### Introduction to Computational and Algorithmic Thinking

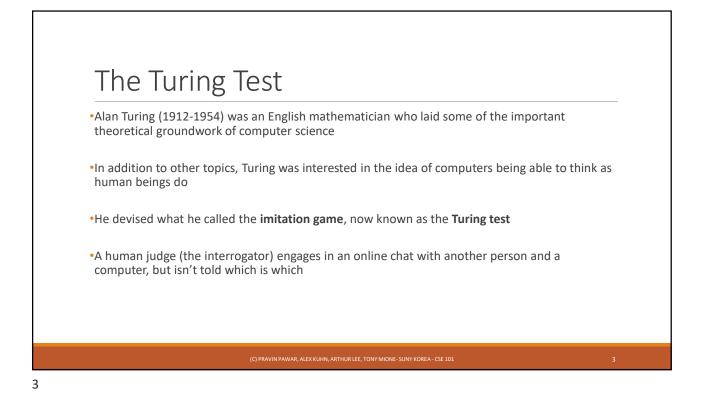
NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING AND REGULAR EXPRESSIONS

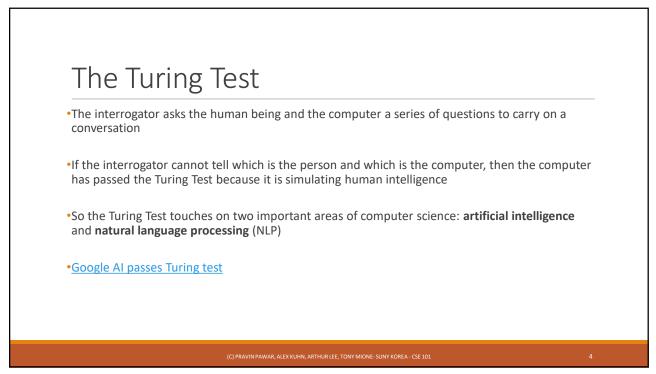
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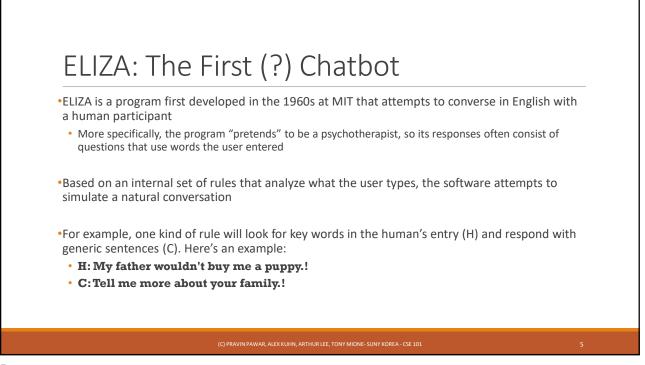
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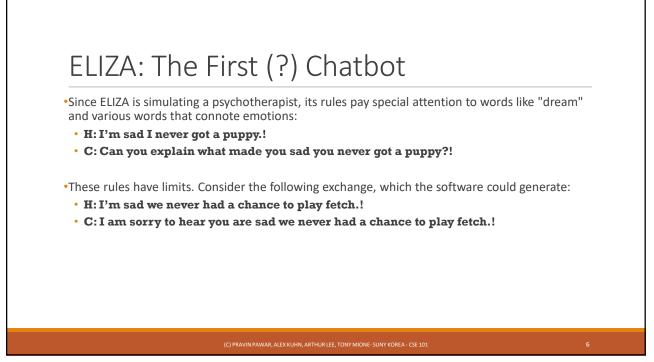
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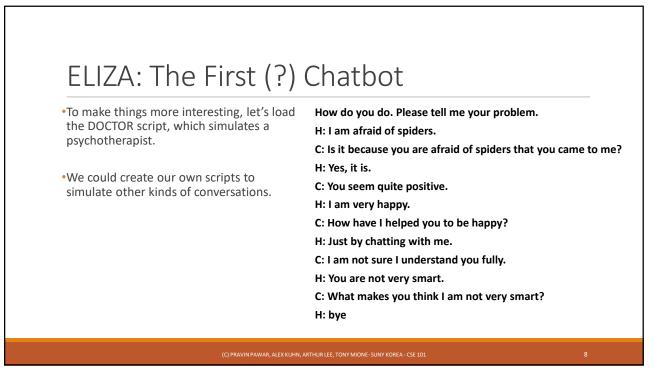




