Chapter 2: Stack ADT

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Data

- The representation of information in a manner suitable for communication or analysis by humans or machines
- Data are the nouns of the programming world:
 - The objects that are manipulated
 - The information that is processed

Data Type

- A category of data characterized by the supported elements of the category and the supported operations on those elements
- Simple data type examples: integers, real numbers, characters

Definitions

- Atomic or primitive type A data type whose elements are single, nondecomposable data items
- Composite type A data type whose elements are composed of multiple data items

Primitive Data Types

boolean

byte

char

short

• int

true and false

 -2^7 to $2^7 - 1$

0 to $2^{16} - 1$

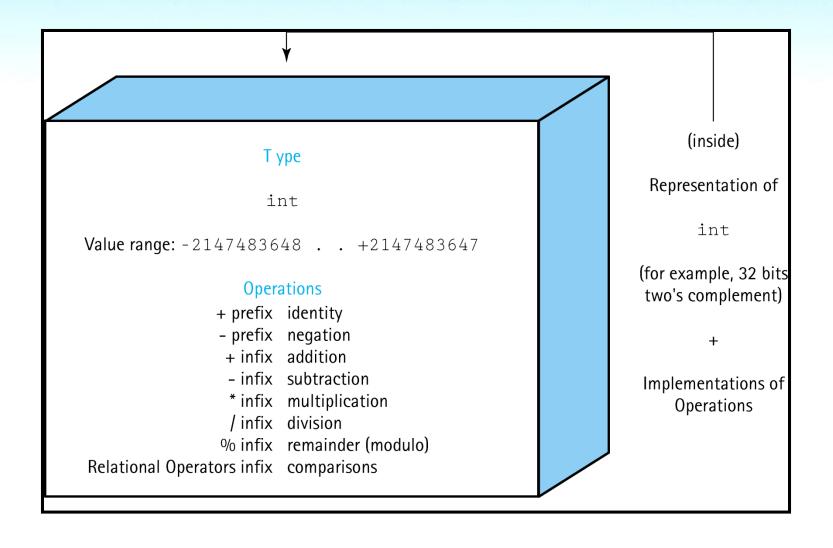
 -2^{15} to 2^{15} -1

 -2^{31} to 2^{31} -1

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• long -2⁶³ to 2⁶³ -1

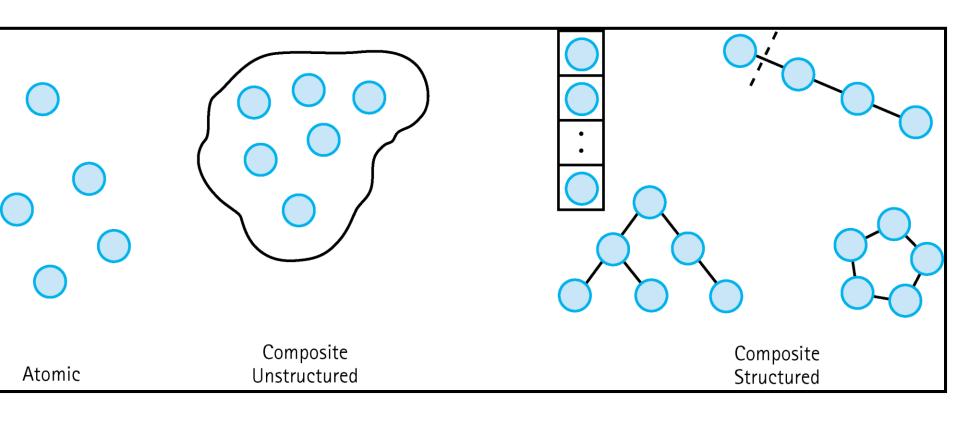
• and float, double, etc.



Definitions (cont'd)

Structured composite type An organized collection of components in which the organization determines the means of accessing individual data components or subsets of the collection

Atomic (Simple) and Composite Data Types

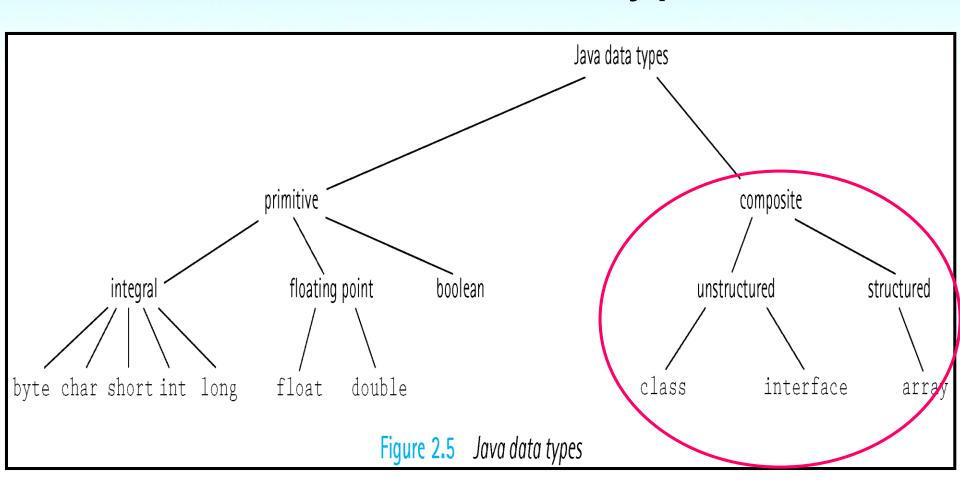


Definitions

Data abstraction The separation of a data type's logical properties from its implementation

Data encapsulation The separation of the representation of data from the applications that use the data at a logical level; a programming language feature that enforces information hiding

Java's Built-In Types



2.1 Abstraction

- Abstraction A model of a system that includes only the details essential to the perspective of the viewer of the system
- Information hiding The practice of hiding details within a module with the goal of controlling access to the details from the rest of the system
- Data abstraction The separation of a data type's logical properties from its implementation
- Abstract data type (ADT) A data type whose properties (domain and operations) are specified independently of any particular implementation

Abstract Data Type (ADT)

- Abstract data type (ADT) A data type whose properties (domain and operations) are specified independently of any particular implementation
- In effect, all Java built-in types are ADTs.
- In addition to the built-in ADTs, Java programmers can use the Java class mechanism to build their own ADTs.

