

# Stacks

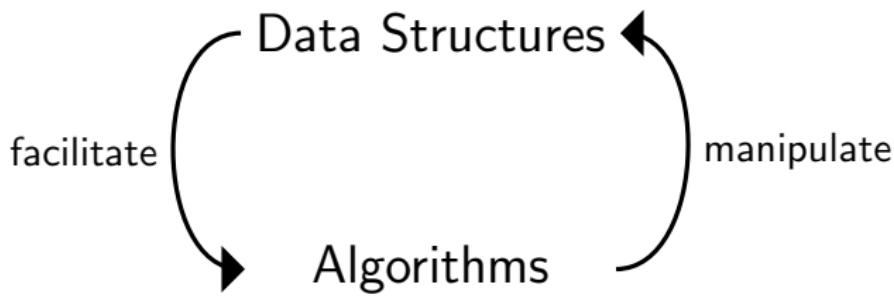
## CS 240

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# Data Structures



- In this class, we mostly study **linear** data structures
- Collections of items tend to have common operations
  - Adding elements
  - Removing elements
  - Querying for particular properties (membership, size, etc.)

# Stacks

## Definition (Stack)

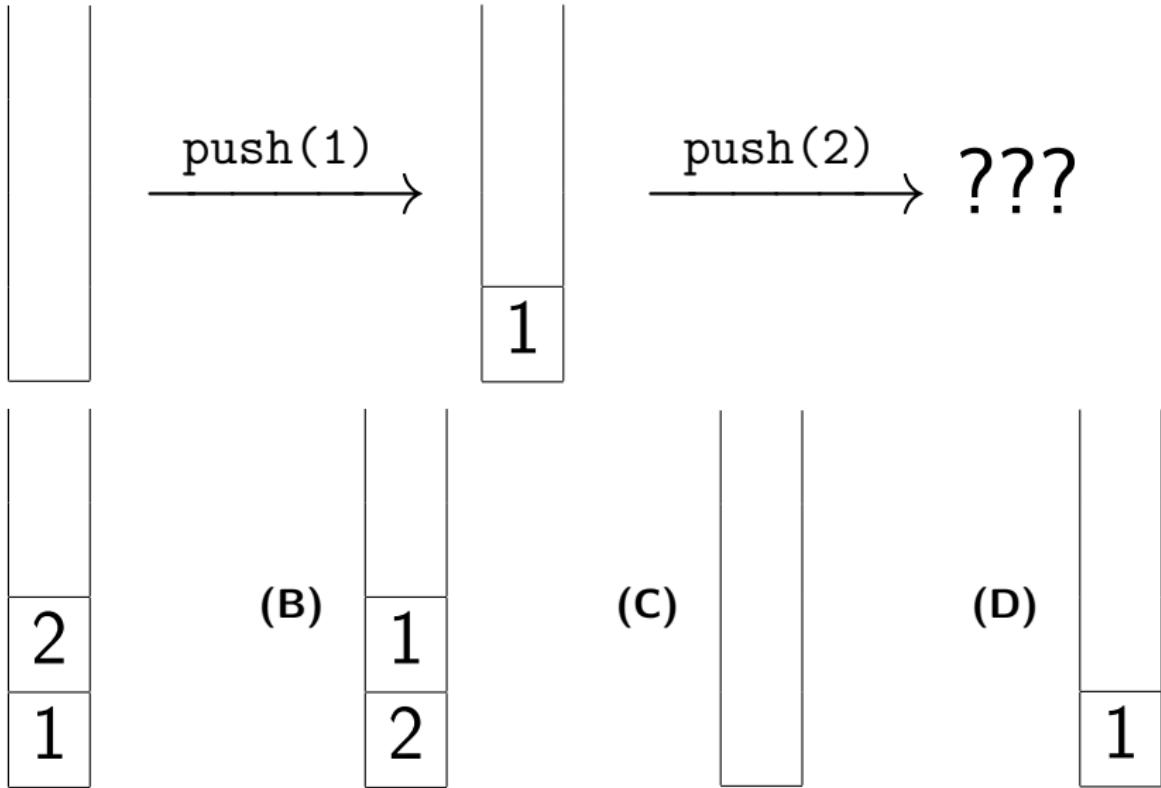
A **stack** is a linear data structure of items arranged from **bottom** to **top**.  
It's defined by three operations:

