

# Chapter 8 stack (堆疊)

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Reference book: Larry Nyhoff, C++ an introduction to data structures

# OutLine

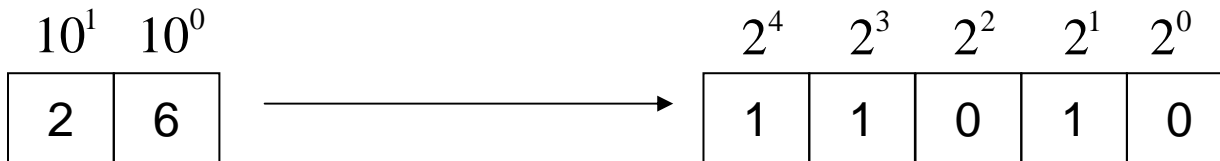
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Problem: display the base-2 representation of a base-10 number

$$26 = 2 \times 10^1 + 6 \times 10^0$$

$$= 16 + 8 + 2$$

$$= 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$$



How to transform

# Mathematical deduction [1]

$$26 = a_0 \times 2^0 + a_1 \times 2^1 + a_2 \times 2^2 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k 2^k$$

$$26 \equiv a_0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\downarrow a_0 = 0$$

$$(26 - a_0) = a_1 \times 2^1 + a_2 \times 2^2 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^n$$

$$13 = \frac{1}{2}(26 - a_0) = a_1 + a_2 \times 2^1 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^{n-1}$$

$$13 \equiv a_1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\downarrow a_1 = 1$$

$$6 = \frac{1}{2}(13 - a_1) = a_2 + a_3 \times 2^1 + a_4 \times 2^2 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^{n-2}$$

$$6 \equiv a_2 \pmod{2}$$

## Mathematical deduction [2]

$$\downarrow a_2 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright \\ \end{array} \right\} 3 = \frac{1}{2}(6 - a_2) = a_3 + a_4 \times 2^1 + a_5 \times 2^2 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^{n-3}$$

$$3 \equiv a_3 \pmod{2}$$

$$\downarrow a_3 = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright \\ \end{array} \right\} 1 = \frac{1}{2}(3 - a_3) = a_4 + a_5 \times 2^1 + a_6 \times 2^2 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^{n-4}$$

$$1 \equiv a_4 \pmod{2}$$

$$\downarrow a_4 = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \curvearrowright \\ \end{array} \right\} 0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - a_4) = a_5 + a_6 \times 2^1 + \cdots + a_n \times 2^{n-5}$$

$$0 = a_5 = a_6 = \cdots = a_n$$

# stack: last-in-first-out (LIFO)

computation order

$$(a_0 = 0) \rightarrow (a_1 = 1) \rightarrow (a_2 = 0) \rightarrow (a_3 = 1) \rightarrow (a_4 = 1) \rightarrow (a_5 = 0)$$

display order

$$(a_4 = 1) \rightarrow (a_3 = 1) \rightarrow (a_2 = 0) \rightarrow (a_1 = 1) \rightarrow (a_0 = 0)$$

$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
1	1	0	1	0
$a_4$	$a_3$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$a_0$

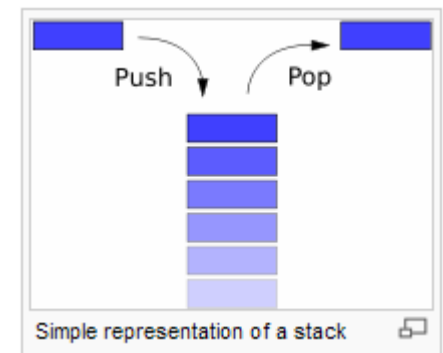
*Last In* in the computation order is *First Out* in the display order

We call “*stack*” as a kind of data structure (資料結構)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack\\_\(data\\_structure\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack_(data_structure))

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- a **stack** is an [abstract data type](#) and [data structure](#) based on the principle of [Last In First Out \(LIFO\)](#)
- Stack machine: [Java Virtual Machine](#)
- [Call stack](#) of a program, also known as a function stack, execution stack, control stack, or simply the stack
- [Stack allocation](#) in MSDN library
- Application: [Reverse Polish Notation](#), [Depth-First-Search](#)



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# Stack container

- Collection of data elements (data storage)  
an *ordered* collection of data items that can be accessed at only one end, called the *top* of the stack
- Basic operations (methods)
  - construct a stack (empty stack)
  - *empty*: check if stack is empty
  - *top*: retrieve the top element of the stack
  - *push*: add an element at the top of the stack
  - *pop*: remove the top element of the stack

# Requirement of stack

integrate into  
structure **stack**

- **stackEle**: data type
- type of physical storage: array, linked-list
- ordered mechanism: depends on physical storage
- index to top element in the stack

Methods of  
structure **stack**

- **stack\*** **stack\_init**( **void** )
- **int** **empty**( **stack\*** )
- **stackEle** **top**( **stack\*** )
- **void** **push**( **stack\***, **stackEle** )
- **void** **pop**( **stack\*** )

# Array-based stack: header file

*stack.h*

```
#ifndef STACK_H
#define STACK_H

#define STACK_CAPACITY 5 // maximum size of stack
typedef int stackEle ; // integer stack

typedef struct{
    stackEle myArray[ STACK_CAPACITY ] ;
    int myTop ;
} stack ;

// construct (initialize) an empty stack
stack* stack_init( void ) ;

// return 1 if stack is empty and
//      0 otherwise
int empty( stack* ) ;

// retrieve top element of the stack
stackEle top( stack* ) ;

// add an element at the top of the stack
void push( stack*, stackEle ) ;

// remove the top element of the stack
void pop( stack* ) ;

#endif // STACK_H
```

Type of physical storage

index to top element in the stack

Methods of structure *stack*

Question: what is “ordered mechanism” ?

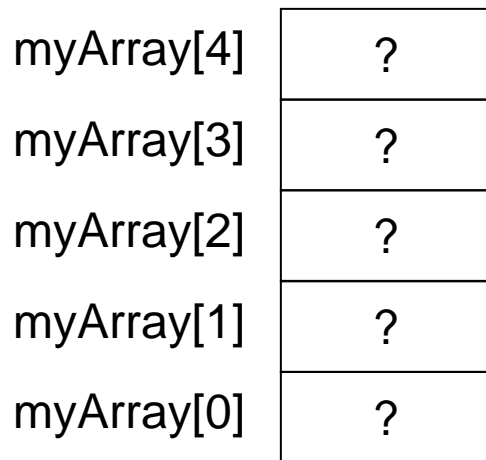
# Array-based stack: method [1]

stack.cpp

```
#include "stack.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

// construct (initialize) an empty stack
stack* stack_init( void )
{
    stack* s = (stack*) malloc( sizeof(stack) ) ;
    assert( s ) ;
    s->myTop = -1 ; // stack is empty
    return s ;
}
```

Set stack to empty is essential, or error occurs when do *push()*, *pop()* or *top()*



myTop = -1 →

data encapsulation (資料隱藏)

You can change name of array or index "myTop" without notifying user.

# Array-based stack: method [2]

stack.cpp

```
// return 1 if stack is empty and
//      0 otherwise
int empty( stack* s )
{
    assert( s ) ;
    if ( 0 > s->myTop ) {
        return 1 ;
    }else{
        return 0 ;
    }
}

// retrieve top element of the stack
stackEle top( stack* s )
{
    assert( s ) ;
    if ( 0 > s->myTop ){
        printf("Error: stack is empty -- no value can be reported \n");
        exit(1) ;
    }
    return s->myArray[s->myTop] ;
}
```

Question 1 : what is purpose of “assert( s )” ?

