Stack - Introduction, ADT, and Operations

1. Introduction to Stack

A Stack is a linear data structure that follows the **LIFO** (**Last In, First Out)** principle. The element that is inserted last is removed first.

Real-life Examples:

- Stack of plates (insert/remove from top).
- Undo/Redo in editors.
- Browser history (Back/Forward navigation).

2. Stack as an Abstract Data Type (ADT)

An Abstract Data Type (ADT) defines **what operations** can be performed but not **how** they are implemented.

Stack ADT Operations:

- 1. Push(x) \rightarrow Insert element at top.
- 2. Pop() \rightarrow Remove element from top.
- 3. $Peek()/Top() \rightarrow View top element without removing.$
- 4. isEmpty() → Check if stack is empty.
- 5. isFull() \rightarrow Check if stack is full.

3. Operations on Stack (Array Implementation in C)

Below is an example C program demonstrating **Push**, **Pop**, **Peek**, **and Display** operations on a stack.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 5 // Maximum size of stack
int stack[MAX];
int top = -1;
void push(int x) {
   if (top == MAX - 1) {
       printf("Stack Overflow! Cannot insert %d\n", x);
       stack[++top] = x;
       printf("%d pushed to stack\n", x);
}
void pop() {
   if (top == -1) {
       printf("Stack Underflow! No element to pop\n");
    } else {
       printf("%d popped from stack\n", stack[top--]);
}
void peek() {
   if (top == -1) {
       printf("Stack is empty\n");
    } else {
       printf("Top element is %d\n", stack[top]);
}
void display() {
   if (top == -1) {
       printf("Stack is empty\n");
    } else {
       printf("Stack elements: ");
        for (int i = 0; i <= top; i++) {
           printf("%d ", stack[i]);
       printf("\n");
```

```
}
int main() {
   push(10);
   push(20);
   push(30);
   display();
   peek();
   pop();
   display();
   return 0;
}
```