

CS 10:

Problem solving via Object Oriented Programming

Keeping order

Main goals

- Implement stacks and queues

Agenda



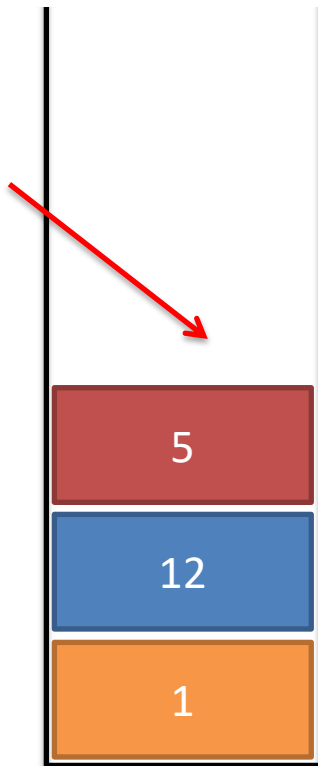
1. Stacks

2. Queues

Stacks add and remove from top, Queues add to back, remove from front

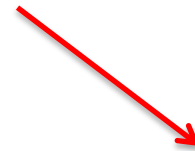
Items inserted in order: 1, 12, 5

Add and
remove
from top



**Stack
(LIFO)**

Remove
from
front



Add at
back



Queue (FIFO)

Stacks are a Last In, First Out (LIFO) data structure

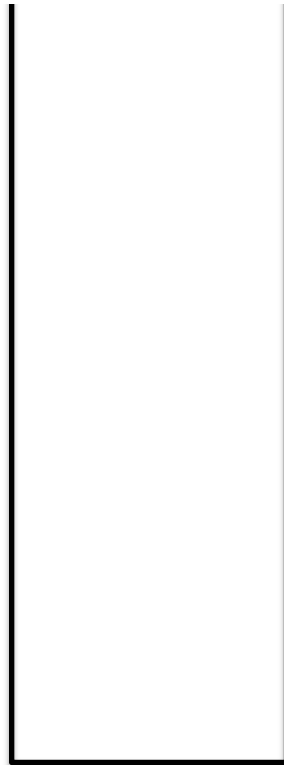
Stack overview

- Think of stack of dinner plates (or Pez dispenser)
- Add item to the top, others move down
- To remove, take top item (last one inserted)
- Commonly used in CS – function calls, parenthesis matching, reversing items in collection...
- **Operations**
 - *push* – add item to top of stack
 - *pop* – remove top item and return it
 - *peek* – return top item, but don't remove it
 - *isEmpty* – true if stack empty, false otherwise

NOTE: There is no *size* method in a Stack as classically defined (Java's implementation does have *size*)

Stack adds to top only, removes from top only; Last In First Out (LIFO)

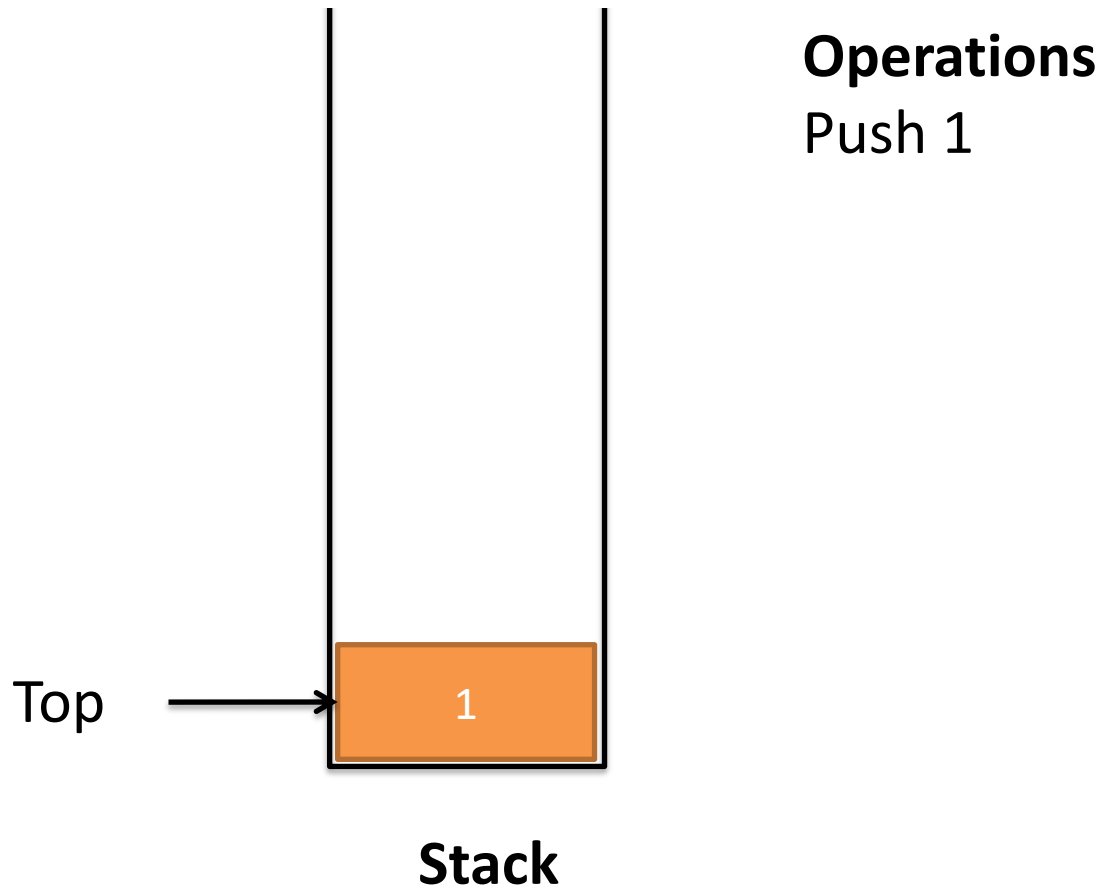
Initially empty



Stack

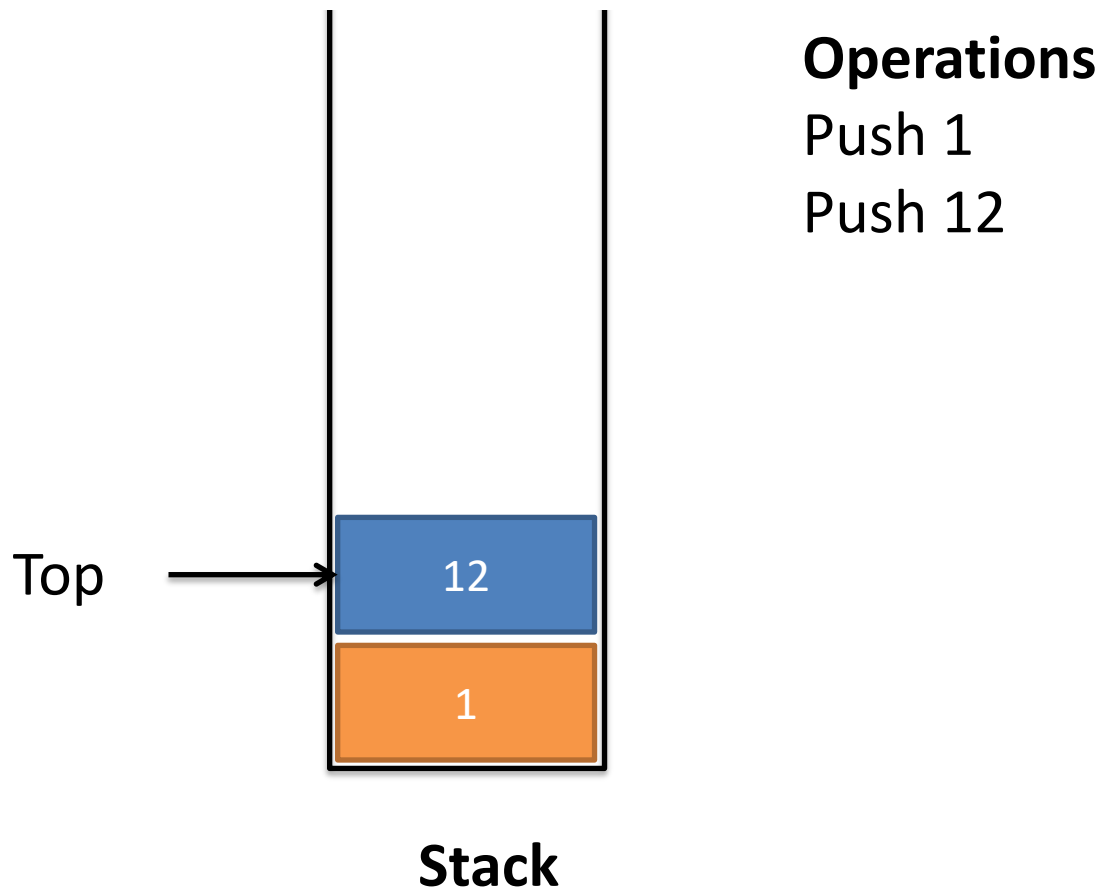
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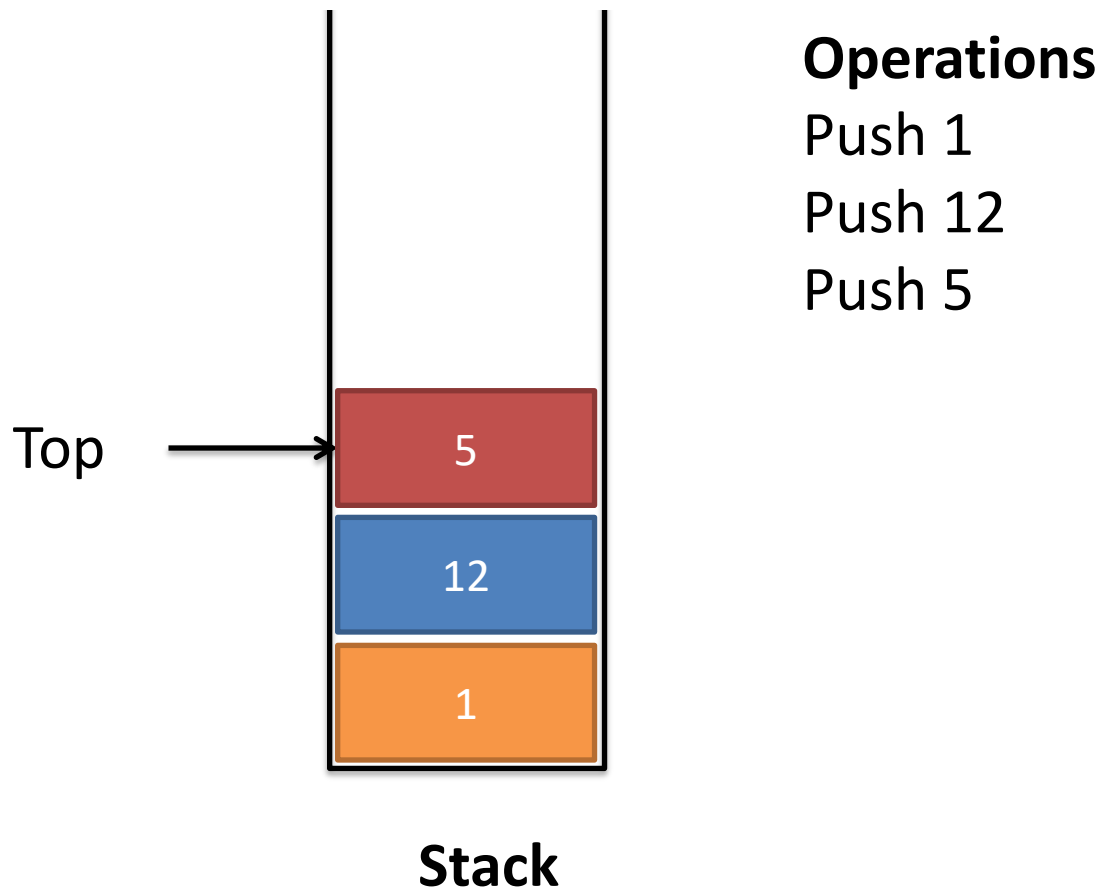
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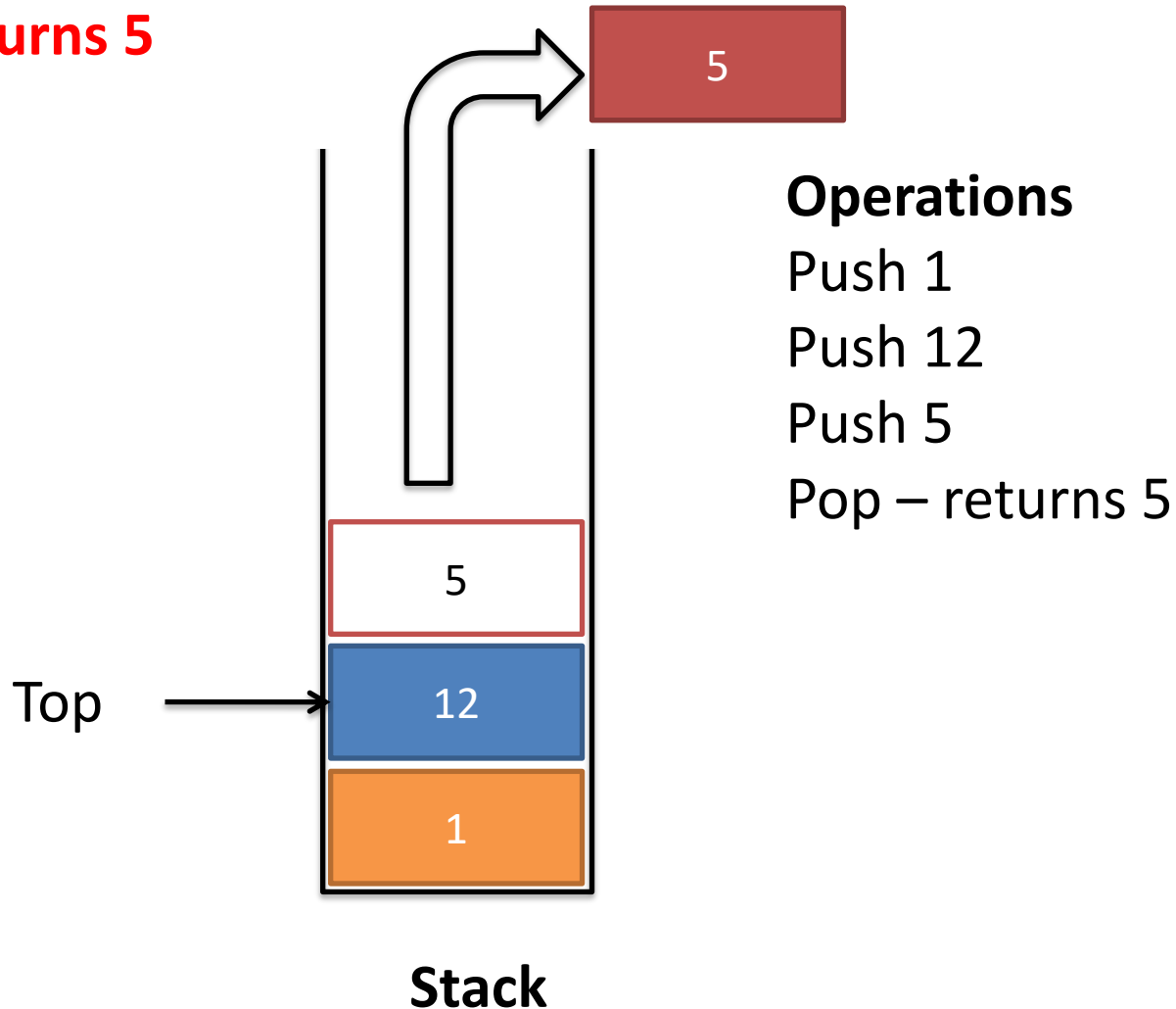
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push(5)



