



Chapter 3

STACKS



Objective

- To introduce:
 - Stack concepts
 - Stack operations
 - Stack applications

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- 2.2 Stack using Array-Based Implementation
- 2.3 Stack Application: Postponing Data Usage
 - Infix To Postfix Transformation
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2.1 Introduction

- Stack is a linear list in which data items can only be accessed at one end, called the **top** of the stack.
- Last-In–First-Out (LIFO) concept.

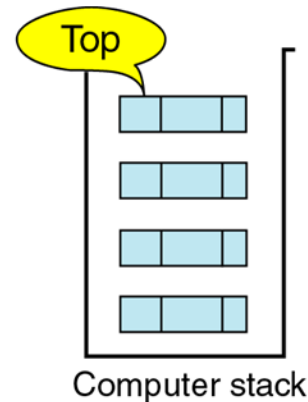
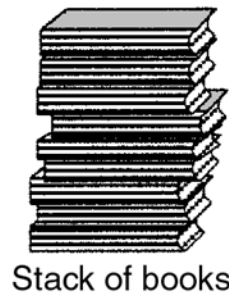
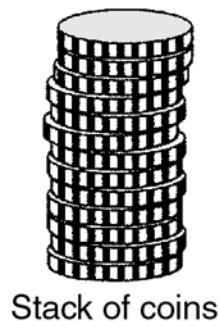


Fig. 1: Stack



2.1 Introduction

- Data item: Simple data types.
- Stack applications classified into 4 broad categories:
 - ✓ Reversing data – e.g. reverse a list & convert decimal to binary.
Eg. $26 = 110102$
 - ✓ Parsing data – e.g. translate a source program to machine language.
 - ✓ Postponing data usage – e.g. evaluation, transformation.
 - ✓ Backtracking – e.g. computer gaming, decision analysis, expert systems.

2.1 Introduction

- Basic operations:

- ✓ Peek – if the stack is not empty, return its top element.
- ✓ Pop – if the stack is not empty, delete and return its top element.
- ✓ Push – add a given element to the top of the stack.

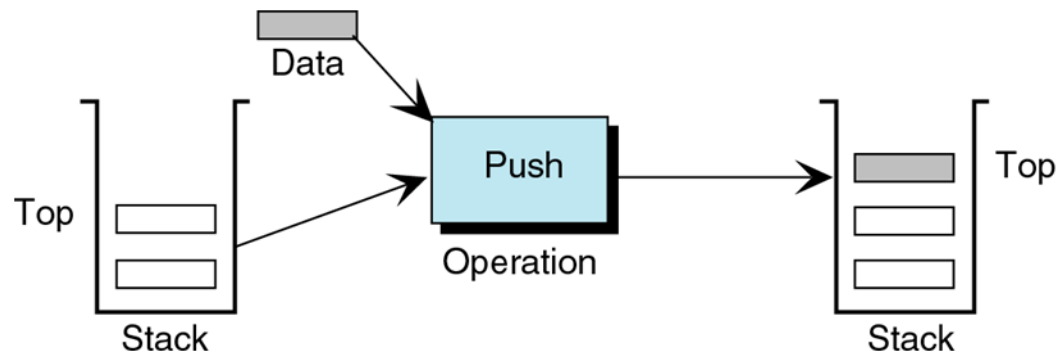


Fig. 2: Push stack operation

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- ✓ Size – return the number of elements in the stack.
- ✓ Pop – remove the top element of the stack and return it to the user.

