

1.3 Stacks and Queues



- ▶ stacks
- ▶ dynamic resizing
- ▶ queues
- ▶ generics
- ▶ iterators
- ▶ applications

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Client, implementation, interface

Separate interface and implementation.

Ex: stack, queue, priority queue, symbol table, union-find,

Benefits.

- Client can't know details of implementation ⇒ client has many implementation from which to choose.
- Implementation can't know details of client needs ⇒ many clients can re-use the same implementation.
- Design: creates modular, reusable libraries.
- Performance: use optimized implementation where it matters.

Client: program using operations defined in interface.
Implementation: actual code implementing operations.
Interface: description of data type, basic operations.

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?

LIFO = "last in first out"

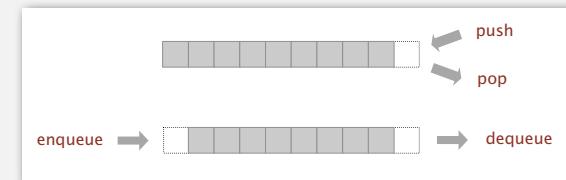
Stack. Remove the item most recently added.

Analogy. Cafeteria trays, Web surfing.

FIFO = "first in first out"

Queue. Remove the item least recently added.

Analogy. Registrar's line.



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Stack API

Warmup. Stack of strings objects.

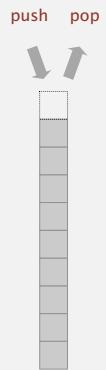
```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    StackOfStrings()      create an empty stack
    void push(String s)   insert a new item onto stack
    String pop()          remove and return the item
                          most recently added
    boolean isEmpty()     is the stack empty?
    int size()            number of items on the stack
```



Challenge. Reverse sequence of strings from standard input.

Stack test client

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    StackOfStrings stack = new StackOfStrings();
    while (!StdIn.isEmpty())
    {
        String item = StdIn.readString();
        if (item.equals("-")) StdOut.print(stack.pop());
        else stack.push(item);
    }
}
```



```
% more tobe.txt
to be or not to - be -- that -- - is

% java StackOfStrings < tobe.txt
to be not that or be
```

Stack pop: linked-list implementation

```
save item to return
String item = first.item;

save item to return
first = first.next;

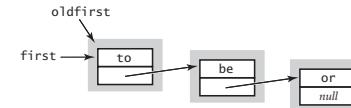
first → [to] → [be] → [or]
           ↓       ↓
first → [be] → [or]
```

return saved item
return item;

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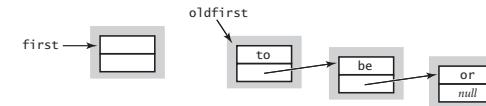
Stack push: linked-list implementation

```
save a link to the list
Node oldfirst = first;
```



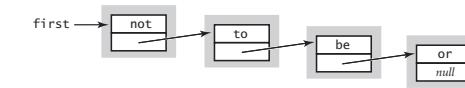
create a new node for the beginning

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



set the instance variables in the new node

```
first.item = "not";
first.next = oldfirst;
```



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Stack: linked-list implementation in Java

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

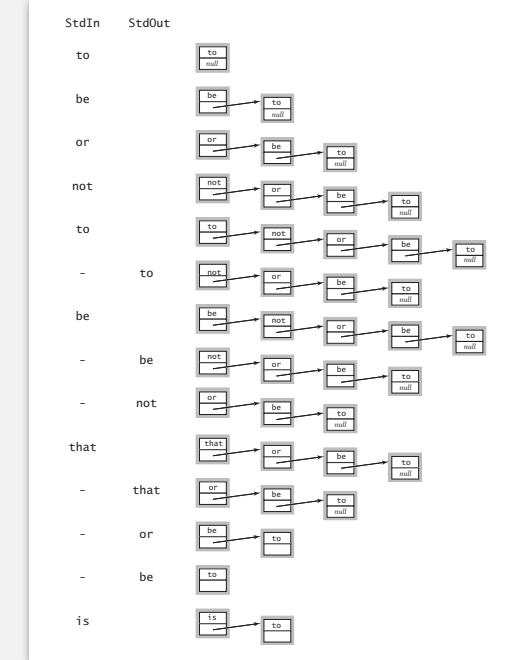
    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

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

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

    public String pop()
    {
        if (isEmpty()) throw new RuntimeException(); ← stack underflow
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

Stack: linked-list trace



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 $s[N-1]$.

Defect. Stack overflows when n exceeds capacity. [stay tuned]

Stack: array implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s;           a cheat (stay tuned)
    private int N = 0;

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

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

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

    public String pop()
    {   return s[--N]; }
}
```

