# Introduction to Regex Learn to recognize when you should use it.

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- $\bullet$  Above: Regex pattern for any number on the form 1, 123.456, 123.456e 123, 123.456e + 123, etc.

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>>> import re
>>> text = "asd1 foo 2.0 0.123213 foo foo 1E-2 foo 1e-04 1.2313e123"
>>> anyNumber = "\s*(\d+\.?\d*[eE]?[\-\+]?\d*)\s*"
>>> re.findall(anyNumber, text)
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- r"string" is a raw string. These strings does not read special string identifiers such as \n (which might mess up the regexp).

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- Summarized: Any number is isolated by spaces, starts with an integer, then a comma, then an integer, then e or E, then + or -, then an integer.
- This is obviously not true, but in the *right combinations* it is true. Let's go back to the special characters.

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- (...): Identifies a *group*. When we apply re.findall, we want the numbers returned, not the spaces (\s\*) (even though they are a part of the regexp pattern); we put the matching number in a group.

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                     9841 99.80000%
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DMC FIN.
Job fin
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def getDmcE(path):
    stdout = open(path + "/stdout.txt", 'r')
    stdoutRaw = "\n".join(stdout.readlines())
    stdout.close()
    pattern = "dmcE:\s*(\d+\.?\d*)\s*\|\s*Nw:\s*\d+\|\s*100\.?[0]*%"
    r = re.findall(pattern, stdoutRaw)
    if r:
        \#r[0] = therm; r[1] = production
        #Both thermalization and main cycles succeeded.
        if len(r) == 2:
               return float(r[1])
        else:
        #Run aborted after thermalization.
               return "~" + r[0]
    else:
        #Run aborted.
        return "N/A"
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- Step one: Concatinate all the his tex-files into one file:

  "\$ find . -name \*.tex -exec cat {} \; > "/.../christoffer\_raw.tex
- Use count\_words.py to count the accurances of important strings/words such as ...

#### • Jørgen, Coupled Cluster and Monte Carlo

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"$ python count_words.py -i -b christoffer_raw.tex Jørgen
Number of occurances of word 'Jørgen' (case insensitive): 1
"$ python count_words.py -i christoffer_raw.tex "coupled cluster"
Number of occurances of string 'coupled cluster' (case insensitive): 15
```

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"$ python count_words.py -i christoffer_raw.tex "monte carlo"
Number of occurances of string 'monte carlo' (case insensitive): 2
```

```
...cml-line parsing...
#Adding bounds to the word (pattern=any spacing, word, any ending)
stringOrWord = "string"
if bounded:
    stringOrWord = "word"
    word = "[\^\s]" + word + "[\s\b]"
#Flaging case insensitivity
if not caseSense:
    regExtObj = re.compile(word, re.IGNORECASE)
    printCase = " (case insensitive)"
else:
    regExtObj = re.compile(word)
    printCase = ""
Nmatches = len(regExtObj.findall(rawFile))
printfArgs = (stringOrWord, rawWord, printCase, Nmatches)
print "Number of occurances of %s '%s'%s: %d" % printfArgs
```

• Use list\_occurances.py to reveal his most used words:

```
christoffer raw.tex
word
               : n
electron
               : 498
tension
               : 182
               : 134
omega
basis
               : 130
particle
               : 126
               : 126
operators
operator
               : 117
delta
               : 114
state
               : 102
electrons
               : 92
               : 89
states
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import sys. re
#load entire file into a string. Convert to lower case letters.
f1 = open(sys.argv[1]); allwords = f1.read().lower(); f1.close()
max_length = 15; min_length = 5
#Recognize all words
rePattern = r"[a-zA-Z]{%d,%d}" % (min_length, max_length)
allwords = re.findall(rePattern, allwords)
texWords = ... list of texWords such as begin, end, left, right...
#count words
wordCount = {}
for word in allwords:
    if word not in texWords and not re.findall('.*(fmf).*', word):
        if word not in wordCount.kevs():
            wordCount[word] = 1
        elif word in wordCount.keys():
            wordCount[word] += 1
#Sort scores from largest to lowest
sort = sorted(wordCount.items(), kev=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
#Output:
s = max_length
print sys.argv[1].liust(len(sys.argv[1]))
print "%s: %s" % ("word".ljust(s), "n".ljust(s))
print
for key, value in sort:
    print "%s: %s" % (key.ljust(s), str(value).ljust(s))
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