

# HOW TO ADD LARGE NUMBERS USING STACKS!

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# Given two large numbers:

Place them into variables  
*operand\_1* and *operand\_2*.

## Let's say:

*operand\_1* = 9367

*operand\_2* = 891

# Create:

A variable *sum* to store the sum.

Three stacks called *stack\_1* and *stack\_2* and *stack\_3*.

*stack\_1* is for *operand\_1*.

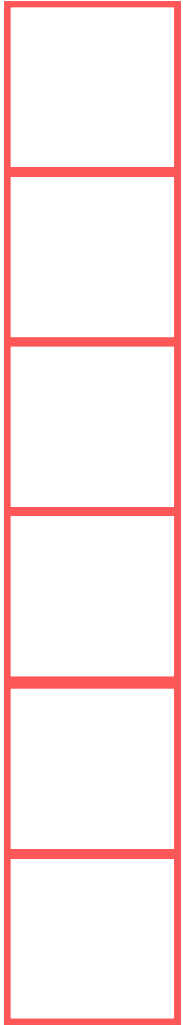
*stack\_2* is for *operand\_2*.

*stack\_3* is for *the sum*.

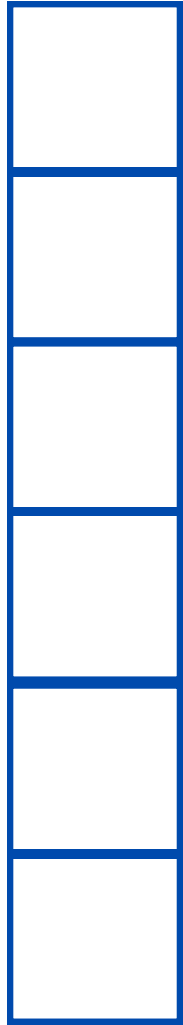
Create also a variable *carry* that contains a temporary value.

# Before Solution:

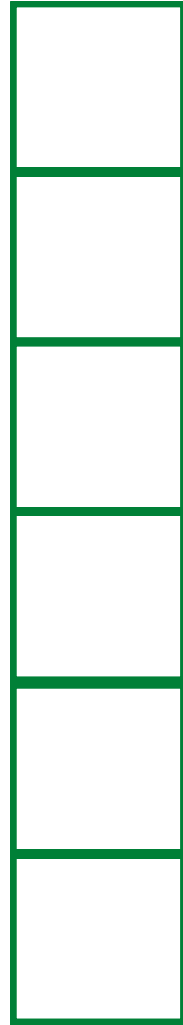
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 9367

*operand\_2*

= 891

*carry*

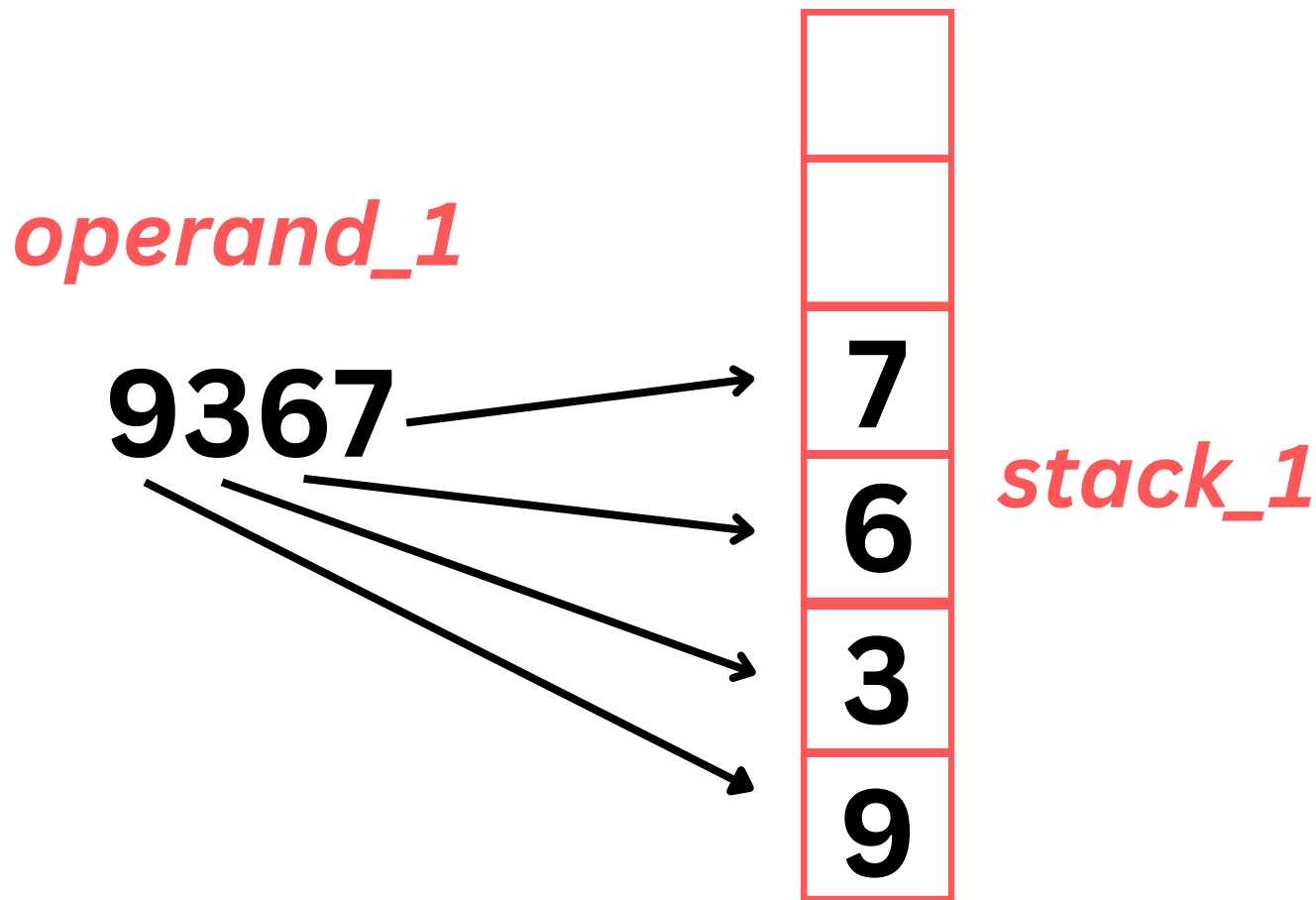
= 0

*sum*

= 0

## Step 1:

Push the digits from *operand\_1* into *stack\_1* from left to right, one by one.



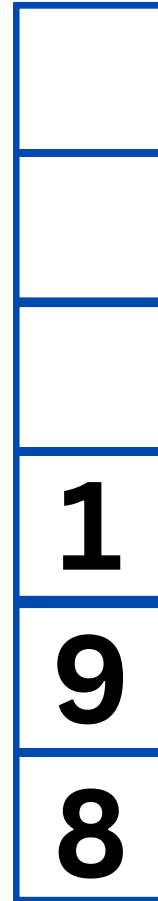
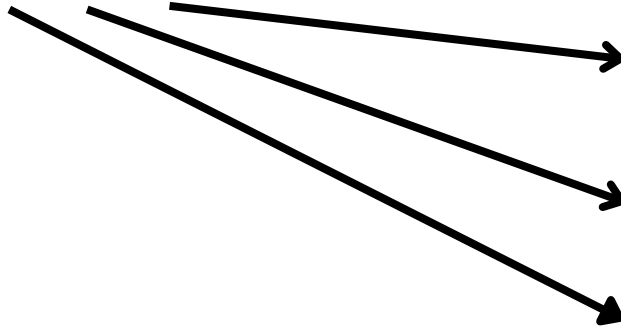
Divide operand\_1 by 10 until it is no longer >10 to find its leftmost digit.

