

Theory of Computation

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REs in UNIX/Linux

- ▶ ASCII: alphabet with 128 symbols
- ▶ Symbol '.' means "any char"
- ▶ [abcd] means a+b+c+d
- ▶ [A-Z] means all the uppercase letters
- ▶ "|" means "+"
- ▶ "?" means 0 or 1 of
- ▶ "*" means 0 or more
- ▶ "+" means 1 or more
- ▶ {n} means n copies of
- ▶ Search using REs in the utility **grep** (*global regular expression and print*)

Exercise 3 (homework)

- ▶ Write a regular expression (e.g., using the PCRE format, or the format used in UNIX/Linux grep) to
 - ▶ Search for phone numbers in a text
 - ▶ Search for codex codes (with number and locality) in a text
- ▶ PCRE (Perl Compatible Regular Expressions):
 - ▶ <https://www.pcre.org/>
 - ▶ <https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perl-Compatible-Regular-Expressions>