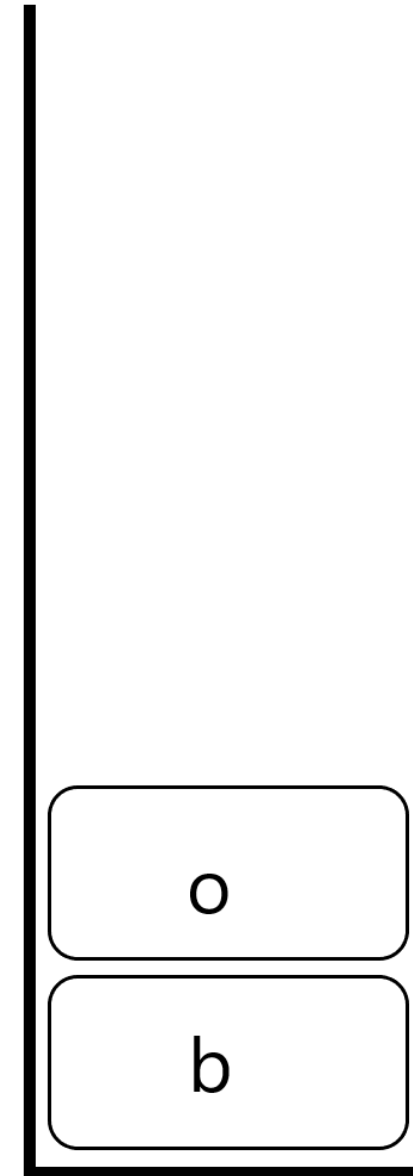
# Stacks - real uses

- Undo functionality



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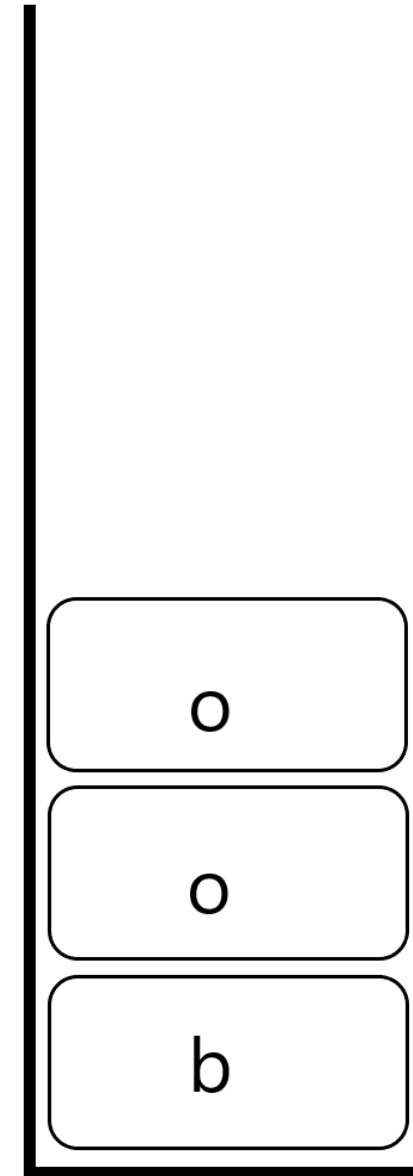
- Undo functionality
  - **push** each keystroke