ADT Perspectives or Levels

- Application (or user or client) level: We use the ADT to solve a problem. When working at this level we only need to know how to create instances of the ADT and invoke its operations.
- Logical (or abstract) level: Provides an abstract view of the data values (the domain) and the set of operations to manipulate them. At this level, we deal with the "what" questions. What is the ADT? What does it model? What are its responsibilities? What is its interface?
- Implementation (or concrete) level: Provides a specific representation of the structure to hold the data and the implementation of the operations. Here we deal with the "how" questions.

Preconditions and Postconditions

- Preconditions Assumptions that must be true on entry into a method for it to work correctly
- Postconditions or Effects The results expected at the exit of a method, assuming that the preconditions are true
- We specify pre- and postconditions for a method in a comment at the beginning of the method

Java: Abstract Method

- Only includes a description of its parameters
- No method bodies or implementations are allowed.
- In other words, only the interface of the method is included.

Java Interfaces

- Similar to a Java class
 - can include variable declarations
 - can include methods
- However
 - Variables must be constants
 - Methods must be abstract.
 - A Java interface cannot be instantiated.
- We can use an interface to formally specify the logical level of an ADT:
 - It provides a template for classes to fill.
 - A separate class then "implements" it.
- For example, see the FigureInterface interface (next slide) and the Circle class and Rectangle class that implements it (following slide)

FigureInterface

```
package ch02.figures;

public interface FigureInterface
{
    final double PI = 3.14;

    double perimeter();
    // Returns perimeter of this figure.

    double area();
    // Returns area of this figure.
}
```

Circle Class

```
package ch02.figures;
public class Circle implements
                    FigureInterface
  protected double radius;
  public Circle(double radius)
    this.radius = radius;
  }
  public double perimeter()
    return(2 * PI * radius);
  }
  public double area()
    return(PI * radius * radius);
```

FigureInterface

```
package ch02.figures;

public interface FigureInterface
{
   final double PI = 3.14;

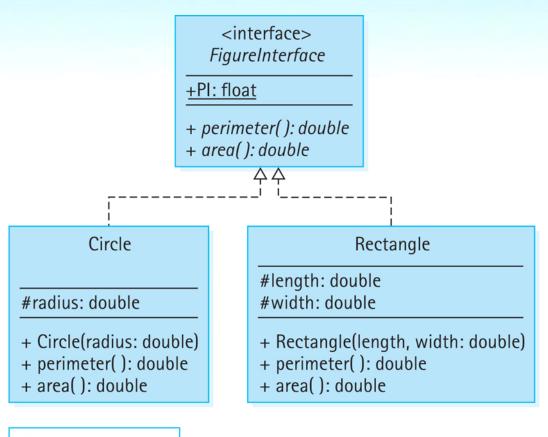
   double perimeter();
   // Returns perimeter of this figure.

   double area();
   // Returns area of this figure.
}
```

Rectangle Class

```
package ch02.figures;
public class Rectangle implements
                       FigureInterface
  protected double length, width;
  public Rectangle (double length,
                   double width)
    this.length = length;
    this.width = width;
  }
  public double perimeter()
    return(2 * (length + width));
  }
  public double area()
    return(length * width);
```

UML Class Diagram



Key:

--- ⇒ implements

Benefits from using Interfaces

- We can formally check the syntax of our specification.
 When we compile the interface, the compiler uncovers any syntactical errors in the method interface definitions.
- We can formally verify that the interface "contract" is met by the implementation. When we compile the implementation, the compiler ensures that the method names, parameters, and return types match what was defined in the interface.
- We can provide a consistent interface to applications from among alternate implementations of the ADT.

```
FigureInterface[] figures = new FigureInterface[COUNT];
final int COUNT = 5;

// generate figures
for (int i = 0; i < COUNT; i++)
{
    switch (rand.nextInt(2))
    {
      case 0: figures[i] = new Circle(1.0);
      break;

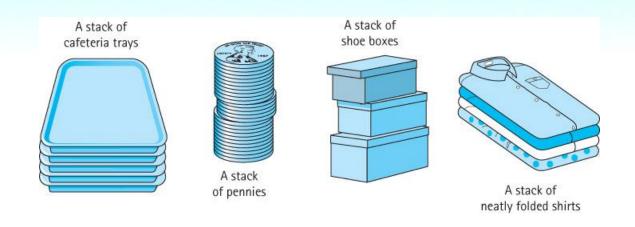
      case 1: figures[i] = new Rectangle(1.0, 2.0);
      break;
    }
}</pre>
```

What is held in figures [3]?

We cannot predict. The binding of figures [3] to a class (Circle or Rectangle) occurs dynamically, at run time.

figures[3] is a polymorphic object.

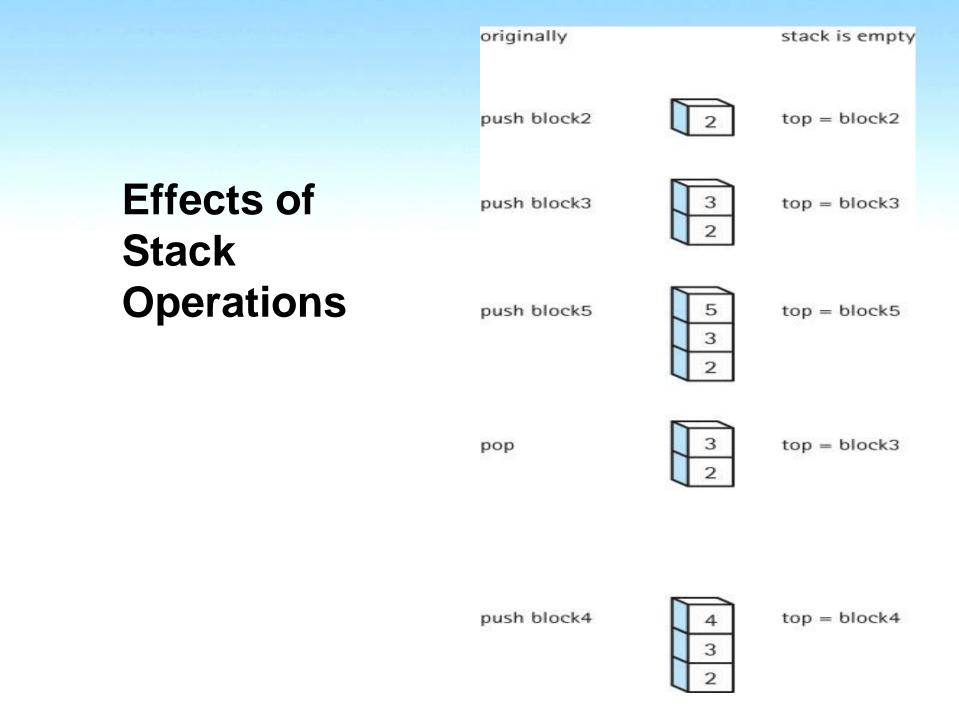
2.1 Stacks



 Stack A structure in which elements are added and removed from only one end; a "last in, first out" (LIFO) structure

