#### **Strings**

#### Lecture 6

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#### Introduction

 A string is a sequence of characters represented using single, double, or triple quotes.

```
⟩⟩⟩ message = 'Hello Gita'
```

- Triple quotes are typically used for strings that span multiple lines.
- len function finds the length of a string

```
\rangle\rangle\rangle len(message)
```

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Individual characters within a string are accessed using a technique known as indexing.

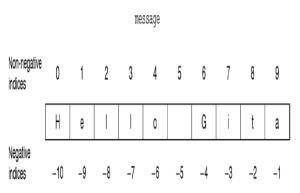


Figure 1: Indexing of variable message

 An index is specified within the square brackets to access individual characters in a string via indices, for example:

```
>>> message[6]
'G'
>>>> index = len(message) - 1
>>>> message[index]
'a'
```

- The negative indices range from (length of the string) to -1.
- The entire range of valid indices would be {-10, -9, ..., -1, 0, 1, ..., 9}.
  >>> message[-1]
  'a'
  >>> message[-index]
  'e'

```
>>> message[15]
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "\(\rangle pyshell \#17 \rangle "\), line 1, in \(\rangle module \rangle \)
message[15]
IndexError: string index out of range
Strings in Python are immutable.
\rangle\rangle\rangle message[6] = 'S'
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "\(\rho\)pyshell\(\pm\)2\", line 1, in \(\rho\)dule\(\rangle\)
message[6] = 'S'
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

```
\>\> 'Computer' + 'Science'
'Computer Science'
⟩⟩⟩ 'Hi'*3
'HiHiHi'
max() and min() are used to find maximum and minimum
respectively of values.
>>> max('AZ', 'C', 'BD', 'BT')
'C'
⟩⟩⟩ min('BD', 'AZ', 'C')
'AZ'
\>\rightarrow max('hello', 'How', 'Are', 'You', 'sir')
'sir'
```

#### Slicing

To retrieve a sub-string, also called a slice, from a string.

```
>>> message = 'Hello Sita'
>>>> message[0:5]
'Hello'
>>>> message[-10:-5]
'Hello'
```

 Python assumes 0 as the default value of start, and length of the string as the default value of end.

```
>>> message[:5]
'Hello'
>>> message[5:]
' Sita'
>>> message[:]
"Hello Sita'
```

#### Slicing (Cont.)

```
>>> message[:5] + message[5:]
'Hello Sita'
>>> message[:15]
'Hello Sita'
>>> message[15:]
"
>>> message[:15] + message[15:]
'Hello Sita'
>>> message[6:None]
'Sita'
```

#### Membership

- Python allows us to check for membership of the individual characters or sub-strings in strings using in operator.
- The expression s in str1 yields True or False depending on whether s is a sub-string of str1, for example:

