DATA STRUCTURE (BASICS) [STACKS IN C++ & JAVA]

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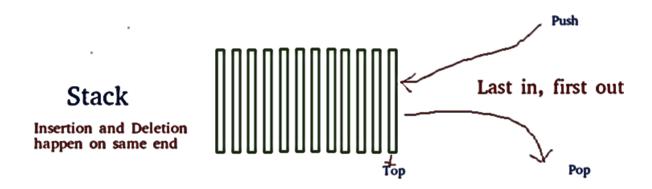
Introduction to Stacks-

The *Stack* is a linear data structure, which follows a particular order in which the operations are performed. The order may be LIFO(Last In First Out) or FILO(First In Last Out).

- The LIFO order says that the element which is inserted at the last in the Stack will be the first one to be removed. In LIFO order, the insertion takes place at the rear end of the stack and deletion occurs at the rear of the stack.
- The FILO order says that the element which is inserted at the first in the Stack will be the last one to be removed. In FILO order, the insertion takes place at the rear end of the stack and deletion occurs at the front of the stack.

Mainly, the following three basic operations are performed in the stack:

- **Push:** Adds an item in the stack. If the stack is full, then it is said to be an Overflow condition.
- **Pop:** Removes an item from the stack. The items are popped in the reversed order in which they were pushed. If the stack is empty, then it is said to be an Underflow condition.
- **Peek or Top:** Returns the top element of the stack.
- isEmpty: Returns true if the stack is empty, else false.



How to understand a stack practically?

There are many real-life examples of a stack. Consider the simple example of plates stacked over one another in a canteen. The plate that is at the top is the first one to be removed, i.e. the plate that has been placed at the bottommost position remains in the stack for the longest period of time. So, it can be simply seen to follow LIFO/FILO order.

Time Complexities of operations on stack: The operations push(), pop(), isEmpty() and peek() all take O(1) time. We do not run any loop in any of these operations.

Implementation: There are two ways to implement a stack.

- Using array
- Using linked list

Implementing Stack using Arrays

C++

```
}
/* C++ program to implement basic stack operations */
                                                                 int Stack::pop()
#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
                                                                   if (top < 0)
#define MAX 1000
class Stack
                                                                      cout << "Stack Underflow";
                                                                      return 0;
  int top;
                                                                   }
public:
                                                                   else
  int a[MAX]; //Maximum size of Stack
  Stack() { top = -1; }
                                                                      int x = a[top--];
  bool push(int x);
                                                                      return x;
  int pop();
                                                                   }
  bool isEmpty();
                                                                 bool Stack::isEmpty()
bool Stack::push(int x)
                                                                   return (top < 0);
  if (top >= (MAX-1))
                                                                 // Driver program to test above functions
    cout << "Stack Overflow";</pre>
                                                                 int main()
    return false;
  }
                                                                   class Stack s;
  else
                                                                   s.push(10);
                                                                   s.push(20);
    a[++top] = x;
                                                                   s.push(30);
    cout<<x <<" pushed into stack\n";
                                                                   cout<<s.pop() << " Popped from stack\n";
    return true;
                                                                   return 0;
```

Java-

```
/* Java program to implement basic stack operations
                                                                    int pop()
class Stack
                                                                    {
{
                                                                      if (top < 0)
  static final int MAX = 1000;
  int top;
                                                                        System.out.println("Stack Underflow");
  int a[] = new int[MAX]; // Maximum size of Stack
                                                                        return 0;
  boolean isEmpty()
                                                                      }
                                                                      else
    return (top < 0);
  }
                                                                        int x = a[top--];
  Stack()
                                                                        return x;
                                                                      }
    top = -1;
  }
  boolean push(int x)
                                                                 // Driver code
                                                                 class Main
    if (top >= (MAX-1))
                                                                    public static void main(String args[])
       System.out.println("Stack Overflow");
       return false;
                                                                      Stack s = new Stack();
    }
                                                                      s.push(10);
    else
                                                                      s.push(20);
                                                                      s.push(30);
       a[++top] = x;
                                                                      System.out.println(s.pop() + " Popped from
       System.out.println(x + " pushed into stack");
                                                                 stack");
       return true;
                                                                   }
    }
                                                                 }
  }
```

Output:

```
10 pushed into stack
20 pushed into stack
30 pushed into stack
30 popped from stack
```

Pros: Easy to implement. Memory is saved as pointers are not involved.

