

# Stacks and Queues



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- ▶ queues
- ▶ generics
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## Stacks and queues

### Fundamental data types.

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

LIFO = "last in first out"

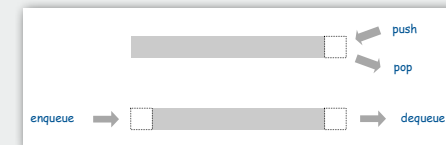
**Stack.** Remove the item most recently added.

**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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## Client, implementation, interface

### Separate interface and implementation so as to:

- Build layers of abstraction.
- Reuse software.
- Ex: stack, queue, symbol table, union-find, ....

**Client:** program using operations defined in interface.

**Implementation:** actual code implementing operations.

**Interface:** description of data type, basic operations.

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## Client, Implementation, Interface

### 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.

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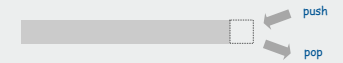
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## Stacks

### Stack operations.

- `push()`      Insert a new item onto stack.
- `pop()`        Remove and return the item most recently added.
- `isEmpty()`    Is the stack empty?



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

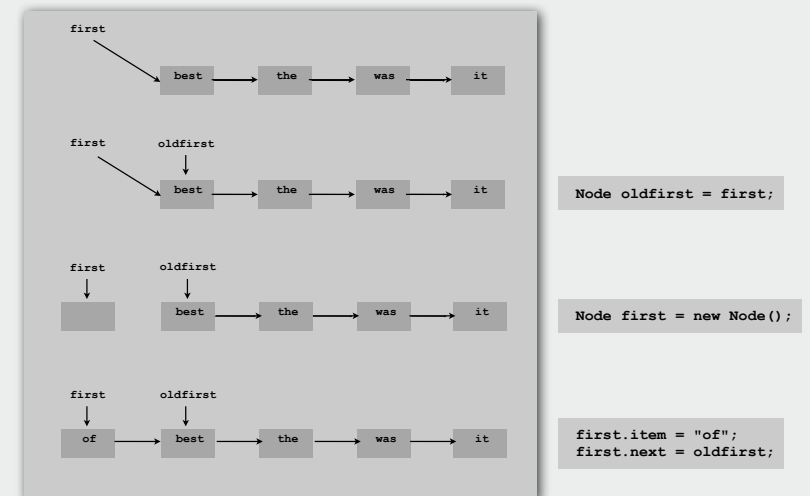
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to be not that or be
```

### Stack pop: linked-list implementation



### Stack push: linked-list implementation



### Stack: linked-list implementation

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

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

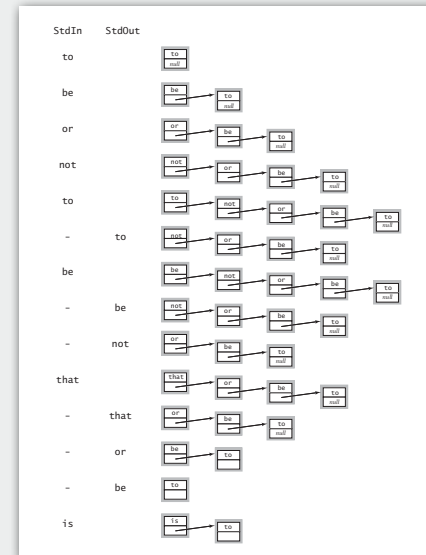
    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return first == null; }

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

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

← "inner class"

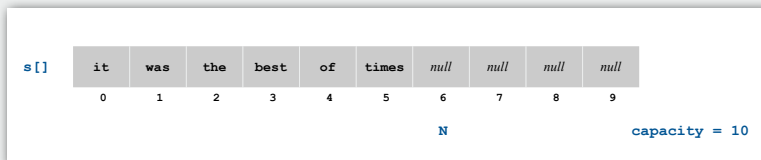
### Stack: linked-list trace



### Stack: array implementation

#### Array implementation of a stack.

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



### Stack: array implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    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]; }
}
```

← decrement N;  
then use to index into array

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

this version avoids "loitering"

garbage collector only reclaims memory  
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  $N$  items takes time proportional to  $1 + 2 + \dots + N \sim N^2/2$ .

