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Lab 9

A. Infix to Postfix using Stack.

B. Objective : To understand the use of stacks for infix expressions to postfix & prefix notations & to evaluate the resultant expressions.

C. Theory :

1. Infix : Operators are between operands.

eg:  $(a+b)*c$

2. Postfix : Operators are between, after operands.

eg:  $a b + c *$

3. Prefix : Operators are written before operands.

eg:  $* + a b c$

4. Stack - . Linear data structure that follows the LIFO (Last In First Out) principle

• It is used to temporarily store operators to manage precedence during conversion.

D. Algorithm :

1. Infix  $\rightarrow$  Postfix  $\rightarrow$  T.C. :  $O(n)$

Steps: - Initialize an empty stack for operators.  
- Scan the infix expression from left to right.  
- If scanned character is:

• Operand : Add it to output string.

• '(' : push it onto the stack.

• ')' : Pop from stack and add to output until ')' is encountered.

• Operator: Precedence of top  $>$ , current op. pop it and add to output.



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- Then push current operator onto Stack.
- Pop all remaining operators from Stack & append to output.

Result.: Output String  $\$$  is the postfix expression.

## 2. Infix $\rightarrow$ Prefix $\rightarrow$ T.C : $O(n)$

- Steps:
- Reverse the infix expression.
  - Replace each '(' with ')' and vice versa.
  - Convert the modified expression to postfix using the above algorithm.
  - Reverse the resulting postfix expression.
  - Result is prefix expression.

## 3. Postfix evaluation $\rightarrow$ T.C. : $O(n)$

- Initialize an empty Stack.
- Scan expression from left to right.
- If scanned character is  
Operand: Push it onto the stack.  
Operator: Pop two elements from stack, apply operator & push the result back.
- After the entire expression is scanned, value on the top of the stack is final result.

## 4. Prefix Evaluation $\rightarrow$ T.C. : $O(n)$

- Scan prefix expression from right to left.
- If scanned character is • operand: push it onto stack.  
• operator: Pop two operands, apply operator, push result back.