

- This lab will cover Stacks.
- It is assumed that you have reviewed chapters 6 of the textbook. You may want to refer to the text and your lecture notes during the lab as you solve the problems.
- When approaching the problems, think before you code. Doing so is good practice and can help you lay out possible solutions.
- Think of any possible test cases that can potentially cause your solution to fail!
- If you finish early, you may leave early after showing the TA your work. Or you may stay and help other students. If you don't finish by the end of the lab, we recommend you complete it on your own time. Ideally you should not spend more time than suggested for each problem.
- Your TAs are available to answer questions in lab, during office hours, and on Piazza.

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### Vitamins (40 minutes)

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1. What is the output of the following code? Also, draw the memory image. (5 minutes)

```
s = ArrayStack()
i = 2

s.push(1)
s.push(2)
s.push(4)
s.push(8)

i += s.top()
s.push(i)
s.pop()
s.pop()
print(i)
print(s.top())
```

2. Trace the following function with different list inputs. Describe what the function does, and give a meaningful name to the function: (5 minutes)

```
def mystery(lst):
    s = ArrayStack()
    for i in range(len(lst)):
        s.push(lst.pop())
    for i in range(len(s)):
        lst.append(s.pop())
```

3. Trace the following function, which takes in a stack of integers. Describe what the

function does, and give a meaningful name to the function: (10 minutes)

```
def mystery(s):
    if len(s) == 1:
        return s.top()
    else:
        val = s.pop()
        result = mystery(s)

        if val < result:
            result = val
        s.push(val)
    return result
```

4. Fill out the prefix, infix, postfix table below: (20 minutes)

Prefix	Infix	Postfix	Value
- * 3 4 10	3 * 4 - 10		2
	(5 * 5) + ( 10 / 2 )	5 5 * 10 2 / +	30
		10 2 - 4 / 8 +	
+ * 6 3 * 8 4			
	(8 * 2) + 4 - (3 + 6)		

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**Coding (75 minutes)**

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In this section, it is strongly recommended that you solve the problem on paper before writing code. Note that you should not access the underlying list in the `ArrayStack` implementation. **Treat it as a black box and only use the `len`, `is_empty`, `push`, `top`, and `pop` methods.**

Download the **`ArrayStack.py`** & **`ArrayList.py`** files under Content/Labs on Brightspace

Note: import the class like so → `from ArrayStack import *`

1. Write a **recursive function** that takes in a Stack of integers and returns the sum of all values in the stack. Do not use any helper functions or change the function signature. Note that the stack should be restored to its original state if you pop from the stack. (15 minutes)

ex) s contains [1, -14, 5, 6, -7, 9, 10, -5, -8] from top → bottom.

`stack_sum(s)` returns -3

```
def stack_sum(s):  
    """  
    : s type: ArrayStack  
    : return type: int  
    """
```

**Hint: See how the stack is restored in the code snippet from vitamins question 3.**

2. Create an **iterative function** that evaluates a valid prefix string expression. You may only use **one `ArrayStack`** as an additional data structure to the given setup. Do not use any helper functions or change the function signature.

In addition, each character is separated by one white space and numbers may have more than one digit. Therefore, we will use the `split` function to create a new list of each substring of the string separated by a white space. You may assume all numbers will be positive. (30 minutes)

ex) exp\_str is "- + \* 16 5 \* 8 4 20"

exp\_lst = exp.split(" ") → ["-", "+", "\*", "16", "5", "\*", "8", "4", "20"]

eval\_prefix(exp\_str) returns = 92

```
def eval_prefix(exp_str):
    """
    : exp type: str
    : return type: int
    """
    exp_lst = exp_str.split( )
```

#### Hint:

To check if a string contains digits, use `.isdigit( )`.

To check if a string is an operator, you may want to do `if char in "-+/*"` similarly to how you checked for vowels.

As you parse the expression lst, think about when you would push/pop the operator or number to/from the stack. Try to trace this execution on paper first before writing your code.

Test your code with the various prefix expressions from the Vitamins q4.

3. Write an **iterative function** that flattens a nested list while retaining the left to right ordering of its values using one **ArrayStack** and its defined methods. That is, you should not directly access the underlying array in the implementation. Do not use any helper functions or change the function signature. (30 minutes)

In addition, do not create any other data structure other than the ArrayStack.

ex) lst = [ [ [ [0] ] ], [1, 2], 3, [4, [5, 6, [7] ], 8], 9]

flatten\_list(lst)

print(lst) → lst = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

```
def flatten_list(lst):
    """
    : lst type: list
    : return type: None
```

```
"""  
s = ArrayStack()
```

**Hint:** You may want to traverse the list from the end for 2 reasons: pop and append has an amortized cost of  $O(1)$  when working from the end, and a stack reverses the collection order because of LIFO.

#### 4. OPTIONAL

Write an **iterative function** that will sort a stack of unsorted integers. You are **only allowed to use another stack** and no other additional data structure for your solution. Do not use any helper functions or change the function signature.

A sorted stack is determined if its values are in ascending order from top to bottom. Smallest on top, largest on bottom. (30 minutes)

The **runtime** of the function should be **quadratic**.

```
def stack_sort(s):  
    """  
    : input_str type: ArrayStack  
    : return type: None  
    """  
  
    #use this to help with sorting  
  
    helper_stack = ArrayStack( )
```