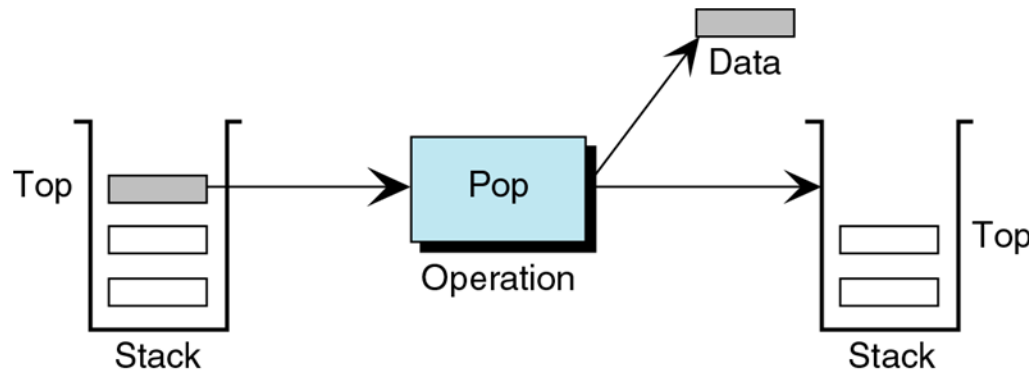


Fig. 3: Pop stack operation

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- ✓ Peek – copies the element at the top of the stack; return the data in the top element to the user but does not delete it.