**push:** To insert an item, you place it on top of the other items

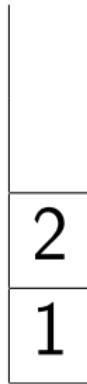
**pop:** To remove an item, you remove the top element

**peek:** You may look at the top item of the stack without removing it; to look at anything underneath, you must pop the top

## Multiple Choice Question



# Multiple Choice Question



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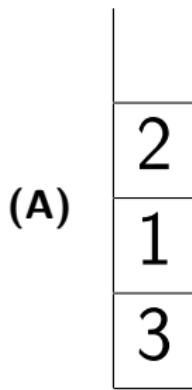
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- (B) 2
- (C) Nothing

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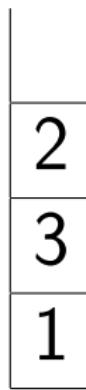


$\xrightarrow{\text{push}(3)}$

???



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

# Multiple Choice Question



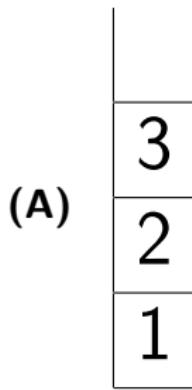
What would be the result of peek()?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) Nothing

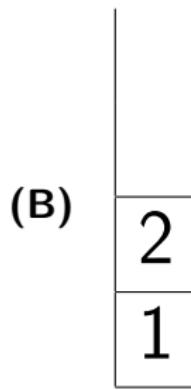
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`pop()` → ???



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

## Multiple Choice Question



$\text{pop}()$  → ???

(A)



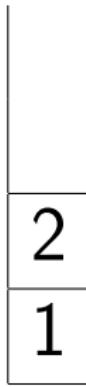
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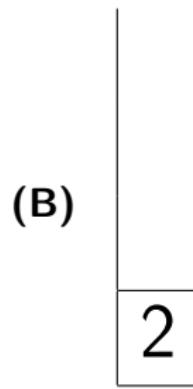
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$\xrightarrow{\text{pop}()}$  ???



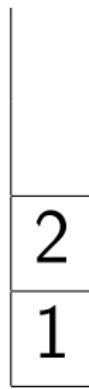
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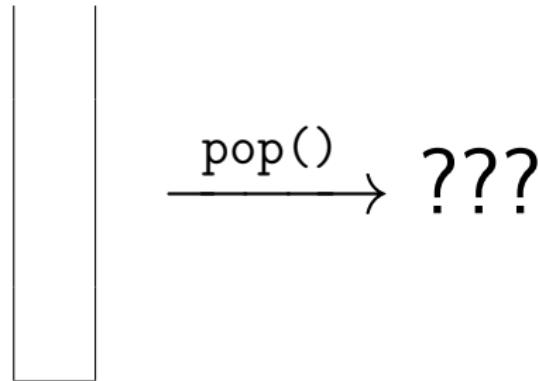


(C)



(D)

## Multiple Choice Question



- (A) An empty stack
- (B) An error
- (C) No error; the next push just won't change the stack
- (D) None of the above

## Multiple Choice Question

Is it possible to push “too many” items onto a stack?

- (A) Yes: the computer may run out of memory
- (B) No: conceptually, stacks don't have a fixed size
- (C) Both of the above
- (D) None of the above

# Error States

## Definition (Underflow)

When a pop (or peek) is performed on an empty stack, the stack is said to be in an **underflow** state

## Definition (Overflow)

When a push is performed on a full stack, the stack is said to be in an **overflow** state

## Note

Conceptually, stack overflow needn't happen; in practice, it might

## Multiple Choice Question

If you were to design a Stack class in Java that held **ints**, what might it look like?

What would the type of the push method be (ignoring errors)?

- (A) `public int push()`
- (B) `public int push(int item)`
- (C) `public void push()`
- (D) `public void push(int item)`

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- (B) `public int peek(int item) throws StackUnderflowException`
- (C) `public int peek()`
- (D) `public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException`

# Interfaces

```
interface Stack {  
    public void push(int item);  
  
    public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException;  
  
    public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException;  
}  
  
class SomeStackImplementation implements Stack {  
    /* must implement all the methods */  
}
```

# Reverse Polish Notation (RPN)

## Definition

Normally, we write math operators in **infix** notation:

