

Basic Calculator

For this problem it requires parsing and evaluating an arithmetic expression with $+$, $-$ and parentheses efficiently.

[Key Idea:]

We handle nested parentheses and signs using a stack:

1. Iterate through the string:
 - Digit: Build the full number.
 - $+$ or $-$: Update sign (1 or -1).
 - $($: Push current result and sign onto stack (for later restoration), then reset.
 - $)$: Pop sign and previous result, combine with current.
2. Add sign * number to result when a number ends or at the end.

[Handling Unary:]

- Unary minus is valid (e.g., $-(2+3)$).
- When $-$ appears:
 - If previous token was $($ or start of string, treat it as unary (e.g. prepend 0).

[Algorithm:]

1. Initialize:
 - $result = 0$
 - $sign = 1$
 - $stack = []$
2. Traverse string s :
 - If digit \rightarrow parse full number, add $sign * num$ to result.
 - If $+$ $\rightarrow sign = 1$
 - If $-$ $\rightarrow sign = -1$
 - If $($ \rightarrow push result and sign on stack, reset $result = 0$, $sign = 1$
 - If $)$ \rightarrow pop sign, pop previous result, combine.

[Complexity:]

- Time: $O(n)$ - single pass through string
- Space: $O(n)$ - stack for nested parentheses.