↑  
infeasible for large  $N$

**Goal.** Ensure that array resizing happens infrequently.

## 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[2]; }

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

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

$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + N/2 + N \sim 2N$

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

## 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 **half full**.

**Too expensive**

- Consider push-pop-push-pop-... sequence when array is full.
- Time proportional to  $N$  per operation.

"thrashing"

$N = 5$  it was the best of null null null

$N = 4$  it was the best

$N = 5$  it was the best of null null null

$N = 4$  it was the best

## 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-1];
    s[N-1] = null;
    N--;
    if (N > 0 && N == s.length/4) resize(s.length / 2);
    s[N++] = item;
    return item;
}
```

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

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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 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | not  | null | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| be    |        | 5 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | not  | be   | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| -     | be     | 4 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | not  | null | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| -     | not    | 3 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | null | null | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| that  |        | 4 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | that | null | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| -     | that   | 3 | 8        | to   | be   | or   | null | null | null | null | null |  |  |  |
| -     | or     | 2 | 4        | to   | be   | null | null |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |
| -     | be     | 1 | 2        | to   | null |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |
| is    |        | 2 | 2        | to   | is   |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |

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## Amortized analysis

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

**Proposition.** Starting from empty data structure, any sequence of  $M$  ops takes time proportional to  $M$ .

running time for doubling stack with  $N$  elements

|           | worst | best | amortized |
|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| construct | 1     | 1    | 1         |
| push      | $N$   | 1    | 1         |
| pop       | $N$   | 1    | 1         |

doubling or shrinking

**Remark.** WQUPC used amortized bound: starting from empty data structure, any sequence of  $M$  union and find ops takes  $O((M+N) \log^* N)$  time.

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## Stack implementations: memory usage

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

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

8 bytes overhead for object  
 4 bytes  
 4 bytes  
 16 bytes

**Doubling array.** Between  $\sim 4N$  (100% full) and  $\sim 16N$  (25% full).

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

4 bytes  $\times$  array size  
 4 bytes

**Remark.** Our analysis doesn't include the memory for the items themselves.

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## Stack implementations: dynamic array vs. linked List

**Tradeoffs.** Can implement with either array or linked list; client can use interchangeably. Which is better?

### Linked list.

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

### Array.

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

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## Queues

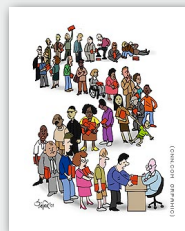
### Queue operations.

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

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

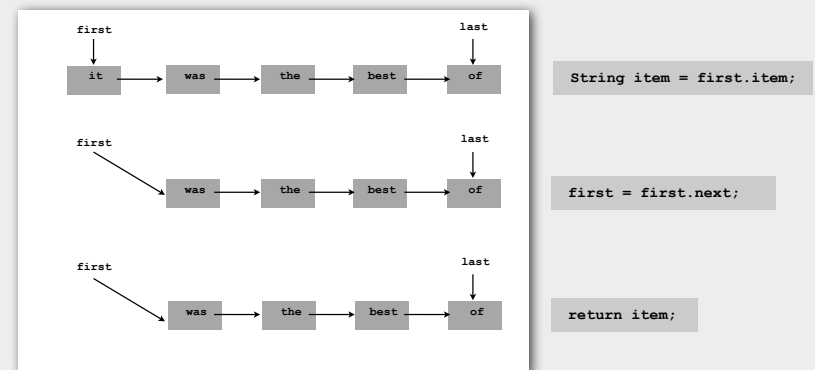
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```

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



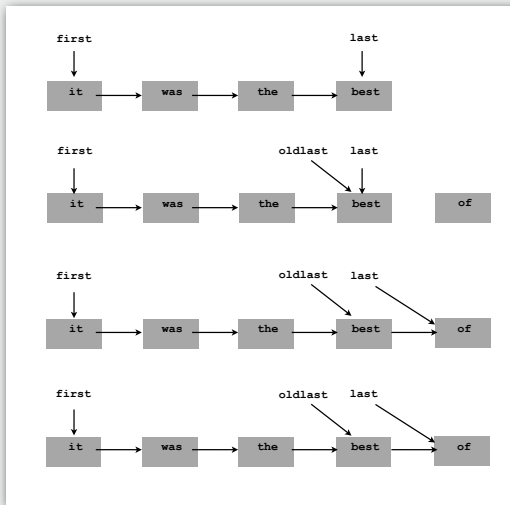
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## Queue dequeue: linked list implementation



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### Queue enqueue: linked list implementation



Node oldlast = last;

Node last = new Node();  
last.item = "of";  
last.next = null;

oldlast.next = last;

### Queue: linked list implementation

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

    private class Node
    { String item; Node next; }

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

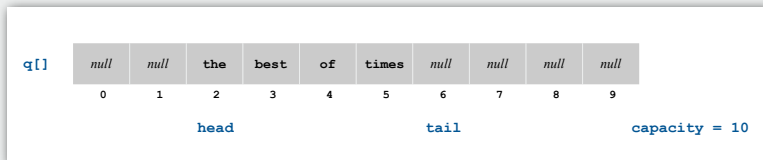
    public void enqueue(String item)
    {
        Node oldlast = last;
        last = new Node();
        last.item = item;
        last.next = null;
        if (isEmpty()) first = last;
        else oldlast.next = last;
    }

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

### 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 repeated doubling and shrinking.



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## Parameterized stack

We implemented: StackOfStrings.

We also want: StackOfURLs, StackOfCustomers, StackOfInts, 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. [hence, used in AlgsJava]

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## Parameterized stack

We implemented: StackOfStrings.

We also want: StackOfURLs, StackOfCustomers, StackOfInts, etc?

Attempt 2. Implement a stack with items of type object.

- Casting is required in client.
- Casting is error-prone: run-time error if types mismatch.