A + B

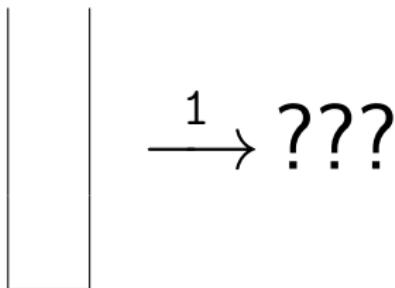
In **postfix** (or **Reverse Polish**) notation, we write:

A B +

# Stack-Based Evaluation

- If we see a number, push it to the **data stack**
- If we see an operator, pop the operands and push the result

1 2 + 3 \* 4 -

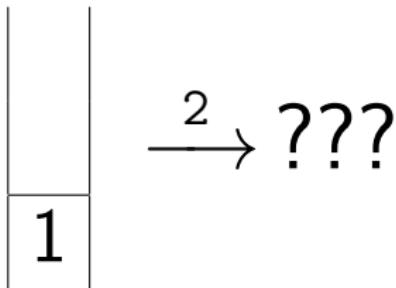


- (A)   
Stack A: An empty stack frame with a single value 1 at the bottom.
- (B)   
Stack B: A stack frame with a single value 2 at the top.
- (C)   
Stack C: A stack frame with two values: 1 at the top and 1 at the bottom.
- (D)   
Stack D: A stack frame with two values: 2 at the top and 1 at the bottom.

# Stack-Based Evaluation

- If we see a number, push it to the **data stack**
- If we see an operator, pop the operands and push the result

1 2 + 3 \* 4 -



- (A) A stack with no elements.
- (B) A stack with one box containing the number '3'.
- (C) A stack with two boxes stacked vertically, with '2' on top and '1' on bottom.
- (D) A stack with no elements.

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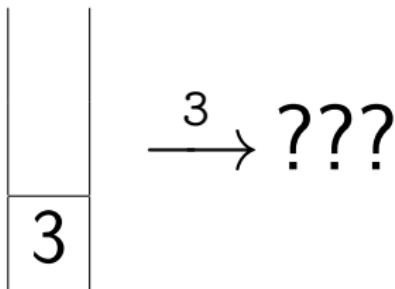
$\rightarrow ???$

- (A)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a single rectangular box containing the number '3'.
- (B)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a single rectangular box containing the number '2'.
- (C)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of two rectangular boxes stacked vertically. The top box contains the number '2' and the bottom box contains the number '1'.
- (D)   
An empty vertical stack frame consisting of a single vertical line segment.

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- If we see a number, push it to the **data stack**
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- (A)   
A vertical stack structure with a horizontal base. Inside the base, the number '3' is written.
- (B)   
A vertical stack structure with a horizontal base. Inside the base, the number '3' is written.
- (C)   
A vertical stack structure with a horizontal base. Inside the base, the number '6' is written.
- (D)   
A vertical stack structure with a horizontal base. The top part of the stack is empty.

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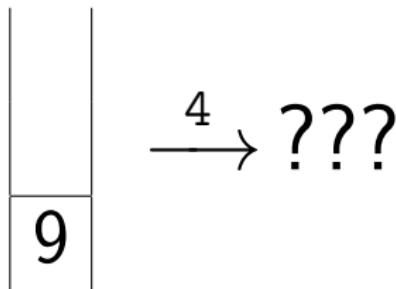
→ ???

- (A)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a top section and a bottom section. The bottom section contains one rectangular box with the number '3' written in its center.
- (B)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a top section and a bottom section. The bottom section contains one rectangular box with the number '6' written in its center.
- (C)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a top section and a bottom section. The bottom section contains one rectangular box with the number '9' written in its center.
- (D)   
A vertical stack frame consisting of a top section and a bottom section, both of which are completely empty.

# Stack-Based Evaluation

- If we see a number, push it to the **data stack**
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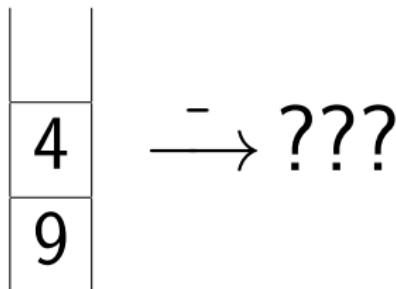


- (A)   
An empty stack.
- (B)   
A stack with the number '9' at the top and the number '4' below it.
- (C)   
An empty stack.
- (D)   
A stack with the number '49' at the bottom and the number '94' at the top.