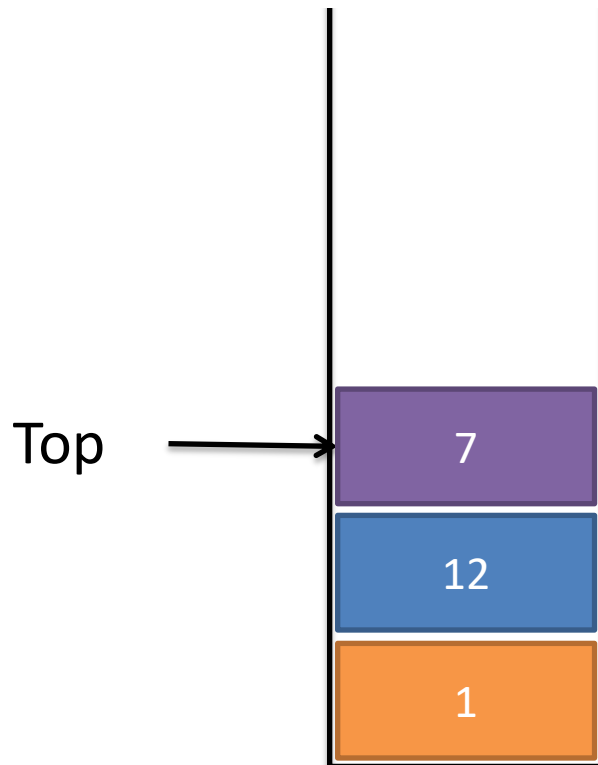
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push(7)



Operations

Push 1

Push 12

Push 5

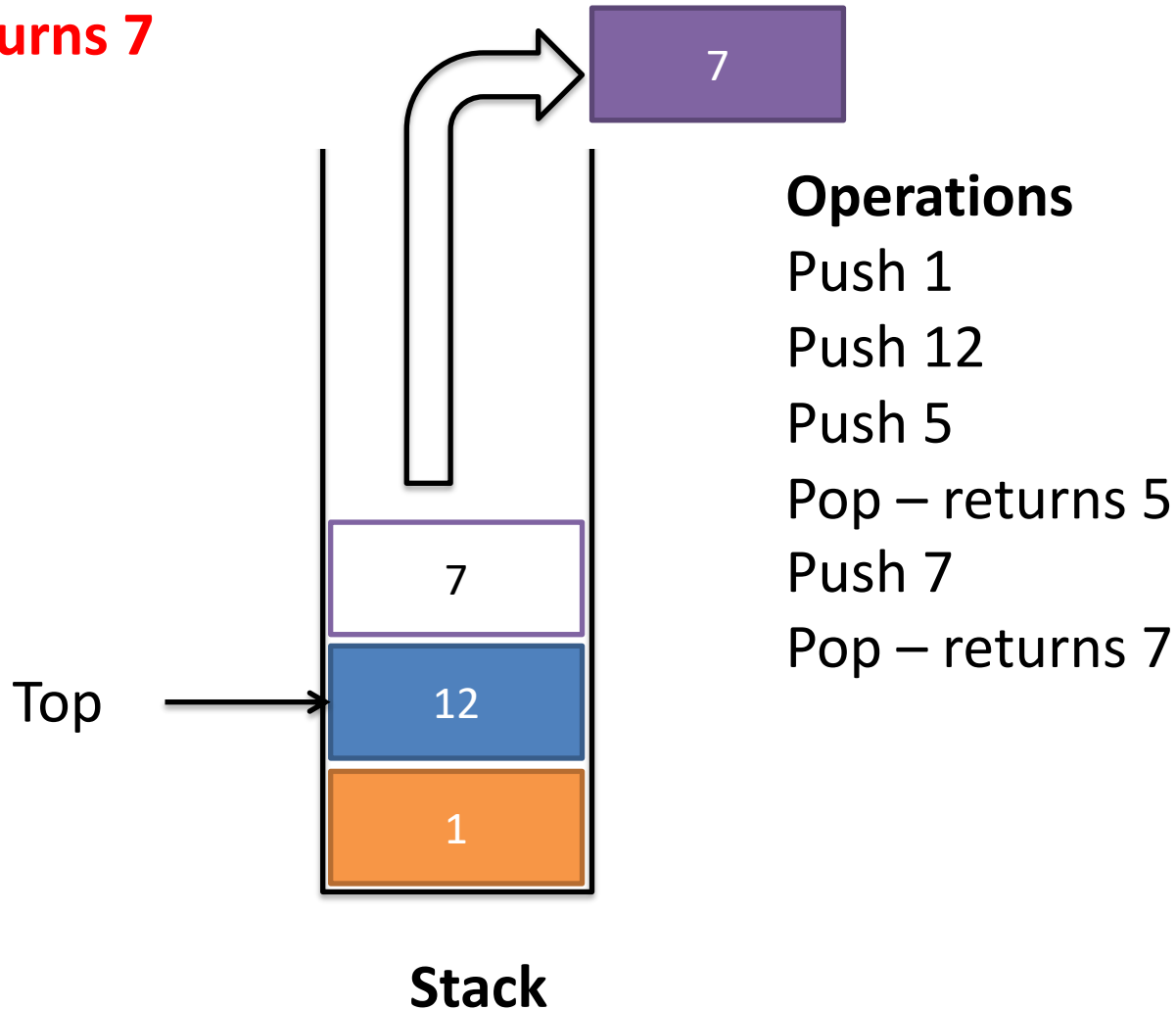
Pop – returns 5

Push 7

Stack

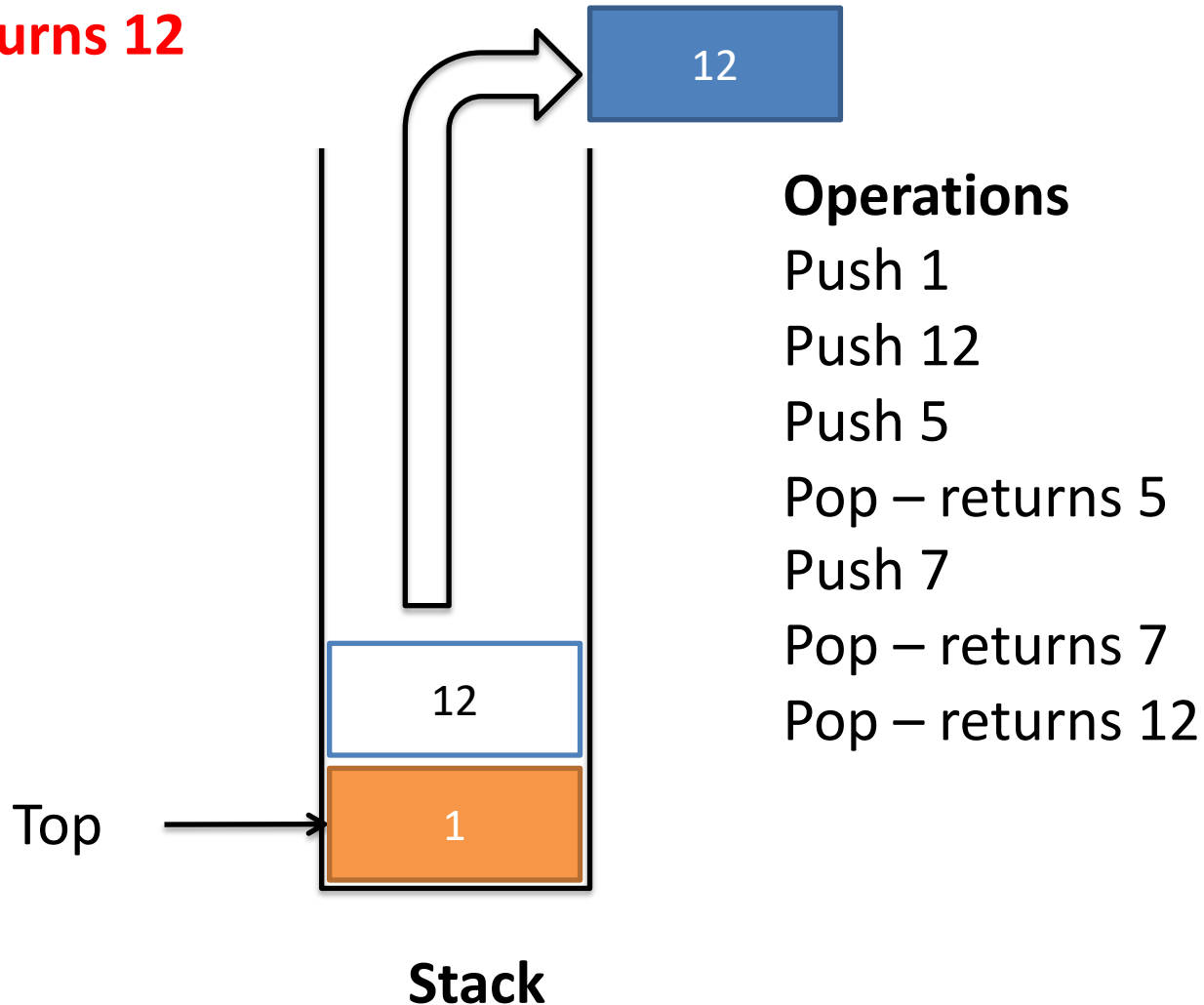
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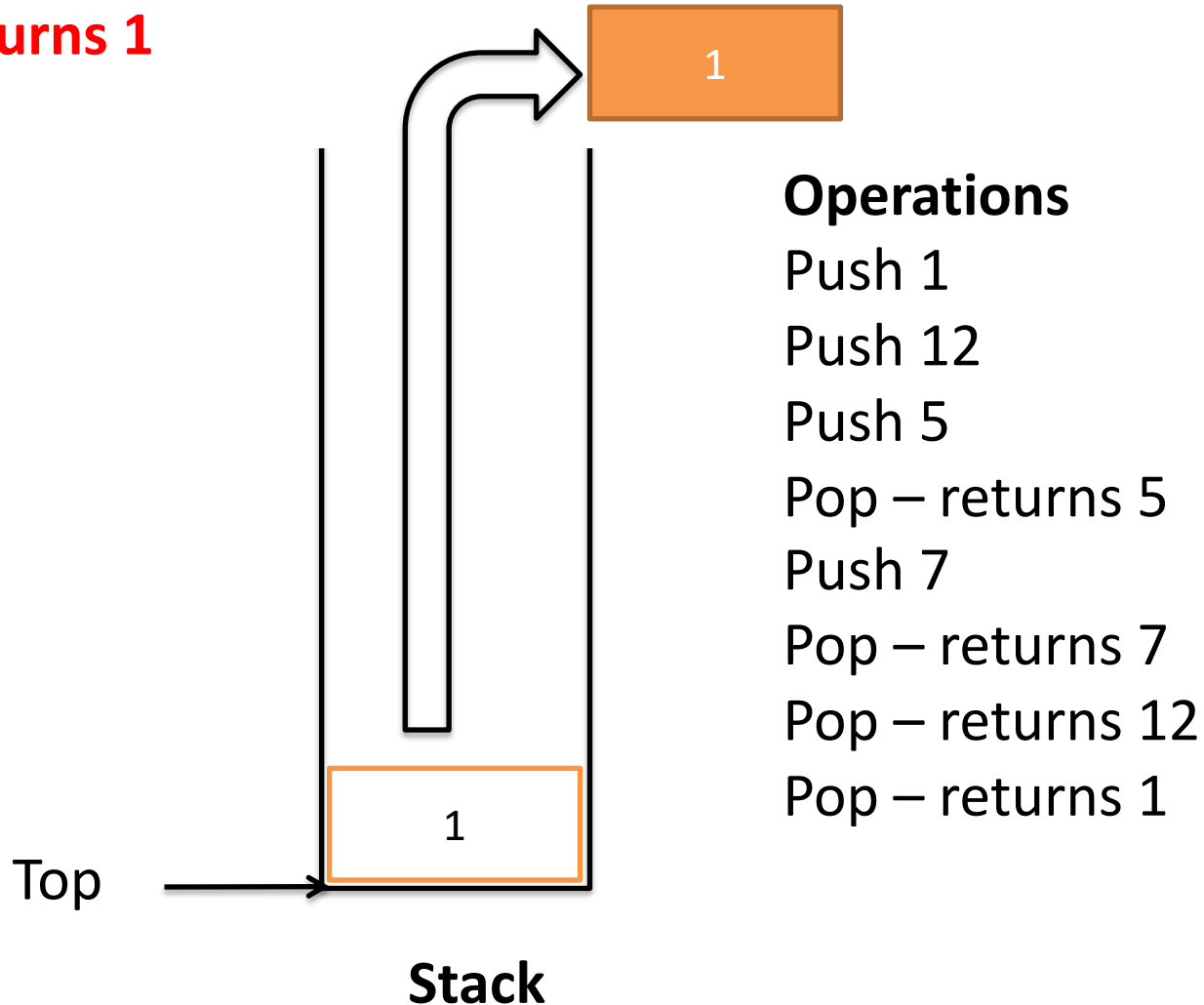
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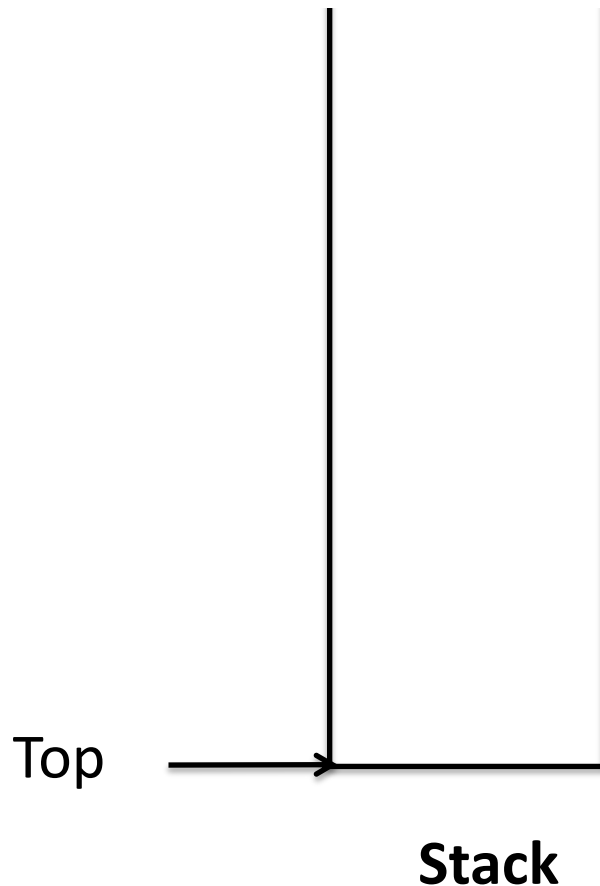
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pop() → returns 1