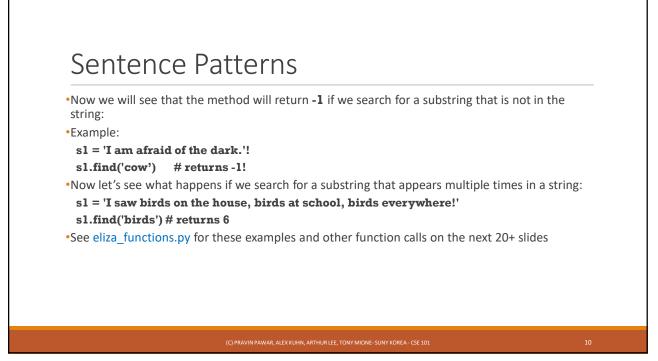




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### Sentence Patterns

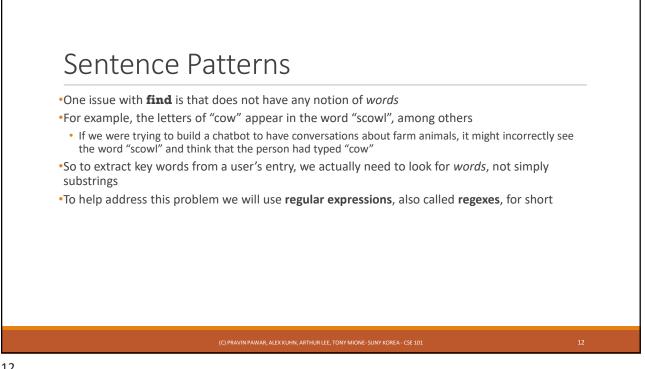
•The find method takes an optional argument that indicates at what index the search should begin

•For example, the first instance of "birds" in the string below is at index 6.

•If we start the search at index 7, the **find** method will find the next instance of "birds" in the string, which starts at index 26:

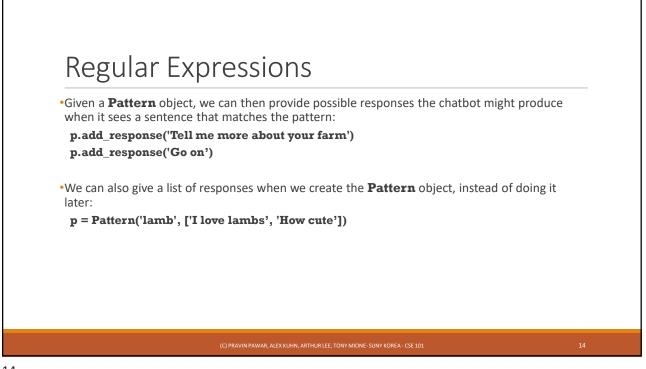
s1 = 'I saw birds on the house, birds at school, birds everywhere!'