Operations on Stacks

- Constructor
 - new creates an empty stack
- Transformers
 - push adds an element to the top of a stack
 - pop removes the top element off the stack
- Observer
 - top returns the top element of a stack



Using Stacks

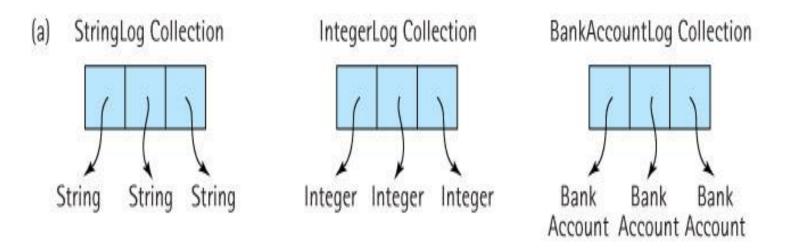
- Stacks are often used for "system" programming:
 - Programming language systems use a stack to keep track of sequences of operation calls
 - Compilers use stacks to analyze nested language statements
 - Operating systems save information about the current executing process on a stack, so that it can work on a higher-priority, interrupting process

2.3 Collection Elements

- Collection An object that holds other objects. Typically we are interested in inserting, removing, and iterating through the contents of a collection.
- A stack is an example of a Collection ADT.
 It collects together elements for future use, while maintaining a first in last out ordering among the elements.

Separate ADTs for each type that a collection can hold?

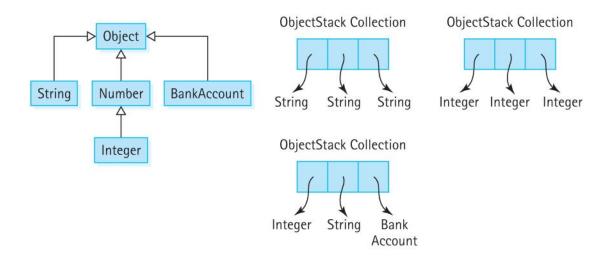
One approach is to implement a separate stack class for each element type:



This approach is too redundant and not useful

How can we implement stacks that hold different types of elements?

Another approach is to implement a stack class that can hold elements of class Object:



This approach requires extra effort to keep track of, and indicate, exactly what is in the stack.

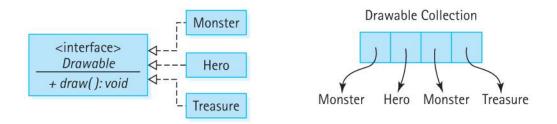
Collections of Class Object

- Note: whenever an element is removed from the collection it can only be referenced as an Object. If you intend to use it as something else you must cast it into the type that you intend to use.
- For example:

```
collection.push("E. E. Cummings");  // push string on a stack
String poet = (String) collection.top(); // cast top to String
System.out.println(poet.toLowerCase()); // use the string
```

How can we implement stacks that hold different types of elements?

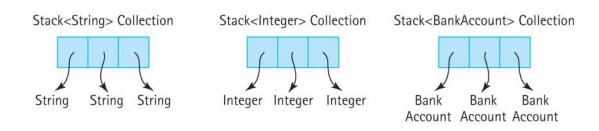
Another approach is to implement a stack class that can hold elements of a particular interface:



This approach could work in certain specific situations but it is not a general solution.

How can we implement stacks that hold different types of elements?

Generic stack – implement once and indicate the type of element to be held on instantiation



This is the approach we will use:

- Parameterized types
- Declared as <T>
- Actual type provided upon instantiation

Our approach

- For stacks, queues, unsorted lists, and graphs we use collections of class Object
- For sorted lists and trees we use collections of a class that implements a particular interface, namely the Comparable interface

Generic Collections

Example of beginning of Stack class definition:

```
public class Stack<T>
{
    protected T[] elements;
    protected int topIndex = -1;
...
```

Example of application declaring various stacks:

```
Stack<Integer> numbers;
Stack<BankAccount> investments;
Stack<String> answers;
```

2.4 The Stack Interface

- Recall from Section 2.1 that a stack is a "last-in first-out" structure, with primary operations
 - push adds an element to the top of the stack
 - pop removes the top element off the stack
 - top returns the top element of a stack
- In addition we need a constructor that creates an empty stack
- Our Stack ADT will be a generic stack.
 - The class of elements that a stack stores will be specified by the client code at the time the stack is instantiated.

Exceptional Situations

- pop and top what if the stack is empty?
 - throw a StackUnderflowException
 - plus define an isEmpty method for use by the application
- push what if the stack is full?
 - throw a StackOverflowException
 - plus define an isFull method for use by the application

StackInterface

```
package ch02.stacks;
public interface StackInterface<T>
 void push(T element) throws StackOverflowException;
 // Throws StackOverflowException if this stack is full,
 // otherwise places element at the top of this stack.
 void pop() throws StackUnderflowException;
  // Throws StackUnderflowException if this stack is empty,
  // otherwise removes top element from this stack.
  T top() throws StackUnderflowException;
  // Throws StackUnderflowException if this stack is empty,
  // otherwise returns top element of this stack.
 boolean isFull();
  // Returns true if this stack is full, otherwise returns false.
 boolean isEmpty();
 // Returns true if this stack is empty, otherwise returns false.
```

2.5 Array-Based Implementations

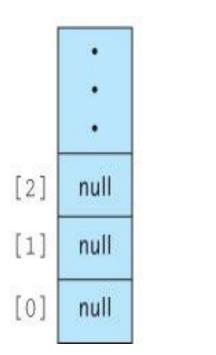
- In this section we study an array-based implementation of a bounded Stack ADT.
- Additionally, we look at an alternate unbounded implementation that uses the Java Library ArrayList class.

