STANDARD TEMPLATE LIBRARY STACKS

Problem Solving with Computers-II



C++ STL

- The C++ Standard Template Library is a very handy set of three built-in components:
 - Containers: Data structures
 - Iterators: Standard way to search containers
 - Algorithms: These are what we ultimately use to solve problems

C++ STL container classes

```
array
                     vector
               forward list
                       list
                        set
                      stack
                      queue
            priority queue
multiset (non unique keys)
                      deque
             unordered set
                        map
             unordered map
                   multimap
                     bitset
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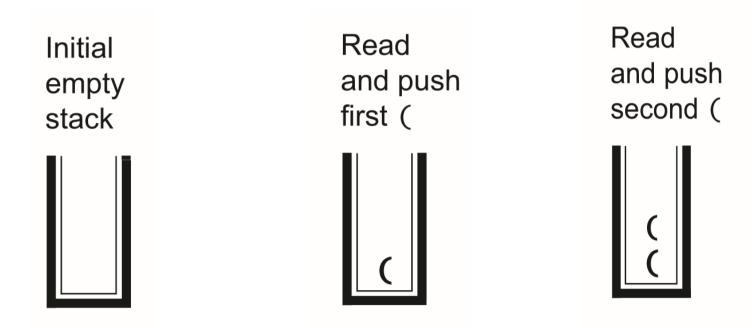
Stacks – container class available in the C++ STL

- Container class that uses the Last In First Out (LIFO) principle
- Methods
- i. push()
- ii. pop()
- iii. top()
- iv. empty()

Lab05 – part 1: Evaluate a fully parenthesized infix expression

