



Data Structures and Algorithms (3)

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Chapter 3 Stacks and Queues

- **Stacks**
- **Applications of stacks**
 - Implementation of Recursion using Stacks
- **Queues**



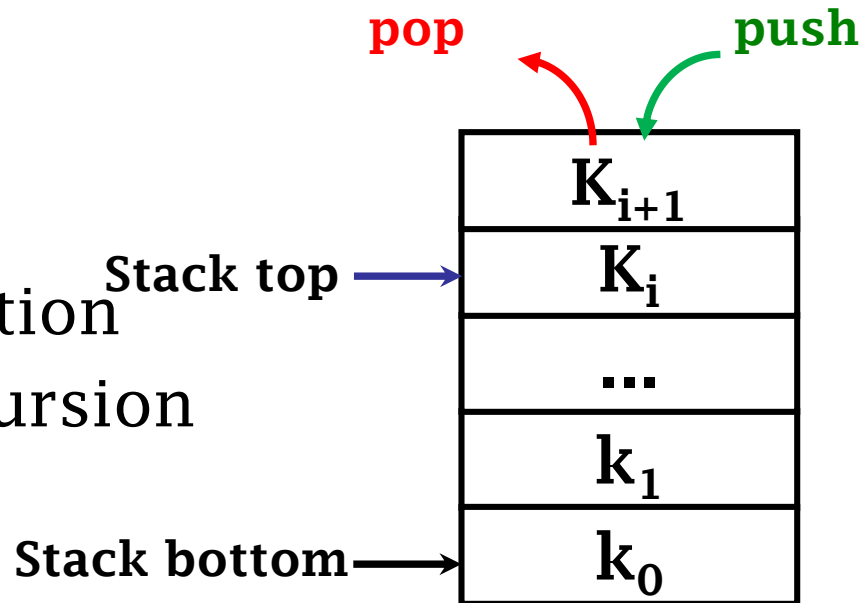
Linear lists with limited operation

- **Stack**
 - Operation are permitted **only** on **one** **end**
- **Queue**
 - Operation are permitted **only** on **two** **ends**



Definition of stack

- **Last In First Out**
 - A linear list with **limited access port**
- **Main operation**
 - push, pop
- **Applications**
 - Expression evaluation
 - Elimination of recursion
 - Depth-first search





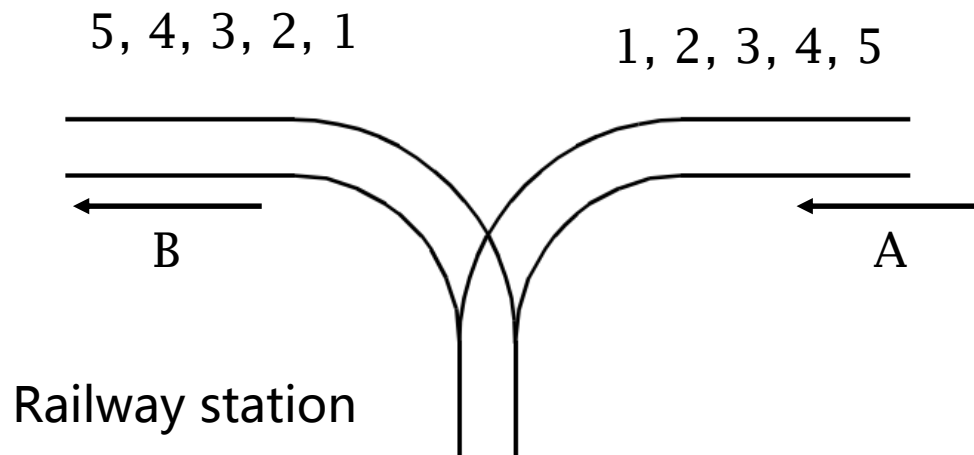
Abstract data type of stacks

```
template <class T>
class Stack {
public:
    // Operation set of stacks
    void clear();           // Change into an empty stack
    bool push(const T item);
        // push item into the stack , return true if succeed, otherwise false
    bool pop(T& item);
        // pop item out of the stack , return true if succeed, otherwise false
    bool top(T& item);
        // read item at the top of the stack, return true if succeed, otherwise false
    bool isEmpty();       // If the stack is empty return true
    bool isFull();        // If the stack is full return true
};
```