Cons: It is not dynamic. It doesn't grow or shrink depending on needs at runtime.

Implementing Stack using Linked List

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Pros: The linked list implementation of stack can either grow or shrink according to the needs at runtime.

Cons: Requires extra memory due to involvement of pointers.

Applications of stack:

- Stacks can be used to check for the balancing of paranthesis in an expression.
- Infix to Postfix/Prefix conversion.
- Redo-undo features at many places such as editors, photoshop, etc.
- Forward and backward feature in web browsers.

And Many More...

Implementing Stacks in C++ and Java using built-in Classes

Stack in C++ STL

The C++ STL offers a built-in class named **stack** for implementing the stack data structure easily and efficiently. This class provides almost all functions needed to perform the standard stack operations like push(), pop(), peek(), remove() etc..

Syntax:

stack< data_type > stack_name;

Here,

data_type: This defines the type of data to be

stored in the stack.

stack_name: This specifies the name of the stack.

Some Basic functions of Stack class in C++:

- empty() Returns whether the stack is empty.
- **size()** Returns the size of the stack.
- top() Returns a reference to the topmost element of the stack.
- push(g) Adds the element 'g' at the top of the stack.
- pop() Deletes the topmost element of the stack.

All of the above functions work in O(1) time complexity.

Implementation:

```
// CPP program to demonstrate working of STL
                                                                 stack <int> s;
stack
                                                                 s.push(10);
#include <iostream>
                                                                 s.push(30);
#include <stack>
                                                                 s.push(20);
using namespace std;
                                                                 s.push(5);
void showstack(stack <int> s)
                                                                 s.push(1);
{
  while (!s.empty())
                                                                 cout << "The stack is: ";
                                                                 showstack(s);
     cout << '\t' << s.top();
                                                                 cout << "\ns.size(): " << s.size();
     s.pop();
                                                                 cout << "\ns.top(): " << s.top();
  }
                                                                 cout << "\ns.pop(): ";
  cout << '\n';
                                                                 s.pop();
}
                                                                 showstack(s);
int main ()
                                                                 return 0;
{
```

Output:

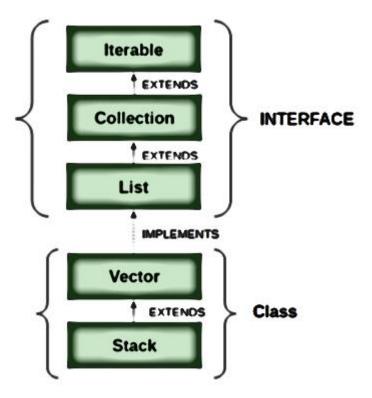
```
The stack is: 1 5 20 30 10

s.size(): 5
s.top(): 1
s.pop(): 5 20 30 10
```

Stack class in Java

Java Collection framework provides a Stack class which models and implements the Stack data structure. The class is based on the basic principle of last-in-first-out. In addition to the basic push and pop operations, the class provides three more functions of empty, search and peek. The class can also be said to extend Vector and treats the class as a stack with the five mentioned functions. The class can also be referred to as the subclass of Vector.

This diagram shows the hierarchy of Stack class:



The class supports one default constructor **Stack()** which is used to create an empty stack.

