Experiment No.3
Evaluate Postfix Expression using Stack ADT.
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# **Experiment No. 3: Evaluation of Postfix Expression using stack ADT**

# Aim: Implementation of Evaluation of Postfix Expression using stack ADT Objective:

- 1) Understand the use of Stack.
- 2) Understand importing an ADT in an application program.
- 3) Understand the instantiation of Stack ADT in an application program.
- 4) Understand how the member functions of an ADT are accessed in an application program

## Theory:

An arithmetic expression consists of operands and operators. For a given expression in a postfix form, stack can be used to evaluate the expression. The rule is whenever an operand comes into the string, push it onto the stack and when an operator is found then the last two elements from the stack are popped and computed and the result is pushed back onto the stack. One by one the whole string of postfix

expressions is parsed and the final result is obtained at an end of computation that remains in the stack.

#### **Algorithm**

Step 1: Add a ")" at the end of the postfix expression

Step 2: Scan every character of the postfix expression and repeat Steps 3 and 4 until ")"is

encountered

Step 3: IF an operand is encountered, push it on the stack

IF an operator 0 is encountered, then

- a. Pop the top two elements from the stack as A and B as A and B
- b. Evaluate BOA, where A is the topmost element and B is the element below

A.

- c. Push the result of evaluation on the stack [END OF IF]
- Step 4: SET RESULT equal to the topmost element of the stack
- Step 5: EXIT

### Code:

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
#define MAXSTACK 100
#define POSTFIXSIZE 100
int stack[MAXSTACK];
int top = -1;
void push(int item)
{
   if (top >= MAXSTACK - 1) {
      printf("stack over flow");
      return;
   }
   else {
      top = top + 1;
      stack[top] = item;
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}
}
int pop()
{
int item;
if (top < 0) {
printf("stack under flow");
}
else {
item = stack[top];
top = top - 1;
return item;
}
void EvalPostfix(char postfix[])
{
int i;
char ch;
int val;
int A, B;
for (i = 0; postfix[i] != ')'; i++) {
ch = postfix[i];
if (isdigit(ch)) {
push(ch - '0');
else if (ch == '+' || ch == '-' || ch == '*' || ch == '/') {
A = pop();
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B = pop();
switch (ch)
case '*':
val = B * A;
break;
case '/':
val = B / A;
break;
case '+':
val = B + A;
break;
case '-':
val = B - A;
break;
}
push(val);
}
}
printf(" \n Result of expression evaluation : %d \n", pop());
}
int main()
{
int i;
char postfix[POSTFIXSIZE];
printf("ASSUMPTION: There are only four operators(*, /, +, -) in an expression and operand
is single digit only.\n");
printf(" \nEnter postfix expression,\npress right parenthesis ')' for end expression : ");
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for (i = 0; i <= POSTFIXSIZE - 1; i++) {
  scanf("%c", &postfix[i]);
  if (postfix[i] == ')')
  {
  break;
  }
}
EvalPostfix(postfix);
return 0;
}</pre>
```

# **Output:**

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Output 2=[1]

ASSUMPTION: There are only four operators(*, /, +, -) in an expression and open and is single digit only.

Enter postfix expression, press right parenthesis ')' for end expression: (2+3) stack under flow

Result of expression evaluation: 3
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## **Conclusion:**

1)Elaborate the evaluation of the following postfix expression in your program.

AB+C-

- The provided program is crafted for the purpose of postfix expression evaluation. Let's dissect the process of evaluating the expression "AB+C-" step by step:
- Begin by placing 'A' onto the stack.
- Follow up by stacking 'B' right after 'A.'

- Upon encountering the '+' operator, execute the operation by popping 'B' and 'A' from the stack. Add them together to obtain 'B + A' and then push this result back onto the stack.
  - Next, append 'C' to the stack.
- When you reach the '-', it's time to pop 'C' along with the previous addition result ('B + A') from the stack. Perform the subtraction operation to compute 'C (B + A)' and push the outcome back onto the stack.

Once the entire expression has been evaluated, the program will reveal the final result, which should represent the solution to the "AB+C-" expression.

2) Will this input be accepted by your program. If so, what is the output?

• For the program to process the input "AB+C-", it must accept this expression. The output generated will be contingent upon the specific values assigned to 'A', 'B', and 'C' at runtime. The program will read these provided values and perform the expression evaluation accordingly. It's essential to furnish real values for 'A', 'B', and 'C' during runtime, as this will drive the program to compute and exhibit the final result.