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

this version avoids "loitering":
garbage collector reclaims memory
only if no outstanding references

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Stack: dynamic-array implementation

Problem. Requiring client to provide capacity does not implement API!

Q. How to grow and shrink array?

First try.

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

Too expensive.

- Need to copy all item to a new array.
- Inserting first N items takes time proportional to $1 + 2 + \dots + N \sim N^2/2$.

↑
infeasible for large N

Challenge. Ensure that array resizing happens infrequently.

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Stack: dynamic-array implementation

Q. How to grow array?

A. If array is full, create a new array of twice the size, and copy items.

"repeated doubling"

```
public StackOfStrings() { s = new String[1]; }

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

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

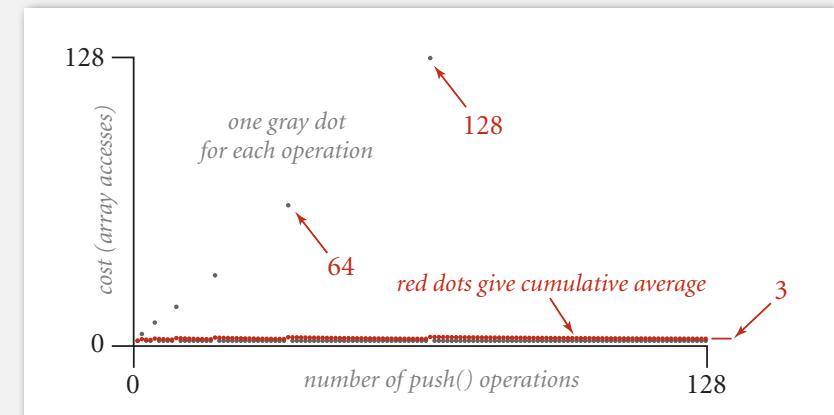
cost of array resizing is now
 $2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + N \sim 2N$

Consequence. Inserting first N items takes time proportional to N (not N^2).

Stack: amortized cost of adding to a stack

Cost of inserting first N items. $N + (2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + N) \sim 3N$.

\uparrow \uparrow
1 array accesses k array accesses
per push to double to size k



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Stack: dynamic-array implementation

Q. How to shrink array?

First try.

- `push()`: double size of `s[]` when array is full.
- `pop()`: halve size of `s[]` when array is one-half full.

Too expensive.

"thrashing"

- Consider push-pop-push-pop... sequence when array is full.
- Takes time proportional to N per operation in worst case.

$N = 5$	to	be	or	not	to	null	null	null
$N = 4$	to	be	or	not				
$N = 5$	to	be	or	not	to	null	null	null
$N = 4$	to	be	or	not				

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Stack: dynamic-array implementation trace

StdIn	StdOut	N	a.length	a							
				0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1		null							
to	1	1		to							
be	2	2		to	be						
or	3	4		to	be	or	null				
not	4	4		to	be	or	not				
to	5	8		to	be	or	not	to	null	null	null
-	to	4		to	be	or	not	null	null	null	null
be	5	8		to	be	or	not	be	null	null	null
-	be	4		to	be	or	not	null	null	null	null
-	not	3		to	be	or	null	null	null	null	null
that	4	8		to	be	or	that	null	null	null	null
-	that	3		to	be	or	null	null	null	null	null
-	or	2		to	be	null	null				
-	be	1		to	null						
is	2	2		to	is						

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Stack: dynamic-array implementation

Q. How to shrink array?

Efficient solution.

- `push()`: double size of `s[]` when array is full.
- `pop()`: halve size of `s[]` when array is one-quarter full.