Question 2: why is evaluation order of “s->myArray[s->myTop]” ?

## Precedence and Associativity of C Operators

Symbol1	Type of Operation	Associativity
[ ] ( ) . -> postfix ++ and postfix	Expression	Left to right

# Array-based stack: method [3]

stack.cpp

```
// add an element at the top of the stack
void push( stack* s, stackEle val)
{
    assert( s );
    s->myTop++;
    if ( STACK_CAPACITY < s->myTop ){ // check if overflow
        printf("Error: stack is full -- can't add new value \n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->myArray[s->myTop] = val ;
}

// remove the top element of the stack
void pop( stack* s)
{
    assert( s );
    if ( 0 > s->myTop ){ // check if underflow
        printf("Error: stack is empty -- can't remove a value \n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->myTop-- ; // remove top element
}
```

Upper limit of stack: size is fixed by *STACK\_CAPACITY*

Lower limit of stack: empty or not

ordered mechanism

**Question:** maximum size of stack is limited by symbolic constant *STACK\_CAPACITY*, can you solve this constraint?

# Array-based stack: driver

## main.cpp

```
#include "stack.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

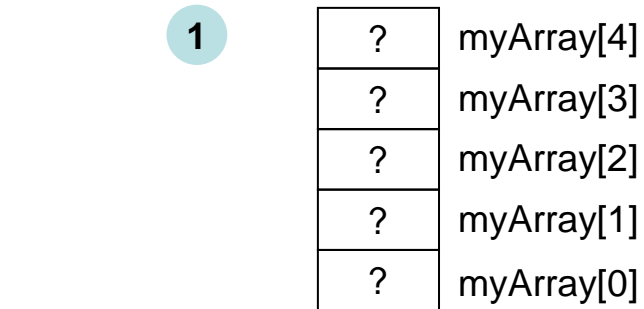
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    stack *mystack = stack_init() ; 1

    if ( empty(mystack) ){
        printf("mystack is empty\n");
    }else{
        printf("Error: mystack is NOT empty\n");
        exit(1) ;
    }

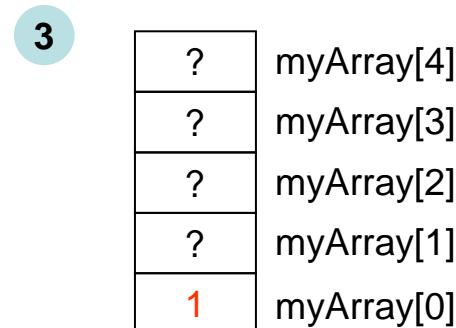
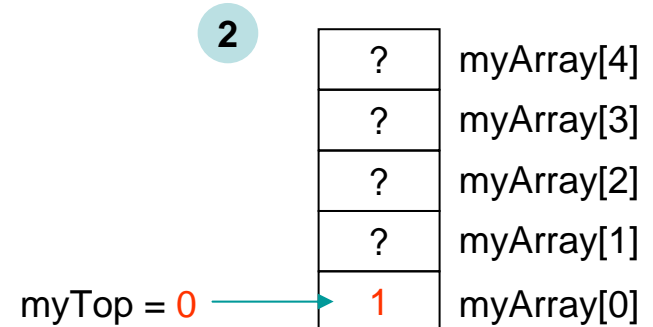
    2 push( mystack, 1 ) ;
    printf("top element is %d \n", top(mystack) );

    3 pop( mystack ) ;
    if ( !empty(mystack) ){
        printf("Error: mystack is NOT empty\n");
        exit(1) ;
    }

    return 0 ;
}
```



myTop = -1 →



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## Pro and cons: array-based tack

- pro (in favor of)
  - easy to implement
  - ordered mechanism is natural
- con (contra)
  - maximum size is limited by *STACK\_CAPACITY*
  - type of stack element is fixed to only one type
  - type of stack element must be primitive
  - user must call *stack\_init()* explicitly, or fatal error occurs



# Exercise

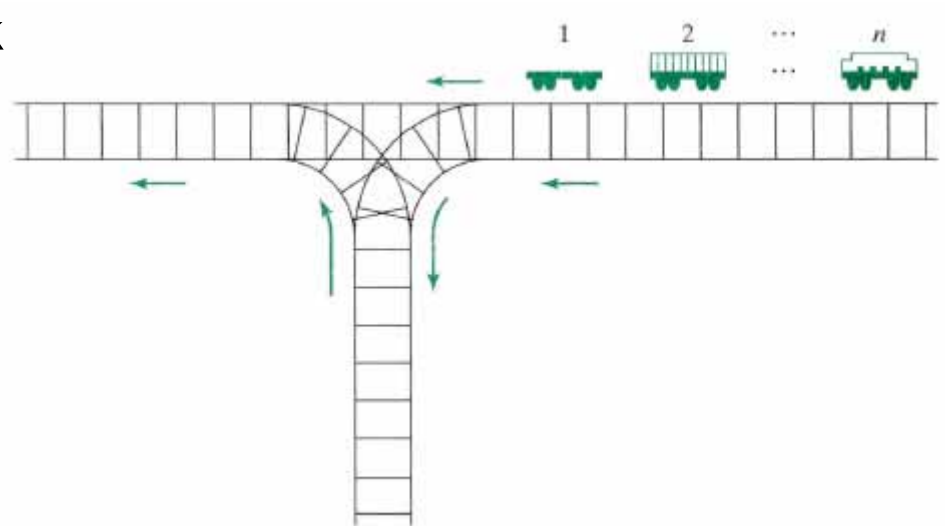
- *write a driver to test all methods and constraints in array-based stack*
- *do base-10 to base-2 transformation by array-based stack*
- *modify array-based stack such that maximum size is not limited by `STACK_CAPACITY`*
- *implement stack by linked-list*
- *how to solve “type of stack element must be primitive”*
- *how to allow more than two stacks of different type in a program*

