
Data Structures & Algorithms

2. Stacks & Queues

- stacks
- dynamic resizing
- queues
- generics
- applications



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Stacks and Queues

□ Fundamental data types.

- ◆ Values: sets of objects
- ◆ Operations: **insert**, **remove**, **test if empty**.
- ◆ Intent is clear when we insert.
- ◆ Which item do we remove?

□ Stack.

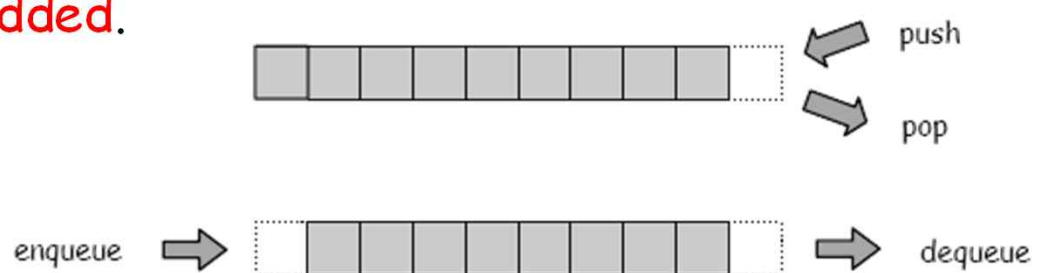
- ◆ Remove the item **most recently added**.
- ◆ Analogy: cafeteria trays, Web surfing.

LIFO="last in first out"

□ Queue.

- ◆ Remove the item **least recently added**.
- ◆ Analogy: Registrar's line.

FIFO="first in first out"



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 - ◆ Build layers of abstraction.
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 - ◆ **Design**: creates modular, re-usable libraries.
 - ◆ **Performance**: use optimized implementation where it matters.

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Stacks

□ Stack operations.

◆ push()

Insert a new item onto stack.

◆ pop()

Remove and return the item most recently added.

◆ isEmpty()

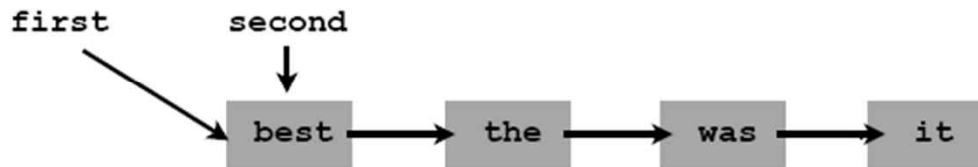
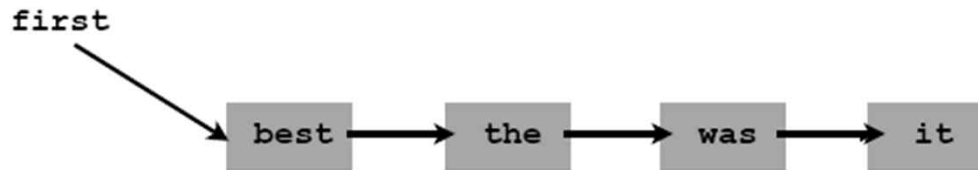
Is the stack empty?



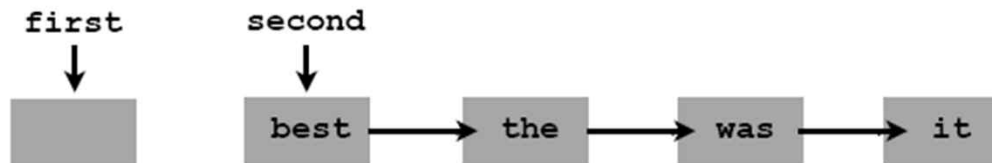
```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    StackOfStrings stack = new StackOfStrings();
    while(!StdIn.isEmpty())
    {
        String s = StdIn.readString();
        stack.push(s);
    }
    while(!stack.isEmpty())
    {
        String s = stack.pop();
        StdOut.println(s);
    }
}
```

a sample stack client

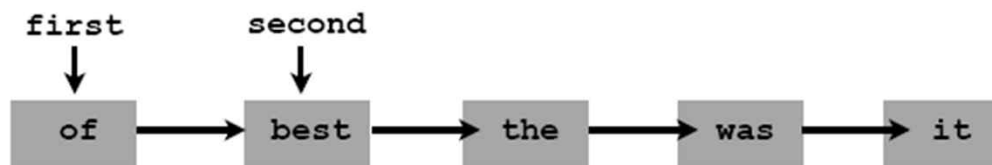
Stack push: Linked-list implementation



```
second = first;
```

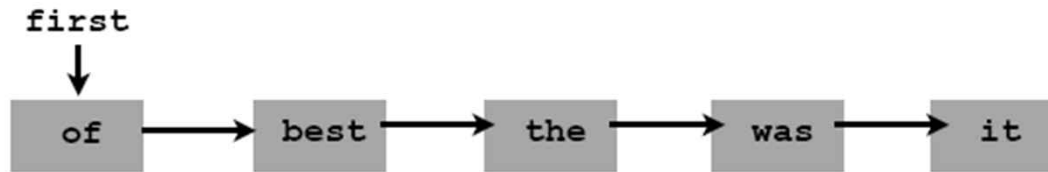


```
first = new Node();
```

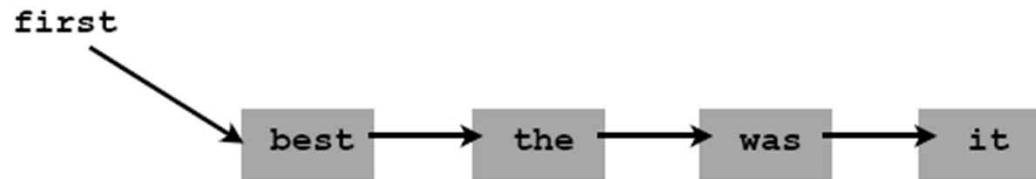


```
first.item = item;  
first.next = second;
```