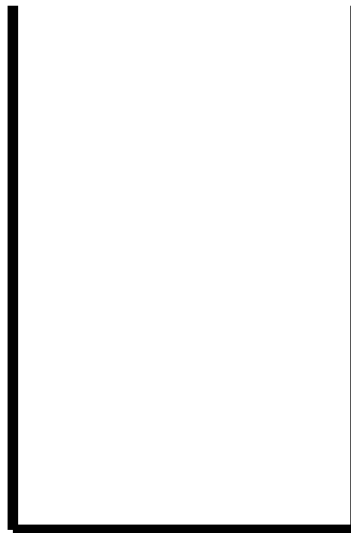
Railway station problem

- Judge whether the trains go out of the station in the right order?
 - <http://poj.org/problem?id=1363>
- N trains numbered as 1,2,...,n go into the train in order , given an arrangement , judge whether the trains go out of the station in the right order?



3.1 Stacks

Use legal reconstruction to find conflicts





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Question

- If the order of the item pushed into the stack is $1, 2, 3, 4$, then what is the order of the item popped out of the stack?
- There is an original input sequence $1, 2, \dots, n$, you are required to get the output sequence of p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n (They are a permutation of $1, 2, \dots, n$) using a stack. If there exists subscript i, j, k , which meet the condition that $i < j < k$ and $P_j < P_k < P_i$, then whether the output sequence is legal or not?



3.1 Stacks

Implementation of stacks

- **Array-based Stack**
 - Implemented by using vectors , is a simplified version of sequential list
 - The size of the stack
 - The key point is to make sure **which end** as the stack top
 - Overflow, underflow problem
- **Linked Stack**
 - Use single linked list for storage , in which the direction of the pointer is from stack top down

3.1.1 Array-based Stack

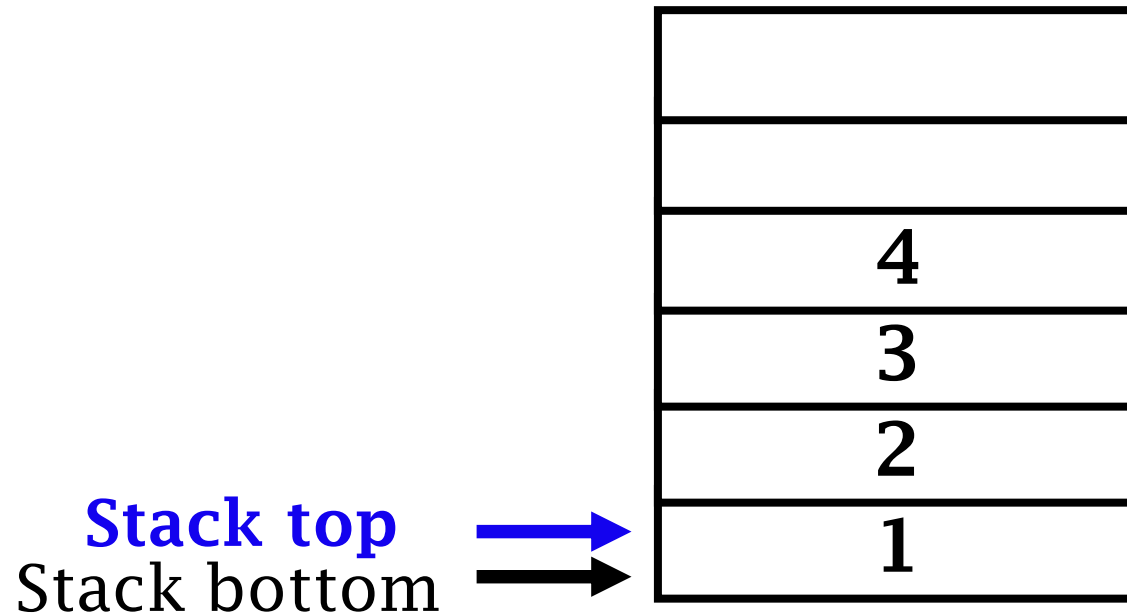
The class definition of Array-based Stack

```
template <class T> class arrStack : public Stack <T> {
private:
    // storage of Array-based Stack
    int mSize;    // the number of elements that the stack can have at most
    int top;     // stack top , should be small than mSize
    T *st;      // array to put stack element
public:
    // implementation of the operation of the Array-based Stack
    arrStack(int size) {
        // creates an instance of Array-based Stack with given size
        mSize = size; top = -1; st = new T[mSize];
    }
    arrStack() { // creates an instance of Array-based Stack
        top = -1;
    }
    ~arrStack() { delete [] st; }
    void clear() { top = -1; } // clear the stack
}
```

3.1.1 Array-based Stack

Array-based Stack

- The index of the last element pushed into the stack is 4, followed by 3, 2, 1 in order





3.1.1 Array-based Stack

Overflow of Array-based Stack

- **Overflow**
 - When you perform push operation on a full stack (that already has maxsize elements), overflow will occur.
- **Underflow**
 - When you perform pop operation on an empty stack, underflow will occur.