## Step 2:

Repeat Step 1, this time for *operand\_2* and *stack\_2*.

*operand\_2*

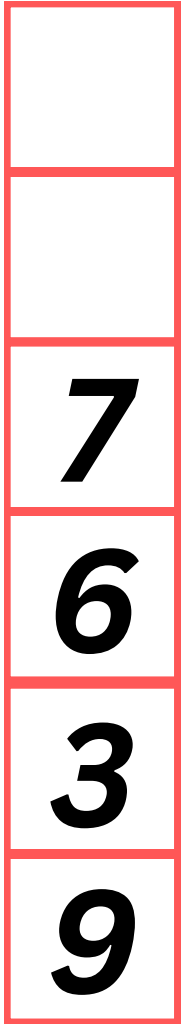
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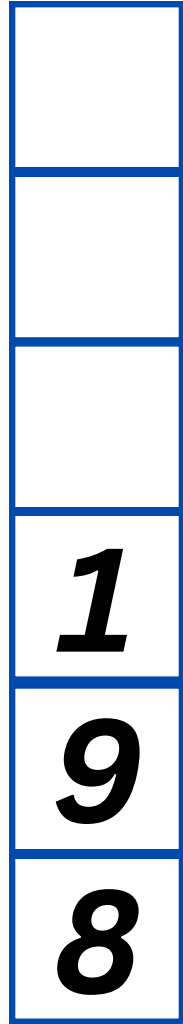
*stack\_2*

## After Step 1 and 2:

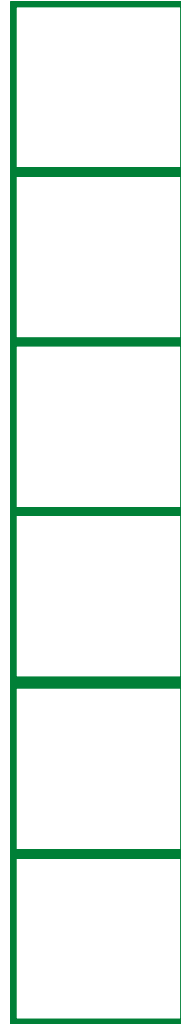
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 0

*operand\_2*

= 0

*carry*

= 0

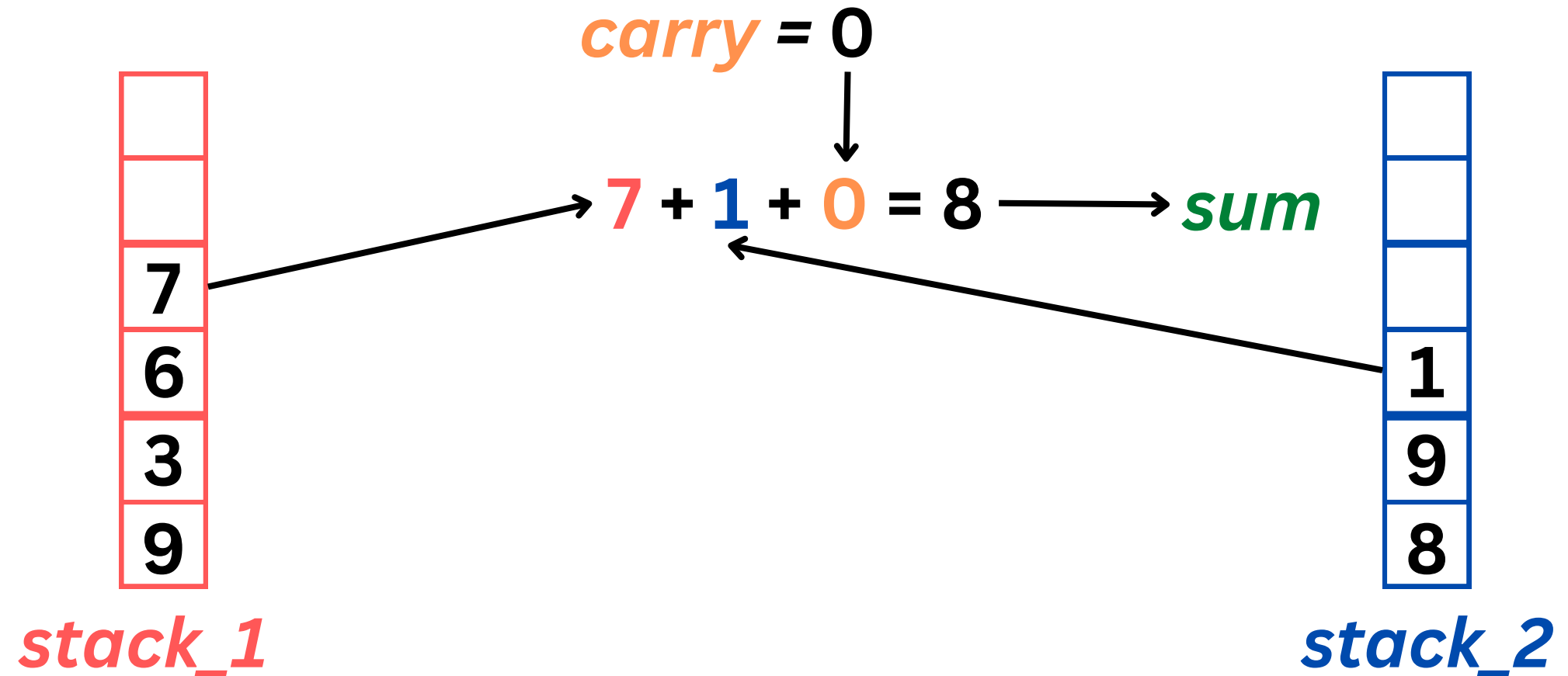
*sum*

= 0

operand\_1 and operand\_2 becomes 0 after Step 1 and 2.

## Step 3:

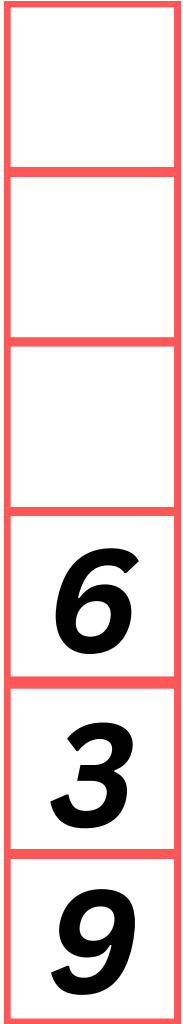
Pop a digit from the top of *stack\_1* and *stack\_2*. Then, add them together with variable *carry* and store result into *sum*.



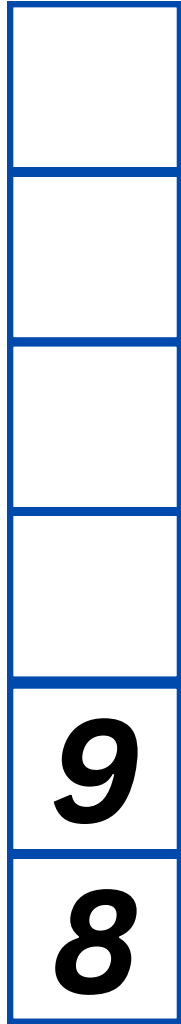


## After Step 3:

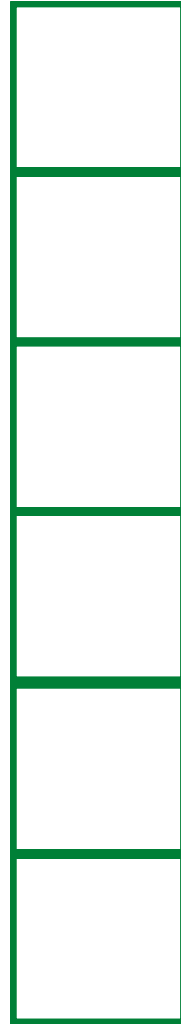
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*  
= 7

*operand\_2*  
= 1

*carry*  
= 0

*sum*  
= 8

operand\_1 and operand\_2 can be used to temporarily store the popped values from stack\_1 and stack\_2.