# Stack-Based Evaluation

- If we see a number, push it to the **data stack**
- If we see an operator, pop the operands and push the result

1 2 + 3 \* 4 -



- (A)   
A vertical stack frame divided into two horizontal sections by a line. The bottom section contains the number 5.
- (B)   
A vertical stack frame divided into two horizontal sections by a line. The bottom section contains the number -5.
- (C)   
A vertical stack frame divided into two horizontal sections by a line, with both sections empty.
- (D) Depends

# Arrays

```
int[] array = new int[3];
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    array[i] = 100;
}
```

ADDR

0	
4	
:	:
256	
260	
264	
268	
272	
276	
:	:

How many bits are in  
a byte?

- (A) 2
- (B) 4
- (C) 8
- (D) 16

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```

ADDR

0	
4	
:	:
256	
260	
264	
268	
272	
276	
:	:

How many bytes are in  
a 32-bit word?

- (A) 2
- (B) 4
- (C) 8
- (D) 16

# Arrays

```
int[] array = new int[3];
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    array[i] = 100;
}
```

ADDR

0	
4	
:	:
256	
260	
264	
268	
272	
276	
:	:

Can array fit in a word?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) Depends on its length
- (D) None of the above

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0	256
4	
:	:
256	int[] object
260	3
264	?
268	?
272	?
276	
:	:

← array

← array.length

← array[0]

← array[1]

← array[2]

What are the initial values stored in array?

(A) null

(B) 0

(C) Nothing is stored

(D) NaN

# Arrays

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    array[i] = 100;
}
```

ADDR

0	256	← array
4		
:	:	
256	int[] object	
260	3	← array.length
264	0	← array[0]
268	0	← array[1]
272	0	← array[2]
276		
:	:	

Can i fit in a word?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) Depends on what number it is
- (D) None of the above

# Arrays

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← array

← i

← array.length

← array[0]

← array[1]

← array[2]

How many bytes  
away from 260 is  
array[0]?

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 4

(D) 8

# Arrays

```
int[] array = new int[3];
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    array[i] = 100;
}
```

ADDR

0	256
4	1
:	:
256	int[] object
260	3
264	100
268	100
272	0
276	
:	:

← array

← i

How many bytes  
away from 260 is  
array[1]?

← array.length

(A) 2

← array[0]

(B) 4

← array[1]

(C) 8

← array[2]

(D) 12

# Arrays

```
int[] array = new int[3];
for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {
    array[i] = 100;
}
```

ADDR

0	256
4	2
:	:
256	int[] object
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264	100
268	100
272	100
276	
:	:

← array

← i

← array.length

← array[0]

← array[1]

← array[2]

How many bytes  
away from 260 is  
array[2]?

(A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 8

(D) 12

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← array

← i

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← array[0]

← array[1]

← array[2]

What is the relationship between an array index and its address?

- (A)  $\text{addr} = \text{base} + \text{idx}$
- (B)  $\text{addr} = \text{base} * \text{idx}$
- (C)
- (D)  $\text{addr} = \text{base} + \text{base} * \text{idx}$

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268	100	← array[1]
272	100	← array[2]
276		
:	:	

What is  $O$  the running time of an array access in terms of its size?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(\log n)$
- (D) None of the above

# ArrayStack

```
class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    // Idea: use an array to implement a stack  
}
```

What fields should we have?

## ArrayStack

```
class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    private static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 10;  
    private int[] data;  
    private int top;  
}
```

What methods should we have?

## Constructor

```
class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    private static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 10;  
    private int[] data;  
    private int top;  
  
    public ArrayStack() {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

What should this method do?

- (A) Set top to INITIAL\_CAPACITY
- (B) Set top to data.length
- (C) Set data to an array of top elements
- (D) Set data to an array of INITIAL\_CAPACITY elements

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class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    private static final int INITIAL_CAPACITY = 10;  
    private int[] data;  
    private int top;  
  
    public ArrayStack() {  
        this.data = new int[this.INITIAL_CAPACITY];  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

Where should `this.top` start?

