

## Homework 1: Data Collection - Web Scraping - Data Parsing ¶

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In [58]: ## RUN THIS CELL TO GET THE RIGHT FORMATTING

import requests

from IPython.core.display import HTML

styles = requests.get("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Harvard-IACS/20 18-CS109A/master/content/styles/cs109.css").text

HTML(styles)

Out[58]:

#### Instructions

- To submit your assignment follow the instructions given in Canvas.
- The deliverables in Canvas are:
  - a) This python notebook with your code and answers, plus a pdf version of it (see Canvas for details),
  - b) the bibtex file you created,
  - c) The CSV file you created,
  - d) The JSON file you created.
- Exercise responsible scraping. Web servers can become slow or unresponsive if they receive too
  many requests from the same source in a short amount of time. Use a delay of 10 seconds between
  requests in your code. This helps not to get blocked by the target website. Run the webpage fetching
  part of the homework only once and do not re-run after you have saved the results in the JSON file
  (details below).
- Web scraping requests can take several minutes. This is another reason why you should not wait until the last minute to do this homework.
- For this assignment, we will use Python 3.5 for grading.

## **Data Collection - Web Scraping - Data Parsing**

In this homework, your goal is to learn how to acquire, parse, clean, and analyze data. Initially you will read the data from a file, and then later scrape them directly from a website. You will look for specific pieces of information by parsing the data, clean the data to prepare them for analysis, and finally, answer some questions.

In doing so you will get more familiar with three of the common file formats for storing and transferring data, which are:

- CSV, a text-based file format used for storing tabular data that are separated by some delimiter, usually comma or space.
- HTML/XML, the stuff the web is made of.
- JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), a text-based open standard designed for transmitting structured data over the web.

```
In [59]: # import the necessary libraries
%matplotlib inline
import numpy as np
import scipy as sp
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.cm as cm
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import time
pd.set_option('display.width', 500)
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', 100)
pd.set_option('display.notebook_repr_html', True)
import seaborn as sns
```

# Help a professor parse their publications and extract information.

#### **Overview**

In this part your goal is to parse the HTML page of a professor containing some of his/her publications, and answer some questions. This page is provided to you in the file data/publist\_super\_clean.html. There are 45 publications in descending order from No. 244 to No. 200.

```
In [60]: # use this file provided
PUB_FILENAME = 'data/publist_super_clean.html'
```

## Question 1 [40 pts]: Parsing and Converting to bibTex and CSV using Beautiful Soup and python string manipulation

A lot of the bibliographic and publication information is displayed in various websites in a not-so-structured HTML files. Some publishers prefer to store and transmit this information in a .bibTex file which looks roughly like this (we've simplified a few things):

```
@article {
    author = "John Doyle"
    title = "Interaction between atoms"
    URL = "Papers/PhysRevB_81_085406_2010.pdf"
    journal = "Phys. Rev. B"
    volume = "81"
}
```

You will notice that this file format is a set of items, each of which is a set of key-value pairs. In the python world, you can think of this as a list of dictionaries. If you think about spreadsheets (as represented by CSV files), they have the same structure. Each line is an item, and has multiple features, or keys, as represented by that line's value for the column corresponding to the key.

You are given an .html file containing a list of papers scraped from the author's website and you are to write the information into .bibTex and .CSV formats. A useful tool for parsing websites is BeautifulSoup (<a href="http://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/">http://www.crummy.com/software/BeautifulSoup/</a>) (BS). In this problem, will parse the file using BS, which makes parsing HTML a lot easier.

- 1.1 Write a function called make soup that accepts a filename for an HTML file and returns a BS object.
- **1.2** Write a function that reads in the BS object, parses it, converts it into a list of dictionaries: one dictionary per paper. Each of these dictionaries should have the following format (with different values for each publication):

```
{'author': 'L.A. Agapito, N. Kioussis and E. Kaxiras',
  'title': '"Electric-field control of magnetism in graphene quantum dots:\n
Ab initio calculations"',
  'URL': 'Papers/PhysRevB_82_201411_2010.pdf',
  'journal': 'Phys. Rev. B',
  'volume': '82'}
```

- **1.3** Convert the list of dictionaries into standard .bibTex format using python string manipulation, and write the results into a file called publist.bib.
- **1.4** Convert the list of dictionaries into standard tabular .csv format using pandas, and write the results into a file called publist.csv. The csv file should have a header and no integer index.