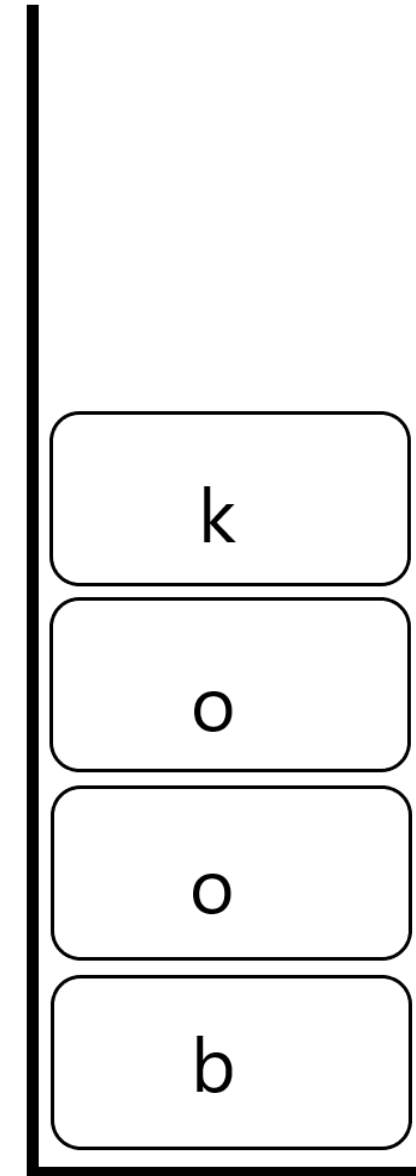
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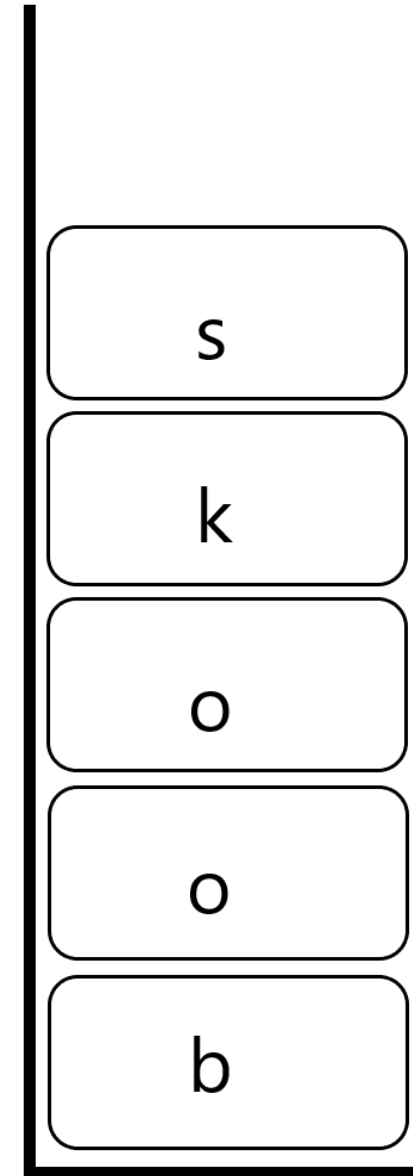
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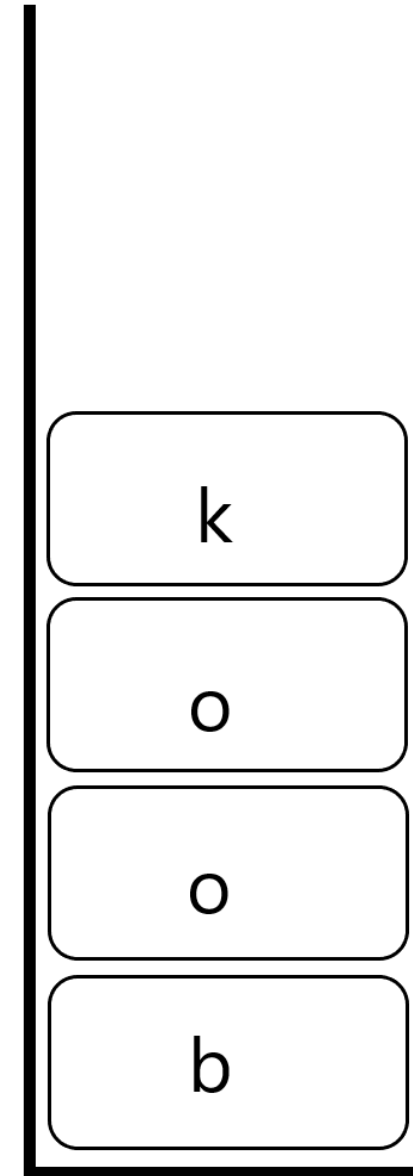
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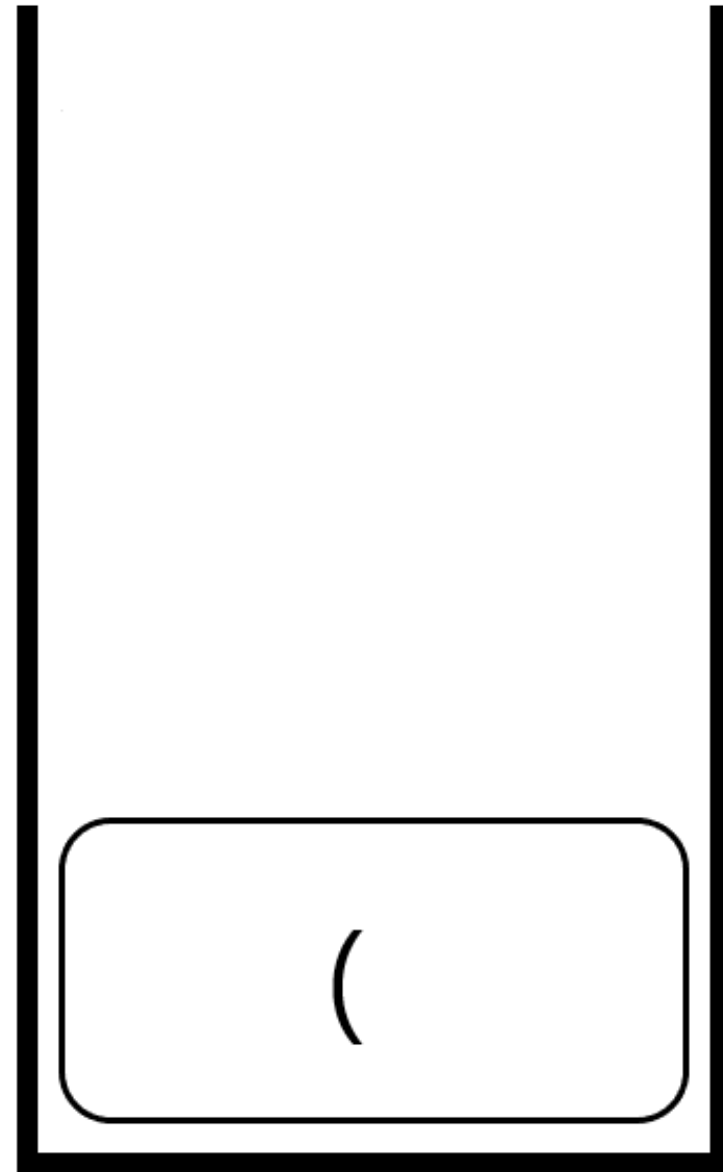
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  - **pop** last inserted keystroke