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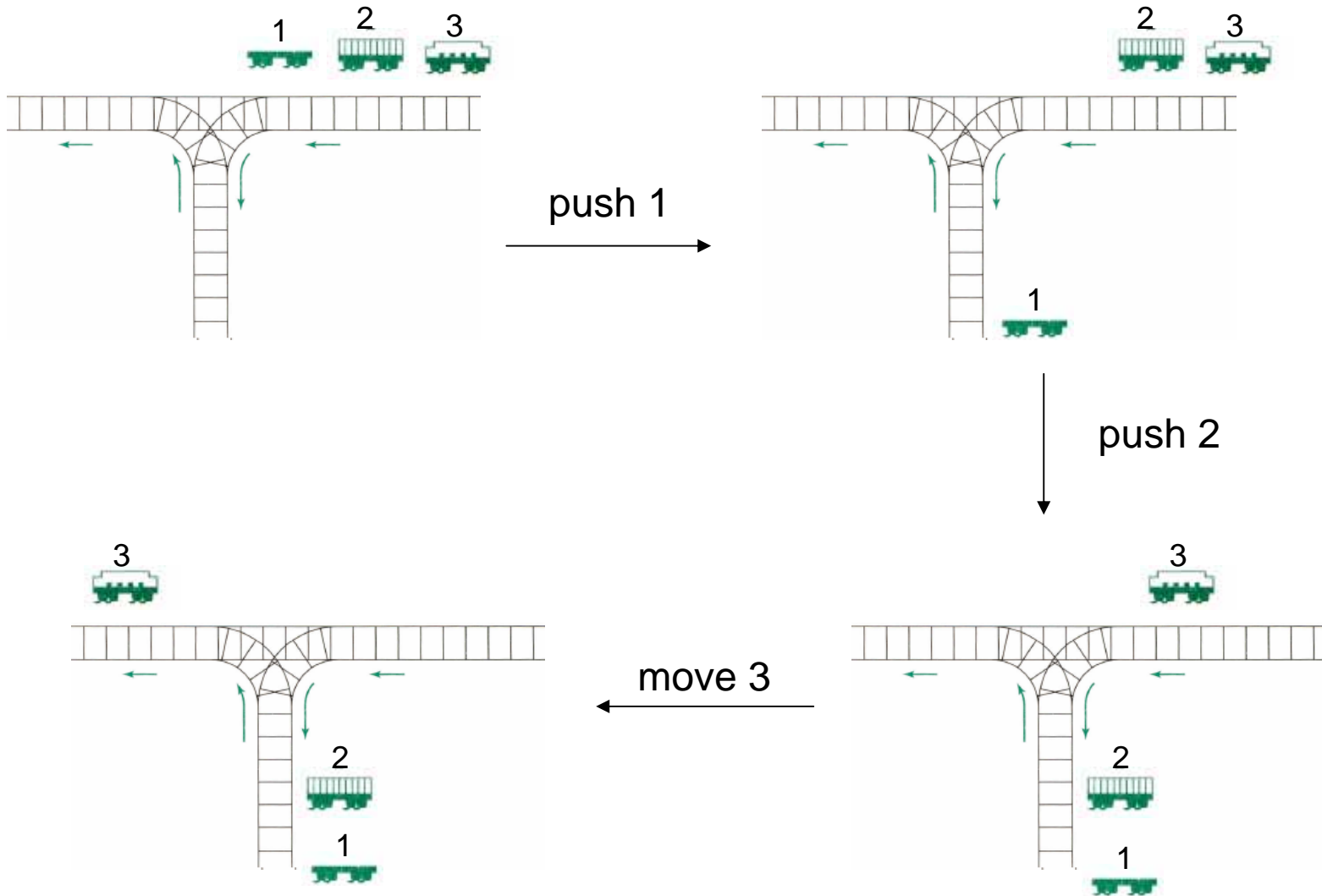
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# Application 1: railroad switching yard

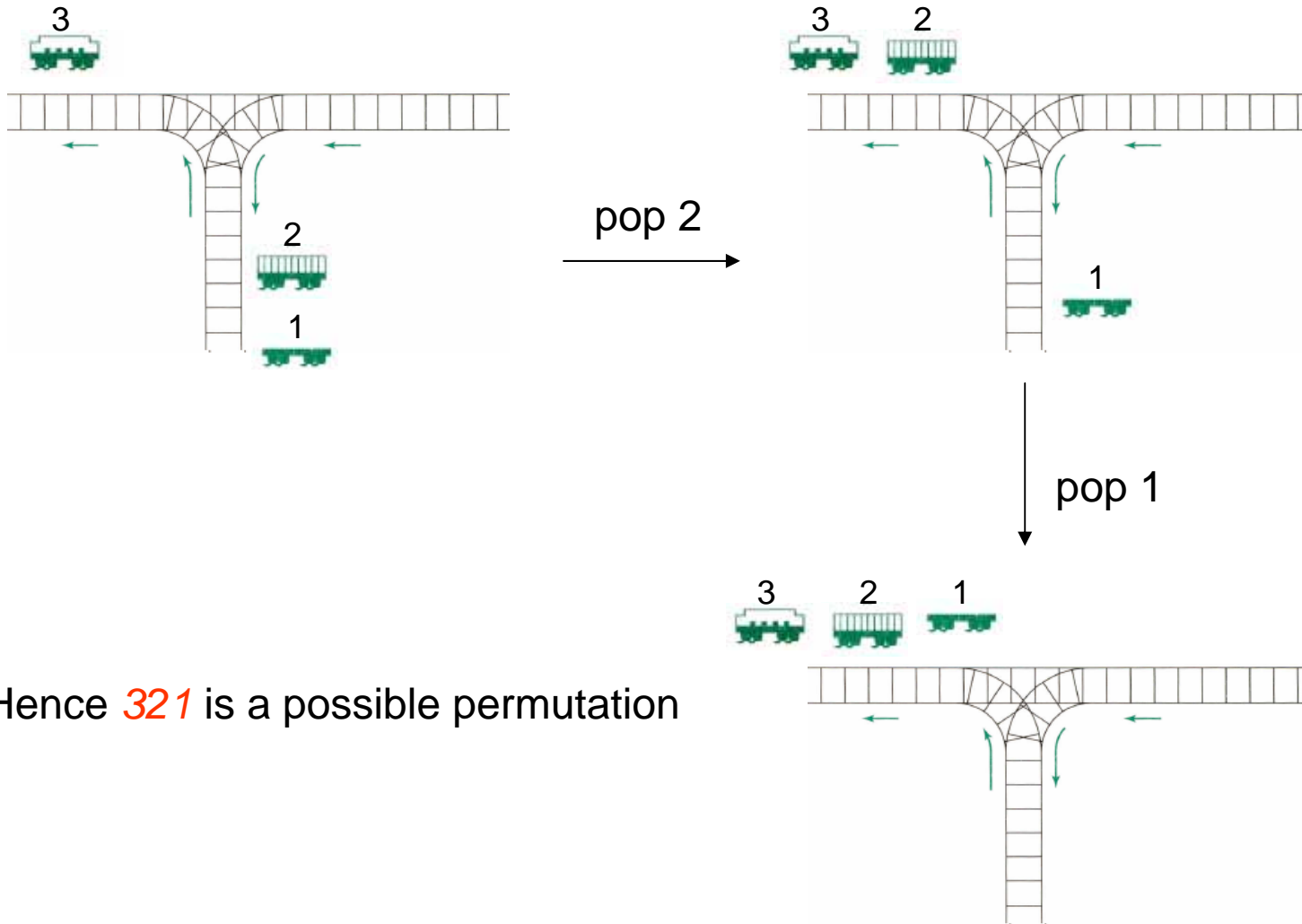
- Railroad cars numbered  $1, 2, \dots, n$  on the right track are to be permuted and moved along on the left track.
- A car may be moved directly onto the left track, or it may be shunted onto the siding to be removed at a later time and placed on the left track.
- The siding operates like a stack
  - push: move a car from the right track onto the siding
  - pop: move the “top” car from the siding onto the left track



$n=3$ , find all possible permutations of cars that can be obtained by a sequence of these operations



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Hence **321** is a possible permutation

n=3, find all possible permutatoin of cars that can be obtained by a sequence of these operation

permutation	Operation sequence
123	
132	
213	
231	
312	
321	push 1, push 2, move 3, pop 2, pop 1

n=4, find all possible permutatoin of cars

permutation	Operation sequence	permutation	Operation sequence
1234		3124	
1243		3142	
1324		3214	
1342		3241	
1423		3412	
1432		3421	
2134		4123	
2143		4132	
2314		4213	
2341		4231	
2413		4312	
2431		4321	

