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Fundamental Data Structures

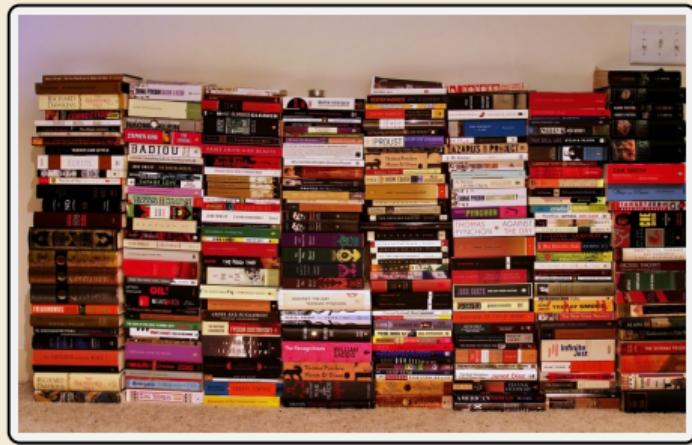
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Learning Outcomes

1. Understand and demonstrate the difference between *abstract data type (ADT)* and its *implementation*
2. Be able to define the ADTs *stack*, *queue*, *priority queue* and *dictionary / symbol table*
3. Understand *array*-based implementations of stack and queue
4. Understand *linked lists* and the corresponding implementations of stack and queue
5. Know *binary heaps* and their performance characteristics
6. Understand *binary search trees* and their performance characteristics

Unit 2: Fundamental Data Structures



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- 2.2 Resizable Arrays
- 2.3 Priority Queues & Binary Heaps
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- 2.6 Binary Search Trees
- 2.7 Ordered Symbol Tables
- 2.8 Balanced BSTs

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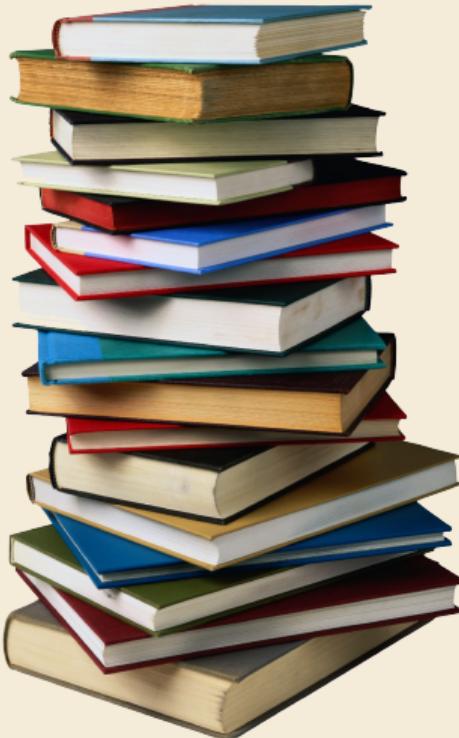
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Stacks



Stack ADT

- ▶ **top()**

Return the topmost item on the stack
Does not modify the stack.

- ▶ **push(x)**

Add x onto the top of the stack.

- ▶ **pop()**

Remove the topmost item from the stack
(and return it).

- ▶ **isEmpty()**

Returns true iff stack is empty.

- ▶ **create()**

Create and return an new empty stack.