```
⟩⟩⟩ 'h' in 'hello'
True
⟩⟩⟩ 'ell' in 'hello'
True
⟩⟩⟩ 'h' in 'Hello'
False
```

For loop can be used to iterate over each element in a sequence.

Functions	Explanation
s.count(str1)	counts number of times string str1 occurs in the string s
s.find(str1)	Returns index of the first occurence of the string str1 in string s, and returns -1 if str1 is not present in string s
s.rfind(str1)	Returns index of the last occurence of string str1 in string s, and returns -1 if str1 is not present in string s
s.capitalize(str1)	Returns a string that has first letter of the string s in uppercase and rest of the letters in lower-case

s.title()	returns a string that has first letter of every word in the string s in uppercase and rest of the let-
s.lower()	ters in the lowercase returns a string that has all uppercase letters in string s converted into corresponding lowercase letters
s.upper()	returns a string that has all lowercase letters in string s converted into corresponding uppercase letters
s.swapcase()	returns a string that has all lowercase letters in string s converted into uppercase letters and vice-versa

s.islower()	returns True if all alphabets in string s (comprising atleast one alphabet) are in lowercase, else returns False
s.isupper()	returns True if all alphabets in string s (comprising atleast one alphabet) are in uppercase, else returns False
s.istitle()	returns True if string s is in the title case, i.e., only first letter of each word is capitalized and the string s contains atleast one alphabet, and returns False otherwise
s.replace(str1, str2)	returns a string that has every occurence of string str1 in s replaced by string str2

returns a string that has whitespaces in s re-
moved from the begining and the end
returns a string that has whitespaces in s re-
moved from the begining
returns a string that has whitespaces in s re-
moved from the end
returns a list formed by splitting the string s into
substrings. The delimiter is used to mark the
split points
partitions the string s into three parts based on
delimiter

s.join(sequence)	returns a string comprising elements of the se-
- :()	quence separated by delimiter s
s.isspace()	returns true if all characters in string s comprisewhitespace characters only, i.e., ' ','\n',
	and '\t' else False
s.isalpha()	returns true if all characters in string s comprise
	alphabets only, and False otherwise
s.isdigit()	returns true if all characters in string s com-
	prisedigits only, and false otherwise
s.isalnum()	returns true if all characters in string s comprise
	alphabets and digits only, and false otherwise

returns true if string s starts with string str1,
and false otherwise
returns true if string s ends with string str1,
and false otherwise
returns s in an encoded form, based on the
given encoding scheme
returns the decoded string s, based on the
encoding scheme

Table 1: String Functions

```
>>> 'Encyclopedia'.count('c')
\`\) colors = 'green, red, blue, red, red, green'
colors.find('red')
>>> colors.rfind('red')
23
>>> colors.find('orange')
'python IS a Language'.capitalize()
'Python is a language'
'python IS a PROGRAMMING Language'.title()
'Python Is A Programming Language'
```

```
\>\ emailId1 = 'geek@gmail.com'
>>> emailId2 = 'Geek@gmail.com'
 >>> emailId1 == emailId2
 False
 \>\ emailId1.lower() == emailId2.lower()
True
\(\rangle\)\(\rangle\) emailId1.upper() == emailId2.upper()
 True
'pYTHON IS PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE'.swapcase()
 'Python is programming language'
 >>> 'python'.islower()
 True
 \>\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\right
 False
```

```
'Basic Python Programming'.istitle()
 True
 \>\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow\right
 False
 >>> '123'.istitle()
 False
>>> 'Book 123'.istitle()
True
⟩⟩⟩ message = 'Amey my friend, Amey my guide'
>>> message.replace('Amey', 'Vihan')
 'Vihan my friend, Vihan my guide'
```

```
\>\> ' Hello How are you! '.lstrip()
'Hello How are you!'
\>\> ' Hello How are you! '.rstrip()
' Hello How are you!'
\>\> ' Hello How are you! '.strip()
'Hello How are you!'
\\\\ colors = 'Red, Green, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Cyan'
>>> colors.split(',')
['Red', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Orange', 'Yellow', 'Cvan']
⟩⟩⟩ colors.split()
['Red,', 'Green,', 'Blue,', 'Orange,', 'Yellow,', 'Cyan']
('Hello', '.', ' How are you?')
```

```
\>\`\'.join(['I',' am',' ok'])
'I > am > ok'
>>> ' '.join(('I', 'am', 'ok'))
'I am ok'
\rangle\rangle\rangle ' \rangle'.join("'I',' am',' ok'")
"'\langle I \rangle' \rangle, \rangle \rangle' \rangle a \rangle m \rangle' \rangle, \rangle \rangle' \rangle o \rangle k \rangle'"
\>\ name = input('Enter your name : ')
>>> Enter your name : Nikhil
>>> name.isalpha()
True
\)\ name = input('Enter your name : ')
>>> Enter your name : Nikhil Kumar
>>> name.isalpha()
False
```