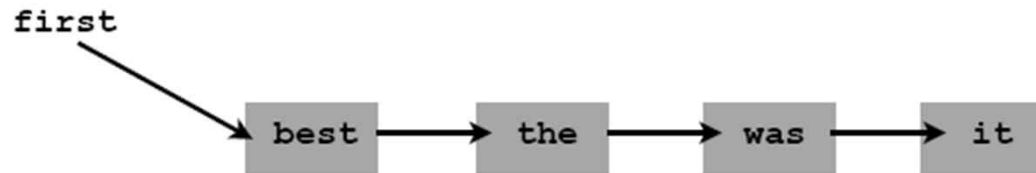
Stack **pop**: Linked-list implementation



```
item = first.item;
```



```
first = first.next;
```



```
return item;
```


Stack: Linked-list implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    private Node first = null;

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void push(String item)
    {
        Node second = first;
        first = new Node();
        first.item = item;
        first.next = second;
    }

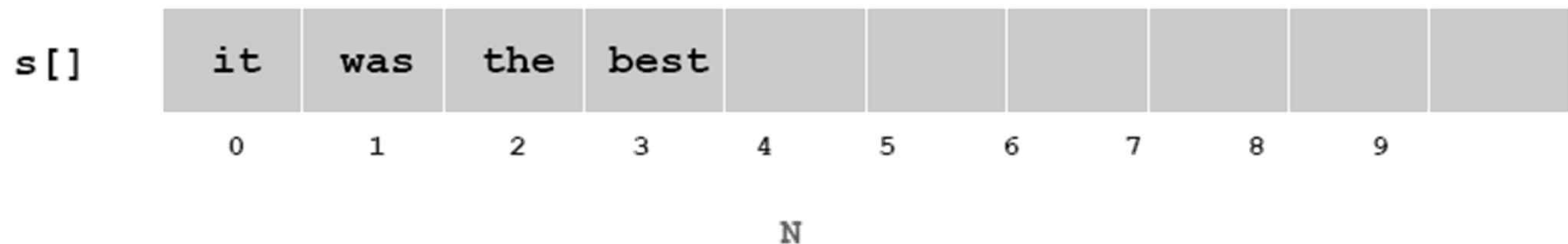
    public String pop()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

← "inner class"

- ❑ Error conditions?
- ❑ Example:
 - ◆ pop() an empty stack

Stack: Array implementation

- Array implementation of a stack.
 - ◆ Use array $s[]$ to store N items on stack.
 - ◆ $\text{push}()$ add new item at $s[N]$.
 - ◆ $\text{pop}()$ remove item from $s[N-1]$.



Stack: Array implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s;
    private int N = 0;

    public StringStack(int capacity)
    { s = new String[capacity]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

    public void push(String item)
    { s[N++] = item; }

    public String pop()
    {
        String item = s[N-1];
        s[N-1] = null;
        N--;
        return item;
    }
}
```

avoid **loitering**
(garbage collector only reclaims memory
if no outstanding references)

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Stack array implementation: Dynamic resizing

Q. How to grow array when capacity reached?

Q. How to shrink array (else it stays big even when stack is small)?

□ First try:

- ◆ `push()` : increase size of `s[]` by 1
- ◆ `pop()` : decrease size of `s[]` by 1

□ Too expensive

- ◆ Need to copy all of the elements to a new array.
- ◆ Inserting N elements: time proportional to $1 + 2 + \dots + N \approx N^2/2$.

↑
infeasible for large N

- ◆ Need to **guarantee** that array resizing happens **infrequently**

Stack array implementation: Dynamic resizing

Q. How to grow array?

A. Use repeated doubling:

- ◆ if array is full, create a new array of twice the size, and copy items

no-argument
constructor

```
public StackOfStrings()
{ this(8); }

public void push(String item)
{
    if (N >= s.length) resize(2 * s.length);
    s[N++] = item;
}

private void resize(int max)
{
    String[] dup = new String[max];
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        dup[i] = s[i];
    s = dup;
}
```

create new array
copy items to it

□ Consequence. Inserting N items takes time proportional to N

- ◆ (not N^2).

$$8 + 16 + \dots + N/4 + N/2 + N \approx 2N$$

Stack array implementation: Dynamic resizing

Q. How (and when) to shrink array?

- ❑ How: create a new array of half the size, and copy items.
- ❑ When (first try): array is half full?
 - ◆ No, causes **thrashing**
 - ◆ **push-pop-push-pop-... sequence: time proportional to N for each op**
- ❑ **When (solution): array is 1/4 full (then new array is half full).**