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pop() → throw exception



Operations

Push 1

Push 12

Push 5

Pop – returns 5

Push 7

Pop – returns 7

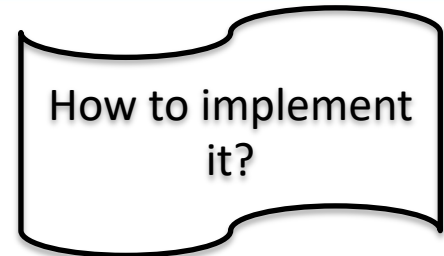
Pop – returns 12

Pop – returns 1

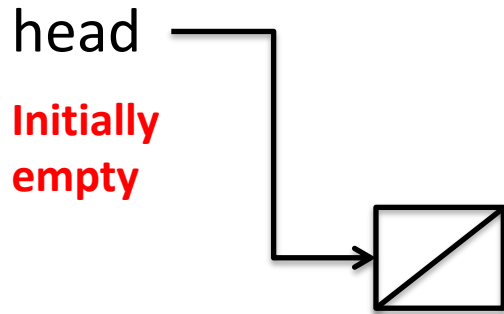
Pop – throw exception

SimpleStack.java: Interface defining Stack operations

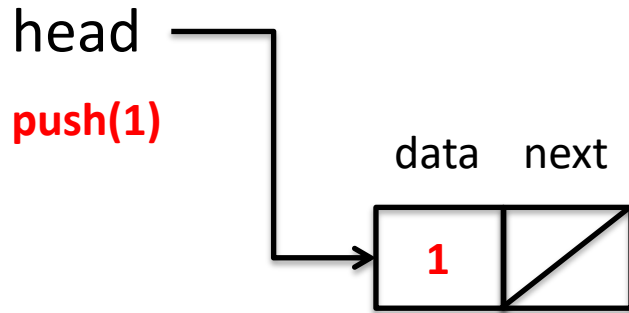
```
7 public interface SimpleStack<T> {
8     /**
9      * Add an element onto the top of the stack
10     * @param element element to be pushed onto the stack
11     */
12     public void push(T element);
13     /**
14     * Remove and return the top element
15     * @return an element from the top of the stack.
16     */
17     public T pop() throws Exception;
18     /**
19     * Look at the top element without removing it
20     * @return the element on the top of the stack without changing it.
21     */
22     public T peek() throws Exception;
23     /**
24     * Is the stack empty?
25     * @return true iff stack is empty
26     */
27     public boolean isEmpty();
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```



A Singly Linked List works well for a Stack, using top as head of list

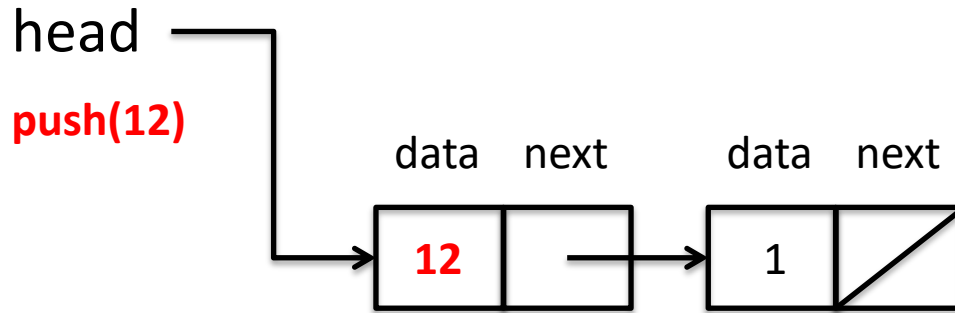


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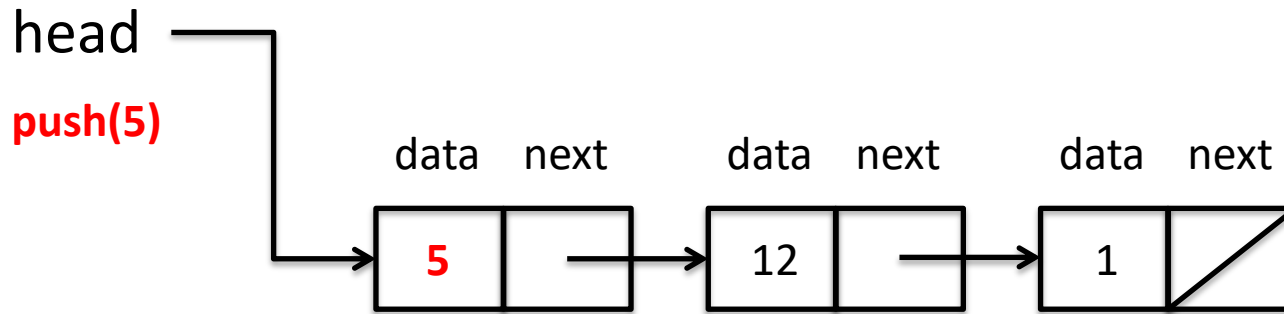
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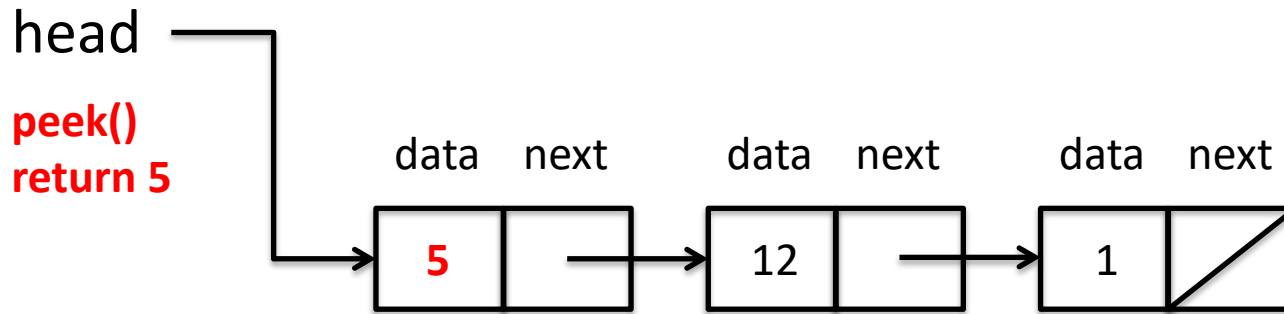
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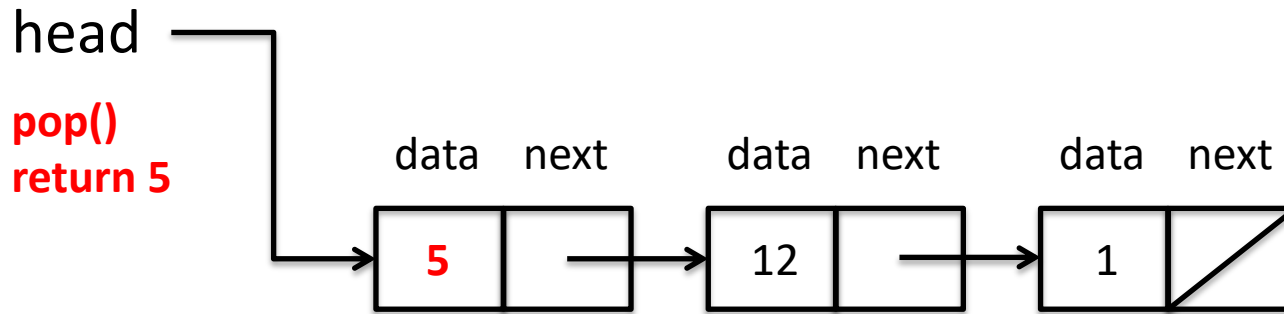
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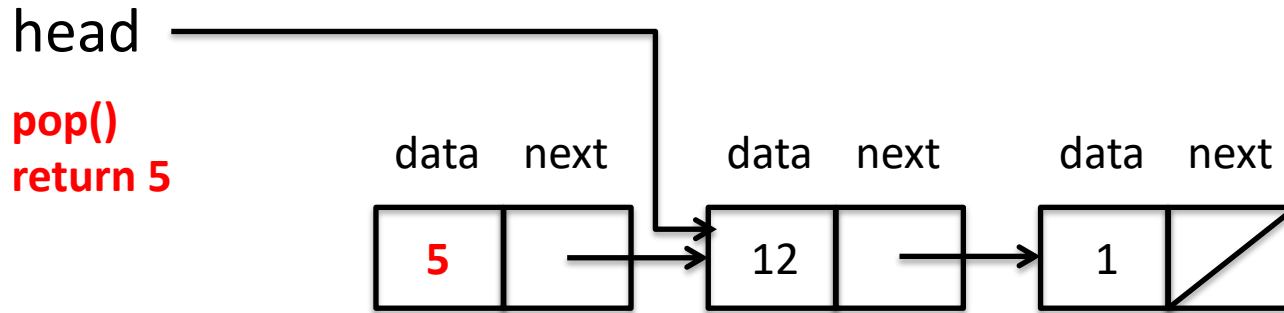
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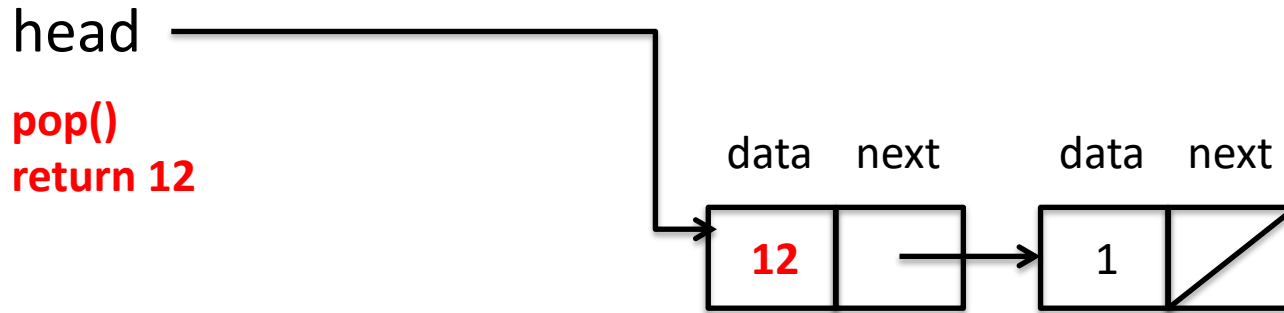
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Set head = head.next (12)

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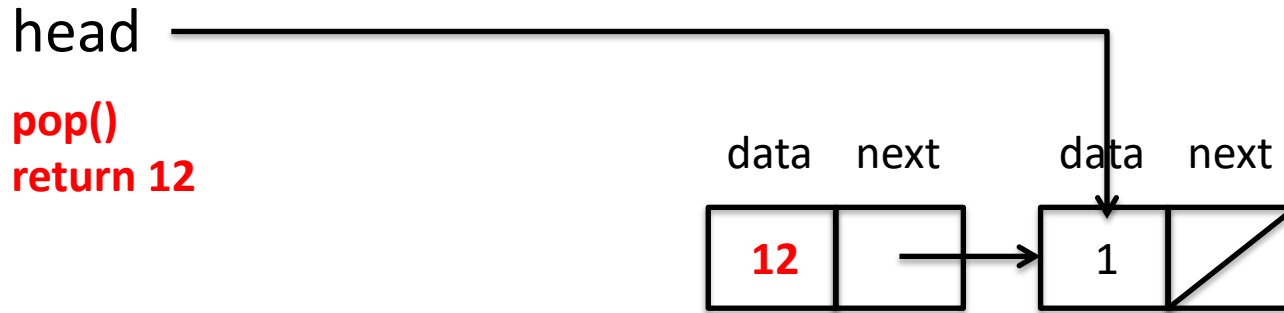
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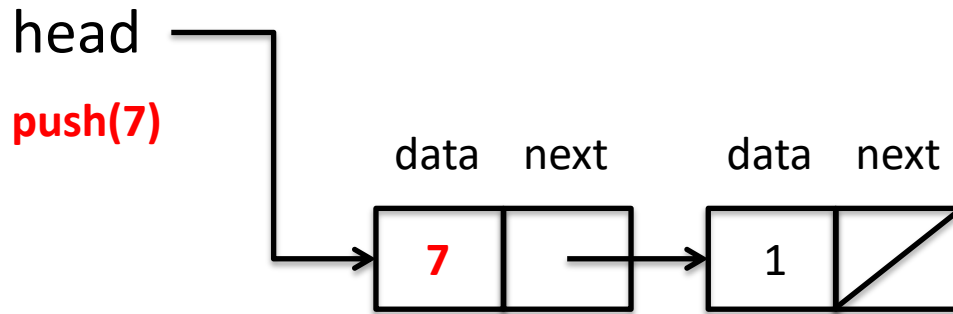
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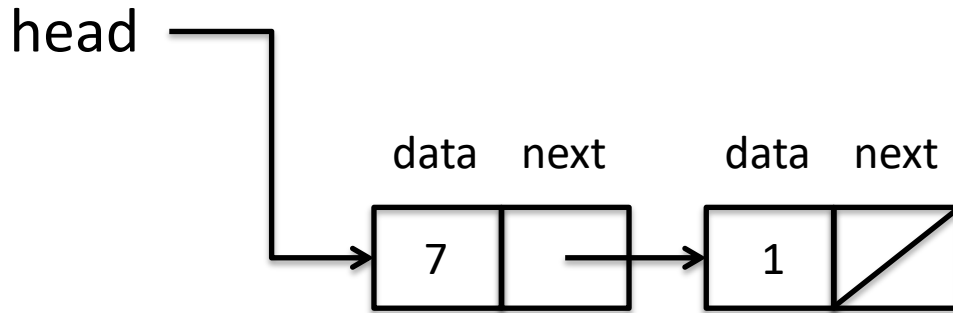
Set new element *next* to head (1)

Set head to new element (7)

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Pop from front of list

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Add at front of linked list

Peek returns data from first element or throw exception if empty

Pop from front of list

Always operating from *head*

Never need to traverse list

All operations $\Theta(1)$

If you had a tail pointer, could you implement a Stack by adding at the tail?

- Adding at tail is easy (you did so in SA-4)
- How would you handle *pop*?
- No easy way to move tail pointer back one element
