

LeetCode

Day-16 Q-02: Regular Expression Matching

Given an input string (`s`) and a pattern (`p`), implement regular expression matching with support for `'.'` and `'*'`.

`'.'` Matches any single character.

`'*'` Matches zero or more of the preceding element.

The matching should cover the **entire** input string (not partial).

Note:

- `s` could be empty and contains only lowercase letters `a-z`.
- `p` could be empty and contains only lowercase letters `a-z`, and characters like `.` or `*`.

Example 1:

Input:

`s = "aa"`

`p = "a"`

Output: false

Explanation: "a" does not match the entire string "aa".

Example 2:

Input:

`s = "aa"`

`p = "a*"`

Output: true

Explanation: `'*'` means zero or more of the preceding element, `'a'`. Therefore, by repeating `'a'` once, it becomes `"aa"`.

Example 3:

Input:

`s = "ab"`

`p = ".*"`

Output: true

Explanation: `".*"` means "zero or more (*) of any character (.)".

Example 4:**Input:**`s = "aab"``p = "c*a*b"`**Output:** true

Explanation: c can be repeated 0 times, a can be repeated 1 time. Therefore, it matches "aab".

Example 5:**Input:**`s = "mississippi"``p = "mis*is*p*."`**Output:** false