```
\>\> mobileN = input('Enter mobile no : ')
Enter mobile no : 1234567890
\(\rangle\)\) mobileN.isdigit() and len(mobileN) == 10
True
>>> ' '.isspace()
True
>>> password = input('Enter password : ')
Enter password: Kailash107Ganga
>>> password.isalnum()
True
>>> password = input('Enter password : ')
Enter password: Kailash 107 Ganga
>>> password.isalnum()
False
\>\ name = 'Ankita Narain Talwar'
>>> name.endswith('Talwar')
True
```

```
\rangle\rangle name = 'Dr. Vihan Garg'
>>> name.startswith('Dr. ')
True
⟩⟩⟩ name = 'Dr. Amey Gupta'
>>> name.startswith('Dr. ')
False
>>> str1.decode('utf32')
'message'
```

Note that the original string S remains unchanged in each case.

# Counting the Number of Matching Characters in a Pair of Strings

```
def nMatchedChar(str1, str2):
      Objective: to count number of occurrences of characters in
str1 that are also in str2
      Input parameters: str1,str2-string
      Return value: count-numeric
      temp1 = str1.lower()
      temp2 = str2.lower()
     count=0
      for ch1 in temp1:
           #search for ch1 in temp2
                 for ch2 in temp2:
                       if ch1==ch2:
                             count+=1
      return count
```

# Counting the Number of Matching Characters in a Pair of Strings (Cont.)

```
>>> name1 = 'Ram Rahim'
>>> name2 = 'SAMARTH RAHI'
>>> nMatchedChar(name1, name2)
16
```

# Counting the Number of Common Characters in a Pair of Strings

,,,

Objective: to count number of occurrences of characters in two strings

Input parameters: str1,str2-string Return value: count-numeric

"

# Counting the Number of Common Characters in a Pair of Strings

```
def nCommonChar(str1, str2):
     temp1 = str1.lower()
      temp2 = str2.lower()
     count=0
     for i in range(len(temp1)):
           ch1=temp1[i]
            if not(ch1 in temp1[:i]):
            #if the character has not been encountered earlier
                  for ch2 in temp2:
                        if ch1 = ch2:
                              count+=1
                              break
      return count
```

#### Reversing a String

```
def reverse(str1):
    ""
    Objective: to reverse a string
    Input parameters: str1-string
    Return value: reverseStr-reverse of str1- string
    ""
    reverseStr = "
    for i in range(len(str1)):
        reverseStr=str1[i] + reverseStr
    return reverseStr
```

#### Reversing a String (Cont.)

