

# Word Pattern

For this problem we must check if the given pattern and string  $s$  form a bijection (one-to-one mapping) between characters and words.

## Key Idea:

- Split  $s$  into words by spaces.
- Check if each character in pattern consistently maps to the same word and vice versa.
- Ensure bijection:
  - Each character maps to exactly one word.
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## Algorithm:

1. Split  $s$  by spaces  $\rightarrow$  get vector of words.
2. If  $\text{pattern.size() != words.size()} \rightarrow$  return false.
3. Use two hash maps:
  - char  $\rightarrow$  Word: map pattern character  $\rightarrow$  word
  - word  $\rightarrow$  Char: map word  $\rightarrow$  pattern character
4. Iterate:
  - If mapping exists, check consistency.
  - If not, create new mapping.
5. If any mismatch  $\rightarrow$  return false, else return true.

## Complexity:

- Time:  $O(n)$  ( $n$  = number of words or pattern length)
- Space:  $O(n)$  for two maps.