Stacks

Stack ADT: Last-In First-Out

```
void push (ElementType x)
ElementType pop()
-----
ElementType top()
boolean isEmpty()
int size()
```

Standard data structures for Stack ADT:

Array
Singly-linked list

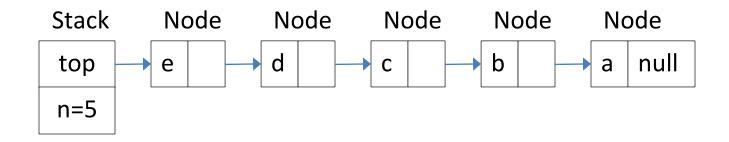
In efficient implementations of a Stack, every operation is O(1) time

Stack implemented as an Array

```
class Stack {
    ElementType array[MAX];
    int top;
    Stack() { top = -1; }
    void push (ElementType x) {
         if (isFull()) throw exception;
         top += 1;
         array[top] = x;
    ElementType pop() {
         if (isEmpty( )) throw exception;
         ElementType x = array[top];
         top -= 1;
         return x;
    ElementType top() {
         if (isEmpty( )) throw exception;
         return array[top];
    }
```

```
boolean isEmpty() { return top == -1; }
boolean isFull() { return top == MAX-1; }
int size() { return top+1; }
}
```

Stack implemented as a Singly-Linked List



```
class Node {
    ElementType data;
    Node next;
    Node (ElementType x, Node q) { data = x; next = q; }
}
class Stack {
    Node top;
    int n;
    Stack() { top = null; n = 0; }
    void push (ElementType x) {
        top = new Node (x, top);
        n += 1;
    }
}
```

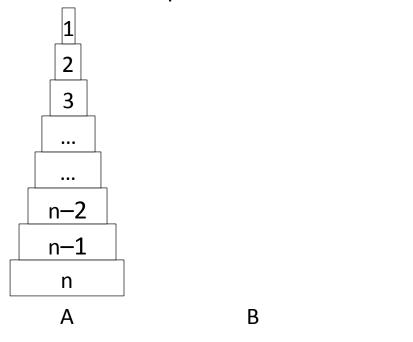
```
ElementType pop() {
    if (isEmpty()) throw exception;
    ElementType x = top.data;
    top = top.next;
    n = 1;
    return x;
}
ElementType top() {
    if (isEmpty()) throw exception;
    return top.data;
}
boolean isEmpty() { return top == null; }
int size() { return n; }
}
```

Applications of Stacks:

• Read values from input and print them in reverse order

```
void reverse() {
    Stack S();
    while (not endOfFile()) {
        data = read();
        S.push (data);
    }
    while (not S.isEmpty()) {
        data = S.pop();
        print (data);
    }
}
```

• Towers of Hanoi problem



Initially stack A contains n disks of different sizes. Initially stacks B and C are empty.

Goal: Move all n disks from stack A to stack B. But a larger disk can never be placed on a smaller disk. So use stack C to hold some disks temporarily.

C

```
void towersOfHanoi (int n, Stack A, Stack B, Stack C) {
    if (n > 1) towersOfHanoi (n-1, A, C, B);
    int disk = A.pop();
    B.push (disk);
    if (n > 1) towersOfHanoi (n-1, C, B, A);
}
```

• Eliminating recursion

```
int fibonnacci (int n) { // recursive
    if (n <= 1) return 1;
    else return fibonnacci (n-2) + fibonnacci (n-1);
}
int fibonnacci (int n) { // non-recursive
    Stack S();
    S.push (n);
    int result = 0;
    while (not S.isEmpty()) {
         int k = S.pop();
         if (k <= 1)
              result += 1;
         else {
              S.push (k-2);
              S.push (k-1);
         }
    return result;
}
```

Compilers translate recursive high-level functions into non-recursive stack-based machine code

- Web browser history using the Back button
- Text editor using the Undo button
- Expression evaluation (later in this course)
- Traversing the nodes of a tree or graph (later in this course)