#### **HINT**

- Inspect the HTML code for tags that indicate information chunks such as title of the paper. The find\_all method of BeautifulSoup might be useful.
- Question 1.2 is better handled if you break the code into functions, each performing a small task such as finding the author(s) for each paper.

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Question 1.3 is effectively tackled by first using python string formatting on a template string.

- · Make sure you catch exceptions when needed.
- Make sure you check for missing data and handle these cases as you see fit.

#### Resources

- BeautifulSoup Tutorial (https://www.dataquest.io/blog/web-scraping-tutorial-python/).
- More about the BibTex format (http://www.bibtex.org).

#### **Answers**

```
In [61]: # import the necessary libraries
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

\*\*1.1 Write a function called 'make\_soup' ... \*\*

```
In [63]: # check your code - print the BS object, you should get a familiar HTML
    page as text
# clear/remove output before making pdf
# print(soup)
```

Your output should look like this:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
   "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<title>Kaxiras E journal publications</title>
<meta content="text/html;charset=utf-8" http-equiv="Content-Type"/>
<link href="../styles/style_pubs.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"/>
<meta content="" name="description"/>
<meta content="Kaxiras E, Multiscale Methods, Computational Materials" name</pre>
="keywords"/>
</head>
<body>
start="244">
<1i>>
<a href="Papers/2011/PhysRevB_84_125411_2011.pdf" target="paper244">
"Approaching the intrinsic band gap in suspended high-mobility graphene nano
ribbons"</a>
<br/>Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nicholas Kioussis, Yiyang Zh
ang, Mark Ming-Cheng Cheng,
<i>PHYSICAL REVIEW B </i> <b>84</b>, 125411 (2011)
<br/>
<1i>>
<a href="Papers/2011/PhysRevB 84 035325 2011.pdf" target="paper243">
"Effect of symmetry breaking on the optical absorption of semiconductor nano
particles"</a>
<br/>JAdam Gali, Efthimios Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zimanyi, Sheng Meng,
<i>PHYSICAL REVIEW B </i> <b>84</b>, 035325 (2011)
<br/>
```

http://localhost:8888/nbconvert/html/cs109a\_hw1/cs109a\_hw1\_submit.ipynb?download=false

. . .

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1.2 Write a function that reads in the BS object, parses it, converts it into a list of dictionaries...

```
In [64]: def make dict(soup):
             my list = []
             li tags = soup.find all('li')
             for i in li tags:
                 URL = i.find('a')['href'].strip('\n').strip('"').rstrip(',')
                 title = i.find('a').contents[0].strip('\n').rstrip(',')
                 author = i.contents[4].strip('\n').strip('"').strip().rstrip(','
         )
                 journal = i.find('i').contents[0].strip('\n').strip('"').rstrip(
         ',').rstrip()
                 if i.find('b') != None:
                     volume = i.find('b').contents[0].strip('\n').strip('"').rstr
         ip(',')
                 else:
                     volume = ''
                 my_dict = {'URL':URL, 'title':title, 'author':author, 'journal':
         journal, 'volume':volume}
                 my list.append(my dict)
             return my list
```

```
In [65]: my_list = make_dict(soup)
#print(my_list)
```

1.3 Convert the list of dictionaries into the .bibTex format using python string manipulation (python string formatting on a template string is particularly useful)..

```
In [68]: # check your answer - print the bibTex file
# clear/remove output before making pdf
f = open('publist.bib','r')
#print (f.read())
```

Your output should look like this

```
@article{
     author = "Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nicholas Kioussis,
Yiyang Zhang, Mark Ming-Cheng Cheng",
     title = "Approaching the intrinsic band gap in suspended high-mobility
graphene nanoribbons",
     URL = "Papers/2011/PhysRevB_84_125411_2011.pdf",
     journal = "PHYSICAL REVIEW B",
     volume = 84
}
@article{
     author = "E. Kaxiras and S. Succi",
     title = "Multiscale simulations of complex systems: computation meets r
eality",
     URL = "Papers/SciModSim_15_59_2008.pdf",
     journal = "Sci. Model. Simul.",
     volume = 15
}
```

1.4 Convert the list of dictionaries into the .csv format using pandas, and write the data into publist.csv. The csv file should have a header and no integer index...