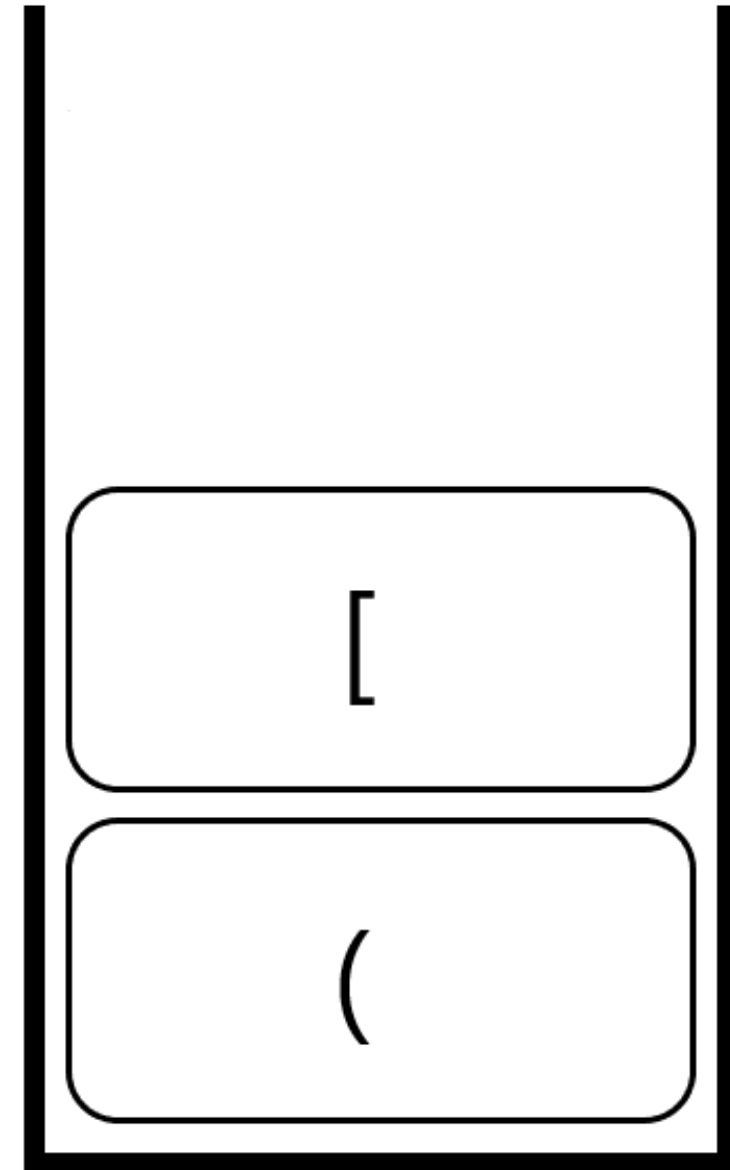
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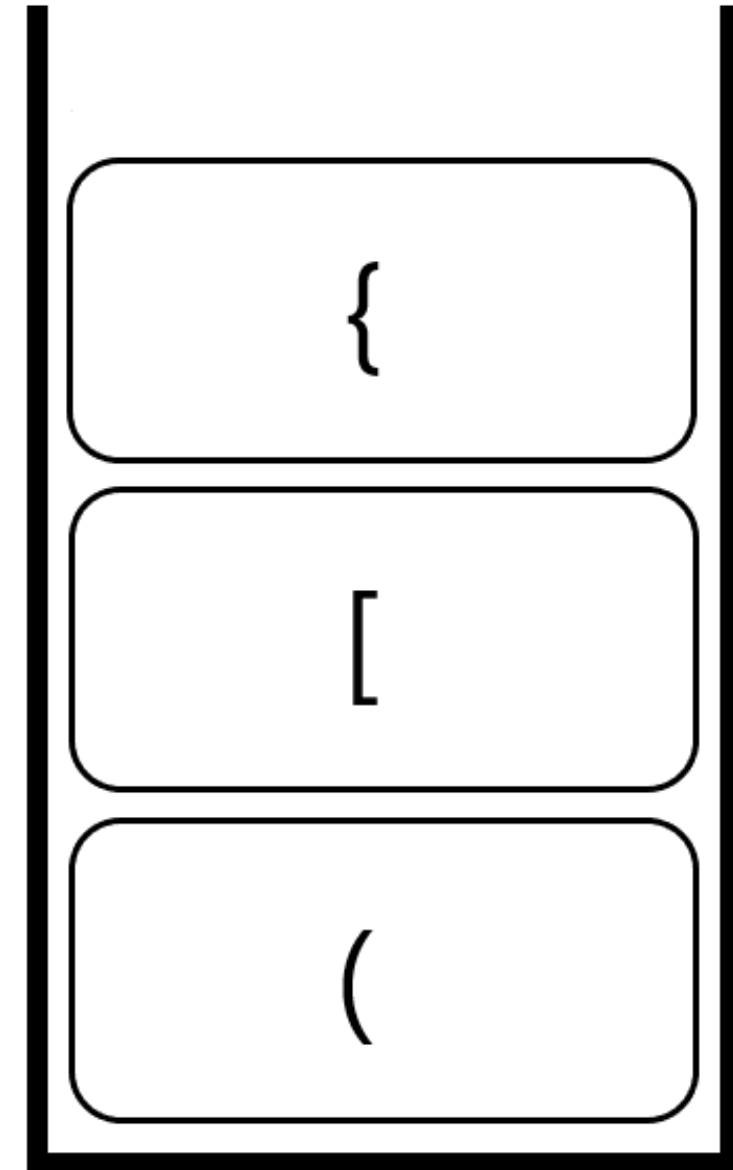
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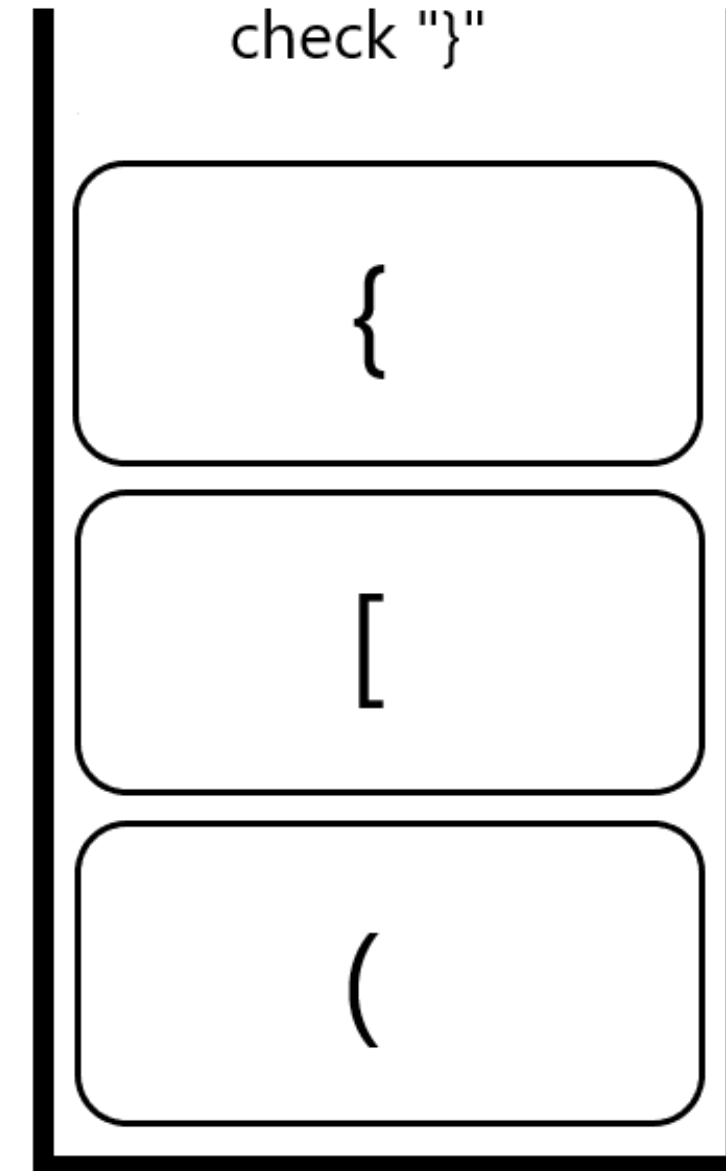
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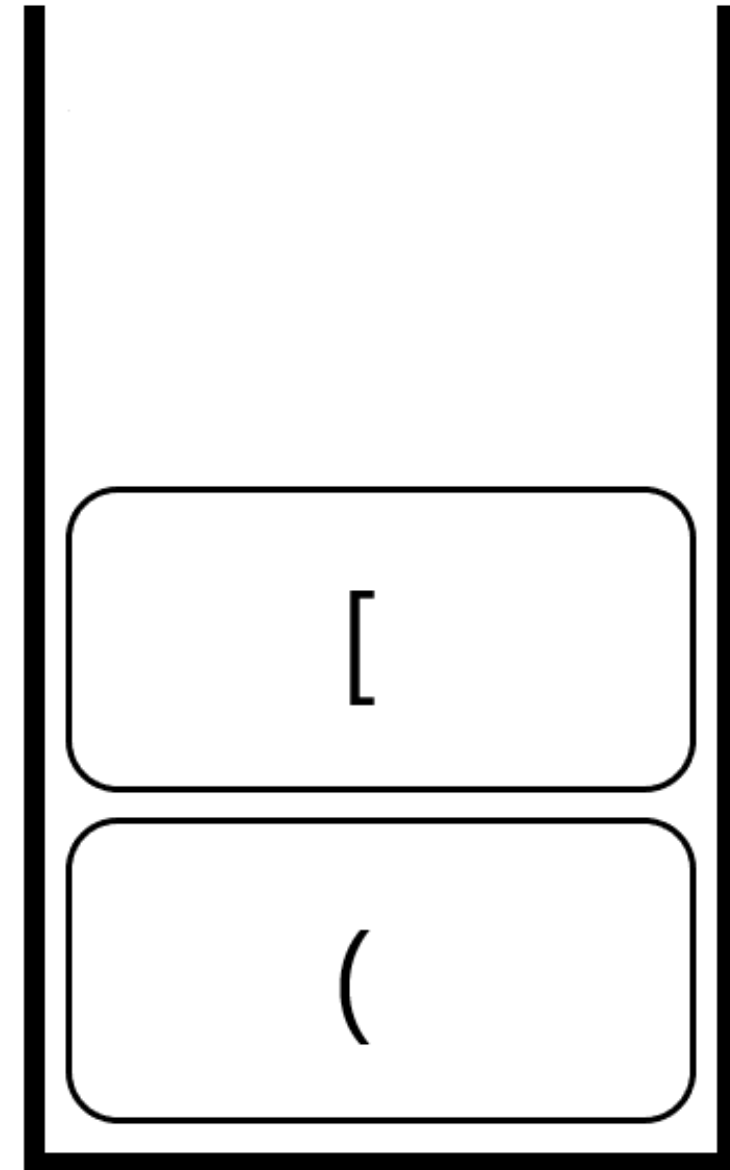
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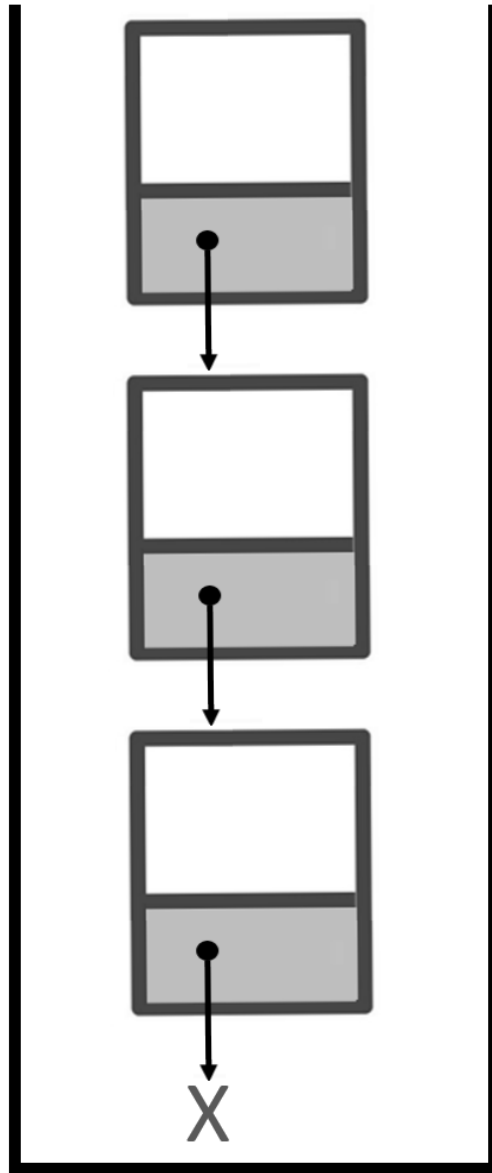
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  - **pop** matching opening symbol



