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## DSA LAB 7: Theory

Q1. What is stack overflow and underflow?

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- ① Stack overflow happens when we try to push one more item onto our stack that it can actually hold.
  - ② Stack underflow happens when we try to POP (remove) an item from the stack, when nothing is actually there to remove.

Q2. Differentiate between : Array and stack.

→                      Array                                      stack.

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| <p>① In array the element belong to indexes, i.e., if you want to get into the forth element you have to write the variable name with its index or location within the square bracket eg arr[4]</p> | <p>Stacks are based on the LIFO principle, i.e., the element inserted at the last, is the first element to come out of the list.</p> |
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# Array

Insertion and deletion in array can be done at any index in the array.

Array has a fixed size.

Array contains elements of same data type.

Different types of arrays are 1D, 2D, etc.

# Stack

Insertion and deletion in stacks take place only from one end of the list called the top.

Stack has a dynamic and fixed size.

The stack can contain elements of the different data types.

Stack has only one type.

Q3. How a stack implemented using a linked list differs from a stack implemented using an array?

→ Instead of using array, we can also use linked list to implement stack. Linked list allocates the memory dynamically. However, time complexity in both the scenarios is same for all the operations i.e. push, pop and peek. In linked list implementation of stack, the nodes are maintained non-contiguously in the memory.

Q5. Explain: Infix, Prefix and postfix expression.

→ Infix, prefix and postfix are three different but equivalent notations of writing algebraic expression.

a. Infix:

The traditional method of our writing of mathematical expression is called as the infix expression. It is of the form  $\langle \text{operand} \rangle \langle \text{operator} \rangle \langle \text{operand} \rangle$ .

As the name suggests, here the operator is fixed inside between the operands. eg  $A+B$  here the plus operator is placed inside between the two operands,  $(A*B)/Q$ .

b. Postfix:

The postfix expression has the operator placed right after the two operands. It is of the form  $\langle \text{operand} \rangle \langle \text{operand} \rangle \langle \text{operator} \rangle$ . eg.  $PQ - C /$ , here  $-$  operation is done on  $P$  and  $Q$  and then  $/$  is applied on  $C$  and the previous result.



Infix expression.

Postfix expression

$$(P+Q) * (M-N)$$

$$PQ + MN - *$$

$$(P+Q) / (M-N) - (A*B)$$

$$PQ + MN - / AB * -$$

c. Prefix expression.

The prefix expression as the name suggests has the operator placed before the operand is specified. It is of the form  $\langle \text{operator} \rangle \langle \text{operand} \rangle \langle \text{operand} \rangle$ . It works entirely in same manner as the postfix expression.

Infix expression

Postfix expression

$$(P+Q) * (M-N)$$

$$* + PQ - MN$$

$$(P+Q) / (M-N) - (A*B)$$

$$- / + PQ - MN * AB$$

Q6. Convert the following infix expressions to their equivalent postfix expression:

a)  $A + B * C / (E - F)$

$$\rightarrow \cancel{AB + CEF - /} * \quad ABC * EF - / +$$

b)  $[A \wedge B * (C + (D * E) - F)] / G$

$$\rightarrow AB \wedge CDE * + F - * G /$$

$$= AB \wedge CDE * + F - * G /$$

$$c) (A + (B * C - (D / E^F) * G) * H)$$

$$\rightarrow A \ B \ C * D \ E^F / G * - H * +$$

Q4. How stacks are used in a non-recursive program?

→ In non recursive function if there is return value then it is pushed into the stack then jump is performed back to calling address.