## Stack



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## **Stack ADT**

- A stack is a data structure in which all access is restricted to the most recently inserted element.
  - Stack has only one end.
- Insertions and deletions follow last-in first-out (LIFO) scheme (principle).
  - It means the element added last will be removed first.
- Main operations:
  - **push(object)**: insert element
  - object pop(): remove and returns last element
- Auxiliary operations:
  - object top(): returns last element without removing it.
  - integer size(): returns number of elements stored.
  - boolean isEmpty(): returns whether no elements are stored.

## Applications of Stacks

- Direct
  - Page visited history in a web browser.
  - Undo sequence in a text editors.
  - Chain of method calls in C++ runtime environment.
  - Stack is used to evaluate prefix, postfix and infix expressions.
  - An expression can be represented in prefix, postfix or infix notation.
     Stack can be used to convert one form of expression to another.

#### Indirect

- Auxiliary data structure for algorithms.
- Component of other data structures.

## Array-based Stack

Add elements in an array S of capacity(size) N.

- A variable top keeps track of the index of the top element.
- Size is top+1



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## Push and Pop Algorithms

Algorithm push(Element): if top = N-1 then throw "Full Stack Exception" else  $top \leftarrow top + 1$  $S[top] \leftarrow Element$ 

#### Run time: O(1)

Algorithm pop(): if isEmpty() then throw "Empty Stack Exception" else  $top \leftarrow top - 1$ return S[top + 1]

Run Time: O(1)



Stack S, N=7, Top=-1

Stack S, N=7

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Stack S, N=6

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# Arithmetic Expression

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## Arithmetic Expressions

- An arithmetic expression is an expression that results in a numeric value.
- It is a correct combination of numbers, operators, parenthesis, and variables.
- Expressions are usually represented in what is known as Infix notation, in which each operator is written between two operands

#### Example: A + B

- A and B are called **Operands**
- + is called the operator

## Arithmetic Expressions

- Infix form
  - Need precedence rules
  - May use parentheses.
- Example: 2+4\*3 What is the result?
  - Apply precedence rules (\* has higher precedence than +)
  - We may use parentheses rules (2+4)\*3 or 2+(4\*3)

## **Rules of Precedence for Arithmetic Operators**

Operator	Rule of Precedence
$\wedge$	Exponentiation (^) is performed first
* /	Multiplication (*) and division (/) are performed following exponentiation.
+ -	Addition (+) and subtraction (-) are performed last.

• Use parentheses to override precedence rules

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## There are two more forms for representing an arithmetic expressions in which they do not need precedence rules or parentheses:

- postfix
- prefix

## Arithmetic Expressions

- Postfix form: Refers to the notation in which the operator symbol is placed after its two operands
  - Operator appears after the operands
    - o Infix: (4+3)\*5 → Postfix: 4 3 + 5 \*
    - Infix: 4+(3\*5) → Postfix: 4 3 5 \* +
  - No precedence rules or parentheses!
- Prefix Form: Refers to the notation in which the operator symbol is placed before its two operands.
  - Operator appears before the operands
    - o Infix: (4+3)\*5 → Prefix: \*+4 3 5
    - o Infix: 4+(3\*5) → Prefix: +4 \*3 5
  - No precedence rules or parentheses!

#### Two Questions:

- How to convert an infix form to postfix and prefix forms.
- How to evaluate an expression given in postfix and prefix forms.



# Stack Applications

#### Arithmetic Expression

- Conversions
- Evaluations

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## Example: Infix to Postfix

• Example1 : A + B \* C + D  $\Rightarrow A+BC*+D$   $\Rightarrow ABC*++D$  $\Rightarrow ABC*+D+$  • Example2: A \* B + C \* D  $\Rightarrow AB^* + C^*D$   $\Rightarrow AB^* + CD^*$  $\Rightarrow AB^* CD^* +$  • Example3: A + B\*C-D/E\*F  $\Rightarrow A + BC*-D/E*F$   $\Rightarrow A + BC*-DE/*F$   $\Rightarrow A + BC*-DE/F*$  $\Rightarrow A BC*+-DE/F*$ 

► Example4: (A+B)\*(C+D)  $\Rightarrow (A B+)*(C+D)$   $\Rightarrow (A B+)*(CD+)$   $\Rightarrow (AB)+(CD+)*$  $\Rightarrow AB+CD+*$ 

