

Valid Parentheses: Given a string s containing just the characters '(', ')', '{', '}', '[', ']', determine if s is valid.

s is valid if

- 1) Open brackets must be closed by the same type of brackets.
- 2) Open brackets must be closed in the correct order.
- 3) Every close bracket has a corresponding open bracket of the same type.

★ Stack: Last in / First Out (LIFO)

Ex) $s = "()"$

output: True

$s = "()[]{}"$

output: True

$s = "[]"$

output: False

$s = "([{}])"$ $([{}])$

out: True

1. stack: (
2. " : ([
3. " : ([
4. '}' is not in mapping, check $\} = \text{mapping}[\text{stack.pop}]$
5. ']' "
6. ')' "

Idea:

① Create ^{stack} mapping : $\text{mapping} = \{ '(': ')', '[': ']', \{': '\}' \}$: space: $O(n)$

② for i in s : time complexity: $O(n)$

check i is in mapping

if yes, push to stack

else, pop from stack and check $i == \text{mapping}[\text{stack.pop}]$

③ If stack is empty, return True.