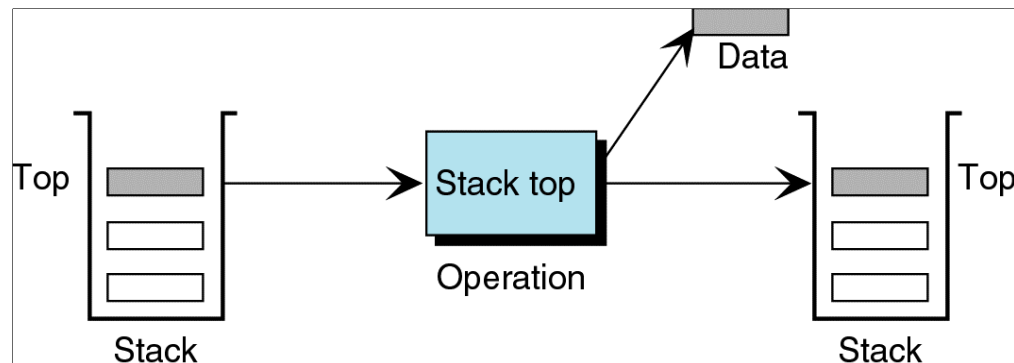


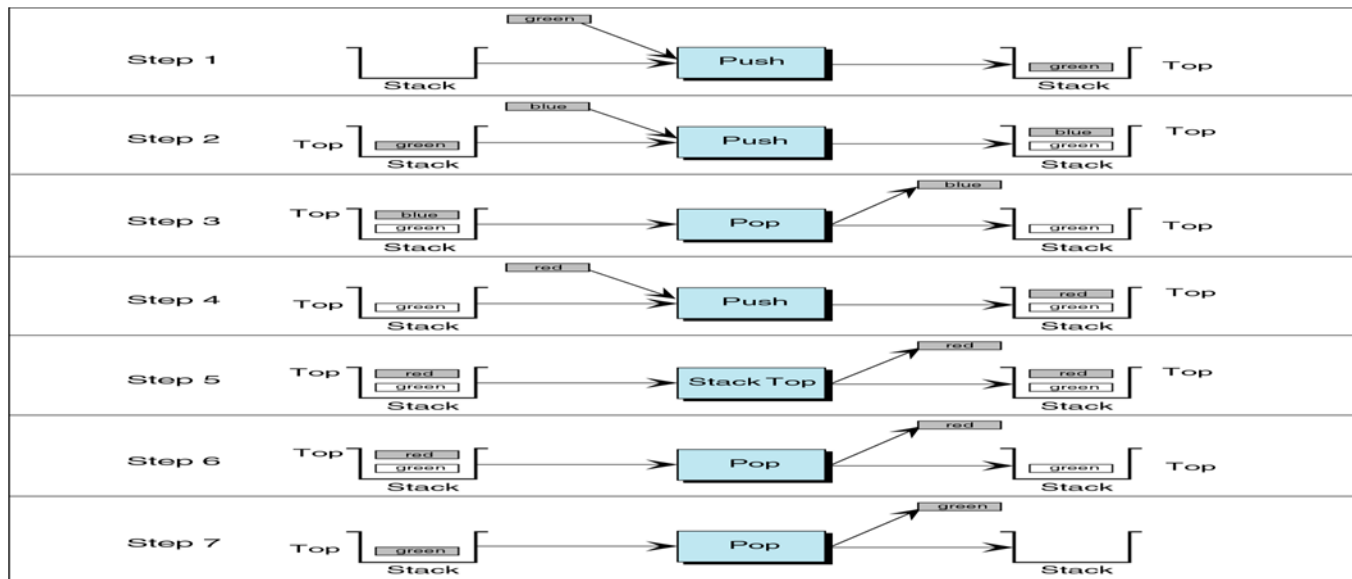
Fig. 3: Peek stack operation

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■ Example:

Given stack S with list of operations as below. Illustrate the stack operations step by step:

- ✓ S.push (green), S.push (blue), S.pop(), S.push(red),
topItem = S.peek(), S.pop(), S.pop()





2.2 STACK USING ARRAY-BASED IMPLEMENTATION

- Declarations of data structure and methods prototype for Stack operations in a Header File.

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|---|
| <<interface>> Stack |
| +peek() Object +pop() Object +push(Object) +size() int |



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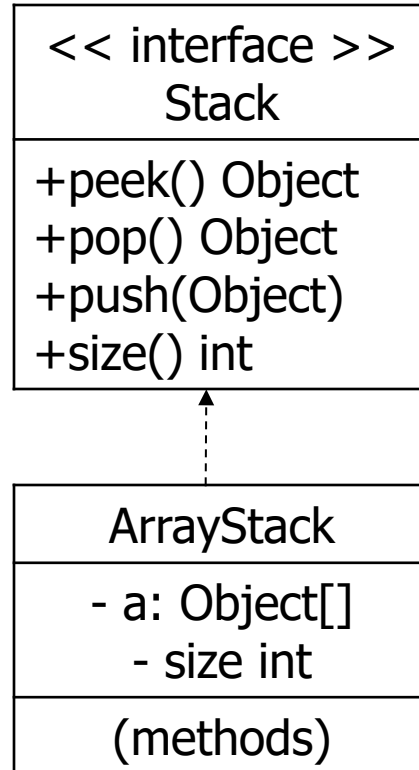
■ A Stack Interface:

```
1 /**
2  * The <code>Stack</code> interface specifies the basic operations
3  * of a last-in-first-out (LIFO) containers.
4  */
5 public interface Stack {
6
7     /**
8      * Returns a reference to the top element on this stack, leaving
9      * the stack unchanged.
10     *
11     * @return the element at the top of this stack.
12     * @throws IllegalStateException if this stack is empty.
13     */
14     public Object peek();
15
16     /**
17      * Removes and returns the element at the top of this stack.
18     *
19     * @return the element at the top of this stack.
20     * @throws IllegalStateException if this stack is empty.
21     */
22     public Object pop();
23
24     /**
25      * Adds the specified element to the top of this stack.
26     *
27     * @param object the element to be pushed onto this stack.
28     */
29     public void push(Object object);
30
31     /**
32      * Returns the number of elements in this stack.
33     *
34     * @return the number of elements in this queue.
35     */
36     public int size();
37 }
```



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- The implementation file begins as follows:



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An ArrayStack Class

```
public class ArrayStack implements Stack {  
    private Object[] a;  
    private int size;  
}
```

- The implementations of the class's member functions are included at this point in the implementation file.

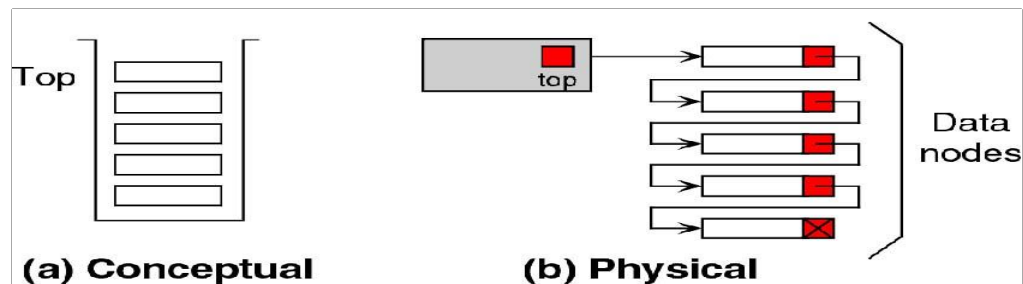


Fig. 6: Conceptual & physical stack implementation



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■ Create Stack

- ✓ Create stack initialize the stack pointer (i.e. top) to NULL, this indicates top as the new empty stack.