The beginning of the ArrayBoundedStack Class

```
// ArrayBoundedStack.java Dale/Joyce/Weems
                                                            Chapter 2
// Implements StackInterface using an array to hold stack elements.
//
// Two constructors are provided: one that creates an array of a default
// size and one that allows the calling program to specify the size.
package ch02.stacks;
public class ArrayBoundedStack<T> implements StackInterface<T>
 protected final int DEFCAP = 100; // default capacity
 protected T[] elements; // holds stack elements
 protected int topIndex = -1; // index of top element in stack
 public ArrayBoundedStack()
    elements = (T[]) new Object[DEFCAP];
 public ArrayBoundedStack(int maxSize)
   elements = (T[]) new Object[maxSize];
```

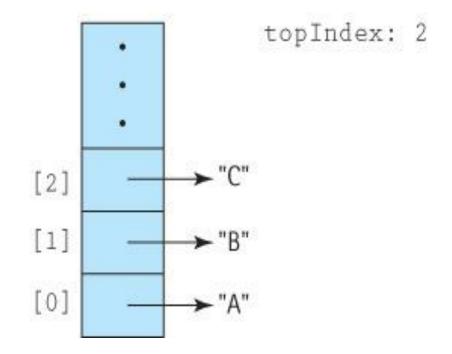
Visualizing the stack

The empty stack:



topIndex: -1

After pushing "A", "B" and "C":



```
public boolean isEmpty()
// Returns true if this stack is empty, otherwise returns false.
{
   return (topIndex == -1);
}

public boolean isFull()
// Returns true if this stack is full, otherwise returns false.
{
   return (topIndex == (elements.length - 1));
}
```

```
public void push(T element)
  if (isFull())
    throw new StackOverflowException("Push attempted on a full stack.");
  else
    topIndex++;
    elements[topIndex] = element;
public void pop()
  if (isEmpty())
    throw new StackUnderflowException("Pop attempted on empty stack.");
  else
    elements[topIndex] = null;
    topIndex--;
```

```
public T top()
{
   T topOfStack = null;
   if (isEmpty())
     throw new StackUnderflowException("Top attempted on empty stack.");
   else
     topOfStack = elements[topIndex];
   return topOfStack;
}
```

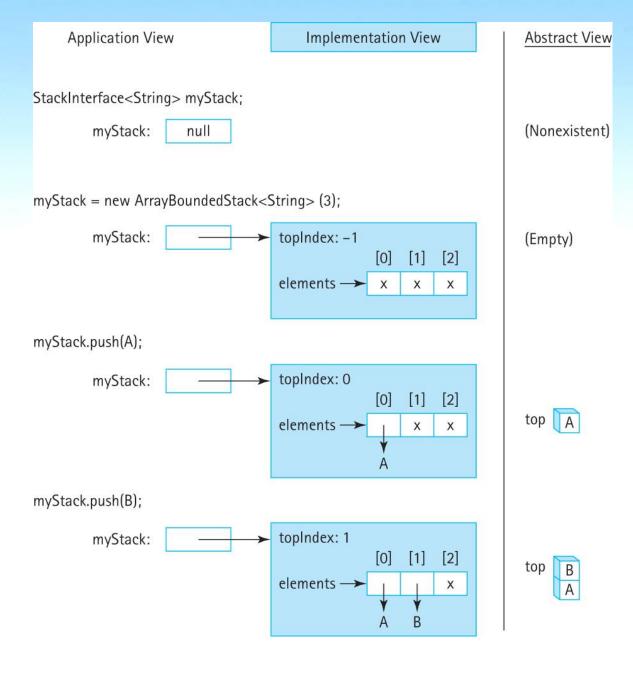
Figure depicts Application, Implementation and Abstract views of the code sequence:

StackInterface<String> myStack;

myStack = new
ArrayBoundedStack<String>(3);

myStack.push(A);

myStack.push(B);



The beginning of the ArrayListStack Class

```
public boolean isEmpty()
// Returns true if this stack is empty, otherwise returns false.
{
   return (elements.size() == 0);
}

public boolean isFull()
// Returns false - an ArrayListStack is never full.
{
   return false;
}
```

```
public void push(T element)
  elements.add(element);
public void pop()
  if (isEmpty())
    throw new StackUnderflowException("Pop attempted on empty stack.");
  else
    elements.remove(elements.size() - 1);
}
public T top()
  T topOfStack = null;
  if (isEmpty())
    throw new StackUnderflowException("Top attempted on empty stack.");
  else
    topOfStack = elements.get(elements.size() - 1);
  return topOfStack;
```

2.6 Application: Balanced Expressions

- Given a set of grouping symbols, determine if the open and close versions of each symbol are matched correctly.
- We'll focus on the normal pairs, (), [], and {}, but in theory
 we could define any pair of symbols (e.g., < > or / \) as
 grouping symbols.
- Any number of other characters may appear in the input expression, before, between, or after a grouping pair, and an expression may contain nested groupings.
- Each close symbol must match the last unmatched opening symbol and each open grouping symbol must have a matching close symbol.

Examples

The Balanced Class

- To help solve our problem we create a class called Balanced, with two instance variables of type String (openSet and closeSet) and a single exported method test
- The Constructor is:

```
public Balanced(String openSet, String closeSet)
// Preconditions: No character is contained more than once in the
// combined openSet and closeSet strings.
// The size of openSet == the size of closeSet.
{
   this.openSet = openSet;
   this.closeSet = closeSet;
}
```

The test method

- Takes an expression as a string argument and checks to see if the grouping symbols in the expression are balanced.
- We use an integer to indicate the result:
 - 0 means the symbols are balanced, such as (([xx])xx)
 - 1 means the expression has unbalanced symbols, such as (([xx}xx))
 - 2 means the expression came to an end prematurely, such as (([xxx])xx

The test method

- For each input character, it does one of three tasks:
 - If the character is an open symbol, it is pushed on a stack.
 - If the character is a close symbol, it must be checked against the last open symbol, which is obtained from the top of the stack. If they match, processing continues with the next character. If the close symbol does not match the top of the stack, or if the stack is empty, then the expression is ill-formed.
 - If the character is not a special symbol, it is skipped.