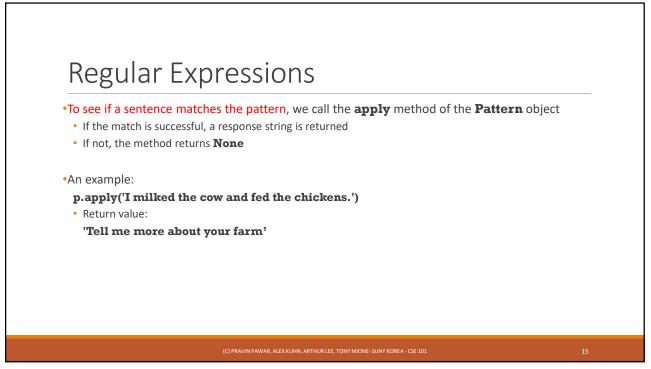
sl.find('birds', 7) # returns 26

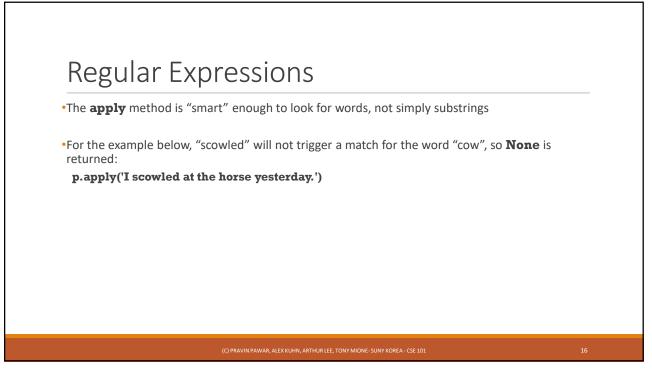


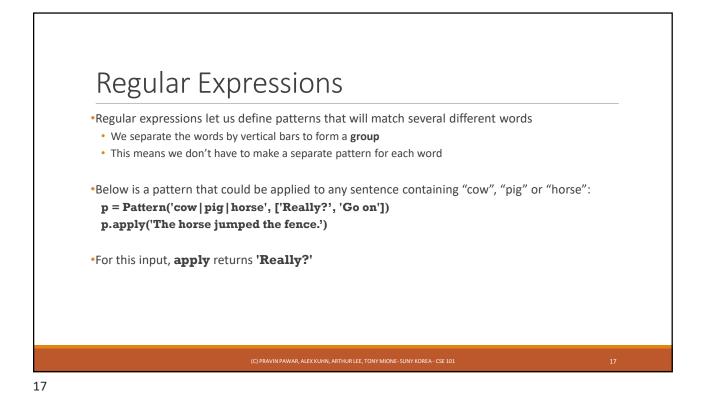
### **Regular Expressions**

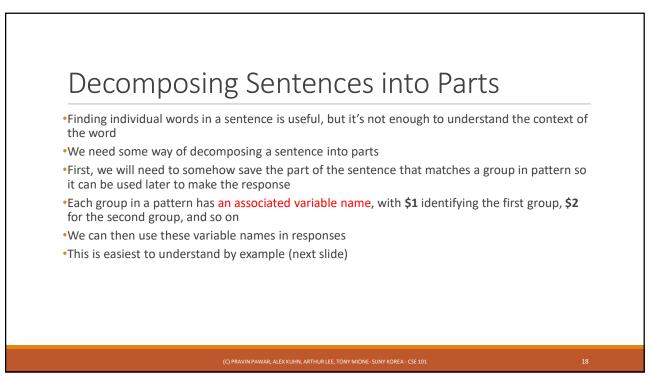
- •Regular expressions give us a formal ways of expressing **patterns** of characters we want to find in an input string
- •The simplest kind of regular expression looks for a particular substring in an input string
- •Initially we will not look at the details of how to write regular expressions, but rather use some capabilities from the ElizaLab
- •The **Pattern** class in ElizaLab lets us create regular expressions using a user-friendly notation
- The Pattern object below can be used to detect when a sentence contains the word "cow": from PythonLabs.ElizaLab import Pattern
  p = Pattern('cow')

