



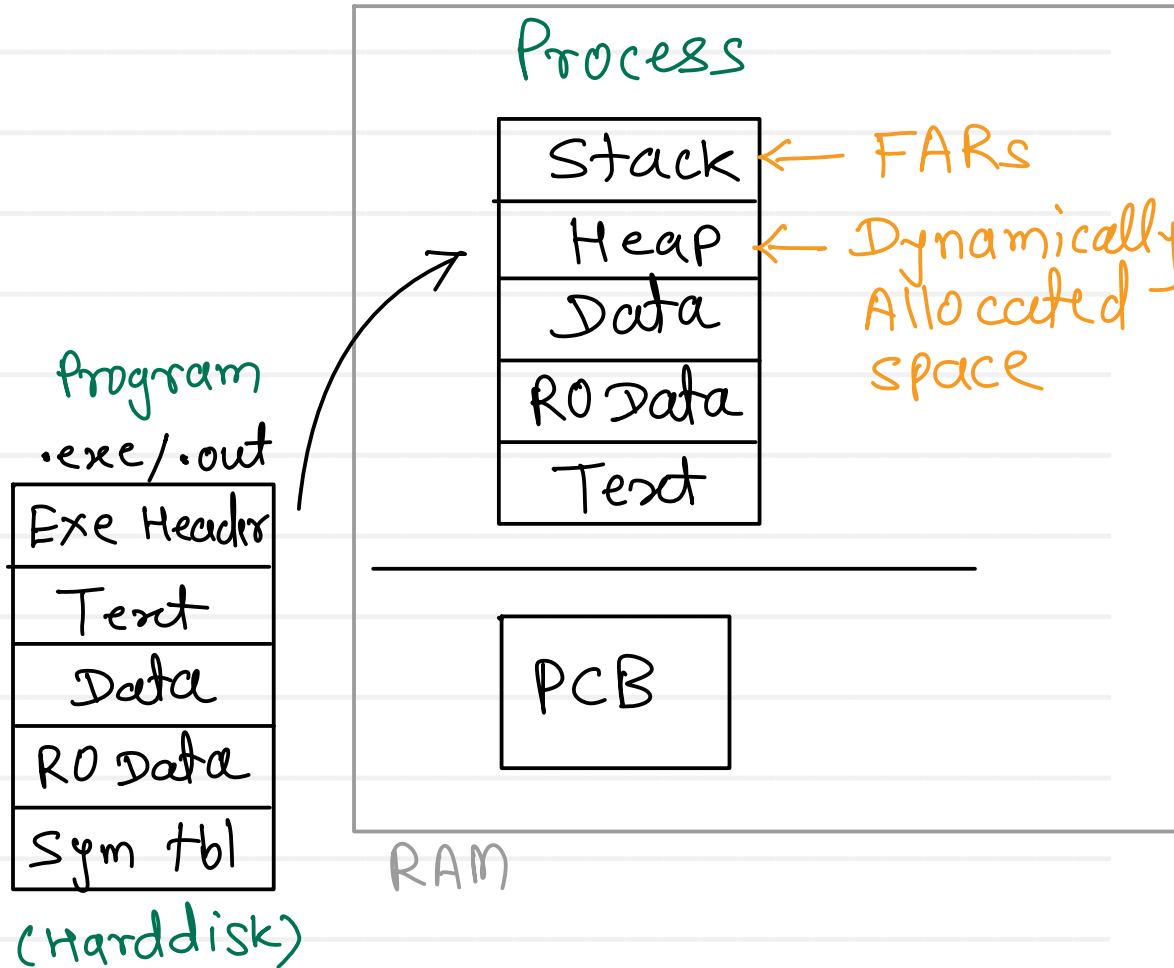
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Data structures and Algorithms

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OS Interview



DS Interviews

Stack :

- utility DS
- LIFO behaviour
- operations - push/pop/peek
- can be implemented using array or linked list.

Heap :

- hierarchical DS
- array implementation of Complete Binary Tree.
- max heap, min heap

Stack

- Parenthesis balancing [lexical analysis]
- Expression conversion and evaluation
- Function calls
- Used in advanced data structures for traversing
- **Expression conversion and evaluation:**
 - Infix to postfix
 - Infix to prefix
 - Postfix evaluation
 - Prefix evaluation

Queue

- Jobs submitted to printer [spooler directory]
- In Network setups – file access of file server machine is given to First come First serve basis
- Calls are placed on a queue when all operators are busy
- Used in advanced data structures to give efficiency.
- Process waiting queues in OS

Expression :

combination of operands & operators

Notations :

Infix : $a + b \rightarrow$ human

Prefix : $+ a b$ } computers

Postfix : $a b +$ } (machine) \rightarrow CPU
 \downarrow
 ALU

Operator priorities :

