

4.3 Stacks and Queues

Fundamental data types.

- Set of operations (**add**, **remove**, **test if empty**) on generic data.
- Intent is clear when we insert.
- Which item do we remove?

Stack.

LIFO = "last in first out"

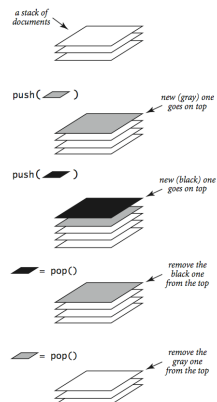
- Remove the item **most recently added**.
- Ex: cafeteria trays, Web surfing.

Queue.

FIFO = "first in first out"

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

Stacks



Stack API

```
public class StackOfStrings (stack of strings data type)

    StackOfStrings()    create an empty stack of strings
    void push(String item)  insert a string onto the stack
    String pop()          delete and return the most recently added string
    boolean isEmpty()     is the stack empty?
```

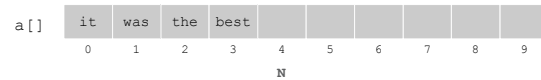


```
public class Reverse {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        StackOfStrings stack = new StackOfStrings();
        while (!StdIn.isEmpty())
            stack.push(StdIn.readString());
        while (!stack.isEmpty())
            StdOut.println(stack.pop());
    }
}
```

Stack: Array Implementation

Array implementation of a stack.

- Use array `a[]` to store `N` items on stack.
- `push()` add new item at `a[N]`.
- `pop()` remove item from `a[N-1]`.



```
public class ArrayStackOfStrings {
    private String[] a;
    private int N = 0;
    public ArrayStackOfStrings(int max) { a = new String[max]; }
    public boolean isEmpty() { return (N == 0); }
    public void push(String item) { a[N++] = item; }
    public String pop() { return a[--N]; }
}
```

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Array Stack: Trace

	StdIn	StdOut	N	a[]				
				0	1	2	3	4
			0					
push	to		1	to				
	be		2	to	be			
	or		3	to	be	or		
	not		4	to	be	or	not	
	to		5	to	be	or	not	to
pop	-	to	4	to	be	or	not	to
	be		5	to	be	or	not	be
	-	be	4	to	be	or	not	be
	-	not	3	to	be	or	not	be
	that		4	to	be	or	that	be
	-	that	3	to	be	or	that	be
	-	or	2	to	be	or	that	be
	-	be	1	to	be	or	that	be
	is		2	to	is	or	not	to

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Array Stack: Performance

Running time. Push and pop take constant time.

Memory. Proportional to `max`.

Challenge. Stack implementation where size is not fixed ahead of time.

Linked Lists

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Sequential vs. Linked Allocation

Sequential allocation. Put object one after another.

- TOY: consecutive memory cells.
- Java: array of objects.

Linked allocation. Include in each object a **link** to the next one.

- TOY: link is memory address of next object.
- Java: link is reference to next object.

Key distinctions. ↖ get ith element

- Array: random access, fixed size.
- Linked list: sequential access, variable size.

↖ get next element

addr	value	addr	value
C0	"Alice"	C0	"Carol"
C1	"Bob"	C1	null
C2	"Carol"	C2	-
C3	-	C3	-
C4	-	C4	"Alice"
C5	-	C5	CA
C6	-	C6	-
C7	-	C7	-
C8	-	C8	-
C9	-	C9	-
CA	-	CA	"Bob"
CB	-	CB	C0

array

linked list

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Linked Lists

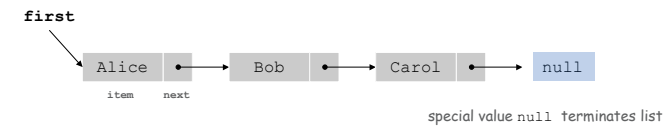
Linked list.

- A recursive data structure.
- A item plus a pointer to another linked list (or empty list).
- Unwind recursion: linked list is a sequence of items.

Node data type.

