



Compilers

Lexical Specifications

Keyword: “if” or “else” or “then” or ...

Integer: *a non-empty string of digits*

Identifier: *strings of letters or digits, starting with a letter*

Whitespace: *a non-empty sequence of blanks, newlines,
and tabs*

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digit	=	'0' + '1' + '2' + '3' + '4' + '5' + '6' + '7' + '8' + '9'
digits	=	digit ⁺
opt_fraction	=	('.' digits) + ε
opt_exponent	=	('E' ('+' + '-' + ε) digits) + ε
num	=	digits opt_fraction opt_exponent

Choose the regular languages that are correct specifications of the English-language description given below:

Twelve-hour times of the form "04:13PM". Minutes should always be a two digit number, but hours may be a single digit.

- ☐ $(0 + 1)?[0-9]:[0-5][0-9](AM + PM)$
- ☐ $((0 + \epsilon)[0-9] + 1[0-2]):[0-5][0-9](AM + PM)$
- ☐ $(0^*[0-9] + 1[0-2]):[0-5][0-9](AM + PM)$
- ☐ $(0?[0-9] + 1(0 + 1 + 2):[0-5][0-9](A + P)M$

- Regular expressions describe many useful languages
- Regular languages are a language specification
 - We still need an implementation
- Next time: Given a string s and a rexp R , is

$$s \in L(R) ?$$