In [69]: # make sure you use head() when printing the dataframe
# your code here
df = pd.DataFrame(my\_list)
df.head()

Out[69]:

	URL	author	journal	title	Γ,
0	Papers/2011/PhysRevB_84_125411_2011.pdf	Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nic	PHYSICAL REVIEW B	"Approaching the intrinsic band gap in suspend	
1	Papers/2011/PhysRevB_84_035325_2011.pdf	JAdam Gali, Efthimios Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zima	PHYSICAL REVIEW B	"Effect of symmetry breaking on the optical ab	ŧ
2	Papers/2011/PhysRevB_83_054204_2011.pdf	Jan M. Knaup, Han Li, Joost J. Vlassak, and Ef	PHYSICAL REVIEW B	"Influence of CH2 content and network defects	ł
3	Papers/2011/PhysRevB_83_045303_2011.pdf	Martin Heiss, Sonia Conesa- Boj, Jun Ren, Hsian	PHYSICAL REVIEW B	"Direct correlation of crystal structure and o	ŧ
4	Papers/2011/PhilTransRSocA_369_2354_2011.pdf	Simone Melchionna, Efthimios Kaxiras, Massimo	Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A	"Endothelial shear stress from large- scale blo	4

```
In [70]: # your code here
df.to_csv('publist.csv', index=False, encoding='utf-8', quoting = 1)
```

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```
In [71]: # your code here - testing if the csv works
    test_csv = pd.read_csv('publist.csv')
    with pd.option_context('display.max_rows', None, 'display.max_columns',
    None):
        print(test_csv.head())
```

```
URL
                                            journal
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Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zima...
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4 Papers/2011/PhilTransRSocA 369 2354 2011.pdf Simone Melchionna, Eft
himios Kaxiras, Massimo ... Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A "Endothelial shear
stress from large-scale blo...
                                 369.0
```

### Follow the stars in IMDb's list of "The Top 100 Stars for 2017"

#### Overview

In this part, your goal is to extract information from IMDb's Top 100 Stars for 2017 (<a href="https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/">https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/</a> (<a href="https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/">https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/</a>)) and perform some analysis on each star in the list. In particular we are interested to know: a) how many performers made their first movie at 17? b) how many performers started as child actors? c) who is the most proliferate actress or actor in IMDb's list of the Top 100 Stars for 2017? . These questions are addressed in more details in the Questions below.

When data is not given to us in a file, we need to fetch them using one of the following ways:

- · download a file from a source URL
- query a database
- query a web API
- · scrape data from the web page

#### Question 2 [52 pts]: Web Scraping using Beautiful Soup and exploring using Pandas

- **2.1** Download the webpage of the "Top 100 Stars for 2017" (<a href="https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/">https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/</a>)) into a requests object and name it my\_page. Explain what the following attributes are:
  - my\_page.text,
  - my page.status code,
  - my\_page.content.
- 2.2 Create a Beautiful Soup object named star soup using my page as input.
- **2.3** Write a function called parse\_stars that accepts star\_soup as its input and generates a list of dictionaries named starlist (see definition below; order of dictionaries does not matter). One of the fields of this dictionary is the url of each star's individual page, which you need to scrape and save the contents in the page field. Note that there is a ton of information about each star on these webpages.

```
name: the name of the actor/actress as it appears at the top gender: 0 or 1: translate the word 'actress' into 1 and 'actor' into '0' url: the url of the link under their name that leads to a page with details page: BS object with html text acquired by scraping the above 'url' page'
```

- **2.4** Write a function called create\_star\_table which takes starlist as an input and extracts information about each star (see function definition for the exact information to be extracted and the exact output definition). Only extract information from the first box on each star's page. If the first box is acting, consider only acting credits and the star's acting debut, if the first box is Directing, consider only directing credits and directorial debut.
- 2.5 Now that you have scraped all the info you need, it's good practice to save the last data structure you created to disk. Save the data structure to a JSON file named starinfo.json and submit this JSON file in Canvas. If you do this, if you have to restart, you won't need to redo all the requests and parsings from before.
- **2.6** We provide a JSON file called data/staff\_starinfo.json created by CS109 teaching staff for consistency, which you should use for the rest of the homework. Import the contents of this JSON file into a pandas dataframe called frame. Check the types of variables in each column and clean these variables if needed. Add a new column to your dataframe with the age of each actor when they made their first appearance, movie or TV, (name this column age\_at\_first\_movie). Check some of the values of this new column. Do you find any problems? You don't need to fix them.
- **2.7** You are now ready to answer the following intriguing questions:
  - 2.7.1 How many performers made their first appearance (movie or TV) when he/she was 17 years old?
  - 2.7.2 How many performers started as child actors? Define child actor as a person younger than 12 years old.
- **2.8** Make a plot of the number of credits against the name of actor/actress. Who is the most prolific actress or actor in IMDb's list of the Top 100 Stars for 2017? Define **most prolific** as the performer with the most credits.

#### **Hints**

- Create a variable that groups actors/actresses by the age of their first movie. Use pandas' .groupby
  to divide the dataframe into groups of performers that for example started performing as children (age
  < 12). The grouped variable is a GroupBy pandas object and this object has all of the information
  needed to then apply operations to each of the groups.</li>
- When cleaning the data make sure the variables with which you are performing calculations are in numerical format.
- The column with the year has some values that are double, e.g. '2000-2001' and the column with age has some empty cells. You need to deal with these in a reasonable fashion before performing calculations on the data.
- · You should include both movies and TV shows.

#### Resources

• The requests library makes working with HTTP requests powerful and easy. For more on the requests library see <a href="http://docs.python-requests.org/">http://docs.python-requests.org/</a>)

#### **Answers**

