

# Balanced Brackets ★

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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 `isBalanced` 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 *n* lines contains a single string *s*, a sequence of brackets.

Constraints

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

Output Format

For each string, return YES or NO.

Sample Input

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

Sample Output

YES  
NO  
YES

### Explanation

1. The string `{[()]}` meets both criteria for being a balanced string.
2. The string `{[(())]}` is not balanced because the brackets enclosed by the matched pair `{` and `}` are not balanced: `[(())]`.
3. The string `{{[[(())]]}}` meets both criteria for being a balanced string.

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16      * Complete the 'isBalanced' function below.
17      *
18      * The function is expected to return a STRING.
19      * The function accepts STRING s as parameter.
20      */
21      static final List<Character>
22          OPENING = Arrays.asList( '{', '[', '(' ),
23          CLOSING = Arrays.asList( '}', ']', ')' );
24
25      static final String TRUE = "YES", FALSE = "NO";
26      static final int NOT_FOUND = -1;
27      public static String isBalanced(String s) {
28          // Write your code here
29          Deque<Character> brackets = new ArrayDeque<>();
30          for ( int i=0; i<s.length(); i++ )
31          {
32              Character ch = s.charAt(i);
33              int pos = CLOSING.indexOf(ch);
34              if ( pos != NOT_FOUND ) {
35                  if ( !OPENING.get(pos).equals( brackets.poll() ) )
36                      return FALSE;
37              } else
38                  brackets.push( ch );
39          }
40          return brackets.isEmpty() ? TRUE : FALSE;
41
42      }
```

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Input (stdin)

```
1 3
2 {[()]}
3 {[()]}
4 {[[(())]]}
```

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Your Output (stdout)

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1 | YES |
| 2 | NO  |
| 3 | YES |

Expected Output

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- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1 | YES |
|---|-----|