- A reference to a String.
- A reference to another Node.

```
public class Node {
    private String item;
    private Node next;
}
```



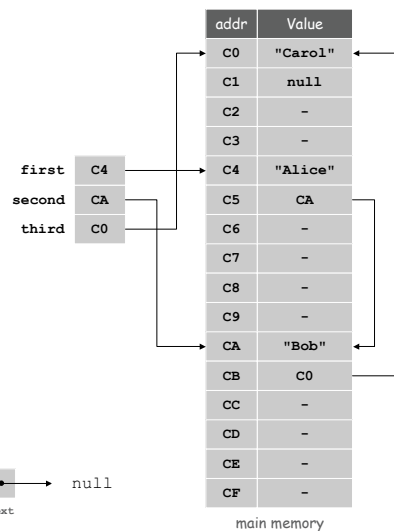
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Building a Linked List

```
Node third = new Node();
third.item = "Carol";
third.next = null;

Node second = new Node();
second.item = "Bob";
second.next = third;

Node first = new Node();
first.item = "Alice";
first.next = second;
```



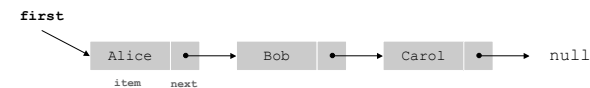
main memory

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Traversing a Linked List

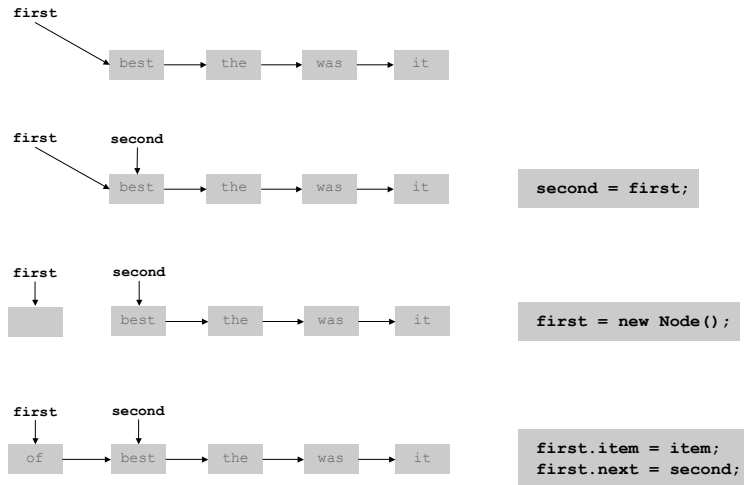
Iteration. Idiom for traversing a null-terminated linked list.

```
for (Node x = first; x != null; x = x.next) {
    StdOut.println(x.item);
}
```



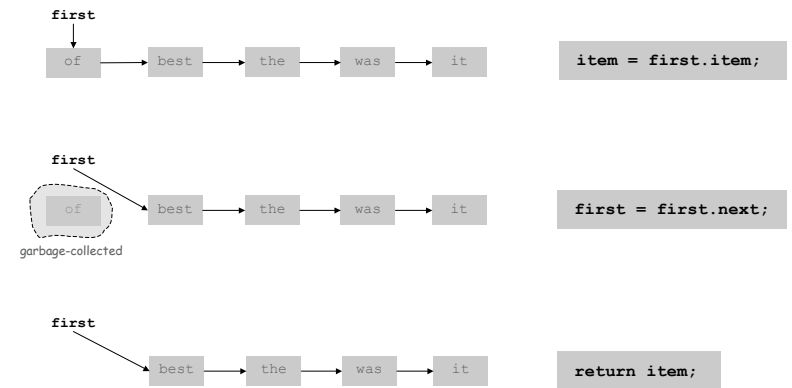
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Stack Push: Linked List Implementation



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Stack Pop: Linked List Implementation



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Stack: Linked List Implementation

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

    private class Node {
        private String item;
        private Node next;
    }
    "inner class"

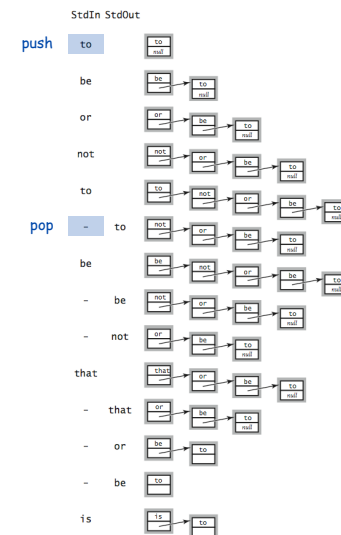
    public boolean isEmpty() { return first == null; }

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

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

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Linked List Stack: Trace



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Stack Implementations: Tradeoffs

Array.

- Every push/pop operation take constant time.
- But... must fix maximum capacity of stack ahead of time.

Linked list.

- Every push/pop operation takes constant time.
- But... uses extra space and time to deal with references.

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Parameterized Data Types

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Parameterized Data Types

We implemented: `StackOfStrings`.

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

Strawman. 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**.