## Step 4:

Divide *sum* by 10 and store the quotient into *carry*.  
The remainder of *sum* divided by 10 will be pushed into *stack\_3*.

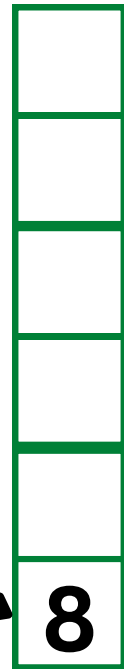
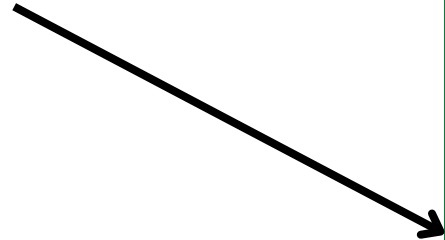
*sum* = 8



8 / 10 = 0 r. 8



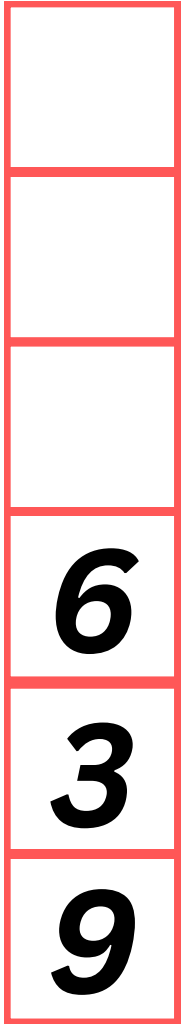
*carry*



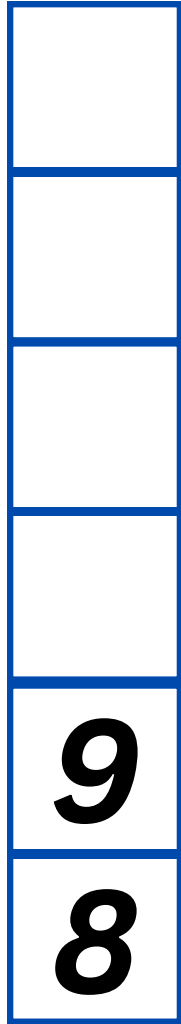
*stack\_3*

## After Step 4:

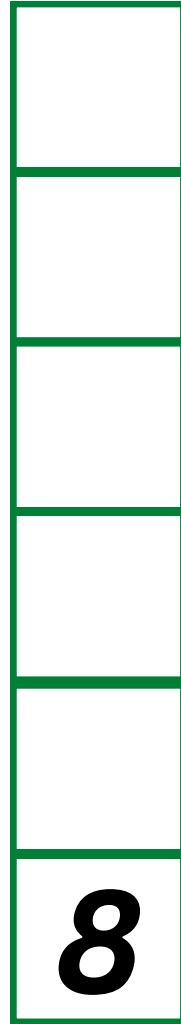
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 7

*operand\_2*

= 1

*carry*

= 0

*sum*

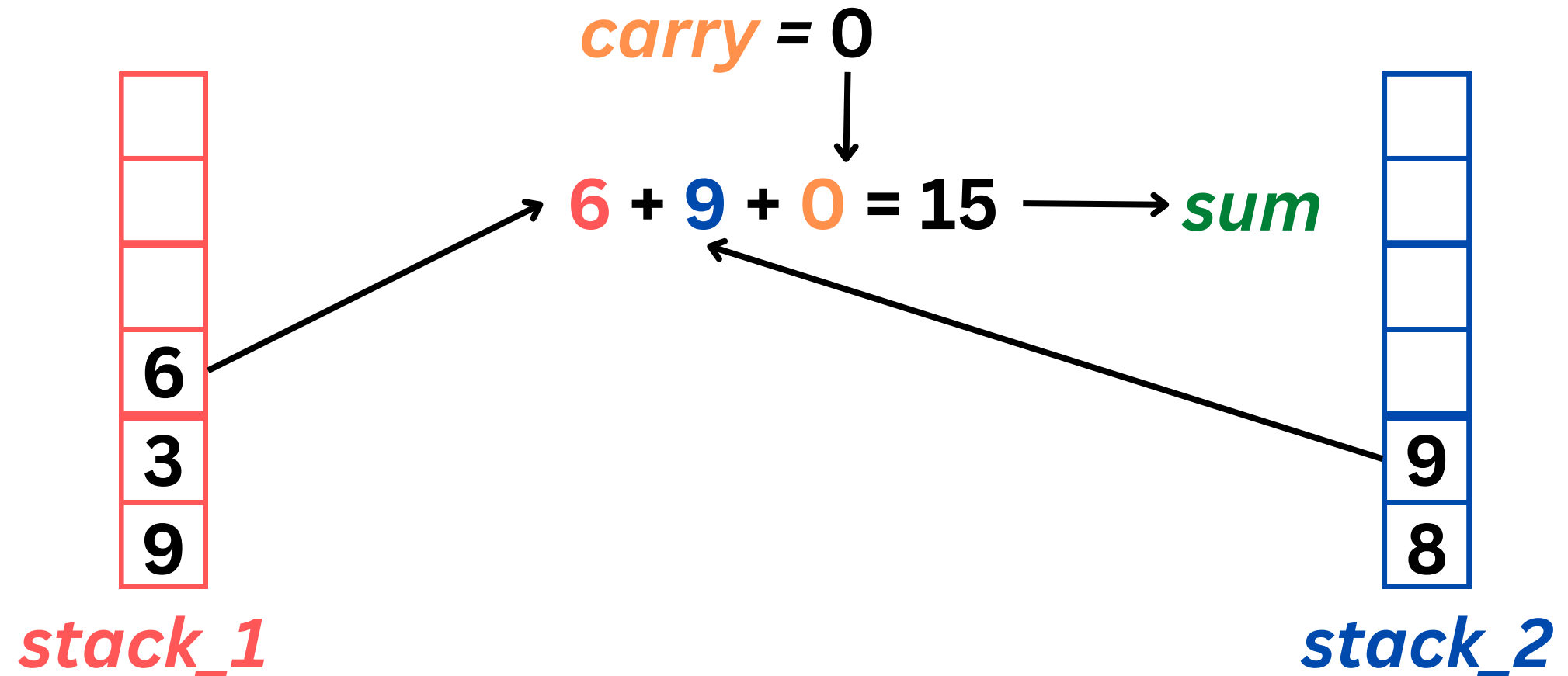
= 8

## Step 5:

Repeat Step 3 and 4 until *stack\_1* and *stack\_2* are empty and *carry* is equal to 0.

## Step 5 iteration 1:

Pop a digit from the top of *stack\_1* and *stack\_2*. Then, add them together with variable *carry* and store result into *sum*.



## Step 5 iteration 1:

Divide *sum* by 10 and store the quotient into *carry*.  
The remainder of *sum* divided by 10 will be pushed into *stack\_3*.

