

# Problem 3455: Shortest Matching Substring

## Problem Information

Difficulty: Hard

Acceptance Rate: 0.00%

Paid Only: No

## Problem Description

You are given a string

s

and a pattern string

p

, where

p

contains

exactly two

\*\*

characters.

The

\*\*

in

p

matches any sequence of zero or more characters.

Return the length of the

shortest

substring

in

s

that matches

p

. If there is no such substring, return -1.

Note:

The empty substring is considered valid.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "abaacbaecebce", p = "ba\*c\*ce"

Output:

8

Explanation:

The shortest matching substring of

p

in

s

is

"

ba

e

c

eb

ce

"

.

Example 2:

Input:

s = "baccbaadbc", p = "cc\*baa\*adb"

Output:

-1

Explanation:

There is no matching substring in

s

.

Example 3:

Input:

s = "a", p = "\*\*\*"

Output:

0

Explanation:

The empty substring is the shortest matching substring.

Example 4:

Input:

s = "madlogic", p = "\*adlogi\*"

Output:

6

Explanation:

The shortest matching substring of

p

in

s

is

"

adlogi

"

.

Constraints:

$1 \leq s.length \leq 10$

5

$2 \leq p.length \leq 10$

5

s

contains only lowercase English letters.

p

contains only lowercase English letters and exactly two

\*\*

.

## Code Snippets

C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int shortestMatchingSubstring(string s, string p) {
        }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {  
    public int shortestMatchingSubstring(String s, String p) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:  
    def shortestMatchingSubstring(self, s: str, p: str) -> int:
```

**Python:**

```
class Solution(object):  
    def shortestMatchingSubstring(self, s, p):  
        """  
        :type s: str  
        :type p: str  
        :rtype: int  
        """
```

**JavaScript:**

```
/**  
 * @param {string} s  
 * @param {string} p  
 * @return {number}  
 */  
var shortestMatchingSubstring = function(s, p) {  
  
};
```

**TypeScript:**

```
function shortestMatchingSubstring(s: string, p: string): number {  
  
};
```

**C#:**

```
public class Solution {  
    public int ShortestMatchingSubstring(string s, string p) {  
  
    }  
}
```

**C:**

```
int shortestMatchingSubstring(char* s, char* p) {  
  
}
```

**Go:**

```
func shortestMatchingSubstring(s string, p string) int {  
  
}
```

**Kotlin:**

```
class Solution {  
    fun shortestMatchingSubstring(s: String, p: String): Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Swift:**

```
class Solution {  
    func shortestMatchingSubstring(_ s: String, _ p: String) -> Int {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Rust:**

```
impl Solution {  
    pub fn shortest_matching_substring(s: String, p: String) -> i32 {  
  
    }  
}
```

**Ruby:**

```
# @param {String} s
# @param {String} p
# @return {Integer}
def shortest_matching_substring(s, p)

end
```

### PHP:

```
class Solution {

    /**
     * @param String $s
     * @param String $p
     * @return Integer
     */
    function shortestMatchingSubstring($s, $p) {

    }
}
```

### Dart:

```
class Solution {
    int shortestMatchingSubstring(String s, String p) {
    }
}
```

### Scala:

```
object Solution {
    def shortestMatchingSubstring(s: String, p: String): Int = {
    }
}
```

### Elixir:

```
defmodule Solution do
  @spec shortest_matching_substring(s :: String.t, p :: String.t) :: integer
  def shortest_matching_substring(s, p) do
```

```
end  
end
```

### Erlang:

```
-spec shortest_matching_substring(S :: unicode:unicode_binary(), P ::  
unicode:unicode_binary()) -> integer().  
shortest_matching_substring(S, P) ->  
.
```

### Racket:

```
(define/contract (shortest-matching-substring s p)  
(-> string? string? exact-integer?)  
)
```

## Solutions

### C++ Solution:

```
/*  
* Problem: Shortest Matching Substring  
* Difficulty: Hard  
* Tags: array, string, tree, search  
*  
* Approach: Use two pointers or sliding window technique  
* Time Complexity: O(n) or O(n log n)  
* Space Complexity: O(h) for recursion stack where h is height  
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class Solution {  
public:  
    int shortestMatchingSubstring(string s, string p) {  
  
    }  
};
```

### Java Solution:

```

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 */

class Solution {
    public int shortestMatchingSubstring(String s, String p) {
        return 0;
    }
}

```

### Python3 Solution:

```

"""
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class Solution:
    def shortestMatchingSubstring(self, s: str, p: str) -> int:
        # TODO: Implement optimized solution
        pass

```

### Python Solution:

```

class Solution(object):
    def shortestMatchingSubstring(self, s, p):
        """
        :type s: str
        :type p: str
        :rtype: int
        """

```

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```

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### C Solution:

```

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int shortestMatchingSubstring(char* s, char* p) {
}

```

### Go Solution:

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func shortestMatchingSubstring(s string, p string) int {
}

```

```
}
```

### Kotlin Solution:

```
class Solution {  
    fun shortestMatchingSubstring(s: String, p: String): Int {  
        //  
        //  
        //  
        return 0  
    }  
}
```

### Swift Solution:

```
class Solution {  
    func shortestMatchingSubstring(_ s: String, _ p: String) -> Int {  
        //  
        //  
        //  
        return 0  
    }  
}
```

### Rust Solution:

```
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        //  
        //  
        //  
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}
```

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