```
public String pop(String item)
{
    String item = s[--N];
    s[N] = null;
    if (N == s.length/4)
        resize(s.length/2);
    return item;
}
```

❑ Consequences.

- ◆ any sequence of N ops takes time proportional to N
- ◆ array is always between 25% and 100% full

Stack Implementations: Array vs. Linked List

□ Stack implementation tradeoffs.

- ◆ Can implement with either array or linked list, and client can use interchangeably. Which is better?

□ Array.

- ◆ Most operations take constant time.
- ◆ Expensive doubling operation every once in a while.
- ◆ Any sequence of N operations (starting from empty stack) takes time proportional to N .

← "amortized" bound

□ Linked list.

- ◆ Grows and shrinks gracefully.
- ◆ Every operation takes constant time.
- ◆ Every operation uses extra space and time to deal with references.

□ Bottom line:

- ◆ tossup for stacks **but** differences are significant when other operations are added

Stack implementations: Array vs. Linked list

□ Which implementation is more convenient?

array?

linked list?

- ◆ return count of elements in stack
- ◆ remove the kth most recently added
- ◆ sample a random element

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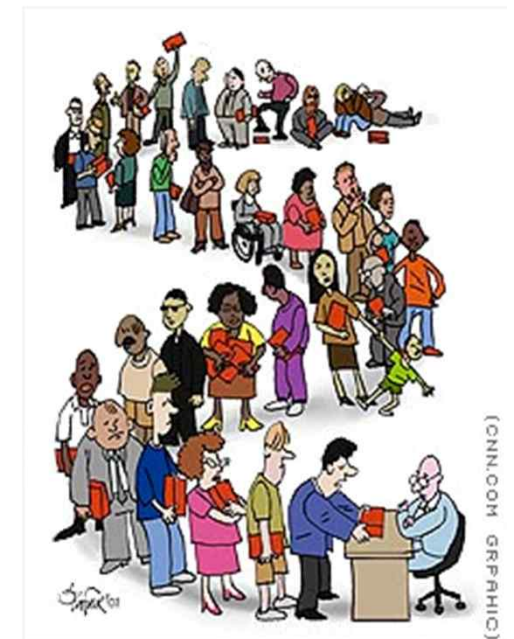
Queues

❑ Queue operations.

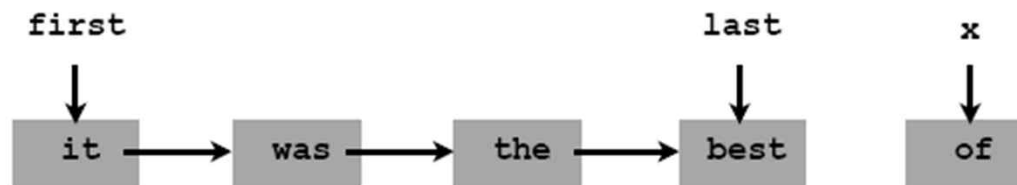
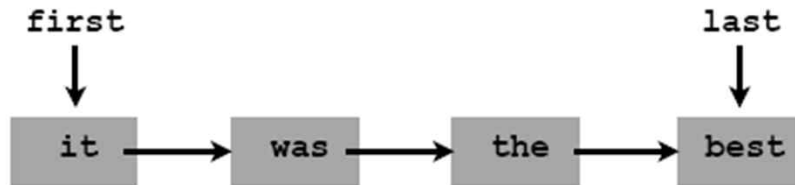
- ◆ `enqueue()` Insert a new item onto queue.
- ◆ `dequeue()` Delete and return the item least recently added.
- ◆ `isEmpty()` Is the queue empty?

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    QueueOfStrings q = new QueueOfStrings();
    q.enqueue("Vertigo");
    q.enqueue("Just Lose It");
    q.enqueue("Pieces of Me");
    q.enqueue("Pieces of Me");
    System.out.println(q.dequeue());
    q.enqueue("Drop It Like It's Hot");

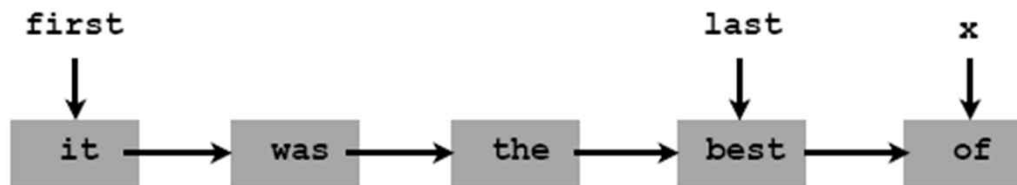
    while(!q.isEmpty())
        System.out.println(q.dequeue());
}
```



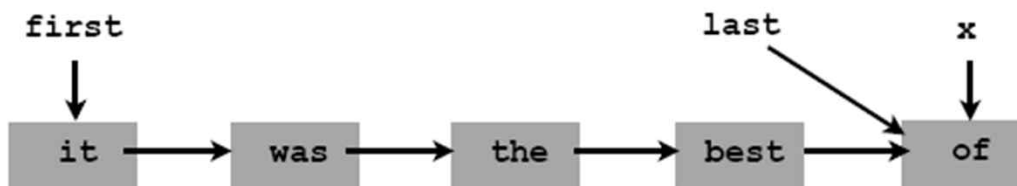
Enqueue: Linked List Implementation



```
x = new Node();  
x.item = item;  
x.next = null;
```

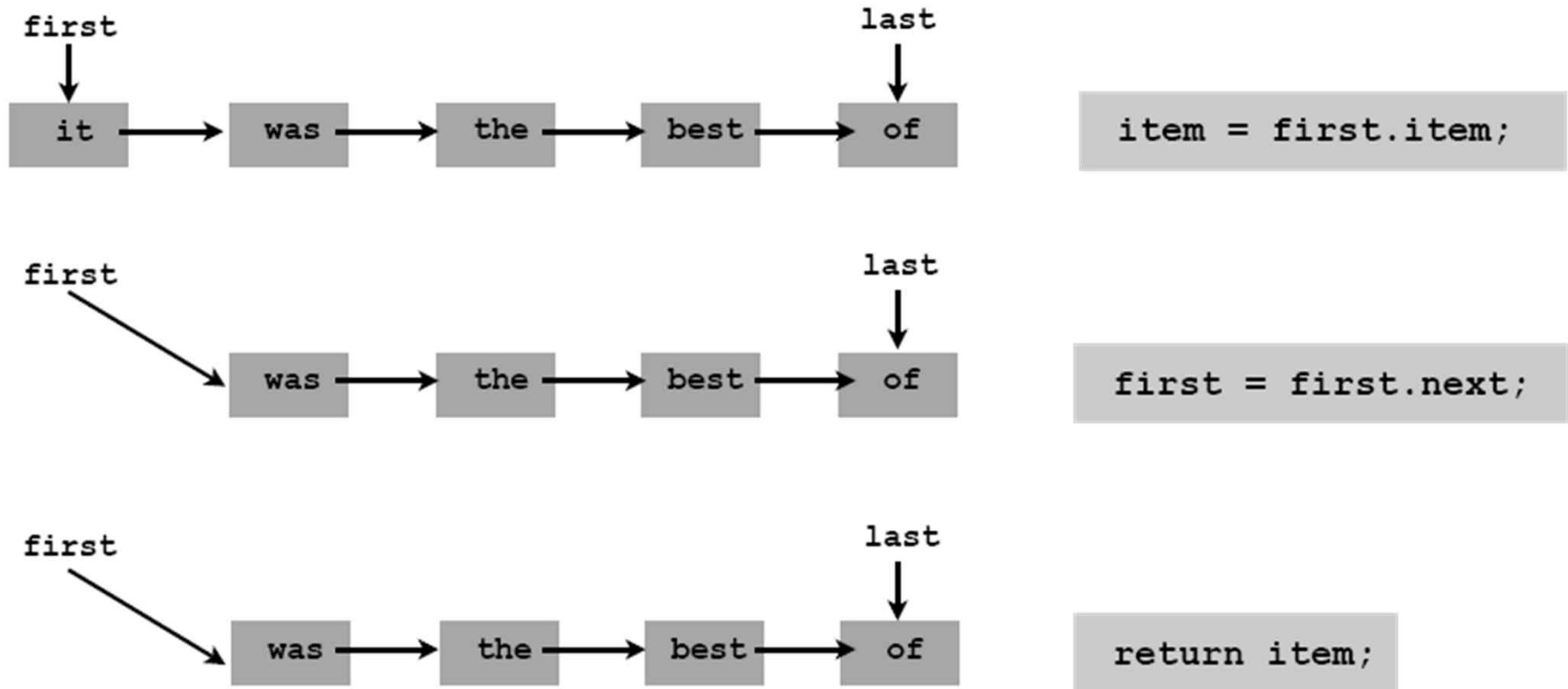


```
last.next = x;
```



```
last = x;
```