```
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

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## Parameterized stack

We implemented: StackOfStrings.

We also want: StackOfURLs, StackOfCustomers, StackOfInts, etc?

Attempt 3. Java generics.

- Avoid casting in both client and implementation.
- Discover type mismatch errors at compile-time instead of run-time.

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

type parameter

compile-time error

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

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## Generic stack: linked list implementation

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

    private class Node
    {
        String item;
        Node next;
    }

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

    public void push(String item)
    {
        Node 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;
    }
}
```

generic type name

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## Generic stack: array implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    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]; }
}
```

```
public class Stack<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]; }
}
```

the way it should be

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

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## Generic stack: array implementation

```
public class StackOfStrings
{
    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]; }
}
```

```
public class Stack<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 way it is

the ugly cast

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## 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.

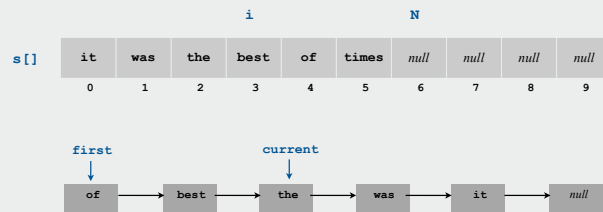
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## Iteration

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



**Java solution.** Make stack `Iterable`.

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## Iterators

Q. What is an `Iterable` ?

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

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

Q. What is an `Iterator` ?

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

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

Q. Why make data structures `Iterable` ?

A. Java supports elegant client code.

"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

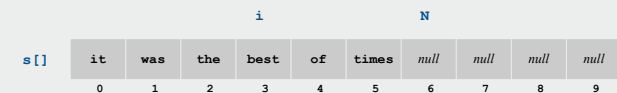
```
import java.util.Iterator;