- (A) -1
- (B) 0
- (C) `data.length`
- (D) `INITIAL_CAPACITY-1`

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        this.top = -1;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

## Helper Methods

```
class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    // ...  
  
    public int size() {  
        // ?  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

How should we calculate the size of the stack?

- (A) `this.INITIAL_CAPACITY`
- (B) `this.top`
- (C) `this.top + 1`
- (D) `this.data.length`

## Helper Methods

```
class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    // ...  
  
    public int size() {  
        return this.top + 1;  
    }  
  
    public boolean isEmpty() {  
        // ?  
    }  
}
```

Which of the following is the best way to check if the stack is empty?

- (A) `this.top == -1`
- (B) `this.top < 0`
- (C) `this.size() == 0`
- (D) `this.size() <= 0`

## Helper Methods

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    // ...  
  
    public int size() {  
        return this.top + 1;  
    }  
  
    public boolean isEmpty() {  
        return this.size() == 0;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

# peek

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    // ?  
}
```

Where does StackUnderflowException come from?

- (A) It's a class in a Java library
- (B) It doesn't matter; the code will still compile
- (C) Nowhere; we need to define it ourselves
- (D) It's automatically defined when we declare it in the **throws** clause

## Detour: StackUnderflowException

```
class StackUnderflowException extends /* ? */ {  
    // ...  
}
```

What should be the parent class of StackUnderflowException?

- (A) RuntimeException
- (B) Exception
- (C) Error
- (D) Throwable

## Detour: StackUnderflowException

```
class StackUnderflowException extends RuntimeException {  
    public StackUnderflowException() {  
        super("Stack underflow.");  
    }  
}
```

What does **super** refer to?

- (A) The constructor of the parent class
- (B) The constructor of the Object class
- (C) The constructor of the StackUnderflowException class
- (D) The constructor of the Throwable class

## peek

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    return /* ? */;  
}
```

What value should peek return?

- (A) `this.data[0]`
- (B) `this.data[this.data.length - 1]`
- (C) `this.data[this.size()]`
- (D) `this.data[this.top]`

## peek

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    return this.data[this.top];  
}
```

When might this definition cause problems?

- (A) It won't
- (B) When the stack is empty
- (C) When the stack is full
- (D) When the user is stupid

## peek

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    if (this.isEmpty()) {  
        // ...  
    }  
    return this.data[this.top];  
}
```

What should we do when the stack is empty?

- (A) Throw an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`
- (B) Throw a new `IndexOutOfBoundsException`
- (C) Throw a `StackUnderflowException`
- (D) Print out an error message

## peek

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    if (this.isEmpty()) {  
        throw new StackUnderflowException();  
    }  
    return this.data[this.top];  
}
```

# pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    // ...  
}
```

What makes pop different from peek?

- (A) We must modify the contents of the stack
- (B) We must decrement `this.top`
- (C) We can't throw a `StackUnderflowException`
- (D) Nothing; just return `this.peek()`

# pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    // ...  
}
```

Do we need to handle the case where the stack's empty?

- (A) Yes: peek might throw an Exception
- (B) Yes: if the stack's empty, we shouldn't call peek
- (C) No: peek throws the Exception for us
- (D) No: pop won't be called on empty stacks

# pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    // ...  
}
```

What do we do with the top element of the stack (i.e.,  
`this.data[this.top]`)?

- (A) Overwrite it with `null`
- (B) Overwrite it with 0
- (C) Overwrite it with -1
- (D) Nothing

## pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    // ...  
}
```

What do we do with `this.top` now?

- (A) `this.top--;`
- (B) `this.top++;`
- (C) `this.top = 0;`
- (D) `this.top = this.size() - 1;`

# pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    this.top--;  
    // ...  
}
```

What do we have left to do?

- (A) Nothing
- (B) Return result
- (C) Check if the stack is empty
- (D) Print out result

# pop

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    this.top--;  
    return result;  
}
```

# push

```
public void push(int item) {  
    // ...  
}
```

What happens to `this.top` as we push?

- (A) It increments by 1
- (B) It decrements by 1
- (C) Nothing

# push

```
public void push(int item) {  
    this.top++;  
    // ...  
}
```

What happens to `this.data`?

- (A) `this.data[this.top] = item`
- (B) `this.data[this.top + 1] = item`
- (C) `this.data[0] = item`
- (D) None of the above

## push

```
public void push(int item) {  
    this.top++;  
    this.data[this.top] = item;  
}
```

What if `this.top > this.data.length`?

- (A) Can't happen
- (B) Let the Java Runtime worry about that
- (C) Throw a `StackOverflowException`
- (D) We should allocate a new, bigger array

# push

```
public void push(int item) {  
    if (this.size() == this.data.length) {  
        this.grow();  
    }  
    this.top++;  
    this.data[this.top] = item;  
}
```

# grow

What should be the type of the grow method?