```
public String pop()
{
    String item = s[--N];
    s[N] = null;
    if (N > 0 && N == s.length/4) resize(s.length / 2);
    return item;
}
```

Invariant. Array is between 25% and 100% full.

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Stack: dynamic-array implementation performance

Amortized analysis. Average running time per operation over a worst-case sequence of operations.

Proposition. Starting from empty stack (with dynamic resizing), any sequence of M push and pop operations takes time proportional to M .

	best	worst	amortized
construct	1	1	1
push	1	N	1
pop	1	N	1
size	1	1	1

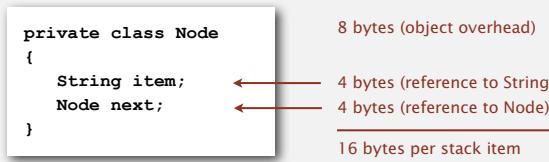
running time for doubling stack with N items

doubling and shrinking

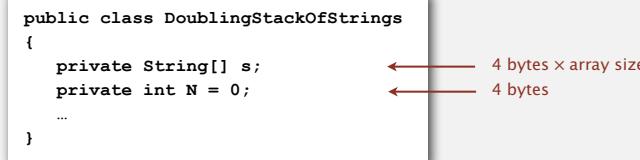
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Stack implementations: memory usage

Linked-list implementation. $\sim 16N$ bytes.



Dynamic-array implementation. Between $\sim 4N$ (100% full) and $\sim 16N$ (25% full).



Remark. Analysis includes memory for the stack (but not the strings themselves).

Stack implementations: dynamic array vs. linked List

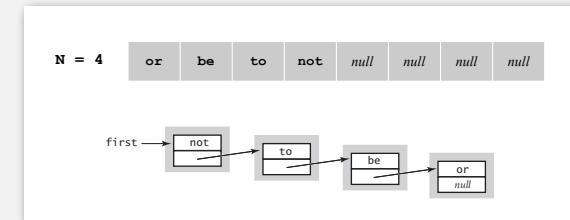
Tradeoffs. Can implement a stack with either dynamic array or linked list; client can use interchangeably. Which one is better?

Linked-list implementation.

- Every operation takes constant time in the **worst case**.
- Uses extra time and space to deal with the links.

Dynamic-array implementation.

- Every operation takes constant **amortized** time.
- Less wasted space.



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Queue API

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public class QueueOfStrings	
QueueOfStrings()	create an empty queue
void enqueue(String s)	insert a new item onto queue
String dequeue()	remove and return the item least recently added
boolean isEmpty()	is the queue empty?
int size()	number of items on the queue

enqueue

dequeue

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Queue test client

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    QueueOfStrings q = new QueueOfStrings();
    while (!StdIn.isEmpty())
    {
        String item = StdIn.readString();
        if (item.equals("-")) StdOut.print(q.dequeue());
        else q.enqueue(item);
    }
}
```

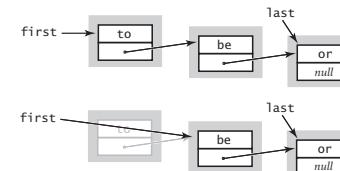
```
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to be or not to - be -- that -- is

% java QueueOfStrings < tobe.txt
to be or not to be
```

Queue dequeue: linked-list implementation

save item to return
String item = first.item;

save item to return
first = first.next;



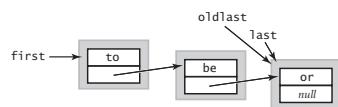
return saved item
return item;

Remark. Identical code to linked-list stack pop().

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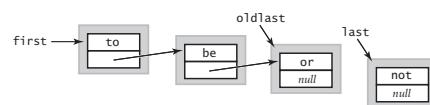
Queue enqueue: linked-list implementation

save a link to the last node
Node oldlast = last;