()

\$ \leftarrow\$ power

* / %

+ -

(Highest)

(lowest)

Infix : $a^1 * b^2 / c^3 * d^5 + e^6 - f^4 * h^7 + 1$

Postfix : $a b * / c^3 * d^5 + e^6 - f^4 * h^7 + 1$
 $ab * c / * d^5 + e^6 - f^4 * h^7 + 1$
 $ab * c / d^5 * + e^6 - f^4 * h^7 + 1$
 $ab * c / d^5 * + e^6 - f^4 h^7 * + 1$
 $ab * c / d^5 * e^6 + - f^4 h^7 * + 1$
 $ab * c / d^5 * e^6 + f^4 h^7 * - + 1$
 $ab * c / d^5 * e^6 + f^4 h^7 * - 1 +$

Infix : $a^1 * b^2 / c^3 * d^5 + e^6 - f^4 * h^7 + 1$

Prefix : $* a b / c^3 * d^5 + e^6 - * f^4 h^7 + 1$
 $/* a b c^3 * d^5 + e^6 - * f^4 h^7 + 1$
 $*/ * a b c d^5 + e^6 - * f^4 h^7 + 1$
 $+ * / * a b c d e^6 - * f^4 h^7 + 1$
 $- + * / * a b c d e^6 * f^4 h^7 + 1$
 $+ - + * / * a b c d e^6 * f^4 h^7 + 1$

Postfix Evaluation

- Process each element of postfix expression from left to right
- If element is operand
 - Push it on a stack
- If element is operator
 - Pop two elements (Operands) from stack, in such a way that
 - Op2 – first popped element
 - Op1 – second popped element
 - Perform current element (Operator) operation between Op1 and Op2
 - Again push back result onto the stack
- When single value will remain on stack, it is final result
- e.g. $4\ 5\ 6\ *\ 3\ /\ +\ 9\ +\ 7\ -$

Postfix evaluation

Postfix expression : 5 9 + 4 8 6 2 / - * - 1 7 3 - \$ +

1 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ 7

Result = -5

$$\begin{aligned}
 -6 + 1 &= -5 \\
 1 \$ 4 &= 1 \\
 7 - 3 &= 4 \\
 14 - 20 &= -6 \\
 4 * 5 &= 20 \\
 8 - 3 &= 5 \\
 6 / 2 &= 3 \\
 5 + 9 &= 14
 \end{aligned}$$

4
3
7
1
-6
20
5
3
2
6
8
4
14
9
5

stack

~~4~~
~~3~~
~~7~~
~~1~~
~~-6~~
~~20~~
~~5~~
~~3~~
~~2~~
~~6~~
~~8~~
~~4~~
~~14~~
~~9~~
~~5~~

$$\begin{aligned}
 10^1 &= 48 \\
 1^1 &= 49
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1^1 - 0^1 &= 1 \\
 5^1 - 0^1 &= 5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5^1 \rightarrow 5$$

Prefix Evaluation

- Process each element of prefix expression from right to left
- If element is operand
 - Push it on a stack
- If element is operator
 - Pop two elements (Operands) from stack, in such a way that
 - Op1 – first popped element
 - Op2 – second popped element
 - Perform current element (Operator) operation between Op1 and Op2
 - Again push back result onto the stack
- When single value will remain on stack, it is final result
- e.g. - + + 4 / * 5 6 3 9 7

Prefix evaluation

Prefix expression : + - + 5 9 * 4 - 8 / 6 2 \$ 1 - 7 3

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$$-6 + 1 = -5$$

$$14 - 20 = -6$$

Result = -5

$$5 + 9 = 14$$

$$4 * 5 = 20$$

$$8 - 3 = 5$$

$$6 / 2 = 3$$

$$1 \$ 4 = 1$$

$$7 - 3 = 4$$

20
4
8
8
8
6
2
1
1
4
7
3

stack

Infix to Postfix Conversion

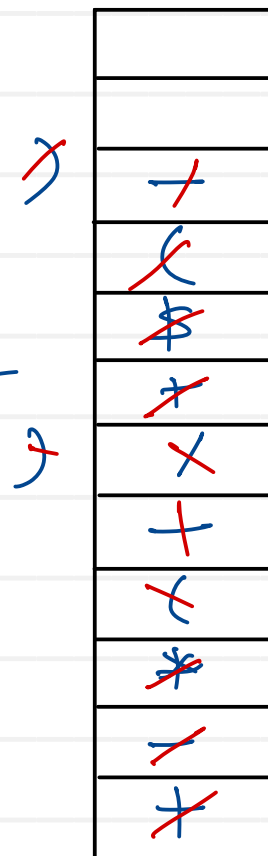
- Process each element of infix expression from left to right
- If element is Operand
 - Append it to the postfix expression
- If element is Operator
 - If priority of topmost element (Operator) of stack is greater or equal to current element (Operator), pop topmost element from stack and append it to postfix expression
 - Repeat above step if required
 - Push element on stack
- Pop all remaining elements (Operators) from stack one by one and append them into the postfix expression
- e.g. $a * b / c * d + e - f * h + i$

Infix to Postfix conversion

Infix expression : $5 + 9 - 4 * (8 - 6 / 2) + 1 \$ (7 - 3)$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$

Postfix expression : $59+4862/-* -173-\$+$



stack

- for opening '(',
push it on stack

- for closing ')'
pop operators from
stack and append
into postfix expr
untill opening is
arrived.