```
In [72]: import requests
```

2.1 Download the webpage of the "Top 100 Stars for 2017 ...

```
In [73]: my_page = requests.get('https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025814950/')
```

your answer here

2.2 Create a Beautiful Soup object named star soup giving my page as input.

```
In [74]: star_soup = BeautifulSoup(my_page.content, 'html.parser')
In [75]: # check your code - you should see a familiar HTML page
# clear/remove output before making pdf
# print (star_soup.prettify()[:])
```

2.3 Write a function called parse stars that accepts star soup as its input ...

```
Function
-----
parse_stars
Input
_____
star soup: the soup object with the scraped page
Returns
_____
a list of dictionaries; each dictionary corresponds to a star profile and ha
s the following data:
    name: the name of the actor/actress as it appears at the top
    gender: 0 or 1: translate the word 'actress' into 1 and 'actor' into '0'
    url: the url of the link under their name that leads to a page with deta
ils
    page: BS object with 'html text acquired by scraping the above 'url' pag
e'
Example:
{ 'name': Tom Hardy,
  'gender': 0,
  'url': https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0362766/?ref =nmls hd,
  'page': BS object with 'html text acquired by scraping the 'url' page'
}
```

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```
In [76]: | base_url = 'https://www.imdb.com'
         def parse stars(star soup):
             starlist = []
             all_stars = star_soup.find_all(class_= "lister-item mode-detail")
             for star in all stars:
                 name = star.find(class_= 'lister-item-content').find('a').get_te
         xt().strip().title()
                 if star.find(class = 'text-muted text-small').contents[0].strip()
         .lower() == 'actress':
                     gender = 1
                 elif star.find(class = 'text-muted text-small').contents[0].strip
         ().lower() == 'actor':
                     gender = 0
                 else:
                      gender = ''
                 url = base url + star.find(class_ = 'lister-item-content').find(
          'a')['href']
                 #time.sleep(10)
                 get_page = requests.get(url)
                 page = BeautifulSoup(get page.content, 'html.parser')
                 my_dict = {'name':name, 'gender':gender, 'url':url, 'page':page}
                 starlist.append(my_dict)
             return starlist
         starlist = parse_stars(star_soup)
```

```
In [77]: len(starlist)
Out[77]: 100
```

This should give you 100

```
In [78]: # check your code
# this list is large because of the html code into the `page` field
# to get a better picture, print only the first element
# clear/remove output before making pdf
# print(starlist[34])
```

Your output should look like this:

```
{ 'name': 'Gal Gadot',
 'gender': 1,
 'url': 'https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2933757?ref_=nmls_hd',
 'page':
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns:fb="http://www.facebook.com/2008/fbml" xmlns:og="http://ogp.me/</pre>
ns#">
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8"/>
<meta content="IE=edge" http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible"/>
<meta content="app-id=342792525, app-argument=imdb:///name/nm2933757?src=md</pre>
ot" name="apple-itunes-app"/>
<script type="text/javascript">var IMDbTimer={starttime: new Date().getTime
(),pt:'java'};</script>
<script>
     if (typeof uet == 'function') {
       uet("bb", "LoadTitle", {wb: 1});
     }
</script>
<script>(function(t){ (t.events = t.events || {})["csm head pre title"] = n
ew Date().getTime(); })(IMDbTimer);</script>
. . .
```