Deque: Linked List Implementation



□ Aside:

- ◆ **dequeue** (pronounced "DQ") means "remove from a queue"
- ◆ **deque** (pronounced "deck") is a **data structure** (see PA 1)

Queue: Linked List Implementation

```
public class QueueOfStrings
{
    private Node first;
    private Node last;

    private class Node
    { String item; Node next; }

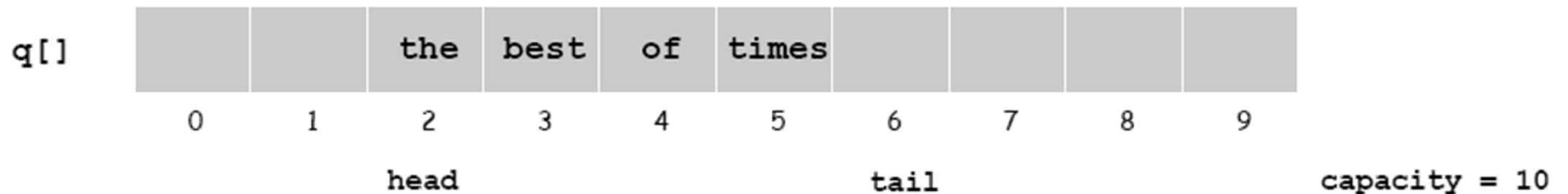
    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void enqueue(String item)
    {
        Node x = new Node();
        x.item = item;
        x.next = null;
        if (isEmpty()) { first = x; last = x; }
        else { last.next = x; last = x; }
    }

    public String dequeue()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

Queue: Array implementation

- Array implementation of a queue.
 - ◆ Use array `q[]` to store items on queue.
 - ◆ `enqueue()` : add new object at `q[tail]`.
 - ◆ `dequeue()` : remove object from `q[head]`.
 - ◆ Update `head` and `tail` modulo the capacity.



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Generics (parameterized data types)

- ❑ We implemented: `StackOfStrings`, `QueueOfStrings`.
- ❑ We also want: `StackOfURLs`, `QueueOfCustomers`, etc?
- ❑ Attempt 1. Implement a separate stack class for each type.
 - ◆ Rewriting code is tedious and error-prone.
 - ◆ Maintaining cut-and-pasted code is tedious and error-prone.
- ❑ @#\$*! most reasonable approach until Java 1.5

Stack of Objects

- ❑ We implemented: `StackOfStrings`, `QueueOfStrings`.
- ❑ We also want: `StackOfURLs`, `QueueOfCustomers`, etc?
- ❑ Attempt 2. Implement a stack with items of type `Object`.
 - ◆ Casting is required in client.
 - ◆ Casting is error-prone: **run-time error** if types mismatch.

```
Stack s = new Stack();  
Apple a = new Apple();  
Orange b = new Orange();  
s.push(a);  
s.push(b);  
a = (Apple) (s.pop());
```

run-time error



Generics

- ❑ **Generics.** Parameterize stack by a single type.
 - ◆ Avoid casting in both client and implementation.
 - ◆ Discover type mismatch errors at **compile-time** instead of run-time.

```
Stack<Apple> s = new Stack<Apple>();  
Apple a = new Apple();  
Orange b = new Orange();  
s.push(a);  
s.push(b);           compile-time error  
a = s.pop();
```

parameter

no cast needed in client

- ❑ **Guiding principles.**
 - ◆ Welcome compile-time errors
 - ◆ Avoid run-time errors
- ❑ **Why?**

Generic Stack: Linked List Implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    private Node first = null;

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void push(String item)
    {
        Node second = first;
        first = new Node();
        first.item = item;
        first.next = second;
    }

    public String pop()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

```
public class Stack<Item>
{
    private Node first = null;

    private class Node
    {
        Item item;
        Node next;
    }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

    public void push(Item item)
    {
        Node second = first;
        first = new Node();
        first.item = item;
        first.next = second;
    }

    public Item pop()
    {
        Item item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

Generic type name



Generic stack: array implementation

- ❑ The way it should be.

```
public class Stack<Item>
{
    private Item[] s;
    private int N = 0;

    public Stack(int cap)
    { s = new Item[cap]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

    public void push(Item item)
    { s[N++] = item; }

    public String pop()
    {
        Item item = s[N-1];
        s[N-1] = null;
        N--;
        return item;
    }
}
```

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s;
    private int N = 0;

    public StackOfStrings(int cap)
    { s = new String[cap]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

    public void push(String item)
    { s[N++] = item; }

    public String pop()
    {
        String item = s[N-1];
        s[N-1] = null;
        N--;
        return item;
    }
}
```

@#\$\$! generic array creation not allowed in Java

Generic stack: array implementation

- ❑ The way it is: an **ugly cast** in the implementation.

```
public class Stack<Item>
{
    private Item[] s;
    private int N = 0;

    public Stack(int cap)
    { s = (Item[]) new Object[cap]; } ← the ugly cast

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

    public void push(Item item)
    { s[N++] = item; }

    public String pop()
    {
        Item item = s[N-1];
        s[N-1] = null;
        N--;
        return item;
    }
}
```

- ❑ Number of casts in good code: 0

Generic data types: autoboxing

- ❑ Generic stack implementation is object-based.
- ❑ What to do about primitive types?
- ❑ Wrapper type.
 - ◆ Each primitive type has a **wrapper** object type.
 - ◆ Ex: Integer is wrapper type for `int`.
- ❑ Autoboxing.
 - ◆ Automatic cast between a primitive type and its wrapper.
 - ◆ Syntactic sugar. Behind-the-scenes casting.