Infix to Prefix Conversion

- Process each element of infix expression from right to left ①
- If element is Operand
 - Append it to the prefix expression
- If element is Operator ②
 - If priority of topmost element of stack is greater than current element (Operator), pop topmost element from stack and append it to prefix expression
 - Repeat above step if required
 - Push element on stack
- Pop all remaining elements (Operators) from stack one by one and append them into the prefix expression
- Reverse prefix expression ③
- e.g. $a * b / c * d + e - f * h + i$

Infix to Prefix conversion

Infix expression : $5 + 9 - 4 * (8 - 6 / 2) + 1 \$ (7 - 3)$

$\lambda \leftarrow \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow r$

Expression : $37-1\$26/8-4*95+-+ \text{ ()}$

Prefix expression : $+ - + 5 9 * 4 - 8 / 6 2 \$ 1 - 7 3$

+
-
*
-
+
)
+
\$
+
)

stack

- for opening '(', push it on stack

- for closing ')', pop operators from stack and append into prefix expr untill closing is arrived.

Prefix to Postfix

- Process each element of prefix expression from right to left
- If element is an Operand
 - Push it on to the stack
- If element is an Operator
 - Pop two elements (Operands) from stack, in such a way that
 - Op1 – first popped element
 - Op2 – second popped element
 - Form a string by concatenating Op1, Op2 and Opr (element)
 - String = “Op1+Op2+Opr”, push back on to the stack
- Repeat above two steps until end of prefix expression.
- Last remaining on the stack is postfix expression
- e.g. $* + a b - c d$

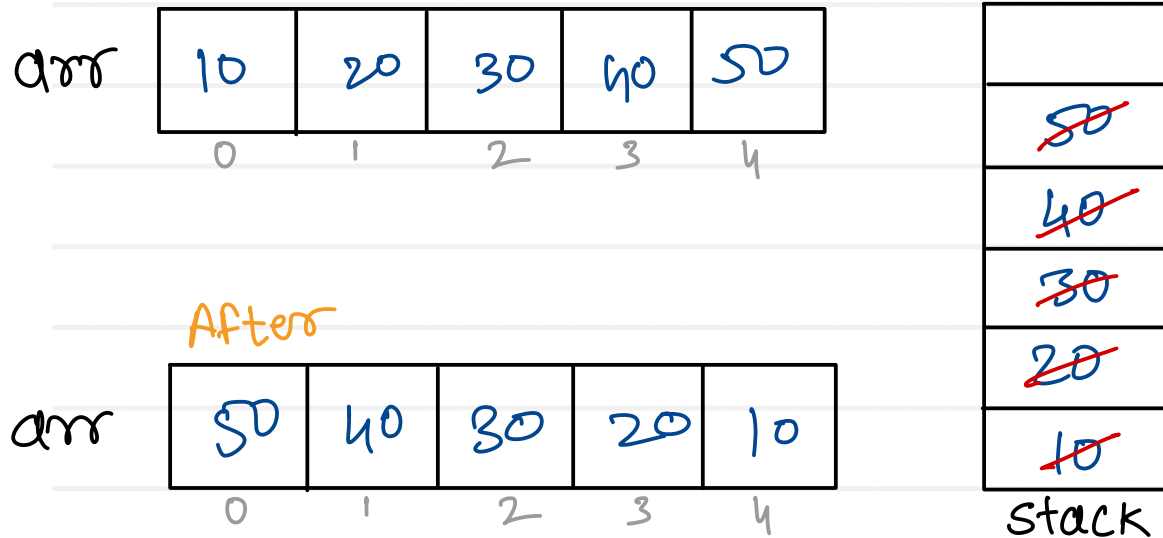
Postfix to Infix

- Process each element of postfix expression from left to right
- If element is an Operand
 - Push it on to the stack
- If element is an Operator
 - Pop two elements (Operands) from stack, in such a way that
 - Op2 – first popped element
 - Op1 – second popped element
 - Form a string by concatenating Op1, Opr (element) and Op2
 - String = “Op1+Opr+Op2”, push back on to the stack
- Repeat above two steps until end of postfix expression.
- Last remaining on the stack is infix expression
- E.g. a b c - + d e - f g - h + / *