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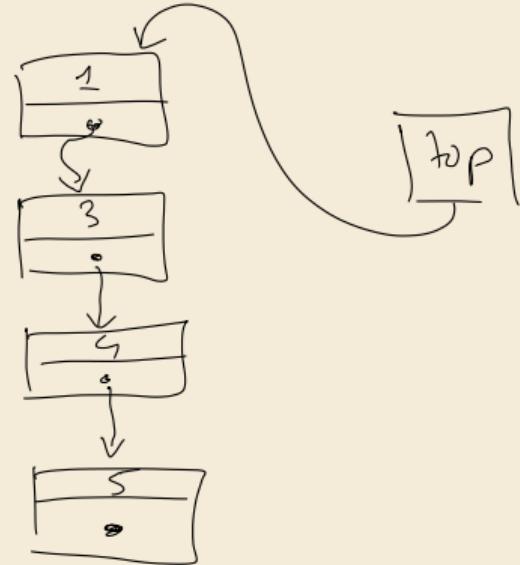
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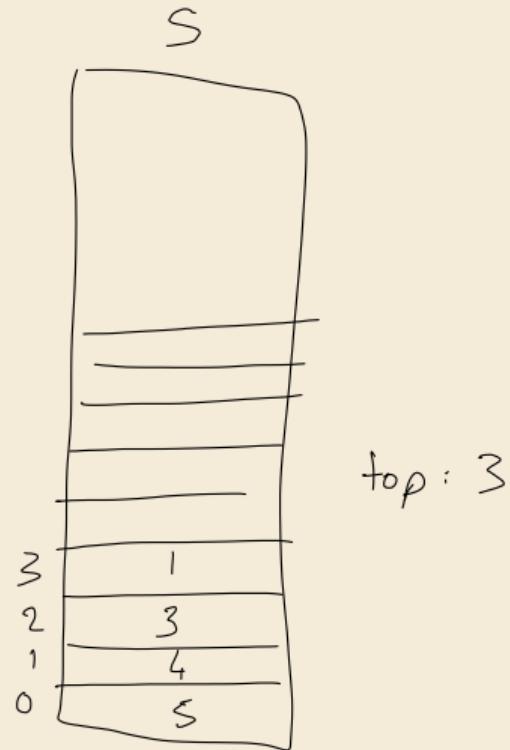
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What to do if stack is full upon push ?

QUESTION

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2.2 Resizable Arrays

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Usually directly implemented by compiler + operating system / virtual machine.



Difference to others ADTs: *Implementation usually fixed*
to “a contiguous chunk of memory”.

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How to maintain the last invariant?

- ▶ before push
 - If $n = C$, allocate new array of size $2n$, copy all elements.
 - ▶ after pop
 - If $n < \frac{1}{4}C$, allocate new array of size $2n$, copy all elements.
- ~~ “*Resizing Arrays*”
- ↑
an implementation technique, not an ADT!

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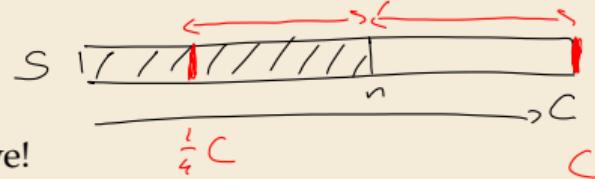
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Formally: consider "credits/potential" $\Phi = \min\{n - \frac{1}{4}C, C - n\} \in [0, 0.6n]$

distance to boundary

since $n \leq C \leq 4n$



- ▶ amortized cost of an operation = actual cost (array accesses) $- 4 \cdot \text{change in } \Phi$
 - ▶ cheap push/pop: actual cost 1 array access, consumes ≤ 1 credits \rightsquigarrow amortized cost ≤ 5
 - ▶ copying push: actual cost $2n + 1$ array accesses, creates $\frac{1}{2}n + 1$ credits \rightsquigarrow amortized cost ≤ 5
 - ▶ copying pop: actual cost $2n + 1$ array accesses, creates $\frac{1}{2}n - 1$ credits \rightsquigarrow amortized cost 5

\rightsquigarrow **sequence of m operations:** total actual cost \leq total amortized cost + final credits

$$a_i = c_i - 4(\phi_i - \phi_{i-1}) \leq 5 \quad \text{here: } \leq \quad 5m \quad + \quad 4 \cdot 0.6n \quad = \Theta(m+n)$$

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Queues

Operations:

- ▶ enqueue(x)

Add x at the end of the queue.

- ▶ dequeue()

Remove item at the front of the queue and return it.



Implementations similar to stacks.

Bags

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They are special cases of a **Bag**!

Operations:

- ▶ `insert(x)`

Add x to the items in the bag.

- ▶ `delAny()`

Remove any one item from the bag and return it.
(Not specified which; any choice is fine.)