```
Stack<Integer> s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(17);           // s.push(new Integer(17));  
int a = s.pop();      // int a = ((int) s.pop()).intValue();
```

- ❑ Bottom line: Client code can use generic stack for **any** type of data

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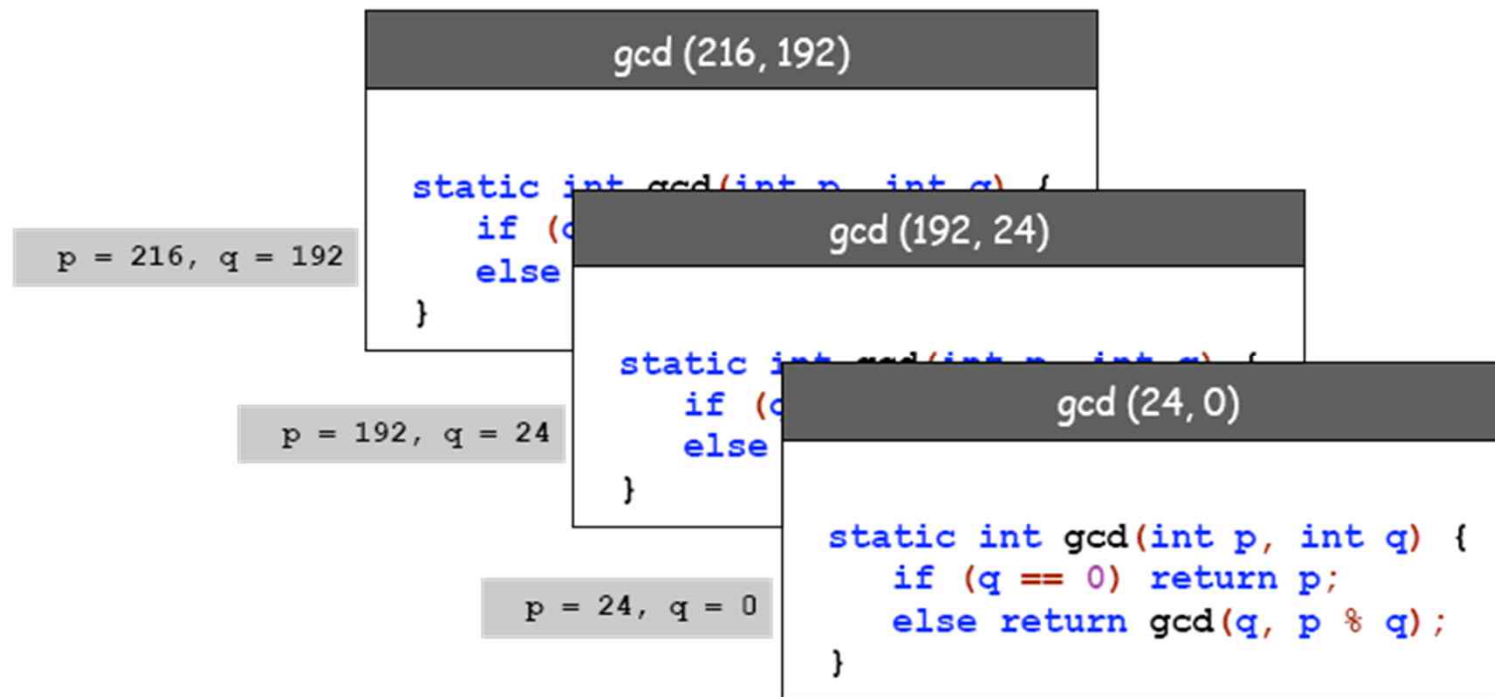
Stack Applications

❑ Real world applications.

- ◆ Parsing in a compiler.
- ◆ Java virtual machine.
- ◆ Undo in a word processor.
- ◆ Back button in a Web browser.
- ◆ PostScript language for printers.
- ◆ Implementing function calls in a compiler.

Function Calls

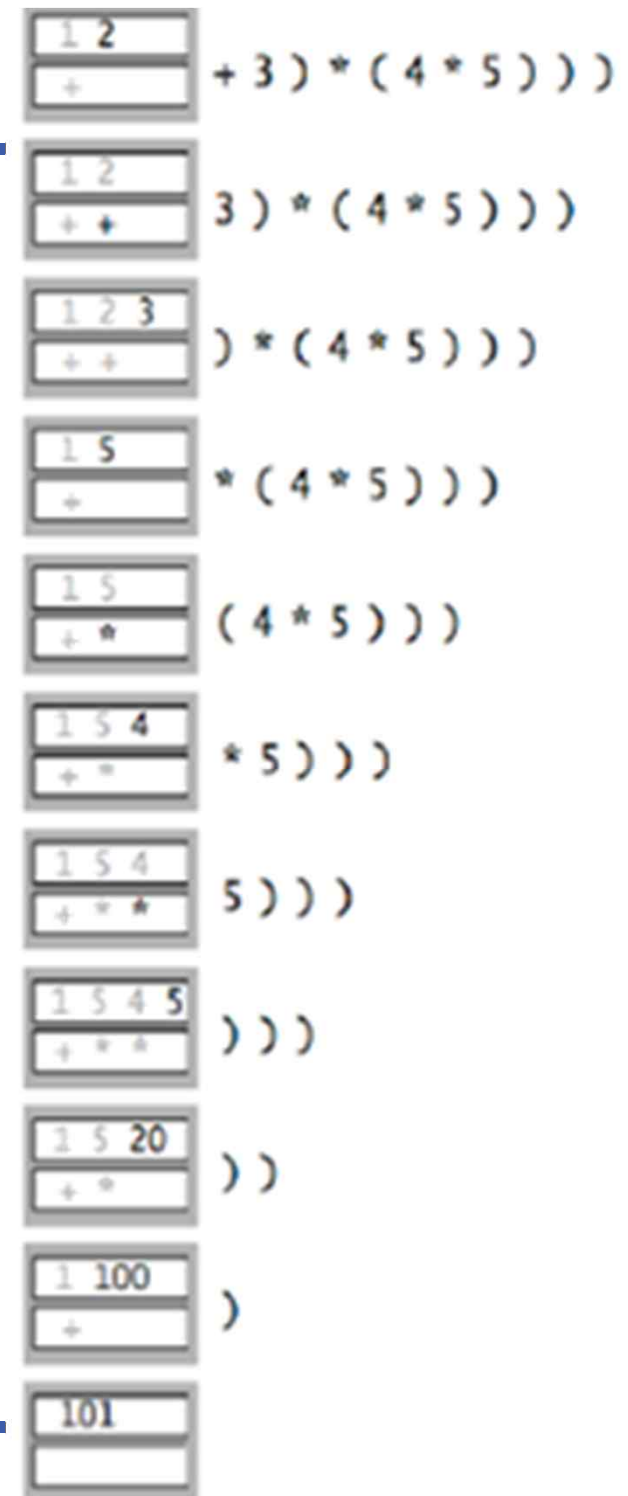
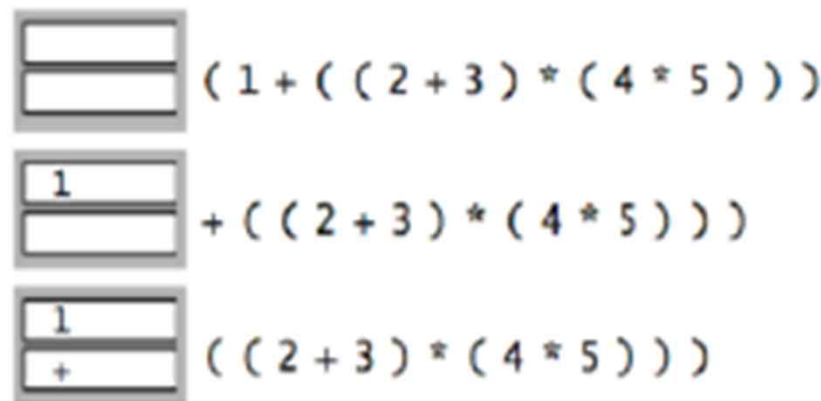
- ❑ How a compiler implements functions.
 - ◆ Function call: **push** local environment and return address.
 - ◆ Return: **pop** return address and local environment.
- ❑ Recursive function. Function that calls itself.
- ❑ Note. Can always use an explicit stack to remove recursion.



Arithmetic Expression Evaluation

- **Goal.** Evaluate infix expressions.
- **Two-stack algorithm.** [E. W. Dijkstra]
 - ◆ Value: push onto the value stack.
 - ◆ Operator: push onto the operator stack.
 - ◆ Left parens: ignore.
 - ◆ Right parens: pop operator and two values; push the result of applying that operator to those values onto the operand stack.
- **Context.** An interpreter!

value stack
operator stack



Arithmetic Expression Evaluation