Reverse array, string or linked list using stack/queue

`int arr[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50}`

Before



```
void reverseArray(int arr[]) {  
    stack<Integer> st = new stack<>();  
    for (i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)  
        st.push(arr[i]);  
    for (i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)  
        arr[i] = st.pop();  
}
```

Time complexity:

$$\text{itr} = n + n$$

$$T \propto 2n$$

$$\underline{T(n) = O(n)}$$

Space complexity:

aux space = stack space

$$\underline{S(n) = O(n)}$$

Valid Parantheses

Given a string s containing just the characters '(',)', '{', '}', '[' and ']', determine if the input string is valid.

An input string is valid if:

- Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets.
- Open brackets must be closed in the correct order.
- Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type.

Example 1:

Input: s = "()"

Output: true

Example 2:

Input: s = "()[]{}"

Output: true

Example 3:

Input: s = "()["

Output: false

Example 4:

Input: s = "([])"

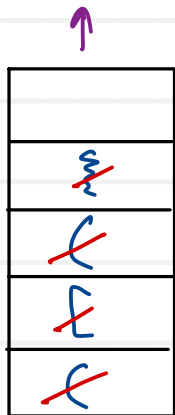
Output: true

```
boolean isValid(String s) {  
    Stack<Character> st = new Stack<>();  
    for (i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {  
        char ele = s.charAt(i);  
        if (ele == '(' || ele == '[' || ele == '{')  
            st.push(ele);  
        else if (ele == ')' && !st.isEmpty() && st.peek() == '(')  
            st.pop();  
        else if (ele == ']' && !st.isEmpty() && st.peek() == '[')  
            st.pop();  
        else if (ele == '}' && !st.isEmpty() && st.peek() == '{')  
            st.pop();  
        else  
            return false;  
    }  
    if (!st.isEmpty())  
        return false;  
    return true;  
}
```


Parenthesis balancing using stack

$S + ([9 - 4] * (8 - \{6 / 2\}))$

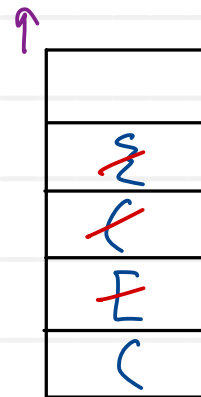
$] == [$
 $\} == \{$
 $) == ($
 $) == ($



stack

$S + ([9 - 4] * (8 - \{6 / 2\}])$

$] == [$
 $\} == \{$
 $] != ($



stack

opening

([{
0	1	2

closing

)]	}
0	1	2

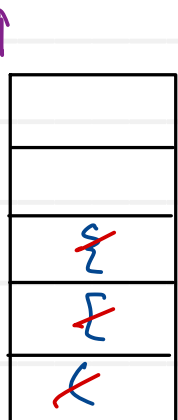
String

↓
indexOf()

↓
returns index of char
returns -1 if char
not found

$S + ([9 - 4] * 8 - \{6 / 2\}))$

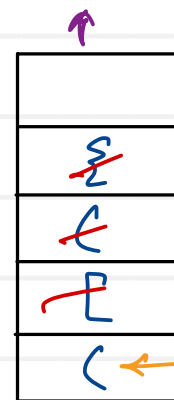
$] == [$
 $\} == \{$
 $) == ($
 $) == ?$



stack

$S + ([9 - 4] * (8 - \{6 / 2\}))$

$] == [$
 $\} == \{$
 $) == ($



stack

Remove all adjacent duplicates in string

You are given a string s consisting of lowercase English letters. A duplicate removal consists of choosing two adjacent and equal letters and removing them.

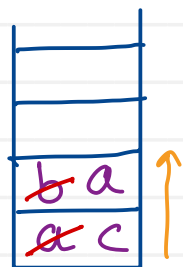
We repeatedly make duplicate removals on s until we no longer can.

Return the final string after all such duplicate removals have been made. It can be proven that the answer is unique.

Example 1:

Input: $s = \text{"abbaca"}$

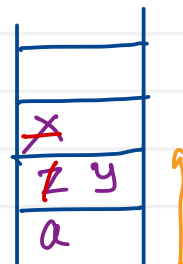
Output: "ca"



Example 2:

Input: $s = \text{"azxxzy"}$

Output: "ay"



```
String removeDuplicates(String s) {
    int n = s.length();
    char[] st = new char[n];
    int top = -1;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        char ch = s.charAt(i);
        if (top > -1 && ch == st[top])
            top--;
        else {
            top++;
            st[top] = ch;
        }
    }
    return new String(st, 0, top+1);
}
```

Auxiliary space

array starting index *length of string*

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

$$S(n) = O(n)$$