

LIFO → Last In First Out

Stack

### 1. Pile of Plates:

Imagine a scenario where you have a pile of plates, you can only put a plate on the pile from top also only pick a plate from top. You can't really see the plates underneath the top one without first removing the top plate, which means only the first plate is accessible to you.



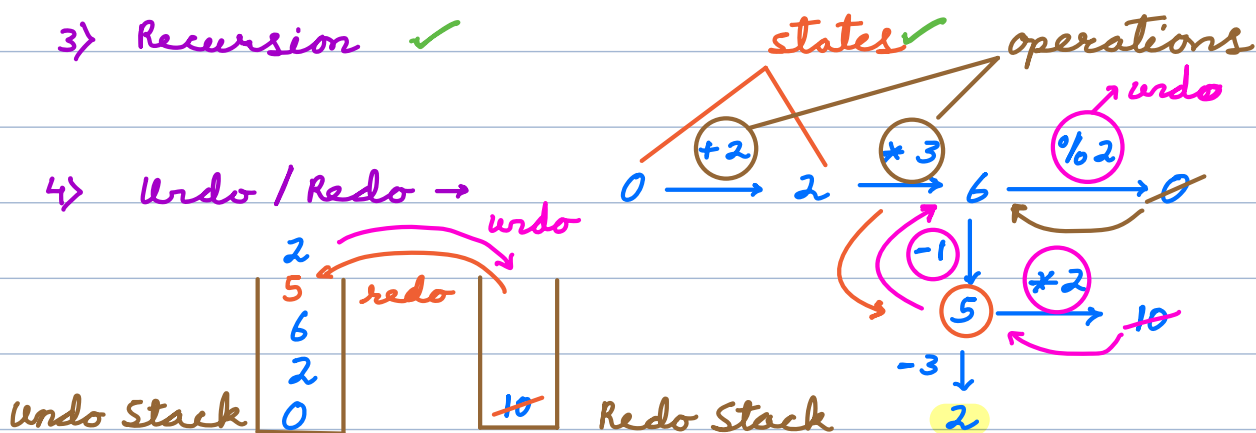
### 2. Stack of Chairs:

We usually place identical chairs on the top of on another, which makes them look like a stack. Similar to the previous example you can only position or choose a chair from top, and you won't be able to take or see the chair in middle without picking out all chairs on top of that one.



3) Recursion ✓

4) Undo / Redo →



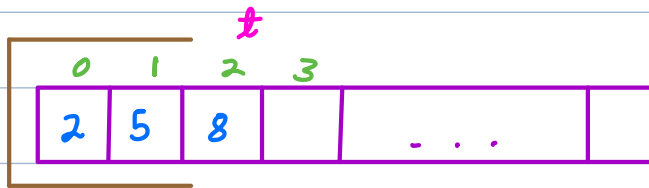
↓  
empty redo stack if  
any new operation is performed.

## Operations

- 1) push(x) → insert x at top of the stack
- 2) pop() → remove top data from stack
- 3) peek() / top() → get the top data from stack
- 4) isEmpty() → to check if stack is empty

TC = O(1) ✓

Q → Implement stack using arrays.



stack

0 — t

initial value of t = -1

push(2)

push(5)

push(10)

peek() → 10

pop()

push(8)

```
bool isEmpty() {  
    return (t == -1)  
}
```

```
int peek() {  
    if (isEmpty())  
        return -1
```

```
void push(x) {  
    t++  
    A[t] = x  
}
```

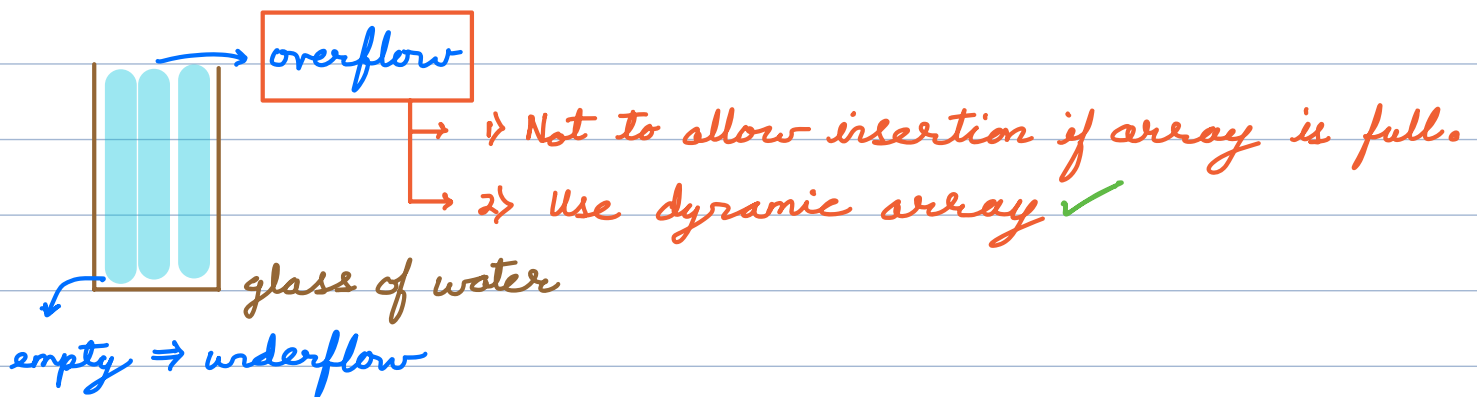
```
int pop() {  
    if (isEmpty()) // underflow  
        return -1
```