```
using recursion
    def reverse(str1):
           Objective: to reverse a string
           Input parameters: str1-string
           Return value: reverse of str1- string
           if str1 == "
                 return str1
                 else:
                 return reverse(str1[1:]) + str1[0]
```

#### Pattern Matching

- Alphabet ( $\Sigma$ ): An alphabet is a non-empty set of symbols
- **String:** A string is a finite sequence of symbols chosen from the alphabet. An empty string "containing no symbols is called null string and is often denoted by  $\lambda$  or  $\epsilon$ . The length of a string is defined as the number of symbols in the string. The length of the null string is defined to be zero.
- Language: It is the set of strings (words) defined over the alphabet that conforms to some predefined pattern, or rule(s).
- A regular language is described by a regular expression
- regular expressions: used to define regular languages

- Each symbol of the alphabet defines a regular language, comprising the symbol itself.
- If r is regular expression, L(r) denotes the language described by r.
- $\lambda$  or  $\epsilon$  is a regular expression that denotes the language comprising the null string only.
- The language containing no word, not even  $\lambda$  is called null or empty language  $\{\}$ , and is denoted by the regular expression  $\phi$ .
- If r and s are regular expressions, r|s is also a regular expression and denotes the language L(r|s) = L(r) U L(s).
- If r is a regular expression, so is (r), denoting the same language, i.e. L(r) = L((r)). Parentheses are used to enforce precedence of operators in the regular expressions.
- The regular expression rs denotes the language L(rs) = L(r) L(s)
- Concatenation has higher precedence than the union operator

- Concatenation is not commutative
- The regular expression (0|1)1 denotes the language  $L((0|1)1) = L((0|1))L(1) = \{0,1\} \{1\} = \{01,11\}.$
- If r is a regular expression, r\* is also a regular expression. \*
  denotes zero or more occurrences of the preceding pattern r.
- 0\* defined over alphabet  $\Sigma$  = {0, 1} defines the language, L = { $\lambda$ , 0,00, 000, 0000, ...}
- Given a pattern r,

 $r^+$ 

- denotes the language comprising **one or more** occurrences of strings that match the pattern r.
- For dealing with a regular expression in Python, we need to import the module re, which contains functions for handling the regular expressions

Symbols used in regular expression	Meaning
*	zero or more occurrences of the preceding pat-
	tern
	exactly one arbitrary character excluding new- line
?	zero or one occurrence of the preceding pattern
+	one or more occurrences of the preceding pat-
	tern
{ <b>m</b> }	exactly m occurrences of the preceding pattern

at least m and at most n occurrences of pre-
ceding term. In absence of n, there is no up-
per bound and in the absence of m, the lower
bound is assumed to be zero
bound is assumed to be zero
a single character from list of characters en-
closed between []
matches dot (not an arbitrary character)
a single character in the range a to z
a single character in the range A to Z

[0-9]	A single digit in the range 0 to 9
[^]	when ^ occurs at the begining of a list symbols
	enclosed between [], it denotes a single char-
	acter not in the list
^	matches beginning of the string
\$	matches end of the string or just before the
	newline character at the end of the string
r1 r2	regular expression r1 or r2

()	Groups pattern elements
\d	any digit
\D	any non-digit character
\s	whitespace character
\S	Non-whitespace character
\w	any alphanumeric character including _
\W	any non-alphanumeric character excluding _

Table 2: symbols used in regular expressions

regular expression	set of matched patterns
python	python
{p P}ython	{python, Python}
a*	$\{\lambda, a, aa, aaa,\}$
a+	{, a, aa, aaa,}
a?	$\{\lambda, a\}$
[aeiou]	$\{a,e,i,o,u\}$
[ab]?	$\{\lambda, a, b\}$
[ab]*	$\{\lambda, a, b, aa, ab, bb, aa, aab,\}$

regular expression	set of matched patterns
\d	{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}
\d{2}	{00,01,02,03,,99}
\d{2,3}	{00,01,02,99,000,001,002,,999}
\D	{a,b,,z,A,B,,Z,,*,\$,!,}
\w	{a,b,,z,A,B,,Z,0,1,2,,9}
\s	space, tab, newline, carriage return
[^a-b]	the set comprising characters other than 0 and
	1
(a b)(c)\$	{ac,bc}, there should be no character after c in the string that matches the pattern

^(a)(0 1)*	{a,a0,a1,a00,a01,}, a should be first in the		
	string which pattern matches		
a∖*b	{a*b}, when the backslash character pre-		
	cedes a character with a special meaning,		
	the special meaning of the character is ig-		
	nored. Example, although the regular ex-		
	pression a*b defines a pattern comprising		
	zero or more occurrences of a, followed by		
	b, the pattern a\*b defines the string 'a*b'		

Table 3: Examples of regular expressions and the corresponding languages

- The function search of this module is used for matching a regular expression in the given string.
- It looks for the first location of a match in the given string.
- If the search is successful, it returns the matchObject instance matching the regular expression pattern, otherwise it returns None.
- The function group of matchObject instance returns the substring that matches the regular expression.

Regular Expression	Example
Python	
Fython	1 , , ,
	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ match = re.search('python', string1)
	$  \rangle \rangle \rangle$ match.group()
	'python'
{p P}ython	⟩⟩⟩ string1 = 'Welcome to Python shell'
	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ match = re.search('{p P}ython', string1)
	⟩⟩⟩ match.group()
	'Python'
Shel*	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ string1 = 'Python shell'
	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ match = re.search('Shel*', string1)
	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ match.group()
	'Shell'

