

# Text Processing

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# Python Environment and Libraries

- Python Review (from Stanford CS231n by Justin Johnson):  
<https://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial/>
- Python Environment: Google Colab  
(<https://colab.research.google.com>)
- Libraries:
  - Regular Expression Operations (re)  
<https://docs.python.org/3/library/re.html>
  - Natural Language Toolkits (NLTK)  
<https://www.nltk.org/>



# Regular Expressions:

**"A formal language for specifying text strings"**

# Regular Expressions

- Character Classes

Pattern	Matches
<code>.</code>	any character except newline
<code>\w \d \s</code>	word, digit, whitespace
<code>\W \D \S</code>	not word, digit, whitespace
<code>[abc]</code>	either a, b, or c
<code>[^abc]</code>	not a, b, or c
<code>[a-g]</code>	character between a & g

# Regular Expressions

- Quantifiers and Alternations

Pattern	Matches
<code>a* a+ a?</code>	0 or more, 1 or more, 0 or 1
<code>a{5} a{2,}</code>	exactly five, two or more
<code>a{1,3}</code>	between one & three
<code>a+? a{2,}? </code>	match as few as possible
<code>ab cd</code>	ab or cd

# Regular Expressions

- Escaped Character

Pattern	Matches
<code>\. \* \\</code>	escaped special characters
<code>\t \n \r</code>	tab, linefeed, carriage return

- Anchors

Pattern	Matches
<code>^abc\$</code>	start / end of the string
<code>\b</code>	word boundary

# Regular Expressions

- Groups and Lookaround

Pattern	Matches
<code>(abc)</code>	capture group (useful with <b>replace</b> )
<code>\1</code>	backreference to group #1
<code>(?:abc)</code>	non-capturing group
<code>(?=abc)</code>	positive lookahead
<code>(?!abc)</code>	negative lookahead

# Exercise:

- Write a regular expression to match each of the following patterns:
  1. Punctuation
  2. String of letters whose length is at most 3
  3. String of digits whose length is at least 3
  4. String of word characters containing at least one a and one b
  5. Anything enclosed by square brackets
  6. String of word characters whose the 5<sup>th</sup> character from the right end is a digit
  7. Date format: yyyy-mm-dd



# Exercise

8. String of 10 digits that starts and ends with the same 3- digit sequence
9. Password satisfying the following conditions:
  - at least 1 lowercase letter
  - at least 1 uppercase letter
  - at least 1 digit
  - six characters or more



Any Questions?