LING 120, Fall 2017 Language and Computers

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Class outline

- 1. Continuing from where we left
- 2. Review of Topic 4 (by asking more questions!)
- 3. Time to choose mid-term topics for teams

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- Brief demo of using egrep:

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egrep '[[:digit:]]' pg2446.txt
egrep 'Petra|Horster' pg2446.txt
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egrep 'th(e|i)s' pg2446.txt
egrep 'th(e|i)s*' pg2446.txt
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Regular Expressions: Practice

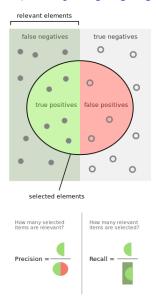
Work in groups of 3 people, download pg2446.txt from https://goo.gl/gSnhGD, and answer the following questions using regular expressions.

- Whose name occurs more at the beginning of a line Dr Stockmann or Mrs Stockmann? How many times?
- ▶ What is the difference between *egrep 't.s' pg2446.txt* and *egrep 't.*s' pg2446.txt*?
- ▶ In general, what will the pattern *joh?n* identify? How will you verify?
- ► What will *egrep -o 'Stockmann' pg2446.txt* do? Why? What happens if you remove the -o?
- ► How many times do Stockmann and Petra appear in the same line in this file?

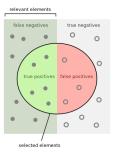
Note: Regular expressions cheatsheets, egrep help can be found by searching online.



source: Wikipedia page on the topic: https://goo.gl/4gdNRd



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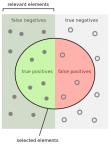




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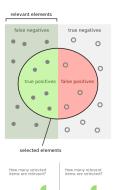




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- ▶ Professional world: Software engineers, Search Engine Optimizers (yes, that is a title!), Search/Ad relevance evaluators, etc.

Today's attendance exercise

- Group according to your mid-term teams.
- Look at the list of topics and choose one for your team after discussion.
- Start thinking about how to distribute work, what to present etc.
- Return your topic choice along with team member names to me - that is your attendance for today.
- People who are absent today will just not participate in choosing. Don't worry about that.

Next Week

- Introduction to Natural Language Processing language related issues that trouble a computer
- No assigned readings!
- Start working on Assignment 3
- Start thinking about your mid-term presentation