# Balanced Brackets ★



Problem Submissions Leaderboard Editorial

## RATE THIS CHALLENGE



A bracket is considered to be any one of the following characters: (, ), {, }, [, or ].

Two brackets are considered to be a matched pair if the an opening bracket (i.e., (, [, or {) occurs to the left of a closing bracket (i.e., ), ], or }) of the exact same type. There are three types of matched pairs of brackets: [], {}, and ().

A matching pair of brackets is not balanced if the set of brackets it encloses are not matched. For example, {[(])} is not balanced because the contents in between { and } are not balanced. The pair of square brackets encloses a single, unbalanced opening bracket, (, and the pair of parentheses encloses a single, unbalanced closing square bracket, ].

By this logic, we say a sequence of brackets is balanced if the following conditions are met:

- It contains no unmatched brackets.
- The subset of brackets enclosed within the confines of a matched pair of brackets is also a matched pair of brackets.

Given n strings of brackets, determine whether each sequence of brackets is balanced. If a string is balanced, return YES. Otherwise, return NO.

#### **Function Description**

Complete the function is Balanced in the editor below.

isBalanced has the following parameter(s):

• string s: a string of brackets

#### Returns

string: either YES or NO

### **Input Format**

The first line contains a single integer n, the number of strings.

Each of the next  $m{n}$  lines contains a single string  $m{s}$ , a sequence of brackets.

# Constraints

- $1 \le n \le 10^3$
- $1 \le |s| \le 10^3$ , where |s| is the length of the sequence.
- All chracters in the sequences ∈ { **{**, **}**, **(**, **)**, **[**, **]** }.

#### **Output Format**

For each string, return YES or NO.

# Sample Input

 $STDIN Function ---- 3 n = 3 \{[()] first s = '\{[()]' \{[(]) \} second s = '\{[(])' \{\{[[(())]]\} \} third s = '\{\{[[(())]]\} \} third s = '\{\{[(())]]\} \} third s = '\{\{[(())]]\} \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '\{(()), (()), (()), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), (()), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(), ((), ((), (()), (()) \} third s = '(),$ 

# Sample Output

YES

NO

YES

### Explanation

- 1. The string {[()]} meets both criteria for being a balanced string.
- $2. The string \{ \cite{Months} is not balanced because the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced: \cite{Months} is not balanced because the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced to the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced to the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced to the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced to the brackets enclosed by the matched pair \{ and \} are not balanced to the brackets enclosed by the brack$
- 3. The string {{[[(())]]}} meets both criteria for being a balanced string.



Contest Calendar | Blog | Scoring | Environment | FAQ | About Us | Support | Careers | Terms Of Service | Privacy Policy | Request a Feature