

# Assignment 9: Not So Simple Calculator

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For this assignment, you are going to write a calculator program that allows a user to enter a long algebraic expression. For simplicity, an expression can consist of

- **operands:** multiple digit positive integers (for simplicity)
- **operators:** +, −, \*, and /
- **delimiters:** ( ), [ ], and { }
- **whitespaces:** spaces only

Here are examples of expressions that a user can enter:

- $1 + 2 * 3 + 4 - 5$
- $(1 + 2) * [3 + 4] - 5$
- $1+2*(3+4)-5$

As we already know, \* and / have higher precedence than + and −. However, a user can use multiple of ( ), [ ], or { } to overwrite some operator precedence.

## Evaluating an Algebraic Expression

Slides about evaluating an algebraic expression can be found [here](#)

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## The AlgExp Module

As usual, you are going to develop this program using modules. The AlgExp module (AlgExp.hs) is actually the only module in this assignment. Its main purpose is to evaluate a string representation of an algebraic expression into a number. We develop this as a module so that we can reuse it later (good practice). This module must export only the following functions:

- `isValid :: [Char] -> Bool`

This function checks whether a given string contains only valid characters. In an algebraic expression (in our case), can only contain characters '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '+', '-', '\*', '/', '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', '}', and ' '.

- `isBalanced :: [Char] -> Bool`

This function checks whether a given string representation of an algebraic expression is balanced based on delimiters '(', ')', '[', ']', '{', and '}'. Note that if the given string is not valid (contains characters that are not allowed), `isBalanced` should return `False`.

- `infixToPostfix :: [Char] -> [Char]`

Turn the infix form of an algebraic expression into the postfix form if the expression is valid and balanced. For example:

- `infixToPostfix "12 + 5 * 3"` should return the string `"12 5 3 * +"`
- `infixToPostfix "(12 + 5) * 3"` should return the string `"12 5 + 3 *"`

- `evaluate :: (Integral a, Read a) => [Char] -> a`

If the given string is a valid and balanced algebraic expression, the `evaluate` function will return the result. For simplicity, you should use the `div` function for division. Note that the `Integral` type class is a type constraint because we use the `div` function. Similarly, we have to use the `read` function to turn a string representation of an integer into an integer.

To handle the error on this assignment, simply use the `error` function with an error message about the error.

## The main program

The main program (`calculator.hs`) uses the `AlgExp` module to create a simple calculator. It should ask the user to enter an algebraic expression, evaluate the result, and display the result on the console screen. Here is an example of a run:

```
$ ./calculator
Enter an algebraic expression
(12 * 3)/4+[5 * (6 - 8)]
(12 * 3)/4+[5 * (6 - 8)] = -1
Enter an algebraic expression
12 * 3 / 4 + 5 * 6 - 8
12 * 3 / 4 + 5 * 6 - 8 = 31
Enter an algebraic expression
46      - 12 * (4 - 2)
46      - 12 * (4 - 2) = 22
Enter an algebraic expression
q
```

If the user enter `q`, simply exit the program. Note that there is a chance that the user may enter an invalid algebraic expression. For this assignment, the `AlgExp` module use the `error` function to handle errors. Therefore, it will cause our calculator program to cause an exception. Here are examples of some possible errors:

```
$ ./calculator
Enter an algebraic expression
62 ^ 2
calculator: The expression contains an invalid symbol.
CallStack (from HasCallStack):
  error, called at ./AlgExp.hs:...

$ ./calculator
Enter an algebraic expression
(13 - 2)] * 6
calculator: The expression is not balanced.
CallStack (from HasCallStack):
  error, called at ./AlgExp.hs:...$ ./calculator

$ ./calculator
Enter an algebraic expression
12 +
calculator: Invalid Expression: Too many operator(s)
CallStack (from HasCallStack):
  error, called at ./AlgExp.hs:...

$ ./calculator
Enter an algebraic expression
23 34 + 5
calculator: Invalid Expression: Too many operand(s)
CallStack (from HasCallStack):
  error, called at ./AlgExp.hs:...
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Again, simply let the error cause an exception with appropriate error message as shown above.

## Submission

Zip `AlgExp.hs` and `calculator.hs` into one single file named `assignment9.zip`. Make sure we can compile your program without error. Use `undefined` for incomplete functions.

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