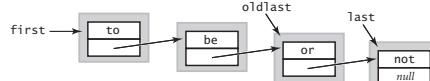
create a new node for the end

```
Node last = new Node();
last.item = "not";
last.next = null;
```



link the new node to the end of the list

```
oldlast.next = last;
```



Queue: linked-list implementation in Java

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

    private class Node
    { /* same as in StackOfStrings */ }

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

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

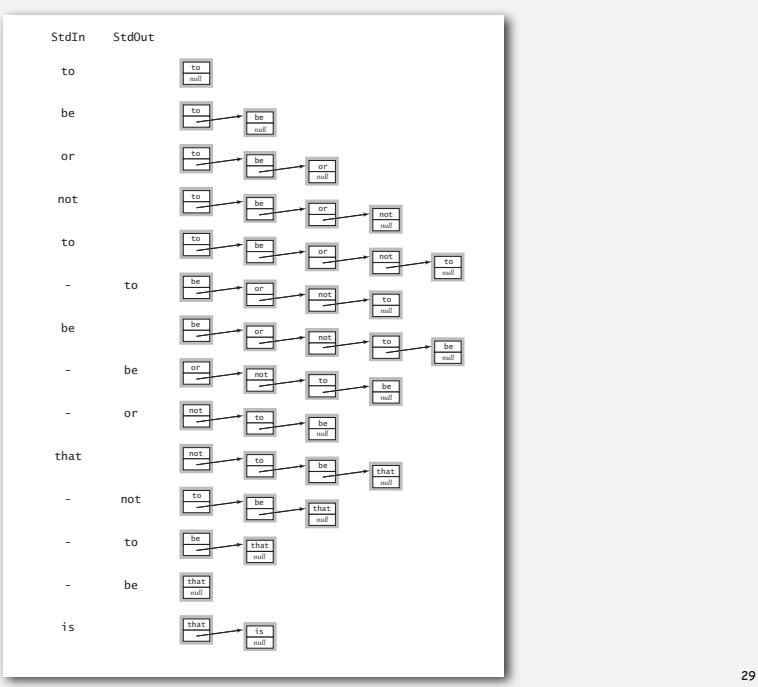
    public String dequeue()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        if (isEmpty()) last = null;
        return item;
    }
}
```

special cases for empty queue

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Queue: linked-list trace

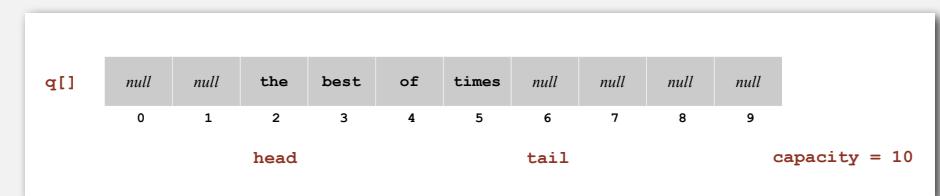


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Queue: dynamic array implementation

Array implementation of a queue.

- Use array `q[]` to store items in queue.
- `enqueue()`: add new item at `q[tail]`.
- `dequeue()`: remove item from `q[head]`.
- Update `head` and `tail` modulo the capacity.
- Add dynamic resizing.



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Parameterized stack

We implemented: `StackOfStrings`.

We also want: `StackOfURLs`, `StackOfInts`, `StackOfVans`, 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.

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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.



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

run-time error

Generic stack: linked-list implementation

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

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

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

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

    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 oldfirst = first;
        first = new Node();
        first.item = item;
        first.next = oldfirst;
    }

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

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Parameterized stack

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Attempt 3. Java generics.

- Avoid casting in client.
- 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);
a = s.pop();
```

type parameter

compile-time error

Guiding principles. Welcome compile-time errors; avoid run-time errors.

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Generic stack: array implementation

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

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

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

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

    public String pop()
    {   return s[--N];   }
}
```

the way it should be

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

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

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

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

    public Item pop()
    {   return s[--N];   }
}
```

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

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Generic stack: array implementation