3.1.1 Array-based Stack

Push

```
bool arrStack<T>::push(const T item) {
    if (top == mSize-1) {
// the stack has been full
        cout << "Stack overflow" << endl;
        return false;
    } else { //push new element into the stack and
modify the pointer of the stack top
        st[++top] = item;
        return true;
    }
}
```



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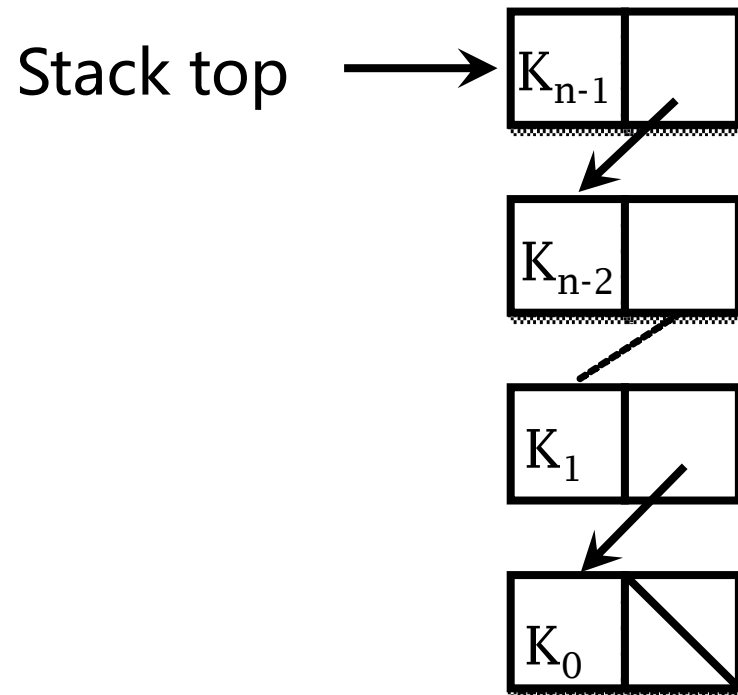
Pop

```
bool arrStack<T>::pop(T & item) { // pop
    if (top == -1) { // the stack is empty
        cout << " The stack is empty, you can't
pop " << endl;
        return false;
    } else {
        // Get top value and decrease top by 1
        item = st[top--];
        return true;
    }
}
```

3.1.2 Linked Stack

Definition of Linked Stack

- Use single linked list for storage
- The direction of the pointer is from stack top down





3.1.2 Linked Stack

Construction of Linked Stack

```
template <class T> class lnkStack : public Stack <T> {
private:
    // storage for linked stack
    Link<T>* top;
    //Pointer which points to the stack top
    int size; // the number of elements that the stack can
have at most
public:// implementation of the operation of the linked Stack
    lnkStack(int defSize) { // constructed function
        top = NULL; size = 0;
    }
    ~lnkStack() { // destructor function
        clear();
    }
}
```




3.1.2 Linked Stack

Push

// implementation of push operation of linked stack

```
bool InksStack<T>::push(const T item) {  
    Link<T>* tmp = new Link<T>(item, top);  
    top = tmp;  
    size++;  
    return true;  
}
```

```
Link(const T info, Link* nextValue) {  
    // constructed function with 2 parameters  
    data = info;  
    next = nextValue;  
}
```



3.1.2 Linked Stack

Pop

```
// implementation of pop operation of linked stack
bool lnkStack<T>::pop(T& item) {
    Link <T> *tmp;
    if (size == 0) {
        cout << " The stack is empty, you can't pop" << endl;
        return false;
    }
    item = top->data;
    tmp = top->next;
    delete top;
    top = tmp;
    size--;
    return true;
}
```



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Comparison of Array-based Stack and Linked Stack

- **Time efficiency**
 - All operations only take constant time
 - Array-based Stack and Linked Stack have almost the same time efficiency
- **Space efficiency**
 - The length of an Array-based Stack is fixed
 - The length of a Linked Stack is variable, with extra structural cost



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Comparison of Array-based Stack and Linked Stack

- In real applications , Array-based Stack is more widely used than Linked Stack
 - It is easy for Array-based Stack to perform relative replacement according to the position of stack top , quickly position and read the internal element
 - The time taken for Array-based Stack to read internal element is $O(1)$. And the Linked stack has to walk along the chain of pointers, and is slower than Array-based Stack . It takes $O(k)$ time to read the k th element.
- In general, the stack does not allow the internal operation, can only operate in the stack top



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Question : functions about stack in STL

- Top function gets the element of the stack top and returns the result back to the user
- Pop function pops a element out of the stack top (if the stack is not empty)
 - Pop function is just an operation and doesn't return the result
 - `pointer = aStack.pop()` ? **Error !**
- Why does STL divide these two operations ?
Why not provide `ptop` ?



