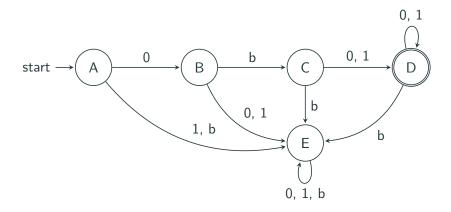
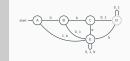
Basic Programming in Python

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Matching strings: "Python binaries"





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Last week we discussed the formal language "Python binaries" and how to check strings if they are part of it.

Today we learn a powerful tool to not only check if a string matches a certain grammar (i.e. is part of a formal language), but also to find all matching sequences inside long texts: Regular expressions.

Regular Expressions (regex)

- Regex are often called *patterns*
- Regex were designed to match regular languages¹
- Regex can also be used to search long texts for patterns
- Regex are built-in into many text editors and programming languages
- Regex are transformed into an FSA just like we implemented last week

¹Basically those we can represent using the FSA we learned, for more info check https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chomsky_hierarchy or join the theoretical computer science class.

Formal definition of regular languages²

Regular languages over Σ are:

- Empty language \emptyset , empty string language $\{\epsilon\}$
- Singleton languages $(\{a\} \text{ if } a \in \Sigma)$
- ullet Union, concatenation and Kleene star of languages A and B

²Adapted from Wikipedia contributors (2017)

Regex in Python

re module allows to use regular expressions³:

```
import re
re.fullmatch(pattern, string) # Complete string
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³https://docs.python.org/3/library/re.html

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Regex in Python

The re module has many more elements to form a regular expression than what we will cover here, if you feel like it, feel free to explore it more for your own projects.

We will only discuss the procedural interface, but there is also an object oriented interface where you *compile* a regex and perform actions on it:

regex = re.compile(pattern) regex.fullmatch(string)

The compiled version can also be used like this: re.fullmatch(regex, string). This is faster if you want to reuse the same regex multiple times.

Regex: empty string

Regular expression for the empty language is the empty string.

```
import re
nonempty = re.fullmatch('', 'This is a string.')
empty = re.fullmatch('', '')

print(nonempty)
print(empty)
```

```
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Regex: empty string

The empty string only matches the empty string.

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Regex: Singleton languages

```
import re
nomatch = re.fullmatch('a', 'aaa')
nomatch2 = re.fullmatch('a', 'ababa')
match = re.fullmatch('a', 'a')

print(nomatch)
print(nomatch2)
print(match)
print(match[0])
```

```
None
None
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(0, 1), match='a'>
a
```

Regex: Singleton languages

A singleton pattern matches single letters which are the same.

Reading the result:

```
a: < sre.SRE Match object; span=(0, 1), match='a'>
```

span: from where to where (a.pos, a.endpos) match: what was matched (here the input string)

Using the indexing, we can access groups (more later), the first group (0) is the match.

Regex: Concatenation

```
import re
nomatch = re.fullmatch('ab', 'a')
match = re.fullmatch('ab', 'ab')

print(nomatch)
print(match[0])
```

```
None ab
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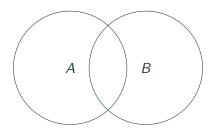
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print(match)

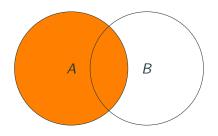
Regex: Concatenation

We can just concatenate (i.e. append to teach other) patterns to match their concatenation. The pattern a matches a, the pattern b matches b, but pattern ab only matches ab and neither a nor b.

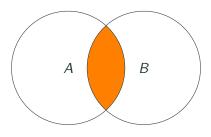
Two sets, A and B



Only set A



Sets $A \cap B$

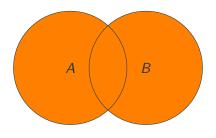


A	В	$A \wedge B$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

Intermezzo: Set theory meets logic

Intersection is like the logical and. Notice the similarity between the symbols \cap and $\wedge !$

Sets $A \cup B$



A	В	$A \vee B$
1	1	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0



Intermezzo: Set theory meets logic

Union is like the logical $\mathit{or}.$ Notice the similarity between the symbols \cup and $\vee !$

Regex: Union

```
import re
nomatch = re.fullmatch('a|b', 'c')
nomatch2 = re.fullmatch('a|b', 'ab')
match1 = re.fullmatch('a|b', 'a')
match2 = re.fullmatch('a|b', 'b')

print(nomatch)
print(nomatch2)
print(match1[0])
print(match2[0])
```

```
None
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a
b
```

Regex: Union

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We have seen that union is the logical or, hence the regex symbol for *union* is the | - a symbol which for many programmers intuitively maps to *or*.

Regex: Wrap up of simple expressions

- Empty string '' for empty language and empty string language
- Characters (letters, numbers, etc.) for singleton languages (e.g. a, b, 1, ...)
- Concatenations of characters (e.g. abcab, ab, bb, ...)
- Union as or (e.g. a|b, 0|1, aa|ab|ba, ...)

What about the Kleene star?

Regex: Kleene star

The Kleene star is used to indicate arbitrary repetitions:

```
import re
match1 = re.fullmatch('a*', '')
match2 = re.fullmatch('a*', 'a')
match3 = re.fullmatch('a*', 'aa')
match4 = re.fullmatch('a*', 'aaa')
match5 = re.fullmatch('ab*', 'abb')
print(match1[0])
print(match2[0])
print(match3[0])
print(match4[0])
print(match5[0])
```

```
a
aa
aaa
abb
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Regex: Kleene star

The Kleene star can match no, one, or many characters of the same expression.

Regex: extension of Kleene

aaaa aaaa

```
import re
match1 = re.fullmatch('aa*', 'aaaa')
match2 = re.fullmatch('a+', 'aaaa')
print(match1[0])
print(match2[0])
Output:
```

Regare extension of Kicene

import re
matchi = re.fullmatch('mar', 'mam')
matchi = re.fullmatch('mar', 'mam')
print (matchi(0))
print (matchi(0))

Output:
mana
mana

Regex: extension of Kleene

+ means: At least one. It is thus equivalent to the concatenation between a singleton language and the Kleene star.

Example: Regex for "Python binaries"

Try to find a regex which matches words of the "Python binaries".

- 1. The empty word (\emptyset) is not part of \mathcal{L}_{pb} .
- 2. Each word must start with 0b.
- 3. After b, a 1 or a 0 must follow.
- 4. After any 1 or 0 (not the first), there may follow another 1 or 0.

Regex for "Python binaries"

```
import re

pattern = re.compile('0b(1|0)+')

print(pattern.fullmatch('0b001101')[0])
print(pattern.fullmatch('0b110')[0])
print(pattern.fullmatch('0110011'))
print(pattern.fullmatch('b0b101b'))
print(pattern.fullmatch('0b0000011')[0])
print(pattern.fullmatch('0b'))
```

```
0b001101
0b110
None
None
0b0000011
None
```

Fullmatch vs. match

```
import re

match = re.match('ab', 'abcdefg')
fullmatch = re.fullmatch('ab', 'abcdefg')

print(match[0])
print(fullmatch)
```

```
ab
None
```

Fullmatch vs. match

re.match matches at the beginning of the string.

re.fullmatch matches the full string.

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Match vs. search vs. findall

```
import re
match = re.match('cd', 'abcdefabcdef')
search = re.search('cd', 'abcdefabcdef')
findall = re.findall('cd', 'abcdefabcdef')
print(match)
print(search[0])
print(findall)
```

```
None
cd
['cd', 'cd']
```

Match vs. search vs. findall

Match vs. search vs. findall

re.search searches for the first occurrence. re.findall searches for all occurrences.

Character sets

Matching a two-digit hexadecimal number is tricky:

Output:

4f

Character sets

Character sets can define characters which are all possibilities:

```
import re
match = re.match('[0-9a-f][0-9a-f]', '4f')
print(match[0])
```

Output:

4f

Character sets

Character sets can define characters which are all possibilities:
import re
match = re.match('[0-0e-d][0-0e-d]', '4d')
print Cantch(d)

Output

64

Character sets

Note that character sets are case sensitive. Inside character sets, special characters (+, *, etc.) have no special meaning.

Very common are the numbers and the alphabets: [0-9a-zA-Z].

Negating a set

It is possible to negate a character set, i.e. "match all but the following":

```
import re
match = re.match('[^a-c]', 'def')
nomatch = re.match('[^a-c]', 'aef')
print(match[0])
print(nomatch)
```

```
d
None
```

I don't care-character

The dot (.) matches all characters but newlines:

```
import re

match0 = re.match('.', 'a')
match1 = re.match('.', '2')
match2 = re.match('.', '\n')
match3 = re.match('.', '\n', re.DOTALL)

print(match0[0])
print(match1[0])
print(match2)
print(repr(match3[0]))
```

```
a
2
None
'\n'
```

☐I don't care-character

Hint: To also match newlines, you can use the re.DOTALL flag:

```
re.match('.', '\n', flags=re.DOTALL)
```

Escaping

As in normal strings, we can use \ for escaping, e.g. \. would match a literal dot instead of any character.

To match a literal backslash we run into trouble:

Input string: \\ (We need to escape it!) Pattern: \\\

```
import re
print(re.match('\\\', '\\')[0])
print(re.match('\\\'', '\'')[0])
```

```
1
```

Escaping

—Escaping

For the $\$ pattern, we are escaping the escape character and the character to be escaped.

