COMP 410 (SPRING 2017)

Outline of topics:

• Review. Abstraction: Complexity (Correctness?) versus Efficiency

Illustrated last time for *Stack of doubles* – java.util.Stack versus "roll-my-own" versus in-line implementation

Stacks and Queues



Stacks and queues

- Abstraction the size constraint should be respected in a LL implementation as well
- What if we do a pop() on an empty Stack?

Preconditions represent a contract between user and the ADT. (Implementation need not be **robust** beyond the preconditions.)

- Implementation: arrays and Linked Lists
 - Did in class: Stack in array; Queue in LL
 - Generics in Java; create an array of Object and then cast
 - Discuss efficiency issues:
 - 1) Top of stack in array should be to the right (otherwise, each push, pop, is $\Theta(n)$)
 - Queue in linked list: having each element point to the one in front of it is inefficient (the queue [a,b,c] should be stored as a-->b-->c rather than a<--b<--c)
 - 3) Enqueue in array should wrap-around (otherwise, $\Theta(n)$ worst-case)