Below program shows a few basic operations provided by the Stack class:

```
// Java code for stack implementation
                                                                         stack.push(i);
import java.io.*;
                                                                      }
import java.util.*;
                                                                    }
class Test
                                                                    // Popping element from the top of the stack
                                                                    static void stack_pop(Stack<Integer> stack)
  // Pushing element on the top of the stack
  static void stack_push(Stack<Integer> stack)
                                                                       System.out.println("Pop:");
  {
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
                                                                       for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    {
                                                                       {
```

```
Integer y = (Integer) stack.pop();
                                                                     if(pos == -1)
       System.out.println(y);
                                                                        System.out.println("Element not found");
    }
                                                                     else
                                                                        System.out.println("Element is found at
  }
                                                                 position " + pos);
// Displaying element on the top of the stack
                                                                   }
  static void stack_peek(Stack<Integer> stack)
                                                                   public static void main (String[] args)
    Integer element = (Integer) stack.peek();
                                                                     Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<Integer>();
    System.out.println("Element on stack top: " +
element);
                                                                     stack_push(stack);
                                                                     stack_pop(stack);
  }
// Searching element in the stack
                                                                     stack_push(stack);
                                                                     stack_peek(stack);
  static void stack_search(Stack<Integer> stack, int
element)
                                                                     stack_search(stack, 2);
  {
                                                                     stack_search(stack, 6);
    Integer pos = (Integer) stack.search(element);
                                                                   }
                                                                }
```

Output:

```
Pop:
4
3
2
1
0
Element on stack top: 4
Element is found at position 3
Element not found
```

Methods in Stack class:

- 1. **Object push(***Object element***)**: Pushes an element on the top of the stack.
- 2. **Object pop()**: Removes and returns the top element of the stack. An 'EmptyStackException' exception is thrown if we call pop() when the invoking stack is empty.
- 3. Object peek(): Returns the element on the top of the stack, but does not remove it.
- 4. **boolean empty()**: It returns true if nothing is on the top of the stack. Else, returns false.
- 5. **int search(***Object element***)**: It determines whether an object exists in the stack. If the element is found, it returns the position of the element from the top of the stack. Else, it returns -1.

Infix to Postfix conversion using Stack-

Infix expression: The expression of the form *a op b*. When an operator is inbetween every pair of operands.

Postfix expression: The expression of the form *a b op*. When an operator is followed for every pair of operands.

Why postfix representation of the expression? The compiler scans the expression either from left to right or from right to left.

Consider the below expression:

```
a op1 b op2 c op3 d

If op1 = +, op2 = *, op3 = +
```

The compiler first scans the expression to evaluate the expression b * c, then again scan the expression to add a to it. The result is then added to d after another scan.

The repeated scanning makes it very in-efficient. It is better to convert the expression to postfix(or prefix) form before evaluation.

The corresponding expression in postfix form is: **abc*+d+**. The postfix expressions can be evaluated easily using a stack. We will cover postfix expression evaluation in a separate post.

Algorithm to Convert an Infix expression to Postfix:

- 1. Scan the infix expression from left to right.
- 2. If the scanned character is an operand, output it.
- 3. Else,
 - If the precedence of the scanned operator is greater than the precedence of the operator in the stack(or the stack is empty or the stack contains a '('), push it.
 - Else, Pop all the operators from the stack which are greater than or equal to in precedence than that of the scanned operator. After doing that Push the scanned operator to the stack. (If you encounter parenthesis while popping then stop there and push the scanned operator in the stack.)
- 4. If the scanned character is an '(', push it to the stack.
- 5. If the scanned character is an ')', pop the stack and and output it until a '(' is encountered, and discard both the parenthesis.

- 6. Repeat steps 2-6 until infix expression is scanned.
- 7. Print the output.
- 8. Pop and output from the stack until it is not empty.

Below is the implementation of the above algorithm:

C++ :-

```
// C++ implementation to convert infix expression
                                                                             {
// to equivalent postfix expression
                                                                                // If the scanned character is an operand,
// Note that here we have used
                                                                                // add it to output string.
// std::stack for Stack operations
                                                                                if((s[i] >= 'a' \&\& s[i] <= 'z')||
#include<bits/stdc++.h>
                                                                                     (s[i] >= 'A' \&\& s[i] <= 'Z'))
using namespace std;
                                                                                  ns+=s[i];
                                                                                // If the scanned character is an '(',
// Function to return precedence of operators
int prec(char c)
                                                                                // push it to the stack.
                                                                                else if(s[i] == '(')
{
  if(c == '^')
                                                                                st.push('(');
     return 3;
                                                                                // If the scanned character is an ')',
  else if(c == '*' || c == '/')
                                                                                // pop and to output string from the stack
                                                                                // until an '(' is encountered.
     return 2;
  else if(c == '+' || c == '-')
                                                                                else if(s[i] == ')')
     return 1;
  else
                                                                                  while(st.top() != 'N' && st.top() != '(')
     return -1;
                                                                                  {
                                                                                     char c = st.top();
// The main function to convert infix
                                                                                     st.pop();
// expression to postfix expression
void infixToPostfix(string s)
                                                                                     ns += c;
  stack<char> st;
                                                                                  if(st.top() == '(')
  st.push('N');
                                                                                     char c = st.top();
  int l = s.length();
                                                                                     st.pop();
                                                                                  }
  string ns;
  for(int i = 0; i < l; i++)
                                                                                }
```

```
// If an operator is scanned
                                                                       {
    else{
                                                                         char c = st.top();
       while(st.top() != 'N' \&\& prec(s[i]) <= prec(st.top()))
                                                                         st.pop();
                                                                         ns += c;
         char c = st.top();
                                                                       }
         st.pop();
                                                                       cout << ns << endl;
         ns += c;
      }
                                                                    // Driver Code
st.push(s[i]);
                                                                    int main()
    }
                                                                    {
  }
                                                                       string exp = a+b*(c^d-e)^(f+g*h)-i;
                                                                       infixToPostfix(exp);
  // Pop all the remaining elements from the stack
                                                                       return 0;
  while(st.top() != 'N')
                                                                    }
Java-
                                                                            case '^':
// Java implementation to convert infix expression
// to equivalent postfix expression
                                                                               return 3;
//Note that here we have used the Stack class
// for all Stack operation
                                                                          return -1;
import java.util.Stack;
                                                                       }
class Test
                                                                       // The main method that converts given
                                                                       // infix expression to postfix expression.
  // A utility function to return precedence
                                                                       static String infixToPostfix(String exp)
  // of a given operator
                                                                       {
  // Higher the returned value means
                                                                         // initializing empty String for result
  // higher the precedence
                                                                          String result = new String("");
  static int Prec(char ch)
                                                                          // initializing empty stack
                                                                          Stack<Character> stack = new Stack<>();
  {
     switch (ch)
                                                                          for (int i = 0; i < exp.length(); ++i)
                                                                          {
       case '+':
                                                                            char c = exp.charAt(i);
       case '-':
                                                                            // If the scanned character is an operand,
          return 1;
                                                                            // add it to output.
       case '*':
                                                                            if (Character.isLetterOrDigit(c))
        case '/':
                                                                               result += c
          return 2;
                                                                            // If the scanned character is an '(',
                                                                            // push it to the stack.
```

```
else if (c == '(')
                                                                               result += stack.pop();
         stack.push(c);
                                                                             stack.push(c);
       // If the scanned character is an ')',
       // pop and output from the stack
                                                                        }
       // until an '(' is encountered.
                                                                        // pop all the operators from the stack
       else if (c == ')')
                                                                        while (!stack.isEmpty())
                                                                          result += stack.pop();
         while (!stack.isEmpty() && stack.peek() != '(')
                                                                        return result;
            result += stack.pop();
                                                                     }
         if (!stack.isEmpty() && stack.peek() != '(')
                                                                     // Driver method
            return "Invalid Expression"; // invalid
                                                                     public static void main(String[] args)
expression
         else
                                                                        String exp = a+b*(c^d-e)^(f+g*h)-i;
            stack.pop();
                                                                        System.out.println(infixToPostfix(exp));
       }
                                                                     }
       else // an operator is encountered
                                                                   }
         while (!stack.isEmpty() && Prec(c) <=
Prec(stack.peek()))
```

Output:

```
abcd^e-fgh*+^*+i-
```

Evaluating Postfix expressions using Stack-

The Postfix notation is used to represent algebraic expressions. The expressions written in postfix form are evaluated faster compared to infix notation as parenthesis are not required in postfix. We have already discussed the conversion of infix to postfix expressions. In this post, the next step after that, that is evaluating a postfix expression is discussed.

