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Diploma in Applied AI and Analytics

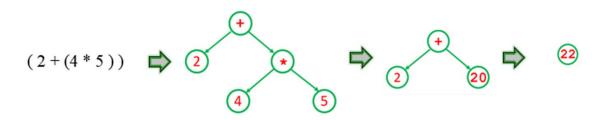
ST1507 DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS (AI)

2024/25 SEMESTER 2 ASSIGNMENT TWO (CA2)

~ Expression Evaluator and Sorter (using Parse Trees) ~

Objective of Assignment

For this assignment you will have an opportunity to apply all that you have learnt with regards to data structures, algorithms, and object-oriented programming to develop an application that can represent and solve mathematical expressions by making use of parse trees. Parse trees are special binary trees that can be used to represent and solve mathematical expressions. Below is an example of a parse tree that has been extracted from an expression, (2+(4*5)). The tree can be solved by starting at the leaves and then solve the sub-tree expressions first, and progressively work yourself upwards until you reach the root of the tree.



Besides solving individual expressions, your application must also be able to read series of expressions from an input file. These expressions will then need to be evaluated one by one, and sorted by value, length and number of brackets, after which the results will be written back to an output file.

Instructions and Guidelines:

- 1. This is a group assignment (you will work in pairs, only one group of 3 would be allowed if there is an odd number of total students).
- 2. This assignment accounts for 40% of your final grade.
- 3. The assignment comprises a group component (70%) and an individual component (30%).
- 4. The submission date is **Wednesday 12 February 1:00 pm**.
- 5. The development will be carried out in Python using Anaconda.
- 6. The demonstrations/interviews will be conducted during the DSAA lessons in the week of 18/19. You are expected to explain on your code and program logic. Take note that the interview is compulsory.
- 7. 50% of marks will be deducted for submission of assignment within ONE calendar day after the deadline. No marks shall be awarded for assignments submitted more than one day after the deadline.

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Overview of the basic features of the system

Your job is to implement an *Expression Evaluator and Sorter*. The application should be able to represent, print, and solve fully parenthesized mathematical expressions by means of parse trees. Besides solving individual expressions, your application must also be able to read a series of expressions from an input file. These expressions will then be evaluated one by one, sorted by their value and length. Subsequently the sorted results will be written back to an output file.

Selection menu

When the application starts, the user will be presented with a menu as is shown below, allowing the user to choose from 3 options (1','2','3').

- Take note you must follow the above format, please ensure you display the names and IDs of all group members, as well as the correct class.
- The user will be able to repeatedly select options from the menu, until he/she selects option 3 after which the application will terminate.

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Press any key, to continue....

Please select your choice ('1','2','3'):

1. Evaluate expression
2. Sort expressions
3. Exit
Enter choice:3

Bye, thanks for using ST1507 DSAA: Expression Evaluator & Sorter
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Option 1: Evaluating Expressions

- When the user selects option '1', he/she will be prompted to enter a fully parenthesized expression.
- The application will then calculate and print the parse tree followed by displaying the value that the expression evaluates to.
- The printing of a parse tree is to be done in **in-order** traversal. You should follow the format as shown in the two examples below.

Example 1:

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Please select your choice ('1','2','3'):

1. Evaluate expression
2. Sort expressions
3. Exit
Enter choice:1
Please enter the expression you want to evaluate:
(2+(4*5))

Expression Tree:
+
2 *
4 5

Expression evaluates to:
22

Press any key, to continue....
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Example 2:

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Please select your choice ('1','2','3'):

1. Evaluate expression
2. Sort expressions
3. Exit

Enter choice:1

Please enter the expression you want to evaluate:
(((1/8)+(-3.5+(2+(4**5))))+((100*300)-3.14))

Expression Tree:

+
+
-
/ + * 3
18 - + 13.
32 * 001
. 4*5 004
5

Expression evaluates to:
31019.485

Press any key, to continue....
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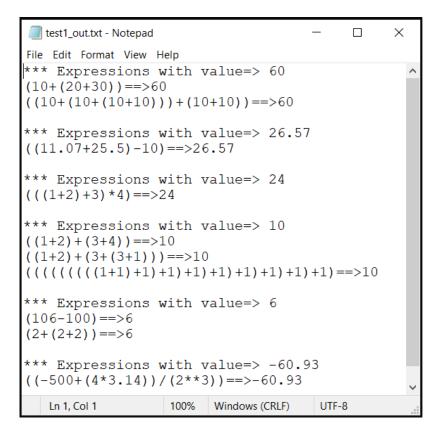
Option 2: Sorting Expressions

- When the user selects option '2', he/she will be prompted to enter an input file and output file.
- The application reads the expressions, from the input file, evaluates each expression (using a parse tree), and then sort the expression first by value (in <u>descending</u> order) and then by length (in <u>ascending</u> order). If expressions have the same values and same length they will be sorted by total number of brackets (in ascending order).
- If there are any spaces in an expression, then they will be removed.
- When calculating the length of an expression you must exclude spaces.
- The output will be printed on the screen as well as written to an output file.