Test for Well-Formed Expression Algorithm (String expression)

```
Create a new stack of size equal to the length of subject
Set stillBalanced to true
Get the first character from expression
while (the expression is still balanced
      AND
       there are still more characters to process)
  Process the current character
  Get the next character from expression
if (!stillBalanced)
  return 1
else if (stack is not empty)
  return 2
else
  return 0
```

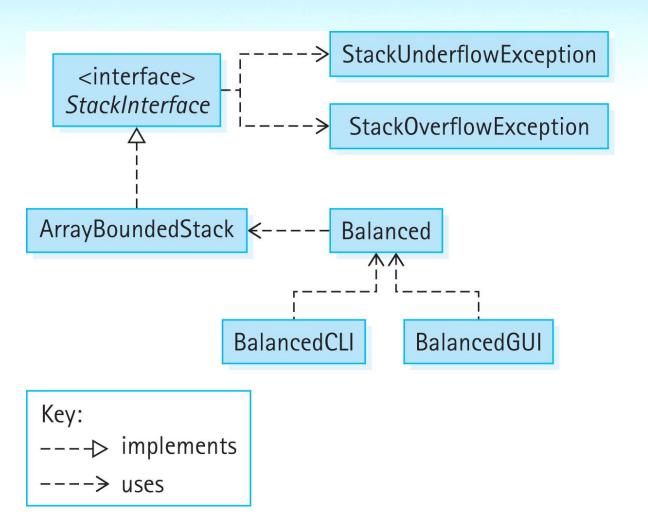
Expansion of "Process the current character"

```
if (the character is an open symbol)
  Push the open symbol character onto the stack
else if (the character is a close symbol)
  if (the stack is empty)
    Set stillBalanced to false
  else
    Set open symbol character to the value at the top of the stack
    Pop the stack
    if the close symbol character does not "match" the open symbol character
        Set stillBalanced to false
else
    Skip the character
```

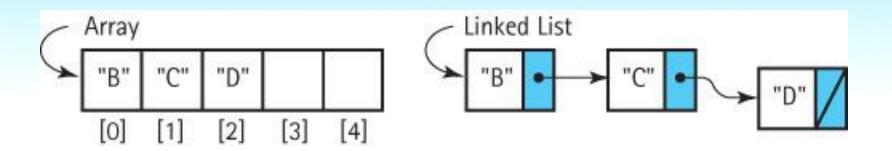
Code and Demo

• Instructors can now walk through the code contained in Balanced.java found in the ch02.balanced package and BalancedCLI.java and/or BalancedGUI.java found in the ch02.apps package, review the notes on pages 104 and 105, and demonstrate the running program.

Program Architecture



2.7 Introduction to Linked Lists



- Arrays and Linked Lists are both basic building blocks for implementing data structures.
- They differ in terms of
 - use of memory
 - manner of access
 - efficiency for various operations
 - language support

Nodes of a Linked-List

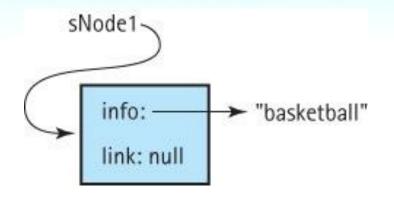
- A node in a linked list is an object that holds some important information, such as a string, plus a link to the exact same type of object, i.e. to an object of the same class.
- Self-referential class A class that includes an instance variable or variables that can hold a reference to an object of the same class.
- To support our linked implementations of our ADTs we create the self-referential LlNode class ...

```
// LLNode.java by Dale/Joyce/Weems Chapter 2
//
// Implements <T> nodes for a Linked List.
package support;
public class LLNode<T>
   protected T info;
   protected LLNode<T> link;
   public LLNode(T info)
      this.info = info;
      link = null;
   }
   public void setInfo(T info) { this.info = info;}
   public T getInfo() { return info; }
   public void setLink(LLNode<T> link) { this.link = link;}
   public LLNode<T> getLink() { return link;}
```

LLNode Class

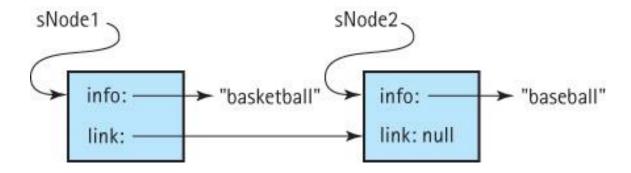
Using the LLNode class

1: LLNode<String> sNode1 = new LLNode<String>("basketball");

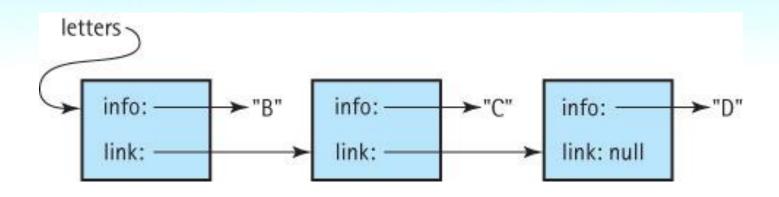


2: suppose that in addition to sNode1 we have sNode2 with info "baseball" and perform

sNode1.setLink(sNode2);



Traversal of a Linked List

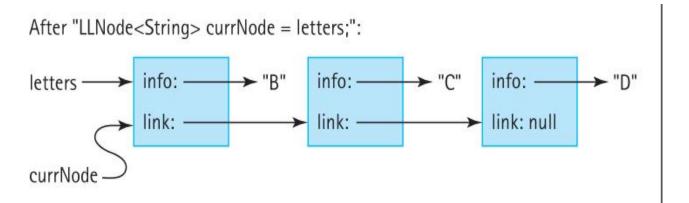


```
LLNode<String> currNode = letters;
while (currNode != null)
{
   System.out.println(currNode.getInfo());
   currNode = currNode.getLink();
}
```

Tracing a Traversal (part 1)

```
LLNode<String> currNode = letters;
while (currNode != null)
{
   System.out.println(currNode.getInfo());
   currNode = currNode.getLink();
}
```

Internal View Output

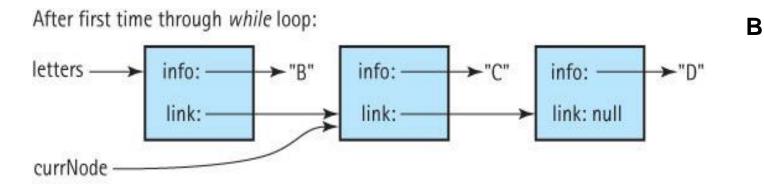


Tracing a Traversal (part 2)

```
LLNode<String> currNode = letters;
while (currNode != null)
{
   System.out.println(currNode.getInfo());
   currNode = currNode.getLink();
}
```

