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

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array
vector
forward_list
list
set
stack
queue
priority_queue
multiset (non unique keys)
deque
unordered_set
map
unordered_map
multimap
bitset
```

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()

Demo reversing a string

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

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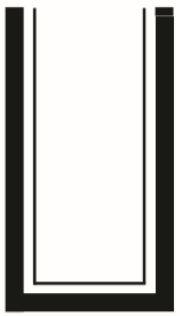
Example: ((2 * 2) + (8 + 4))

How do we figure out if the parentheses are balanced using stacks?

Initial
empty
stack



Read
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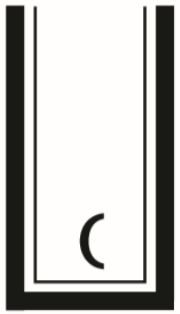
first (



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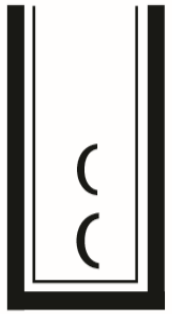
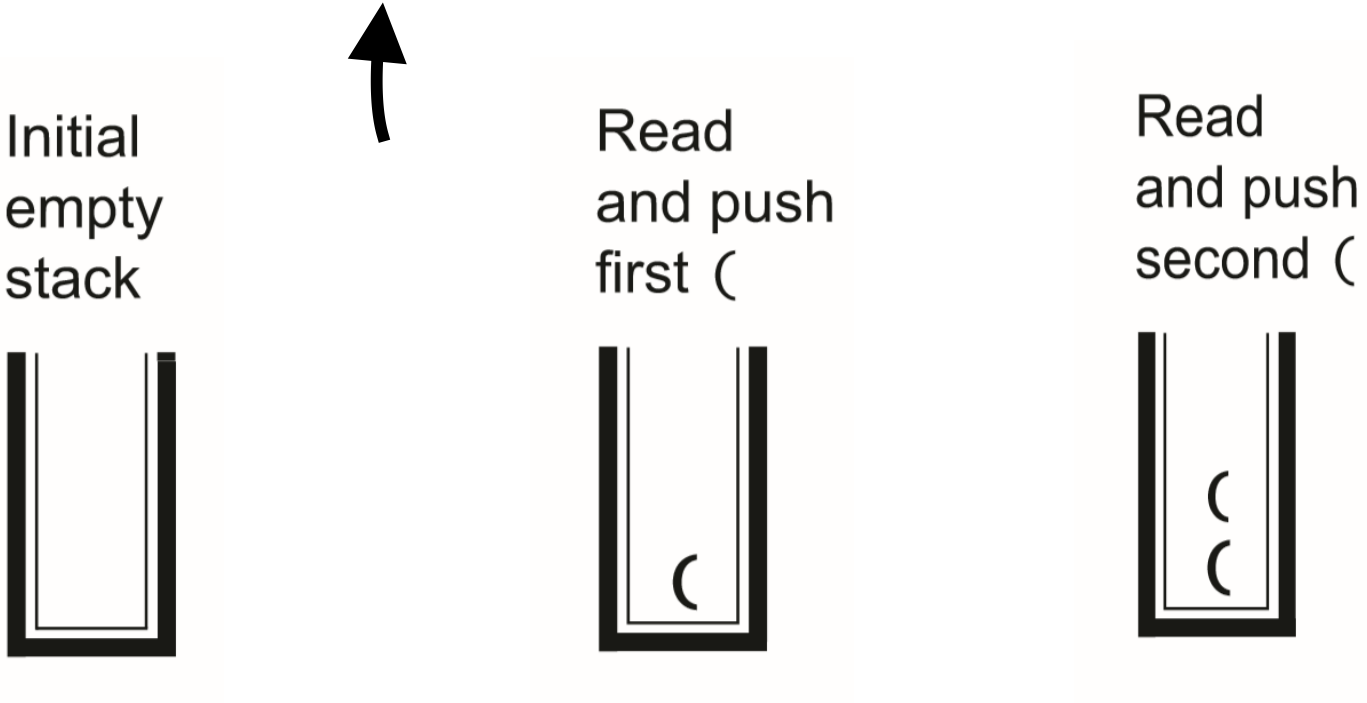


(We can safely ignore all characters that aren't (or) right now)

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



