Problem O. Challenge Problem 2

OS Linux

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 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

- $1 < n < 10^3$
- $1 \le |s| \le 10^3$, where |s| is the length of the sequence.

• All chracters in the sequences \in { {, }, (,), [,] }.

Output Format

For each string, return YES or NO.

| Input | | Output |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| STDIN | Function | YES NO |
| 3 {[()]} {[(])} {{[[(())]]}} | <pre>n = 3 first s = '{[()]}' second s = '{[(])}' third s ='{{[[(())]]}}'</pre> | 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.