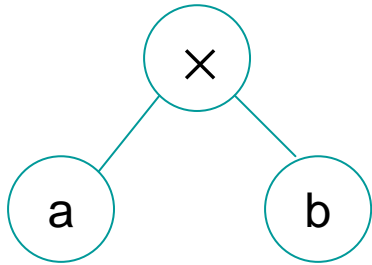
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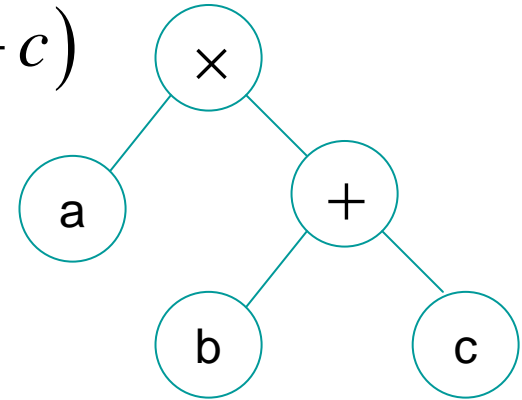


# expression tree

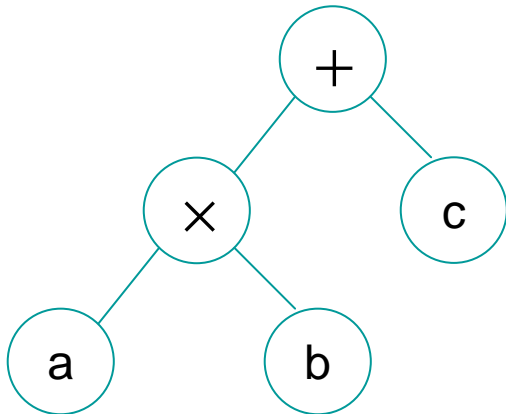
$a \times b$



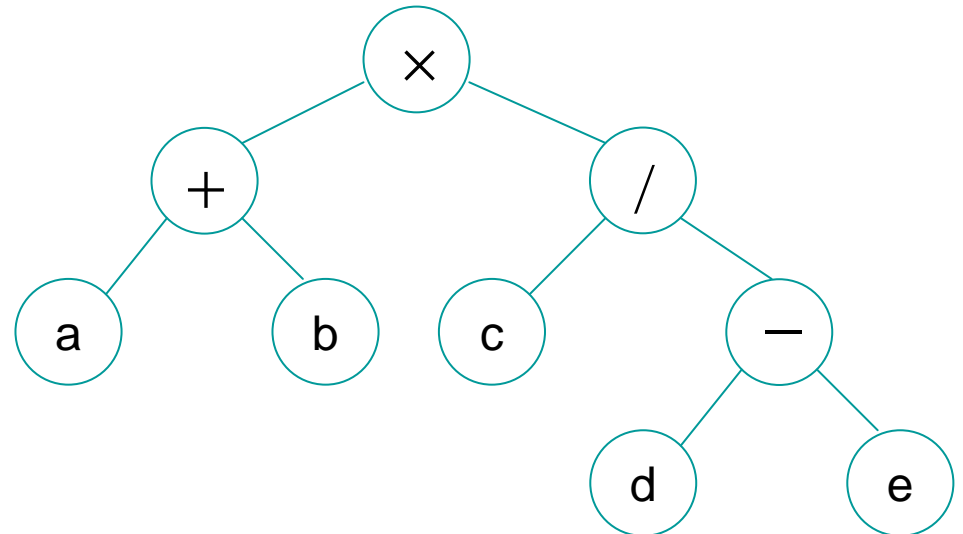
$a \times (b + c)$



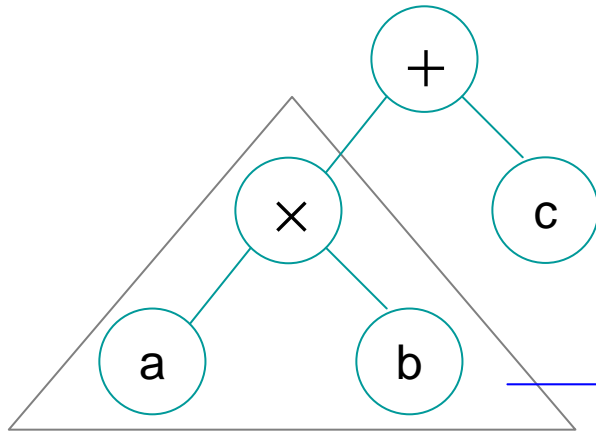
$a \times b + c$



$(a + b) \times (c / (d - e))$

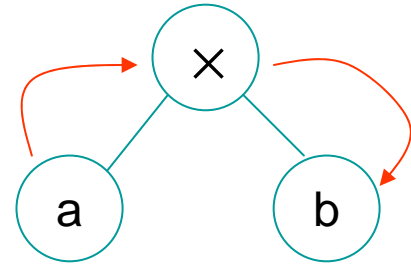


# Infix notation: Left-Parent-Right order



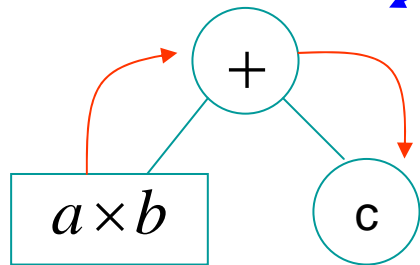
Left child of root “+”