2.4 Write a function called create\_star\_table to extract information about each star ...

```
Function
-----
create_star_table
Input
_____
the starlist
Returns
_____
a list of dictionaries; each dictionary corresponds to a star profile and ha
s the following data:
    star_name: the name of the actor/actress as it appears at the top
    gender: 0 or 1 (1 for 'actress' and 0 for 'actor')
    year_born : year they were born
    first_movie: title of their first movie or TV show
    year_first_movie: the year they made their first movie or TV show
    credits: number of movies or TV shows they have made in their career.
Example:
{ 'star_name': Tom Hardy,
  'gender': 0,
  'year born': 1997,
  'first_movie' : 'Batman',
  'year first movie' : 2017,
  'credits' : 24}
```

```
In [79]: def create_star_table(starlist: list) -> list:
             stars info list = []
             for i in starlist:
                 my_object = i['page']
                  name = i['name']
                  gender = i['gender']
                 try:
                      if my object.find(id='name-born-info') != None:
                          year born = my object.find(id='name-born-info').find all
         ('a')[1].get_text().strip('')
                      else:
                          year born = None
                      helper_object = my_object.find(class_='filmo-category-sectio
         n').find all('div')[-1]
                      if helper object.find('a') != None:
                          first_movie = helper_object.find('a').get_text().strip()
                      if helper_object.find('span') != None:
                          year first_movie = helper_object.find('span').get_text()
         .strip()
                      else:
                          year_first_movie = None
                      if my_object.find(id='filmography').find(class_='head') != N
         one:
                          credits = my_object.find(id='filmography').find(class_=
         'head').contents[6].split()[0].split('(')[1]
                      else:
                          credits = None
                  except Exception:
                          pass
                 my dict={'name':name, 'gender':gender, 'year born':year born, 'f
         irst_movie':first_movie, 'year_first_movie':year_first movie, 'credits':
         credits}
                  stars info list.append(my dict)
             return stars info list
         star table = create star table(starlist)
In [80]: # check your code
         # clear/remove output before making the pdf file
         star table[0]
Out[80]: {'name': 'Gal Gadot',
           'gender': 1,
          'year born': '1985',
           'first movie': 'Bubot',
           'year first movie': '2007',
```

2.5 Now that you have scraped all the info you need, it's a good practice to save the last data structure you ...

'credits': '26'}

To check your JSON saving, re-open the JSON file and reload the code

#### 2.6 Import the contents of the staff's JSON file (data/staff starinfo.json) into a pandas dataframe.

---

```
In [84]: # your code here
df = pd.DataFrame(my_data)
with pd.option_context('display.max_rows', None, 'display.max_columns',
None):
    print(df.head())
```

credits	first_movie	gender	name	<pre>year_born year_f</pre>
irst_movie	9			
0 25	Bubot	1	Gal Gadot	1985
2007	7			
1 55	Tommaso	0	Tom Hardy	1977
2001				
2 17	Doctors	1	Emilia Clarke	1986
2009	)			
3 51	All My Children	1	Alexandra Daddario	1986
2002-2003				
4 30	Järngänget	0	Bill Skarsgård	1990
2000	)			

```
In [85]: #clean up data
         def split string (x):
             if '-' in x:
                 my_list = x.split('-')
                 return (int(my_list[0]))
             elif '/' in x:
                 my_list = x.split('/')
                 return (int(my list[0]))
             else:
                 return (int(x))
         def clean_data (df):
             df['year_first_movie'] = df['year_first_movie'].apply(lambda x: spli
         t string(x))
             df['year_born'] = df['year_born'].astype('int')
             df['year first movie'] = df['year first movie'].astype('int')
             df['credits'] = df['credits'].astype('int')
             return df
         df = clean data(df)
```

In [86]: # your code here
with pd.option\_context('display.max\_rows', None, 'display.max\_columns',
None):
 print(df.head())

cre	dits	first_movie	gender	name	year_born	yea
r_first_movie						
0	25	Bubot	1	Gal Gadot	1985	
	2007					
1	55	Tommaso	0	Tom Hardy	1977	
	2001			_		
2	17	Doctors	1	Emilia Clarke	1986	
	2009					
3	51 All	My Children	1	Alexandra Daddario	1986	
	2002	1				
4	30	Järngänget	0	Bill Skarsgård	1990	
	2000	<b> </b>	-	2		

your answer here

#### 2.7 You are now ready to answer the following intriguing questions:

#### 2.7.1 How many performers made their first movie at 17?

Out[87]: '8 performers made their first movie at 17'

Your output should look like this:

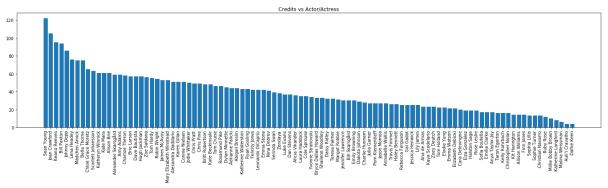
8 performers made their first movie at 17

#### 2.7.2 How many performers started as child actors? Define child actor as a person less than 12 years old.

```
In [88]: # your code here
    "{} performers started as child actors".format(df['age'][df['age']<12].s
    hape[0])
Out[88]: '20 performers started as child actors'</pre>
```

#### 2.8 Make a plot of the number of credits versus the name of actor/actress.

```
In [89]: # your code here
    df = df.sort_values(by='credits', ascending=False)
    plt.figure(figsize=(25,5))
    plt.bar(df['name'], df['credits'])
    plt.xticks(rotation='vertical')
    plt.yticks(rotation='horizontal')
    plt.title('Credits vs Actor/Actress')
    plt.show()
```



```
In [90]: # your code here
#TO: using groupby is a suggestion, i think using fitlers as done below
    is much easier and cleaner
    prolific = df[df['credits']==max(df['credits'])]
    '{} is the most profilic actor with {} credits'.format(prolific['name'].
    values[0], prolific['credits'].values[0])
```

Out[90]: 'Sean Young is the most profilic actor with 122 credits'

## Going the Extra Mile

Be sure to complete problems 1 and 2 before tackling this problem...it is worth only 8 points.

#### Question 3 [8 pts]: Parsing using Regular Expressions (regex)

Even though scraping HTML with regex is sometimes considered bad practice, you are to use python's **regular expressions** to answer this problem. Regular expressions are useful to parse strings, text, tweets, etc. in general (for example, you may encounter a non-standard format for dates at some point). Do not use BeautifulSoup to answer this problem.

- **3.1** Write a function called get\_pubs that takes an .html filename as an input and returns a string containing the HTML page in this file (see definition below). Call this function using data/publist\_super\_clean.html as input and name the returned string prof\_pubs.
- 3.2 Calculate how many times the author named 'C.M. Friend' appears in the list of publications.
- **3.3** Find all unique journals and copy them in a variable named journals.
- **3.4** Create a list named pub\_authors whose elements are strings containing the authors' names for each paper.

#### **Hints**

- Look for patterns in the HTML tags that reveal where each piece of information such as the title of the paper, the names of the authors, the journal name, is stored. For example, you might notice that the journal name(s) is contained between the <I> HTML tag.
- Learning about your domain is always a good idea: you want to check the names to make sure that they belong to actual journals. Thus, while journal name(s) is contained between the <I> HTML tag, please note that *all* strings found between <I> tags may not be journal names.
- Each publication has multiple authors.
- C.M. Friend also shows up as Cynthia M. Friend in the file. Count just C. M. Friend.
- There is a comma at the end of the string of authors. You can choose to keep it in the string or remove it and put it back when you write the string as a BibTex entry.
- You want to remove duplicates from the list of journals. Duplicates may also occur due to misspellings or spaces, such as: Nano Lett., and NanoLett. You can assume that any journals with the same initials (e.g., NL for NanoLett.) are the same journal.

#### Resources

- Regular expressions: a) <a href="https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/re.html">https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/re.html</a>), b) <a href="https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/re.html">https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/re.html</a>), b) <a href="https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html">https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html</a>), and c) <a href="https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html">https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html</a>).
- HTML: if you are not familiar with HTML see <a href="https://www.w3schools.com/html/">https://www.w3schools.com/html/</a>) or one of the many tutorials on the internet.
- Document Object Model (DOM): for more on this programming interface for HTML and XML documents see <a href="https://www.w3schools.com/js/js">httmlcom.asp</a>
   (<a href="https://www.w3schools.com/js/js">httmlcom.asp</a>
   (<a href="https://www.w3schools.com/js/js">httmlcom.asp</a>).