Following is the algorithm for evaluation of postfix expressions:

- 1. Create a stack to store operands (or values).
- 2. Scan the given expression and do following for every scanned element.
 - o If the element is a number, push it into the stack.
 - o If the element is an operator, pop operands for the operator from the stack. Evaluate the operator and push the result back to the stack.
- 3. When the expression is ended, the number in the stack is the final answer.

Example: Let the given expression be "231*+9-". We will first scan all elements one by one.

- 1. Scan '2', it's a number, so push it to stack. Stack contains '2'
- 2. Scan '3', again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3' (from bottom to top)
- 3. Scan '1', again a number, push it to stack, stack now contains '2 3 1'
- 4. Scan '*', it's an operator, pop two operands from the stack, apply the * operator on operands, we get 3*1 which results in 3. We push the result '3' to stack. Stack now becomes '2 3'.
- 5. Scan '+', it's an operator, pop two operands from the stack, apply the + operator on operands, we get 3 + 2 which results in 5. We push the result '5' to stack. Stack now becomes '5'.
- 6. Scan '9', it's a number, we push it to the stack. Stack now becomes '5 9'.
- 7. Scan '-', it's an operator, pop two operands from the stack, apply the operator on operands, we get 5 9 which results in -4. We push the result '-4' to stack. Stack now becomes '-4'.
- 8. There are no more elements to scan, we return the top element from the stack (which is the only element left in the stack).

Below is the implementation of the above algorithm:

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Output:

postfix evaluation: -4

The **time complexity** of evaluation algorithm is O(n) where n is number of characters in input expression.

There are following limitations of the above implementation:

- 1. It supports only 4 binary operators '+', '*', '-' and '/'. It can be extended for more operators by adding more switch cases.
- 2. The allowed operands are only single-digit operands. The program can be extended for multiple digits by adding a separator like space between all elements (operators and operands) of the given expression.

Below given is the extended program which allows operands having multiple digits.

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Implementing two Stacks using One Array

The task is to create a data structure *twoStacks* that represents two stacks. Implementation of *twoStacks* should use only one array, i.e., both stacks should use the same array for storing elements. Following functions must be supported by *twoStacks*.

- push1(int x) --> pushes x to first stack.
- push2(int x) --> pushes x to second stack.
- pop1() --> pops an element from the first stack and return the popped element.
- pop2() --> pops an element from the second stack and return the popped element.

Note: Implementation of twoStack should be space efficient.

Method 1 (Divide the space in two halves): A simple way to implement two stacks is to divide the array into two halves and assign the half space to the first stack and the other half to the second stack, i.e., use arr[0] to arr[n/2] for stack1, and arr[(n/2) + 1] to arr[n-1] for stack2 where arr[] is the array to be used to implement two stacks and size of array be n.

The problem with this method is an inefficient use of array space. A stack push operation may result in stack overflow even if there is space available in arr[]. For example, say the array size is 6 and we push 3 elements to stack1 and do not push anything to the second stack2. When we push the 4th element to stack1, there will be overflow even if we have space for 3 more elements in the array.

Method 2 (A space-efficient implementation): This method efficiently utilizes the available space. It doesn't cause an overflow if there is space available in arr. The idea is to start two stacks from two extreme corners of arr. The first stack, stack1 starts from the leftmost element, the first element in stack1 is pushed

at index 0. The second stack, *stack2* starts from the rightmost corner, the first element in stack2 is pushed at index (n-1). Both stacks grow (or shrink) in opposite direction. To check for overflow, all we need to check is for space between top elements of both stacks.