```
public class Evaluate {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Stack<String> ops = new Stack<String>();
        Stack<Double> vals = new Stack<Double>();
        while (!StdIn.isEmpty()) {
            String s = StdIn.readString();
            if (s.equals("(")) ;
            else if (s.equals("+")) ops.push(s);
            else if (s.equals("*")) ops.push(s);
            else if (s.equals(")")) {
                String op = ops.pop();
                if (op.equals("+")) vals.push(vals.pop() + vals.pop());
                else if (op.equals("*")) vals.push(vals.pop() * vals.pop());
            }
            else vals.push(Double.parseDouble(s));
        }
        StdOut.println(vals.pop());
    }
}
```

```
% java Evaluate
( 1 + ( ( 2 + 3 ) * ( 4 * 5 ) ) )
101.0
```

❑ **Note:** Old books have two-pass algorithm because generics were not available!

Correctness

□ Why correct?

- ◆ When algorithm encounters an operator surrounded by two values within parentheses, it leaves the result on the value stack.

✓ (1 + ((2 + 3) * (4 * 5)))

- ◆ as if the original input were:

✓ (1 + (5 * (4 * 5)))

- ◆ Repeating the argument:

✓ (1 + (5 * 20))

✓ (1 + 100)

✓ 101

□ Extensions. More ops, precedence order, associativity.

✓ 1 + (2 - 3 - 4) * 5 * sqrt(6 + 7)

Stack-based programming languages

❑ Observation 1.

Remarkably, the 2-stack algorithm computes the same value if the **operator** occurs **after** the two **values**.

```
( 1 ( ( 2 3 + ) ( 4 5 * ) * ) + )
```

❑ Observation 2.

All of the parentheses are redundant!

```
1 2 3 + 4 5 * * +
```

❑ Bottom line. Postfix or "reverse Polish" notation.

❑ Applications. Postscript, Forth, calculators, Java virtual machine, ...

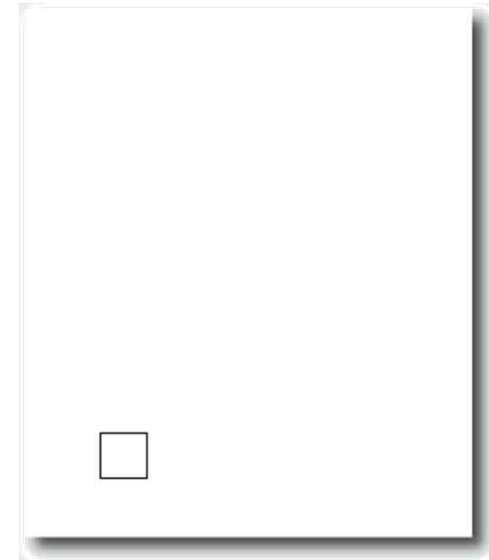
Stack-based programming languages: PostScript

□ Page description language

- ◆ explicit stack
- ◆ full computational model
- ◆ graphics engine

□ Basics

- ◆ %!: "I am a PostScript program"
- ◆ literal: "push me on the stack"
- ◆ function calls take args from stack
- ◆ turtle graphics built in



a PostScript program

