

Stacks and Queues

- (1) Read through the following code. Draw the states of the variables `stack` and `queue` when indicated.

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1  Stack<String> stack = new CarlStack<String>();
2  Queue<String> queue = new ArrayDeque<String>();
3  queue.add("tofu");
4  queue.add("broccoli");
5  queue.add("rice");
6  // (a) Draw the states of stack and queue
7  System.out.println(queue.element());
8  while (!queue.isEmpty())
9  {
10     stack.push(queue.remove());
11 }
12 // (b) Draw the states of stack and queue
13 for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
14 {
15     queue.add(stack.peek());
16 }
17 // (c) Draw the states of stack and queue
```

- (2) We briefly talked about post-fix notation. Brainstorm with your partner how to *evaluate* a post-fix notation expression using a stack; that is, find the final value that the expression represents. Write your steps down in pseudocode (step-by-step English). Assume your algorithm will take a list as input. *[Hint: Read the next question.]*

- (3) You receive the following list as input to your algorithm: `[3, 4, 2, /, 8, +, *]`. Walk through the steps of your algorithm with this input, and draw the state of the stack after each pop or push.

- (4) **Palindromes** are words or phrases that read the same forward and backward, ignoring spaces, punctuations, or capitalisation (e.g., “racecar” or “Sit on a potato pan, Otis!”). How would you use a stack and a queue to check whether a word or phrase is a palindrome? Write down an algorithm (in pseudocode) to check if something is a palindrome using these two data structures.

Extra time? Think about how to evaluate *infix* expressions, convert between infix and postfix, implement a queue using two stacks, implement a stack using two (or one!?) queues; or write Java code to implement your pseudocode algorithms.