

Expression Evaluation

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- Example: $a = (3 * (5 - 2))$;
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```
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Within any programming language, there is a precedence hierarchy that determines the order in which we evaluate operators.



Precedence Hierarchy in C

Token	Operator	Precedence ¹	Associativity
0	function call	17	left-to-right
[]	array element		
-> .	struct or union member		
--- ++	increment, decrement ²	16	left-to-right
--- --	decrement, increment ³	15	right-to-left
!	logical not		
-	one's complement		
- +	unary minus or plus		
& *	address or indirection		
sizeof	size (in bytes)		
(type)	type cast	14	right-to-left
* / %	multiplicative	13	left-to-right
+ -	binary add or subtract	12	left-to-right
<< >>	shift	11	left-to-right
> >=	relational	10	left-to-right
< <=			
== !=	equality	9	left-to-right
&	bitwise and	8	left-to-right
^	bitwise exclusive or	7	left-to-right
	bitwise or	6	left-to-right
&&	logical and	5	left-to-right
	logical or	4	left-to-right
? :	conditional	3	right-to-left
= += -= /= *= %=	assignment	2	right-to-left
<=> >=& ^= =			
,	comma	1	left-to-right

- The associativity column indicates how we evaluate operators with the same precedence.

1. The precedence column is taken from Harbison and Steele.

2. Postfix form

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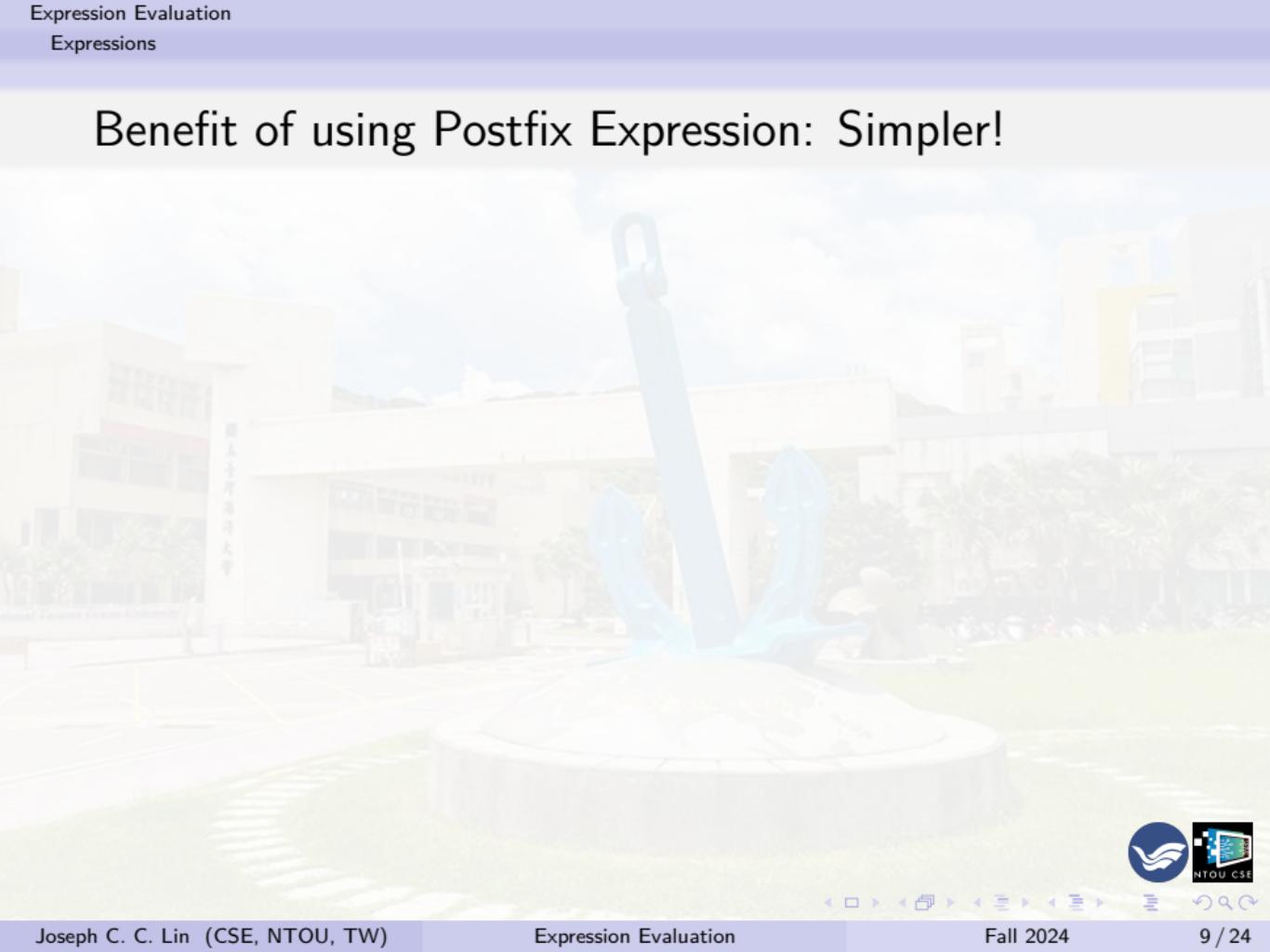
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Token	Stack			Top
	[0]	[1]	[2]	
6	6			0
2	6	2		1
/	6/2			0
3	6/2	3		1
-	6/2-3			0
4	6/2-3	4		1
2	6/2-3	4	2	2
*	6/2-3	4*2		1
+	6/2-3+4*2			0

