

## 946. Validate Stack Sequences

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Given two integer arrays `pushed` and `popped` each with distinct values, return `true` if this could have been the result of a sequence of push and pop operations on an initially empty stack, or `false` otherwise.

### Example 1:

Input: `pushed = [1,2,3,4,5]`, `popped = [4,5,3,2,1]`  
Output: `true`  
Explanation: We might do the following sequence:  
`push(1)`, `push(2)`, `push(3)`, `push(4)`,  
`pop()` -> 4,  
`push(5)`,  
`pop()` -> 5, `pop()` -> 3, `pop()` -> 2, `pop()` -> 1

### Example 2:

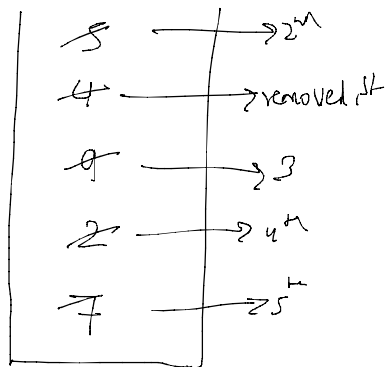
Input: `pushed = [1,2,3,4,5]`, `popped = [4,3,5,1,2]`  
Output: `false`  
Explanation: 1 cannot be popped before 2.

### Constraints:

- `1 <= pushed.length <= 1000`
- `0 <= pushed[i] <= 1000`
- All the elements of `pushed` are **unique**.
- `popped.length == pushed.length`
- `popped` is a permutation of `pushed`.

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$   
`pushed = [7, 2, 9, 4, 5]`

`popped = [4, 5, 9, 2, 7]`



`pop` ⇒ 4, 5, 9, 2, 7

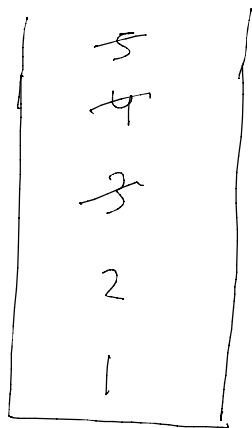
It's popped in correct order so true.

`pushed = [1 2 3 4 5]`

`popped = [4 3 5 1 2]`

1 is not 2

popped = [ 4 3 5 1 2 ]



[ 4 3 5 2 1 ]

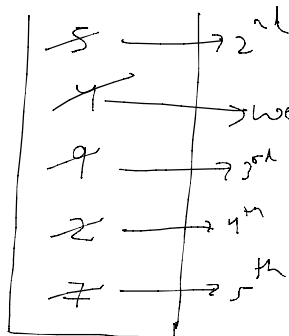
now if we start to pop from 4 we start in  
sequence order 4 3, now push 5 and pop 5

now, at stack top is 2 but in pop it's 1  
so it's false.

→  
pushed ⇒ [ 7 2 9 4 5 ] ( we can't decide this )

popped ⇒ [ 4 5 9 2 7 ] ( we can decide this )

required element →



[ 4 5 9 2 7 ] → pop == popped

True

and same as top() element

\* When we have required element to pop() that's the best time to start popping.

st.top() == popped[j] ⇒ while  
st.top()  
j++

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class Solution {
    public boolean validateStackSequences(int[] pushed, int[] popped) {

        Stack<Integer> st = new Stack<>();
        int j = 0;
        for(int e: pushed){
            st.push(e);
            while(st.size() > 0 && st.peek() == popped[j]){
                st.pop();
                j++;
            }
        }
        return j == popped.length;
    }
}

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pushed  $\rightarrow [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$

popped  $\rightarrow [4, 3, 5, 1, 2]$   
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        st.pop();
        j++;
    }
}
return j == popped.length;

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$5 == 5$   $\leftarrow$   $5$   $\rightarrow$  here  $st.peek() == popped[j] \Rightarrow$  so  $pop()$  and  $j++$   
 $now\ 3 == 3$   $\leftarrow$   $3$   $\rightarrow$  same  
 $now\ 2 \neq 5$   $\leftarrow$   $2$   $\rightarrow$  same check  
 $1$   $\rightarrow$  now here it will check  $st.peek() == popped[j]$   
 no it's not same  $1 \neq 4$ , so next  
 $5$ .  
 now again  $st.peek() = 2$   
 and  $popped[j] = 1$

still it not equal. it come out of loop, so it check now whether  $j$  checked all the element or not ( $return\ j == popped.length$ ) no it didn't so false.

$[4, 3, 5, 1, 2]$   
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$\hookrightarrow j$  is still in 1 and wouldn't complete.

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