Below the space-efficient implementation (Method 2) of the above task:

```
C++ program to implement two stacks
// in one Array
                                                                    // Method to push an element x to stack2
#include<iostream>
                                                                    void push2(int x)
#include<stdlib.h>
using namespace std;
                                                                      // There is at least one empty space
class twoStacks
                                                                      // for new element
                                                                      if (top1 < top2 - 1)
  int *arr;
  int size;
                                                                         top2--;
  int top1, top2;
                                                                         arr[top2] = x;
  public:
                                                                      }
  twoStacks(int n) // constructor
                                                                      else
    size = n;
                                                                         cout << "Stack Overflow";
    arr = new int[n];
                                                                         exit(1);
                                                                      }
    top1 = -1;
    top2 = size;
                                                                    // Method to pop an element from first stack
  // Method to push an element x to stack1
                                                                    int pop1()
  void push1(int x)
                                                                      if (top1 >= 0)
    // There is at least one empty space for new
                                                                      {
element
                                                                         int x = arr[top1];
    if (top1 < top2 - 1)
                                                                         top1--;
                                                                         return x:
       top1++;
                                                                      }
       arr[top1] = x;
                                                                      else
    }
    else
                                                                         cout << "Stack UnderFlow";
                                                                         exit(1);
       cout << "Stack Overflow";
                                                                      }
       exit(1);
    }
                                                                    // Method to pop an element from second stack
```

```
int pop2()
                                                                 // Driver Program
                                                                 int main()
  {
    if (top2 < size)
                                                                   twoStacks ts(5);
       int x = arr[top2];
                                                                   ts.push1(5);
       top2++;
                                                                   ts.push2(10);
       return x;
                                                                   ts.push2(15);
    }
                                                                   ts.push1(11);
    else
                                                                   ts.push2(7);
                                                                   cout << "Popped element from stack1 is " <<
    {
                                                                 ts.pop1();
       cout << "Stack UnderFlow";
                                                                   ts.push2(40);
       exit(1);
                                                                   cout << "\nPopped element from stack2 is " <<
    }
                                                                 ts.pop2();
  }
                                                                   return 0;
};
                                                                 }
Java-
// Java program to implement two stacks in a
                                                                        top1++;
// single array
                                                                        arr[top1] = x;
class TwoStacks
                                                                      }
                                                                      else
  int size;
                                                                      {
  int top1, top2;
                                                                        System.out.println("Stack Overflow");
  int arr[];
                                                                        System.exit(1);
  // Constructor
                                                                      }
  TwoStacks(int n)
                                                                   }
                                                                   // Method to push an element x to stack2
                                                                   void push2(int x)
    arr = new int[n];
    size = n;
                                                                   {
    top1 = -1;
                                                                      // There is at least one empty space for
    top2 = size;
                                                                      // new element
                                                                      if (top1 < top2 -1)
  // Method to push an element x to stack1
  void push1(int x)
                                                                        top2--;
                                                                        arr[top2] = x;
    // There is at least one empty space for
                                                                      }
    // new element
                                                                      else
    if (top1 < top2 - 1)
    {
                                                                        System.out.println("Stack Overflow");
```

```
System.exit(1);
                                                                     return x;
                                                                   }
  }
}
                                                                   else
// Method to pop an element from first stack
                                                                   {
int pop1()
                                                                     System.out.println("Stack Underflow");
                                                                     System.exit(1);
{
  if (top1 >= 0)
                                                                   }
                                                                   return 0;
    int x = arr[top1];
    top1--;
    return x;
                                                                 // Driver program to test twoStack class
  }
                                                                 public static void main(String args[])
  else
                                                                   TwoStacks ts = new TwoStacks(5);
  {
    System.out.println("Stack Underflow");
                                                                   ts.push1(5);
    System.exit(1);
                                                                   ts.push2(10);
  }
                                                                   ts.push2(15);
  return 0;
                                                                   ts.push1(11);
                                                                   ts.push2(7);
// Method to pop an element from second stack
                                                                   System.out.println("Popped element from" +
int pop2()
                                                                              " stack1 is " + ts.pop1());
{
                                                                   ts.push2(40);
  if(top2 < size)
                                                                   System.out.println("Popped element from" +
                                                                             " stack2 is " + ts.pop2());
    int x =arr[top2];
                                                                }
    top2++;
```

Output:

```
Popped element from stack1 is 11
Popped element from stack2 is 40
```

The *time complexity* of all of the four push and pop operations of both stacks is O(1).