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Applications of stacks

- Characteristic of stacks : **last-in first-out**
 - Embodies the transparency between elements
- Commonly used to deal with data which has recursive structure
 - **DFSevaluate the expression**
 - Subroutine / function call management
 - **Elimination of recursion**



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Evaluate the expression

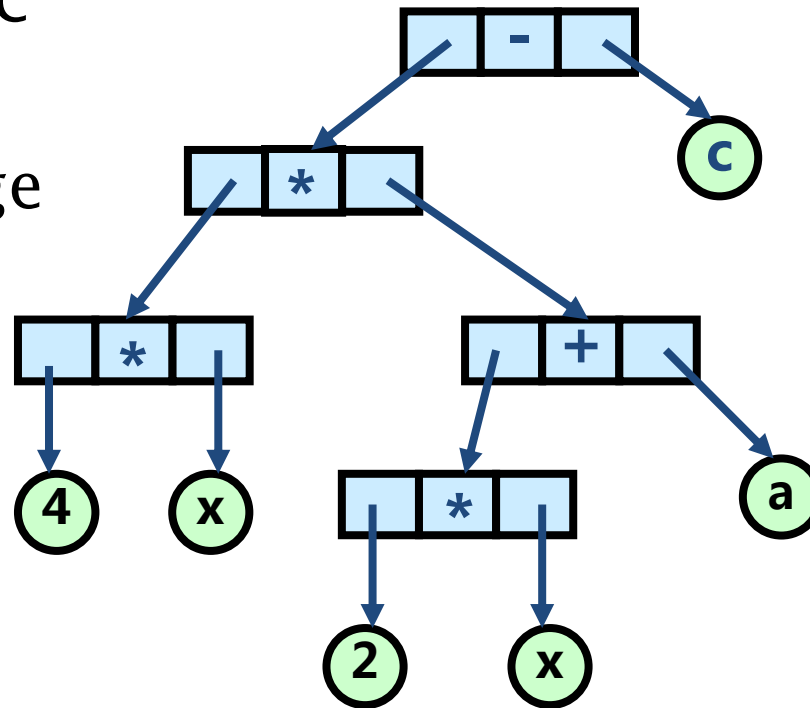
- Recursive definition of expressions
 - The basic symbol set : $\{0, 1, \dots, 9, +, -, *, /, (,)\}$
 - Grammar set : $\{\langle \text{expression} \rangle, \langle \text{term} \rangle, \langle \text{factor} \rangle, \langle \text{constant} \rangle, \langle \text{digit} \rangle\}$
- The infix expression $23+(34*45)/(5+6+7)$
- Postfix expression $23\ 34\ 45\ *\ 5\ 6\ +\ 7\ +\ /\ +$

