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Regular Expressions, SQL

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Regular Expressions [RegEx]

Regular Expressions

- What are Regular Expressions?
  - A way to describe sets of strings that match certain criteria
  - Useful for pattern matching
- Resources to test Regular Expressions
  - https://regexr.com/
  - https://regex101.com/

Character Classes

- Search for any one of a set of characters
- Can specify set or use pre-defined sets

Class	Description
`[abc]`	Matches `a`, `b`, or `c`
`[a-z]`	Matches any character between `a` and `z`
`[^A-Z]`	Matches any character that is not between `A` and `Z`
`\w`	Matches any "word" character. Equivalent to `[A-Za-z0-9_]`
`\d`	Matches any digit. Equivalent to `[0-9]`
`[0-9]`	Matches a single digit in the range 0 - 9. Equivalent to `\d`
`\s`	Matches any whitespace character (spaces, tabs, line breaks)
`.`	Matches any character besides new line

Combining Patterns

- There are multiple ways to combine patterns together in regular expressions

Combo	Description
`AB`	Matches `a`, `b`, or `c`
`A|B`	Matches either A or B. Example: `\d+`	`Inf` matches either a sequence containing 1 **OR** more digits or `"Inf"`

Quantifiers

- A pattern can be followed by one of these quantifiers to specify how many instances of the pattern can occur

Combo	Description
`*`	0 or more occurrences of the preceding pattern. Example: `[a-z]*` matches any sequence of lower-case letters or the empty string
`+`	1 or more occurrences of the preceding pattern. Example: `\d+` matches any non-empty sequence of digits.
`?`	0 or 1 occurrences of the preceding pattern. Example: `[-+]?` matches an optional sign.
`{1,3}`	Matches the specified quantity of the preceding pattern. `{1,3}` will match from 1 to 3 instances. `{3}` will match exactly 3 instances. `{3,}` will match 3 or more instances.

Example: `\d{5,6}` matches either 5 or 6 digit numbers

Groups

- Parantheses in RegEx are similar to arithmethic
  - `5 * 4 - 3`
  - `5 * (4 - 3)`
- `(Mahna)+`
  - matches strings with 1 or more `"Mahna"`
  - `"MahnaMahna"`
- `Mahna+`
  - match strings with `"Mahn"` followed by 1 or more `"a"` characters
  - `"Mahnaaaa"`
- Can use groups to determine what to output
  - Want to match valid phone numbers but ONLY want to output the area code

Anchors

Symbol	Description
`^`	Matches the beginning of a string. Example: `^(I|You)` matches `I` or `You` at the start of a string
`$`	Normally matches the empty string at the end of a string or just before a newline at the end of a string
`\b`	Matches a "word boundary", the beginning or end of a word. Example: `s\b` matches `s` characters at the end of words

Special Characters

The following special characters are used above to denote types of patterns:

```
\ ( ) [ ] { } + * ? | $ ^ .
```

That means if you actually want to match one of those characters, you have to escape it using a backslash. For example, `\(1\+3\)` matches `"(1 + 3)"`.

Q1 , **Q2**

SQL 📖

SQL

- What is SQL?
  - A declarative programming language
  - Database management
  - Do not describe computations, but rather the desired result of computations
- Resources
  - https://sql.cs61a.org

SELECT

- Create a table with two rows, columns as `first` and `last`

```
sqlite> SELECT "Ben" AS first, "Bitdiddle" AS last UNION
...> SELECT "Louis", "Reasoner";
```

first	last
Ben	Bitdiddle
Louis	Reasoner

```
SELECT [columns]
```

FROM

- SELECT specific values from an existing table with a FROM clause

```
sqlite> SELECT name, division FROM records;
```

name	division
Alyssa P Hacker	Computer
...	...
Robert Cratchet	Accounting

```
SELECT [columns] FROM [tables]
```

WHERE

- filter out rows using a WHERE clause

```
sqlite> SELECT * FROM records WHERE title = "Programmer";
```

name	division	title	salary	supervisor
Alyssa P Hacker	Computer	Programmer	40000	Ben Bitdiddle
Cy D Fect	Computer	Programmer	35000	Ben Bitdiddle

```
SELECT [columns] FROM [tables] WHERE [condition]
```

ORDER BY

- Order rows with the ORDER BY clause

```
sqlite> SELECT name, salary FROM records
...> WHERE division = "Accounting" ORDER BY salary desc;
```

name	salary
Eben Scrooge	75000
Robert Cratchet	18000

```
SELECT [columns] FROM [tables] WHERE [condition]
ORDER BY [criteria]
```

Q4 , **Q5** , **Q6**

JOIN

- What to do when you want to combine data from mutliple tables
  - JOIN them!
- What happens when you use the JOIN clause?
  - Have a new row for each combination of the input table
  - If two tables are joined and the left table has `m` rows and the right table has `n` rows, then the joined table will have `m*n` rows

JOIN (Example)

- Let's say we have a `meetings` table that displays what `Day` each `Division` has a meeting
- Our goal is to determine what `Day` each employee has a meeting
- First step
  - Combine table `records` and `meetings`
- Second step
  - Only include the rows where the `records.division` = `meetings.division`

JOIN (Example) (Combining)

```
SELECT name, day FROM records, meetings;
```

name	day
Alyssa P Hacker	Monday
Alyssa P Hacker	Monday
Alyssa P Hacker	Wednesday
Alyssa P Hacker	Wednesday
...	...
Robert Cratchet	Wednesday

JOIN (Example) (Filtering)

Ambigious Joins

```sql
SELECT a.name, b.day FROM records AS a, meetings AS b
WHERE a.division = b.division;
```

name	day
Alyssa P Hacker	Wednesday
Ben Bitdiddle	Wednesday
...	...
Robert Cratchet	Monday

STEP BY STEP

Q6 , **Q7** , **Q8**

Aggregation

- What if we want to obtain data from our table (i.e `max`, `min`)
  - `MAX`, `MIN`, `COUNT`, and `SUM`

```
SELECT name, MAX(salary) FROM records;
```

name	MAX(salary)
Oliver Warbucks	150000

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) from RECORDS;
9
```