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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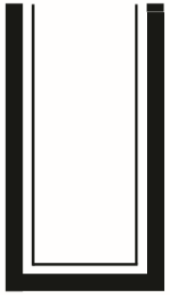

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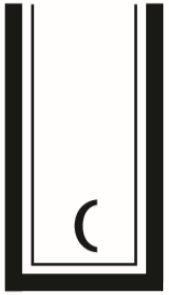

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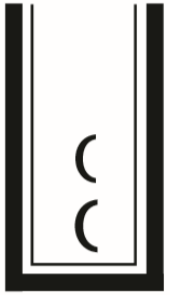

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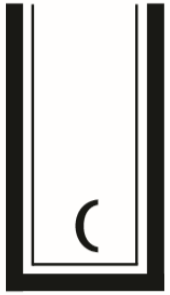
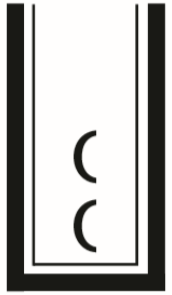


Read and push third (



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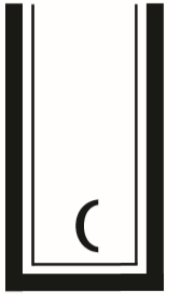
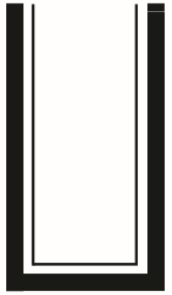


Read third) and pop the last (



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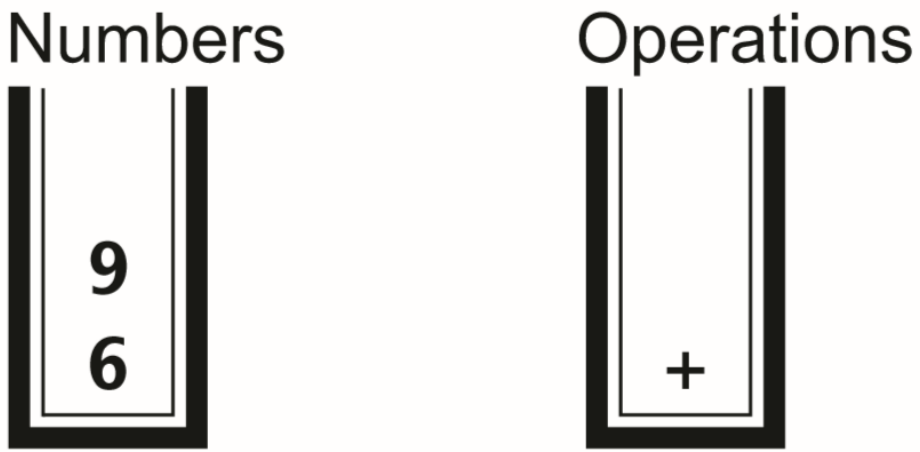

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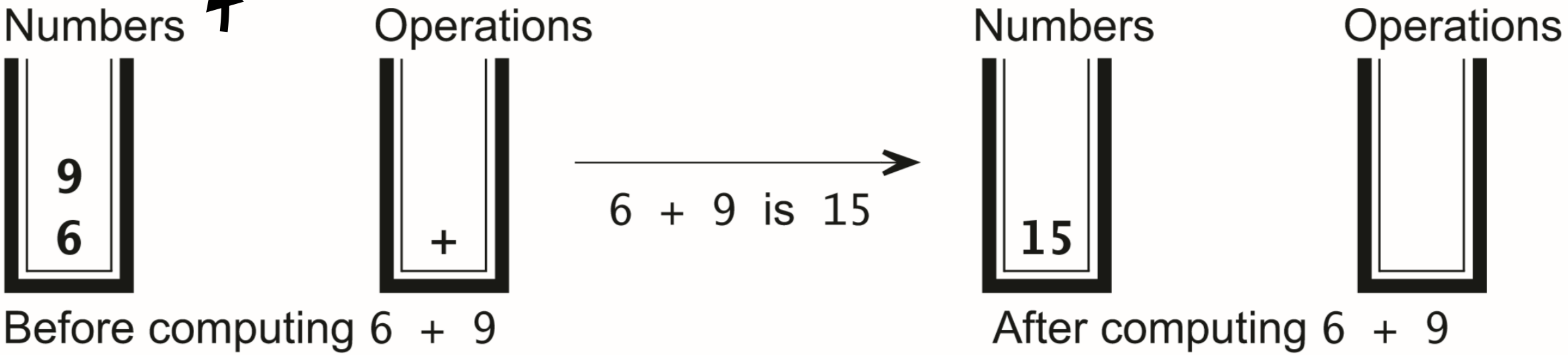

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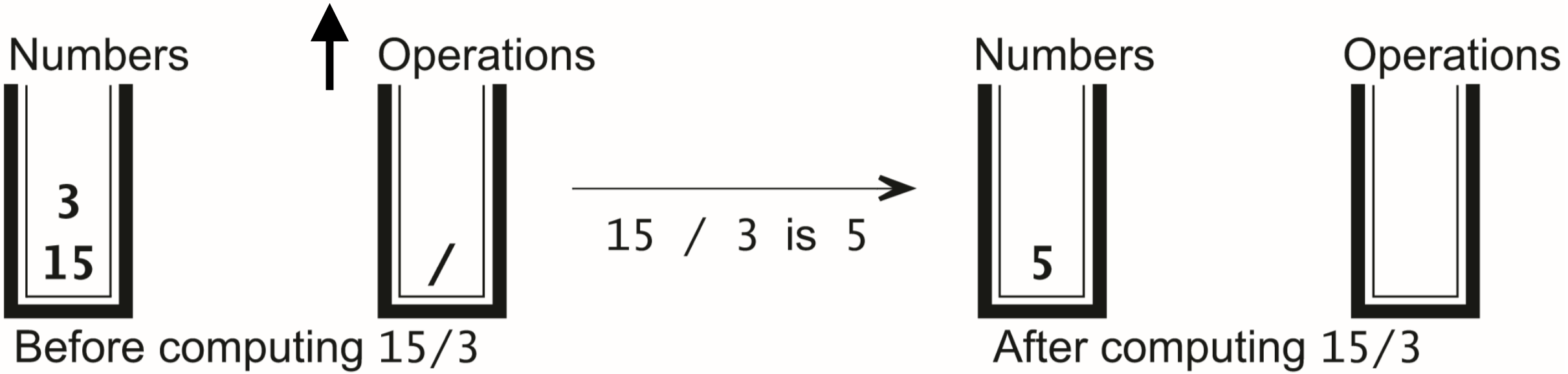

Notations for evaluating expression

- 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: 7 3 5 * + 4 2 / -

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