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PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS ON A STACK

empty condition:

- **The starting condition or when all the elements on the stack are removed, the stack will be empty.**
- **No items can be removed from an empty stack unless more items are added.**
- **Before removing an element from the stack, it is customary to check whether the stack is empty.**
- **Empty condition can be checked on a stack with a function *isempty ()*.**
- **For an array implementation of the stack, the items can be placed from array subscript 0 to a subscript value of MAX – 1. An index will always point to a subscript from where the elements can be removed from the stack.**

returns true or false ***isempty*** **()**

overflow condition:

- **Because of the array implementation, the array size is fixed at compile time.**
- **No additional elements can be added to the array more than the size of the array.**
- **With this implementation the maximum number of elements can stay on the stack are MAX which is defined at compile time.**
- **Before adding any element to the stack we need to check the overflow condition.**
- **For removing any element from the stack overflow condition need not be checked.**
- **Overflow condition is reached while the elements are added to the stack and sufficient number elements are not removed. This condition can be tested on the stack with a function *isoverflow*().**

returns true or false ***isoverflow*** **()**

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THE STACK AS ABSTRACT DATA TYPE

eltype is used to denote the type of the stack element and parameterize the stack type with eltype.

```
/* value definition */
abstract typedef <<eltype>>  STACK (eltype);

/* operator definition */
abstract empty (s)
    STACK (eltype) s;
        postcondition  empty == (len (s) == 0);
abstract  eltype pop (s)
    STACK (eltype) s;
    precondition      empty (s) == FALSE;
    postcondition     pop == first (s');
        s     == sub (s', 1, len(s') – 1);
abstract push (s, elt);
    STACK (eltype) s;
    eltype  elt;
    postcondition     s     == <elt> + s';
```

Primitive operations:

empty

push

pop

Value definition:

Stack (element type)

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push operation:

- **One of the basic operation performed on a stack is to add elements to the stack.**
- **Each time the new element will be placed on the top of the element which is already on the stack or this will be first item on the stack.**
- **When a new item is added to the stack the top is incremented to a new value where the item is placed.**
- **Before adding any item on to the stack, the overflow condition needs to be tested whether there is place for the new item.**
- ***push* receives two arguments, the element type to be added onto the stack, the value of top of the array.**
- ***push* will increment the value of top after placing the new element onto the stack.**

void *push* (stack element type, stack type);

pop operation:

- **When elements are removed from the stack, there must be a receiver of the element type.**
- **We can implement the operation to remove an element from a non-empty stack with a function *pop* (stack, top).**
- ***pop* returns the element which is removed from the stack.**
- **Before removing an element from stack, *pop* verifies that there is no empty condition or underflow condition.**
- ***pop* does not cause an overflow condition, there is no need to test. If there was an overflow condition, *pop* actually removes the overflow condition.**

stack element type se = *pop* (stack, top);

The variable receiving the item from *pop* will be of the type which is returned by *pop*.

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A STACK IMPLEMENTATION IN C

```
/* preprocessor directives  */
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#define MAXSTACK 26
#define EMPTYSTACK   -1
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0

/* function prototypes (signatures)  */
int empty (struct stack *);
char pop (struct stack *);
void push (struct stack *, char);

/* global declarations  */
typedef struct stack {
      int top;
      char stackelement [MAXSTACK];
} CHSTACK;
```

```
/* start of main program logic  */
int main()
{
      CHSTACK  alphstack, *asp;
      char seq, ch, keystroke;
      alphstack.top = EMPTYSTACK;
      asp = &alphstack;

      /* fill up the stack with input from the user */
      for (int i = 0;  i < MAXSTACK;  i++)
      {
            printf ("\n Please enter the next char in seq");
            scanf ("%c%c", &seq, &keystroke);
             push (asp, seq);
      }  /* end of first for loop  */
```

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```
        /* empty the stack and print values  */
        for (i = 0;  i < MAXSTACK;  i++)
        {
              ch = pop (asp);
              printf ("\n next char in seq is: %c", ch);
        }
        printf ("\n\n End of character seq **\n");
        return 0;
}   /* end of main routine   */
```

```
/* function verifies whether stack is empty */
 int empty (CHSTACK *ps)
{
        if (ps->top == -1)
            return (TRUE);
        else
            return (FALSE);
}  /* end of empty function */

char pop (CHSTACK *ps)
{
        if (empty (ps) )
        {
             printf ("%s",  "stack underflow");
             exit (1);
        }  /* end of empty if */
        return (ps-> stackelement[ps->top--] );
}  /* end of pop function */
```

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```
void push (CHSTACK *ps, char x)
{
    if (ps->top == MAXSTACK - 1 )
    {
        printf ("%s",  "stack overflow");
        exit (1);
    } /* end of if */
    else
        ps->stackelement[++(ps->top) ] = x;
    return;
} /* end of push function */
```

- Stacking character sequence ********
- Please enter the next character in sequence: A
- Please enter the next character in sequence: B
- Please enter the next character in sequence: C
- Please enter the next character in sequence: D
- Please enter the next character in sequence: E
- Please enter the next character in sequence: F
- Please enter the next character in sequence: G
- Please enter the next character in sequence: H
- Please enter the next character in sequence: I
- Please enter the next character in sequence: J
- Please enter the next character in sequence: K
- Please enter the next character in sequence: L
- Please enter the next character in sequence: M
- Please enter the next character in sequence: N
- Please enter the next character in sequence: O
- Please enter the next character in sequence: P
- Please enter the next character in sequence: Q
- Please enter the next character in sequence: R