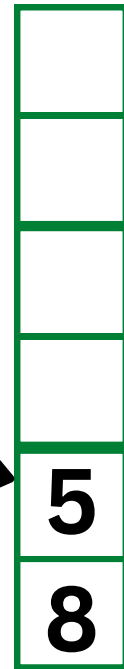
*sum* = 15



15 / 10 = 1 r. 5



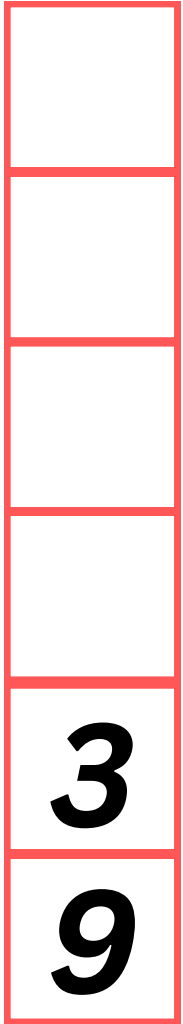
*carry*



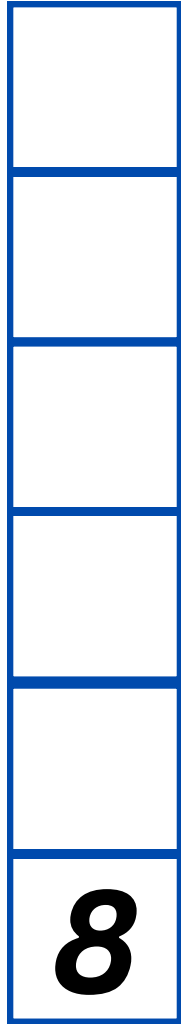
*stack\_3*

# After Step 5 iteration 1:

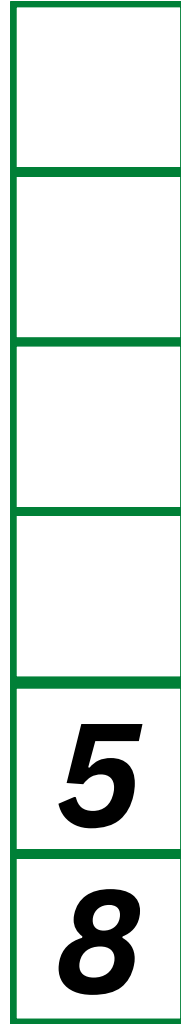
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 6

*operand\_2*

= 9

*carry*

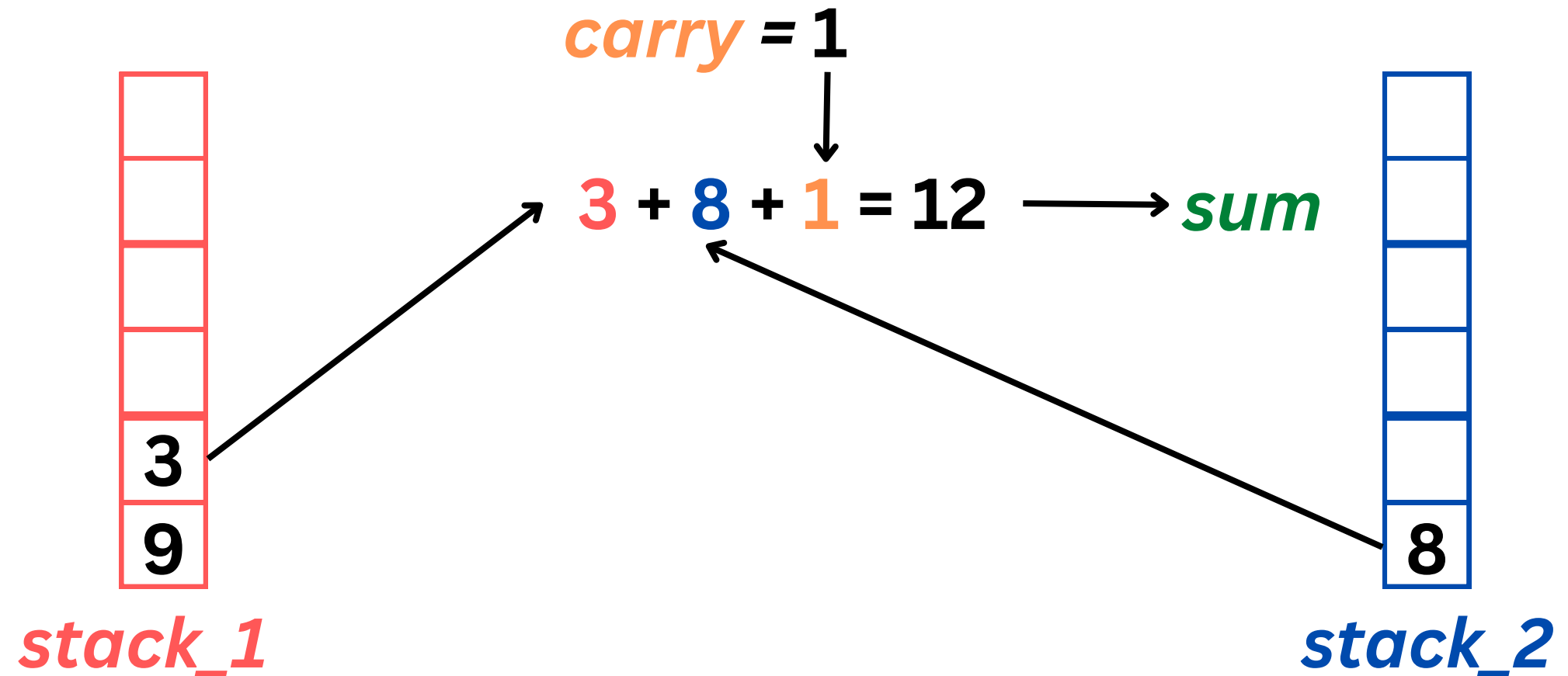
= 1

*sum*

= 15

## Step 5 iteration 2:

Pop a digit from the top of *stack\_1* and *stack\_2*. Then, add them together with variable *carry* and store result into *sum*.





## Step 5 iteration 2:

Divide *sum* by 10 and store the quotient into *carry*.  
The remainder of *sum* divided by 10 will be pushed into *stack\_3*.

*sum* = 12



12 / 10 = 1 r. 2



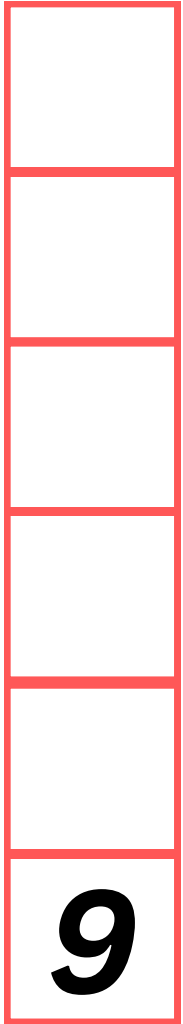
*carry*



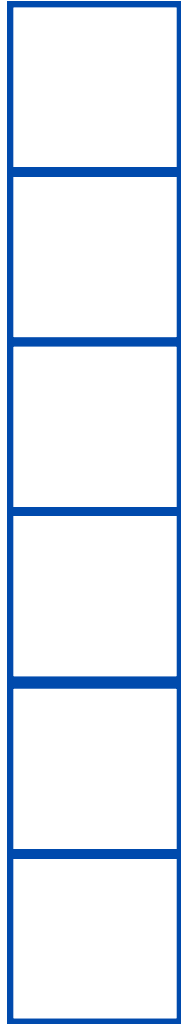
*stack\_3*

## After Step 5 iteration 2:

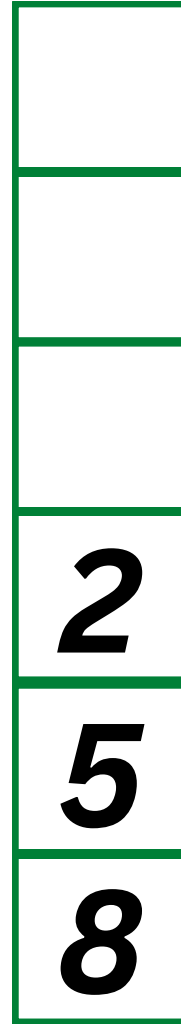
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 3