Avoid some escaping

We can use raw strings:

```
import re

print(re.match(r'\\', '\\')[0])
print(re.match(r'\'', '\'')[0])
```

```
1
```

Avoid some escaping

Raw strings use $\$ as literals, they usually ignore the escaping capabilities. But since a regex is compiled, it has a deeper level and the escaping still applies for it.

An edge case are quotes: They are still escaped by backslashes but also remain in there. You can find more about this in the documentation https://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical_analysis.html#string-and-bytes-literals

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Groups

```
import re
regex = re.compile('(h|H)ello (.*)!')
match = regex.match('Hello World!')
match2 = regex.match('Hello Basti!')
print(match.groups())
print(match2.groups()[1])
print(match2[2]) # ! next slide
```

```
('H', 'World')
Basti
Basti
```

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└─Groups

Groups are denoted by (). They can be extracted from the results using the groups() function.

Groups can be reused

```
import re

print(re.match(r'(a*)b\1', 'aabaa')[0])
print(re.match(r'(a*)b\1', 'aaba'))
print(re.match(r'(a*)(b*)\1\2', 'aabaab')[0])
```

```
aabaa
None
aabaab
```

Groups can be record

import re

print(re_nath(r'(a)h)t', 'sabhat')[0])

print(re_nath(r'(a)h)t', 'sabhat')[0])

print(re_nath(r'(a)h)t', 'sabhat')[0])

Cuput

Cuput

Sabas

Sabas

Sabas

Groups can be reused

Groups can be accessed using $\1$, where 1 can be replaced by the group numbers. This is 1-indexed, i.e. the first is not 0 but 1 – this is because the full match is considered a group as well, group 0! When we used the [...] notation, we in fact already accessed groups!

To be more precise: group() returns all groups, while groups() only returns *subgroups*, i.e. all but the full match.

Note the ${\bf r}$ for the single backslashes, otherwise we'd need to escape them again.

More specialties of

- \b: word boundary (empty string at beginning or end of word)
- \B is opposite of \b: No empty string at beginning or end of word
- \d: Digits (analogue: \D non-digits)
- \s: Whitespace (\S no whitespace)

Example: Finding rhymes

Try to find a regex which matches some rhymes:

Matches

- house mouse
- blue true
- bake brake
- mock sock

No matches

- hippo horse
- dog cat
- home castle
- legend hero

Finding rhymes

```
import re
matches = ['house mouse', 'blue true',
           'bake brake', 'mock sock']
nomatches = ['hippo horse', 'dog cat',
             'home keep', 'legend hero']
regex = re.compile(r'(.+?)(..+)(.+)\2')
for i in matches:
   print(regex.match(i)[2])
for i in nomatches:
   if regex.match(i):
        print('{} matched!'.format(i))
```

```
ouse
ue
ake
ock
```

Other useful things

- ^ means: "This has to be the start of a string".
- \$ is the opposite, the end of a string.
- ab? is equivalent to alab, ? matches "zero or one" occurrence.
- *? makes the * non-greedy, same goes for + and ? itself (i.e. ??).

Greediness

```
import re

print(re.search('a.*a', 'abbabba')[0])
print(re.search('a.*?a', 'abbabba')[0])
```

```
abbaba abba
```

import vs

print(vs.search('u.vs', 'abbabba')(0))
print(vs.search('u.vs', 'abbabba')(0))
print(vs.search('u.vs', 'abbabba')(0))

Cuppur

abbabba
abba
abba

Greediness

Regex special characters try to match as much as possible by default. But sometimes we want minimal matches, we don't want to be *greedy* and take everything. We can then modify the expression and use? to allow this.

Example: Romeo and Juliet

Find out which characters appear in this excerpt of Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare 1623).

But with a rearward following Tybalt's death,
'Romeo is banished'- to speak that word
Is father, mother, Tybalt, Romeo, Juliet,
All slain, all dead. 'Romeo is banished'There is no end, no limit, measure, bound,
In that word's death; no words can that woe sound.
Where is my father and my mother, nurse?

The characters to look for are: Escalus, Paris, Capulet, Tybalt, Romeo, Juliet, Balthasar, Abram.

Example: Romeo and Juliet

```
Tybalt: But with a rearward following Tybalt's death,
Romeo: 'Romeo is banished'- to speak that word
Juliet: Is father, mother, Tybalt, Romeo, Juliet,
```

Ctrl + C

Now take a deep breath and relax, we finish regular expressions and move on to a new topic!

