# 3 Maximum Value of an Arithmetic Expression

### **Problem Introduction**

In this problem, your goal is to add parentheses to a given arithmetic expression to maximize its value.

 $\max(5-8+7\times4-8+9) = ?$ 

## **Problem Description**

**Task.** Find the maximum value of an arithmetic expression by specifying the order of applying its arithmetic operations using additional parentheses.

**Input Format.** The only line of the input contains a string s of length 2n + 1 for some n, with symbols  $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{2n}$ . Each symbol at an even position of s is a digit (that is, an integer from 0 to 9) while each symbol at an odd position is one of three operations from  $\{+,-,*\}$ .

Constraints.  $1 \le n \le 14$  (hence the string contains at most 29 symbols).

**Output Format.** Output the maximum possible value of the given arithmetic expression among different orders of applying arithmetic operations.

#### Sample 1.

Input:

1+5

Output:

6

#### Sample 2.

Input:

5-8+7\*4-8+9

Output:

200

 $200 = (5 - ((8+7) \times (4 - (8+9))))$ 

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