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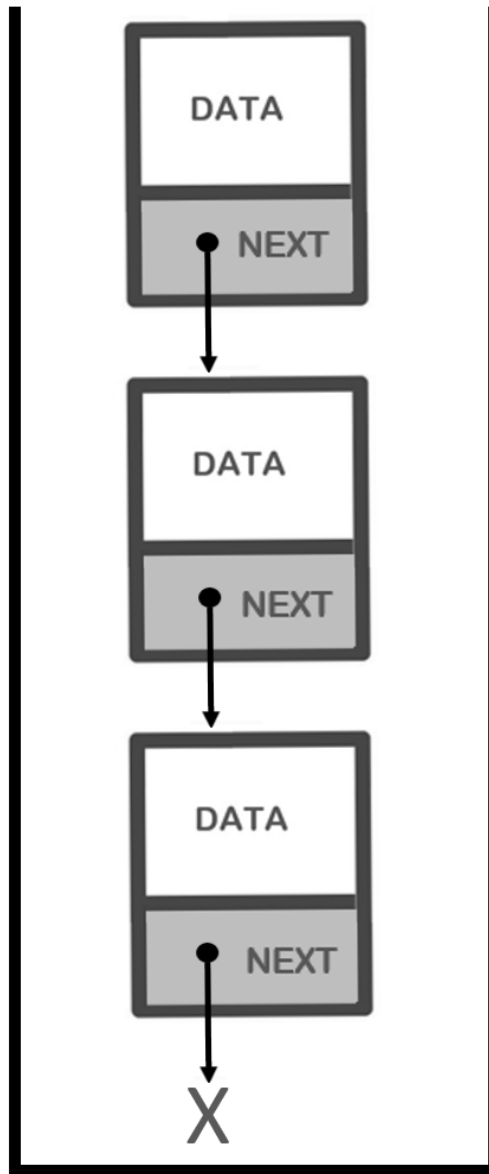
- Function calls
  - **push** block of memory
  - **pop** after the execution ends

# Stacks - implementation using singly linked lists



```
class Node:
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data
        self.next = None
```

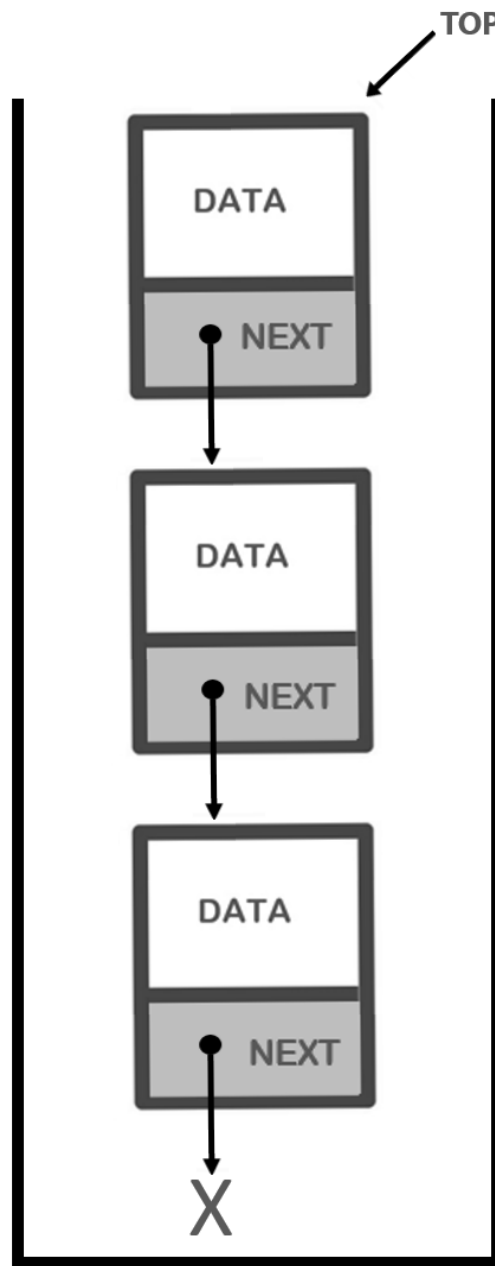
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```
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```