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]; }
    }
}
```



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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.

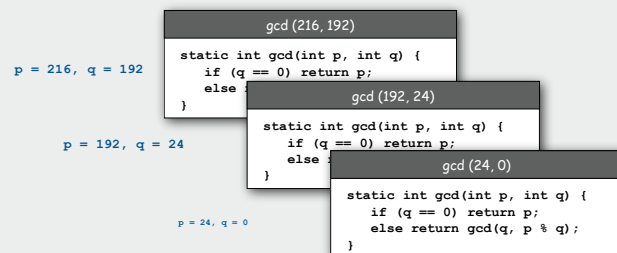
## Function calls

### How a compiler implements 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.



## Arithmetic expression evaluation

### Goal. Evaluate infix expressions.

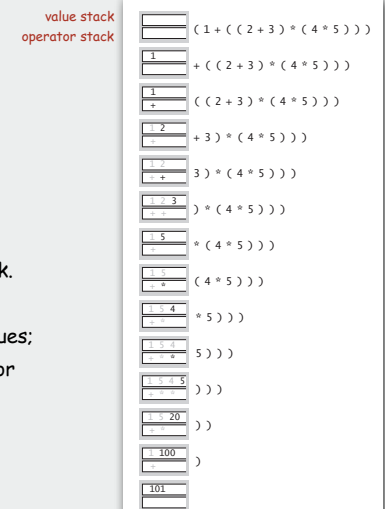
$( 1 + ( ( 2 + 3 ) * ( 4 * 5 ) ) )$

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!



## 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("(")) ops.push(s);
            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.

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## 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 * * +
```



Jan Lukasiwicz

Bottom line. Postfix or "reverse Polish" notation.

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

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## PostScript

Page description language.

- Explicit stack.
- Full computational model
- Graphics engine.

Basics.

- %!: "I am a PostScript program."
- Literal: "push me on the stack."
- Function calls take arguments from stack.
- Turtle graphics built in.

a PostScript program

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

its output



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## PostScript

### Data types.

- basic: integer, floating point, boolean, ...
- Graphics: font, path, curve, ....
- Full set of built-in operators.

### Text and strings.

- Full font support.
- `show` (display a string, using current font).
- `cvs` (convert anything to a string).

`System.out.print()`

`toString()`

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

Square root of 2:  
1.41421

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## PostScript

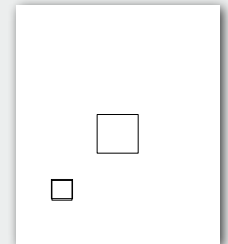
### Variables (and functions).

- Identifiers start with `/`.
- `def` operator associates id with value.
- Braces.
- **args on stack.**

function  
definition

```
%!  
/box  
{  
  /sz exch def  
  0 sz rlineto  
  sz 0 rlineto  
  0 sz neg rlineto  
  sz neg 0 rlineto  
} def  
  
72 144 moveto  
72 box  
288 288 moveto  
144 box  
2 setlinewidth  
stroke
```

function calls



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## PostScript

### For loop.

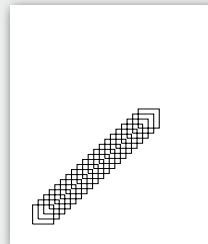
- "from, increment, to" on stack.
- Loop body in braces.
- `for` operator.

```
%!  
\box  
{  
  ...  
}  
  
1 1 20  
{ 19 mul dup 2 add moveto 72 box }  
for  
stroke
```

### If-else conditional.

- Boolean on stack.
- Alternatives in braces.
- `if` operator.

... (hundreds of operators)



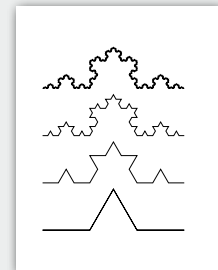
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## PostScript

**Application 1.** All figures in Algorithms in Java

**Application 2.** Deluxe version of `stdDraw` also saves to PostScript for vector graphics.

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



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## Queue applications

### Familiar applications.

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

### Simulations of the real world.

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

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## M/M/1 queuing model

### M/M/1 queue.

- Customers arrive according to **Poisson process** at rate of  $\lambda$  per minute.
- Customers are serviced with rate of  $\mu$  per minute.