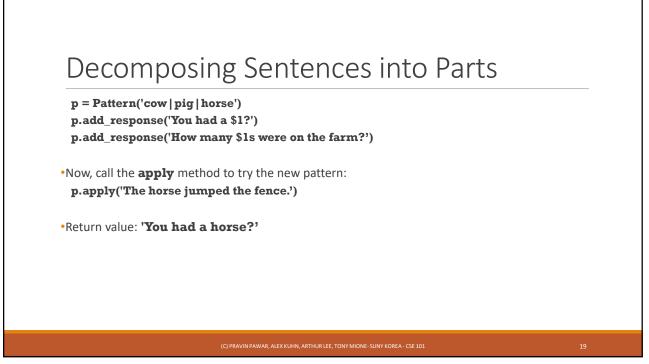


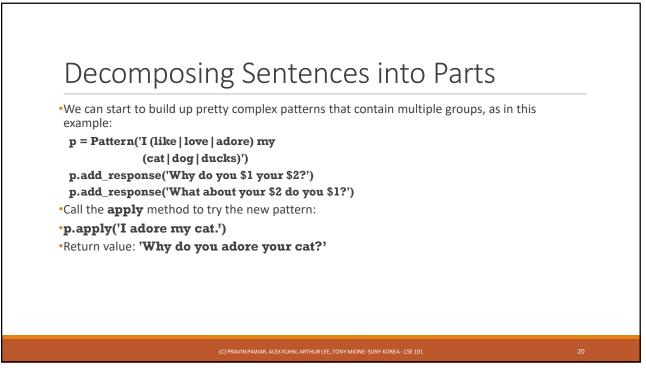


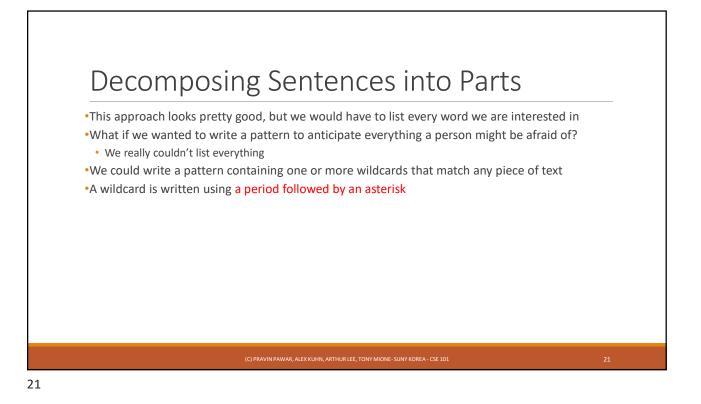


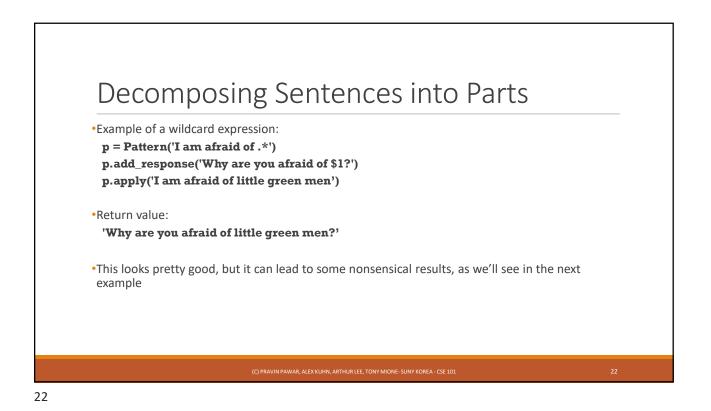


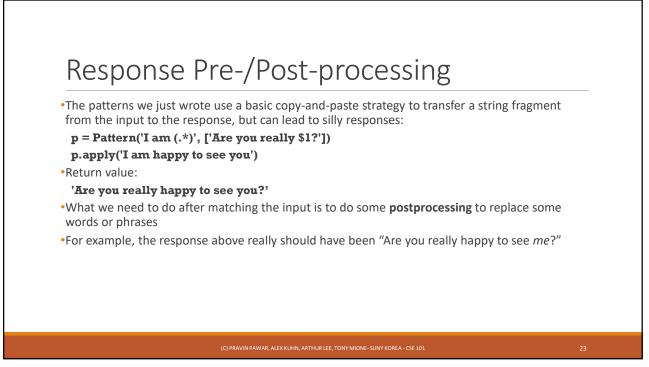


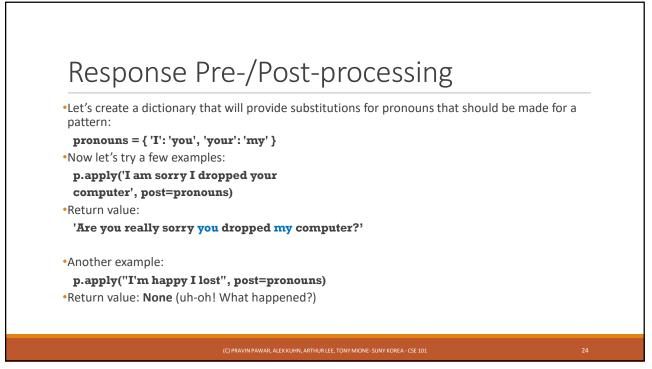