*operand\_2*

= 8

*carry*

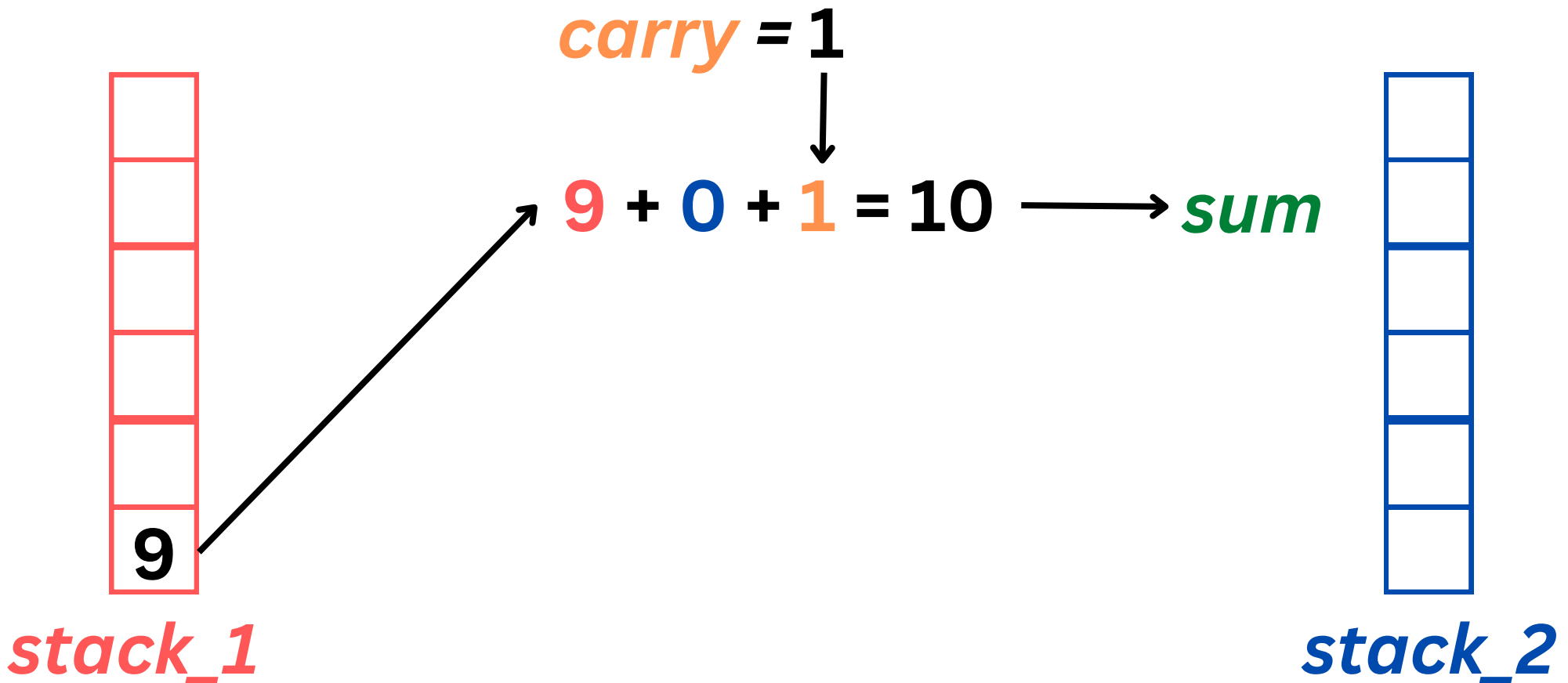
= 1

*sum*

= 12

## Step 5 iteration 3:

Pop a digit from the top of *stack\_1* and *stack\_2*. Then, add them together with variable *carry* and store result into *sum*.



## Step 5 iteration 3:

Divide *sum* by 10 and store the quotient into *carry*.  
The remainder of *sum* divided by 10 will be pushed into *stack\_3*.

*sum* = 10



10 / 10 = 1 r. 0



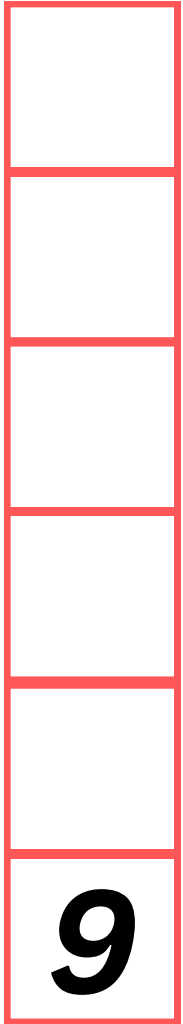
*carry*



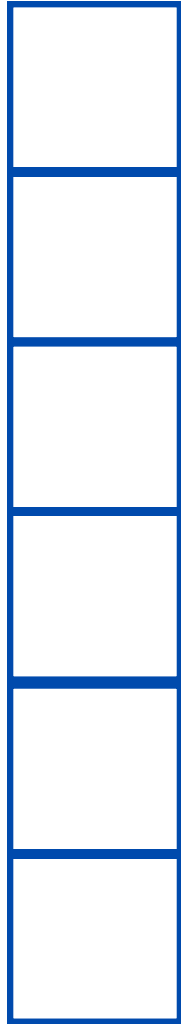
*stack\_3*

## After Step 5 iteration 3:

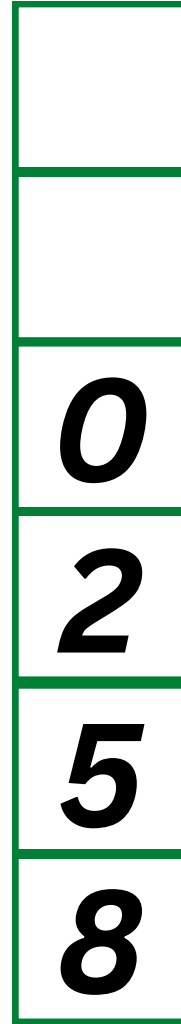
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 9

*operand\_2*

= 0

*carry*

= 1

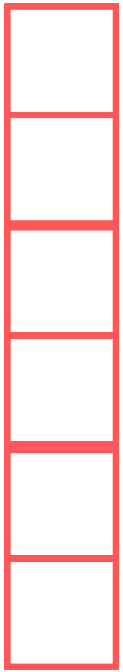
*sum*

= 10

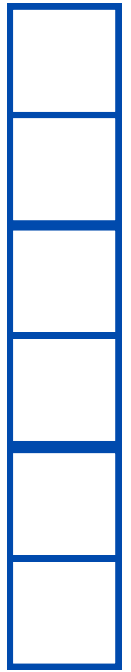
## Step 5 iteration 4:

Pop a digit from the top of *stack\_1* and *stack\_2*. Then, add them together with variable *carry* and store result into *sum*.