```
Shel?
                     >>> string1 = 'Python shell'
                     >>> match = re.search('Shel?', string1)
                     >>> match.group()
                     'Shel'
Shel{1,2}
                     >>> string1 = 'Python shellll'
                     \>\> match = re.search('Shel{1,2}', string1)
                     >>> match.group()
                     'Shell'
                     ⟩⟩⟩ string1 = 'Python shell'
                     >>> if re.search('....', string1):
                            print('String length is greater than or
                     equal to 5')
                     String length is greater than or equal to 5
```

^Python	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$ string1 = 'Python is a powerful language'
	$  \rangle \rangle \rangle$ if(re.search('^Python', string1))
	<pre>print('String starts with python')</pre>
	'String starts with python'
^power	\cdot \cap \cap \cap \cap \cap \cap \cap \cap
	<pre> &gt;&gt;&gt; if(re.search('^power', string1))</pre>
	print('String starts with power')
	else:
	print('String does not start with power')
	String does not start with power
powerful\$	\rangle \ran
	\rangle \rangle \rangle   if(re.search('powerful\$', string1))
	print('String ends with powerful')
	else:
	print('String does not ends with powerful')
	String does not ends with powerful

```
language$
                        string1 = 'Python is a powerful language'
                     \>\ if(re.search('language$', string1))
                           print('String ends with language')
                     else:
                           print('String does not ends with lan-
                     guage')
                     String ends with language
                     ⟩⟩⟩ string1 = 'Roll number is 23456'
/d/d/d/d
                     >>> match=re.search('\d\d\d\d\d', string1)
                     >>> match.group()
                     '23456'
\d{5}
                     \rangle\rangle\rangle string1 = 'Roll number is 23456'
                     \>\ match=re.search('\d{5}', string1)
                     >>> match.group()
                     '23456'
```

```
-[0-9]+\.[0-9]+
                        \>\ string1 = 'Decrease in price is -45.89'
                        \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('-[0-9]+\.[0-9]+', string1))
                        match.group()
                        -45.89
\backslash w^*
                        >>> string1 = 'Python Shell'
                        \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('\w*', string1))
                        match.group()
                        'Python'
\w*\s\w*
                        >>> string1 = 'We used Python Shell'
                        \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('\w*\s\w*', string1))
                        match.group()
                        'We used'
                        \>\> string1 = 'I use **Python**, do you?'
                        \>\> match = re.search('.*', string1))
                        match.group()
                        'I use **Python**, do you?'
```

```
(a(b|c))*
                                                                                                                                          >>> string1 = 'abac12ccaab'
                                                                                                                                          \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('(a(b|c))*', string1))
                                                                                                                                          match.group()
                                                                                                                                          'abac'
(a(b|c))^* d{1,2}c^*

    \bar{\}
    \rightarrow
    \bar{\}
    \bar{\}
    \rightarrow
    \bar{\}
    \
                                                                                                                                          \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('(a(b|c))*\d{1,2}c*',
                                                                                                                                          string1))
                                                                                                                                          match.group()
                                                                                                                                          'abac12cc'
  \w*\d\d.*b$
                                                                                                                                          >>> string1 = 'abac12ccaab'
                                                                                                                                          \rangle\rangle\rangle match = re.search('\w*\d\d.*b$\s\w*',
                                                                                                                                          string1))
                                                                                                                                          match.group()
                                                                                                                                          'abac12ccaab'
```

