

## SQP5 Valid Parentheses

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Given a string  $s$  containing just the characters  $\{$ ,  $\}$ ,  $[$ ,  $]$ ,  $($  and  $)$ , determine if the input string is valid.

An input string is valid if:

1. Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets.
2. Open brackets must be closed in the correct order.
3. Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type.

Example 1:

Input:  $s = "()$

Output: true

This is one of the most popular problem based on stack and queue.  
This is also known as balanced parentheses.

→ Balanced parentheses means if we have any opening bracket then must have its closing bracket.

Example

$$s = (\) \{ \} \) \}$$

→ Now we can say the given string is the balanced.



Example

$$s = \] ( ) \{ \}$$

→ Now "]" this have not opening bracket.

Important Notes:-

$$s = [ ) c ] \quad X$$

→ In this case ( ) have also ) but still this is not a balanced bracket.



→ Every opening bracket should be its closing bracket in front of opening Not backward.

$$\rightarrow s = [ ( ) ]$$

→ again we can not say this is the balanced parentheses.

→ Because "c" its closing bracket is affect another "]" closing bracket needs very this is also not a balanced parentheses eg.

# Thought Process

→ Now in this problem we used stack data structure (LIFO)

$$s = \boxed{\quad}$$

$$\text{String} = [ () \{ ( ) \} ]$$

↑↑ ↑↑↑↑

→ Start Iteration

→ what we will do is whenever comes any Opening brackets take and put into the Stack

if  $i == '['$   
if  $i == '('$   
if  $i == '{'$

} → put into the stack



Stack =



$i = )$

→ Now whenever comes any Closing Brackets Then

→ check if Stack is Not Empty ✓

→ that means might be that closing bracket exist

→ Take one top most element from the Stack

element = Stack.pop()

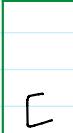
→ and check one apposite bracket can exist or not like  
Current  $i = )$

if  $i == ')' and element == '('$  ✓

that means that bracket  
is balanced moved to the next  
bracket



Stack =

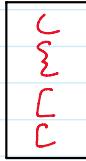


→ moved to the Next Bracket

$i = [$

→ again all Remaining Opening bracket put into the Stack

Stack =



$[() \{ () \} ]$

↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑

$i = )$

→ Again Same process follow that we follow in previous step

...  
...

( - )

→ Again Same Process follow that we follow in previous step

→ check if stack is not empty ✓

→ element = Stack.pop()  
element = '('

and check if == ) and element == C ✓  
that means that bracket is also balanced  
so moved to the next bracket

Stack =   
[ ]  
[ ]  
[ ]

→ Now Next all the bracket are the closing bracket ( } ] ] )

→ So Again follow Same Approach Check Stack is Not Empty Pop one by one and Check its Opposite Brackets present or Not



### # Edge Cases

→ if the first element is any closing bracket so directly sheet is Not Balanced parentheses

→ if any time pop element and it are both are Not Opposite each other or come ② different bracket so also directly sheet is also Not Balanced parentheses

→ if ① is not opening bracket and stack is empty so also sheet is Not balanced parentheses

→ That are the same edge case sheet are elements during solving this problem

→ And last if our stack is empty then given sheet are balanced

after complete the loop iteration  
check  
if len(stack) == 0:  
sheet means  
given bracket  
are balanced  
Otherwise not  
balanced



Time Complexity = O(N)

→ because we decrease the length of the given string

Space Complexity = O(N)

→ because we used a Stack data structure

## # Implementation Python

```
# lc : https://leetcode.com/problems/valid-parentheses/
# gfg: https://practice.geeksforgeeks.org/problems/parenthesis-checker2744/1?utm\_source=gfg&utm\_medium=article&utm\_campaign=bottom\_sticky\_on\_article

class Solution:
    def isValid(self, s):

        Stack = []
        for i in s:
            if i in ['(', '{', '[']:
                Stack.append(i)

            elif i == ')' and len(Stack) != 0 and Stack[-1] == '(':
                Stack.pop()

            elif i == '}' and len(Stack) != 0 and Stack[-1] == '{':
                Stack.pop()

            elif i == ']' and len(Stack) != 0 and Stack[-1] == '[':
                Stack.pop()

            else:
                return False

        if len(Stack) == 0:
            return True
```

## # Implementation Java

```
import java.util.*;
import java.util.Stack;

public class L5_Valid_Parentheses {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Valid Parentheses");
    }
}

class Solution1 {
    public boolean isValid(String s) {
        Stack<Character> arr = new Stack<>();
        for(char c: s.toCharArray()){
            if (c == '(' || c == '{' || c == '['){
                arr.push(c);
            } else if (c == ')' && !arr.isEmpty() && arr.peek() == '('){
                arr.pop();
            } else if (c == '}' && !arr.isEmpty() && arr.peek() == '{'){
                arr.pop();
            } else if (c == ']' && !arr.isEmpty() && arr.peek() == '['){
                arr.pop();
            } else {
                return false;
            }
        }
        return arr.isEmpty();
    }
}
```



This concept is applicable for  
any type balanced  
parenthesis problem  
→ Just apply  
it