```
(4*((5+3.2)/1.5))// okay
(4 * ((5 + 3.2) / 1.5) // unbalanced parens - missing last ')'
(4 * (5 + 3.2) / 1.5)) // unbalanced parens - missing one '('
4 * ( (5 + 3.2 ) / 1.5 ) // not fully-parenthesized at '*' operation
(4 * (5 + 3.2) / 1.5) // not fully-parenthesized at '/' operation
```

Example: ((2 * 2) + (8 + 4)) How do we figure out if the parentheses are balanced using stacks?



(We can safely ignore all characters that aren't (or) right now)

$$((2*2)+(8+4))$$

Initial empty stack



Read and push first (



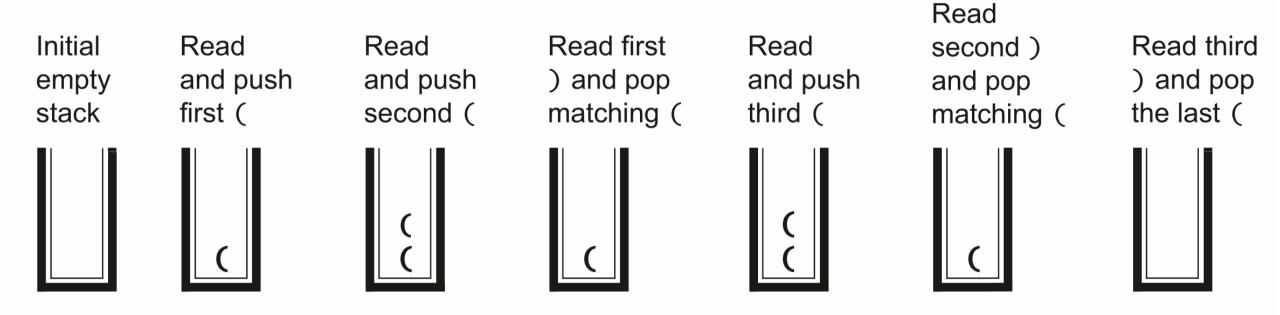
Read and push second (



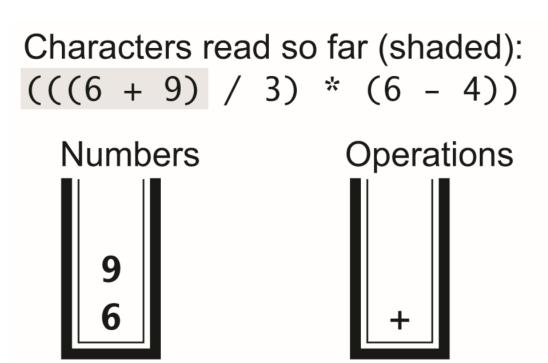
What should be the next step after the first right parenthesis is encountered?

- A. Push the right parenthesis onto the stack
- B. If the stack is not empty pop the next item on the top of the stack
- C. Ignore the right parenthesis and continue checking the next character
- D. None of the above

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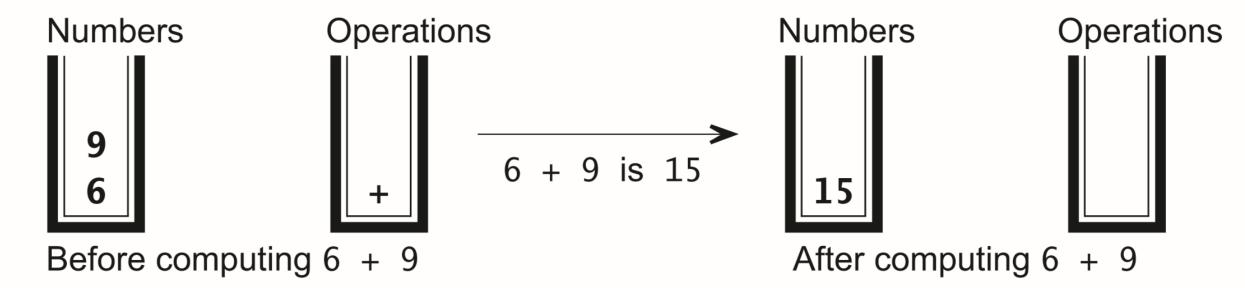


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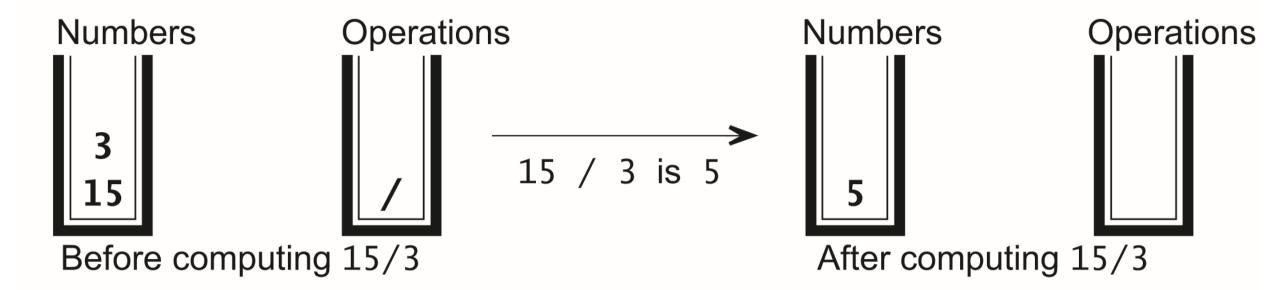
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Notations for evaluating expression

- Infix number operator number
- (Polish) Prefix operators precede the operands
- (Reverse Polish) Postfix operators come after the operands

```
3 * 5
4 / 2
7 + (3 * 5)
(7 + (3 * 5)) - (4 / 2)
```

Lab 05, part2 : Evaluating post fix expressions using a single stack

Postfix: 735*+42/- Infix: (7+(3*5))-(4/2)

Small group exercise

Write a ADT called in minStack that provides the following methods

- push() // inserts an element to the "top" of the minStack
- pop() // removes the last element that was pushed on the stack
- top () // returns the last element that was pushed on the stack
- min() // returns the minimum value of the elements stored so far