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

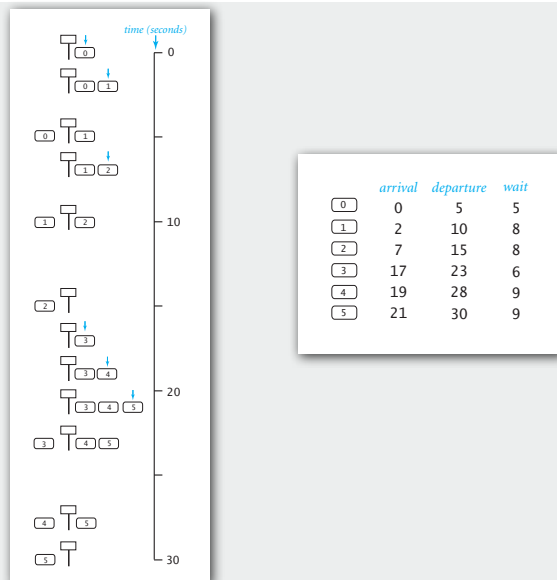


Q. What is average wait time  $W$  of a customer in system?

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

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## M/M/1 queuing model: example simulation



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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>();
        Histogram hist = new Histogram("M/D/1 Queue", 60);

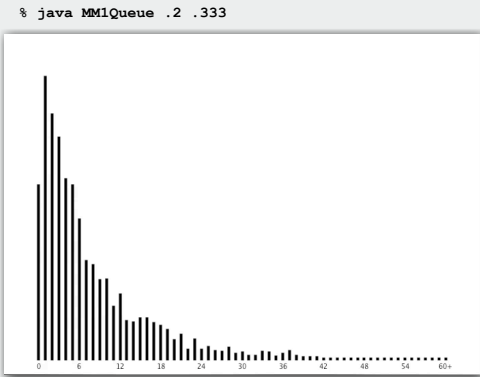
        while (true)
        {
            while (nextArrival < nextService)
            {
                queue.enqueue(nextArrival);
                nextArrival += StdRandom.exp(lambda);
            }

            double arrival = queue.dequeue();
            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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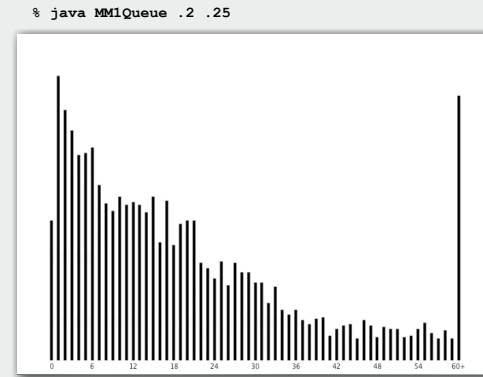
M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. If service rate  $\mu$  is much larger than arrival rate  $\lambda$ , customers gets good service.



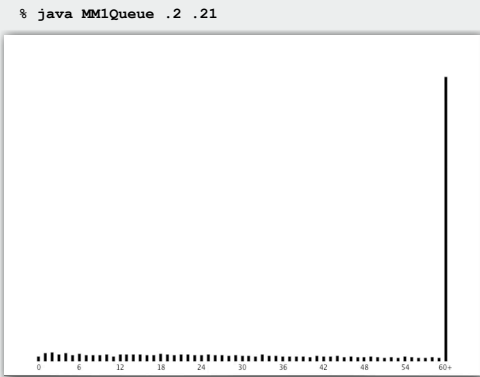
M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. As service rate  $\mu$  approaches arrival rate  $\lambda$ , services goes to  $h^{***}$ .



M/M/1 queuing model: experiments

Observation. As service rate  $\mu$  approaches arrival rate  $\lambda$ , services goes to  $h^{***}$ .



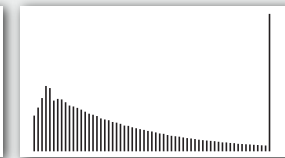
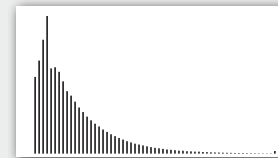
M/M/1 queuing model: analysis

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

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



More complicated queuing models. Event-based simulation essential!  
Queuing theory. See ORFE 309.