

# MoreRegularExpressions

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## 1 More regular Expressions examples

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[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[Pp]umas?|[Cc]ougars?')
p.findall('I saw a puma chasing two cougars.')
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[ ]: text = 'I saw a puma puma puma puma in the jungle.'
p = re.compile('(puma )+')
m = p.search(text)
print(m)
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[ ]: p = re.compile('[Ww]oodchuck')
m = p.match('Woodchucks ran after a woodchuck.')
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[ ]: m
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[ ]: m.span()
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[ ]: m.group()
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[ ]: len('Woodchuck'), 'Woodchuck ran ...'[8]
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[ ]: m.span(), m.start()
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[ ]: m = p.match('Three Woodchucks ran after a woodchuck.')
print(m)
```

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[ ]: m = p.search('Three Woodchucks ran after a woodchuck.')
m.group(), m.span(), 'Three Woodchucks'.find('Woodchuck')
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[ ]: matches = p.findall('Three Woodchucks ran after a woodchuck.')
matches
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[ ]: matches = p.finditer('Three Woodchucks ran after a woodchuck.')
for m in matches:
    print(m.span())
```

```
[ ]: p = re.compile('[Ww]oodchuck|[Gg]roundhog')
matches = p.findall('The woodchuck appears at the beginning in the movie_
↳Groundhog Day')
matches
```

```
[ ]: pd = re.compile(r'\d+')
matches = pd.findall("His GPA is 3.85. His age is 23, and he can swim 4000_
↳yards without stopping")
print(matches)

pd = re.compile(r'[0-9]+')
matches = pd.findall("His GPA is 3.85. His age is 23, and he can swim 4000_
↳yards without stopping")
print(matches)

pd = re.compile(r'[\d.]+')
matches = pd.findall("His GPA is 3.85. His age is 23, and he can swim 4000_
↳yards without stopping")
print(matches)

pd = re.compile(r'[\d]+ [.]? \d+', re.VERBOSE)
matches = pd.findall("His GPA is 3.85. His age is 23, and he " \
                    "can swim 4000 yards without stopping." \
                    "How about 3.85.4?")
print(matches)
```

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[ ]: import re
p = re.compile('[Ww]oodchuck | [Gg]roundhog')
matches = p.findall('The woodchucks appears at the beginning in the movie_
↳Groundhog Day')
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↳Groundhog Day')
matches
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[ ]: p = re.compile('[Ww]oodchucks?|[Gg]roundhogs?')
p.findall('Woodchucks, by any other name, such as groundhog, '
        'would woodchuck the same.')
```

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p.findall('How do you do? I do how I always do.')
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[ ]: #p = re.compile('[^a-zA-Z][tT]he[^a-zA-Z]')
p = re.compile('[tT]he')
p.findall('The cat ran after the dog, but the other dog intervened.')
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[ ]: p = re.compile('[tT]he')
matches = p.finditer('The cat ran after the dog, '
                    'but the other dog intervened.')
```

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for m in matches:
    print(m)

print()

matches = p.finditer('The cat ran after the dog, '
                    'but the other dog intervened.')
```

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for m in matches:
    print(m.group(), m.start(), m.end())
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```
[ ]: p = re.compile('[^a-zA-Z][tT]he[^a-zA-Z]')
#p = re.compile('[tT]he')
p.findall('The cat ran after the dog, '
        'but the other dog intervened.')
```

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[ ]: s = 'The cat ran after the dog, but the other dog intervened.'
```

```
p1 = re.compile('[^a-zA-Z] ([tT]he) [^a-zA-Z]', re.VERBOSE)
r1 = p1.findall(s)
print(r1)

p2 = re.compile('^([tT]he) [^a-zA-Z]', re.VERBOSE)
r2 = p2.findall(s)
print(r2)

# Instead of trying to combine the two patterns (but try it as a homework
↳ exercise).
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r3 = p1.findall(' ' + s)
print(r3)
```

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[ ]: p = re.compile('a+b+')
p.findall('aabb aaabbb abcba aba aaaabb')
```

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile(r'[pP]ythons?')
matches = p.findall('Python is a fun programming language. '
                    'There are many pythons in the jungle. '
                    'I like PYTHON!')

print(matches)
```

```
[ ]: p = re.compile(r'\s(cats?|dogs?)\W')
matches = p.findall('It is raining cats and dogs. '
                    'Her cat likes catfish.')

print(matches)
```

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[ ]: p = re.compile('colou?r')
p.sub('<color>', 'I would like to drive a blue coloured car.')
```