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Generics

Generics. Parameterize stack by a single type.

parameterized type

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

sample client

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Generic Stack: Linked List Implementation

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

    private class Node {
        private Item item;
        private Node next;
    }

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

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

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

arbitrary parameterized type name

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Autoboxing

Generic stack implementation. Only permits reference types.

Wrapper type.

- Each primitive type has a **wrapper** reference type.
- Ex: Integer is wrapper type for int.

Autoboxing. Automatic cast from primitive type to wrapper type.

Autounboxing. Automatic cast from wrapper type to primitive type.

```
Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<Integer>();
stack.push(17); // autobox
int a = stack.pop(); // autounbox
```

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Stack Applications

Real world applications.

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

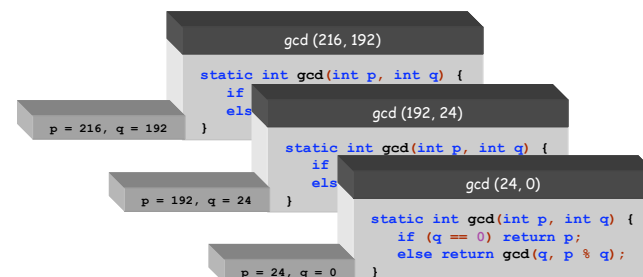
Function Calls

How a compiler implements functions.

- Function call: **push** local environment and return address.
- Return: **pop** return address and local environment.

Recursive function. Function that calls itself.

Note. Can always use an explicit stack to remove recursion.



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Arithmetic Expression Evaluation

Goal. Evaluate infix expressions.

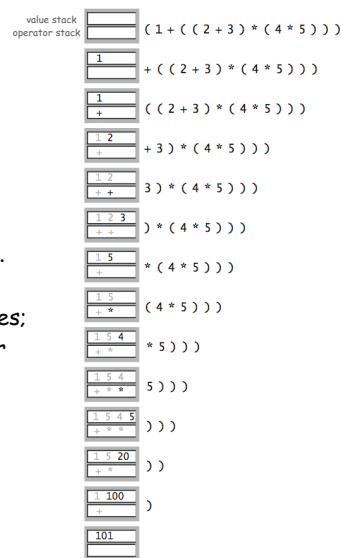
(1 + ((2 + 3) * (4 * 5)))

↑ ↑
operand operator

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

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

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

So if it's as if the original input were:

(1 + (5 * (4 * 5)))

Repeating the argument:

(1 + (5 * 20))
(1 + 100)
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Extensions. More ops, precedence order, associativity.

1 + (2 - 3 - 4) * 5 * sqrt(6 + 7)

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Stack-Based Programming Languages

Observation 1. Remarkably, the 2-stack algorithm computes the same value if the operator occurs **after** the two values.

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

Observation 2. All of the parentheses are redundant!

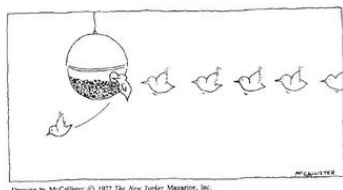
1 2 3 + 4 5 * * +

Bottom line. Postfix or "reverse Polish" notation.

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

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Queues



Queue API

```
public class Queue<Item> (queue data type)

    Queue ()                create an empty queue
    void enqueue(Item item) insert an item onto the queue
    Item dequeue ()         delete and return the least recently added item
    boolean isEmpty ()      is the queue empty?
```

