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### EXP 3

#### Experiment No 3: Evaluation of postfix Expression using stack ADT

Aim: Implementation of Evaluation of Postfix Expression using stack ADT

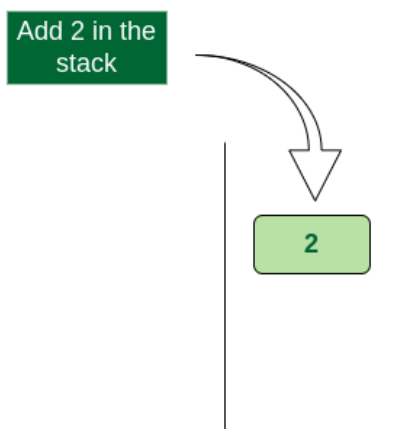
Objective:

- 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:  $\text{exp} = "2\ 3\ 1\ * + 9\ -"$

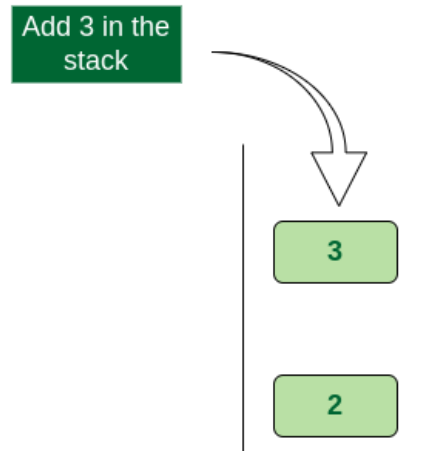
- Scan **2**, it's a number, So push it into stack. Stack contains '2'.



**2 is an operand. Push it in stack**

*Push 2 into stack*

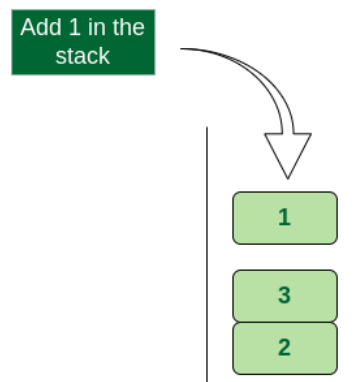
- Scan 3, again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3' (from bottom to top)



**3 is an operand. Push it in stack**

*Push 3 into stack*

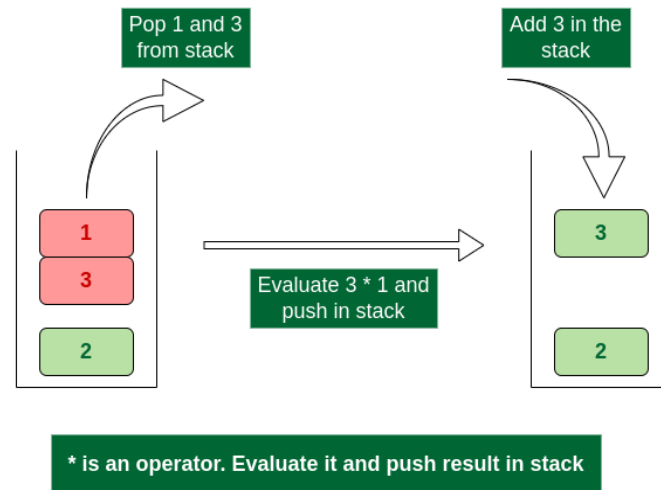
- Scan 1, again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3 1'



**1 is an operand. Push it in stack**

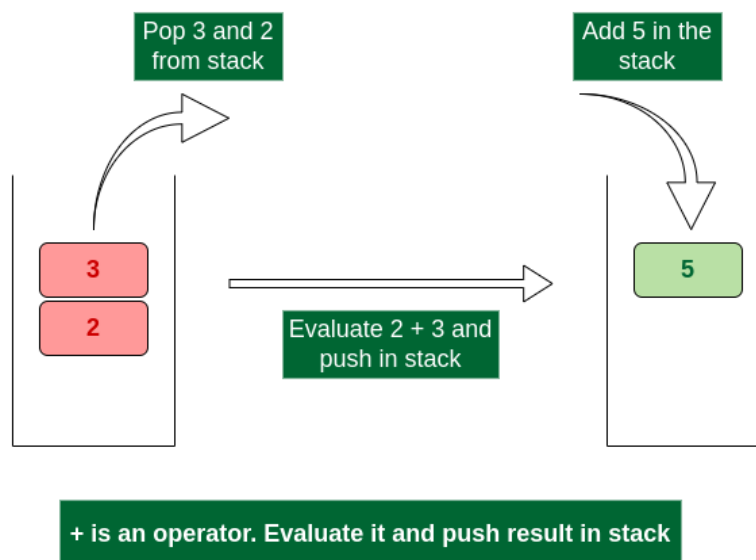
*Push 1 into stack*

- 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'.



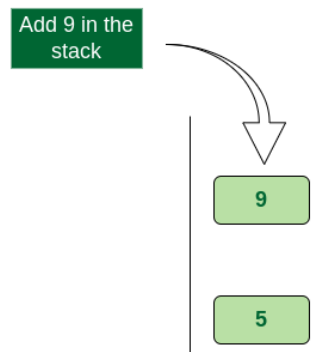
*Evaluate \* operator and push result in stack*

- 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*

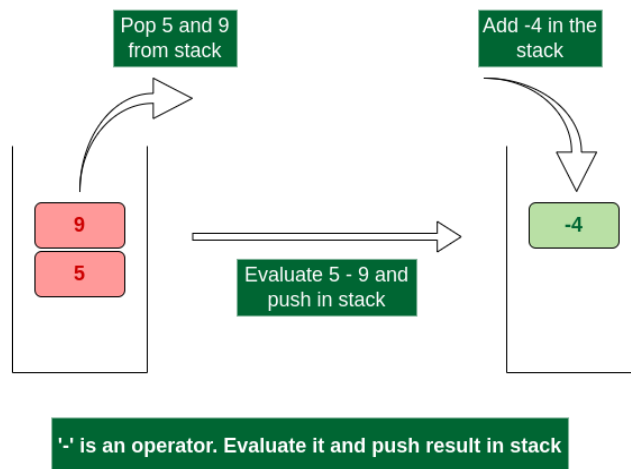
- Scan 9, it's a number. So we push it to the stack. The stack now becomes '5 9'.



**9 is an operand. Push it in stack**

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

Code :

```
#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);
        }
    }
}
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    }
    else
    {
        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() ;
}

```

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.