Internal View

Output



Tracing a Traversal (part 3)

```
LLNode<String> currNode = letters;
while (currNode != null)
{
   System.out.println(currNode.getInfo());
   currNode = currNode.getLink();
}
```

After second time through while loop: letters — info: — "B" info: — "C" info: — "D" C C

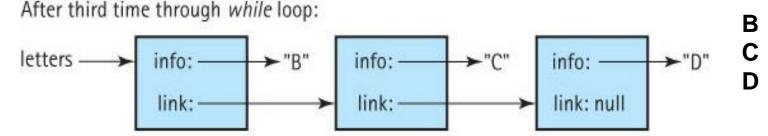
currNode

Tracing a Traversal (part 4)

```
LLNode<String> currNode = letters;
while (currNode != null)
{
   System.out.println(currNode.getInfo());
   currNode = currNode.getLink();
}
```

Internal View

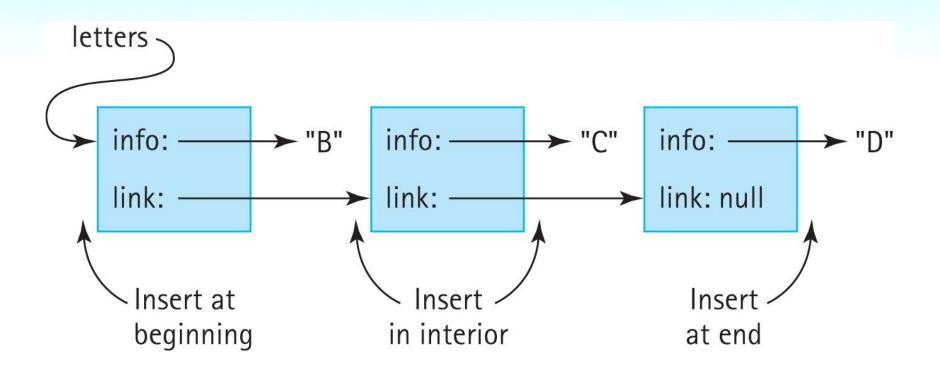
Output



currNode: null

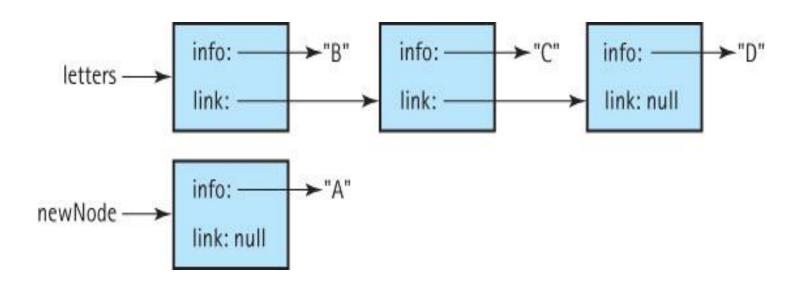
The while conditon is now false

Three general cases of insertion



Insertion at the front (part 1)

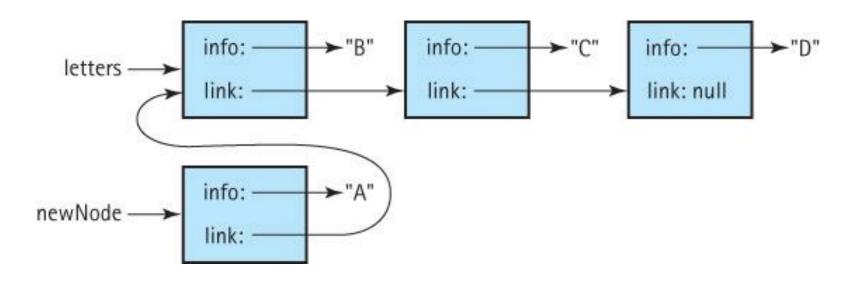
Suppose we have the node newNode to insert into the beginning of the letters linked list:



Insertion at the front (part 2)

Our first step is to set the link variable of the newNode node to point to the beginning of the list:

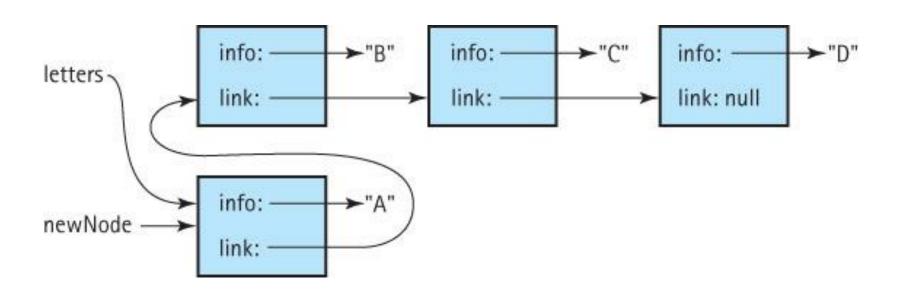
newNode.setLink(letters);



Insertion at the front (part 3)

To finish the insertion we set the letters variable to point to the newNode, making it the new beginning of the list:

letters = newNode;



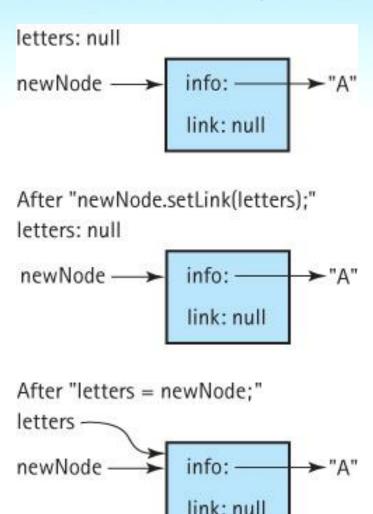
Insertion at front of an empty list

The insertion at the front code is

```
newNode.setLink(letters);
letters = newNode;
```

What happens if our insertion code is called when the linked list is empty?

As can be seen at the right the code still works, with the new node becoming the first and only node on the linked list.



