

W1: Regular expressions

Here are the links to my two solved exercises:

1: <https://regex101.com/r/p5096s/1>

2: <https://regex101.com/r/COHXGB/1>

EXERCISE 1

This was the first time for me working with regular expressions, so I tried a lot of things to make it work. I wanted to isolate the '"', so I tried to do that, but they went into two different groups

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REGULAR EXPRESSION

332 matches, 3538 steps (~4ms)

TEST STRING

"højtærede", "rimstad", "mill", "beh", "weikop", "udskrivn", "wetlesen", "gottschalck", "westerby", "magnussens", "asmussen", "bækgaard", "dupont", "diderichsen", "moltke", "henry", "sigsgaard", "haunstrup", "bundgård", "reintoft", "lysholt", "grünbaum", "andresen", fremskridtspartiet, "fremskridtspartiets", "langkilde", "maigaard", "skovmand", "bendix", "valbak", "brauer", "lütken", "amagerby", "flygaard", "lindholt", "fp", "dkp", "ingomar", "glensgård", "erlendsson", "nørlund", "lovf", "maisted", "honoré", "tyroll", "hjørtlund", "waidorf", "mwa", "ackian", "drøbye", "sumars", "kalnæs"

SUBSTITUTION

insert your replacement value here

EXPLANATION

▼ /([")([0-9a-z\s]*["])/gm

- ▼ 1st Capturing Group [""]
 - " matches the character " literally (case sensitive)
- ▼ Match a single character present in the list below [0-9a-z\s]*
 - * Quantifier — Matches between zero and unlimited times, as many times as possible, giving back as needed (greedy)

MATCH INFORMATION

Match 1

Match	Full match	Group 1	Group 2
1	13-22	"rimstad"	
2	13-14	"	
3	21-22		"

QUICK REFERENCE

Search reference

Between 3 and 6 ... a{3,6}

- All Tokens
- Common Tokens
- General Tokens

Start of string ^

End of string \$

A word boundary \b

I added [], and then the "" went into the same group. Still, some words weren't marked

The screenshot shows the regex101 website interface. The main area displays a regular expression: `/(["])([0-9a-z]*)[,?]/gm`. The test string contains various names and words, many of which are highlighted in orange, indicating they match the pattern. The matches include: "højtarede", "rimstad", "mill", "beh", "weikop", "udskrivn", "wetlesen", "gottschalck", "westerby", "magnussens", "asmussen", "bakgaard", "dupont", "diderichsen", "moltke", "henry", "sigsgaard", "haunstrup", "bundgård", "reintoft", "lysholt", "grnbaum", "andresen", "fremskridtspartiet", "fremskridtspartiets", "langkilde", "maigaard", "skovmand", "bendix", "valbak", "brauer", "lütken", "amagerby", "flygaard", "lindholt", "fp", "dkp", "ingomar", "glensgård", "erlendsson", "nørlund", "lovf", "maisted", "honoré", "tyroll", "hjortlund", "waldorff", "uwe", "askjr", "drbye", "nymann", "kalns", "bolvig", "cd", "tinning", "ingerlise", "holmsgrd", "maisted", "bentsen", "lenger".

The EXPLANATION section on the right provides details about the pattern:

- 1st Capturing Group `[""]`**: Match a single character present in the list below: `[""]`. This matches the character `"` literally (case sensitive).
- 2nd Capturing Group `([0-9a-z]*)`**: Match a single character present in the list below: `[0-9a-z]`.

The MATCH INFORMATION section shows the following details for Match 1:

Match	Full match	0-3	"hø"
Group 1.	0-1	"	
Group 2.	1-2	h	

The QUICK REFERENCE section on the right provides a list of tokens and their corresponding symbols:

Token	Symbol
Between 3 and 6 ...	<code>a{3,6}</code>
Start of string	<code>^</code>
End of string	<code>\$</code>
A word boundary	<code>\b</code>
Non-word boundary	<code>\B</code>

I could see that something was wrong in the words who had characters like "æøåüé". Therefore, I included these in my regular expression. They were marked and I was happy, but still, they were marked as their own group instead of part of the word

REGULAR EXPRESSION

1299 matches, 22282 steps (~19ms)