Recursive  
Left-Parent-Right



infix :  $a \times b$

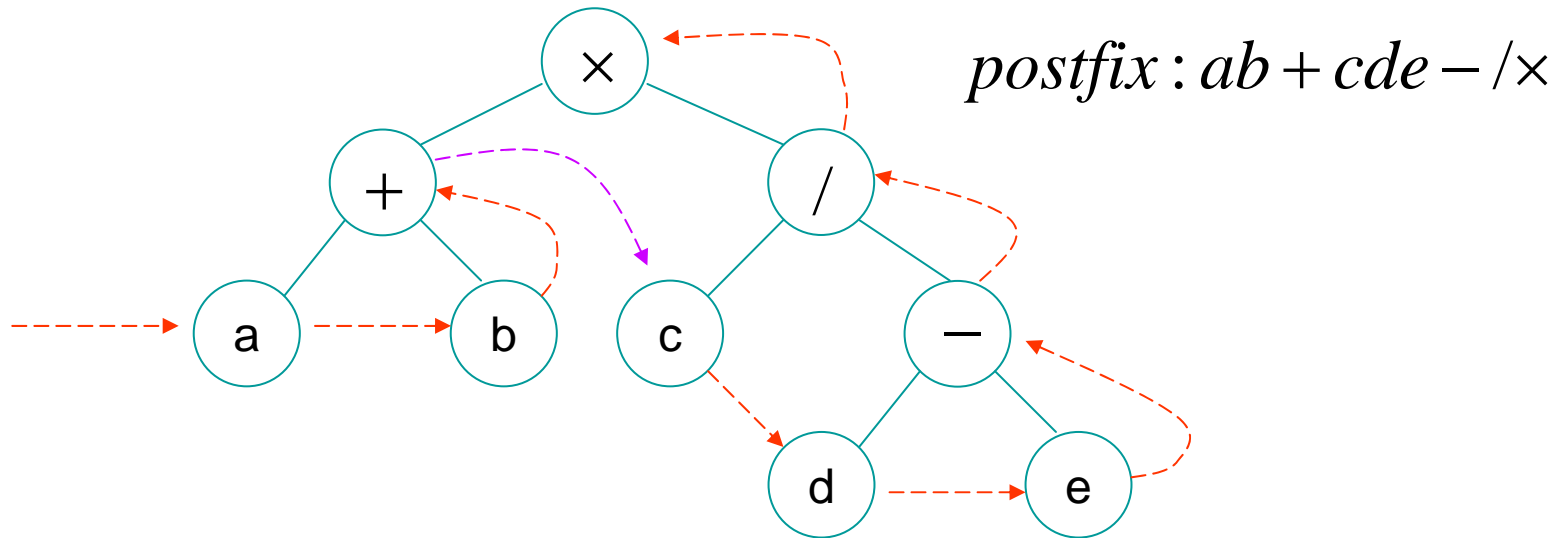
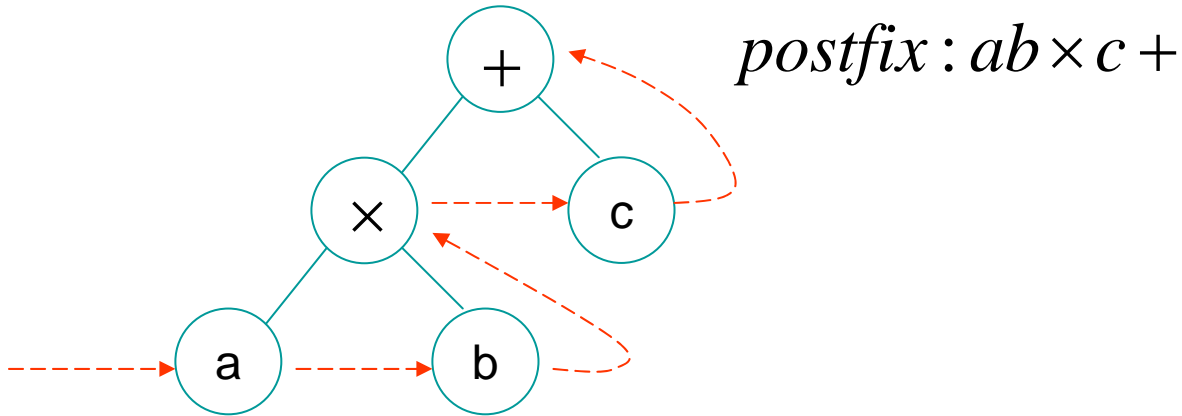
Replace subtree with infix notation



infix :  $(a \times b) + c$


Recursive Left-Parent-Right again

# postfix notation: Left-Right-Parent order

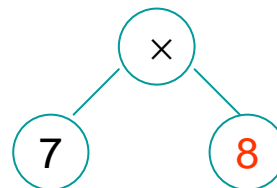


# convert infix to postfix

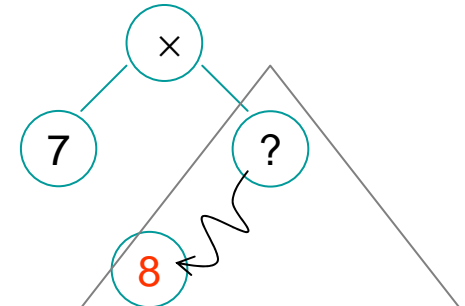
[1]

expression	stack	output	comments
$7 \times 8 - (2 + 3)$	 ← top	$7$	Display <b>7</b>
$\times 8 - (2 + 3)$	$\times$ ← top	$7$	Push <b>*</b> since stack is empty
$8 - (2 + 3)$	$\times$ ← top	$78$	Display <b>8</b>

so far, we cannot say that **8** is right child of operator **\*** or left child of other operator



or



# convert infix to postfix

[2]

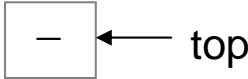
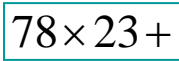

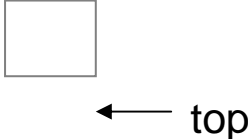

expression	stack	output	comments
8-(2+3)	$\times$ ← top	78	display <b>8</b>
-(2+3)	 ← top	78 $\times$	pop <b>*</b> and display it since precedence of <b>*</b> is higher than <b>-</b>
(2+3)	$-$ ← top	78 $\times$	push <b>-</b>
(2+3)	$($ ← top $-$	78 $\times$	push <b>(</b> since <b>(</b> is delimiter of sub-expression
2+3)	$($ ← top $-$	78 $\times$ 2	display <b>2</b>

# convert infix to postfix [3]

expression	stack	output	comments
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">+3 )</div> <span style="color: blue;">↑</span>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">+</div> ← top <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">(</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">78×2</div>	push + since ( is a delimiter of sub-expression, not arithmetic operator, or we can say precedence of ( is lowest.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">3 )</div> <span style="color: blue;">↑</span>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">+</div> ← top <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">(</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">-</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">78×23</div>	display 3 so far, we cannot say that 3 is right child of operator + or not
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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">-</div> ← top	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">78×23+</div>	pop (, sub-expression is exhausted

# convert infix to postfix

[4]

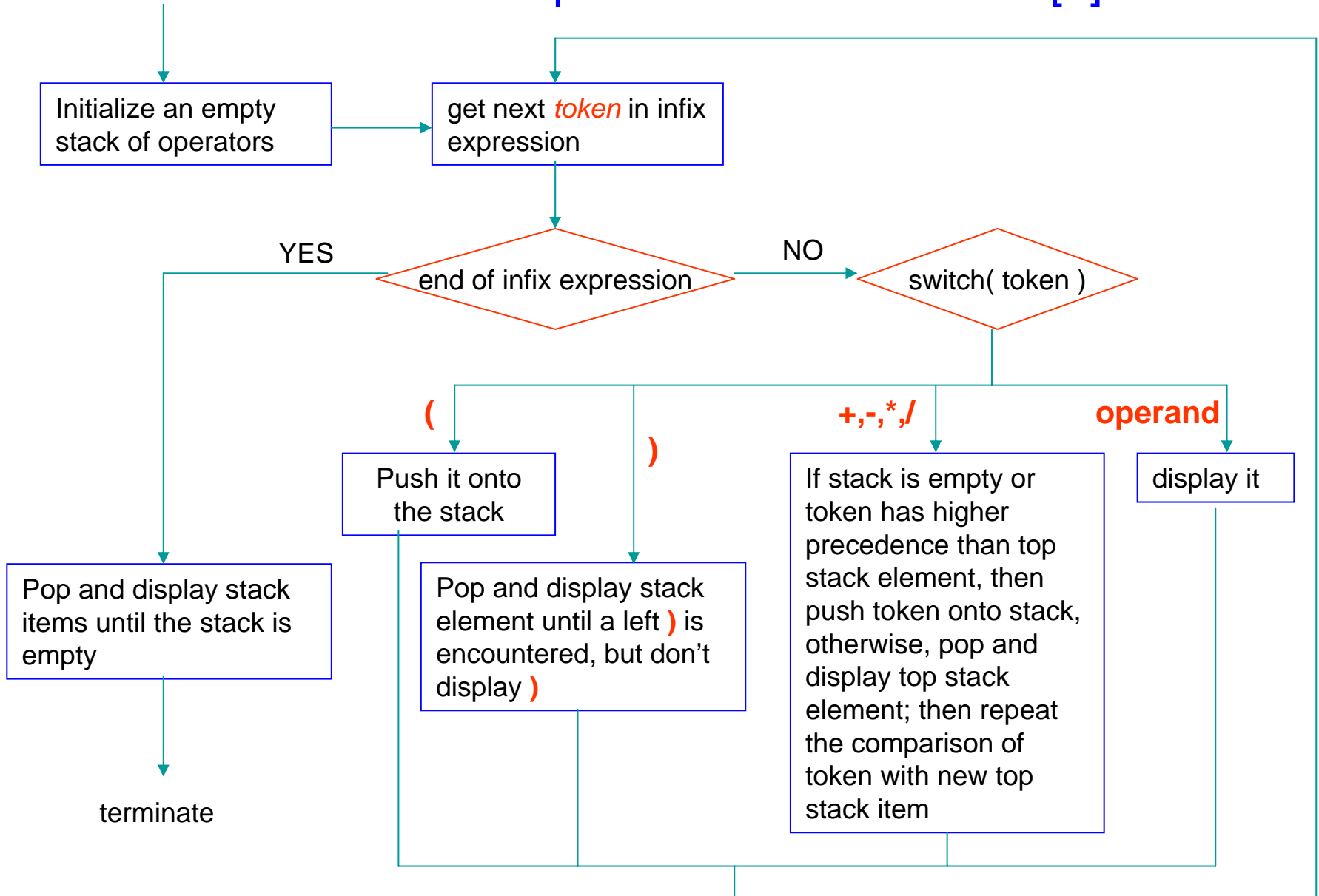
expression	stack	output	comments
			pop (, sub-expression is exhausted
no token 			No token is read, it means that right child of - is exhausted, so pop - and display it.

