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Experiment No 3: Evaluation of postfix Expression using stack ADT

Aim: Implementation of Evaluation of Postfix Expression using stack ADT

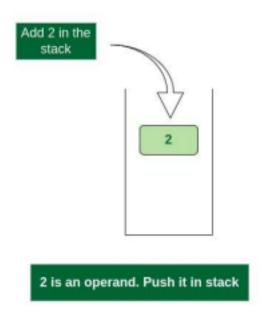
Objective:

- 1) Understand the use of stack
- 2) Understand importing an ADT in an application program
- 3) Understand the instantiation of stack ADT in an application Program
- 4) Understand how the member function of an ADT are accessed in an application program

Theory:

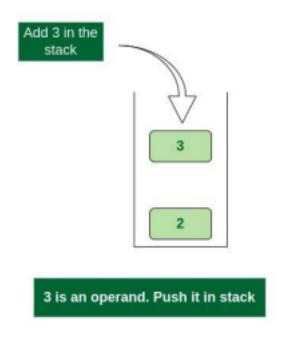
Consider the expression: exp = "2 3 1 * + 9 -"

• Scan 2, it's a number, So push it into stack. Stack contains '2'.



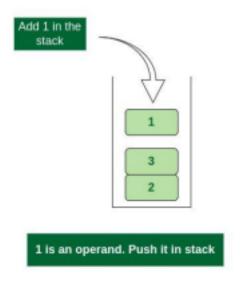
Push 2 into stack

3, again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3' (from bottom to top)



Push 3 into stack

• Scan 1, again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3 1'

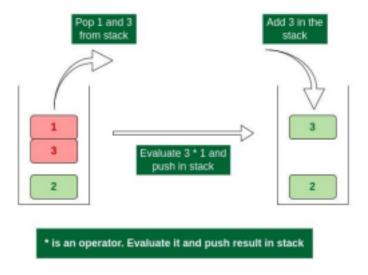


Push 1 into stack

Scan

*, it's an operator. Pop two operands from stack, apply the * operator on operands.

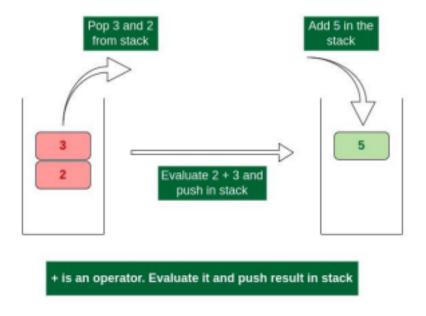
We get 3*1 which results in 3. We push the result 3 to stack. The stack now becomes '2 3'.



Evaluate * operator and push result in stack

• Scan +, it's an operator. Pop two operands from stack, apply the + operator on operands.

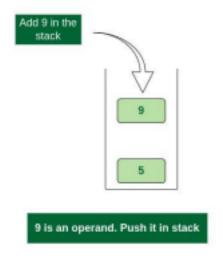
We get 3 + 2 which results in 5. We push the result 5 to stack. The stack now becomes '5'.



Evaluate + operator and push result in stack

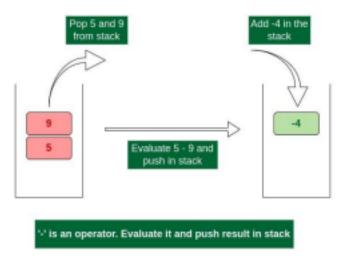
9, it's a number. So we push it to the stack. The stack now becomes '5 9'.

Scan



Push 9 into stack

• Scan -, it's an operator, pop two operands from stack, apply the – operator on operands, we get 5 – 9 which results in -4. We push the result -4 to the stack. The stack now becomes '-4'.



Evaluate '-' operator and push result in stack

• There are no more elements to scan, we return the top element from the stack (which is the only element left in a stack).

So the result becomes **-4**. Algorithm:

Step 1: If a character is an operand push it to

Stack **Step 2:** If the character is an operator Pop two elements from the Stack.

Operate on these elements according to the operator, and push the result back to the Stack **Step 3**: Step 1 and 2 will be repeated until the end has reached. **Step 4**: The Result is stored at the top of the Stack, return it **Step 5**: End

Code:

```
#include<stdio.h>
    <u>stac</u>k
    top =
int[20]; int-1;
void push(int x)
{
[++top] = }
           stack
х;
int pop()
{ return stack[top--];
int main()
{ char exp[20]; char
    *e; int
    n1, n2, n3, num;
    clrscr ();
    printf("Enter the expression ::
    "); scanf("%s",exp);
    e = exp; while(*e
    != '\0')
    { if(isdigit(*e))
        {
             num = *e - 48;
             push(num);
        }
        else
            n1 = pop();
             n2 = pop();
             switch(*e)
```

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case '+':
          n3 = n1 + n2;
      case '-':
          n3 = n2 - n1;
      case '*':
         n3 = n1 * n2;
      case '/':
          n3 = n2 / n1;
      push(n3);
   e++;
    printf("\nThe result of expression %s =
%d\n\n",exp,pop()); return 0;
    getch();
          break;
          break;
          break;
          break;
```

Output:



Conclusion:

To evaluate a postfix expression we can use a stack. Iterate the expression from left to right and keep on storing the operands into a stack. Once an operator is received, pop the two topmost elements and evaluate them and push the result in the stack again.