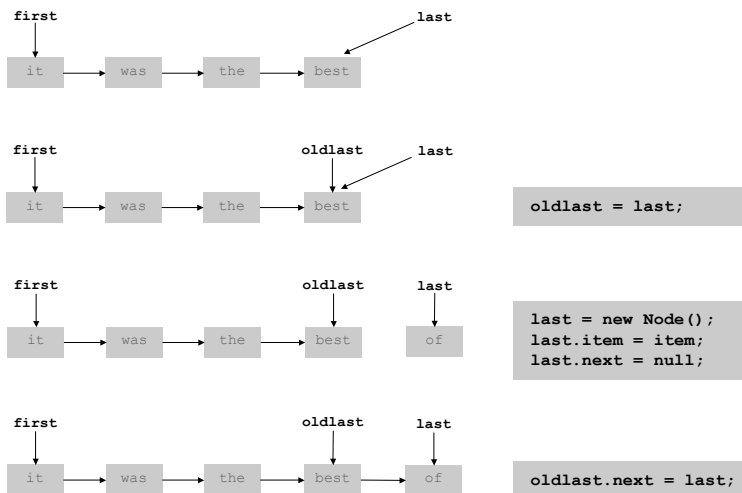
enqueue → [] → dequeue

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Queue<String> q = new Queue<String>();
    q.enqueue("Vertigo");
    q.enqueue("Just Lose It");
    q.enqueue("Pieces of Me");
    q.enqueue("Pieces of Me");
    while (!q.isEmpty())
        StdOut.println(q.dequeue());
}
```

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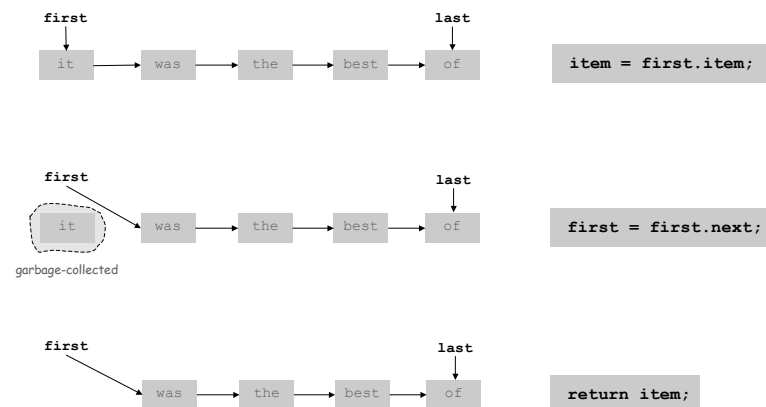
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Enqueue: Linked List Implementation



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Dequeue: Linked List Implementation



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Queue: Linked List Implementation

```
public class Queue<Item> {
    private Node first, last;

    private class Node { Item item; Node next; }

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

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

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

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Queue Applications

Some 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.

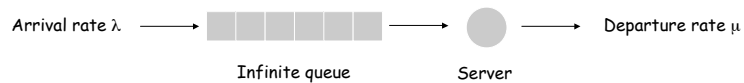
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M/D/1 Queuing Model

M/D/1 queue.

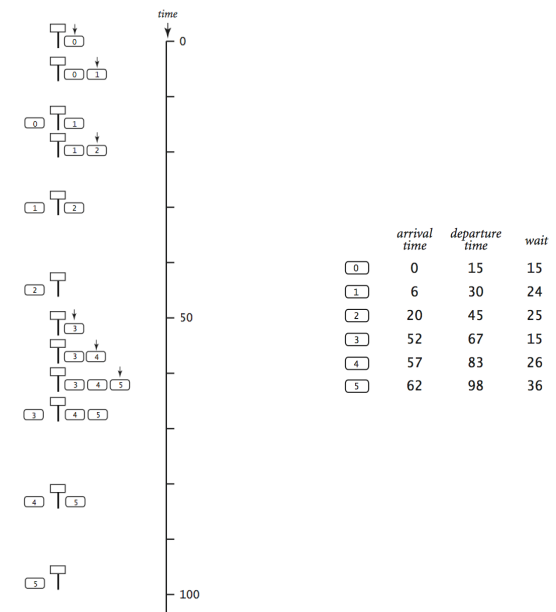
- Customers are serviced at fixed rate of μ per minute.
- Customers arrive according to Poisson process at rate of λ per minute.

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



- Q. What is average wait time W of a customer?
 Q. What is average number of customers L in system?

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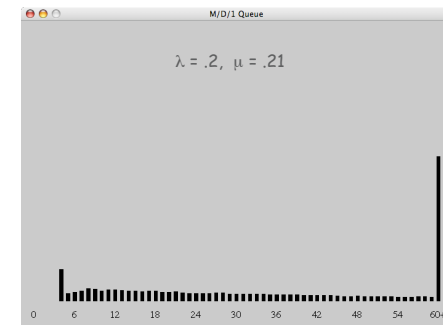
Event-Based Simulation

```
public class MD1Queue {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        double lambda = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
        double mu = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
        Queue<Double> q = new Queue<Double>();
        double nextArrival = StdRandom.exp(lambda);
        double nextService = nextArrival + 1/mu;
        while(true) {
            if (nextArrival < nextService) {
                // arrival
                q.enqueue(nextArrival);
                nextArrival += StdRandom.exp(lambda);
            }
            else {
                // service
                double wait = nextService - q.dequeue();
                // add waiting time to histogram
                if (q.isEmpty()) nextService = nextArrival + 1/mu;
                else nextService = nextService + 1/mu;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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M/D/1 Queue Analysis

Observation. As service rate approaches arrival rate, service goes to ∞ .



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Queueing theory.

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

Little's law

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Summary

Stacks and queues are fundamental ADTs.

- Array implementation.
- Linked list implementation.
- Different performance characteristics.

Many applications.

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