

# Reverse Polish Notation (RPN) or Postfix Notation Evaluation

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**Infix Expression :  $a+b*c$**

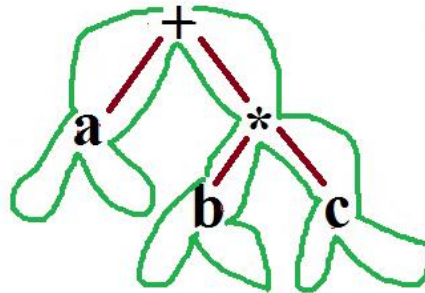
**Prefix Expression (Police Notation)**

**$+ a * b c$**

**Postfix Expression  
(Reverse Police Notation)**

**$a b c * +$**

**Parse Tree:**



```
typedef struct
{
    float data[MAX];
    int top;
}STACK;
```

```
void initialisation(STACK *a_top)
{
    a_top->top=-1;
}
```

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void push(STACK *a_top, float n)
{
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    if (a_top->top<=MAX-1)
        a_top->data[++(a_top->top)]=n;
    else
    {
        printf("\n Stack Overflow...");
        exit(1);
    }
}

```

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float pop (STACK *a_top)
{
    if(a_top->top>-1)
        return(a_top->data[(a_top->top)--]);
    else
    {
        printf("\n Empty Stack ...");
        exit(1);
    }
}

```

```

int isoperator(char c)
{
    return(c=='+' || c=='-' || c=='*' || c=='/' || c=='^');
}

```

**/\* Evaluation of a Single Operator Expression\*/**

**float evaluate (float x, char operator, float y)**

```

{
    float v;
    switch(operator)
    {
        case '+': v=x+y;

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        break;
    case '-': v=x-y;
        break;
    case '*': v=x*y;
        break;
    case '/': v=x/y;
        break;
    case '^': v=pow(x,y);
        break;
    default: printf("\n ERROR: Operator undefined...");
}
return(v);
}

```

/\*A string is represented by the starting address of array of character. Its data type is 'char \*' \*/

**float postfix\_evaluation ( char \*pf\_expr)**

```

{
    STACK S;
    int i,j;
    /*Example of a Postfix Expression: 123, 54, +'\0'g1 g2....gn '\0' */
    float right_operand, left_operand;
    char t[10];
    initialisation(&S);
    for(i=0; pf_expr[i]!='\0'); /* i: index for pf_expr */
    {
        for(j=0; pf_expr[i] !='\0' && pf_expr[i]!='\0'; j++,i++)
            t[j]=pf_expr[i]; /* j: index for t (temporary string) */
        t[j]='\0'; /* Terminate the temporary string t with a null character */
        /*Example of a Postfix Expression: 123, 54, +'\0'g1 g2....gn '\0'
        Temporary String : t=123'\0' */

        if(!isoperator(t[0]))
            push(&S,atof(t)); /* Pushing the numerical value of t on the top of the stack . */
        else
        {
            right_operand = pop(&S);
            left_operand = pop(&S);
            push(&S,evaluate(left_operand,t[0], right_operand));
        }
        if(pf_expr[i]!='\0') /* Not to go beyond the string end-mark '\0' */
    }
}

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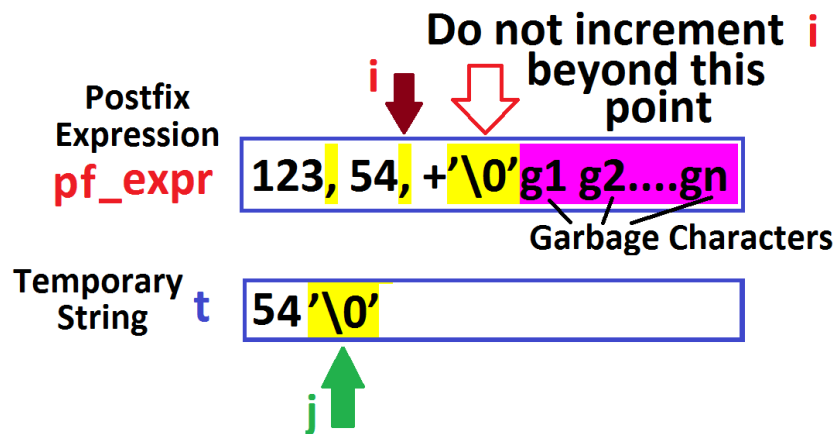
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    i++;
    /* To skip the delimiter commas ',', so that the ',' will not be stored in the temporary string t.*/

    /*Example of a Postfix Expression: 123, 54, +'\0'g1 g2....gn '\0'
    Temporary String : t=123'\0'
    */

}
return(pop(&S));
}

```



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