## Binary Expression Tree (BXT)

As you might expect, we will build a binary expression tree, display it, and evaluate it. This time, we will encapsulate the behavior in a BXT class. That means that all the methods will be instance methods. You will need a short driver class that inputs postfix expressions, which the teacher has written.

Let's also allow decimal input and output, and negative numbers. We will require that the tokens in the input string be separated by a space.

**Sample Run**

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| Postfix Exp: 14 -5 /   -5 /  14 Infix order: 14 / -5  Prefix order: / 14 -5  Evaluates to -2.8 ---------------------- | Postfix Exp: 20.0 3.0 -4 + \*   -4  +  3.0 \*  20.0 Infix order: 20.0 \* 3 + -4  Prefix order:\* 20.0 + 3.0 -4  Evaluates to -20.0 ------------------------ | Postfix Exp: 2 3 + 5 / 4 5 - \*  5  -  4 \*  5  /  3  +  2 Infix order: 2 + 3 / 5 \* 4 - 5  Prefix order: \* / + 2 3 5 - 4 5  Evaluates to -1.0 ------------------------ |

**Build a BXT**

You need to process the string so it forms a BXT.

Hint 1: The input is a string with spaces. Use str.split(" "); and a for-each loop.

Hint 2: In a postfix string the operator is **preceded** by two operands (numbers). This suggests a **stack of TreeNodes** would be useful.

Hint 3: Each operator is a TreeNode with two children.

Hint 4: If the token is an operator, do what? Else it's a number, so do what?

Hint 5: A postfix string that has only one item is a special case.

**Display Infix and Prefix orders**

You don't need help with this. Each one needs, as usual, a public no-argument method which calls a private recursive method with arguments.

## Evaluating the Expression

Do this recursively. If the node is an operator, recursively evaluate the left child and the right child, and return the result. Else the node is a number, so it can be converted into a double, and returned.

**Extension**

Create a method inorderTraverseWithParentheses to print the infix order with parentheses, if needed, for example: ( 3 + 5 ) \* 4

**import** java.util.\*;  
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Represents a binary expression tree. The BXT can build itself from a postorder expression. It can evaluate and print itself. It also prints an inorder string and a preorder string.   
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**public class** BXT   
 {  
 **private** TreeNode root;  
 **public** BXT()  
 {  
 root = null;  
 }  
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 Builds a BXT from a postfix expression. Uses a helper stack of

TreeNodes.  
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 **public void** buildTree(String str)  
 {

}  
 **public double** evaluateTree()  
 {  
 **return** evaluateNode(root);  
 }  
 **private double** evaluateNode(TreeNode root) //recursive  
 {

}  
 **private double** computeTerm(String s, **double** a, **double** b)  
 {

}  
 **private** boolean isOperator(String s)  
 {

}  
 // display() from TreeLab  
 // inorder traverse  
 // preorder traverse  
}