

# Valid parentheses (solution)

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def validParentheses(s):
    stack = []
    open = '(['
    closed = ')]}'
    for c in s:
        if c in open:
            stack.append(c)
        elif c in closed:
            if not stack:
                return False
            if open.find(stack[-1]) == closed.find(c):
                stack.pop()
            else:
                return False
        else:
            return False
    return not stack
```

- Runtime:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(n)$

"New" data structure: stack.

Basically just another way of using a dynamically extendable list, like Python's default list, with  $O(1)$  append/pop operations.

# Rest of the problems...

- 55. Jump game - dynamic programming
- 62. Unique paths - dynamic programming OR combinatorial mathematical solution
- 136. Single number - XOR (bitwise operations)
- 226. Invert binary tree - classic example of a graph question