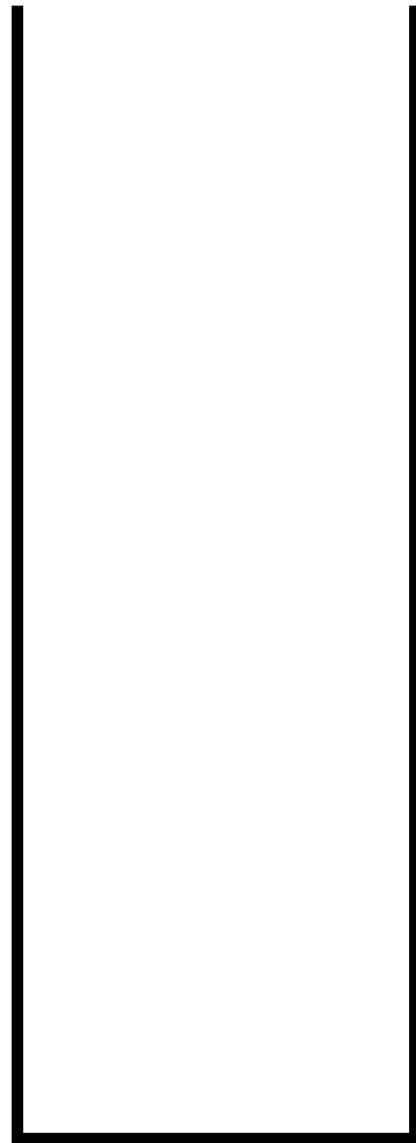
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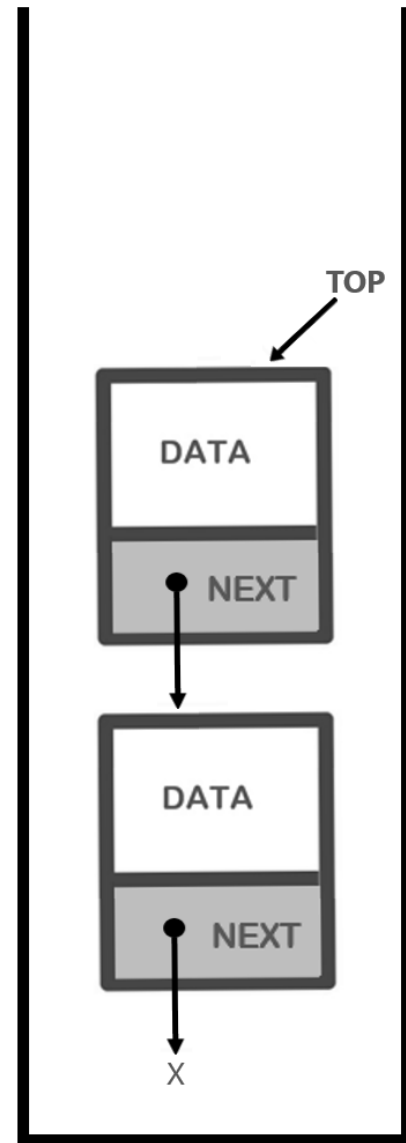
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# Stacks - push



