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#1 Evaluate Reverse Polish Notation

You are given an array of strings `tokens` that represents an arithmetic expression in a Reverse Polish Notation.

Evaluate the expression. Return *an integer that represents the value of the expression*.

**Note** that:

- The valid operators are `'+'`, `'-'`, `'*'`, and `'/'`.
- Each operand may be an integer or another expression.
- The division between two integers always **truncates toward zero**.
- There will not be any division by zero.
- The input represents a valid arithmetic expression in a reverse polish notation.
- The answer and all the intermediate calculations can be represented in a **32-bit** integer.

Example 1:

**Input:** `tokens = ["2","1","+","3","*"]`

**Output:** 9

**Explanation:**  $((2 + 1) * 3) = 9$

Example 2:

**Input:** `tokens = ["4","13","5","/","+"]`

**Output:** 6

**Explanation:**  $(4 + (13 / 5)) = 6$

Example 3:

**Input:** `tokens = ["10","6","9","3","+","-11","*","/","*","17","+","5","+"]`

**Output:** 22

**Explanation:**  $((10 * (6 / ((9 + 3) * -11))) + 17) + 5$   
 $= ((10 * (6 / (12 * -11))) + 17) + 5$   
 $= ((10 * (6 / -132)) + 17) + 5$   
 $= ((10 * 0) + 17) + 5$   
 $= (0 + 17) + 5$   
 $= 17 + 5$   
 $= 22$

```
int evalRPN(vector<string>& tokens) {
    stack<long long int>s;
    for(auto x:tokens)
    {
        if(x=="+"|| x=="-"||x=="*"||x=="/")
        {
            long long int operator1,operator2;
            operator1=s.top();
            s.pop();
            operator2=s.top();
            s.pop();
            if(x=="+")
                s.push(operator2+operator1);
            if(x=="*")
                s.push(operator2*operator1);
            if(x=="-")
                s.push(operator2-operator1);
            if(x=="/")
                s.push(operator2/operator1);
        }
        else
            s.push(stoll(x));
    }
    return s.top();
}
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#1 Explanation:  
Using Stack:

The reverse polish is a mathematical notation in which operators follow their operands. So, we will get the operands first and then the operators.

- We store all the operands in the order we receive it in.
- If we get an operator, we operate it on the previous two operands.
- We store the resultant operand as it will be used for future operations.
- We use a stack to store all the operands.

So the algorithm is:

- *If the character is a number (operand), push it into the stack*
- *If the character is an operator,*
  - *Pop the top two operands (numbers) from the stack.*
  - *Find the result of the operation using the operator*
  - *Push the result back in the stack*
- After traversal, the top of the stack will be the result of evaluated reverse polish expression.

Complexity

- Time complexity:  $O(N)$ , where  $N$  is the number of tokens
- Space complexity:  $O(N)$ , for maintaining the stack

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