```
%!  
72 72 moveto  
0 72 rlineto  
72 0 rlineto  
0 -72 rlineto  
-72 0 rlineto  
2 setlinewidth  
stroke
```

Stack-based programming languages: PostScript

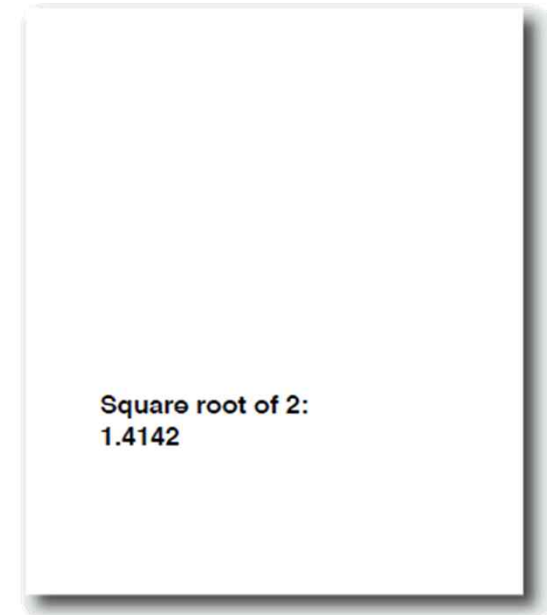
□ Data types

- ◆ basic: integer, floating point, boolean, ...
- ◆ graphics: font, path,
- ◆ full set of built-in operators

□ Text and strings

- ◆ full font support
- ◆ show (display a string, using current font) ← like System.out.print()
- ◆ cvs (convert anything to a string) ← like toString()

```
%!  
/Helvetica-Bold findfont 16 scalefont setfont  
72 168 moveto  
(Square root of 2:) show  
72 144 moveto  
2 sqrt 10 string cvs show
```



Stack-based programming languages: PostScript

□ Variables (and functions)

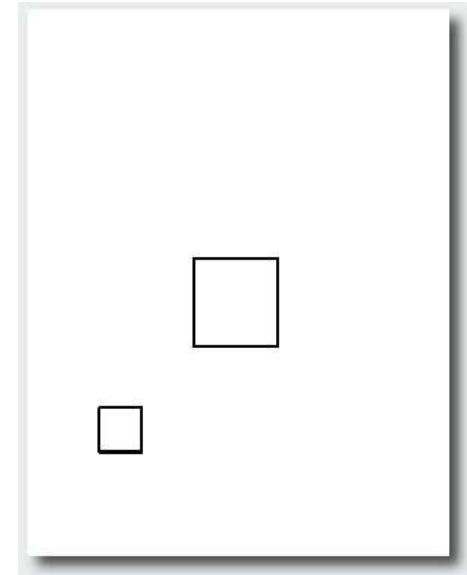
- ◆ identifiers start with /
- ◆ def operator associates id with value
- ◆ Braces
- ◆ args on stack

function definition

```
%!  
/box  
{  
    /sz exch def  
    0 sz rlineto  
    sz 0 rlineto  
    0 sz neg rlineto  
    sz neg 0 rlineto  
} def
```

function calls

```
72 144 moveto  
72 box  
288 288 moveto  
144 box  
2 setlinewidth  
stroke
```



Stack-based programming languages: PostScript

□ for loop

- ◆ "from, increment, to" on stack
- ◆ loop body in braces
- ◆ for operator

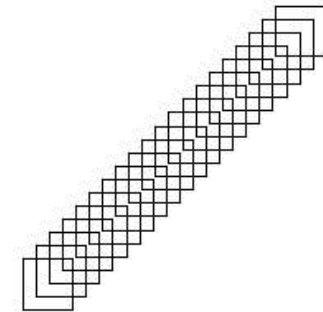
```
1 1 20  
{ 19 mul dup 2 add moveto 72 box }  
for
```

```
for(i = 0; i <= 20; i++) {  
    moveto(i * 19, i * 19 + 2);  
    box(72);  
}
```

□ if-else

- ◆ boolean on stack
- ◆ alternatives in braces
- ◆ if operator

... (hundreds of operators)

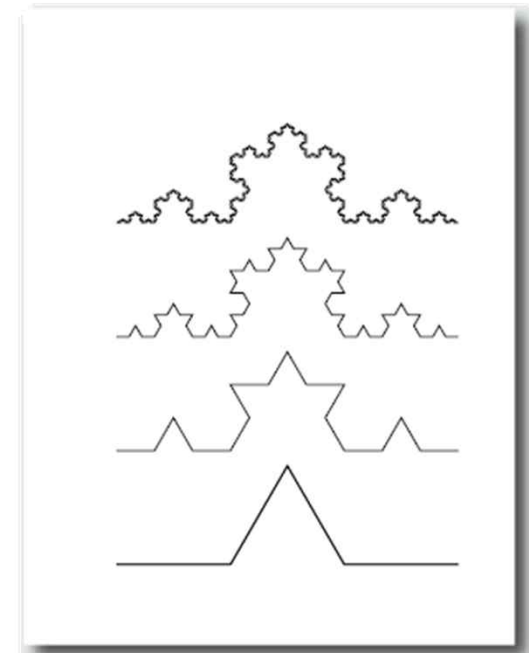


Stack-based programming languages: PostScript

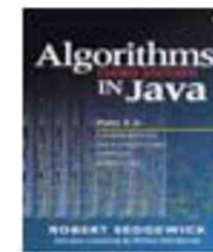
An application: **all figures in Algorithms in Java**

```
%!  
72 72 translate  
  
/kochR  
{  
  2 copy ge { dup 0 rlineto }  
  {  
    3 div  
    2 copy kochR 60 rotate  
    2 copy kochR -120 rotate  
    2 copy kochR 60 rotate  
    2 copy kochR  
  } ifelse  
  pop pop  
} def
```