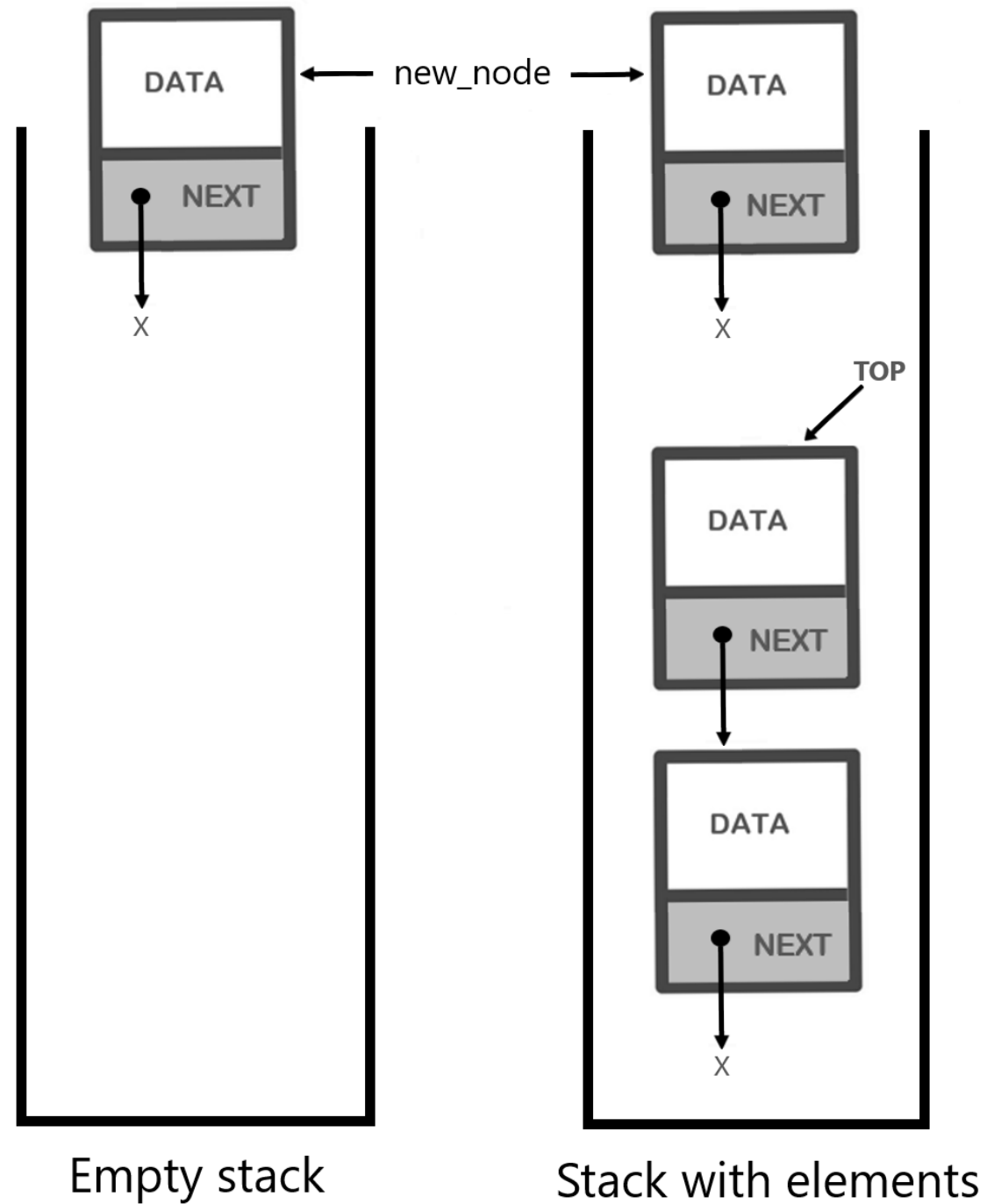
Empty stack



Stack with elements

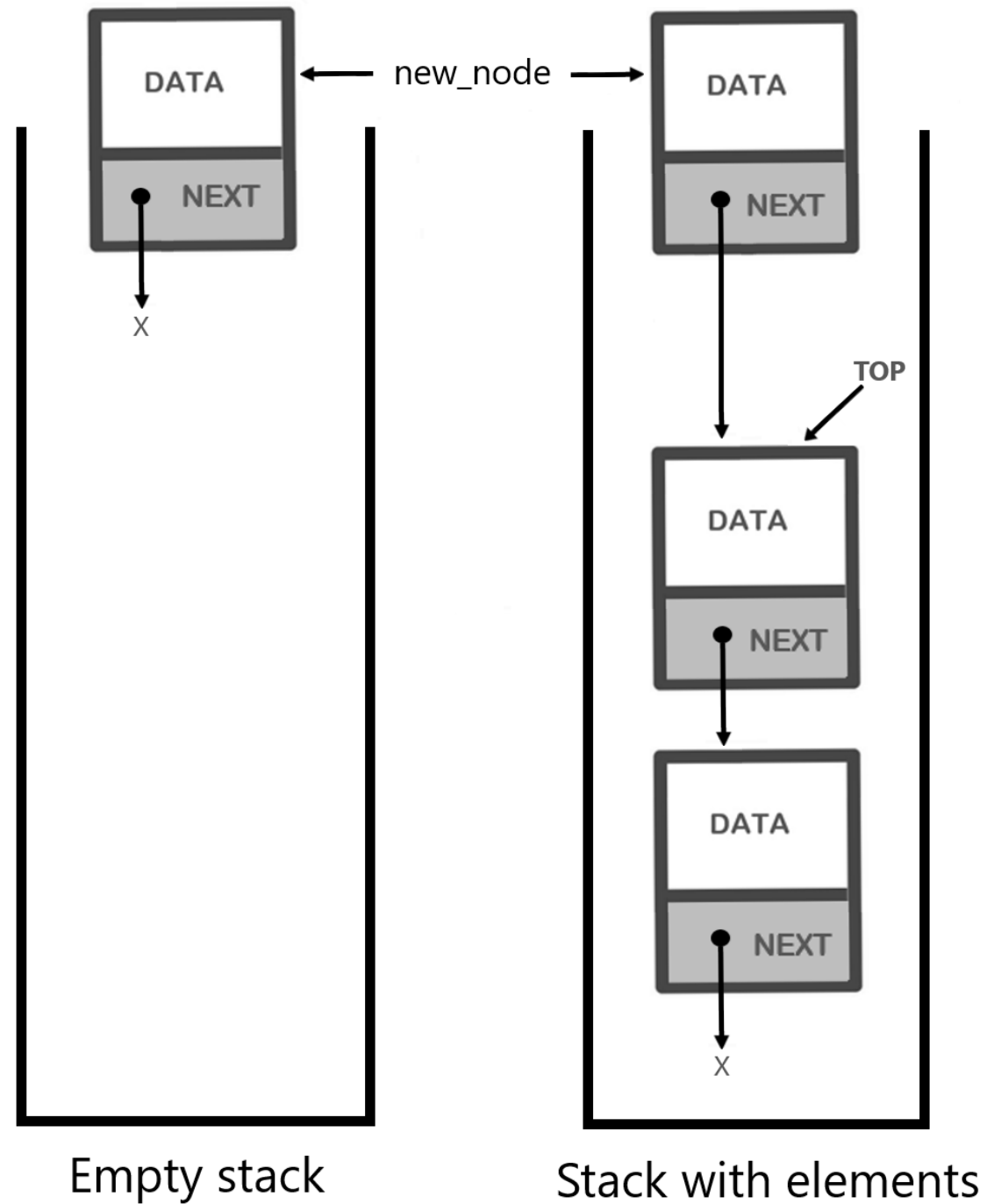
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def push(self, data):
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# Stacks - push



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    if self.top:
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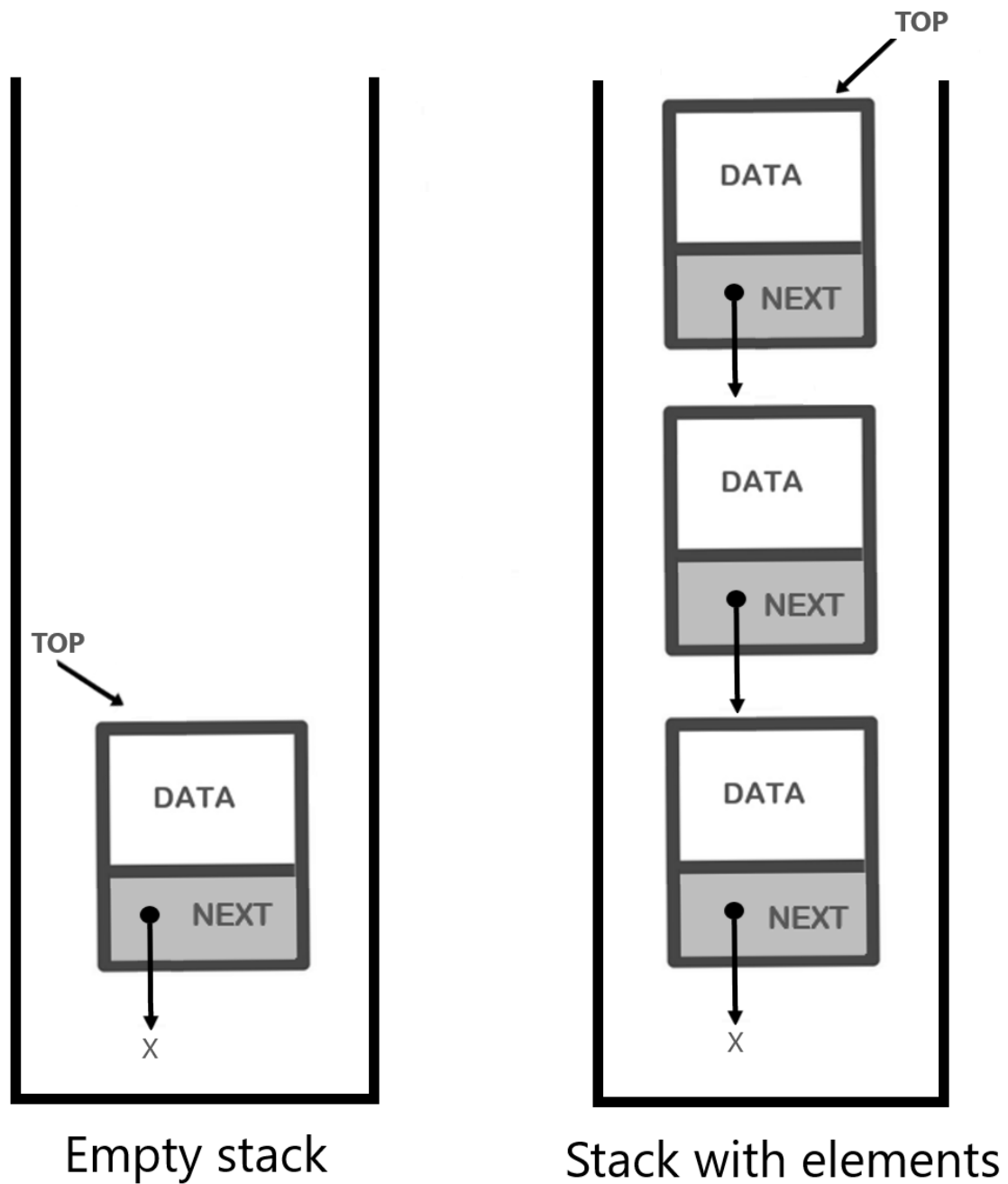
# Stacks - push



```
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    new_node = Node(data)  
    if self.top:  
        new_node.next = self.top
```