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- Please enter the next character in sequence: S
- Please enter the next character in sequence: T
- Please enter the next character in sequence: U
- Please enter the next character in sequence: V
- Please enter the next character in sequence: W
- Please enter the next character in sequence: X
- Please enter the next character in sequence: Y
- Please enter the next character in sequence: Z

- Popping of character sequence ********

- next character in sequence is: Z
- next character in sequence is: Y
- next character in sequence is: X
- next character in sequence is: W
- next character in sequence is: V
- next character in sequence is: U
- next character in sequence is: T
- next character in sequence is: S

- next character in sequence is: R
- next character in sequence is: Q
- next character in sequence is: P
- next character in sequence is: O
- next character in sequence is: N
- next character in sequence is: M
- next character in sequence is: L
- next character in sequence is: K
- next character in sequence is: J
- next character in sequence is: I
- next character in sequence is: H
- next character in sequence is: G
- next character in sequence is: F
- next character in sequence is: E
- next character in sequence is: D
- next character in sequence is: C
- next character in sequence is: B
- next character in sequence is: A

- End of character sequence ********

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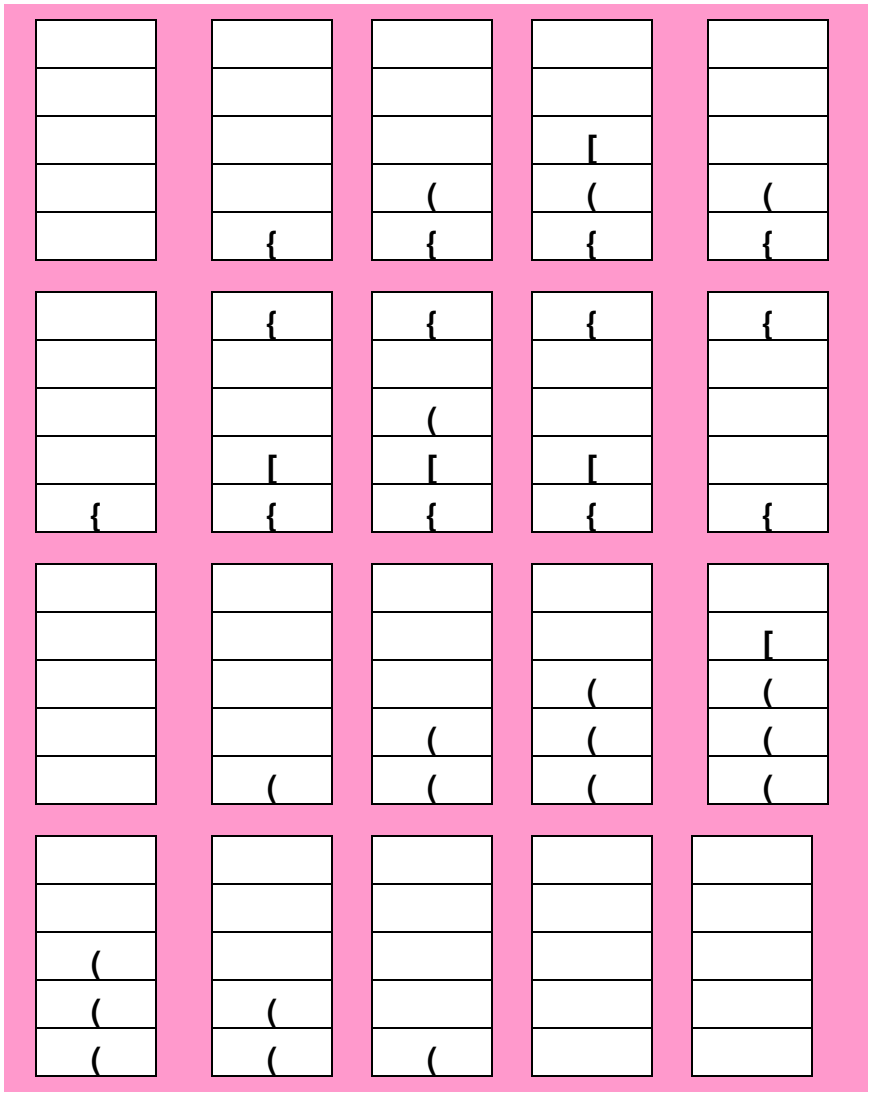
STACK PROCESS

- Stack process can be applied to verify whether the scoping is correctly done in an expression.
- There are three kinds of scoping to evaluate the expression. None of the scopes have any precedence for the operation.
- Normal parenthesis, '(' and ')', '{' and '}', '[' and']' are used in the scoping example.
- Each begin scope should match with the corresponding end scope.
- Finally when all the scope enders are tallied with their corresponding scope beginners, the expression is valid.
- If any of the scope beginner or scope enders are left then the expression becomes invalid.
- Whenever a scope beginner is found in the expression, the scope is pushed on to the stack.
- When a scope ender is found, the stack is popped and the scope beginner is matched with the scope ender.

{x + (y – [a + b]) * c – [(d + e)] } / (h – (j – (k – [l – n])))



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```
algorithm to validate to validate scopes:

set expression is valid
s = the empty stack;  /* to start with */

Loop as entire string is not read
{
        read the next symbol (symb) of the string;
        Print message about symbol and action
        ignore the operators and operands
        if (symbol is  one of the opening scope )
                place symbol on to the stack);
        if (symbol is  one of the closing scope )
          if (the stack is empty )
              set the expression is not valid
          else
          {
            remove the symbol from the stack;
              if ( the popped symbol is not the
                        matching end scope)
                 set the expression is not valid
           }  /* end of not empty else  */
} /* end of loop  */

if (the stack not empty )
   set the expression is not valid;
print whether the expression is valid or not
```