- ▶ roughly similar to Java's `java.util.Collection`

Python's `collections.abc.Collection`



Sometimes it is useful to state that order is irrelevant \rightsquigarrow Bag

Implementation of Bag usually just a Stack or a Queue

2.3 Priority Queues & Binary Heaps

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What is a heap-ordered tree?

- A** A tree in which every node has exactly 2 children.
- B** A tree where all keys in the left subtree are smaller than the key at the root and all keys in the right subtree are bigger than the key at the root.
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- ▶ `construct(A)`

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Return item with largest priority. (Does not modify the PQ.)

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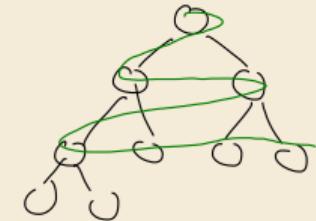
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level order

Yes! *Binary heaps*.

Array view

Heap = array A with
 $\forall i \in [n] : A[\lfloor i/2 \rfloor] \geq A[i]$

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store nodes
in level order
in $A[1..n]$

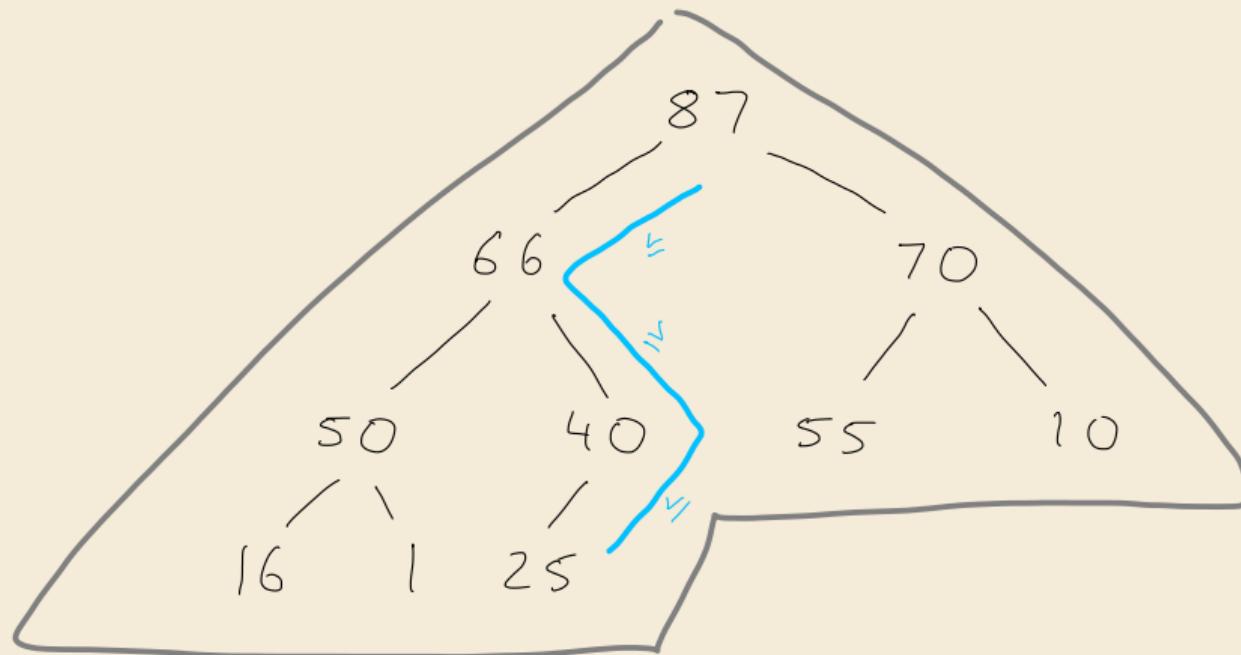
Tree view

Heap = tree that is
(i) a complete binary tree
(ii) heap ordered

all but last level full
last level flush left

parent \geq children

Binary heap example



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- ▶ Maximum must be at root! \rightsquigarrow `max()` is trivial!
- ▶ But: Sorted only along paths of the tree; leaves lots of leeway for fast inserts

how? ... stay tuned

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