

Minimum number of swaps

for bracket balancing

Here we are doing
 $ans += v[idx] - i$, what it means we
are swapping all the brackets b/w i & $v[idx]$
and finally swap i & $v[idx]$

Example:

]][[\Rightarrow Find number of minimum swaps for
bracket balancing.

we can solve this in

Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(n)$

Algorithm

Iterate through char's of string

if ($s[i] == '['$) {

count++

idx++

} else {

count--

if (count < 0) {

$ans += v[idx] - i$

swap($s[i]$, $s[v[idx]]$)

count = 1

idx++

}

}

array v consists the indexes of
'[' because while we are iterating
through the bracket string and
if we find any unbalanced ']'
bracket, we use this array and
get the corresponding '['.

count = 0 \Rightarrow Balanced

count < 0 \Rightarrow unbalanced by
following] and next [

idx is pointer for open bracket
indexes which we stored in
array v

Application

]][[

$v = [2, 3]$

Iterate through char's of string

$i=0$ $s[i] =]$ } count = -1
count = 0 } $\Rightarrow ans = v[0] - 0$

$ans = 2 - 0 = 2$

swap 0th \leftrightarrow 2nd

[]] [

count = 1

idx = 1

$i=1$ $s[i] =]$ } count = 0

count = 1

idx = 1

no swapping bec
brackets are

balanced until

$i=1$

[]] [

$i=2$ $s[i] =]$ } count = -1

count = 0

idx = 1

ans = 2

unbalanced

$ans += v[idx] - i$

$ans += v[1] - 2$

$ans += 3 - 2 = 1$

$ans += 1 \Rightarrow 3$

swap 2nd \leftrightarrow 3rd

[]] [

\Rightarrow [] []

count = 1

$i=3$ count = 1

$s[i] =]$

ans = 3

count = 0

Brackets Balanced