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

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

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

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

    public String pop()
    { return s[--N]; }
}
```

the way it is

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

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

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

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

    public Item pop()
    { return s[--N]; }
}
```

the ugly cast

Generic data types: autoboxing

Q. 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 = s.pop().intValue();
```

Bottom line. Client code can use generic stack for **any** type of data.

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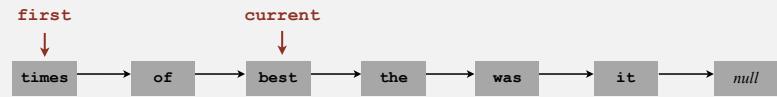
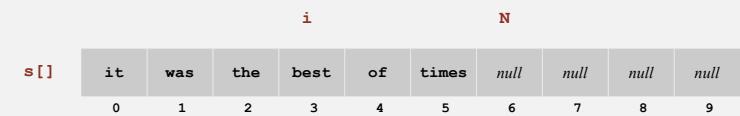
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Iteration

Design challenge. Support iteration over stack items by client, without revealing the internal representation of the stack.



Java solution. Make stack implement the `Iterable` interface.

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Iterators

Q. What is an `Iterable`?

A. Has a method that returns an `Iterator`.

Iterable interface

```
public interface Iterable<Item>
{
    Iterator<Item> iterator();
}
```

Q. What is an `Iterator`?

A. Has methods `hasNext()` and `next()`.

Iterator interface

```
public interface Iterator<Item>
{
    boolean hasNext();
    Item next();
    void remove(); ← optional; use
                           at your own risk
}
```

"foreach" statement

```
for (String s : stack)
    StdOut.println(s);
```

equivalent code

```
Iterator<String> i = stack.iterator();
while (i.hasNext())
{
    String s = i.next();
    StdOut.println(s);
}
```

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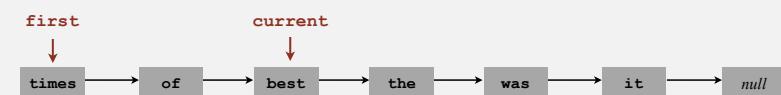
Stack iterator: linked-list implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;

public class Stack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...
    public Iterator<Item> iterator() { return new ListIterator(); }

    private class ListIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private Node current = first;

        public boolean hasNext() { return current != null; }
        public void remove() { /* not supported */ }
        public Item next()
        {
            Item item = current.item;
            current = current.next;
            return item;
        }
    }
}
```



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Stack iterator: array implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;

public class Stack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...
    public Iterator<Item> iterator() { return new ArrayIterator(); }

    private class ArrayIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private int i = N;

        public boolean hasNext() { return i > 0; }
        public void remove() { /* not supported */ }
        public Item next() { return s[--i]; }
    }
}
```

					i	N			
s[]	it	was	the	best	of	times	null	null	null
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Bag API

When order doesn't matter:

