

LEC 06

**CSE 122**

# Stacks & Queues

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# Lecture Outline

- **Announcements** 
- Review: ADTs, Stacks & Queues
- Queue Manipulation
- Stack Manipulation
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# Announcements

- Quizzes
  - Quiz 0 was yesterday
  - Feedback released sometime before Quiz 1 (July 25)
  - *Metacognition*: How did it go? Was your studying and preparation effective?
- Culminating Project Checkpoint 1 is due tomorrow by 11:59pm PT
- Programming Assignment 1 releasing on Friday
  - Focus on Stacks & Queues
  - Due Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> by 11:59pm PT

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# (PCM) Abstract Data Types

- **Abstract Data Type (ADT):** A specification of a collection of data and the operations that can be performed on it.
  - Describes *what* a collection does, not *how* it does it (not implementation!)
  - Think of it as an *idea* of a data type
- We don't know exactly how a stack or queue is implemented, and we don't need to.
  - Only need to understand high-level idea of what a collection does
  - **Stack:** retrieves elements in reverse order as added.
  - **Queue:** retrieves elements in same order as added.

# Wait, ADT? Interfaces?

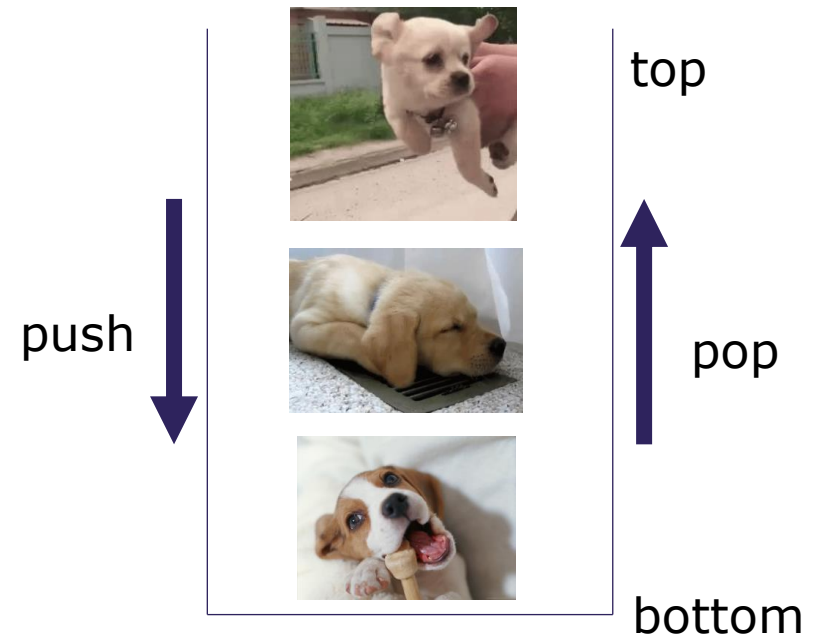
- **Abstract Data Type (ADT):** A *description of the idea* of a data structure including what operations are available on it and how those operations should behave. For example, the English explanation of what a list should be.
- **Interface:** Java construct that lets programmers *specify what methods a class should have*. For example the `List` interface in java.
- **Implementation:** *Concrete code* that meets the specified interface. For example, the `ArrayList` and `LinkedList` classes that implement the `List` interface.

# (PCM) Stacks

- **Stack:** A collection based on the principle of adding elements and retrieving them in the **opposite** order.
  - Last-In, First-Out ("LIFO")
  - Elements are stored in order of insertion.
    - We do not think of them as having indexes.
  - Client can only add/remove/examine the last element added (the "top")

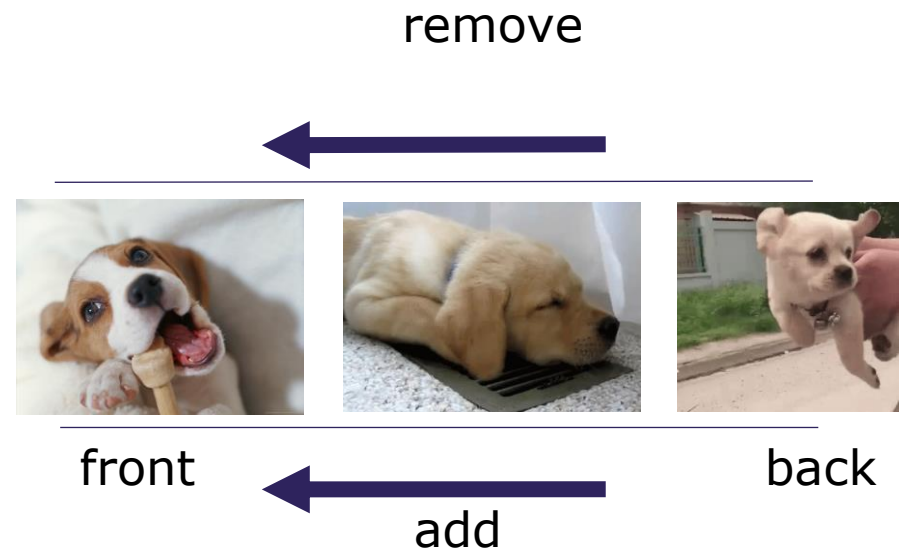
Basic **Stack** operations:

- **push:** Add an element to the top
- **pop:** Remove the top element
- **peek:** Examine the top element



# (PCM) Queue

- **Queue:** Retrieves elements **in the order** they were added.
  - First-In, First-Out ("FIFO")
  - Elements are stored in order of insertion but don't have indexes.
  - Client can only add to the end of the queue, and can only examine/remove the front of the queue.
- Basic Queue operations:
  - **add** (enqueue): Add an element to the back.
  - **remove** (dequeue): Remove the front element.
  - **peek**: Examine the front element.





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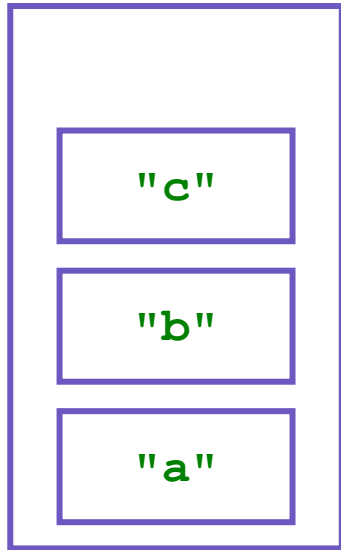
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**What are some real life stacks and queues?**

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# (PCM) Programming with Stacks

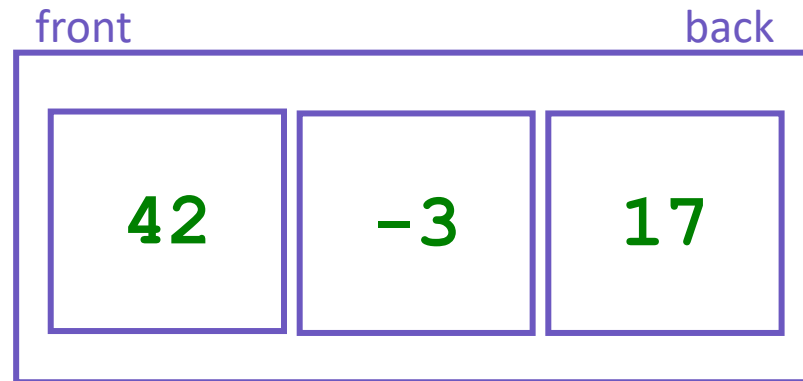


<code>Stack&lt;E&gt;()</code>	constructs a new stack with elements of type <b>E</b>
<code>push(value)</code>	places given value on top of stack
<code>pop()</code>	removes top value from stack and returns it; throws <code>EmptyStackException</code> if stack is empty
<code>peek()</code>	returns top value from stack without removing it; throws <code>EmptyStackException</code> if stack is empty
<code>size()</code>	returns number of elements in stack
<code>isEmpty()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if stack has no elements

```
Stack<String> s = new Stack<String>();  
s.push("a");  
s.push("b");  
s.push("c");  
  
System.out.println(s.pop());
```


- Stack has other methods that we will ask you not to use 😬

# (PCM) Programming with Queues



<code>add (value)</code>	places given value at back of queue
<code>remove ()</code>	removes value from front of queue and returns it; throws a <code>NoSuchElementException</code> if queue is empty
<code>peek ()</code>	returns front value from queue without removing it; returns <code>null</code> if queue is empty
<code>size ()</code>	returns number of elements in queue
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```
Queue<Integer> q = new LinkedList<Integer> ();  
q.add (42) ;  
q.add (-3) ;  
q.add (17) ;  
  