$$\text{carry} = 1$$
$$0 + 0 + 1 = 1 \longrightarrow \text{sum}$$



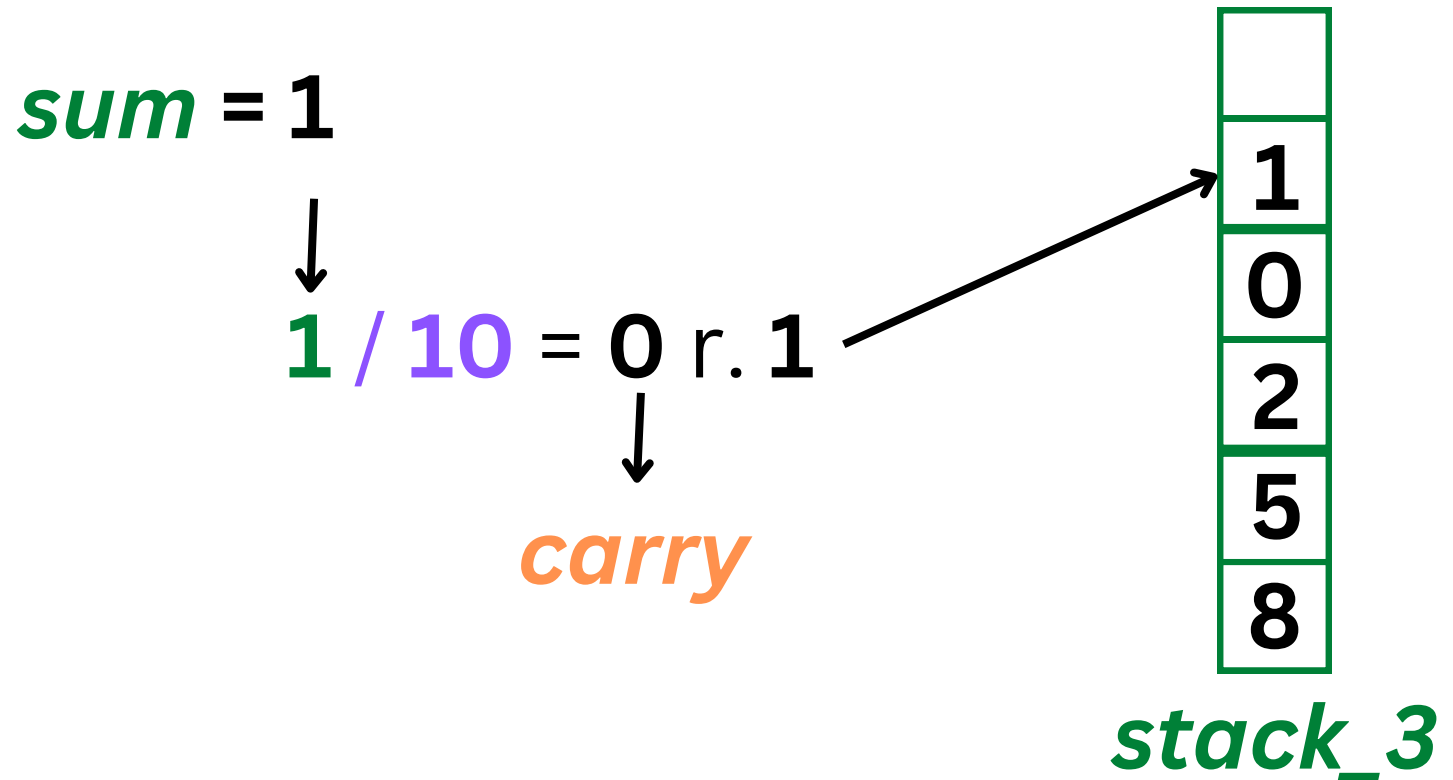
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*

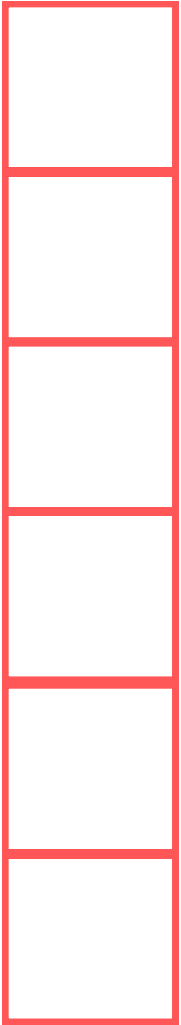
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The remainder of *sum* divided by 10 will be pushed into *stack\_3*.

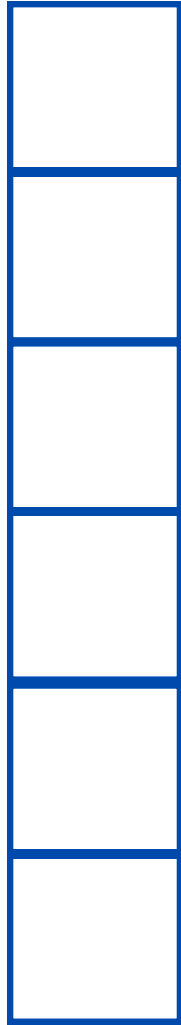


## After Step 5 iteration 4:

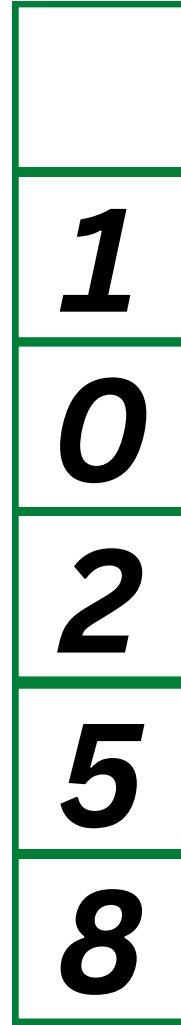
*stack\_1*



*stack\_2*



*stack\_3*



***variables:***

*operand\_1*

= 0

*operand\_2*

= 0

*carry*

= 0

*sum*

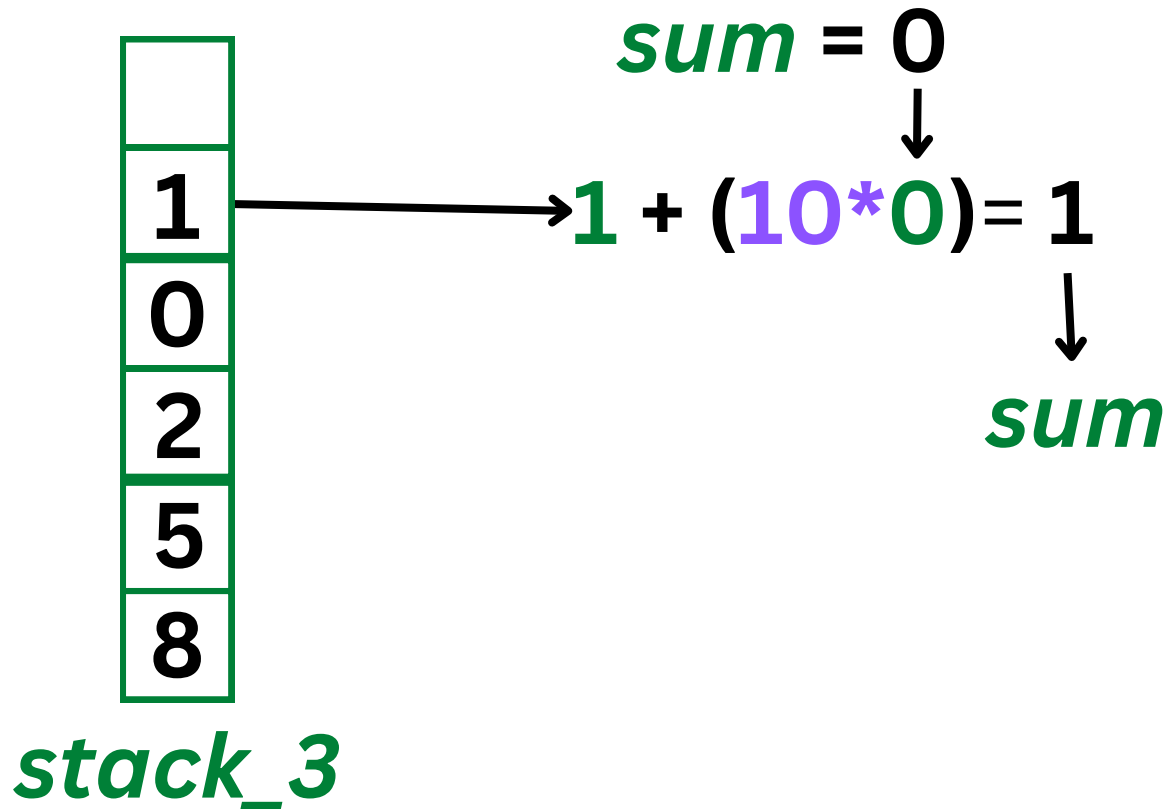
= 1

After iteration 4, stack\_1 and stack\_2 are now empty and carry is 0.



