

## Project 2 – CMSC 201 – Spring 2013

**Objective:** This project will give you a chance to learn about strings, lists, functions, top-down design, and the stack ADT.

**Note:** This project will take a long time to complete. Please get started early.

**Description:** You are going to write a program that will ask the user to enter a fully parenthesized expression that has non-negative integer operands and using only + - \* / and (). Your program will validate the input, use a stack to solve the fully parenthesized infix expression, convert the infix expression into postfix, and solve the postfix expression using a stack.

### FAQ

Q: What does it mean fully parenthesized expression?

A: This is an expression of the form (*operand1 operator operand2*). Where an operand is a number or an operand is itself a fully parenthesized expression. An operator is either + or – or \* or /.

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Q: What does it mean an infix expression? What is postfix?

A: Infix is how we usually write an expression. It is of the form *operand1 operator operand2*. Postfix is of the form *operand1 operand2 operator*. In postfix, there is no need for ( ) and the operands are numbers.

### Example

Fully parenthesized infix expression:  $((56 - 73) + (98 * 4)) - (32 - 17)$

The same expression in postfix format:  $56\ 73\ -\ 98\ 4\ *\ +\ 32\ 17\ -\ -$

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Q: How can I use a stack to solve a fully parenthesized infix expression?

A: Just scan the expression from left to right. If it is anything other than a ), push it onto the stack. When you encounter a ), pop from the stack 4 times, do the math and push the value onto the stack. At the end you will have just one value in the stack and that will be the answer.

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Q: How can I convert a fully parenthesized infix expression into postfix?

A: Just scan the expression from left to right. If it is a (, ignore it. If it is an operator, push it onto the stack. If it is a number, just add it to the output. If it is a ), pop once from the stack and add the operator that just came out of the stack to the output.

Q: How can I solve the postfix expression using a stack.

A: Just scan the expression from left to right. If it is a number, push it in the stack. If it is an operator, pop twice (to get two numbers), do the math, and push the answer onto the stack. At the end you will have just one value in the stack and that will be the answer.

## Rules:

### 1. You should validate your input in this order:

1. Check for words (e.g. hello) or expressions that are not mathematical, or expressions that use operators that are not allowed. Report the error message "Sorry. This program cannot work with this input."

2. Assuming the input passed check #1, now check for an expression where the user puts in + to mean a positive number. Report the error message "Please don't use + for positive numbers"

3. Assuming the input passed check #2, now check for an expression where the user puts in - to mean a negative number. Report the error message "Please avoid using negative numbers"

4. Assuming the input passed check #3, now check for an expression where the user does not have a fully parenthesized expression. Report the error message "Please write a fully parenthesized expression"

*Note:* The spacing should not matter. Therefore (3+4) is just as valid as (3 + 4) which is just as valid as ( 3 +4).

Hint: Read about the `eval` function, it can help with your validation.

**2.** As always, you should have a `main` function, but it should not contain more than 20 lines of code (comments don't count). Most of the code in `main` should just be calls to other functions. This means that your program should use top down design and contains several functions each performing a specific tasks. Your code must have the following functions:

1. `printGreeting` – It should print the greeting and be called in `main`

2. `getInput` - It should be called in `main` and take in no arguments. It should ask the user for the input and validate the input to make sure it is a fully parenthesized expression that has non-negative integer operands and using only + - \* / and (). It can call other functions to help it validate the input. You can decide what these other functions should be. `getInput` should return the validated input back to `main`.

3. `evaluateInfix`- It should be called from `main`. It should take in the fully parenthesized expression and evaluate it using a stack.

4. `infixToPostfix`- It should be called from `main`. It should take in the fully parenthesized expression and return it as a postfix expression.

5. `evaluatePostfix` - It should be called from `main`. It should take in the postfix expression and evaluate it using a stack.