Infix expression

• Infix expression

$$4 * x * (2 * x + a) - c$$

- Operator in the middle
- Need brackets to change the priority



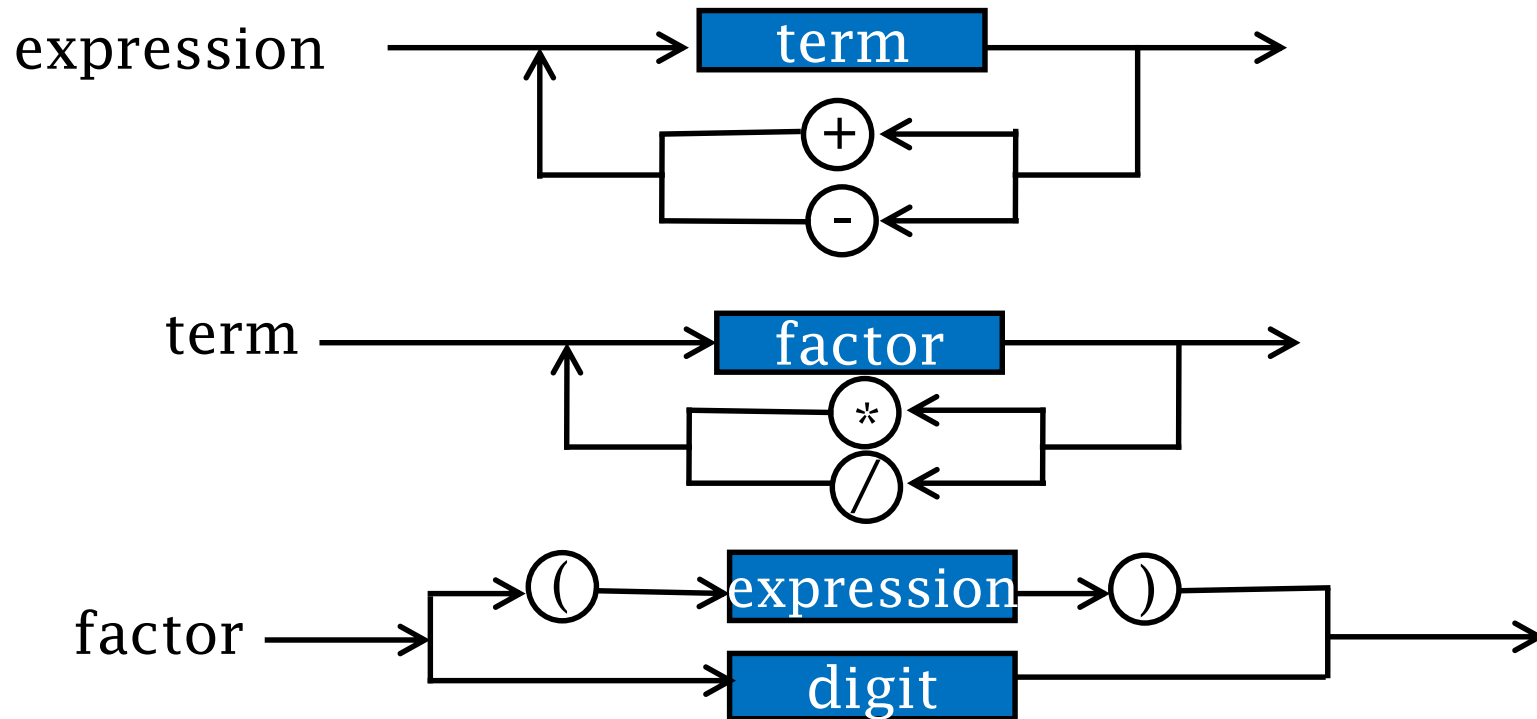
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Syntax formula for infix expression

$\langle \text{expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{term} \rangle \langle \text{term} \rangle +$
 | $\langle \text{term} \rangle \langle \text{term} \rangle -$
 | $\langle \text{term} \rangle$
 $\langle \text{term} \rangle ::= \langle \text{factor} \rangle \langle \text{factor} \rangle *$
 | $\langle \text{factor} \rangle \langle \text{factor} \rangle /$
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Graphical representation for expression recursion