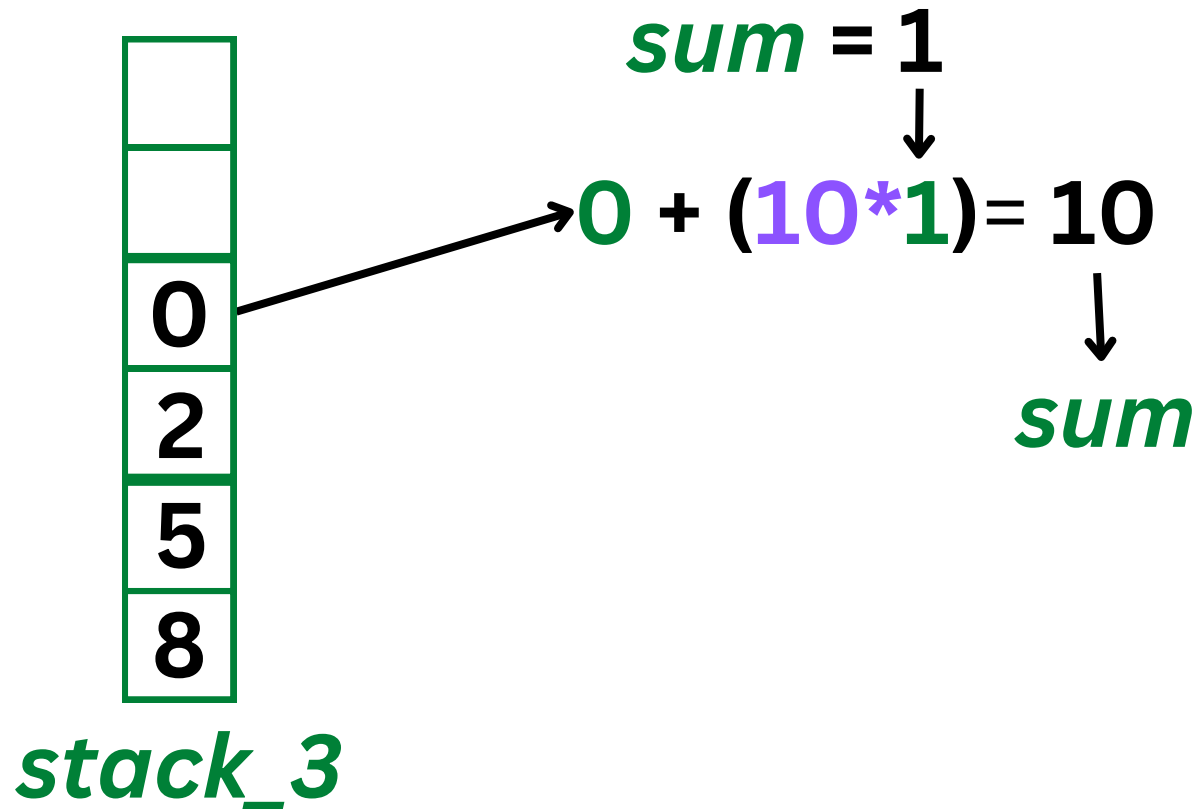
## Step 6 loop 1:

Change the value of *sum* to 0. Pop from *stack\_3* and add it to **10 times** *sum* until the stack is empty.



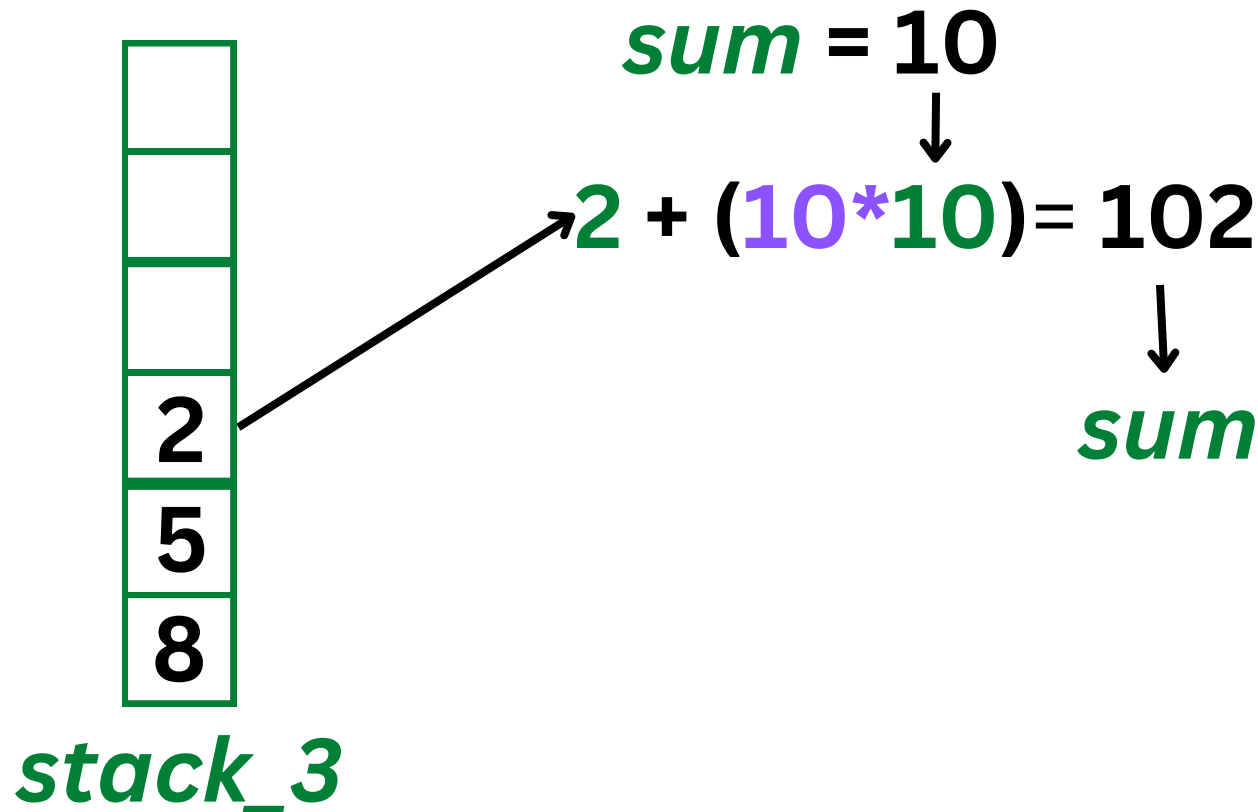
## Step 6 loop 2:

Pop from *stack\_3* and add it to 10 times *sum* until the stack is empty.



