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Experiment No 3: Evaluation of postfix Expression using stack ADT

Aim: Implementation of Evaluation of Postfix Expression using stack ADT

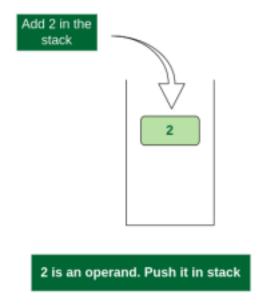
## Objective:

- 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:

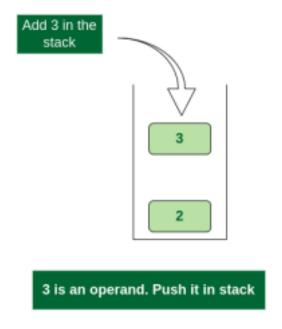
Consider the expression: exp = "2 3 1 \* + 9 -"

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



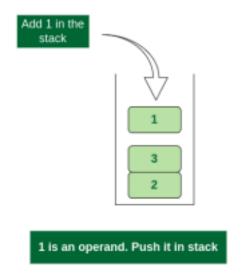
Push 2 into stack

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



Push 3 into stack

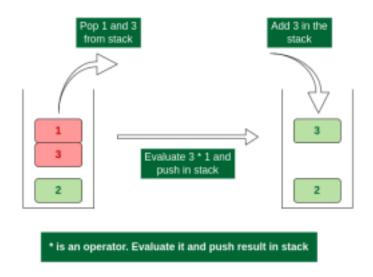
• Scan 1, again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3 1'



Push 1 into stack

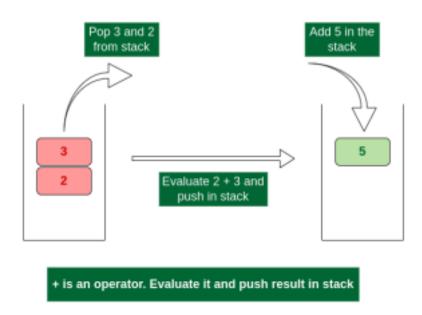
• Scan \*, it's an operator. Pop two operands from stack, apply the \* operator on operands. We

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



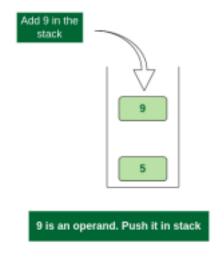
Evaluate \* operator and push result in stack

• 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'.



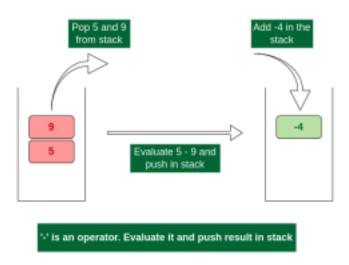
Evaluate + operator and push result in stack

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



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

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Code:
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#include<stdio.h>
int stack[20];
int top = -1;
void push(int x)
{
    stack[++top] = x;
}
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
        {
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n1 = pop();
            n2 = pop();
            switch(*e)
            case '+':
                n3 = n1 + n2;
                break;
            }
            case '-':
                n3 = n2 - n1;
                break;
            case '*':
                n3 = n1 * n2;
                break;
            case '/':
                n3 = n2 / n1;
                break;
            }
            }
            push(n3);
        e++;
   printf("\nThe result of expression %s = %d\n\n",exp,pop());
    return 0;
   getch();
}
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Output:

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Enter the expression :: 556*+

The result of expression 556*+ = 35
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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.