`"/([""]*)([0-9a-z]*)([,;])([æøåüé]*)/gm`

TEST STRING

"højtærede", "rimstad", "mill", "beh", "weikop", "udskrivn",
 "wetlesen", "gottschalck", "westerby", "magnussens", "asmussen",
 "bækgaard", "dupont", "diderichsen", "moltke", "henry",
 "sigsgaard", "haunstrup", "bundgård", "reintoft", "lysholt",
 "grünbaum", "andresen", "fremskridtspartiet",
 "fremskridtspartiets", "langkilde", "maigaard", "skovmand",
 "bendix", "valbak", "brauer", "lütken", "amagerby", "flygaard",
 "lindholt", "fp", "dkp", "ingomar", "glensgård", "erlendsson",
 "nørlund", "lovf", "maisted", "honore", "tyroll", "hjørtlund",
 "waldorff", "uwe", "askjer", "dræbye", "nymann", "kalnæs",
 "bolvia", "cd", "tinnina", "inaerlise", "holmsgaard", "maisted".

SUBSTITUTION

insert your replacement value here

,

.

,

,

,

...

EXPLANATION

▼ /([""]*)([0-9a-z]*)([,;])([æøåüé]*)/gm

▼ 1st Capturing Group ([""]*)

▼ Match a single character present in the list below

"

"

* **Quantifier** — Matches between 0 and unlimited times, as many times as possible, giving back as needed (*greedy*)

"

"

Match 2

MATCH INFORMATION

Group	Start	End	Match
Group 1.	0-1		
Group 2.	1-2		h
Group 3.	2-2		
Group 4.	2-3		ø

QUICK REFERENCE

Search reference

- All Tokens
- ★ **Common Tokens** ✓
- General Tokens
- ⚓ Anchors
- 🔗 Meta Sequences

A single character

A character escape sequence

A character in a character class

A character not in a character class

A character in a character class

Any single character

I tried to put these "æøåüé" a different place in the regular expression, in extension of the words, and suddenly it worked! Then I figured out that to finish my work in the substitution box, I needed to use "\n". Then my work was finished. But I did not manage to sort the words alphabetically, is that possible? And sure, there might be smarter ways to do it... Probably a way where you do not have to write all the things that you want it to mark, but rather: mark what's in between ""

REGULAR EXPRESSION v1 ▾
 1226 matches, 16360 steps (~14ms)

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/([""]*)([0-9a-zæøåüé.']*)([,]*)

```

TEST STRING

```

"højtærede", "rimstad", "mill", "beh", "weikop", "udskrivn",
"wetlesen", "gottschalck", "westerby", "magnussens", "asmussen",
"bækgaard", "dupont", "diderichsen", "moltke", "henry",
"sigsgaard", "haunstrup", "bundgård", "reintoft", "lysholt",
"grünbaum", "andresen", "fremskridtspartiet",
"fremskridtspartiets", "langkilde", "maigaard", "skovmand",
"bendix", "valbak", "brauer", "lütken", "amagerby", "flygaard",
"lindholt", "fp", "dkp", "ingomar", "glensgård", "erlendsson",
"nørlund", "lovf", "maisted", "honoré", "tyroll", "hjortlund",
"waldorff", "uwe", "askjær", "dræbye", "nymann", "kalnæs",
"bolvig", "cd", "tinning", "ingerlise", "holmsgård", "maisted",

```

SUBSTITUTION