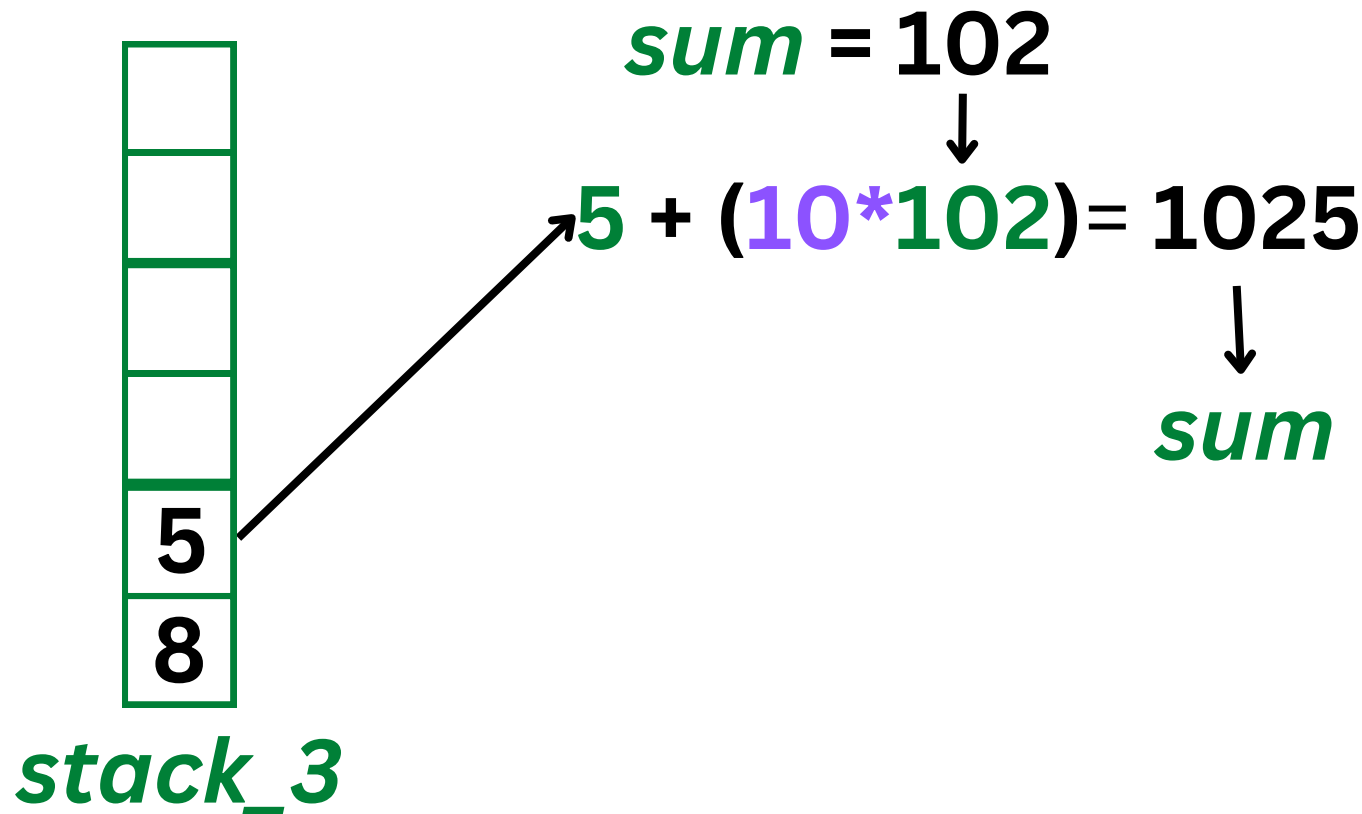
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Pop from *stack\_3* and add it to 10 times *sum* until the stack is empty.



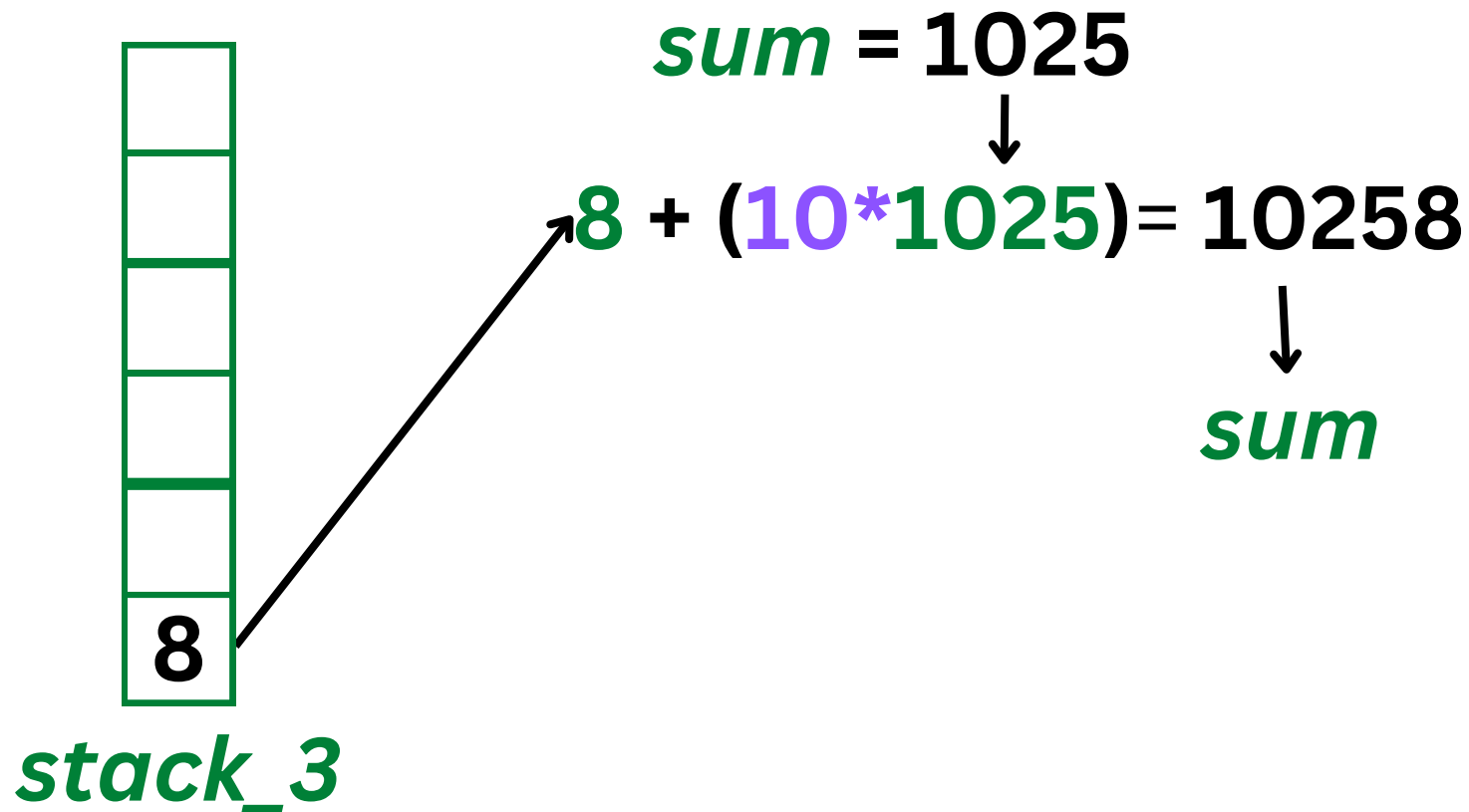
## Step 6 loop 4:

Pop from *stack\_3* and add it to 10 times *sum* until the stack is empty.



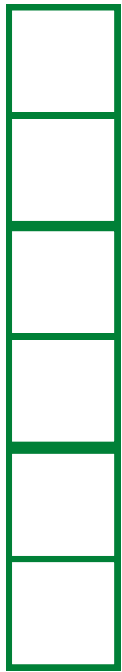
## Step 6 loop 5:

Pop from *stack\_3* and add it to 10 times *sum* until the stack is empty.



## Step 6 end of loop:

Since *stack\_3* is now empty, we will terminate the loop. We have the final sum which is 10,258.



*stack\_3*

*sum* = 10258

9367

+ 891

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10258