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Please select your choice ('1','2','3'):
    1. Evaluate expression
    2. Sort expressions
    3. Exit
Enter choice:2
Please enter input file: test1.txt
Please enter output file:test1 out.txt
>>>Evaluation and sorting started:
*** Expressions with value= 60
(10+(20+30))==>60
((10+(10+(10+10)))+(10+10))==>60
*** Expressions with value= 26.57
((11.07+25.5)-10)==>26.57
*** Expressions with value= 24
(((1+2)+3)*4)=>24
*** Expressions with value= 10
((1+2)+(3+4))==>10
((1+2)+(3+(3+1)))==>10
(((((((((((((1+1)+1)+1)+1)+1)+1)+1)+1)+1)==>10
*** Expressions with value= 6
(106-100) ==>6
(2+(2+2))==>6
*** Expressions with value= -60.93
((-500+(4*3.14))/(2**3)) = > -60.93
>>>Evaluation and sorting completed!
Press any key, to continue....
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Next are both a screen shot of an example input file, and the associated output file:

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                                    File Edit Format View Help
(106-100)
(10+(20+30))
(2+(2+2))
((11.07+25.5)-10)
(((1+2)+3)*4)
((1+2)+(3+4))
((10+(10+(10+10)))+(10+10))
((1+2)+(3+(3+1)))
((-500+(4*3.14))/(2**3))
Ln 1, Col 1
             100%
                   Windows (CRLF)
                                UTF-8
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• Take note, you are required to follow the above output format.

Option 3: Exit

The user can repeatedly select Options 1 and 2. Option 3 is to exit the program. Take note that after the group adds additional options for extra features, Option 3, to exit will be shifted as the last option (e.g., it will remain the last option).

Requirements for Group Component (70%):

• A user needs to be able to start the application from the Anaconda Prompt as follows:

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python main.py
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• Your application will only need to work for <u>fully</u> parenthesized expressions. Do take note that the placement of the parentheses will dictate the order that the operators are being executed. So, for instance the following 3 expressions will be evaluated to different values as is dictated by the placement of the parentheses.

$$((1+2)/(3*5))$$
 =>0.2
 $(1+((2/3)*5))$ =>4.33
 $(((1+2)/3)*5)$ =>5.0

• Your application needs to support the following 5 operators:

Operator Implementation:

Operator	Description	Examples
+	A regular addition.	(1+2) => 3
-	A regular subtraction.	(3-1) => 2
*	A regular multiplication.	$(2*3) \Rightarrow 6$ $(2*3.14) \Rightarrow 6.28$ $(4*3.14) \Rightarrow 12.56$
/	A regular division.	$(1/4) \Rightarrow 0.25$ $(3/4) \Rightarrow 0.75$ $(3.14/2) \Rightarrow 1.57$
**	A regular exponent.	(2**3) => 8 (3**2) => 9

- You will need to support both <u>integer</u> as well as <u>float</u> operands. Operands can be either positive or negative.
- You are required to design and write the Python application using an Object-Oriented approach (OOP). You should leverage on your knowledge of encapsulation, polymorphism, inheritance etc.
- You may make use of Python's already built data structures, such as list, tuple, dictionary and set. However, you should refrain from using the classes from the collection library. Instead, you are required to write your own classes to support the various data structures that you may need. Of course, you may refer to the lecture slides and lab tasks and expand further on those classes that we had previously developed in the tutorial and lab sessions.
- The OOP classes that you develop must be placed in separate python files.
- To run the application there should be <u>no</u> need to install additional libraries, other than those that ship already with Anaconda.
- Your application should <u>not</u> have to rely on any connection to the Internet.
- The group will be requested to demonstrate the basic features of the application during the demonstration.
- Take note the group's demonstration should not exceed 15 minutes (including 5 minutes for Q&A).

Requirements for Individual Component (30%):

Each individual team member is required to implement <u>two additional features</u> to be added to the application. These two additional features will need to be presented during the final presentation. For a team of two students, the extra features would then be parked under options 3, 4, 5 and 6 as shown below:

- The features will be graded on technical sophistication and usability.
- Take note, features within the same group must be different. So please check with your group members first before embarking on implementing the extra features.
- Each group member must submit a short PowerPoint deck of slides. Your PowerPoint slides must briefly describe what extra features you have implemented. You must include screen shots demonstrating the features in action. Please explain how the features work, and why they are useful. You are to include your Name, Class, and Group Number in the first slide.
- You must submit the PowerPoint Slides (converted to pdf) together with a compulsory Peer Feedback (template will be provided on Brightspace) as well as a duly filled and signed Academic Integrity Form.