- ✓ Function definition:

```
public ArrayStack(int capacity) {  
    a = new Object[capacity];  
}
```

■ Empty Stack

- ✓ Check if stack is empty.
- ✓ Function definition:

```
public boolean isEmpty() {  
    return (size == 0);  
}
```



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Push

- ✓ Adds an item at the top of the stack.
- ✓ If there is not enough space to insert - overflow state.

```
public void push(Object object) {  
    if (size == a.length) resize();  
    a[size++] = object;  
}
```



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Pop

// retrieves and removes the top of a stack

```
public Object pop() {  
    if (size == 0) throw new IllegalStateException("stack is  
        empty");  
    Object object = a[--size];  
    a[size] = null;  
    return object;  
}
```



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Peek

✓ Function definition:

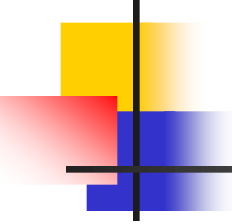
```
public Object peek() {  
    if (size == 0) throw new IllegalStateException("stack  
    is empty");  
    return a[size-1];  
}
```




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Resize an array

```
private void resize() {  
    Object[] aa = a;  
    a = new Object[2*aa.length];  
    System.arraycopy(aa, 0, a, 0, size);  
}
```



```
public int size() {  
    return size;  
}
```



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Implementation:

```
public class Test ArrayStack {  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        Stack crates = new ArrayStack(4);  
        crates.push("CARROTS");  
        crates.push("ORANGES");  
        crates.push("RAISINS");  
        crates.push("PICKLES");  
        crates.push("BANANAS");  
        system.out.println("crates.size(): " + crates.size() +  
            "\tcrates.peek(): " + crates.peek());  
        system.out.println("crates.pop(): " + crates.pop());  
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        system.out.println("crates.size(): " + crates.size() +  
            "\tcrates.peek(): " + crates.peek());  
        crates.push("WALNUTS");  
        crates.push("OYSTERS");  
        system.out.println("crates.size(): " + crates.size() +  
            "\tcrates.peek(): " + crates.peek());  
        system.out.println("crates.pop(): " + crates.pop());  
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        system.out.println("crates.pop(): " + crates.pop());  
        system.out.println("crates.pop(): " + crates.pop());  
    }  
}
```



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Output:

```
crates.size(): 5    crates.peek(): BANANAS
crates.pop(): BANANAS
crates.pop(): PICKLES
crates.pop(): RAISINS
crates.size(): 2    crates.peek(): ORANGES
crates.size(): 4    crates.peek(): OYSTERS
crates.pop(): OYSTERS
crates.pop(): WALNUTS
crates.pop(): ORANGES
crates.pop(): CARROTS
java.lang.IllegalStateException: stack is empty
Exception in thread main
```



2.3 STACK APPLICATION: POSTPONING DATA USAGE

■ ARITHMETIC STATEMENT

✓ Example:

$A * B + C$ (How computers generate it???)

✓ Arithmetic expression written in INFIX as above example.

✓ However compiler change to POSTFIX/PREFIX for calculating purposes.

✓ Three different formats:

Infix: **$A + B$** the operator comes between two operands.

Prefix: **$+AB$** the operator comes before the two operands.

Postfix: **$AB+$** the operator comes after its two operands.



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➤ How to convert INFIX expression to POSTFIX and PREFIX?