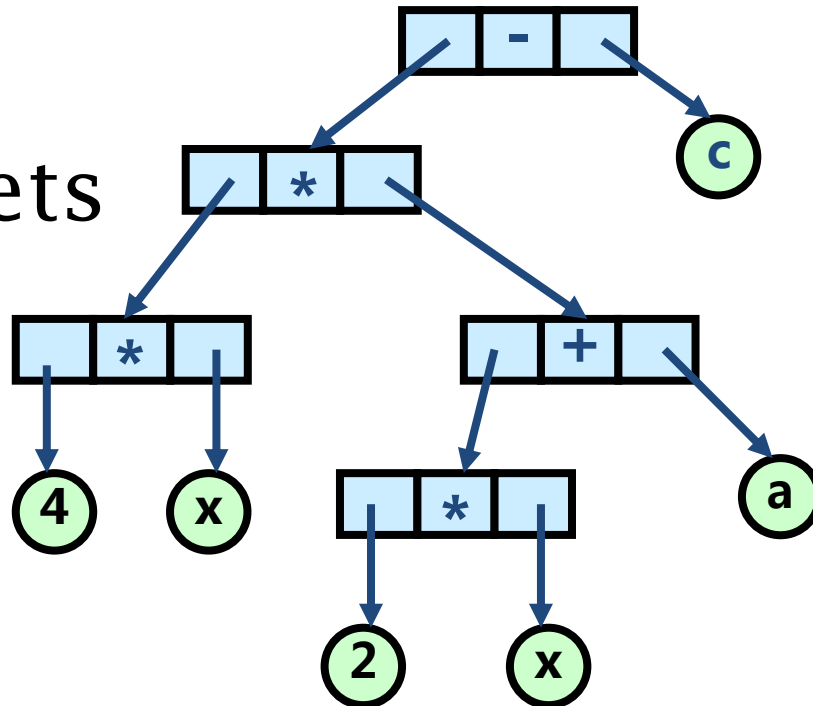
Postfix expression

• Postfix expression

4 x * 2 x * a + * c -

- Operators behind

- No need for brackets





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Postfix expression

$\langle \text{expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{term} \rangle \langle \text{term} \rangle +$
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Evaluating a postfix expression

- $23\ 34\ 45\ * \ 5\ 6\ + \ 7\ + \ / \ + \ = \ ?$

Calculation characteristics ?

The main differences between infix
and postfix expression ?

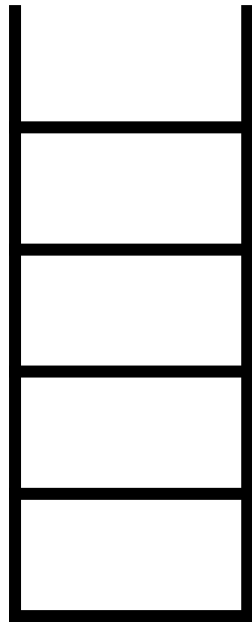
$$23 + 34 * 45 / (5 + 6 + 7) = ?$$

$$23\ 34\ 45\ * \ 5\ 6\ + \ 7\ + \ / \ + \ = \ ?$$

postfix expression to be handled :

23 34 45 * 5 6 + 7 + / +

**change of the
stack state**



calculation result

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Evaluating a postfix expression

- Loop : read symbol sequences of expressions (assume “=” as the end of the input sequence) , and analyze one by one according to the element symbol read
 1. When an operand is met , push
 2. When an operator is met, pop twice and get two operands, calculate them using the operator. And finally push the result into the stack.
- Continue the process above until the symbol “ = ” is met , then the value of the stack top is the value of the input expression



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The class definition of postfix calculator

```
class Calculator {
private:
    Stack<double> s;//the stack is used for pushing and storing operands
    // push two operands opd1 and opd2 from the stack top
    bool GetTwoOperands(double& opd1,double& opd2);
    // get two operands, and calculate according to op
    void Compute(char op);
public:
    Calculator(void){} ;
    // creates calculator instance and construct a new stack
    void Run(void); // read the postfix expression, ends when meet "="
    void Clear(void); // clear the calculator to prepare for the next calculation
};
```




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The class definition of postfix calculator

```
template <class ELEM>
bool Calculator<ELEM>::GetTwoOperands(ELEM& opnd1, ELEM& opnd2) {
    if (S.IsEmpty()) {
        cerr << "Missing operand!" <<endl;
        return false;
    }
    opnd1 = S.Pop(); // right operator
    if (S.IsEmpty()) {
        cerr << "Missing operand!" <<endl;
        return false;
    }
    opnd2 = S.Pop(); // left operator
    return true;
}
```



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The class definition of postfix calculator

```
template <class ELEM> void Calculator<ELEM>::Compute(char op) {
    bool result; ELEM operand1, operand2;
    result = GetTwoOperands(operand1, operand2);
    if (result == true)
        switch(op) {
            case '+': S.Push(operand2 + operand1); break;
            case '-': S.Push(operand2 - operand1); break;
            case '*': S.Push(operand2 * operand1); break;
            case '/': if (operand1 == 0.0) {
                cerr << "Divide by 0!" << endl;
                S.ClearStack();
            } else S.Push(operand2 / operand1);
            break;
        }
    else S.ClearStack();
}
```



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The class definition of postfix calculator

```
template <class ELEM> void Calculator<ELEM>::Run(void) {
    char c; ELEM newoperand;
    while (cin >> c, c != '=') {
        switch(c) {
            case '+': case '-': case '*': case '/':
                Compute(c);
                break;
            default:
                cin.putback(c); cin >> newoperand;
                Enter(newoperand);
                break;
        }
    }
    if (!S.IsEmpty())
        cout << S.Pop() << endl;    // print the final result
}
```

Question

- 1. Stack is usually implemented by using single linked list. Can we use doubly linked list? Which is better ?
- 2. Please summarize the properties of prefix expression, as well as the evaluation process.



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