

# Expression Parser

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## Algorithm - parse

1. Set postfix queue to empty.
2. Set operation stack to empty.
3. For each token in the infix queue.
4.     If the token is an operand then,
5.         Append the token to the postfix queue.
6.     Else if the token is a function then,
7.         Push the token on to the operation stack.
8.     Else if the token is an argument separator then,
9.         While the top meta-operation on the operation stack is not a left parenthesis do,
10.             Pop the operation from the operation stack.
11.             Append that operation to the postfix queue.
12.     Else if the token is an left parenthesis then,
13.         Push the token on to the operation stack.
14.     Else if the token is a right parenthesis then,
15.         While the top meta-operation on the operation stack is not a left parenthesis do,
16.             Pop the operation from the operation stack.
17.             Append that operation to the postfix queue.
18.         If the operation stack is empty then,
19.             Exception "Right parenthesis, has no matching left parenthesis"
20.         Pop the left parenthesis from the operation stack.
21.         If the top of the operation stack is a function then,
22.             Pop the function from the operation stack
23.             Append that function to the postfix queue.
24.     Else if the token is an operator then,
25.         While the operation stack is not empty do
26.             If the top of the operation stack is not an operator then,
27.                 Exit the while loop.
28.             If the token is a non-associative operator then,
29.                 Exit the while loop.
30.             If the token is a left-associative operator and
31.                 has greater precedence than the top of the operation stack then,
32.                 Exit the while loop.
33.             If the token is a right-associative operator and
- has greater or equal precedence than the top of the operation stack then,
- Exit the while loop.

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34.             Pop an operator from the top of the operation stack.
35.             Append that operator to the postfix queue.
36.         End while
37.         Push the token on to the operation stack.
38.     Else
39.         Exception "Unknown token".
40. End for-each
41. While the operation stack is not empty do
42.     If the top of the operation stack is a left-parenthesis then,
43.         Exception "Missing right-parenthesis".
44.     Pop an operator from the top of the operation stack.
45.     Append that operator to the postfix queue.
46. Return postfix queue
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