- (A) `public int grow()`
- (B) `public void grow()`
- (C) `private void grow()`
- (D) `private void grow(int byHowMuch)`

## grow

```
private void grow() {  
    int[] biggerArray = new int[2 * this.data.length + 1];  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.data.length; i++) {  
        biggerArray[i] = this.data[i];  
    }  
    this.data = biggerArray;  
}
```

# Efficiency

```
public int size() {  
    return this.top + 1;  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of `size` in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Efficiency

```
public boolean isEmpty() {  
    return this.size() == 0;  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of `isEmpty` in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Efficiency

```
public int peek() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    if (this.isEmpty()) {  
        throw new StackUnderflowException();  
    }  
    return this.data[this.top];  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of peek in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Efficiency

```
public int pop() throws StackUnderflowException {  
    int result = this.peek();  
    this.top--;  
    return result;  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of `pop` in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Efficiency

```
private void grow() {  
    int[] biggerArray = new int[2 * this.data.length + 1];  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.data.length; i++) {  
        biggerArray[i] = this.data[i];  
    }  
    this.data = biggerArray;  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of `grow` in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Efficiency

```
public void push(int value) {  
    if (this.size() == this.data.length) {  
        this.grow();  
    }  
    this.top++;  
    this.data[this.top] = value;  
}
```

What is the worst-case running time of `push` in terms of  $O$  of a function of the size of the stack,  $n$ ?

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(\log n)$
- (C)  $O(n)$
- (D) None of the above

# Amortized Analysis

## Definition

A method of algorithm analysis that considers the entire sequence of operations in a program

## Pros

- If a costly operation occurs infrequently, we'd like to count the expected “worst case” running time, not the *absolute* worst
- Thus, gives us a “fairer” impression of expected running times

## Cons

- More difficult to analyze
- Often confused with **average case** analysis—the distinction is important!

## What If...?

Let's look at a sequence of push operations onto the same ArrayStack.  
**However**, instead of our "double the size" grow, what if we had