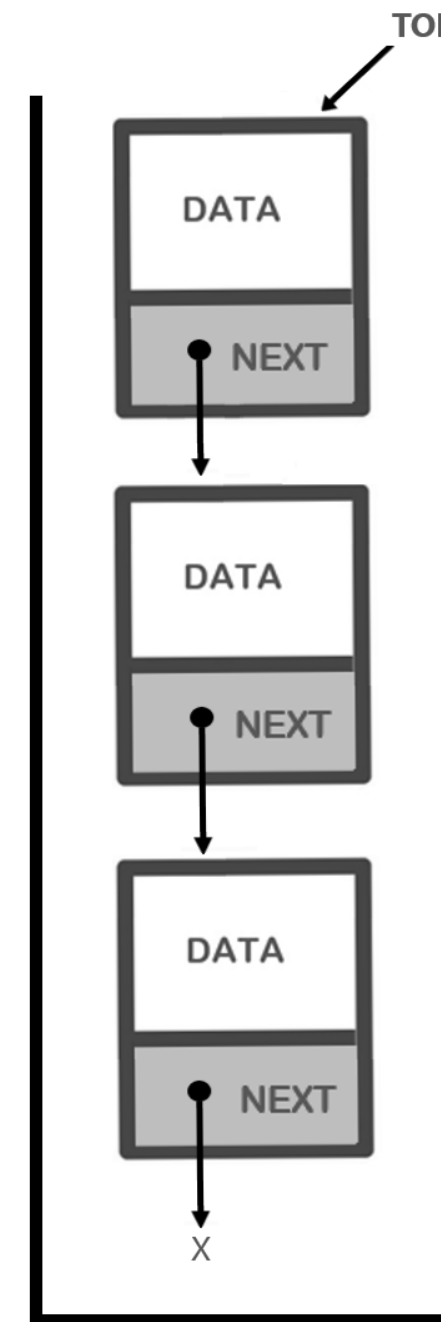
# Stacks - push



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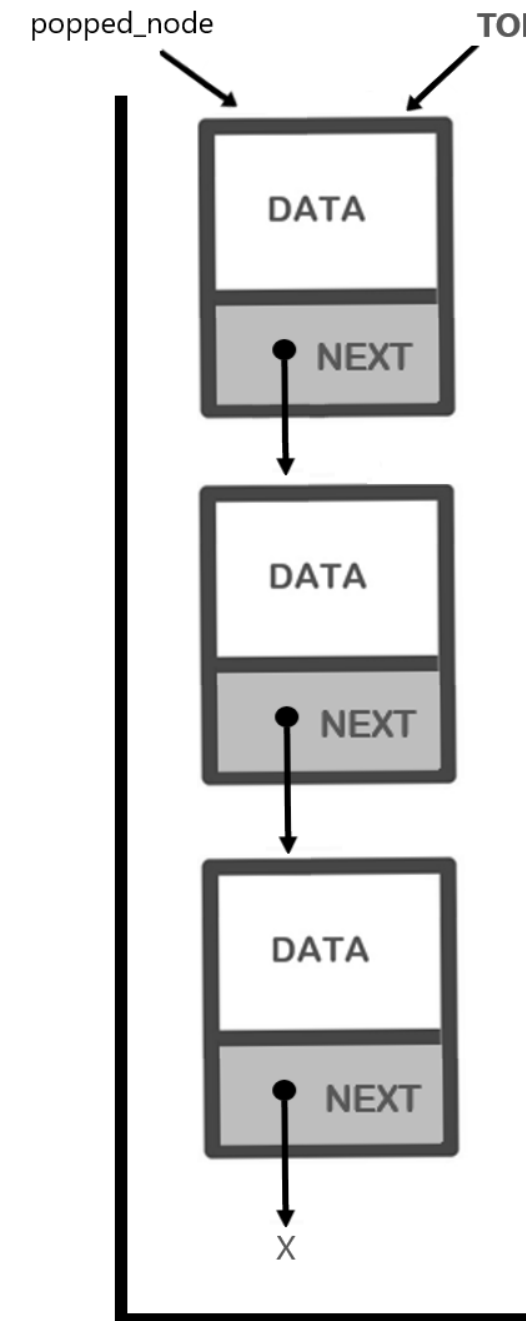
# Stacks - pop

```
def pop(self):  
    if self.top is None:  
        return None  
    else:
```