- Could use a doubly linked list, but easy to implement Stack with singly linked list by operating at head

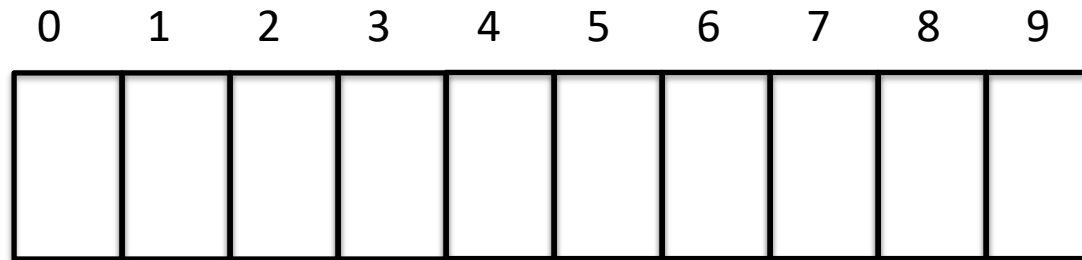
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4     /**
5      * The linked elements
6      */
7     private class Element {
8         private T data;
9         private Element next;
10
11         public Element(T data, Element next) {
12             this.data = data;
13             this.next = next;
14         }
15     }
16
17     public SLLStack() {
18         top = null;
19     }
20
21     public boolean isEmpty() {
22         return top == null;
23     }
24
25     public T peek() throws Exception {
26         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty stack");
27         return top.data;
28     }
29
30     public T pop() throws Exception {
31         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty stack");
32         T data = top.data;
33         top = top.next;
34         return data;
35     }
36
37     public void push(T element) {
38         top = new Element(element, top);
39     }
40 }
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We can implement a Stack using an array

Stack array implementation

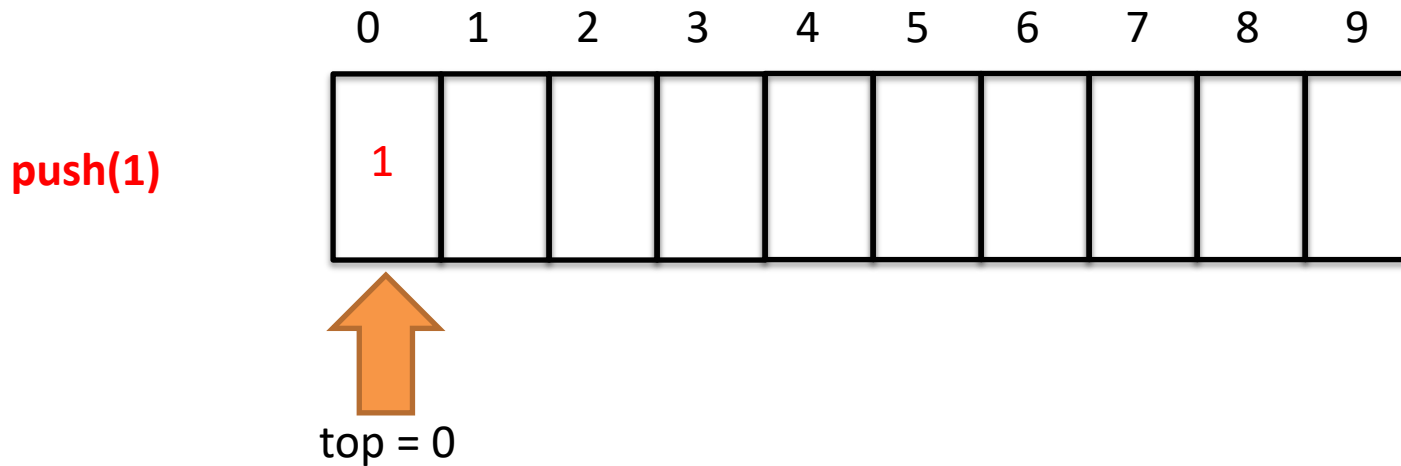



top = -1

Create array and set *top* = -1

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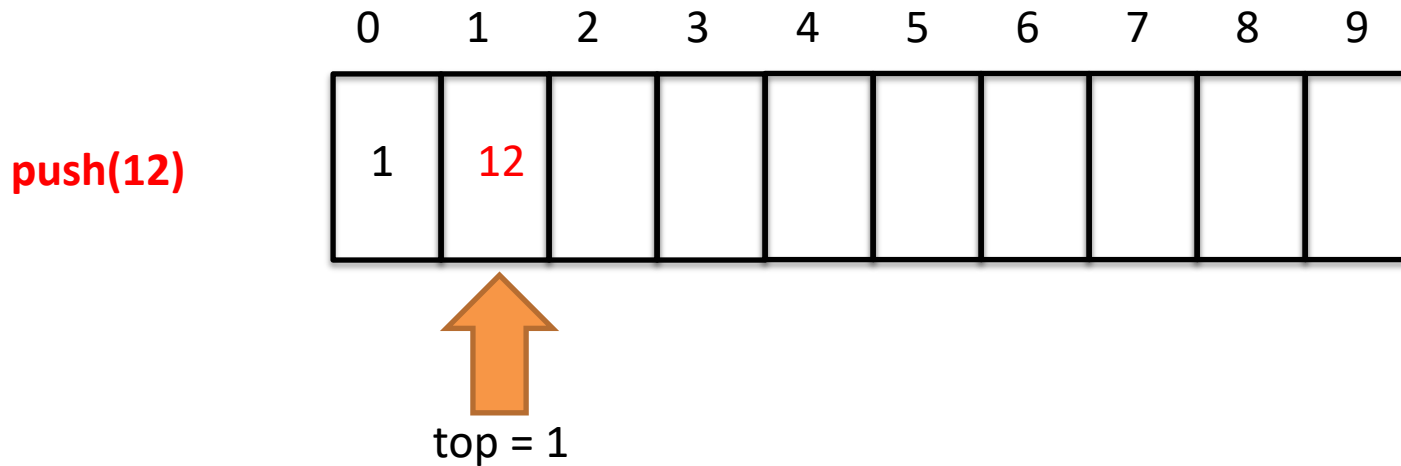


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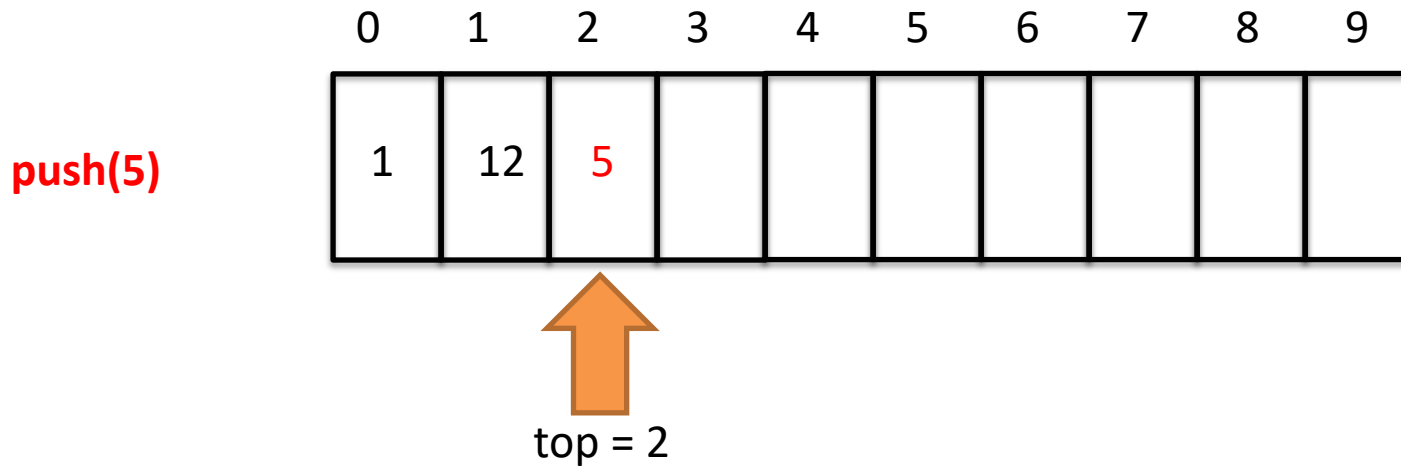


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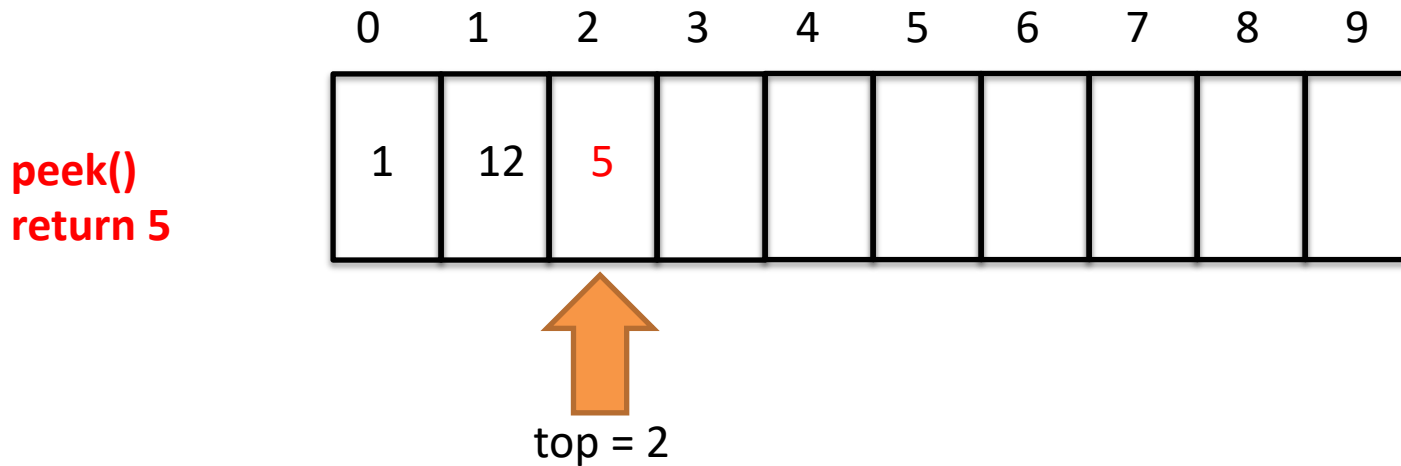


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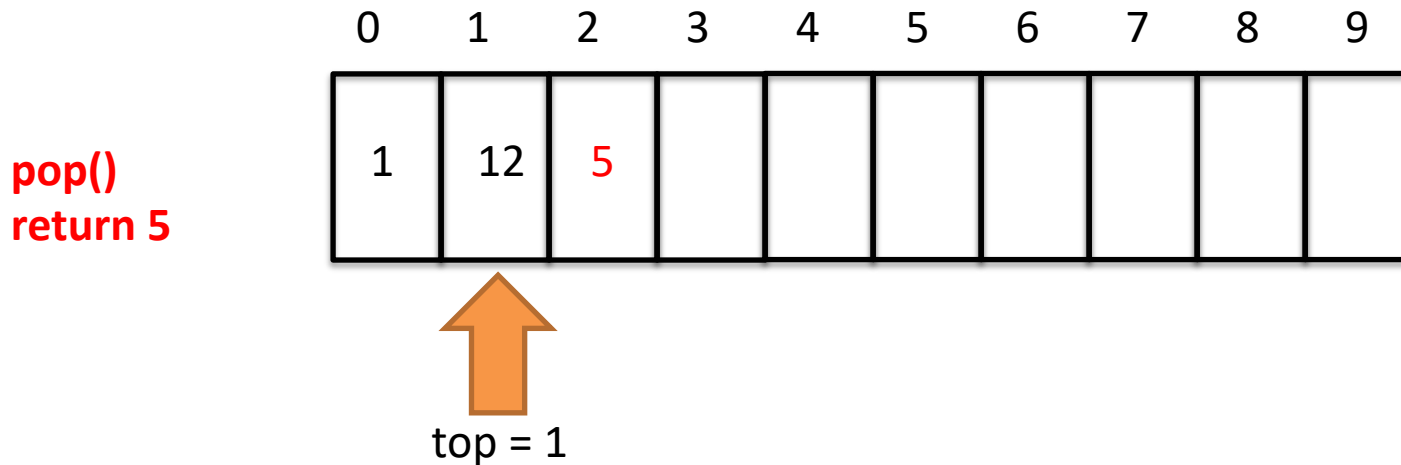
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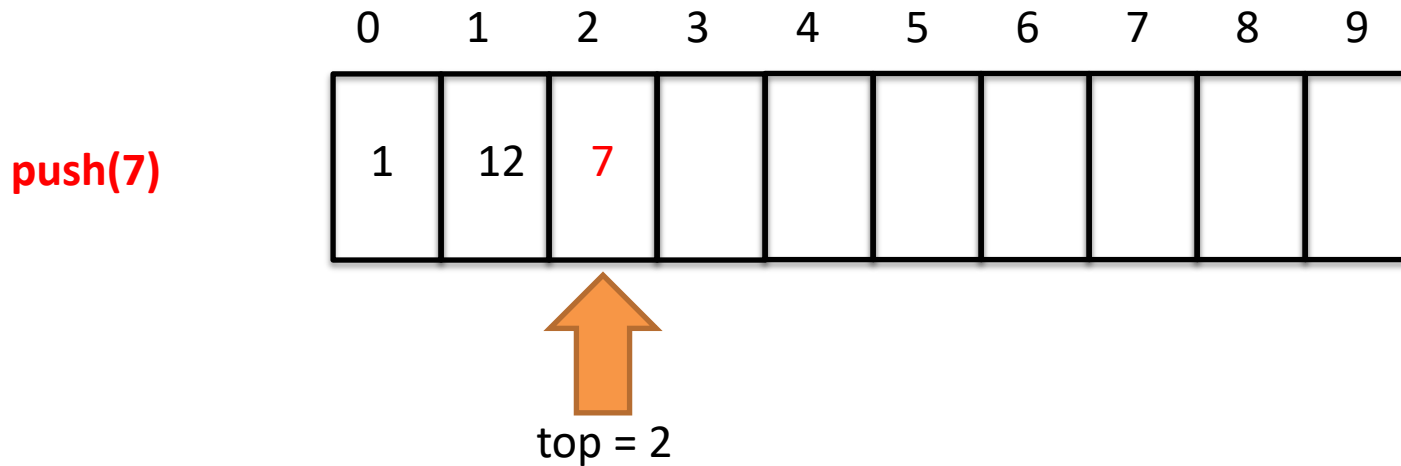
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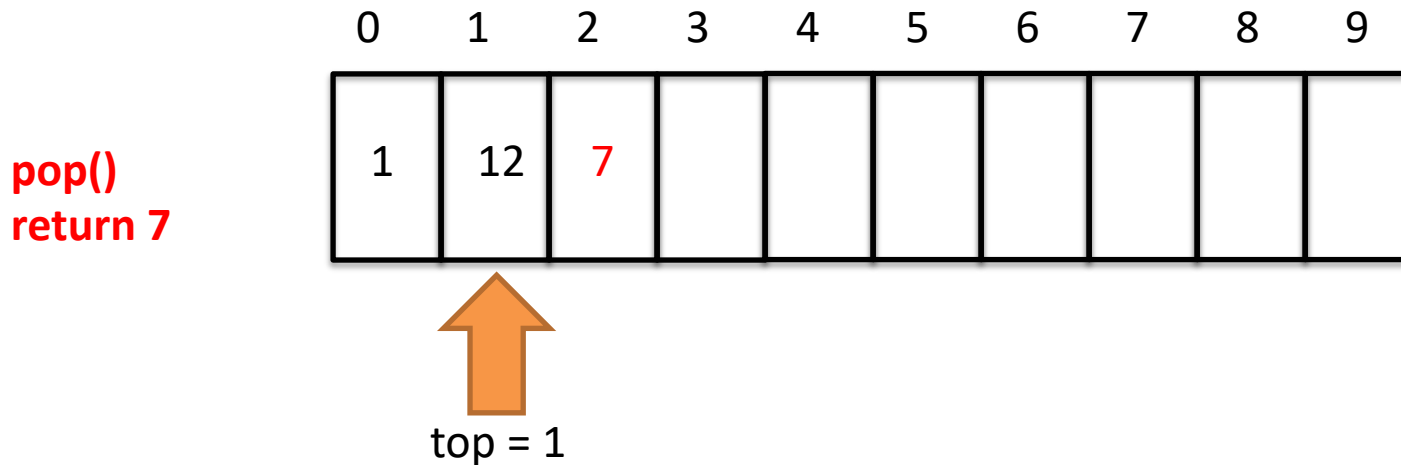
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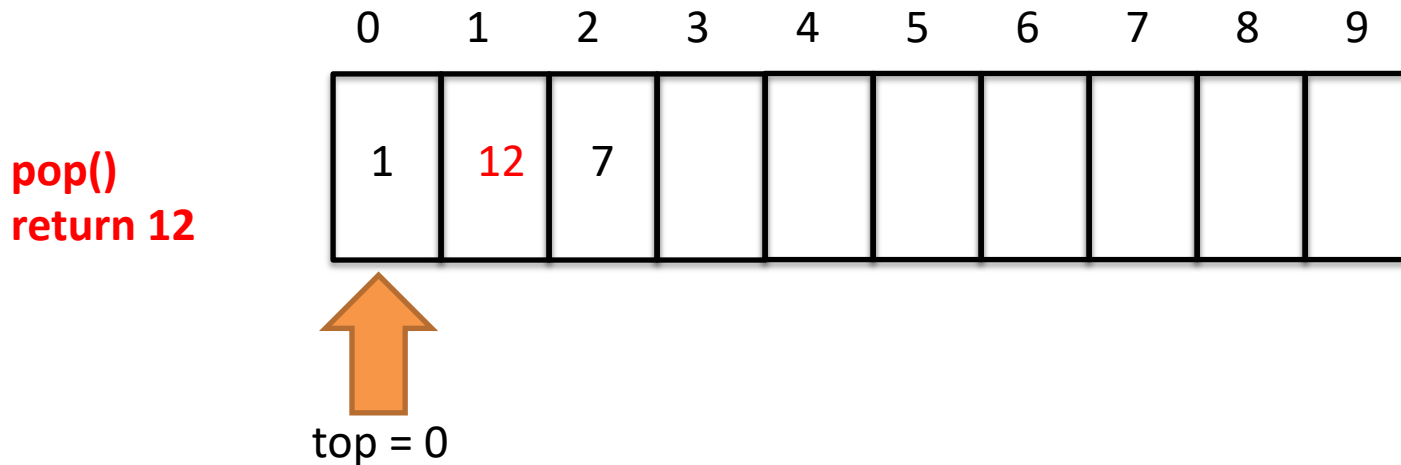
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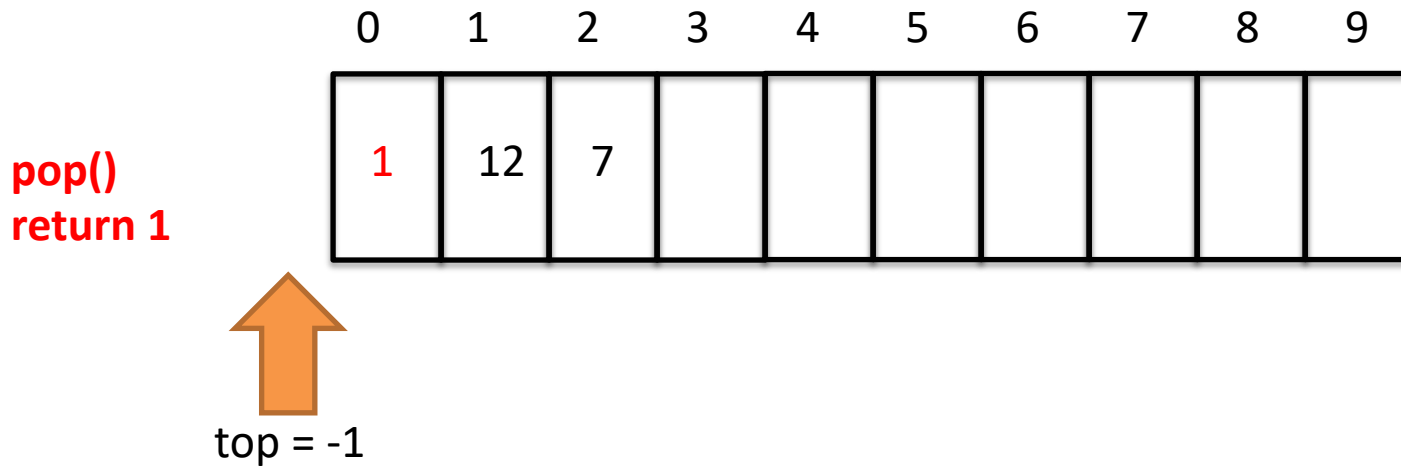
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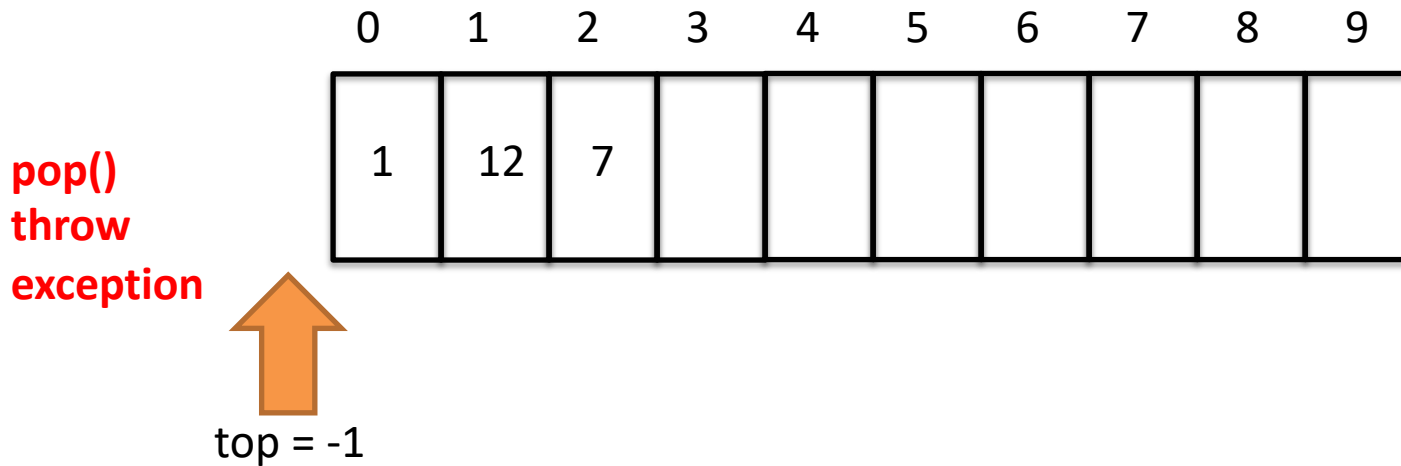
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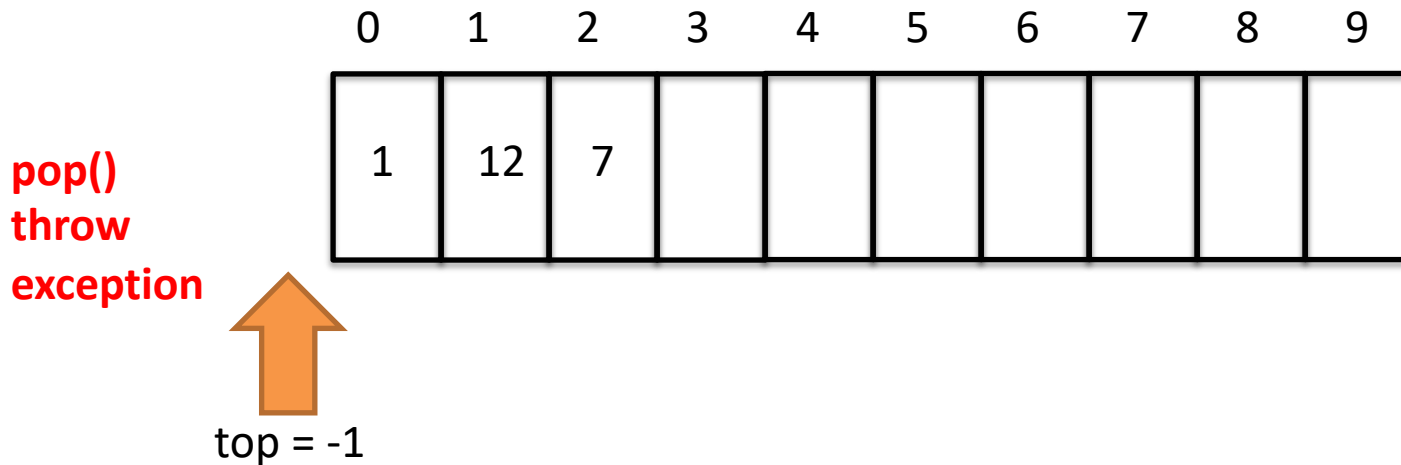
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Implementation is $O(1)$ for all operations, never need to move items

Might run out of space using an array, but can grow in amortized $O(1)$ time

Can use ArrayList and not run out of space

As shown, leaves data in memory – security implications!


An ArrayList implementation makes sure the Stack does not run out of space

ArrayListStack.java