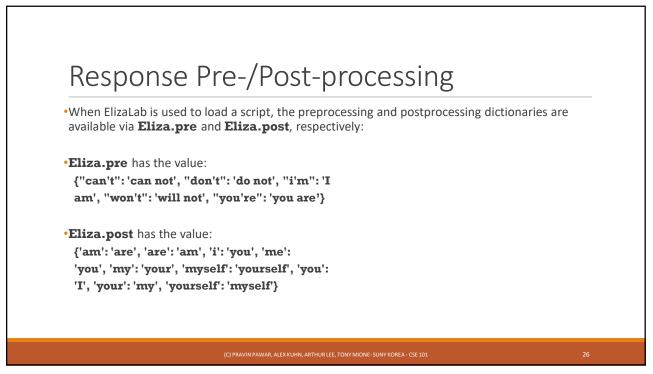






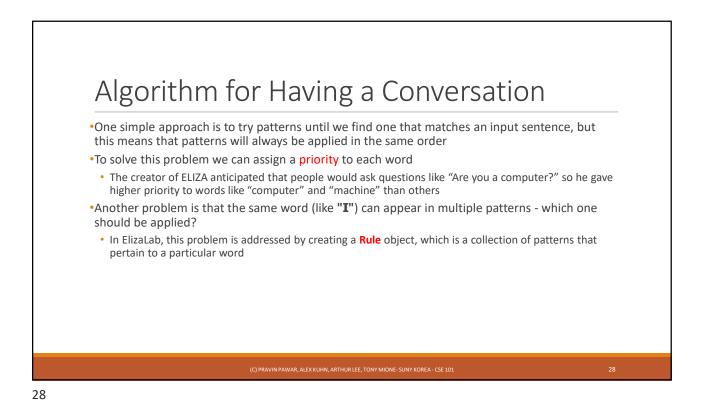


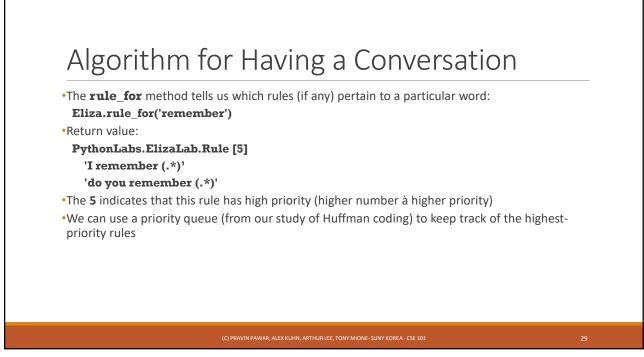
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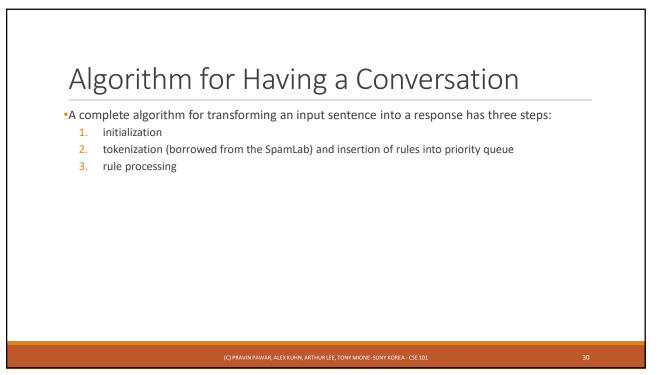