Example:

Infix form: $2 + 5 * 3 - 1$

Convert to postfix: $2\ 5\ 3\ *\ +\ 1\ -$

| INFIX | PREFIX | POSTFIX |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| $A+B*C$ | | |
| $(A+B)/(C-D)$ | | |
| $(A+B)*C$ | | |
| $A/B-C/D$ | | |
| $A+B-C*D$ | | |



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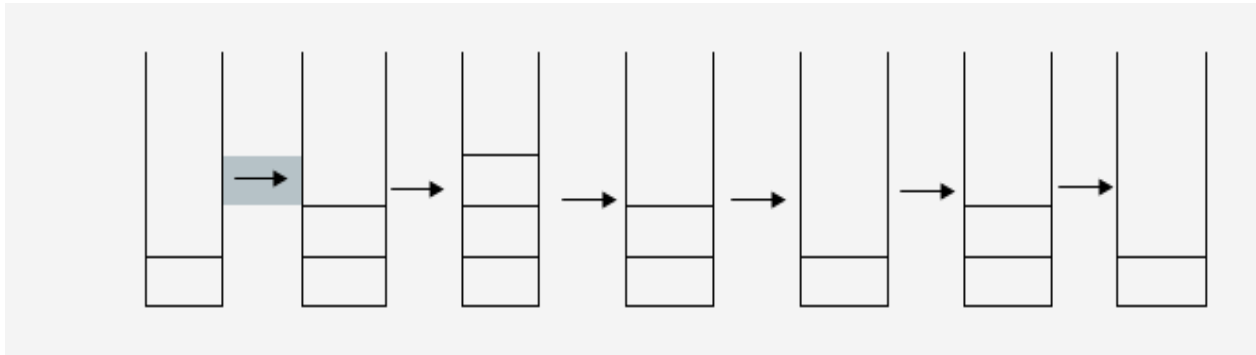
Evaluate postfix expression using Stack

- To calculate INFIX expression requires priority like $()^*/$ etc whereas POSTFIX and PREFIX are not.
 1. Initialize an empty stack.
 2. Repeat the following until the end of the expression is encountered:
 - 2.1 **Get next token** (/constant, variable, arithmetic operator) in the postfix expression.
 - 2.2 **If token is an operand, push it onto the stack.**
If it is an operator, then
 - i. Pop top two values from the stack.
If stack does not contain two items, error due to a malformed postfix.
Evaluation terminated.
 - ii. Apply the operator to these two values.
 - iii. Push the resulting value back onto the stack.

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3. When the end of expression encountered, its value is on top of the stack (and, in fact, must be the only value in the stack).

Try this: $2\ 5\ 3\ *\ +\ 1\ -\ ?$



Code:

Using Stack Interface defined above.



