

STACKS AND QUEUES

Problem Solving with Computers-II



Stacks – container class available in the C++ STL

- Container class that uses the Last In First Out (LIFO) principle

- Methods

- push() → insert
- pop() → remove
- top() // element on top of the stack
- empty()

// returns true if the stack is empty

- ① push(6)
- ② push(8)
- ③ push(15)
- ④ top() // 15

⑤ pop()

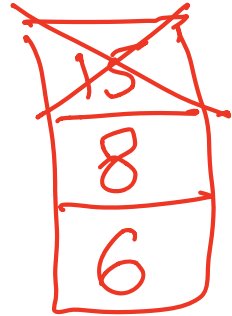
⑥ top() // 8

⑦ empty() // false

⑧ pop()

⑨ pop()

⑩ empty() // true



Demo reversing a string

Notations for evaluating expression

• Infix number operator number $(7 + (3 * 5)) - (4 / 2)$

• Prefix operators precede the operands $+ 7 * 35 / 4 2$

• Postfix operators come after the operands $7 3 5 * + 4 2 / -$

Used in calculators, easy to evaluate

$3 * 5$ infix	$* 3 5$ prefix	$3 5 *$ postfix
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Lab05 – part 1: Evaluate a fully parenthesized infix expression

)4+3(Unbalanced parens ')' before '('

(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

(4 + 5) +)

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

Initial
empty
stack



Read
and push
first (



Read
and push
second (



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

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

Evaluating a fully parenthesized infix expression

$((6 + 9)/3) * (6 - 4)$

Evaluating a fully parenthesized infix expression

Characters read so far (shaded):

(((6 + 9) / 3) * (6 - 4))

Numbers



Operations



Evaluating a fully parenthesized infix expression

Characters read so far (shaded):

`(((6 + 9) / 3) * (6 - 4))`

Numbers



Operations



Before computing 6 + 9

6 + 9 is 15

Numbers



After computing 6 + 9

Operations



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

Initial
empty
stack



Read
and push
first (



Read
and push
second (



Read first
) and pop
matching (



Read
and push
third (



Read
second)
and pop
matching (



Read third
) and pop
the last (

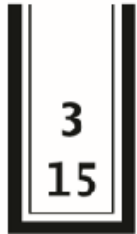


Evaluating a fully parenthesized infix expression

Characters read so far (shaded):

`(((6 + 9) / 3) * (6 - 4))`

Numbers



Before computing $15/3$

Operations



$15 / 3$ is 5

Numbers



After computing $15/3$

Operations



Lab 05, part2 :

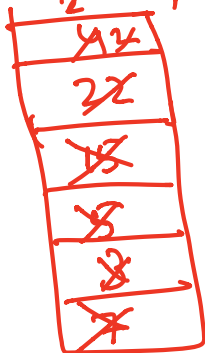
Evaluating post fix expressions using a single stack

Postfix: 7 3 5 * + 4 2 / -

Infix: $(7 + (3 * 5)) - (4 / 2)$

Push operands onto the stack
When you encounter an operator, pop the two most recently seen operands (the two on top of the stack), perform the appropriate operation and push the result on the stack

$$\frac{(7 + 15)}{2} - 2 = 20$$



③ $22 - 2 = 20$

② $15 + 7 = 22$

① $5 * 3 = 15$

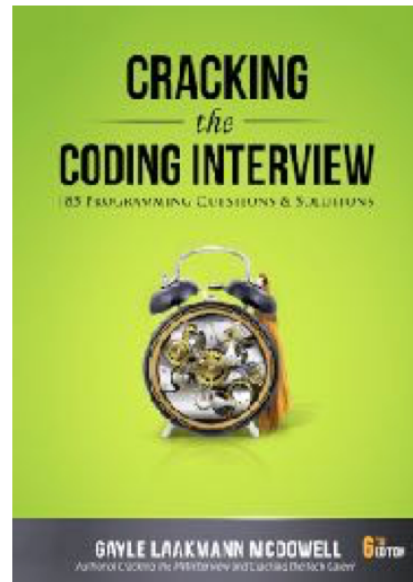
After encountering a '*' pop 5 & 3 out of the stack, calculate $5 * 3$ and push the result onto the stack

How would you design a stack that in addition to `push()`, `pop()` provides the operation `min()`
All operations should have a complexity of $O(1)$

	min
7	4
4	4
10	6
6	6

Use two stacks. — one that behaves like a regular stack, another that keeps track of the min of the elements pushed into the stack (so far)

See code from lec-13



Summary

- Like stacks, queues have many applications.
- Items enter a queue at the rear and leave a queue at the front.
- Queues can be implemented using an array or using a linked list.