```
9 public class ArrayListStack<T> implements SimpleStack<T> {
10
11     private ArrayList<T> list;    // Holds the stack
12
13     /**
14      * Construct an empty stack
15      */
16     public ArrayListStack() {
17         list = new ArrayList<T>();
18     }
19
20     public boolean isEmpty() {
21         return list.size() == 0;
22     }
23
24     public T peek() throws Exception {
25         if (isEmpty())
26             throw new Exception("empty stack");
27         else
28             return list.get(list.size()-1);
29     }
30
31     public T pop() throws Exception {
32         if (isEmpty())
33             throw new Exception("empty stack");
34         else
35             return list.remove(list.size()-1);
36     }
37
38     public void push(T element) {
39         list.add(element);
40     }
```

Agenda

1. Stacks

 2. Queues

Queues are a First In, First Out (FIFO) data structure

Queue overview

- Think of line at a store, join in back, leave from front
- Used in simulations, queuing print jobs, running jobs, could have used it for PS-1 to visit neighbor pixels
- **Operations**
 - *enqueue* – add item at rear of queue
 - *dequeue* – remove and return first item in queue
 - *front* – return first item, but don't remove it
 - *isEmpty* – true if queue empty, false otherwise
- Java uses different names (first ones throw exceptions; second ones return false if unable to complete)
 - *enqueue* == *add()* and *offer()*
 - *dequeue* == *remove()* and *poll()*
 - *front* == *element()* and *peek()*

Queues add to back, remove from front; First In First Out (FIFO)

Initially empty

Queue

Queues add to back, remove from front; First In First Out (FIFO)

enqueue(1)

**enqueue() adds to
back**



Queue

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enqueue(12)

**enqueue() adds to
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enqueue(5)

**enqueue() adds to
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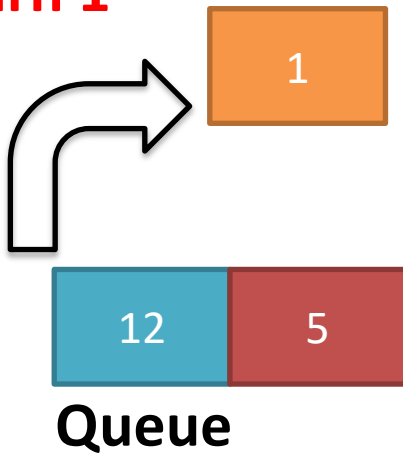


Queue

Queues add to back, remove from front; First In First Out (FIFO)

dequeue()

Return 1



**dequeue() removes
from front**

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enqueue(7)

**enqueue() adds to
back**

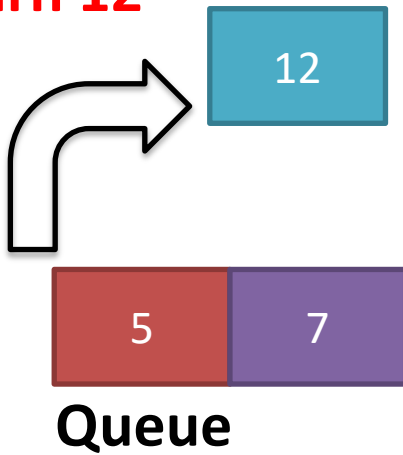


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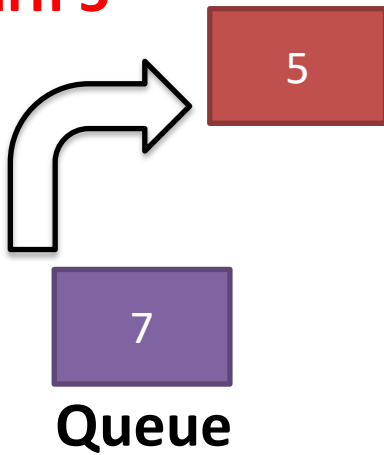


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dequeue()

Return 5

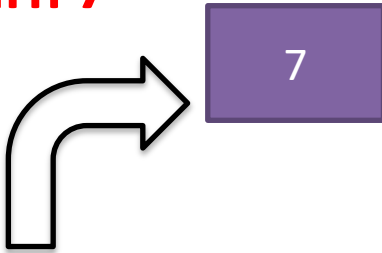


**dequeue() removes
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dequeue()

Return 7



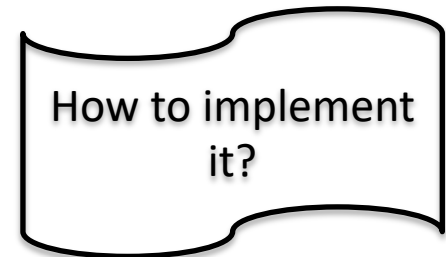
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Queue

SimpleQueue.java: Interface defining Queue operations

SimpleQueue.java

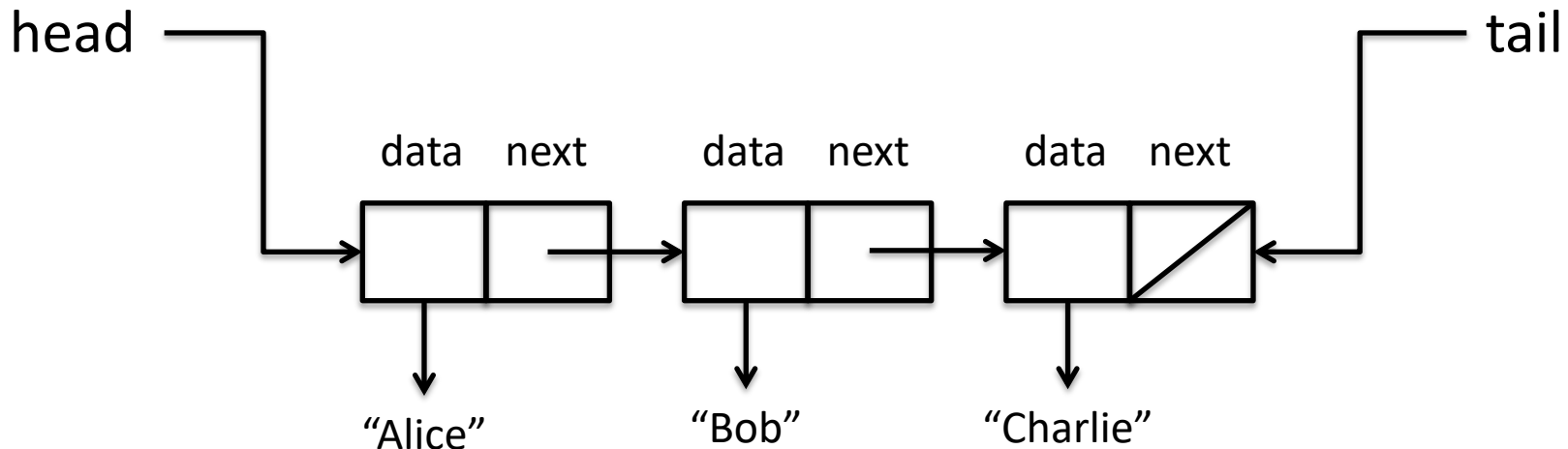
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12    */
13    public void enqueue(T item);
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15    /**
16    * Remove item from front of queue
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Queues can be implemented with Singly Linked List using *head* and *tail* pointers

Queue implementation

- Easy to get/remove from *head*
- Use *tail* to add to back of queue
 - Set new element *next* to null
 - Set *tail.next* to new element
 - Move *tail* to new element ($tail = tail.next$)
- All operations $\Theta(1)$



Queues can be implemented with Singly Linked List using head and tail pointers

SLLQueue.java

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9 public class SLLQueue<T> implements SimpleQueue<T> {
10     private Element head; // front of the linked list
11     private Element tail; // tail of the linked list
12
13     /**
14      * The linked elements
15      */
16     private class Element {
17         private T data;
18         private Element next;
19
20         public Element(T data) {
21             this.data = data;
22             this.next = null;
23         }
24     }
25
26     /**
27      * Creates an empty queue
28      */
29     public SLLQueue() {
30         head = null;
31         tail = null;
32     }
33
34     public void enqueue(T item) {
35         if (isEmpty()) {
36             // first item
37             head = new Element(item);
38             tail = head;
39         }
40         else {
41             tail.next = new Element(item);
42             tail = tail.next;
43         }
44     }
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46     public T dequeue() throws Exception {
47         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty queue");
48         T item = head.data;
49         head = head.next;
50         return item;
51     }
52 }
```