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```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    char ch;
    Stack s; // create stack
    double operan1, operan2, value;
    System.out.println( "Type postfix expression: ");
    while ( ch = System.in.read() && ch != '\n' ) {
        if ( Character.isDigit(ch) ) s.push(ch - 48);
        else {
            operan2 = s.pop();
            operan1 = s.pop();
            switch (ch) {
                case '+':    s.push(operan1+operan2);
                            break;
                case '-':    s.push(operan1-operan2);
                            break;
                case '*':    s.push(operan1*operan2);
                            break;
                case '/':    s.push(operan1/operan2);
                            break;
            } // end switch
        } // end else
    } //end while
    value = s.pop();
    System.out.println(" = " + value);
}
```



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- Below is the output:

$$345^{*+} = 23.00$$

$$345+^{*} = 27.00$$

$$34^{*}5+ = 17.00$$

$$4321^{*}++ = 9.00$$

$$9324+5-^{*}/7+ = 10.00$$



2.3 STACK APPLICATION: POSTPONING DATA USAGE

■ CONVERT INFIX TO POSTFIX EXPRESSION

Example:

$7 + 2 * 3 ?$

1. Start scan from left to right.
Copy operand 7 to output expression.
Push operand + into stack.

Output

Stack



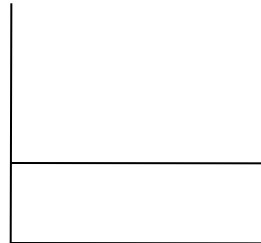


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2. Copy operand 2 to output expression.
Ensure that 2 is the right operand for the previous operator or left operand for the next operator.
Compare operators' priority.
Because the priority of $*$ is higher than $+$ then push operator $*$ into stack.

Output

Stack





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3. Copy operand 3 to output expression.

Output

Stack



4. End Scan. Copy all the operator from stack to output expression.

Output

7 2 3 * +



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- Algorithm: Convert infix to postfix
 1. Read infix expression as input.
 2. If input is operand, output the operand.
 3. If input is an operator +, -, *, /, then
 pop and output all operators of \geq precedence. Push operator.
 4. If input is (, then push.
 5. If input is), then
 pop and output all operators until you see a (on the stack. Pop the (without output.
 6. If no more input then pop and output all operators on stack.



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- Hierarchy of operator priority:

| Operator | Stack | Input |
|----------|-------|-------|
|) | | 0 |
| (| 0 | 5 |
| + - | 2 | 1 |
| * / | 4 | 3 |



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- Example: $2 * 3 + (4 - 2)$ convert to Postfix

Output

Stack

Description



2.3 STACK APPLICATION: POSTPONING DATA USAGE

- Converting Expression from Infix to Prefix using STACK

It is a bit trickier algorithm, in this algorithm we first reverse the input expression so that $a+b*c$ will become $c*b+a$ and then we do the conversion and then again the output string is reversed. Doing this has an advantage that except for some minor modifications the algorithm for Infix- \rightarrow Prefix remains almost same as the one for Infix- \rightarrow Postfix.

- Algorithm

1. Reverse the input string.
2. Examine the next element in the input.
3. If it is operand, add it to output string.
4. If it is Closing parenthesis, push it on stack



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5. If it is an operator, then

- i. If stack is empty, push operator on stack.
- ii. If the top of stack is closing parenthesis, push operator on stack.
- iii. If it has same or higher priority than the top of stack, push operator on stack.
- iv. Else pop the operator from the stack and add it to output string, repeat step 5.

6. If it is a opening parenthesis, pop operators from stack and add them to output string until a closing parenthesis is encountered. Pop and discard the closing parenthesis.

7. If there is more input go to step 2

8. If there is no more input, pop the remaining operators and add them to output string.

9. Reverse the output string.

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Example

Suppose we want to convert $2*3/(2-1)+5*(4-1)$ into Prefix form:
Reversed Expression: $)1-4(*5+)1-2(/3*2$

| <u>Char Scanned</u> | <u>Stack Contents</u> (Top on right) | <u>Prefix Expression</u> (right to left) |
|---------------------|---|---|
|) |) | |
| 1 |) | 1 |
| - |)- | 1 |
| 4 |)- | 14 |
| (| Empty | 14- |
| * | * | 14- |
| 5 | * | 14-5 |
| + | + | 14-5* |
|) | +) | 14-5* |
| 1 | +) | 14-5*1 |
| - | +) - | 14-5*1 |
| 2 | +) - | 14-5*12 |
| (| + | 14-5*12- |
| / | +/ | 14-5*12- |
| 3 | +/ | 14-5*12-3 |
| * | +/* | 14-5*12-3 |
| 2 | +/* | 14-5*12-32 |
| eof | Empty | 14-5*12-32*/+ |

Reverse the output string : $+/*23-21*5-41$

So, the final Prefix Expression is $+/*23-21*5-41$



2.3 STACK APPLICATION: POSTPONING DATA USAGE

Exercises

1. Convert the following infix expressions to postfix expressions using the algorithmic method (a stack diagram):
 - a) $A + B * (C - D) / (E - F)$
 - b) $(A - B + C * (D + E)) / F$
 - c) $A * (B + C / (D - E))$

2. Using the algorithmic method (a stack diagram) evaluate the following postfix expressions when the variables have the following values A is 2, B is 3, C is 4, and D is 5.
 - a) $A B * C - D +$
 - b) $A B C + * D -$