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**Minimum cost of a correct parenthesization (1)****P76915\_en**

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Given a word made up of only opening and closing parentheses, we must make it a correct parenthesization. The only allowed operation is turning each parenthesis, that is, changing its orientation. What is the minimum number of turns needed?

For example, if the word is “) ( ( ( ( ( ) ”, then we can achieve the correct parenthesization “( ( ( ( ) ( ) ) ” just turning three parentheses, and we cannot do better.

**Input**

Input consists of several cases, each with a word with  $n$  opening or closing parentheses. You can assume that  $n$  is even and between 2 and 100.

**Output**

For every case, print the minimum cost of a correct parenthesization.

**Hint**

Although there are more efficient solutions, a dynamic programming with time cost  $\Theta(n^3)$  and space cost  $\Theta(n^2)$  should be enough.

**Sample input 1**

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()
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```

**Sample output 1**

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0
0
1
2
2
2
2
3
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**Problem information**

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