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Program 4 GO

The purpose of this assignment is to write a basic calculator that is capable of simple operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and be able to handle operations with parentheses. The program is to use stacks to push and pop operands and operators from their respective stacks to perform the correct operations based on precedence. Multiplication and division have higher precedence then addition and subtraction and parentheses override precedence. Reflection is used to perform operations on float and integer values in the final product.

I ended up taking the same approach as I did with my Ada program to complete this program. The layout of the code is identical for this program with the syntax of the language being the significant difference.

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Pseudo~
scan for input string from user
call evaluate
        create operand stack
        create operator stack
func precedence(op)
        evaluate the operator and assign it a value 0-2
func apply()
        pop off two operand and a operator to calculate
        use Reflection to check if the operands are of type int
        if they are then convert them to float
        Switch statement ->perform operation
        push result back into operand stack
loop the buffer to get operands and operators
        if '0'..'9' | '.' Then get number and push into the operand stack index++
        if '+', '-', '*', '/' check the top of the operator stack for precedence index++
                if precedence on stack then call apply
                push operator into the operator stack
        if '(' push onto the operator stack index++
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if ')' loop back doing apply until reaching a '(' and pop the '(' off the operator stack indx++
if '' if a space ignore it index++

end loop

end of evaluation call apply() for any operators left on the operator stack.

Pop the final number into result

Return the result to main

Print result.

By approaching this program with the same format as my Ada program I was able to get a simple calculator with integers working along with the precedence of operators and parentheses. From there I worked on getting the program to work with floats, but this causes the problem of not being able to do integer and float calculations. Reflection was a little tricky to figure out to get the program to work with floats and integers. I spent some time reading up on the rules of reflection to accomplish integer and float calculations and wrote a small program so that I could play with the operations of reflection to understand how to use different operations that reflect possesses. To get the float and integer calculations to work I checked to see what the TypeOf was for a value that is popped off the operand stack. Checking with the reflect.kind() I can see if that value is an integer. If it is then I get the ValueOf the value and then create a new interface with the TypeOf float64 with the value. This now allows me to do my operations all as float numbers. Once I had the float and integer calculations working I then applied more error checking to the program for my push and pop operations and if there is an expression error. I used GO err, panic formatting to achieve my error checking.

I was very surprised at how much GO's syntax is like java and a sort of mix of python. The syntax of GO didn't take long to get use to and seems to be a very clean language with high readability. I found the use of 'panic' with errors comical because most programs it's just tray catch throw but for some reason 'panic' just fits. The use of reflection creates the illusion that the language is dynamically typed when it is statically typed which is a nice ability to have in a language. This gives the programmer a lot more flexibility when dealing with values that could be difficult to achieve in other languages. It is obvious that this language is a new language with its features, and was developed with the idea of mass usage given its ease to learn and readability. I liked programming in GO and from just a bit of coding can see the usefulness of the language.

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if err = operand_stack.Pop(&value); err != nil {
    panic("Pop Failed at result")
}

return value.(float64), nil
}

func main() {
    var result float64
    fmt.Println("Please input an operation expression without any space:")
    scanner := bufio.NewScanner(os.Stdin)
    //Process all of the expressions in standard input
    for scanner.Scan() {
        //read the next expression, evaluate it, and print the result.
        buffer = scanner.Text()
        fmt.Println(buffer)
        index = 0
        expect_operand = true
        var err error
        if result, err = evaluate(); err != nil {
            fmt.Printf("Error: %s\n", err.Error())
        }
        fmt.Printf("Result: %v\n", result)
}
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// Provides stack operations for any type. A stack is a first-in-first-out
// (LIFO) data store.
//
// This implementation provides an unbounded stack inplemented as a linked list
// of cells.
//
package stack
import "errors"
// Underflow is a error that occurs when you attempt to access as empty stack.
//
var Underflow = errors.New("stack underflow");
// A cell stores a single value of any type and a pointer to the next cell.
//
type cell struct {
    next *cell
    value interface{}
}

// A stack contains a pointer to the first cell.
//
type Stack struct {
    top *cell
}

func New() Stack {
    return Stack(nil)
}

// Pushes a value onto the stack.
//
func (s *Stack) Push(v interface{}) error {
    s.top = &cell{s.top, v}
    return nil
}
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// Pops a value from the stack. An underflow error is returned if the stack is
// empty.
//
func (s *Stack) Pop(v *interface{}) error {
    if s.top == nil {
        return Underflow
    }
    *v = s.top.value
    s.top = s.top.next
    return nil
}
func (s * Stack) PopOff() (interface{}, error){
    if s.top == nil{
        return nil, Underflow
    }
    v := s.top.value
    s.top = s.top.next
    return v, nil
}
// Returns the top value on the stack. An underflow error is returned if the
// stack is empty.
//
func (s Stack) Top() interface{} {
        if s.top == nil {
            return nil
        }
        return s.top.value
}
// Returns true is the stack is empty.
//
func (s Stack) IsEmpty() bool {
        return s.top == nil
}
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package stack
import "testing"
func TestStack(t *testing.T) {
    s := New();

    // Test 1
    if !s.isEmpty() {
        t.Errorf("Stack is not empty.")
    }

    // Test 2
    t2_v := 1
    if err := s.Push(t2_v); err != nil {
        t.Errorf("Push error: %v", err.Error())
    }

    if s.Top() != t2_v {
        t.Errorf("Top value = %v, want %v", s.Top, t2_v)
}

// Test 3
var t3_v interface{}
    if err := s.Pop(st3_v); err != nil {
        t.Errorf("Pop error: %v", err.Error())
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