### 1.1 Character classes \d, \D, ...

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[ ]: import re

text = 'I woke up at 8am this morning.'
p = re.compile('\D+')
p.findall(text)
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[ ]: p = re.compile('[^0-9]+')
p.findall(text)
```

Regular expression for recognizing time expressions, e.g. 8am, 12:05pm, ...

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[0-9]+(:[0-9]+)?[ap]m')
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:35pm, then went for a walk.'
m1 = p.search(text)
print(m1)
print(m1.group()) # this prints the matched string
print(m1.start()) # this prints the starting position
print(m1.end()) # this prints the end position
print(m1.span()) # this prints the (start, end) tuple
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[ ]: m2 = p.search(text[m1.end():])
print(m2)
```

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[0-9]+(:[0-9]+)?[ap]m')
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:35pm, then went for a walk.'
```

```
# Find and print all matches.
m = p.search(text)
while m:
    print(m.group())
    text = text[m.end():]
    m = p.search(text)
```

Pattern.search() has a keyword argument pos to specify where to start the search, by default 0.

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[ ]: text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:35pm, then went for a walk.'
      p.search(text, pos = 16)
```

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[0-9]+(:[0-9]+)?[ap]m')
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:35pm, then went for a walk.'
# Find and print all matches.
m = p.search(text)
while m:
    print(m.group())
    m = p.search(text, pos = m.end())
```

Use re.VERBOSE to indicate that spaces in the regular expression string are to be ignored.

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[0-9]+ (: [0-9]+)? [ap]m', re.VERBOSE)
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:15pm, then went for a walk.'
m = p.search(text)
while m:
    print(m.group())
    m = p.search(text, pos = m.end())
```

Let's make the regular expression more precise.

```
[ ]: p = re.compile(r'(?<=\D) (0?[0-9]? | 1[012]) (: [0-5] [0-9])? [ap]m', re.VERBOSE)
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:15pm, then went for a walk. 34:
      ↪49am is not a valid time expression.'
m = p.search(text)
while m:
    print(m.group())
    m = p.search(text, pos = m.end())
```

## 1.2 Use parentheses for *capturing* behavior

```
[ ]: p = re.compile('[^a-zA-Z] [Tt]he [^a-zA-Z]', re.VERBOSE)
m = p.findall('Yes. The cat chases the dogs that bathe.')
print(m)
```

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[ ]: p = re.compile('[^a-zA-Z] ([Tt]he) [^a-zA-Z]', re.VERBOSE)
m = p.findall('Yes. The cat chases the dogs that bathe.')
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```

```
[ ]: p = re.compile('( [0-9]+ )', re.VERBOSE)
p.sub(r'\1 extra', 'the 35 boxes')
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[ ]: p = re.compile('( [0-9]+ )', re.VERBOSE)
p.sub(r'\1 extra', '10 whiskey bottles and 35 boxes of gold')
```

### 1.3 Use (?! ) to indicate non-matching behavior.

```
[ ]: p = re.compile(r'Isaac (?!Asimov)')
matches = p.finditer('I like reading Isaac Asimov '
                    'and listening to Isaac Perlman '
                    'and playing chess with Isaac .')
for m in matches:
    print(m.span(), m.group())
```

```
[ ]: p = re.compile(r'Isaac (?!Asimov|Perlman)')
matches = p.finditer('I like reading Isaac Asimov '
                    'and listening to Isaac Perlman '
                    'and playing chess with Isaac .')
for m in matches:
    print(m.span(), m.group())
```

### 1.4 Use (?: ) to indicate parentheses are used for *grouping*, but not capturing behavior

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('[0-9]+ (?: :[0-9]+)? [ap]m', re.VERBOSE)
text = 'I woke up at 8am and had lunch at 12:35pm, then went for a walk.'
m = p.findall(text)
print(m)
```

### 1.5 Find-replace using regular expressions and p.sub()

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('\d+')
text = 'She ran for 3 miles, than she ate 2 apples and drank a 12 ounce can of
↳Coke.'
p.sub('<num>', text)
```

Capture groups using parentheses and numbered registers.

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile('(\d+)')
text = 'I ran for 3 miles, than I ate 2 apples and drank a 12 ounce can of Coke.
      ↵'
p.sub(r'\1 extra', text)
```

```
[ ]: import re

p = re.compile(".*I am (depressed|sad).*")
text = "My cat is sick, I am sad, I don't know what to do!"
p.sub(r'I am sorry to hear you are \1.', text)
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