

Data Structure and Algorithm Practicals

4. Check for balanced parentheses by using Stacks

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function isMatchingBrackets (str)
{
    let stack = [];
    let map = {
        '(': ')',
        '[': ']',
        '{': '}'
    };

    for (let i = 0; i < str.length; i++) {

        // If character is an opening brace add it to a stack
        if (str[i] === '(' || str[i] === '{' || str[i] === '[') {
            stack.push(str[i]);
        }
        // If that character is a closing brace, pop from the stack, which will also
        // reduce the length of the stack each time a closing bracket is encountered.
        else {
            let last = stack.pop();

            //If the popped element from the stack, which is the last opening brace
            //doesn't match the corresponding closing brace in the map, then return false
            if (str[i] !== map[last]) {return false;}
        }
    }

    // By the completion of the for loop after checking all the brackets of the str,
    // at the end, if the stack is not empty then fail
    if (stack.length !== 0) {return false;}

    return true;
}
```

```
if ( isMatchingBrackets ("{}"))
    console.log("Correct");
else
    console.log("INCorrect");
```