*postfix*:  $78 \times 23 + -$

**Question:** What is general procedure?

# convert infix to postfix: flow chart

[5]





# convert infix to postfix: [6]

## main.cpp

```
#include "stack.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define MAXBUFFER 128

void RPN( char* expr, char* RPNexpr );

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    // char expr[] = "7*8-(2+3)" ;
    char expr[] = "(a + b)*(c /(d -e))" ;
    char RPNexpr[MAXBUFFER] ;

    RPN( expr, RPNexpr ) ;

    printf("RPNexpr=%s\n", RPNexpr );

    return 0 ;
}
```

## stack.h

```
#ifndef STACK_H
#define STACK_H

#define STACK_CAPACITY 5 // maximum size of stack
typedef int stackEle ; // integer stack

typedef struct{
    stackEle myArray[ STACK_CAPACITY ] ;
    int myTop ;
} stack ;

// construct (initialize) an empty stack
stack* stack_init( void ) ;

// return 1 if stack is empty and
//      0 otherwise
int empty( stack* ) ;

// retrieve top element of the stack
stackEle top( stack* ) ;

// add an element at the top of the stack
void push( stack*, stackEle ) ;

// remove the top element of the stack
void pop( stack* ) ;

#endif // STACK_H
```

**Assumption:** every token is a non-space character

## RPN.cpp

```
#include "stack.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

// assume token is a non-space character
void RPN( char* expr, char* RPNexpr )
{
    assert( expr ) ; assert( RPNexpr ) ;
    int i ;
    char token, topToken ;
    stack *opStack = stack_init() ;
    int n = strlen(expr) ;

    for( i = 0 ; i < n ; i++ ){
        token = expr[i] ;
        if ( ' ' == token ) { continue ; }

        // token is a non-space character
        switch( token ){
            case '(' :
                // push it onto the stack
                push( opStack, token ) ;
                break ;

            case ')' :
                // pop and display stack element until a left ')'
                // is encountered, but don't display ')'
                while(1){
                    assert( !empty(opStack) ) ;
                    topToken = top( opStack ) ;
                    pop( opStack ) ;
                    if ( '(' == topToken ) { break ; }
                    *RPNexpr++ = ' ' ;
                    *RPNexpr++ = topToken ;
                }
                break ;
        }
    }
}
```

```
        case '+' : case '-' : case '*' : case '/' :
            while(1){
                // if (1) stack is empty or
                // (2) top stack element is '(', delimiter of sub-expression
                // (2) token has higher precedence than top stack element
                // then push token onto stack
                if ( empty(opStack) ||
                    ( '(' == (topToken = top(opStack))) ||
                    (('*' == token ) || ('/' == token ) ) &&
                    (('+' == topToken) || ('-' == topToken))
                ){
                    push( opStack, token ) ;
                    break ;
                }else{
                    // otherwise, pop and display top stack element
                    topToken = top(opStack) ;
                    pop( opStack ) ;
                    *RPNexpr++ = ' ' ;
                    *RPNexpr++ = topToken ;
                }
                } // Repeat the comparison with new top stack item
                break ;

            default: // operand
                // display it
                *RPNexpr++ = ' ' ;
                *RPNexpr++ = token ;
                break ;
            } //switch( token)
        } // for each token
        // pop remaining operations on the stack
        while(!empty(opStack)){
            topToken = top( opStack ) ;
            pop( opStack ) ;
            if ( '(' == topToken ){
                printf("Error in infix expression \n");
                exit(1) ;
            }else{
                *RPNexpr++ = ' ' ;
                *RPNexpr++ = topToken ;
            }
        } // for each top stack element
        *RPNexpr = '\0' ; // terminating character
    }
}
```

# Exercise

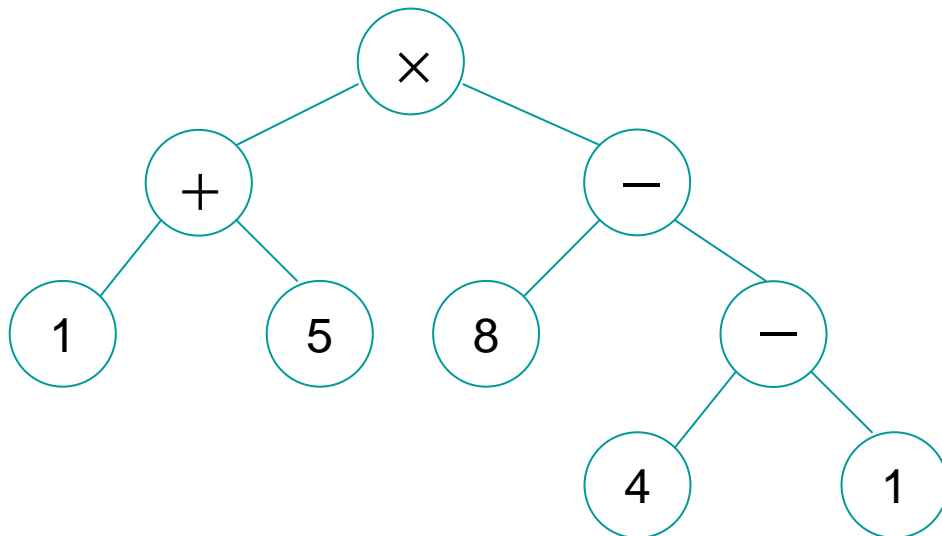
- Implement function RPN and test it
- We assume that token is a non-space character in first version of function RPN, remove this assumption, consider token as an identify or integer or double.  
for example:  
$$\frac{(\text{delta} + 5)}{z} - y$$
$$3.75 * z / \text{pi}$$
- We only take binary operator in our example, how to deal with unary operator, or in general, a function with  $N$  arguments.  
for example  
$$\max(\text{add}(x, y) + c, d)$$
$$5.0 + \sin(7.2 * \cos(y))$$

