1 Assignment 8 Introduction

This assignment is due before 11:59pm on the listed date. Which means, submissions made on or after 11:59pm will be counted as a late submissions. Late submissions before 11:59pm on the following day will receive no point deduction as penalty in this assignment. Submissions made on or after 11:59pm on the same day will not be graded. We strongly recommend completing the assignment before then.

It is imperative that you meticulously follow the submission process outlined at the end of this assignment. Incorrectly structured submissions will receive a 10% point deduction as a penalty.

Assignments due on Mondays generally involve materials covered in lectures from the previous week, whereas assignments due on Thursdays involve materials covered in lectures from the running week. So be sure to watch the lectures and go over the reading materials before attempting the assignments.

Good luck!

2 Balancing Act (40 points)

As you already know, in the syntax of C++ '()' (parentheses), '{}' (curly braces), and '[]' (brackets) appear in nested pairs. In a program with correct syntax, these operators will be nested and matched (i.e. for every opening parenthesis, curly brace or bracket, there will be a closing parenthesis, curly brace or bracket). To determine whether this condition holds for a particular program, you can ignore all the other characters and simply look at the pattern formed by the parentheses, curly braces, and brackets. In a balanced configuration, all the operators match up correctly, as shown in the following example:

```
{([])([()])}
```

The following configurations however, are not balanced, due to their stated reasons:

Your task is to write a program using the function IsBalanced, that takes in a configuration as input, and returns true if it is balanced, otherwise false. You may refer to the following as a starting point:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

bool IsBalanced(const std::string& config) {
    //Your code here
}

int main() {
    std::string config{""};
    std::cin >> config;
    std::cout << IsBalanced(config);
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Input:
({[]})[]{()}
Output:
1
Input:
}
Output:
0
Input:
([]){[()]}
Output:
1

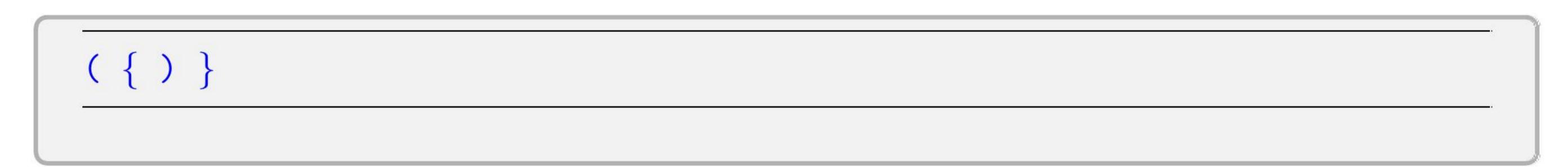
Some test cases are provided below:

Input:

Output:

0

Input:



Output:

0

General Hints and Instructions:

- You are not allowed to change the function declaration.
- Your first instinct may be to compare the number of opening and closing operators, and checking if they are equal. It should be obvious why that approach alone will not yield a viable solution.
- This is a string manipulation problem. Consider making heavy use of the find, substr, and replace functions. You may not use recursion to solve this problem.
- Your program should compile and run. You can assume the input will always be a string of length one or greater, consisting of only parentheses, curly braces, and brackets. There will not be any other characters (including whitespaces) in the input string.
- Do not add any unnecessary components to your solution. The problem statement is not asking for any header files or additional input/output prompts.

3 Balancing Act II (60 points)

Your task is to write a program using the **recursive** function IsBalancedRec, that takes in a configuration as input, and returns True if it is balanced, False otherwise. You may refer to the following as a starting point:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
bool IsBalancedRec(const std::string& config) {
    //Your code here
}
int main() {
    std::string config{""};
    std::cin >> config;
    std::cout << IsBalancedRec(config);
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

While there are multiple ways to design the recursive process, a brief description of one of the recursive processes is given below:

- Receive string config in IsBalancedRec function.
- Is config empty?
 - If yes, then config is balanced.
- Does config have a pair of '()' (parentheses), '{}' (curly braces), or '[]' (brackets)?
 - If yes, then remove the pair from config and call IsBalancedRec with the updated config.
 - If no, then config is not balanced.

Note that in the recursive process above, config is updated even though in the function parameter config is declared as a const reference to a string, which you are not allowed to change. At this point in the course, you should be able to figure out how to get around this issue.

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({[]})[](()}
Output:
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Input :
<u>}</u>
Output:
0
Input:
([]){[()]}
Output:
1

Some test cases are provided below:

Input: Output: O Input: ({ }) } Output:

General Hints and Instructions:

- You are not allowed to change the function declaration.
- Your solution must use recursion. Solutions using while (or do-while) loops, for loops, etc. will not be accepted. In other words, if there are loops anywhere in your code, you are doing something wrong, and your solution will not be accepted.
- This is a string manipulation problem. Consider making heavy use of the find, substr, and replace functions.
- Your program should compile and run. You can assume the input will always be a string of length one or greater, consisting of only parentheses, curly braces, and brackets. There will not be any other characters (including whitespaces) in the input string.
- Do not add any unnecessary components to your solution. The problem statement is not asking for any header files or additional input/output prompts.

4 Assignment 8 Submission Process

- Create a folder, name it your_msu_id8. For example, if your MSU email is johndoe@msu.edu, then you should name the folder johndoe8.
- For each programming task, create a sub-folder inside your your_msu_id8 folder, and name it as the number that corresponds to the programming task number. For this assignment, there should be two sub-folders named '2' and '3'.
- Inside each sub-folder, put the main.cpp for the appropriate solution.
- Compress/Zip your_msu_id8 folder and name it your_msu_id8.zip. For example, if the name of your folder is johndoe8, then you need to create a zip file named johndoe8.zip. Zip file guide: https://copyrightservice.co.uk/reg/creating-zip-files.
- Submit the zip file through D2L.