The 5 functions above are what you must have in your program. You may have other functions and you may call these other functions from `main` or any other function. You can decide when it would be better to have your expression stored as a string vs. as a list. For example, it may be helpful to have your expression stored in a list and pass a list into the `evaluateInfix`, `infixToPostfix`, and `evaluatePostfix` functions.

**3.** You must use the `Stack.py` given below and not add any code to it. However, you should add comments to let us know you understand the code. Therefore, you will submit two files: `Stack.py` (given below) and `Proj2.py` (it will have your code in it). The only import statement allowed in `Proj2.py` is `from Stack import *`

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class Stack:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.theStack = []  
  
    def top(self):  
        if self.isEmpty():  
            return "Empty Stack"  
        else:  
            return self.theStack[-1]  
  
    def isEmpty(self):  
        return len(self.theStack) == 0  
  
    def push(self, item):  
        self.theStack.append(item)
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def pop(self):  
    if not self.isEmpty():  
        temp = self.theStack[- 1]  
        del(self.theStack[- 1])  
        return temp  
    else:  
        return "Empty Stack"
```

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**Sample run** (user input is shown in bold and explanation in text box is not part of the program's output)

Enter a fully parenthesized expression that has  
non-negative integer operands and using only + - \* / and ( )

Please enter the expression: **hello**

Sorry. This program cannot work with this input.

Please enter the expression: **[1,2,3]**

Sorry. This program cannot work with this input.

Please enter the expression: **(3 + 4**

Sorry. This program cannot work with this input.

Greeting

hello is not  
valid.

Can not  
work with  
lists

Not a valid mathematical expression  
since it is missing closing). In general, 3  
+ 4 would be ok, but not for our  
program since it is not fully  
parenthesized

Please enter the expression: 5 \*\* 2

Sorry. This program cannot work with this input.

Please enter the expression: 10 % 3

Sorry. This program cannot work with this input.

\*\* and %  
are okay in  
Python, but  
not in our  
program. In  
general,  
notice that  
spacing  
should not  
matter

Please enter the expression: 3 - +4

Please don't use + for positive numbers

Please enter the expression: +5 \* 9

Please don't use + for positive numbers

Passes check 1, but fails  
check 2, no + for positive  
numbers

Please enter the expression: -9 + 4

Please avoid using negative numbers

Please enter the expression: 17 - - 2

Please avoid using negative numbers

Passes check 2, but fails check  
3, no negative numbers

Please enter the expression: (12 \* -2 +4)

Please avoid using negative numbers

Please enter the expression: (12 \* 2 + 4)

Please write a fully parenthesized expression

Pass check 3, but fail check 4,  
they are not fully  
parenthesized expressions as  
defined above.

Please enter the expression: (12)

Please write a fully parenthesized expression

Pass check 3, but fail check 4,  
not a fully parenthesized  
expression as defined above.

Please enter the expression:  $(12 * 2) + 4$

Please write a fully parenthesized expression

Please enter the expression:  $((56 - 73) + (98 * 4)) - (32 - 17)$

-----Using A Stack To Evaluate Infix-----

Pushing ( into the stack

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Pushing 56 into the stack

Pushing - into the stack

Pushing 73 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 73 from the stack

Popping operator: - from the stack

Popping operand 1: 56 from the stack

Popping ( from the stack

Pushing -17 into the stack

Pushing + into the stack

Pushing ( into the stack

Pushing 98 into the stack

Pushing \* into the stack

Pushing 4 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 4 from the stack

Popping operator: \* from the stack

Popping operand 1: 98 from the stack

Popping ( from the stack

Pushing 392 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 392 from the stack

Finally, something that passes  
all the checks!

Steps required to use a stack  
to evaluate this fully  
parenthesized expression

Popping operator: + from the stack  
 Popping operand 1: -17 from the stack  