Final Deliverables

Your group's final deliverables must include:

(a) Group Report

A report (as pdf file) with a <u>maximum</u> of 10 pages. This excludes the cover page and the appendix with source listing and references. The report should contain:

- a) Cover page with group number names, ids, and class. (your instructor will assign group numbers)
- b) Description, and user guidelines, on how to operate your application (please include screen shots of your application in action).
- c) Describe how you have made use of the Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) approach. You may elaborate on the classes that you have developed, and discuss issues such as encapsulation, function/operator overloading, polymorphism, inheritance etc. Include a class diagram that displays the relation between the various classes you have developed.
- d) Discussion on the data structures and algorithms you have developed (or used) for your application. You may discuss issues such as, the performance of the algorithms in terms of Big (O). Explain why you did develop certain data structures and explain why you deem these data structures suitable for the task(s) at hand. Include a table summarizing all the data structures that you have been using (those that you have developed and those already built in Python).
- e) Include a summary of the challenges that the group has faced while developing the application (that should include both technical, as well as group-work challenges). Provide a summary of the key takeaways and learning achievements that you have obtained from this project.
- f) Include a clear description of the roles and contributions of each member_in the team. Clearly state what each member has been responsible for, and what programming work has been carried out by each member.
- g) All your python **source code listings** must be included as an appendix at the end of your report. You must clearly indicate in the source code listings who wrote what code. You may also include in the appendix those references from literature or internet that you may have consulted.

(b) Source Code

- You must submit **all** (*) the python files (py files) that make up your application. Ensure the code is complete, and that it can run directly from the Anaconda Prompt.
 - (*) Take note, that includes the code for <u>all</u> the extra features that were coded by each team member as well.

Submission instructions

Group Submission:

- Group Leader must submit all the group deliverables (Source Code and Group Report) in the designated Brightspace Drop Box.
- Important, the source code <u>must include all the extra features</u> that were coded by the team members (so when we run the application, we can experience all the extra features that the team members have developed).
- You must submit it as one Zipped folder (RAR will not be accepted, only zip) whereby you label your submission as:

CA2 GroupNumberClass.zip

For example: CA2 GR 10 DAAA 2B10.zip

• Please ensure that you submit it by the stipulated deadline.

Individual Submission:

- Each individual Group Member is to submit his/her individual deliverables.
- Individual submission to include:
 - PowerPoint slides describing your two extra features (converted to pdf, maximum 8 slides)
 - Peer Feedback form
 - Academic Integrity Form (filled up & signed)

Please ensure that you submit it in the designated Brightspace Drop Box for individual submissions.

• You must submit it as one Zipped folder (RAR will not be accepted, only zip) whereby you label your submission as:

CA2_Final_ GroupNumberStudentNameClass.zip

For example: CA2 GR 10 JIMMY TAN DAAA 2B10.zip

• Please ensure to submit it by the stipulated deadline.

Assessment Criteria

The group component of the assignment will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Assessment criteria (Group 70 %)	Marks awarded
GROUP COMPONENT (70 %)	
File IO & GUI: - GUI with a menu that operates as is prescribed and has appropriate user input validation and error handling. - Supports reading and writing to files with appropriate user input validation and error handling.	Max 10
Basic functionality of the application:	Max 20
 Expression Parsing and Evaluation: Expressions are correctly parsed and evaluated through a parse tree. Parse trees are correctly printed. Expression Sorting: Expressions are correctly sorted by values, length, and number of brackets. Sorted expressions are correctly displayed and written in the required output format. 	
Programming techniques, robustness and readability of code: - Appropriate usage of classes and OOP technology. - Appropriate usage of data structures and algorithms. - Code is properly commented and neatly structured. - Application is free of crashes.	Max 20
Group Report: - The report follows the prescribed format. - The report is well written and comprehensive.	Max 10
Group's demonstration: - Group effectively demonstrates the basic features Group's ability to answer questions raised in Q&A.	Max 10
Group Total	70

The individual component of the assignment will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Assessment criteria (Group 70 %)	Marks awarded
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT (30 %)	
Extra Feature One	Max 10
- Technical sophistication.	
- Usability.	
Extra Feature Two - Technical sophistication.	Max 10
- Usability.	
Presentation & Demonstration:	Max 10
- PowerPoint slides.	
- Demonstration of features and Q&A.	
Individual Total	30

(*) Marks may be subtracted if student shows poor understanding of his/her code, or if student contributes less to group component (peer feedback may be taken into consideration).

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