# OutLine

- LIFO: from base-10 to base-2
- Array-based stack implementation
- Application 1: railroad switching yard
- **Application 2: expression evaluation**
  - infix to postfix
  - **Reverse Polish Notation**

# Reverse Polish Notation: postfix order

- Precedence of multiplication is higher than addition, we need parenthesis to guarantee execution order. However in the early 1950s, the Polish logician Jan Lukasiewicz observed that **parentheses are not necessary** in postfix notation, called RPN (Reverse Polish Notation).
- The Reverse Polish scheme was proposed by [F. L. Bauer](#) and [E. W. Dijkstra](#) in the early 1960s to reduce computer memory access and utilize the [stack](#) to evaluate expressions .



infix:  $(1+5) \times (8 - (4-1))$

postfix:  $15+841--\times$   
parenthesis free

# Evaluate RPN expression [1]

1 5 + 8 4 1 - - ×



$$1 + 5 = 6$$

6 8 4 1 - - ×

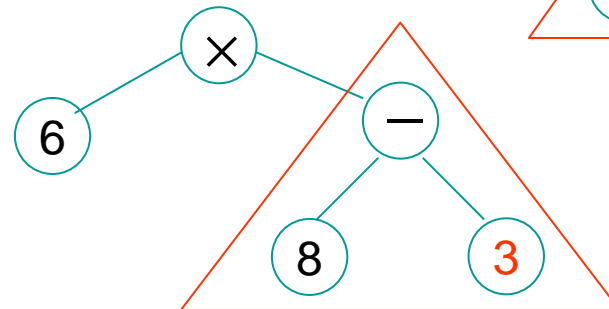
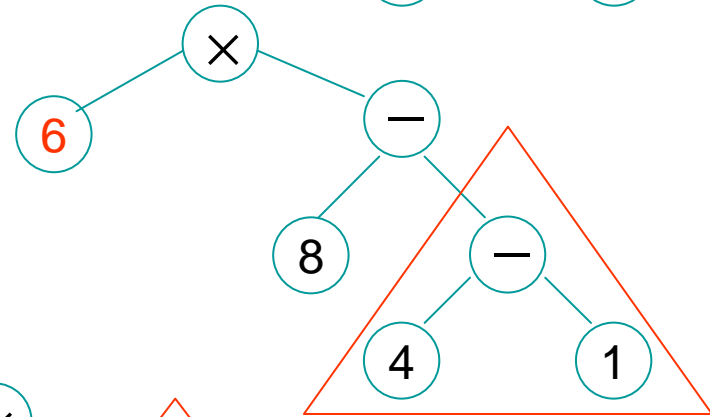
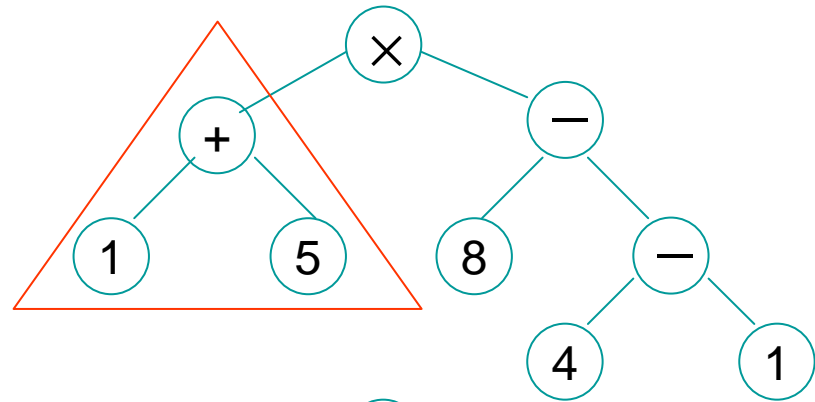


$$4 - 1 = 3$$

6 8 3 - ×

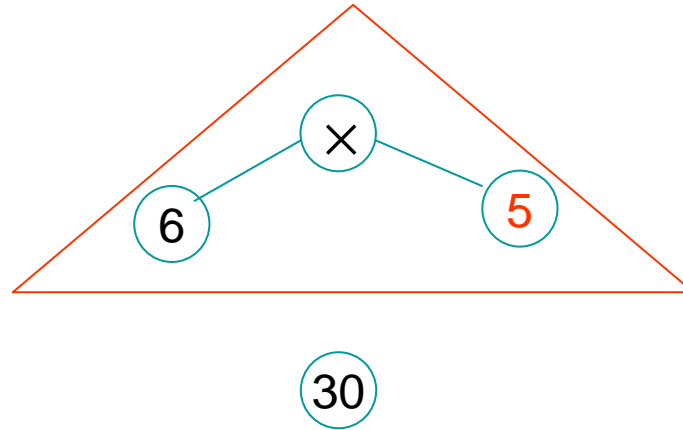


$$8 - 3 = 5$$



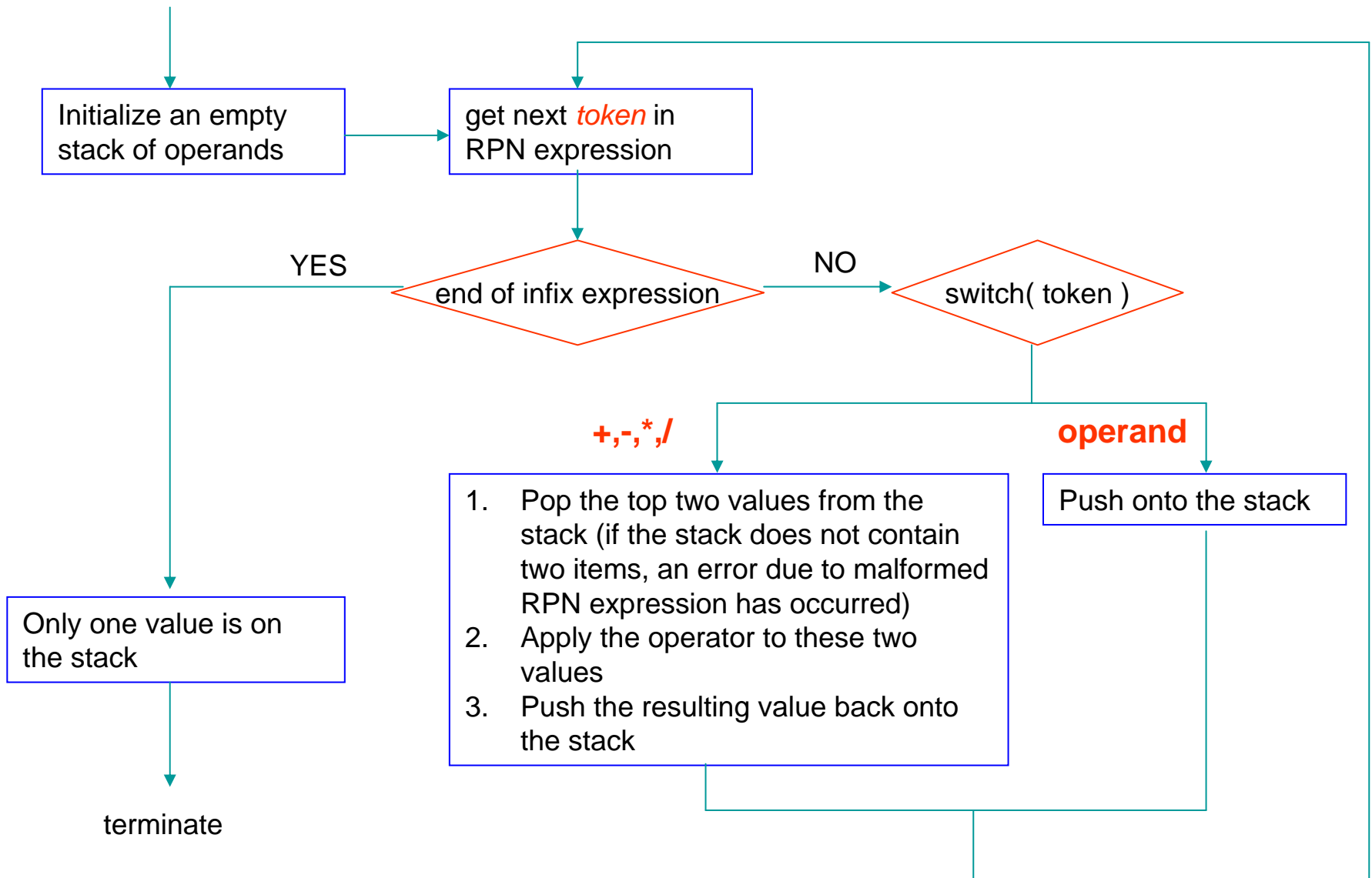
## Evaluate RPN expression [2]

