



A. Infix to Lab 9 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 & 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 \geq current op. pop & append it to output.



- 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.