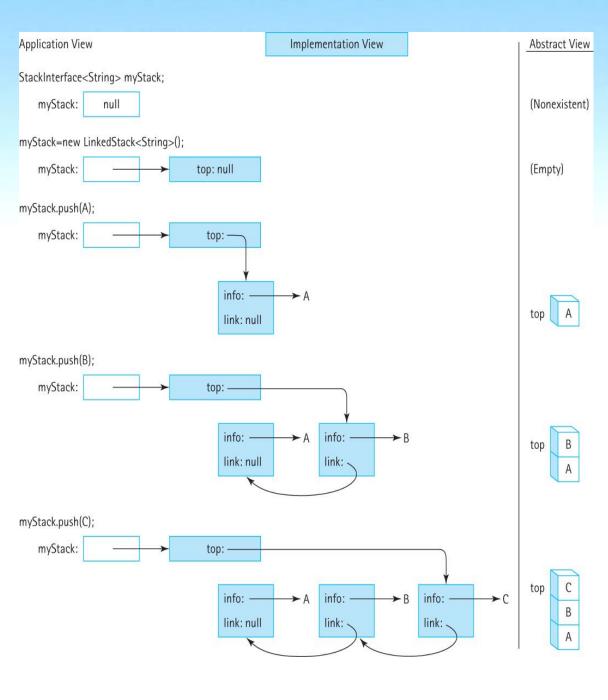
2.8 A Link-Based Stack

- In this section we study a link-based implementation of the Stack ADT.
- After discussing the link-based approach we compare our stack implementation approaches.

The LinkedStack Class

We only need a single instance variable, the "pointer" to the 'top' of the stack:

```
package ch02.stacks;
import support.LLNode;
public class LinkedStack<T> implements StackInterface<T>
{
   protected LLNode<T> top; // reference to the top of this stack
   public LinkedStack()
   {
      top = null;
   }
}
```



Visualizing the push operation

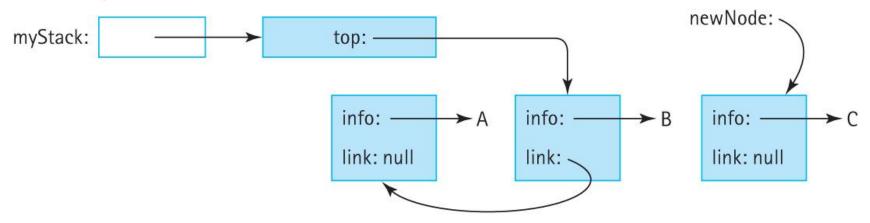
(insertion at front of a linked-list)

StackInterface<String> myStack; myStack = new LinkedStack<String>(); myStack.push(A); myStack.push(B); myStack.push(C);

The push(C) operation (step 1)

- Allocate space for the next stack node and set the node info to element
- Set the node link to the previous top of stack
- Set the top of stack to the new stack node

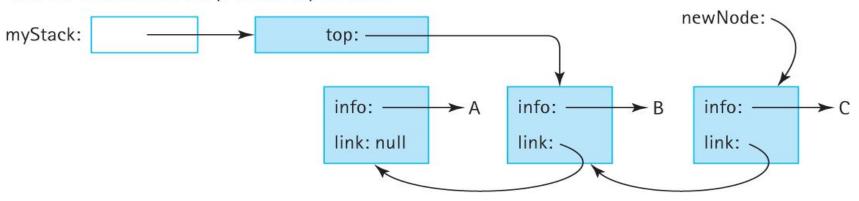
Allocate space for the next stack node and set the node info to element



The push(C) operation (step 2)

- Allocate space for the next stack node and set the node info to element
- Set the node link to the previous top of stack
- Set the top of stack to the new stack node

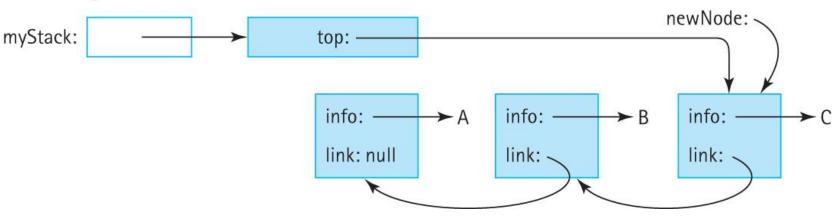
Set the node link to the previous top of stack



The push(C) operation (step 3)

- Allocate space for the next stack node and set the node info to element
- Set the node link to the previous top of stack
- Set the top of stack to the new stack node

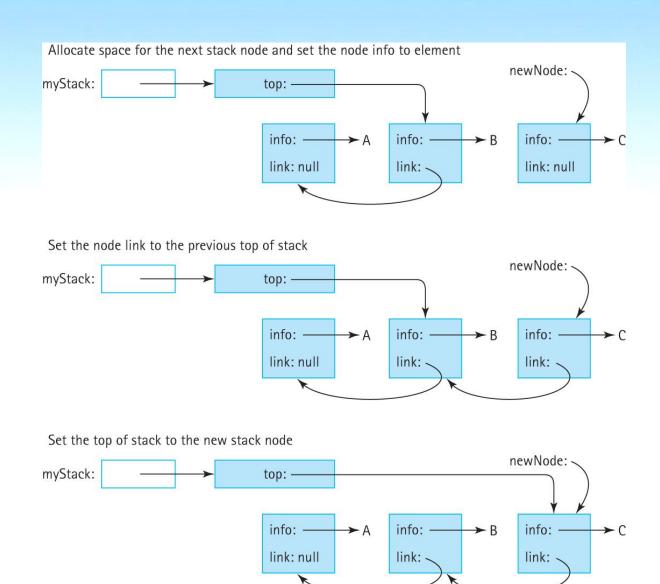
Set the top of stack to the new stack node



Code for the push method

```
public void push(T element)
// Places element at the top of this stack.
{
   LLNode<T> newNode = new LLNode<T>(element);
   newNode.setLink(top);
   top = newNode;
}
```