Sample Problems on Stack-

Problem: Print Reverse of linked List using Stack.

Description - We are given a linked list. We have to print the reverse of the linked list using Stack.

```
[1 2 3 4 5]
[5 4 3 2 1]
```

Solution - We will traverse the linked list and push all the nodes of the linked list to the stack. Since stack have property of Last In, First Out, List is automatically reversed when we will pop the stack elements one by one.

Pseudo Code

```
void printreverse(Node *head)
{
    stack < Node* > s
    current = head
    while(current != NULL)
    {
        s.push(current)
        current = current->next
    }
    while(! s.empty())
    {
            node = s.top()
            print(node->data)
            s.pop()
      }
}
```

Time Complexity : O(n) **Auxiliary Space** : O(n)

Problem: Check for balanced parentheses in an expression

Description - Given an expression string exp , we have to check whether the pairs and the orders of { " , " } , (" , ") and [" , "] are correct in exp. For example -

```
Input : [ ( ) ] { } { [ ( ) ( ) ] ( ) }
Output : true
Input : [ ( ] )
Output : false
```

Solution : Follow the streps below -

- 1. Declare a character stack S.
- 2. Now traverse the expression string exp.
 - o If the current character is a starting bracket '(' or '{' or '{' then push it to stack.
 - o If the current character is a closing bracket ')' or '}' or '}' then pop from stack and if the popped character is the matching starting bracket then fine else parenthesis are not balanced.
- 3. After complete traversal, if there is some starting bracket left in stack then "not balanced".

Pseudo Code

```
// function to check if paranthesis are balanced
bool areParanthesisBalanced(string expr)
    stack < char > s
    for i=0 to expr.size() {
        if (expr[i]=='('||expr[i]=='['||expr[i]=='{'}) {
            s.push(expr[i])
            continue
        // stack can not be empty for closing bracket
        if s.empty()
            return false
        switch (expr[i]) {
            case ')': {
                x = s.top()
                s.pop()
                if (x=='{' || x=='[')
                    return false
                break
```

```
case '}': {
            x = s.top();
            s.pop();
            if (x=='(' || x=='[')
                return false
            break
        case ']': {
            x = s.top();
            s.pop();
            if (x =='(' || x == '{')
                return false
            break
        }
    }
}
// Check Empty Stack
return (s.empty())
```

Time Complexity : O(n) **Auxiliary Space** : O(n)

Problem #3 : Next Greater Element

Description : Given an array, print the Next Greater Element (NGE) for every element. The Next greater Element for an element x is the first greater element on the right side of x in array. Elements for which no greater element exist, consider next greater element as -1.

```
Input : [13, 7, 6, 12]
          Output

Element     NGE
          13     -->     -1
          7     -->      12
          6     -->      12
          12     -->      -1
```

Solution : Follow the below steps -

- 1. Push the first element to stack.
- 2. Pick rest of the elements one by one and follow the following steps in the loop.
 - 0. Mark the current element as next.
 - 1. If the stack is not empty, compare top element of the stack with next.

- 2. If next is greater than the top element, Pop element from the stack. next is the next greater element for the popped element.
- 3. Keep popping from the stack while the popped element is smaller than next. next becomes the next greater element for all such popped elements
- 4. Finally, push the next in the stack.
- 3. After the loop in step 2 is over, pop all the elements from stack and print -1 as the next element for them.

Pseudo Code

```
// Next greater Element
void printNGE(arr, n)
    stack < int > s
    s.push(arr[0])
    for i=0 to n-1 {
        if (s.empty()) {
            s.push(arr[i])
            continue
        while (s.empty() == false && s.top() < arr[i]) {</pre>
            print(s.top() + "-->" + arr[i])
            s.pop()
        s.push(arr[i])
        while (s.empty() == false) {
            print(s.top() + "-->" + -1)
            s.pop()
        }
    }
```

Time Complexity : O(n) **Auxiliary Space** : O(n)



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