

RELAXED PREFIX (60 minutes)

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Description

Verify a function `isRelaxedPrefix` determining if a list `_pat_` (for pattern) is a relaxed prefix of another list `_a_`.

The relaxed prefix property holds iff `_pat_` is a prefix of `_a_` after removing at most one element from `_pat_`.

Examples

`pat = {1,3}` is a relaxed prefix of `a = {1,3,2,3}` (standard prefix)

`pat = {1,2,3}` is a relaxed prefix of `a = {1,3,2,3}` (remove 2 from pat)

`pat = {1,2,4}` is not a relaxed prefix of `a = {1,3,2,3}`.

Implementation notes

You can implement lists as arrays, e.g., of integers. A reference implementation is given below. It may or may not contain errors.

```
public class Relaxed {  
  
    public static boolean isRelaxedPrefix(int[] pat, int[] a) {  
        int shift = 0;  
  
        for(int i=0; i<pat.length; i++) {  
            if (pat[i]!=a[i-shift])  
                if (shift==0) shift=1;  
                else return false;  
        }  
        return true;  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] argv) {  
    int[] pat = {1,2,3};  
    int[] a1 = {1,3,2,3};  
    System.out.println(isRelaxedPrefix(pat, a1));  
}  
  
}
```

Advanced verification task (if you get bored)

Implement and verify a function `relaxedContains(pat, a)` returning whether `_a_` contains `_pat_` in the above relaxed sense, i.e., whether `_pat_` is a relaxed prefix of any suffix of `_a_`.