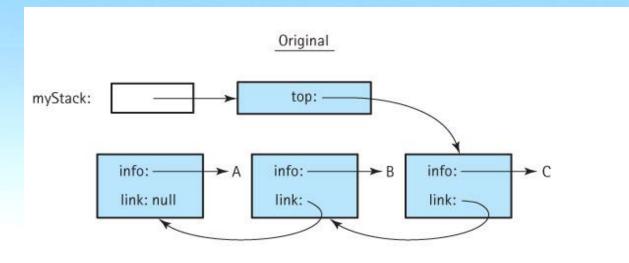
Result of push onto empty stack



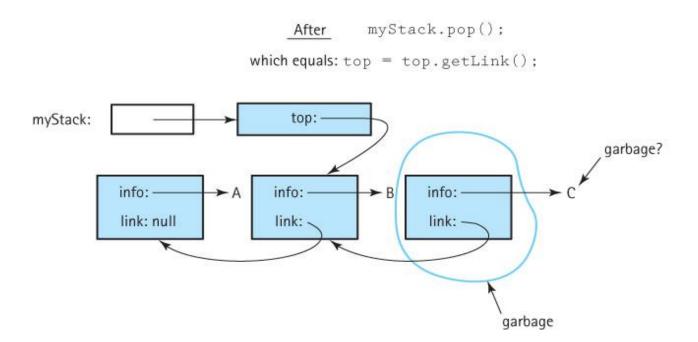
Code for the pop method

```
public void pop()
// Throws StackUnderflowException if this stack is empty,
// otherwise removes top element from this stack.

{
   if (isEmpty())
      throw new StackUnderflowException("Pop attempted on an empty stack.");
   else
      top = top.getLink();
}
```



Pop from a stack with three elements



The remaining operations

```
public T top()
   if (isEmpty())
      throw new StackUnderflowException("Top attempted on an empty stack.");
   else
      return top.getInfo();
public boolean isEmpty()
  return (top == null);
public boolean isFull()
// Returns false - a linked stack is never full.
   return false;
```

Comparing Stack Implementations

Storage Size

- Array-based: takes the same amount of memory, no matter how many array slots are actually used, proportional to maximum size
- Link-based: takes space proportional to actual size of the stack (but each element requires more space than with array approach)

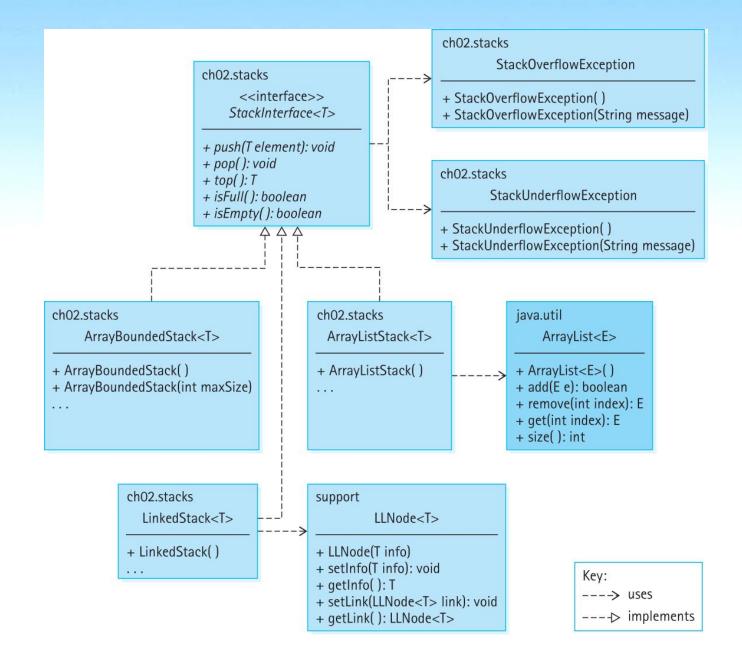
Operation efficiency

- All operations, for each approach, are O(1)
- Except for the Constructors:
 - Array-based: O(N)
 - Link-based: O(1)

Which is better?

- The linked implementation does not have space limitations, and in applications where the number of stack elements can vary greatly, it wastes less space when the stack is small.
- The array-based implementation is short, simple, and efficient. Its operations have less overhead. When the maximum size is small and we know the maximum size with certainty, the array-based implementation is a good choice.

Our Stack Classes and Interfaces



2.9 Application: Postfix Expression Evaluator

- Postfix notation is a notation for writing arithmetic expressions in which the operators appear after their operands.
- For example, instead of writing

$$(2 + 14) \times 23$$

we write

$$214 + 23 \times$$

Postfix Expression	Infix Equivalent	Result
4572+-×	4 × (5 – (7 + 2))	-16
$34 + 2 \times 7$	$((3+4)\times 2)/7$	2
57+62-×	$(5+7) \times (6-2)$	48
4 2 3 5 1 - + × + ×	$? \times (4 + (2 \times (3 + (5 - 1))))$	not enough operands
42+351-×+	$(4+2)+(3\times(5-1))$	18
5 3 7 9 + +	(3 + (7 + 9)) 5???	too many operands

Postfix Expression Evaluation Algorithm

```
while more items exist
  Get an item
  if item is an operand
    stack.push(item)
  else
    operand2 = stack.top()
    stack.pop()
    operand1 = stack.top()
    stack.pop()
    Set result to (apply operation corresponding to item
                 to operand1 and operand2)
    stack.push(result)
result = stack.top()
stack.pop()
return result
```

5 7 + 6 2 - *

$$57 + 62 - *$$

5 7 + 6 2 - *

4 1*2.*

5 7 + 6 2 - *

Result

2.10 Stack Variations

- Changes we could make to our Stack
 - Use stacks of class Object instead of generic stacks
 - Implement the classic pop operation (both remove and return top element) instead of the combination of pop and top operations
 - Instead of throwing exceptions we could
 - for example, state as a precondition that pop will not be called on an empty stack
 - for example, state that pop returns a boolean indicating success

The Java Collections Framework Stack

- extends the Vector class which extends the Object class
 - inherits several useful operations such as capacity, clear, clone, contains, isEmpty, toArray, and toString.
- in addition to our push and top methods, implements
 - the classic *pop* operation (both remove and return top element)
 - a search operation that returns the position of a specified object in the stack

ArrayStack Class using Object class

```
package ch03.stacks;
public class ArrayStack implements BoundedStackInterface
 protected final int defCap = 100; // default capacity
 protected int topIndex = -1; // index of top element in stack
 public ArrayStack()
   stack = new Object[defCap];
 public ArrayStack(int maxSize)
   stack = new Object[maxSize];
```

Push and Pop

```
public void push(Object element)
  if (!isFull())
    topIndex++;
    stack[topIndex] = element;
  else
    throw new StackOverflowException ("Push attempted on a full stack.");
public void pop()
  if (!isEmpty())
    stack[topIndex] = null;
    topIndex--;
  else
    throw new StackUnderflowException ("Pop attempted on an empty stack.");
```