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}
return A[t]
}

x = A[t]
t--
return x
}

```



Q  $\rightarrow$  Implement stack using linked List.

delete tail node  $\rightarrow TC = O(N)$

push(2)  
push(5)  
push(10)  
peek()  $\rightarrow$  10  
pop()  
push(8)

initially  $\rightarrow$  Head = null

Head

8  $\rightarrow$  5  $\rightarrow$  2  $\rightarrow$  null

```

boolean isEmpty() {
    return Head == null;
}

```

push(x)  $\rightarrow$  insert x at Head  
pop()  $\rightarrow$  delete Head  
peek()  $\rightarrow$  return Head data

Q  $\rightarrow$  Check if the given sequence of parenthesis is valid.

( ) { } [ ]

(( [ ] )) ✓

( { [ ] ) x  
↳ x

( [ ) ] x

✓ ✓ ✓ ↓ ✓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ✓ ↓ ✓  
{ [ [ ] { } ] } ( ) (

C  
~~{~~  
~~[~~  
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[ ] ✓ ( ) ✓  
{ } ✓  
[ ] ✓  
{ } ✓

store in particular order

maintaining latest data handy → use Stack

for i → 0 to (N-1) {

ch = s[i]

if (ch == '(' || ch == '{' || ch == '[') {

st.push(ch)

else if (ch == ')') {

top = st.pop()

if (top != '(') return false

}

else if (ch == '}') {

top = st.pop()

if (top != '{') return false

}

else if (ch == ']') {

top = st.pop()

if (top != '[') return false

}

} return st.isEmpty()

TC = O(N)

SC = O(N)

Q → Given a string, remove equal pair of consecutive elements till possible.

eg →  $a c \cancel{d d} b \rightarrow \underline{a c b}$

$a b \cancel{d d} b \rightarrow \cancel{a b b} \rightarrow \underline{a}$

$a \cancel{b b} c \cancel{b b} c a c x \rightarrow \cancel{a c c} a c x$

$\cancel{a a} c x \rightarrow \underline{c x}$

✓ ✓ ↓ ✓ ✓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ✓ ✓  
a b b c b b c a c x  
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store + maintain order  
+ keep track of latest  
⇒ use stack

x  
c  
b  
c  
b  
a

c x

append char on  
left side to maintain order.

```
for i → 0 to (N-1) {  
    ch = s[i]  
    if (st.isEmpty() || ch != st.peek())  
        st.push(ch)  
    else  
        st.pop()  
}  
  
ans = ""  
while (!st.isEmpty()) {  
    ans = st.pop() + ans // append  
}
```

TC = O(N)

SC = O(N)

Q  $\rightarrow$  Evaluate postfix expression.

## Infix

operand1 operator operand2

 $a + b$ 

## Postfix

operand1 operand2 operation

 $a b \vdash$ 

eg  $\rightarrow 4 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad * \quad + \quad 2 \quad -$

9  
 $4 + 9 = 13$  —  $13 - 2 = 11$

5 2 \* 3 -  $\rightarrow 5 * 2 = 10$   
10 3 -  $\rightarrow 10 - 3 = 7$

$3 \quad 5 + 2 - 2 \quad 5 * -$

$\underbrace{3 \quad 5}_{8} \quad \underbrace{+ 2 - 2}_{8-2=6} \quad 5 * -$

$\overbrace{2 \quad 5}^{10} * - \quad \left\{ 6 - 10 = \underline{-4} \right.$

for  $i \rightarrow 0$  to  $(N-1)$  {

$$ch = s[i]$$

if ( isdigit(ch))

st. push

else { // ch → operator '+' }

$$y = \text{st.pop}()$$

$x = st.pop()$

 $x + y$ 

st.push(x ch y) // operation

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```
} return st.pop()
```

TC = O(N)    SC = O(N)