```

\n$2

```

```

højtærede

rimstad

```

EXPLANATION

```

/([""]*)([0-9a-zæøåüé.']*)([,]*)

```

- ▼ 1st Capturing Group
 - ▼ Match a single w
 - [""]*
 - * Quantifier — unlimited times, giving back as much as possible
 - [] matches the c

MATCH INFORMATION

Match 1	
Full match	0-10
Group 1.	0-1
Group 2.	1-10
Group 3.	10-10

QUICK REFERENCE

- ⊕ Meta Sequences
- * Quantifiers
- ⦿ Group Constructs
- ⚑ Character Classes

EXERCISE 2

I tried to do the same as in exercise 1, and quickly all the words were marked. I also added "[\s]" to remove the spaces. In the substitution box, I added a comma so it would look like a stopwords list. One thing I did not understand was why the word "yildiz" was not part of the list. Do you know why?

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REGULAR EXPRESSION v1

586 matches, 4771 steps (~103ms)

TEST STRING

voigt
vor
vore
vores
vs
wedell
westergaard
wilhjelm
yildiz

SUBSTITUTION

", "S1

EXPLANATION

▼ / ([0-9a-zæøå].*)([\s*]) / gm

▼ 1st Capturing Group ([0-9a-zæøå].*)

▼ Match a single character present in the list below

0-9 a single character in the range between 0 (index 48) and 9 (index 57) (case sensitive)

MATCH INFORMATION

Match 1

Match	Start	End
Full match	0-2	2
Group 1.	0-1	2
Group 2.	1-2	

QUICK REFERENCE

Search reference

- All Tokens
- Common Tokens ✓
- General Tokens
- Anchors

A single character ... [abc]

A character exce... [^abc]

A character in the ... [a-z]

A character not i... [^a-z]

A character in ... [a-zA-Z]

Anyway, I tried different things to include it, but it could probably have been done smarter. Here it still did not mark yildiz as one group

The screenshot shows the regularexpressions.io interface. The regex pattern is `[0-9a-zæøå].*([\s*yz])` with flags `/gm`. The test string is a list of names: ylvike, voigt, vor, vore, vores, vs, wedell, westergaard, wilhjeim, yildiz. The first capturing group `[0-9a-zæøå].*` matches the first part of each name, but it fails to capture 'yildiz' because it contains characters not in the character class. The second capturing group `([\s*yz])` captures the space and 'y' in 'yildiz'.

REGULAR EXPRESSION v3 587 matches, 4701 steps (~5ms)

TEST STRING

```
ylvike
voigt
vor
vore
vores
vs
wedell
westergaard
wilhjeim
yildiz
```

SUBSTITUTION

```
", "$1"
```

EXPLANATION

- `/ [0-9a-zæøå].*([\s*yz]) / gm`
- 1st Capturing Group** `([0-9a-zæøå].*)`
 - Match a single character present in the list below**
 - `[0-9a-zæøå]`
 - `0-9` a single character in the range between `0` (index 48) and `9` (index 57) (case sensitive)

MATCH INFORMATION

Match	Full match	0-2	2
Group 1.	0-1	2	
Group 2.	1-2		

QUICK REFERENCE

Search reference

- All Tokens
- Common Tokens** ✓
- General Tokens
- Anchors

A single character ... `[abc]`

A character exce... `^abc`

A character in the ... `[a-z]`

A character not i... `^a-z`

A character in ... `[a-zA-Z]`

After I deleted the “()” in mt last regular expression, it worked. But there must be an easier way. Do you know that?

The screenshot shows the regex101.com interface. The regular expression `/[0-9a-zæøå].*[\s*yz]/gm` is entered in the "REGULAR EXPRESSION" field. The "TEST STRING" field contains a list of names: ville, vivike, voigt, vor, vore, vores, vs, wedell, westergaard, wilhjelm, yildiz. The "SUBSTITUTION" field shows `", "$1"`. The "EXPLANATION" panel on the right shows the breakdown of the regex: `[0-9a-zæøå]` matches a single character in the range 0-9 or a-z (case sensitive), and `.*` matches any sequence of characters. The "MATCH INFORMATION" panel shows two matches: Match 1 (Full match 0-2, 2) and Match 2 (Full match 2-4, 3). The "QUICK REFERENCE" panel shows a list of tokens and sequences.

REGULAR EXPRESSION 587 matches, 3526 steps (~6ms)

TEST STRING

ville
vivike
voigt
vor
vore
vores
vs
wedell
westergaard
wilhjelm
yildiz

SUBSTITUTION

", "\$1"

EXPLANATION

▼ / `[0-9a-zæøå].*[\s*yz]` / gm

▼ 1st Capturing Group `[0-9a-zæøå].*`

▼ Match a single character present in the list below

w

`[0-9a-zæøå]`

0-9 a single character in the range between 0 (index 48) and 9 (index 57) (case sensitive)

a-z a single character in the range between a

MATCH INFORMATION

Match 1

Full match 0-2 2

Group 1. 0-1 2

Match 2

Full match 2-4 3

QUICK REFERENCE

Search reference

All Tokens

Common Tokens

General Tokens ✓

Anchors

Meta Sequences

Newline \n

Carriage return \r

Tab \t

Null character \0

As I am completely new to this and I mostly did this exercise by just trying different things, I have a few questions...

QUESTIONS

Related to exercise one:

- Is there a smarter way to just nominate all the characters in between “”, regardless of what they are?
- Is there a way to list the words alphabetically?

Related to exercise two:

- Why was the word yildiz not marked?