```
private void grow() {  
    int[] biggerArray = new int[this.data.length + 1];  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.data.length; i++) {  
        biggerArray[i] = this.data[i];  
    }  
    this.data = biggerArray;  
}
```

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our ArrayStack.  
For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

How many operations are performed in a sequence of  $n = 1$  push(es)?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our ArrayStack.  
For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

How many operations are performed in a sequence of  $n = 2$  push(es)?

- (A) 1+1
- (B) 1+2
- (C) 1+3
- (D) 1+4

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our ArrayStack.  
For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

How many operations are performed in a sequence of  $n = 3$  push(es)?

- (A) 1+2+1
- (B) 1+2+2
- (C) 1+2+3
- (D) 1+2+4

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our ArrayStack.  
For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . What is the cost of the first push in this sequence?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our `ArrayStack`.  
For simplicity, assume:

- `INITIAL_CAPACITY` is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . What is the cost of the second push in this sequence?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 1+2
- (D) None of the above

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our ArrayStack.  
For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . What is the cost of the third push in this sequence?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 1+2+3

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our `ArrayStack`.  
For simplicity, assume:

- `INITIAL_CAPACITY` is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . In general, what's the cost of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  push in this sequence?

- (A)  $i$
- (B)  $1 + 2 + \dots + i$
- (C)  $n$
- (D) 1

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our `ArrayStack`.  
For simplicity, assume:

- `INITIAL_CAPACITY` is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . In general, what's the **total** cost of this sequence?

- (A)  $1 + 2 + \dots + i$
- (B)  $1 + 2 + \dots + n$
- (C)  $n$
- (D)  $i$

## Multiple Choice Question

Suppose we have a sequence of  $n$  push operations to our `ArrayStack`.  
For simplicity, assume:

- `INITIAL_CAPACITY` is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0

Consider an arbitrary number of pushes,  $n$ . In general, what's the **average** cost of each push in this sequence?

- (A)  $(1 + 2 + \dots + n)/i$
- (B)  $(1 + 2 + \dots + n)/n$
- (C)  $n^2$
- (D) 1

## Multiple Choice Question

To get an idea of what

$$\frac{1 + 2 + \cdots + n}{n}$$

is, we'll show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

How should we prove this?

- (A) Axiomatically
- (B) Recursively
- (C) Inductively
- (D) Productively

## Multiple Choice Question

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Proof (by induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = ?$ ): ...

Inductive Step: ...



What is the base case?

- (A)  $n = 1$
- (B)  $n = 0$
- (C)  $n = i$
- (D)  $n = k + 1$

## Multiple Choice Question

Proof (by induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = 1$ ):  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = ? = 1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Inductive Step: ...



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What is  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i$ ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 1 + 1
- (C) 0
- (D) None of the above

## Multiple Choice Question

Proof (by induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = 1$ ):  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

Inductive Step: Assume equality holds for  $n = k$ . Show that equality holds at  $n = ?$



What do we show in the inductive step?

- (A) The equality holds at  $n = n + 1$
- (B) The equality holds at  $n = k + 1$
- (C) The equality holds at  $n = n - 1$
- (D) The equality holds at  $n = k - 1$

## Multiple Choice Question

Proof (By induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = 1$ ):  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

Inductive Step: Assume equality holds for  $n = k$ . Show that equality holds at  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \quad (\text{Inductive Hypothesis})$$



What should we do now?

- (A) Add  $k + 1$  to both sides
- (B) Break the  $\sum$  into  $k + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} i$
- (C) Multiply both sides by 2
- (D) Plug in  $k + 1$  for  $n$

# Multiple Choice Question

Proof (By induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = 1$ ):  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

Inductive Step: Assume equality holds for  $n = k$ . Show that equality holds at  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \quad (\text{Inductive Hypothesis})$$

$$(k+1) + \sum_{i=1}^k i = (k+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$



What is the left side equal to?

- (A)  $\sum_{i=1}^k i$
- (B)  $\sum_{i=0}^k i$
- (C)  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i$
- (D)  $\sum_{i=1}^k (i+1)$

# QED

Proof (By induction on  $n$ ).

Base Case ( $n = 1$ ):  $\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

Inductive Step: Assume equality holds for  $n = k$ . Show that equality holds at  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \quad (\text{Inductive Hypothesis})$$

$$(k+1) + \sum_{i=1}^k i = (k+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i = \frac{(k+1)((k+1)+1)}{2}$$



## Multiple Choice Question

So, now we know

$$\frac{1 + 2 + \cdots + n}{n}$$

is the same as

$$\frac{n(n + 1)/2}{n}$$

which is the same as

$$\frac{n + 1}{2}$$

The average running time of a push (with our grow-by-1 strategy) is thus

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D)  $O(\log n)$

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

In a sequence of  $n$  pushes, how many operations are used to write the new data into the array (**not** for growing)?

- (A) 1
- (B)  $n$
- (C)  $1 + 2 + \dots + n$
- (D) Can't be determined

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

How often do we call grow?

- (A) Every time we call push
- (B) Every second call to push
- (C) Every  $n$  calls to push
- (D) Only on certain calls to push (varying)

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

How many operations are used for the first grow?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

How many operations are used for the second grow?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

How many operations are used for the third grow?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

## Multiple Choice Question

Now suppose we had our “double the size” grow. For simplicity, assume:

- INITIAL\_CAPACITY is 1
- The cost of writing/copying an array element is 1 operation
- Other operations cost 0
- grow exactly doubles the size of the array (rather than having that +1 at the end)

How many operations are used for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  grow?

- (A)  $2 \times i$
- (B)  $2^i$
- (C)  $\log_2 i$
- (D) None of the above

## Multiple Choice Question

So, we have roughly

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 2^i = 2n - 1$$

operations **total** for the grows in a sequence of  $n$  pushes.  
How many operations are there **total** for the  $n$  pushes?

- (A)  $n$
- (B)  $2n - 1$
- (C)  $2n$
- (D)  $3n - 1$

## Multiple Choice Question

Averaged out over  $n$  operations, the cost of push is about

$$\frac{3n}{n} = 3$$

Thus, our “double the size” implementation of push is

- (A)  $O(1)$
- (B)  $O(n)$
- (C)  $O(n^2)$
- (D) All of the above

## Multiple Choice Question

Is there any reason that a stack should only have integers?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

# Converting Infix To Postfix

- If you see a left parenthesis, push it onto the stack
- If you see a number, write it to the output
- If you see an operator, push it onto the stack
- Otherwise, next symbol should be a right parenthesis, and the top of the stack should be an operator
  - Pop the operator and write it to the output
  - Top of the stack should be a left parenthesis, so pop and discard
- At the end of the input, stack should be empty

## Examples

- $((1+2)*3)$
- $((1+2)*(3+4))$