## Example: Infix to Prefix

Example1 :	Example2:	Example3:	Example4:
A + B * C + D	A * B + C * D	A +B*C-D/E*F	(A +B)*(C+D)
⇒A+*BC+D	$\Rightarrow A^*B^+CD$	$\Rightarrow$ A +B*C-D/*EF	$\Rightarrow$ (A+ B)*(+CD)
⇒A++*BCD	$\Rightarrow$ *AB+*CD	$\Rightarrow$ A +B*C-/D*EF	$\Rightarrow$ (+A B)*(+CD)
⇒+A+*BCD	⇒+*AB*CD	⇒A +*BC-/D*EF	$\Rightarrow$ *(+A B)(+CD)
		⇒A +-*BC/D*EF	⇒*+AB+CD
		⇒+A -*BC/D*EF	

## Infix to Postfix Algorithm

While (we have not reached the end of infix expression) // Read from left to right. If (an **operand** is found) then Add it to **Postfix** If (a left parenthesis '(' is found) then **Push** it onto the **stack** If (a right parenthesis ')' is found) then While (the stack is not empty AND the top item is not a left parenthesis) **Pop** the stack and add the popped value to **Postfix** End-While **Pop** the left parenthesis from the **stack** and discard it If (an operator is found) then If (the stack is empty or if the top element is a left parenthesis) then Push the operator onto the stack

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## Infix to Postfix Algorithm

#### Else

While (the stack is not empty AND the top of the stack is not a left parenthesis AND precedence of the operator <= precedence of the top of the stack)</p>
Pop the stack and add the top value to Postfix
End-While
Push the latest operator onto the stack
End-While
While (the stack is not empty)
Pop the stack and add the popped value to Postfix

**End-While** 

While (we have not reached the end of infix expression)

If (an operand is found) then

Add it to **Postfix** 

If (a left parenthesis '(' is found) then

Push it onto the stack

If (a right parenthesis ')' is found) then

While (the stack is not empty AND the top item is not a left parenthesis)

Pop the stack and add the popped value to Postfix

#### End-While

Pop the left parenthesis from the stack and discard it

If (an **operator** is found) then

If (the stack is empty or if the top element is a left parenthesis) then

Push the operator onto the stack

#### Else

While (the stack is not empty AND the top of the stack is not a left parenthesis AND precedence of the operator <= precedence of the top of the stack)</p>

Pop the stack and add the top value to Postfix

#### End-While

Push the latest operator onto the stack

#### **End-While**

While (the stack is not empty)

Pop the stack and add the popped value to Postfix

#### **End-While**

## Infix to Postfix Algorithm

## Infix to Postfix Algorithm Example

Infix Form: (A+B\*C-D)/(E\*F)

A
AB
ABC
ABC*+
ABC*+D
ABC*+D-
ABC*+D-E
ABC*+D-EF
ABC*+D-EF*
ABC*+D-EF*/



# How to convert infix to prefix? What is the algorithm of converting an infix to prefix?

Hint: update the little things from the algorithm of converting infix to postfix.

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## **Evaluating** a postfix expression Algorithm

**While** (we have not reached the end of expression) // Read from left to right. If an operand is found then push it onto the **stack** If an operator is found then // Pop Twice A=Pop() **B**=Pop() Evaluate B operator A using the operator just found. Push the resulting value onto the **stack**. **End-While** 

Pop the stack (this is the final value)

## **Evaluating a postfix expression -**Example

Postfix: 244\*+6-23\*/
Infix: (2+4\*4-6)/(2\*3)=2

Token	Stack
2	2
4	2 4
4	244
*	2 16
+	18
6	18 6
-	12
2	122
3	1223
*	126
/	2



## How to evaluate a prefix expression?

Hint: update the little things from the algorithm of converting infix to postfix.

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## Stack Implementation

• Array: We will use this first.

**Linked Lists**: Later to be implemented with list.

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Implement the Stack in C++ using OOP.

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## Exercises

- A linear list of elements in which deletion and insertion can be done from one side is known as a?
  - a) Queue.
  - b) Stack.
  - c) Tree.
  - d) Linked list.
- A Stack follows
  - a) FIFO (First In First Out) principle.
  - b) LIFO (Last In First Out) principle.
  - c) Ordered array.
  - d) Linear tree.

## Exercises

- Convert the following infix expression to postfix expressions using Stack data structure.
  - (5 \* (((9 + 8) \* (4 \* 6)) + 7))
  - 6 \* (5 + (2 + 3) \* 8 + 3)
- Convert the following infix expression to prefix expressions using Stack data structure.
  - a + b \* c + (d \* e + f) \* g
- ► For each of the of the following postfix expressions, find the infix.
  - 6523+8\*+3+\*
  - abc\*+de\*f+g\*+
- Evaluate the following postfix expression
  - 6253+4\*+3+\*