#### **Answers**

3.1 Write a function called get pubs that takes an .html filename as an input and returns a string ...

```
In [91]: # first import the necessary reg expr library
         import re
In [92]: # use this file provided
         PUB_FILENAME = 'data/publist_super_clean.html'
In [93]: # your code here
         # TO to MK: I think they explicitly require us to u regex, that's why we
          import r in 3.1, I figured out a way to make it work
         def get_pubs(filename):
             with open(filename, 'r') as f:
                 content = f.read()
             data = re.sub(r'</?w+s+[\^]*>','',content)
             return data
In [94]: # your code here
         prof_pubs = get_pubs(PUB_FILENAME)
In [95]: # checking your code
         # clear/remove output before creating the pdf file
         #print(prof pubs)
```

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You should see an HTML page that looks like this (colors are not important)

```
<LI>
<A HREF="Papers/2011/PhysRevB 84 125411 2011.pdf" target="paper244">
" Approaching the intrinsic band gap in suspended high-mobility graphene
nanoribbons"</A>
<BR>Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nicholas Kioussis, Yiyang Zha
ng, Mark Ming-Cheng Cheng,
<I>PHYSICAL REVIEW B </I> <b>84</b>, 125411 (2011)
<BR>
</LI>
</OL>
<OL START=243>
<LI>
<A HREF="Papers/2011/PhysRevB_84_035325_2011.pdf" target="paper243">
" Effect of symmetry breaking on the optical absorption of semiconductor
nanoparticles"</A>
<BR>JAdam Gali, Efthimios Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zimanyi, Sheng Meng,
<I>PHYSICAL REVIEW B </I> <b>84</b>, 035325 (2011)
<BR>
</LI>
</OL>
<OL START=242>
<LI>
<A HREF="Papers/2011/PhysRevB 83 054204 2011.pdf" target="paper242">
" Influence of CH2 content and network defects on the elastic properties
of organosilicate glasses"</A>
<BR>Jan M. Knaup, Han Li, Joost J. Vlassak, and Efthimios Kaxiras,
<I>PHYSICAL REVIEW B </I> <b>83</b>, 054204 (2011)
<BR>
</LI>
</OL>
```

#### 3.2 Calculate how many times the author ...

```
In [96]: # your code here
len(re.findall(r'(C.M. Friend)|(Cynthia M. Friend)', prof_pubs))
Out[96]: 8
```

#### 3.3 Find all unique journals and copy ...

```
In [97]: # your code here
    journals = re.findall(r'<i>(.*) </i>', prof_pubs, re.IGNORECASE)
    journals = set(journals)
    journals.remove('NanoLett.')
    journals.remove('New J. Phys.')
    len(journals)
Out[97]: 27
```

```
In [98]: # check your code #journals
```

Your output should look like this (no duplicates):

```
{'2010 ACM/IEEE International Conference for High Performance',
 'ACSNano.',
 'Ab initio',
 'Acta Mater.',
 'Catal. Sci. Technol.',
 'Chem. Eur. J.',
 'Comp. Phys. Comm.',
 'Concurrency Computat.: Pract. Exper.',
 'Energy & Environmental Sci.',
 'Int. J. Cardiovasc. Imaging',
 'J. Chem. Phys.',
 'J. Chem. Theory Comput.',
 'J. Phys. Chem. B',
 'J. Phys. Chem. C',
 'J. Phys. Chem. Lett.',
 'J. Stat. Mech: Th. and Exper.',
 'Langmuir',
 'Molec. Phys.',
 'Nano Lett.',
 'New Journal of Physics',
 'PHYSICAL REVIEW B',
 'Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A',
 'Phys. Rev. E - Rap. Comm.',
 'Phys. Rev. Lett.',
 'Sci. Model. Simul.',
 'Sol. St. Comm.',
 'Top. Catal.'}
```