Arrays are seemingly unpromising as a Queue data structure, but can work well

Array implementation

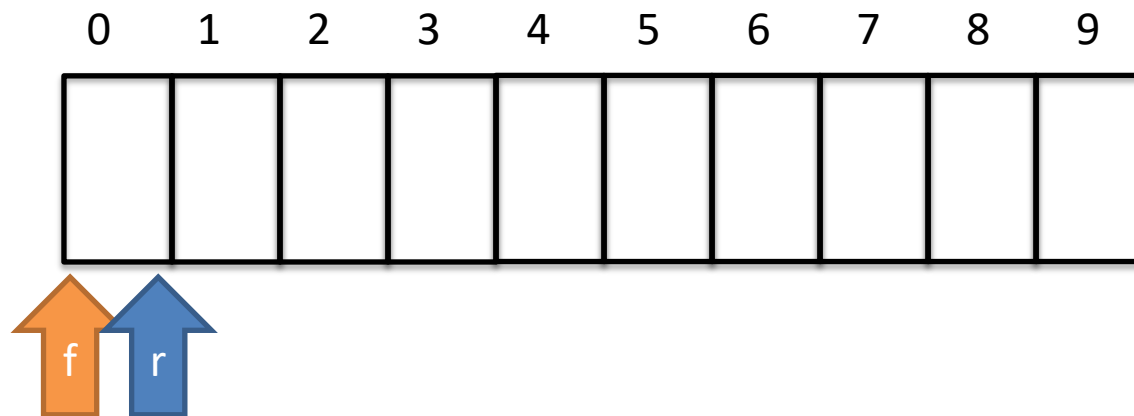
- Could *enqueue* at back, *dequeue* from front
 - *enqueue* is fast, just add item to end $O(1)$
 - *dequeue* must move all elements left one space $O(n)$
- Could *enqueue* at front and *dequeue* from back
 - *enqueue* must move all elements right one space $O(n)$
 - *dequeue* is fast, just take last item $O(1)$
- Could track *front* (f) and *rear* (r) indexes (circular array)
 - *enqueue* at r , then increment r
 - *dequeue* at f , then increment f
 - If f or $r > m-1$, wrap around to empty spaces at front
 - Full or empty when $f==r$ (full if $size \neq 0$)
 - *enqueue* and *dequeue* $O(1)$

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

Empty $f=r=0$

$size = 0$



***front (f)* is index of first element**

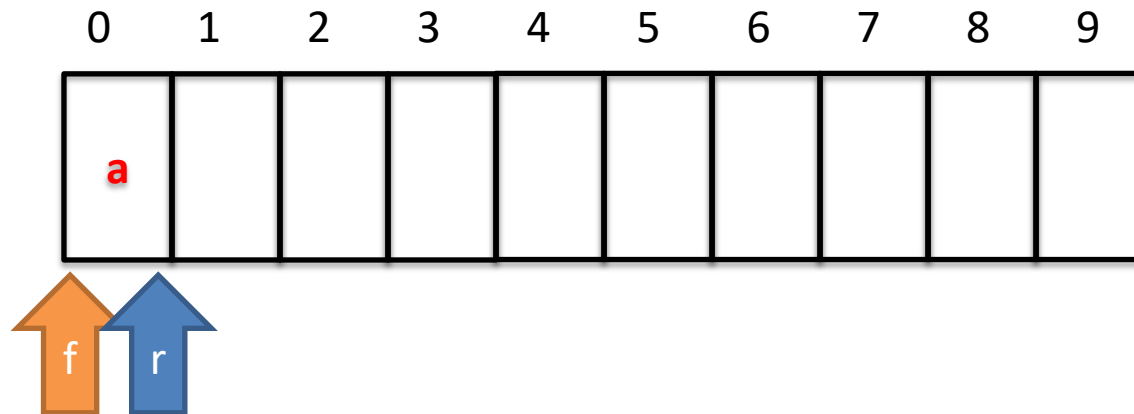
***rear (r)* is index of next free space (initially 0)**

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(a)

size = 0



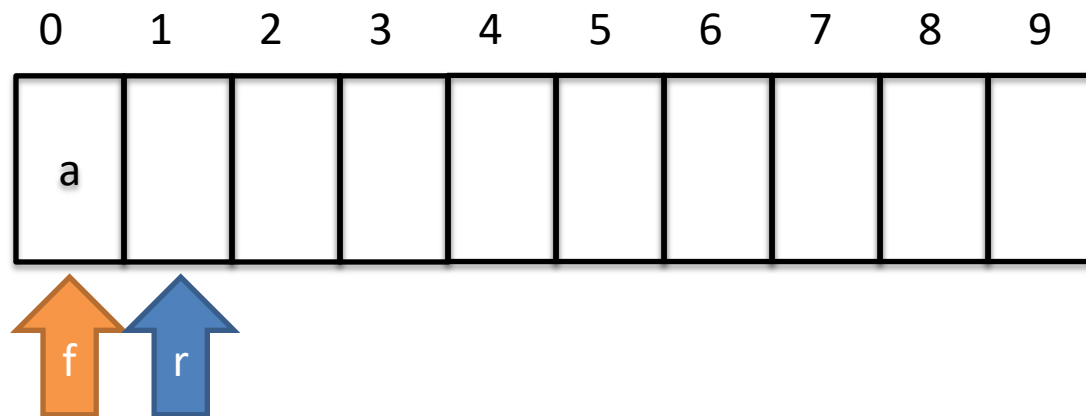
Set a at position rear

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(a)

size = 1



Set a at position rear

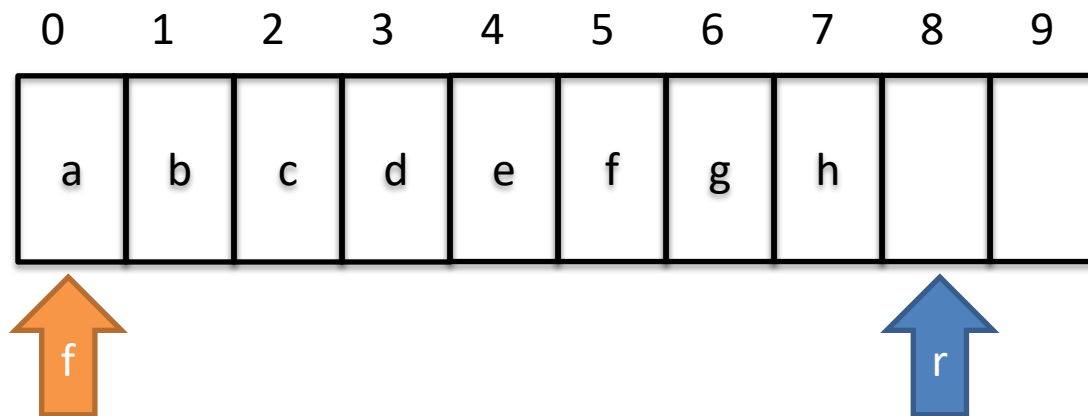
Set rear +=1, size +=1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(b) through enqueue(h)

size = 8



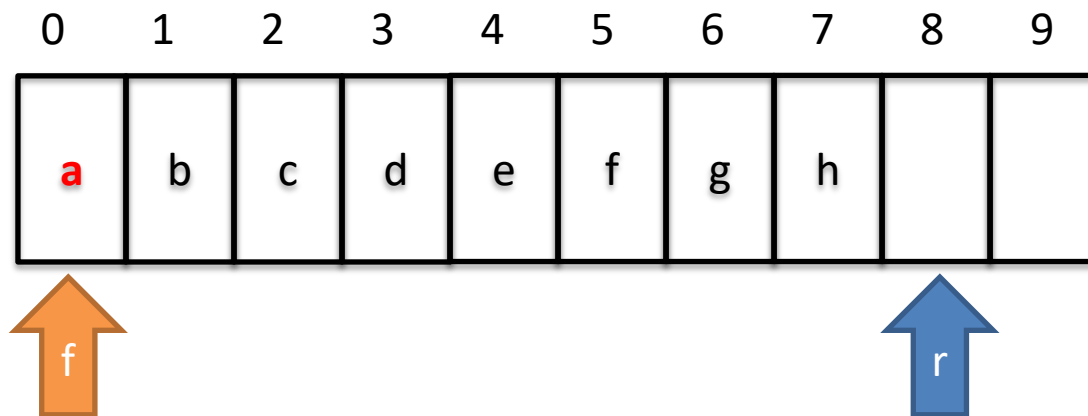
front stays at 0, rear +=1 and size +=1 on each enqueue()