```
public class Bag<Item> implements Iterator<Item>
```

Bag()	create an empty bag
void add(Item x)	insert a new item onto bag
int size()	number of items in bag
Iterable<Item> iterator()	iterator for all items in bag

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List interface. `java.util.List` is API for ordered collection of items.

<code>public interface List<Item> implements Iterator<Item></code>	
<code> List()</code>	create an empty list
<code> boolean isEmpty()</code>	is the list empty?
<code> int size()</code>	number of items
<code> void add(Item item)</code>	append item to the end
<code> Item get(int index)</code>	return item at given index
<code> Item remove(int index)</code>	return and delete item at given index
<code> boolean contains(Item item)</code>	does the list contain the given item?
<code> Iterator<Item> iterator()</code>	iterator over all items in the list
<code> ...</code>	

Implementations. `java.util.ArrayList` uses dynamic array;
`java.util.LinkedList` uses linked list.

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Java collections library

`java.util.Stack`.

- Supports `push()`, `pop()`, `size()`, `isEmpty()`, and iteration.
- Also implements `java.util.List` interface from previous slide, including, `get()`, `remove()`, and `contains()`.
- Bloated and poorly-designed API \Rightarrow don't use.

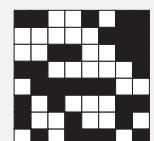
`java.util.Queue`. An interface, not an implementation of a queue.

Best practices. Use our implementations of `Stack`, `Queue`, and `Bag`.

War story (from COS 226)

Generate random open sites in an N -by- N percolation system.

- Jenny: pick (i, j) at random; if already open, repeat.
Takes $\sim c_1 N^2$ seconds.
- Kenny: create a `java.util.LinkedList` of N^2 open sites.
Pick an index at random and delete.
Takes $\sim c_2 N^4$ seconds.



Why is my program so slow?



Kenny

Lesson. Don't use a library until you understand its API!

This course. Can't use a library until we've implemented it in class.



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Stack 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.
- ...



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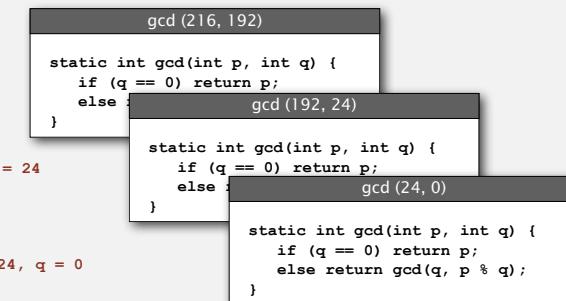
Function calls

How a compiler implements a function.

- 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.



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Arithmetic expression evaluation

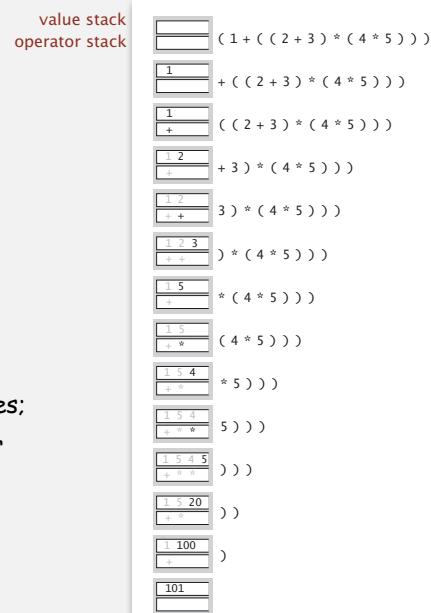
Goal. Evaluate infix expressions.



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!



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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

```

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Correctness

Q. Why correct?

A. 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.

Stack-based programming languages

Observation 1. 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 * * +
```



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PostScript

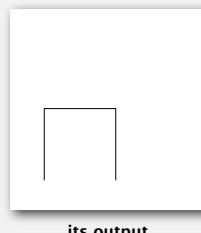
PostScript. [Warnock-Geschke 1980s]

- Postfix program code.
- Turtle graphics commands.
- Variables, types, text, loops, conditionals, functions, ...

units are points
(72 per inch)

```
%!
100 100 moveto
100 300 lineto
300 300 lineto
300 100 lineto
stroke
```

a PostScript program



Simple virtual machine, but not a toy.

- Easy to specify published page.
- Easy to implement in printers.
- Revolutionized the publishing world.

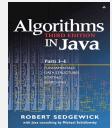
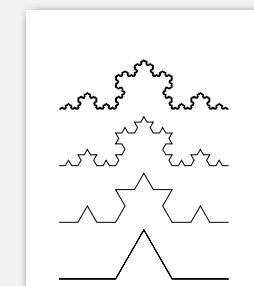


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PostScript applications

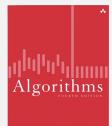
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```
%!
72 72 translate
/kochR
{
  2 copy ge { dup 0 rlineto }
  {
    3 div
    2 copy kochR 60 rotate
    2 copy kochR -120 rotate
    2 copy kochR 60 rotate
    2 copy kochR
  } ifelse
  pop pop
} def
0 0 moveto 81 243 kochR
0 81 moveto 27 243 kochR
0 162 moveto 9 243 kochR
0 243 moveto 1 243 kochR
stroke
```



see page 218

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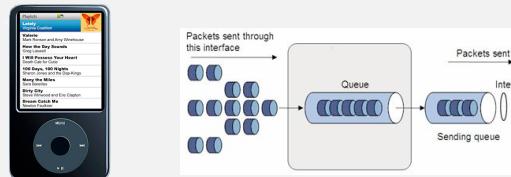
Queue applications

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.