```
0 0 moveto 81 243 kochR  
0 81 moveto 27 243 kochR  
0 162 moveto 9 243 kochR  
0 243 moveto 1 243 kochR  
stroke
```



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Queue applications

❑ Familiar applications.

- ◆ iTunes playlist.
- ◆ Data buffers (iPod, TiVo).
- ◆ Asynchronous data transfer (file IO, pipes, sockets).
- ◆ Dispensing requests on a shared resource (printer, processor).

❑ Simulations of the real world.

- ◆ Traffic analysis.
- ◆ Waiting times of customers at call center.
- ◆ Determining number of cashiers to have at a supermarket.

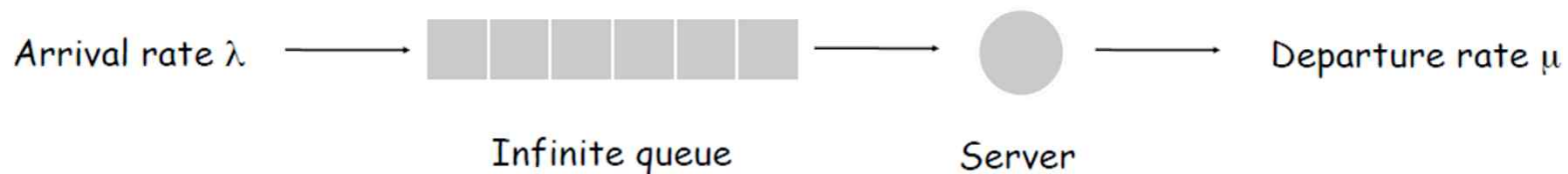
M/D/1 queuing model

□ M/D/1 queue.

- ◆ Customers are serviced at fixed rate of μ per minute.
- ◆ Customers arrive according to Poisson process at rate of λ per minute.

inter-arrival time has exponential distribution

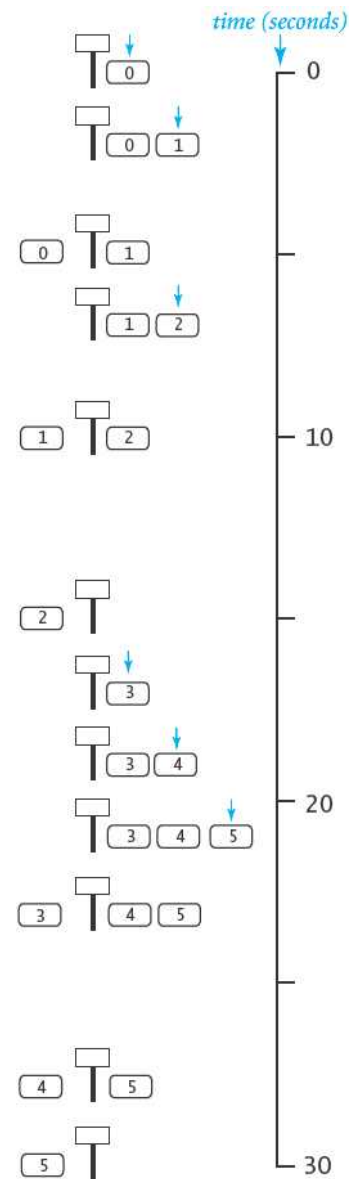
$$\Pr[X \leq x] = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$



Q. What is average wait time W of a customer?

Q. What is average number of customers L in system?

M/D/1 queuing model: example



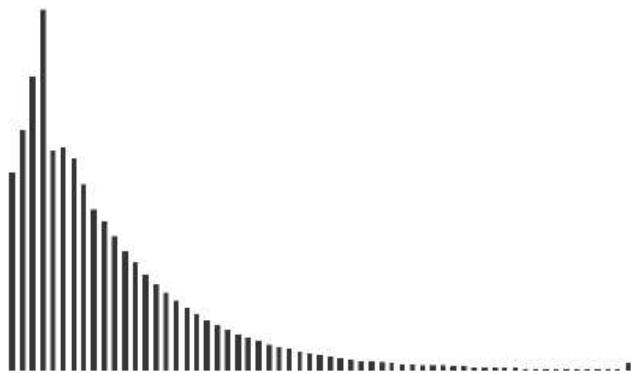
	arrival	departure	wait
0	0	5	5
1	2	10	8
2	7	15	8
3	17	23	6
4	19	28	9
5	21	30	9

M/D/1 queuing model: experiments and analysis

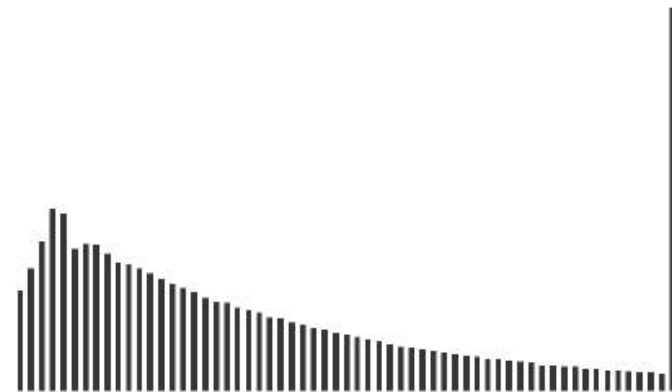
□ Observation.

- ◆ As service rate μ approaches arrival rate λ , service goes to h^{**} .

```
% java MD1Queue .167 .25
```



```
% java MD1Queue .167 .22
```



□ Queueing theory (see ORFE 309).

$$W = \frac{\lambda}{2\mu(\mu - \lambda)} + \frac{1}{\mu}, \quad L = \lambda W$$

Little's Law

wait time W and queue length L approach infinity as service rate approaches arrival rate

M/D/1 queuing model: event-based simulation

```
public class MD1Queue
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        double lambda = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);    // arrival rate
        double mu      = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);    // service rate
        Histogram hist = new Histogram(60);
        Queue<Double> q = new Queue<Double>();
        double nextArrival = StdRandom.exp(lambda);
        double nextService = 1/mu;
        while (true)
        {
            while (nextArrival < nextService)
            {
                q.enqueue(nextArrival);
                nextArrival += StdRandom.exp(lambda);
            }
            double wait = nextService - q.dequeue();
            hist.addDataPoint(Math.min(60, (int) (wait)));
            if (!q.isEmpty())
                nextService = nextArrival + 1/mu;
            else
                nextService = nextService + 1/mu;
        }
    }
}
```