

425 (weak data-stack) In Subsection 7.1.3 we designed a program-stack theory so weak that we could add axioms to count pushes and pops without inconsistency. Design a similarly weak data-stack theory.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

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$stack \neq null$   
 $push\ stack\ X: stack$   
 $top\ (push\ s\ x) = x$   
 $top\ (balance\ s) = top\ s$   
 $s, pop\ (balance\ (push\ s\ X)): balance\ s$

Now we can add

$count: stack \rightarrow nat$   
 $count\ (push\ s\ x) = count\ s + 1$   
 $count\ (pop\ s) = count\ s + 1$

We don't need an empty stack to start; we can just take note of the count at the start and subtract that whenever we want the relative count. Here's an implementation.

$stack = [nat; *X]$   
 $push = \langle s: stack \cdot \langle x: X \cdot [s\ 0 + 1];; s[1;..#s];; [x] \rangle \rangle$   
 $pop = \langle s: stack \cdot [s\ 0 + 1];; s[1;..#s-1] \rangle$   
 $top = \langle s: stack \cdot s(\#s-1) \rangle$   
 $count = \langle s: stack \cdot s\ 0 \rangle$

To prove the implementation, we need to define *balance*

$balance = \langle s: stack \cdot \S t: stack \cdot s[1;..#s]=t[1;..#t] \rangle$

but we don't need to implement it.