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

dequeue()

size = 8



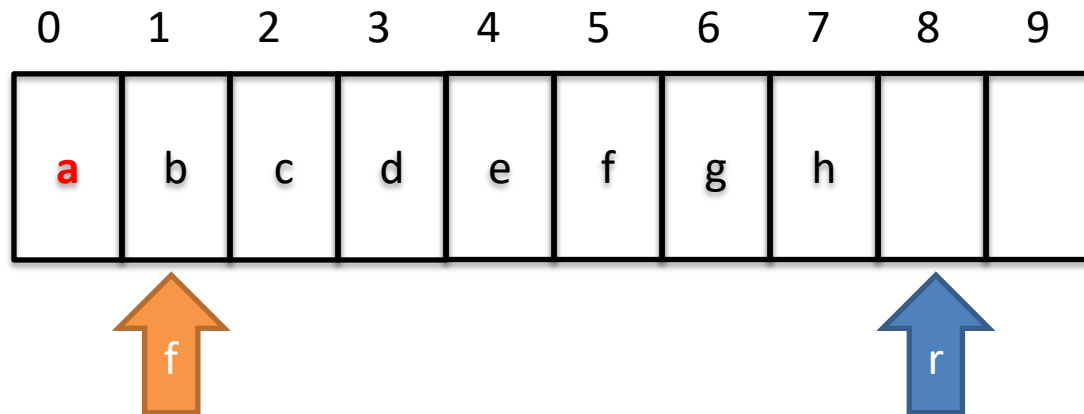
Return item at *front* -> a

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

dequeue()

size = 7



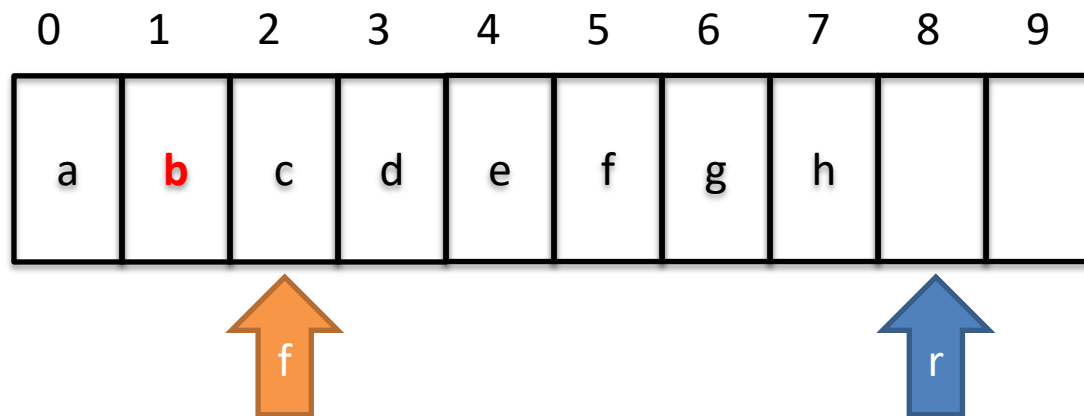
Return item at *front* -> a
front +=1, size -=1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

dequeue()

size = 6



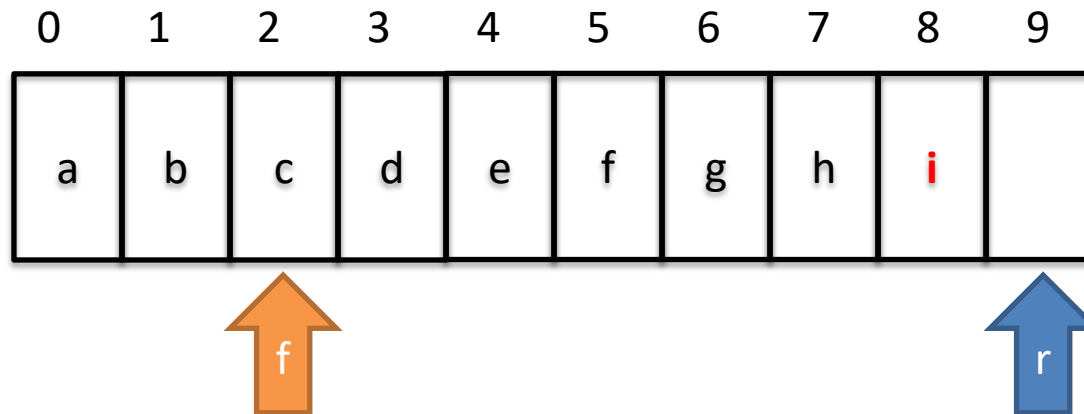
Return item at *front* -> b
front +=1, size -=1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(i)

size = 7



Set i at position $rear$

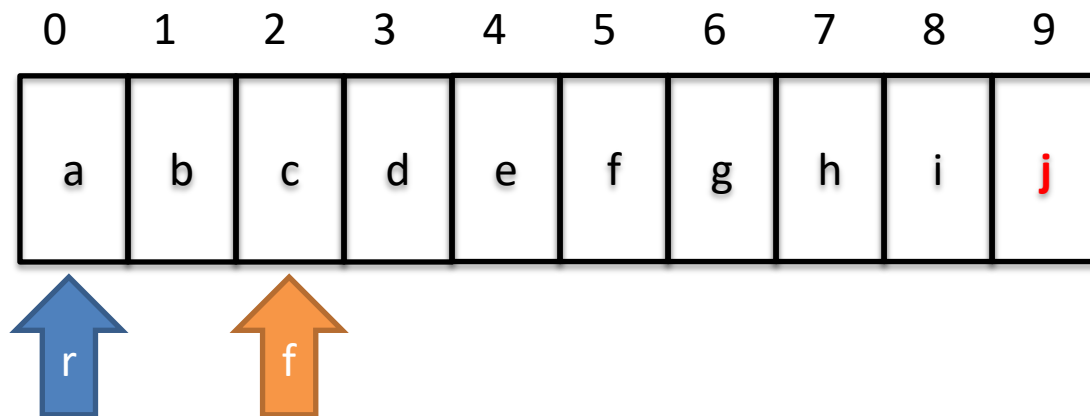
$rear += 1$, $size += 1$

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(j)

size = 8



Set j at position rear

rear +=1, wrap around to index 0

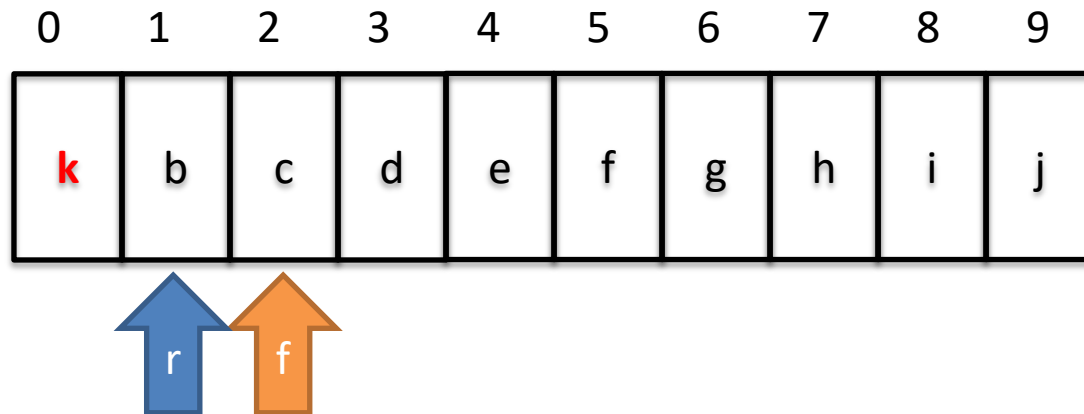
size +=1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(k)

size = 9



Set k at position rear

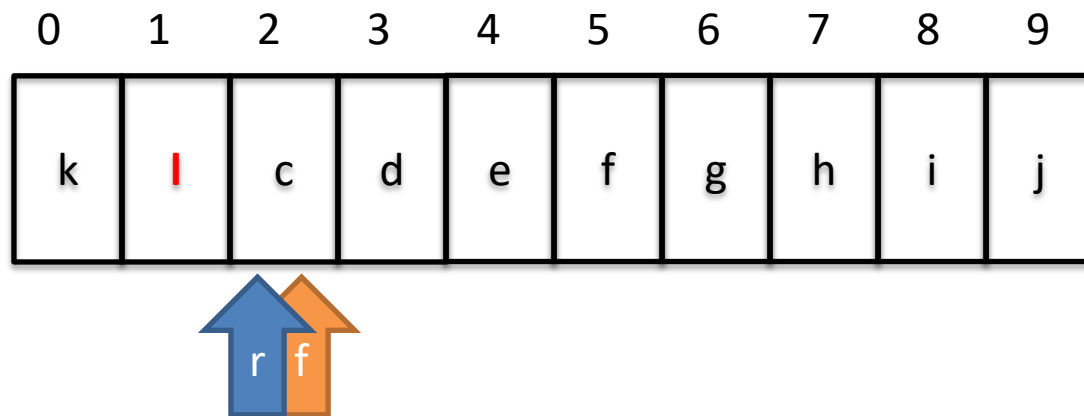
rear += 1, size += 1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

enqueue(l)

size = 10



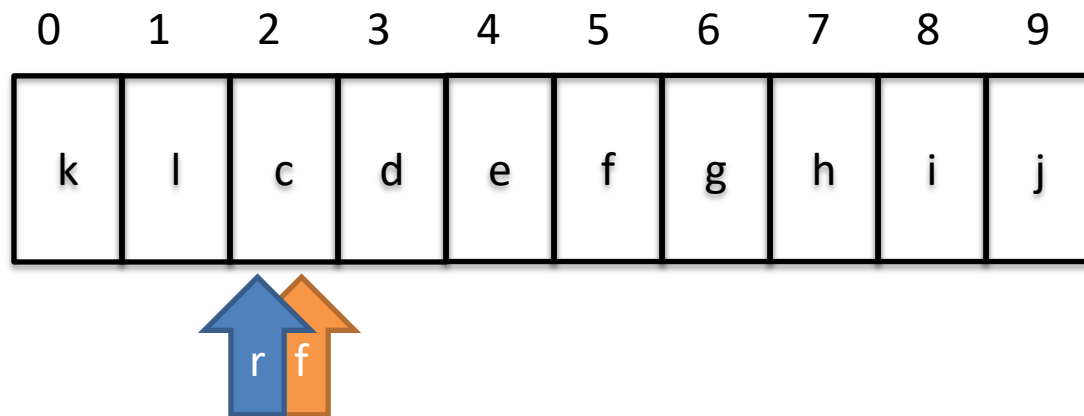
Set l at position rear

rear +=1, size +=1

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

size = 10



Array is full ($f==r$ and $size \neq 0$), now what?

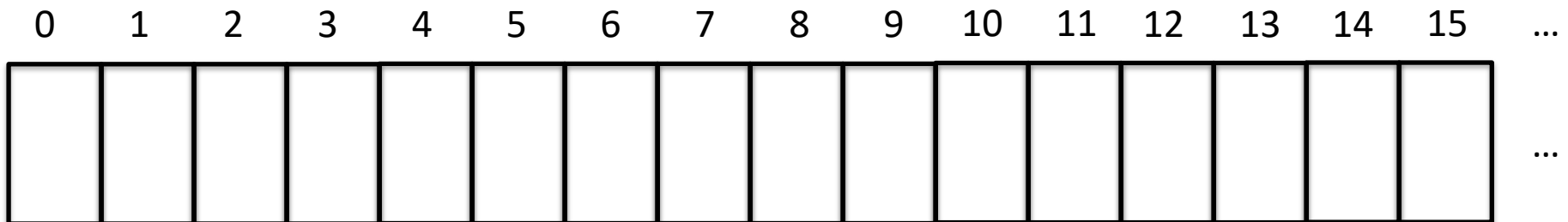
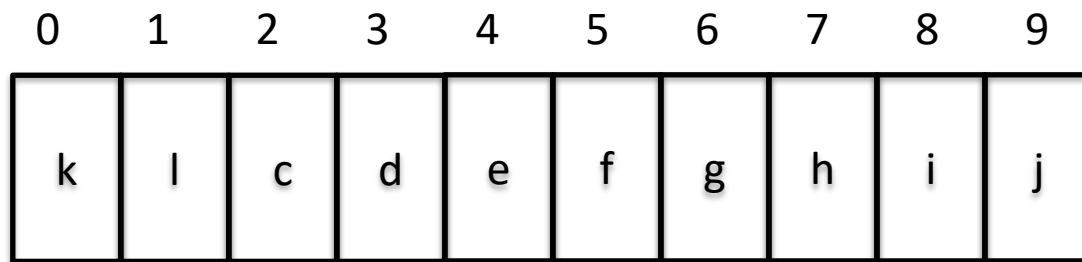
Grow by creating new larger array

Copy elements from old array into new array

How if $front \neq 0$ due to *dequeue* operations?