3.4 Create a list named pub\_authors...

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In [99]: # your code here
pub\_authors = re.findall(r'<br>\s?(.\*),', prof\_pubs, re.IGNORECASE)
set(pub\_authors)

```
Out[99]: {'A. Gali and E. Kaxiras',
          'A. Gali, E. Janzen, P. Deak, G. Kresse and E. Kaxiras',
          'A. Peters, S. Melchionna, E. Kaxiras, J. Latt, J. Sircar, S. Succi',
          'Bingjun Xu, Jan Haubrich, Thomas A. Baker, Efthimios Kaxiras, and Cyn
         thia M. Friend',
          'C.E. Lekka, J. Ren, S. Meng and E. Kaxiras',
          'C.L. Chang, S.K.R.S. Sankaranarayanan, D. Ruzmetov, M.H. Engelhard,
         E. Kaxiras and S. Ramanathan',
          'E. Kaxiras and S. Succi',
          'E. Manousakis, J. Ren, S. Meng and E. Kaxiras',
          'E.M. Kotsalis, J.H. Walther, E. Kaxiras and P. Koumoutsakos',
           'F.J. Rybicki, S. Melchionna, D. Mitsouras, A.U. Coskun, A.G. Whitmor
         e, E. Kaxiras, S. Succi, P.H. Stone and C.L. Feldman',
           'H. Chen, W.G. Zhu, E. Kaxiras, and Z.Y. Zhang',
          'H. Li, J.M. Knaup, E. Kaxiras and J.J. Vlassak',
          'H.P. Chen, R.K. Kalia, E. Kaxiras, G. Lu, A. Nakano, K. Nomura',
          'J R Maze, A Gali, E Togan, Y Chu, A Trifonov',
          'J. Ren, E. Kaxiras and S. Meng',
           'JAdam Gali, Efthimios Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zimanyi, Sheng Meng',
          'Jan Haubrich, Efthimios Kaxiras, and Cynthia M. Friend',
          'Jan M. Knaup, Han Li, Joost J. Vlassak, and Efthimios Kaxiras',
          'Jun Ren, Sheng Meng, Yi-Lin Wang, Xu-Cun Ma, Qi-Kun Xue, Efthimios Ka
         xiras',
           'Kejie Zhao, Wei L. Wang, John Gregoire, Matt Pharr, Zhigang Suo',
          'L.A. Agapito, N. Kioussis and E. Kaxiras',
          'M. Bernaschi, M. Fatica, S. Melchionna, S. Succi and E. Kaxiras',
          'M. Bernaschi, S. Melchionna, S. Succi, M. Fyta',
          'M. Fyta, S. Melchionna, M. Bernaschi, E. Kaxiras and S. Succi',
           'Martin Heiss, Sonia Conesa-Boj, Jun Ren, Hsiang-Han Tseng, Adam Gal
         i',
           'Masataka Katono, Takeru Bessho, Sheng Meng, Robin Humphry-Baker, Guid
         o Rothenberger',
           'Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nicholas Kioussis, Yiyang
         Zhang, Mark Ming-Cheng Cheng',
           'S. Melchionna, M. Bernaschi, M. Fyta, E. Kaxiras and S. Succi',
          'S. Melchionna, M. Bernaschi, S. Succi, E. Kaxiras, F.J. Rybicki, D. M
         itsouras, A.U. Coskun and C.L. Feldman',
          'S. Meng and E. Kaxiras',
          'S.K.R.S. Sankaranarayanan, E. Kaxiras and S. Ramanathan',
          'S.K.R.S. Sankaranarayanan, E. Kaxiras, S. Ramanathan',
           'Sheng Meng, Efthimios Kaxiras, Md. K. Nazeeruddin, and Michael Gratze
           'Simone Melchionna, Efthimios Kaxiras, Massimo Bernaschi and Sauro Suc
         ci',
          'T.A. Baker, B.J. Xu, X.Y. Liu, E. Kaxiras and C.M. Friend',
          'T.A. Baker, C.M. Friend and E. Kaxiras',
          'T.A. Baker, E. Kaxiras and C.M. Friend',
           'Thomas A. Baker, Bingjun Xu, Stephen C. Jensen, Cynthia M. Friend and
         Efthimios Kaxiras',
          'Thomas D. Kuhne, Tod A. Pascal, Efthimios Kaxiras, and Yousung Jung',
          'W.L. Wang and E. Kaxiras',
          'W.L. Wang, O.V. Yazyev, S. Meng and E. Kaxiras',
          'Youdong Mao, Wei L. Wang, Dongguang Wei, Efthimios Kaxiras, and Josep
         h G. Sodroski'}
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In [100]: # check your code: print the list of strings containing the author(s)' n
    ames
    # for item in pub_authors:
    # print (item + ',')
```

Your output should look like this (a line for each paper's authors string of names)

```
Ming-Wei Lin, Cheng Ling, Luis A. Agapito, Nicholas Kioussis, Yiyang Zhang, Mark Ming-Cheng Cheng,

JAdam Gali, Efthimios Kaxiras, Gergely T. Zimanyi, Sheng Meng,

Jan M. Knaup, Han Li, Joost J. Vlassak, and Efthimios Kaxiras,

Martin Heiss, Sonia Conesa-Boj, Jun Ren, Hsiang-Han Tseng, Adam Gali,

...

T.A. Baker, C.M. Friend and E. Kaxiras.
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T.A. Baker, C.M. Friend and E. Kaxiras,T.A. Baker, C.M. Friend and E. Kaxiras,E. Kaxiras and S. Succi,E. Manousakis, J. Ren, S. Meng and E. Kaxiras,
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