```
\begin{array}{ll} (a(b|c))^* & \rangle\rangle\rangle \ string1 = \ 'abac12ccaab' \\ \rangle\rangle\rangle \ match = re.search('(a(b|c))^*', \ string1)) \\ match.group() \\ \ 'abac' \\ \langle\rangle\rangle\rangle \ string1 = \ 'abac12ccaab' \\ \rangle\rangle\rangle \ match = re.search('(a(b|c))+', \ string1)) \\ match.group() \\ \ 'abac' \\ \end{array}
```

Table 4: Python examples of regular expressions

To find email ids (pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in) from a string:

a sequence of alphanumeric characters	denoted by [a-z0-
	9]+
a repeating(0 or more times) sequence of dots	denoted by (\.[a-
followed by alphanumeric characters	z0-9]+)*
@	denoted by @
sequence of alphabetic characters	denoted by [a-z]+
repeating (1 or more times) sequence of dot fol-	denoted by (\.[a-
lowed by alphabetic characters	<u>z]+)+</u>

An email id may be represented using the regular expression  $[a-z0-9]+(\.[a-z0-9]+)*@[a-z]+(\.[a-z]+)+.$ 

- Generally, a regular expression is preceded with r to denote a raw string.
- Use of a raw string as a regular expression avoids any confusion with some characters that have special meaning in regular expressions.

```
\rangle\rangle\rangle \  \, match=re.search(r'[a-z0-9]+(\.[a-z0-9]+)^*@[a-z]+(\.[a-z]+)+', \  \, ram@gmail.com, pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in, nik@yahoo.com, raman@gmail.com')
```

```
\rangle\rangle\rangle match.group()
```

'ram@gmail'

• finditer: retrieving all substrings matching a regular expression.

```
>>> for i in re.finditer(r'[a-z0-9]+(\.[a-z0-9]+)*@[a-z]+(\.[a-z]+)+',
'ram@gmail.com, pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in, nik@yahoo.com,
raman@gmail.com'):
print(i.group())
```

```
'ram@gmail.com'
'pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in'
'nik@yahoo.com'
'raman@gmail.com'
```

searching for words ending with ing in a string

```
\rangle\rangle\rangle for i in re.finditer(r'[A-Za-z]+ing', 'Walking down the road, he was thinking about the coming years.'): \rangle\rangle\rangle print(i.group()) Walking thinking coming
```

 findall: retrieve a list of all the substrings matching a regular expression

```
\(\rangle\)\(\rangle\) for i in re.findall(r'[A-Za-z]+ing', 'Walking down the road, he was thinking about the coming years.'):
['Walking', 'thinking', 'coming']
```

```
>>> message = 'Python:Python is an interactive language. It is
developed by Guido Van Rossum'
>>> words = re.findall('\w+', message)
>>> len(words)
13
>>> re.findall(r'([a-z0-9]+(\.[a-z0-9]+)*@[a-z]+(\.[a-z]+)+)',
'ram@gmail.com, pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in, nik@yahoo.com,
raman@gmail.com')
[('ram@gmail.com', ", '.com'), ('pranav.gupta@cs.iitd.ac.in', '.gupta',
'.in'), ('nik@yahoo.com', ", '.com'), ('raman@gmail.com', ", '.com')]
```

regular expression to extract all the single line comments

```
#.*
```

```
Example: \rangle\rangle\rangle pythonCode = "
```

a = 5 # number 1

Python code to add two numbers.

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b = 5 #number2
Compute addition of two numbers c = a + b
"'
\langle \rangle \rangle \text{ for i in re.finditer(r'(#.*)', pythonCode):}\langle \rangle \rangle \text{ print(i.group())}#number1
#number2
#Compute addition of two numbers
```

regular expression to extract all the multi-line comments

```
""".*?""
```

**Note:** a dot in a regular expression includes any character except end of line. However, if we include re.DOTALL as the third argument in the function **finditer**, dot matches newline character also. For example:

```
>>> for i in re.finditer(r'(""".*?""")', pythonCode, re.DOTALL):
>>> print(i.group())
```

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Python code to add two numbers.

#### References

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# Thank You Any Questions?