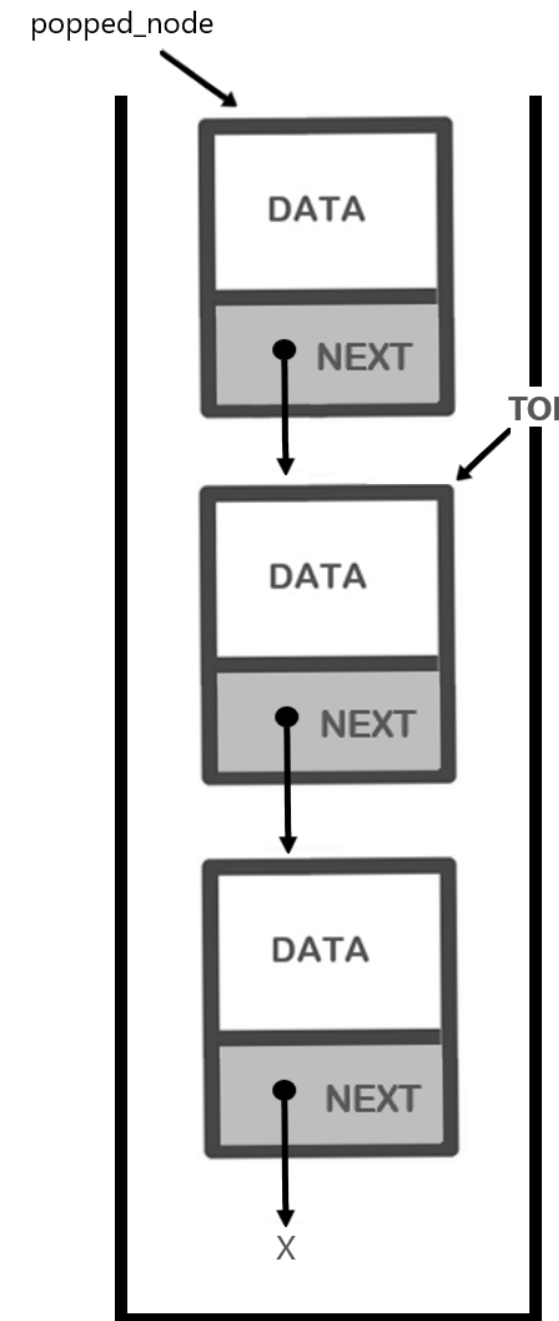
# Stacks - pop

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def pop(self):  
    if self.top is None:  
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    else:  
        popped_node = self.top
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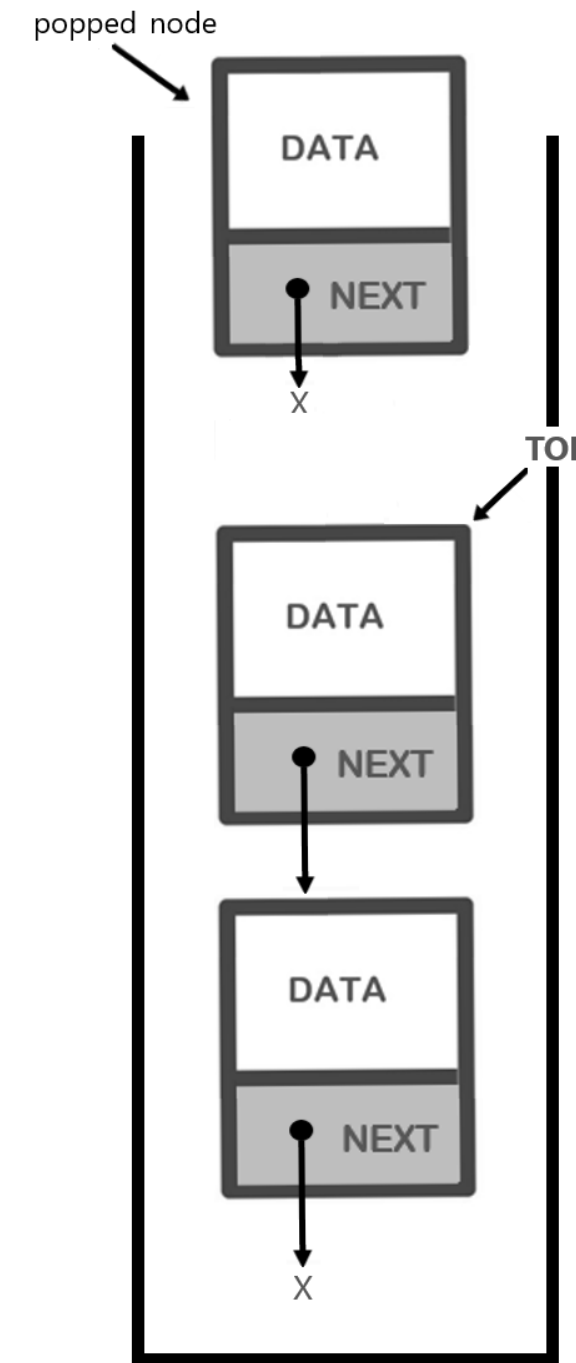
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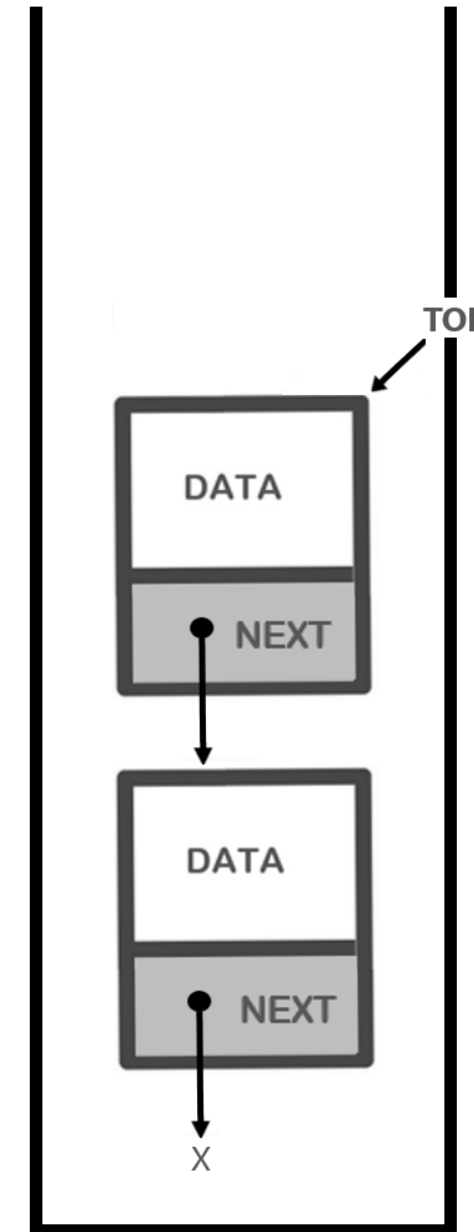
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def pop(self):  
    if self.top is None:  
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    else:  
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        self.top = self.top.next  
        popped_node.next = None
```



# Stacks - pop

```
def pop(self):  
    if self.top is None:  
        return None  
    else:  
        popped_node = self.top  
        self.top = self.top.next  
        popped_node.next = None  
        return popped_node.data
```



# Stacks - peek

```
def peek(self):  
    if self.top:  
        return self.top.data  
    else:  
        return None
```

# LifoQueue in Python

- **LifoQueue:**
  - Python's **queue** module
  - behaves like a stack

```
import queue
```

```
my_book_stack = queue.LifoQueue(maxsize=0)
my_book_stack.put("The misunderstanding")
my_book_stack.put("Persepolis")
my_book_stack.put("1984")

print("The size is: ", my_book_stack.qsize())
```

```
The size is: 3
```

```
print(my_book_stack.get())
print(my_book_stack.get())
print(my_book_stack.get())
```

```
1984
Persepolis
The misunderstanding
```

```
print("Empty stack: ", my_book_stack.empty())
```

```
Empty stack: True
```



# Let's practice!

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