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Postfix Evaluation

- Expression is represented as a character array.
 - Operators: +, -, *, / and %.
 - Operands: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
 - The operands are stored on a stack of type int.
 - The stack is represented by a global array accessed only through top.
- The declarations are:

```
#define MAX_STACK_SIZE 100 // maximum stack size
#define MAX_EXPR_SIZE 100 // max size of expression
typedef enum {
    lparen, rparen, plus, minus, times,
    divide, mod, eos, operand
} precedence;
int stack[MAX_STACK_SIZE]; // global stack
char expr[MAX_EXPR_SIZE]; // input string
```

To Get Tokens

```
precedence get_token(char *symbol, int *n) { // get the next token,
    *symbol = expr[(*n)++];
    switch (*symbol) {
        case '(':    return lparen;
        case ')':   return rparen;
        case '+':   return plus;
        case '-':   return minus;
        case '/':   return divide;
        case '*':   return times;
        case '%':   return mod;
        case '\0':  return eos; // end of string
        default:    return operand; /* no error checking,
                                         default: operand */
    }
}
```



```
int eval(void)
{
    /* evaluate a postfix expression, expr, maintained as a
    global variable. '\0' is the end of the expression.
    The stack and top of the stack are global variables.
    get_token is used to return the tokentype and
    the character symbol. Operands are assumed to be single
    character digits */
    precedence token;
    char symbol;
    int op1, op2;
    int n = 0; /* counter for the expression string */
    int top = -1;
    token = get_token(&symbol, &n);
    while (token != eos) {
        if (token == operand)
            push(symbol-'0');           /* stack insert */
        else {                         transform ASCII characters into numbers
            /* remove two operands, perform operation, and
            return result to the stack */
            op2 = pop();              /*stack delete */
            op1 = pop();
            switch(token) {
                case plus: push(op1+op2);
                break;
                case minus: push(op1-op2);
                break;
                case times: push(op1*op2);
                break;
                case divide: push(op1/op2);
                break;
                case mod: push(op1%op2);
            }
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        }
        return pop();                  /* return result */
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The Second Algorithm

- Scan the string from left to right.
- Operands are taken out immediately.
- Operators are taken out of the stack **as long as their in-stack precedence (isp) \geq the incoming precedence (icp) of the new operator.**
- If the token is the right parenthesis ')', **unstack tokens until we reach the corresponding left parenthesis '('.**

Algorithm 2 (Example 1)

$a + b * c$

Token	Stack			top	output
	[0]	[1]	[2]		
a				-1	a
+	+			0	a
b	+			0	ab
*	+	*		1	ab
c	+	*		1	abc
eos				-1	abc*+

op	isp	icp
(0	20
)	19	19
+	12	12
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The Postfix Algorithm

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void postfix(void)
{
    /* output the postfix of the expression. The expression
       string, the stack, and top are global */
    char symbol;
    precedence token;
    int n = 0;
    int top = 0;    /* place eos on stack */
    stack[0] = eos;
    for (token = get_token(&symbol, &n); token != eos;
         token = get_token(&symbol,&n)) {
        if (token == operand)
            printf("%c",symbol); directly print out the operand
        else if (token == rparen) { If it's the right parenthesis '
            /* unstack tokens until left parenthesis */
            while (stack[top] != lparen)
                print_token(delete(&top));
            delete(&top); /* discard the left parenthesis */
        } delete the left parenthesis '('
        else {
            /* remove and print symbols whose isp is greater
               than or equal to the current token's icp */
            while(isp[stack[top]] >= icp[token])
                print_token(delete(&top));
            add(&top, token);
        }
    }
    while ( (token=delete(&top)) != eos)
        print_token(token);
    printf("\n"); Print out the token when the end of string is reached
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 - The number of stacked tokens that get stacked: $O(n)$
 - The total number of unstacked tokens: $O(n)$.
 - $\Omega(n)$: at least scanning over the input once.

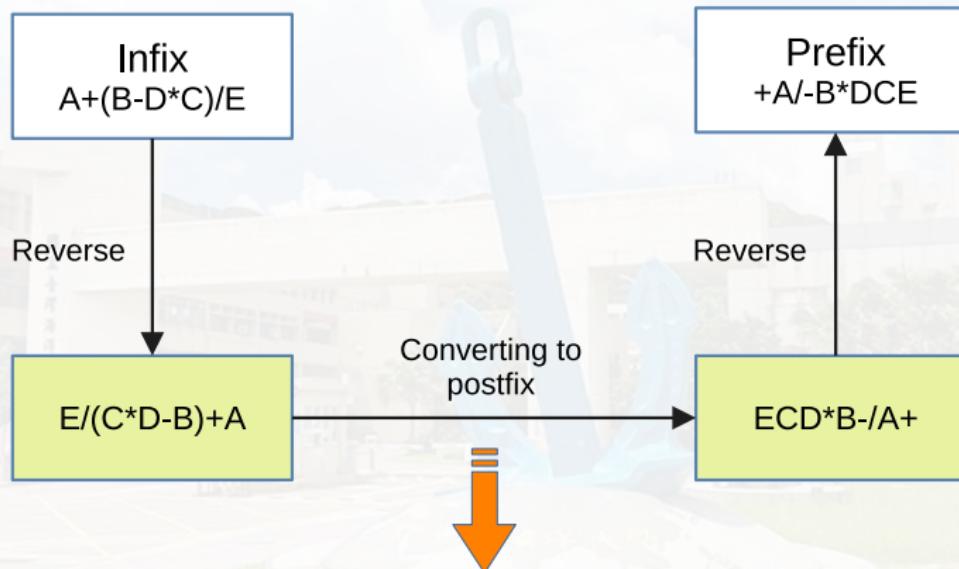
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Supplementary: Infix to Prefix



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