



Fundamentals of  
Data Structures using C

# Evaluating Postfix Expression

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# Introduction

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- The easiest way to do this is to use a stack.

# Algorithm

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- Make an empty stack.
- Read the postfix expression one character at a time until it encounters end of expression.
- If the character is an operand, push its associated value onto the stack.
- If the character is an operator, pop two values from the stack, apply the operator to them and push the result onto the stack.

# Example: $a \ b \ * \ c \ d \ e \ / \ - \ +$

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- Let us consider the symbols a, b, c, d, e had the associated values:

$a \rightarrow 4$

$b \rightarrow 5$

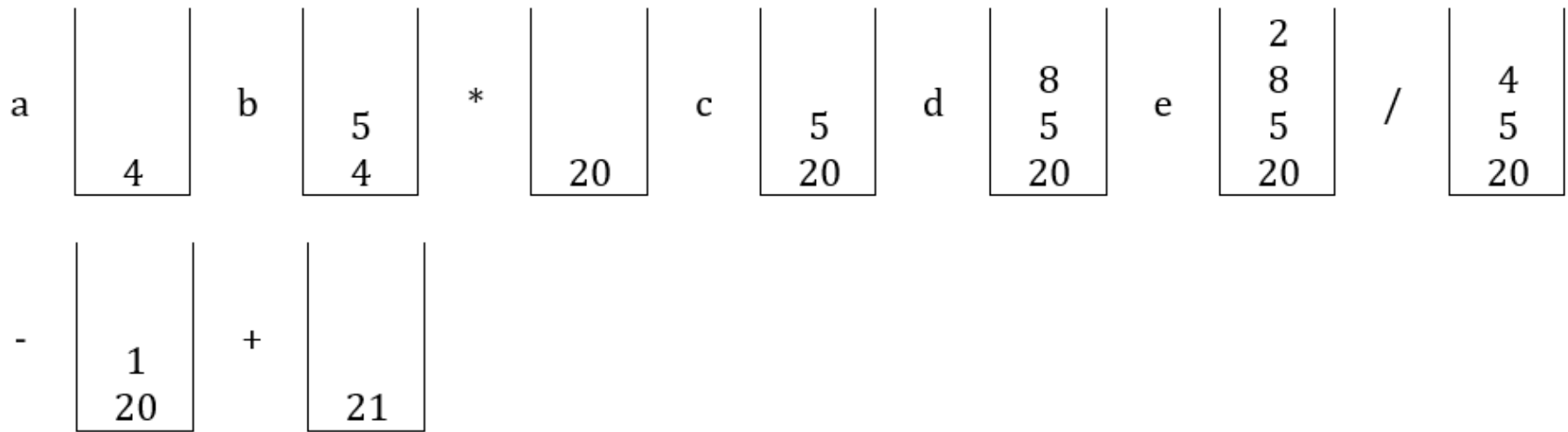
$c \rightarrow 5$

$d \rightarrow 8$

$e \rightarrow 2$

# Example: a b \* c d e / - +

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Queries?

Thank You!