

# Stacks and Queues

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# System Stack

- recall: function call  $\Leftrightarrow$  拿新的草稿紙來算
- old (original) scrap paper: temporarily not used, 可以壓在下面

**System Stack:** 一疊草稿紙, each paper (stack frame) contains

- return address: where to return to the previous scrap paper
- local variables (including parameters): to be used for calculating within this function
- previous frame pointer: to be used when escaping from this function



some related issues: stack overflow? security attack?

# Reading Assignment

be sure to go ask the TAs or me if you are still confused

# Stacks with Dynamically Growing Array (Sec. 3.2)

when stack full, grow array by size  $M$

- successful (direct) growth: constant time 
- if unlucky, growth by copying:  $O(\text{capacity})$  
- $M = 1$  or any constant: very conservative  
—worst case,  $O(n^2)$  for  $n$  pushes (why?)
- $M = \text{capacity}$ :  
—growth when exceeding 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ...  
—each growth takes time around 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ...  
—when  $n$  pushes with  $n = 13$ ?  
 $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 = 15$   
 $O(\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} 2^k) = O(n)$   
— $2^k < n \leq 2^{k+1}$ , time  $2^{k+1} - 1$  on growth and  $n$  on pushes  
— $O(n)$  for  $n$  pushes

# Stack for Expression Evaluation (Sec. 3.6)

$$a/b - c + d * e - a * c$$

- precedence:  $\{*, /\}$  first;  $\{+, -\}$  later

- steps

- $f = a/b$   $ab/$
- $g = f - c$   $fc - \Rightarrow ab/c -$
- $h = d * e$   $de *$
- $i = g + h$   $gh + \Rightarrow ab/c - de * +$
- $j = a * c$   $ac *$
- $l = i - j$   $ij - \Rightarrow ab/c - de * + ac * -$

## Postfix Notation

- same operand order, but put “operator” **after** needed operands
- can “operate” immediately when seeing operator
- no need to look beyond for precedence