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{6\ 5\ \times} \\ \downarrow \\ 6 \times 5 = 30 \\ \downarrow \\ 30 \end{array}$$



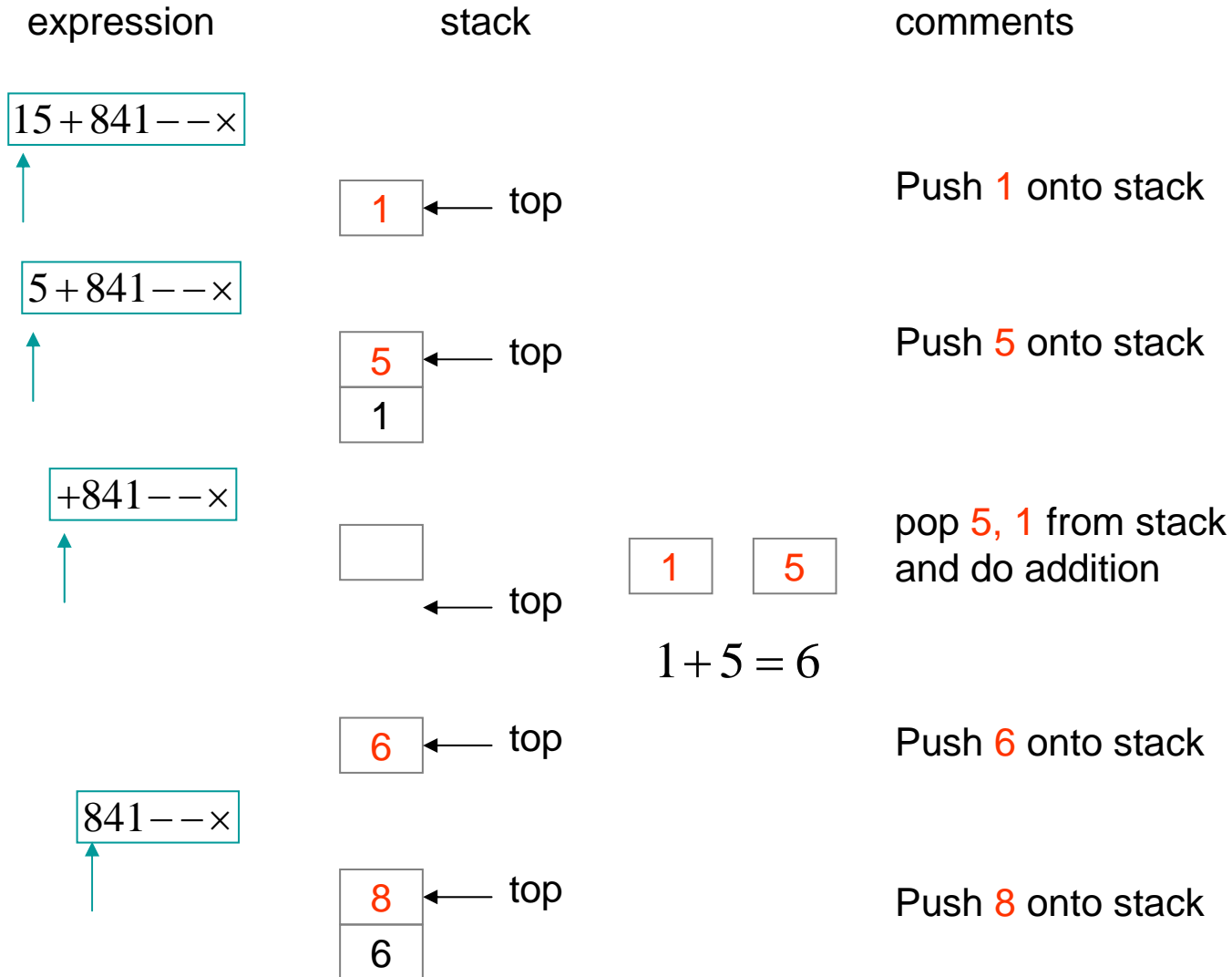
- Scanned from left to right until an operator is found, then the last two operands must be retrieved and combined.
- Order of operands satisfy Last-in, First-out, so we can use stack to store operands and then evaluate *RPN* expression

# Evaluate RPN expression: flow chart [3]





# Evaluate RPN expression [4]



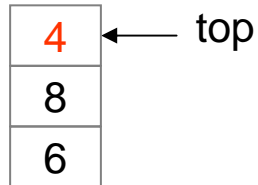
# Evaluate RPN expression [5]

expression

stack

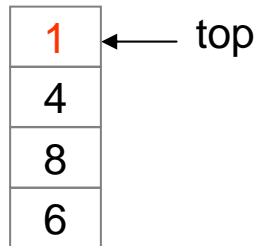
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41--x



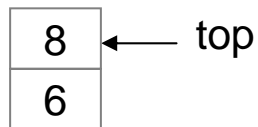
Push 4 onto stack

1--x



Push 1 onto stack

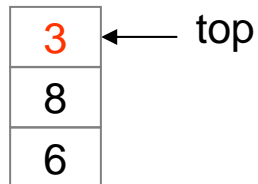
--x



pop 1, 4 from stack and do subtraction

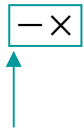
$$4 - 1 = 3$$

Push 3 onto stack



# Evaluate RPN expression [5]

expression



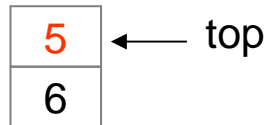
stack



comments

pop 3, 8 from stack  
and do subtraction

$$8 - 3 = 5$$

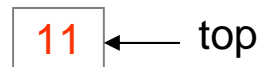


Push 5 onto stack



pop 5, 6 from stack  
and do multiplication

$$6 \times 5 = 11$$



Push 11 onto stack



Only one value on the stack, this  
value is final result

# Exercise

- Implement flow chart of evaluating **RPN** expression, where **RPN** expression comes from function **RPN** we have discussed. You can focus on binary operator first.
- Can you extend to unary operator and general function?
- Think about How does MATLAB do when you type an expression. Can you write a MATLAB?
- survey
  - stack-oriented programming language
  - RPN calculator