Python and the internet

Open up your browser and go to a website, e.g. https://shoeffner.github.io/monty/

Most browser have an option to show the source code:

```
<!doctype html>
< html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="chrome=1">
    <title>Basic Programming in Python by shoeffner</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="/monty/assets/css/style.css?v=f23bf7633e6fd30f497fc3d9</pre>
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width">
    <!--[if lt IE 9]>
    <script src="//html5shiv.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/html5.js"></script>
    <![endif]-->
  </head>
 <body>
    <div class="wrapper">
      <header>
        <h1>Basic Programming in Python</h1>
        Course material for the class <em>Basic Programming in Python</em>. The class
href="http://uos.de">University of Osnabrück</a> by Aline Vilks and Sebastian Höffner.
</n>
```

Figure 1: Source code excerpt of https://shoeffner.github.io/monty/

Source code

Source code for websites is not written in Python, but usually in HTML (or derivatives).

We will not discuss HTML today, but how browsers can download it.

HTTP protocol

The internet uses (for what know as "web") the HTTP Protocol.

The standard mostly used today is from 1999 and can be found in RFC2616 (Fielding et al. 1999)⁴.

There are newer standards, but the basics are still the same.

 $^{^4} RFC$ is a "request for comments" and used by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to define internet standards and discuss them. RFC2616 (https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2616.txt) is a 175 pages long definition of the HTTP/1.1 standard.

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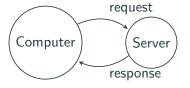
HTTP protocol

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☐HTTP protocol

There are classes focusing only on computer communication, so I will only scratch the very very surface.

HTTP requests



HTTP requests

```
GET /monty/ HTTP/1.1
Host: https://shoeffner.github.io
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: GitHub.com
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Last-Modified: Tue, 06 Jun 2017 09:10:02 GMT
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Expires: Wed, 07 Jun 2017 10:51:03 GMT
Cache-Control: max-age=600
Content-Length: 8107
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Date: Wed, 07 Jun 2017 10:41:03 GMT
Connection: keep-alive
. . .
<!doctype html>
<ht.ml>
. . .
```

HTTP requests

GET /monty/HTTP/1.1

Host: https://shoeffare.github.io

HTTP/1.2 DOE 10

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HTTP requests

For this request you need a connection, which is a whole topic on how computers can communicate with each other. We assume that connection can be magically made.

A request contains a VERB, a resource, and the protocol, followed by the host name, which is the server address.

A response contains the protocol, the status code and message (200 $\,$ OK), some meta data in key: value pairs, and the content. (Here I abbreviated everything a little bit.)

HTTP verbs

```
GET /monty/ HTTP/1.1
```

Host: https://shoeffner.github.io

The GET is one of a few HTTP *verbs*. There are others, e.g. POST. These two are the most important ones.

HTTP verb meanings

The verbs have special meanings⁵ (here are just some):

Meaning
Request a resource
Create a resource
Update a resource
Delete a resource
Requests the meta data

⁵Even though they do have semantics, they are often used slightly different than their original meanings. E.g. POST is very often used for complicated GET requests, it also allows for a more secure way of transferring passwords and similar things, . . .

HTTP via requests in Python

You can do requests with Python!

```
import requests # you need to install this!

url = 'https://shoeffner.github.io/monty/'
response = requests.get(url)
print(response)
```

```
<Response [200]>
```

You can do requests with Python

You can do requests with Python!

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wil " https://dobmifier.github.in/mems//
response = request.get(wi)

print(response)

Ouput.

Gamenous (2001)

HTTP via requests in Python

Install requests, which is a much easier to use python package than Python's own urllib (it is even recommended in the documentation!). To install, just run pip3 install requests.

You can find the awesome documentation here:

http://docs.python-requests.org

Retrieving the content

```
import requests
url = 'https://shoeffner.github.io/monty/'
response = requests.get(url)
print(response.text[:120])
Output:
<!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="chrome=1">
```

Downloading images

The internet does not only have websites, but e.g. images!

Let's download one.

```
import requests

url = 'https://i.imgur.com/3GmPd70.png'
response = requests.get(url)
print(response.content[:120])
```

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Downloading images

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Let's download one.

Lapset: requests

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Images are binary data (not simple text).

Thus we have to use the *raw* content, not the text, as text already performs some conversions (all data sent over the internet is at first "binary").

Downloading images

```
import requests

url = 'https://i.imgur.com/3GmPd70.png'
response = requests.get(url)
with open('pythonlogo.png', 'wb') as image_file:
    image_file.write(response.content)
```

__Downloading images

Finally we can use the b in open!

Downloading images

import requests

url = 'https://i.imgur.com/SCmPd70.png' response = requests.get(url) with open('pythonlogo.png', 'wb') as image_file: image_file.write(response.content)

Download images



Figure 2: Result: pythonlogo.png

Your tenth homework

 Download a book and find some sentences containing specific words.

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