System.out.println (q.remove ()) ;
```

 **IMPORTANT:** When constructing a queue you must use a new `LinkedList` object instead of a new `Queue` object. (More on that with Interfaces.)

# Stacks in Computer Science

- Programming languages and compilers:
  - method calls are placed onto a stack (*call*  $\leftrightarrow$  *push*, *return*  $\leftrightarrow$  *pop*)
  - compilers use stacks to evaluate expressions
- Matching up related pairs of things:
  - find out whether a string is a palindrome
  - examine a file to see if its braces { } match
  - convert "infix" expressions to pre/postfix
- Sophisticated algorithms:
  - searching through a maze with "backtracking"
  - many programs use an "undo stack" of previous operations

# Queues in Computer Science

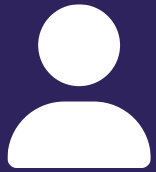
- Operating systems:
  - queue of print jobs to send to the printer
  - queue of programs / processes to be run
  - queue of network data packets to send
- Programming:
  - modeling a line of customers or clients
  - storing a queue of computations to be performed in order
- Real world examples:
  - people on an escalator or waiting in a line
  - cars at a gas station (or on an assembly line)

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        int number = numbers.pop();
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        numbers.push(number);
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    return total;
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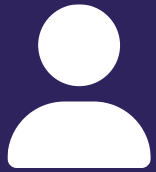
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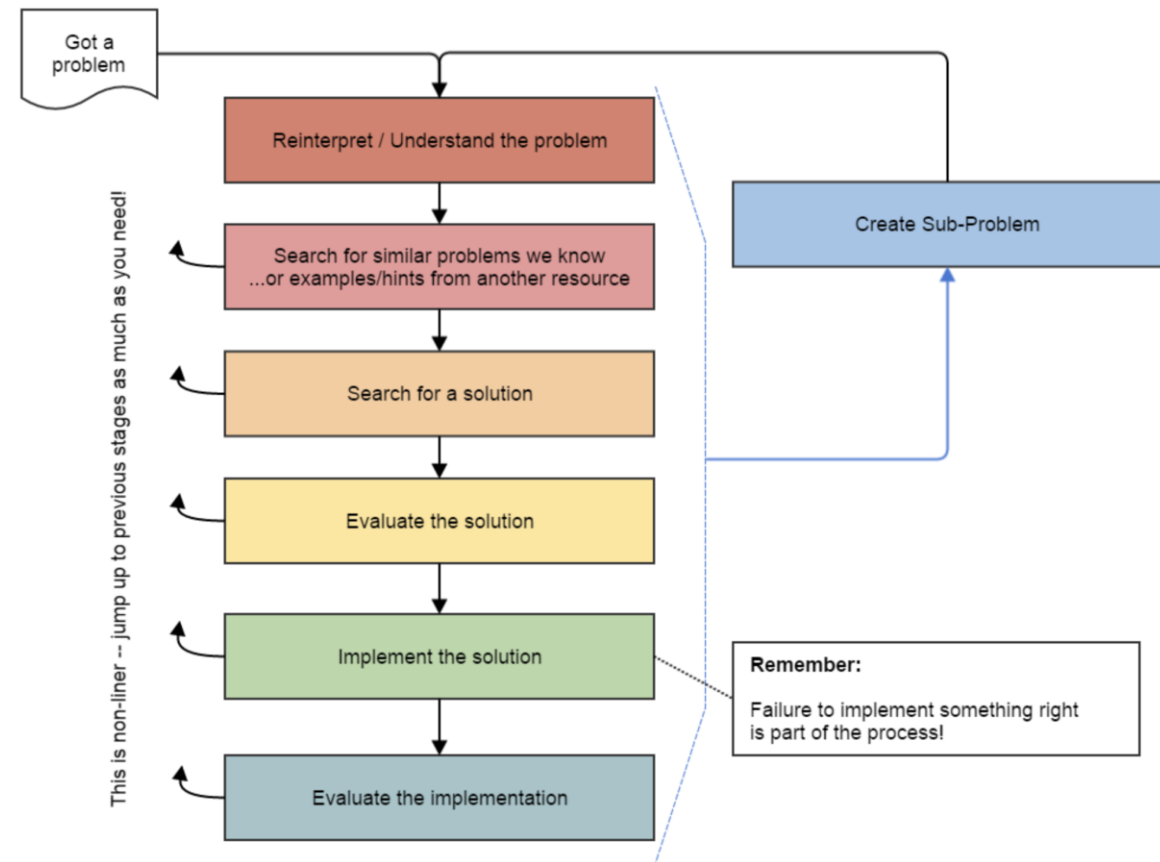


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# Problem Solving

- On their own, Stacks & Queues are quite simple with practice (few methods, simple model)
- Some of the problems we ask are complex *because* the tools you have to solve them are restrictive
  - sum(Stack) is hard with a Queue as the auxiliary structure
- We challenge you on purpose here to practice **problem solving**



Source: Oleson, Ko (2016) - Programming, Problem Solving, and Self-Awareness: Effects of Explicit Guidance

# Common Problem-Solving Strategies

- **Analogy** – Is this similar to a problem you’ve seen?
  - `sum(Stack)` is probably a lot like `sum(Queue)`, start there!
- **Brainstorming** – Consider steps to solve problem before writing code
  - Try to do an example “by hand” → outline steps
- **Solve Sub-Problems** – Is there a smaller part of the problem to solve?
  - Move to queue first
- **Debugging** – Does your solution behave correctly on the example input.
  - Test on input from specification
  - Test edge cases (“What if the Stack is empty?”)
- **Iterative Development** – Can we start by solving a different problem that is easier?
  - Just looping over a queue and printing elements

# Common Stack & Queue Patterns

- Stack  $\rightarrow$  Queue and Queue  $\rightarrow$  Stack
  - We give you helper methods for this on problems
- Reverse a Stack with a  $S \rightarrow Q + Q \rightarrow S$
- “Cycling” a queue: Inspect each element by repeatedly removing and adding to back `size` times
  - Careful: Watch your loop bounds when queue’s size changes
- A “splitting” loop that moves some values to the Stack and others to the Queue