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

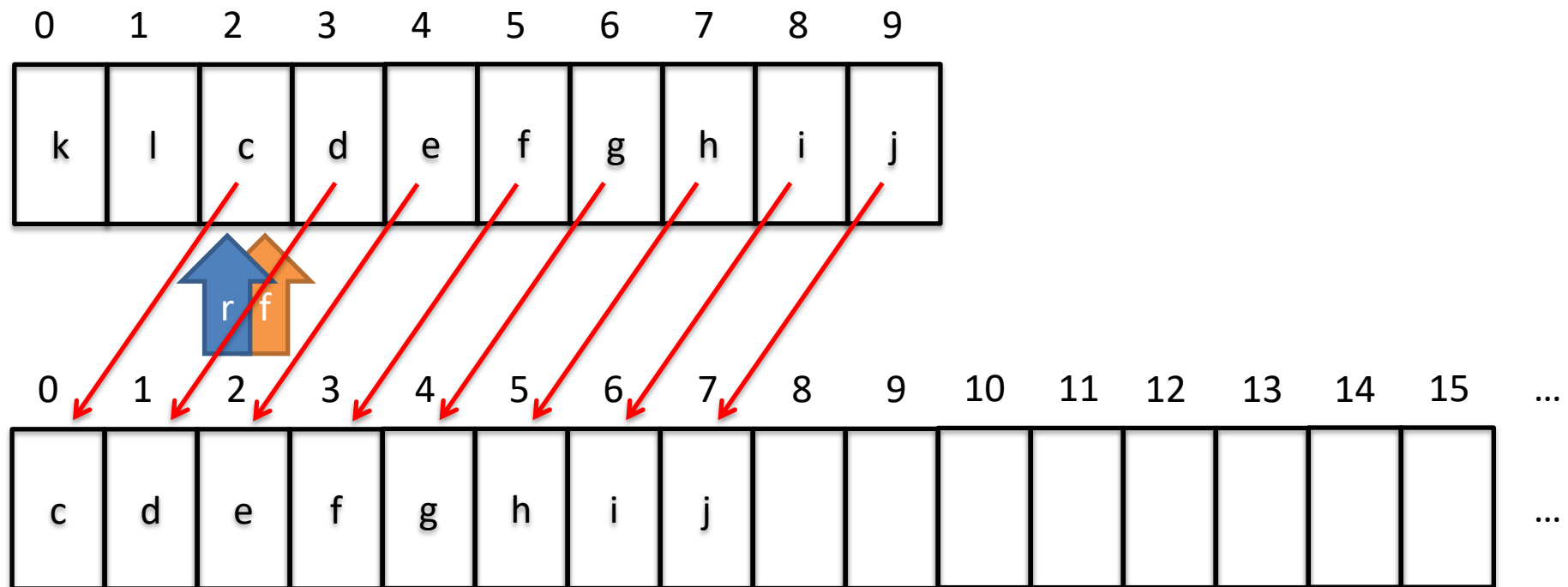
Array implementing Queue



Copy old array from *front* to *size-1* into new array starting at index 0

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

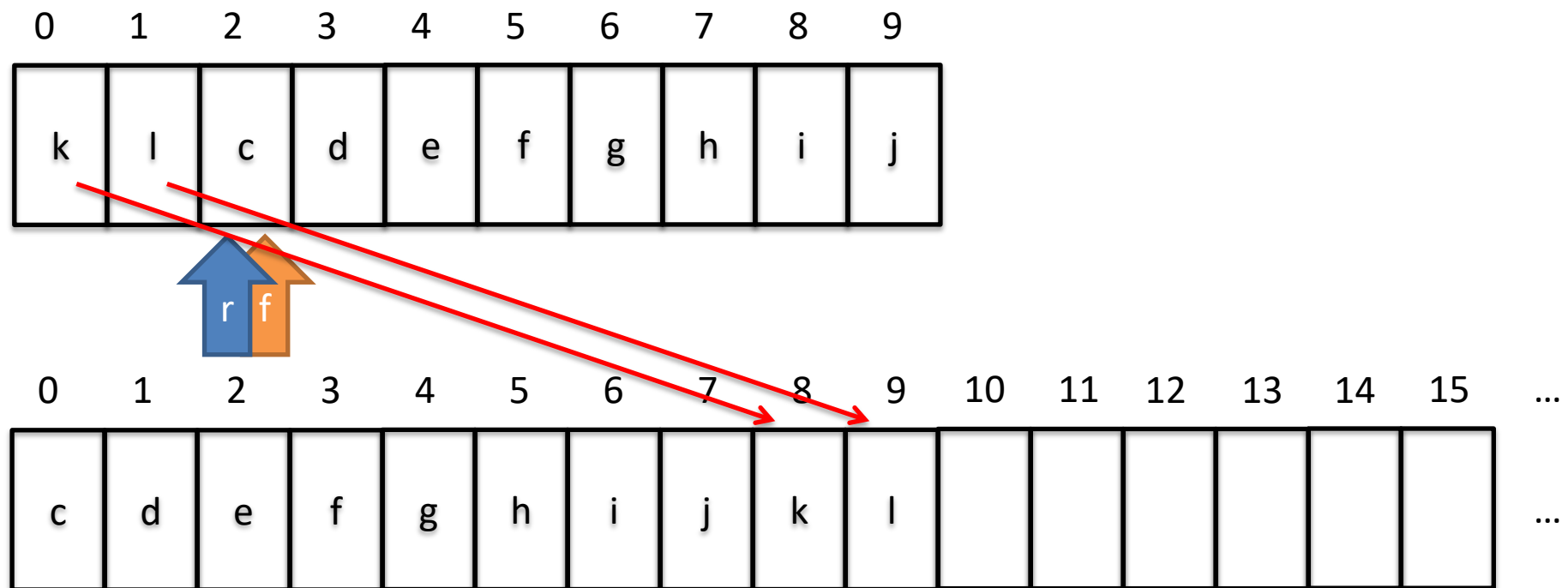
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Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

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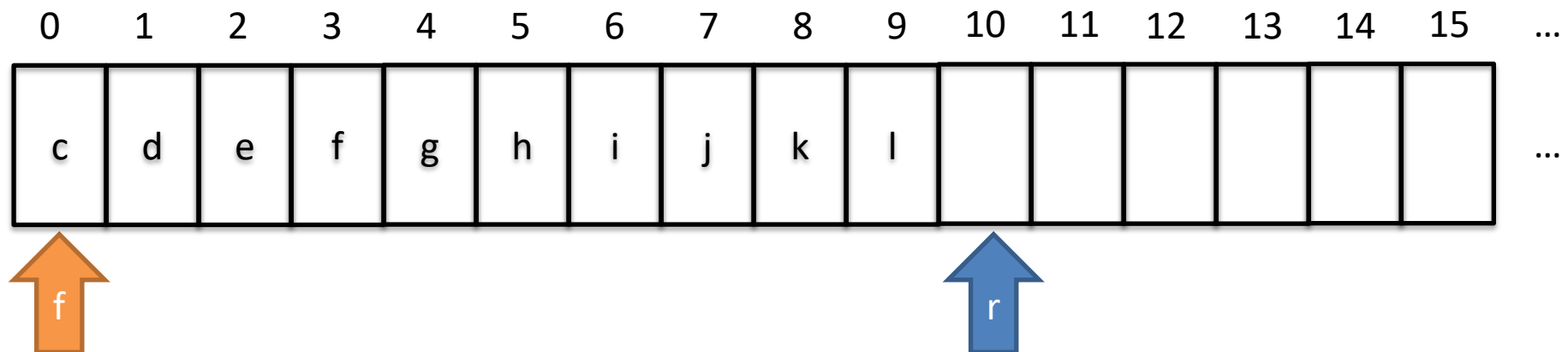


Copy old array from index 0 to *front-1* into new array starting at last index

Array implementing a Queue using index for front and rear

Array implementing Queue

size = 10



Set front = 0 and rear = size
Set array to new array

Summary

- Stacks Last in, First out
 - Singly linked list can work as an implementation
 - Or array
 - Both with proper insertion and removal can have constant time
- Queue First in, First Out
 - Singly linked list (with tail) can work as implementation
 - Array with two pointers and growing
 - Also here constant time

Additional Resources

SimpleStack.java

ANNOTATED SLIDES

SimpleStack.java: Interface defining Stack operations

```
7 public interface SimpleStack<T> {  
8     /**  
9     * Add an element onto the top of the stack  
10    * @param element element to be pushed onto the stack  
11    */  
12    public void push(T element);  
13    /**  
14    * Remove and return the top element  
15    * @return an element from the top of the stack.  
16    */  
17    public T pop() throws Exception;  
18    /**  
19    * Look at the top element without removing it  
20    * @return the element on the top of the stack without changing it.  
21    */  
22    public T peek() throws Exception;  
23    /**  
24    * Is the stack empty?  
25    * @return true iff stack is empty  
26    */  
27    public boolean isEmpty();  
28 }
```

As with other ADTs, we use generics because we don't really care what kind of data the Stack will hold

The Stack functionality will be the same irrespective of the data type

SLLStack.java

ANNOTATED SLIDES

A Singly Linked List works well for a Stack, using top as head of list

SLLStack.java

```
8 public class SLLStack<T> implements SimpleStack<T> {
9     private Element top; // top of the stack
10
11     /**
12      * The linked elements
13      */
14     private class Element {
15         private T data;
16         private Element next;
17
18         public Element(T data, Element next) {
19             this.data = data;
20             this.next = next;
21         }
22     }
23
24     public SLLStack() {
25         top = null;
26     }
27
28     public boolean isEmpty() {
29         return top == null;
30     }
31
32     public T peek() throws Exception {
33         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty stack");
34         return top.data;
35     }
36
37     public T pop() throws Exception {
38         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty stack");
39         T data = top.data;
40         top = top.next;
41         return data;
42     }
43
44     public void push(T element) {
45         top = new Element(element, top);
46     }
47 }
```

Implements SimpleStack interface, so must implement its methods

Private Element class as we've seen before
Data is of generic type T

- All operations $\Theta(1)$
- Unlike an array, this does not run out of space

top keeps track of top of stack (same as *head* did), initially null

peek() returns *data* of first Element in list but does not remove it

pop() gets *data* from first Element in list, then sets *top* to *next*

push() adds new Element at *top*
Sets new Element next to *top's* prior value

ArrayListStack.java

ANNOTATED SLIDES

An ArrayList implementation makes sure the Stack does not run out of space

ArrayListStack.java

```
9 public class ArrayListStack<T> implements SimpleStack<T> {
10
11     private ArrayList<T> list; // Holds the stack
12
13     /**
14      * Construct an empty stack
15      */
16     public ArrayListStack() {
17         list = new ArrayList<T>();
18     }
19
20     public boolean isEmpty() {
21         return list.size() == 0;
22     }
23
24     public T peek() throws Exception {
25         if (isEmpty())
26             throw new Exception("empty stack");
27         else
28             return list.get(list.size()-1);
29     }
30
31     public T pop() throws Exception {
32         if (isEmpty())
33             throw new Exception("empty stack");
34         else
35             return list.remove(list.size()-1);
36     }
37
38     public void push(T element) {
39         list.add(element);
40     }
```

Implements SimpleStack interface

ArrayList as stack

ArrayList size keeps track of isEmpty()

peek() returns value of last item but does not change stack
Throws exception if stack empty

pop() removes and returns last item
Throws exception if stack empty

push() adds element to stack at end
List add method grows array if needed, O(1)

LIFO: add to end (top) and remove from end -> O(1)

SLLQueue.java

ANNOTATED SLIDES

Queues can be implemented with Singly Linked List using head and tail pointers

SLLQueue.java

Implements SimpleQueue interface

```
9 public class SLLQueue<T> implements SimpleQueue<T> {
10     private Element head; // front of the linked list
11     private Element tail; // tail of the linked list
12
13     /**
14      * The linked elements
15      */
16     private class Element {
17         private T data;
18         private Element next;
19
20         public Element(T data) {
21             this.data = data;
22             this.next = null;
23         }
24     }
25
26     /**
27      * Creates an empty queue
28      */
29     public SLLQueue() {
30         head = null;
31         tail = null;
32     }
33
34     public void enqueue(T item) {
35         if (isEmpty()) {
36             // first item
37             head = new Element(item);
38             tail = head;
39         }
40         else {
41             tail.next = new Element(item);
42             tail = tail.next;
43         }
44     }
45
46     public T dequeue() throws Exception {
47         if (isEmpty()) throw new Exception("empty queue");
48         T item = head.data;
49         head = head.next;
50         return item;
51     }
52 }
```

Keep a pointer to *head* (for dequeue)
and a pointer to *tail* (for enqueue)

Private Element class, same as before,
except construct doesn't take *next*
parameter; why?
Will always set *next* to null because
will always add at end

Check if first item
enqueue() at end of queue using *tail*

dequeue() from front of queue using *head*

EXAMPLE OF USE OF STACK

We can use the simple stack to easily match parens in a string

JSON String

```
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Open Parens: [, {, (, <

Close parens:], },), >

Define matching open
and close parens



Pseudo code

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Pseudo code ensures
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**Current
character**

Stack

MatchParens2.java uses Java's Stack to check matching parenthesis

```
9 public class MatchParens2 {
10     public static String opens = "{[<"; // opening parens
11     public static String closes = "}]>"; // closing parens, in same order
12
13     /**
14      * Checks whether s is properly parenthesized and prints an appropriate
15      */
16     public static boolean check(String s) {
17         System.out.println("checking "+s);
18         Stack<Character> parenStack = new Stack<Character>(); // all the o
19         for (int i = 0; i<s.length(); i++) {
20             // Look at each character's index in opens and closes to see if i
21             Character c = s.charAt(i);
22             if ((opens.indexOf(c)) >= 0) {
23                 parenStack.push(c);
24             }
25             else if ((closes.indexOf(c)) >= 0) {
26                 if (parenStack.isEmpty()) {
27                     System.out.println("\tunopened at position "+i);
28                     return false;
29                 }
30                 //see if matching parens
31                 if (opens.indexOf(parenStack.pop()) != closes.indexOf(c)) {
32                     System.out.println("\tmismatched at position "+i);
33                     return false;
34                 }
35             }
36         }
37
38         if (!parenStack.isEmpty()) {
39             System.out.println("\t"+parenStack.size() + " unclosed");
40             return false;
41         }
42
43         System.out.println("\tpassed");
44         return true;
45     }
46
47     public static void main(String args[]) {
48         check("()");

```

Define open and matching close parens

check() will see if a string s is properly formatted with open and close parens

Loop over String s

Create new Stack of Characters to hold open parens

If find open paren character, push it onto Stack

- If find close paren character, make sure Stack not empty, and pop()
- Check popped open Character matches close paren character

If handled all characters, see if Stack empty, fail if not empty, otherwise pass