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M/M/1 queuing model: example simulation



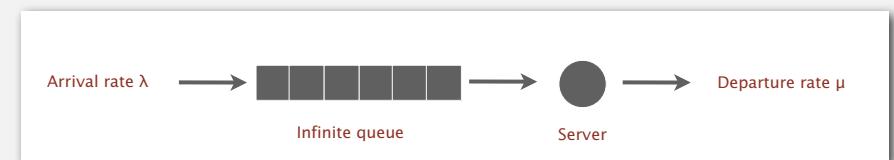
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M/M/1 queuing model

M/M/1 queue.

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

interarrival time has exponential distribution $\Pr[X \leq x] = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$
service time has exponential distribution $\Pr[X \leq x] = 1 - e^{-\mu x}$



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

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

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

```
public class MM1Queue
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        double lambda = Double.parseDouble(args[0]); // arrival rate
        double mu     = Double.parseDouble(args[1]); // service rate
        double nextArrival = StdRandom.exp(lambda);
        double nextService = nextArrival + StdRandom.exp(mu);

        Queue<Double> queue = new Queue<Double>(); // queue of arrival times
        Histogram hist = new Histogram("M/M/1 Queue", 60);

        while (true)
        {
            while (nextArrival < nextService) // next event is an arrival
            {
                queue.enqueue(nextArrival);
                nextArrival += StdRandom.exp(lambda);
            }

            double arrival = queue.dequeue(); // next event is a service completion
            double wait = nextService - arrival;
            hist.addDataPoint(Math.min(60, (int) (Math.round(wait))));

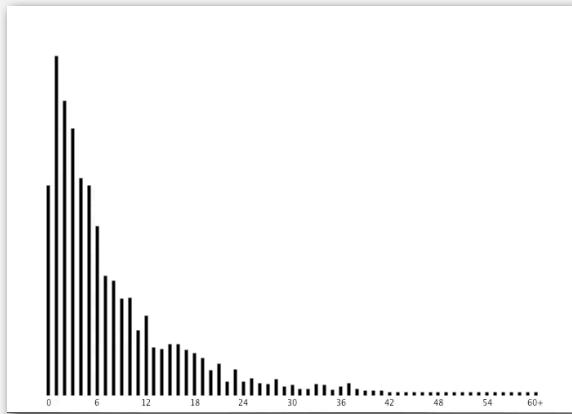
            if (queue.isEmpty()) nextService = nextArrival + StdRandom.exp(mu);
            else                  nextService = nextService + StdRandom.exp(mu);
        }
    }
}
```

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M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. If service rate μ is much larger than arrival rate λ , customers gets good service.

```
% java MM1Queue .2 .333
```

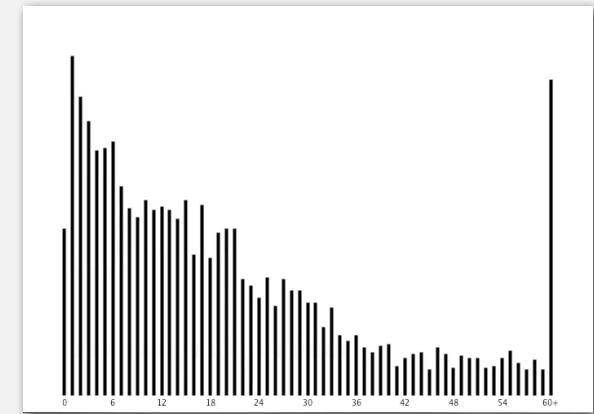


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M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. As service rate μ approaches arrival rate λ , services goes to h***.

```
% java MM1Queue .2 .25
```



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M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. As service rate μ approaches arrival rate λ , services goes to h***.

```
% java MM1Queue .2 .21
```



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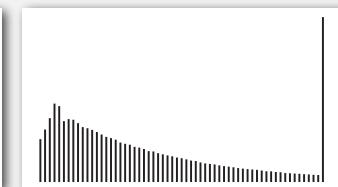
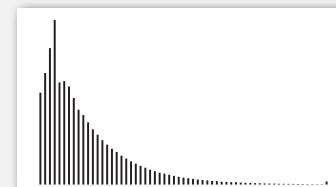
M/M/1 queuing model: analysis

M/M/1 queue. Exact formulas known.

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

Little's Law

$$W = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}, \quad L = \lambda W$$



More complicated queueing models. Event-based simulation essential!
Queueing theory. See ORF 309.

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