 Popping ( from the stack  
 Pushing 375 into the stack  
 Pushing - into the stack  
 Pushing ( into the stack  
 Pushing 32 into the stack  
 Pushing - into the stack  
 Pushing 17 into the stack  
 Popping operand 2: 17 from the stack  
 Popping operator: - from the stack  
 Popping operand 1: 32 from the stack  
 Popping ( from the stack  
 Pushing 15 into the stack  
 Popping operand 2: 15 from the stack  
 Popping operator: - from the stack  
 Popping operand 1: 375 from the stack  
 Popping ( from the stack  
 Pushing 360 into the stack  
 The final answer is 360

Steps required to use a stack to evaluate this fully parenthesized expression

-----Infix to Postfix-----

56 73 - 98 4 \* + 32 17 - -

Use a stack to convert to postfix (you can display the results of the stack operation when you debug your code, but don't include in the final output)

-----Using A Stack to Evaluate Postfix-----

Pushing 56 into the stack

Pushing 73 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 73 from the stack

Popping operand 1: 56 from the stack

Pushing -17 into the stack

Pushing 98 into the stack

Pushing 4 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 4 from the stack

Popping operand 1: 98 from the stack

Pushing 392 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 392 from the stack

Popping operand 1: -17 from the stack

Pushing 375 into the stack

Pushing 32 into the stack

Pushing 17 into the stack

Popping operand 2: 17 from the stack

Popping operand 1: 32 from the stack

Pushing 15 into the stack

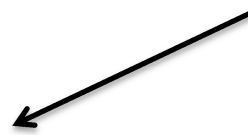
Popping operand 2: 15 from the stack

Popping operand 1: 375 from the stack

Pushing 360 into the stack

The final answer is 360

Steps required to use a stack  
to evaluate the postfix  
expression





**Here is another Example run of the program**

Enter a fully parenthesized expression that has non-negative integer operands and using only + - \* / and ( )

Please enter the expression: ( ( 17 / 2) + (25 -18))

-----Using A Stack To Evaluate Infix-----

Pushing ( into the stack

Pushing ( into the stack

Pushing 17 into the stack

Pushing / into the stack

Pushing 2 into the stack

    Popping operand 2: 2 from the stack

    Popping operator: / from the stack

    Popping operand 1: 17 from the stack

    Popping ( from the stack

Pushing 8 into the stack

Pushing + into the stack

Pushing ( into the stack

Pushing 25 into the stack

Pushing - into the stack

Pushing 18 into the stack

    Popping operand 2: 18 from the stack

    Popping operator: - from the stack

    Popping operand 1: 25 from the stack

    Popping ( from the stack

Pushing 7 into the stack

Note 17/2 is 8 because of int division



Popping operand 2: 7 from the stack  
Popping operator: + from the stack  
Popping operand 1: 8 from the stack  
Popping ( from the stack  
Pushing 15 into the stack  
The final answer is 15

-----Infix to Postfix-----

17 2 / 25 18 - +

-----Using A Stack to Evaluate Postfix-----

Pushing 17 into the stack  
Pushing 2 into the stack  
Popping operand 2: 2 from the stack  
Popping operand 1: 17 from the stack  
Pushing 8 into the stack  
Pushing 25 into the stack  
Pushing 18 into the stack  
Popping operand 2: 18 from the stack  
Popping operand 1: 25 from the stack  
Pushing 7 into the stack  
Popping operand 2: 7 from the stack  
Popping operand 1: 8 from the stack  
Pushing 15 into the stack  
The final answer is 15

When you've finished your project, use the submit command to submit the files. You must be logged into your account and you must be in the same directory as the file you're trying to submit.

At the Linux prompt, type

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submit cs201 Proj2 proj2.py
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submit cs201 Proj2 Stack.py
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After entering the submit command shown above, you should get a confirmation that submit worked correctly:

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Submitting proj2.py...OK
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```
Submitting Stack.py...OK
```

If not, check your spelling and that you have included each of the required parts and try again.

You can check your submission by entering:

```
submitls cs201 Proj2
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You should see the name of the files that you just submitted, in this case proj2.py and Stack.py