

# Valid Parentheses

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class Solution {
public:
    bool isValid(string s) {
        int i;
        stack<char> st;
        stack<char> stt;

        // prevents seg faults
        st.push('S');

        if (s.size() <= 1) return false;

        for (i=0;i<s.size();i++){
            if (s[i] == '(' || s[i] == '{' || s[i] == '['){
                st.push(s[i]);
                stt.push(s[i]);
            }else{
                if (s[i] == ')'){
                    if (st.top() != '(') return false;
                    st.pop();
                }else if (s[i] == '}'){
                    if (st.top() != '{') return false;
                    st.pop();
                }else if (s[i] == ']'){
                    if (st.top() != '[') return false;
                    st.pop();
                }else{
                    return false;
                }
            }
        }

        if ((stt.size()*2 != s.size())) return false;
    }
};
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        return true;

    }

};
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- working solution
  - starts at beginning of string and checks if its opening parentheses
  - if it is it adds it to the stack and moves on too the next
  - if the next is not an opening paren then it checks to see if it matches the current open paren that is supposed to be closed
- Big O
  - $O(n)$