Lecture :- 23

Arithmetic Expression

Assume the following three levels of precedence for the usual five binary operations:→

Highest : Exponentiation (↑)

Next Highest : Multiplication (*) and division (/)

Lowest : Addition (+) and subtraction (−)

- Let Q be an arithmetic expression
- It involves constants, operand, operations.
- Assume that Q contains no unary operation
- Operations on the same level are performed from left to right (i.e in any parenthesis free expression)
  - This part is not standard ∵ in some languages exponentiations are perform from Right to left.

Infix Notation :-

When the operator symbol is placed between its two operands

eg (1) A + B here A & B are operands
+ → operator

eg (2) C − D

eg3 $(A+B)*C$

Polish Notation or Prefix Notation :—

In which operator symbol is placed before its two operands.

eg $+AB$ here [A & B are operands, + → operator]

eg $*EF$

say we have infix expression such as

$(A+B)*C$

Now its prefix notation is

$*+ABC$

Another Example

$(A+B) / (C-D) \Rightarrow [+AB] / [-CD]$

$\Rightarrow /+AB-CD$

Here we had ~~used~~ used brackets [ ] to indicate the partial translation.

But one never needs paranthesis when writing expression in Polish Notation.

Reverse Polish Notation :- or Postfix Expression

Postfix Notation.

The notation in which the operator symbol is placed after its two operands.

eg AB+

Note :-

The computer usually evaluate an arithmetic expression written in infix notation in two steps :-

(1) First, it convert the expression to postfix notation

(2) Second, it evaluates the postfix expression.

In each step, stack is the main tool.

Transforming Infix Expression into Postfix Expression

- The algorithm will transform infix expression Q into its equivalent postfix expression P
- Algorithm uses a stack to temporily hold operators and left paranthesis.
- The postfix expression P will be constructed from L to R using the operands from Q and operators which are removed from stack.

Polish (Q, P)

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1. Push "(" onto stack and ")" to the end of Q

2. Scan Q from left to Right and Repeat step 3 to 6 for each element of Q until the stack is empty.

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3. If an operand is encountered, add it to P

4. If a left parenthesis is encountered, push it onto stack

5. If an operator ⊗ is encountered, then:
   (a) Repeatedly pop from stack and add to P each operator which has the same precedence or higher precedence than ⊗
   (b) Add ⊗ to stack.

6. If a right parenthesis is encountered, then:
   (a) Repeatedly pop from Stack and add to P each operator until a left parenthesis is encountered.
   (b) Remove the left parenthesis // Do not add it to P

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7. Exit

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Example :-

Let Q = A + (B * C - (D / E ↑ F) ∗ G) ∗ H)

- Add) to Q at the end
- Push (to Stack

↑ Sentinel added.

	Symbol Scanned	Stack	Expression P
1	A	(	A
2	+	+ (	A
3	(	(+ (	A
4	B	(+ (	A B
5	∗	(+ (∗	A B
6	C	(+ (∗ — No change	A B C
7	−	(+ (− — Multiply is pop	A B C ∗
8	(	(+ (− (	A B C ∗
9	D	Stack remain same	A B C ∗ D
10	/	(+ (− (/	A B C ∗ D
11	E	No change on stack	A B C ∗ D E
12	↑	(+ (− (/ ↑	A B C ∗ D E // No pop from stack as / has low priority than ↑
13	F	No change on stack	A B C ∗ D E F
14	)	(+ (− — Pop till we find (	A B C ∗ D E F ↑ /
15	∗	(+ (− ∗ — No pop as ∗ has low priority	A B C D ∗ D E F ↑ /
16	G	No change on stack	A B C D ∗ D E F ↑ / G
17	)	(+ — Pop till we find (	A B C D ∗ D E F ↑ / G ∗ −
18	∗	(+ ∗ — No pop as + has low priority	A B C D ∗ D E F ↑ / G ∗ − H
19	H	No change on stack	A B C D ∗ D E F ↑ / G ∗ − H ∗ +
20	)	Pop till we find (& stack is empty so stop	

Evaluation of a Postfix Expression

This algorithm finds the value of an arithmetic expression P written in postfix notation

1. Add ")" at the end of P. // to act as sentinel
2. Scan P from left to Right and repeat step 3 & 4 for each element of P until the sentinel ")" is encountered.
3. If an operand is encountered, put it on Stack.
4. If an operator (X) is encountered then:
   a. Remove the two top elements of stack where A is the top element and B is the next-to-top element
   b. Evaluate B (X) A
   c. Place the result of b back on stack
5. Set Value equal to the top element on stack
6. Exit.

Example

Consider the following postfix expression P

P : 5, 6, 2, +, *, 12, 4, /, -

The equivalent infix expression for above Postfix is

Q : 5 * (6+2) - 12 / 4

P : 5, 6, 2, +, *, 12, 4, /, -,)

add sentinel

Symbol Scanned		Stack
(1)	5	5
(2)	6	5 | 6
(3)	2	5 | 6 | 2
(4)	+	5 | 8
(5)	*	40
(6)	12	40 | 12
(7)	4	40 | 12 | 4
(8)	/	40 | 3
(9)	-	37
(10)	)	(37) assign to value

A = 2, B = 6
B + A ⇒ 8.

A = 8, B = 5
B * A ⇒ 40

A = 4, B = 12
B / A ⇒ 3

A = 3, B = 40
B - A ⇒ 37

Self Assessment Question

Q1 Consider the following arithmetic expression (Infix)

$$Q = A * (B+D) / E - F * (G + H/K)$$

Convert the above infix expression to equivalent postfix expression.

Q2 Consider the following postfix notation P:

P : 12, 7, 3, −, /, 2, 1, 5, +, *, +

Evaluate the above postfix expression.