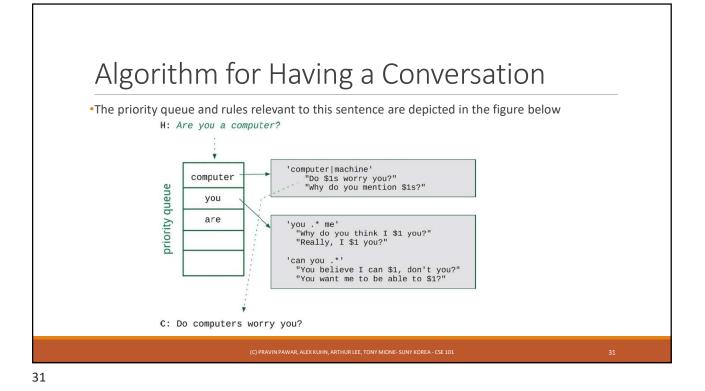






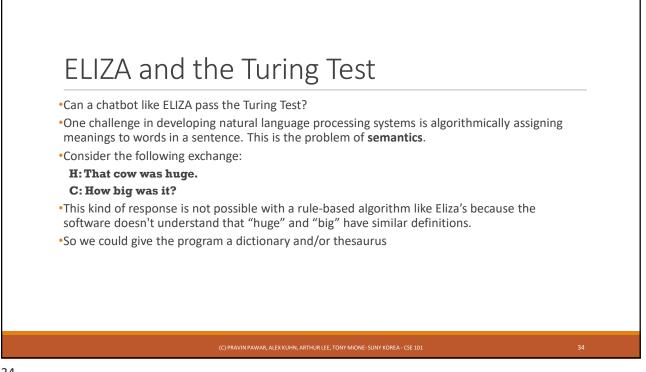


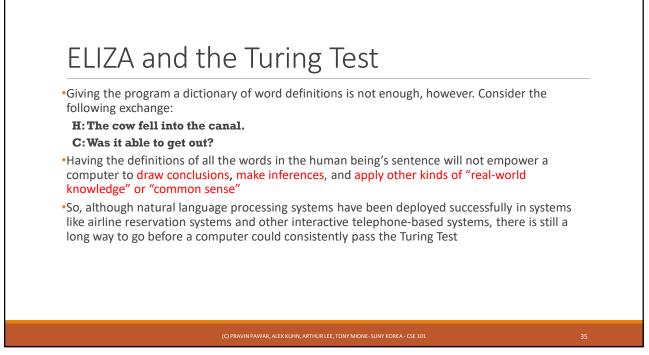


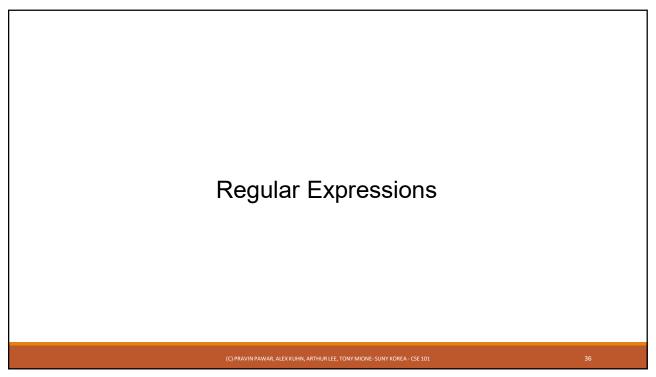


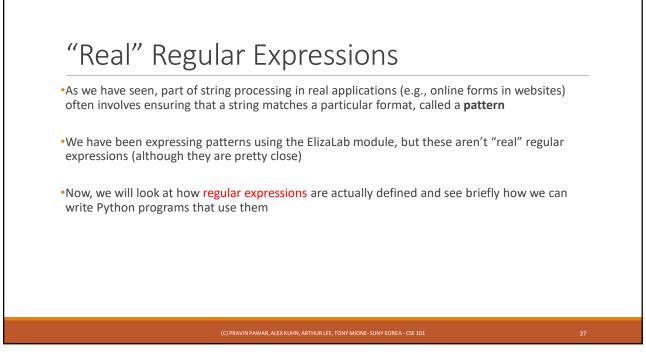


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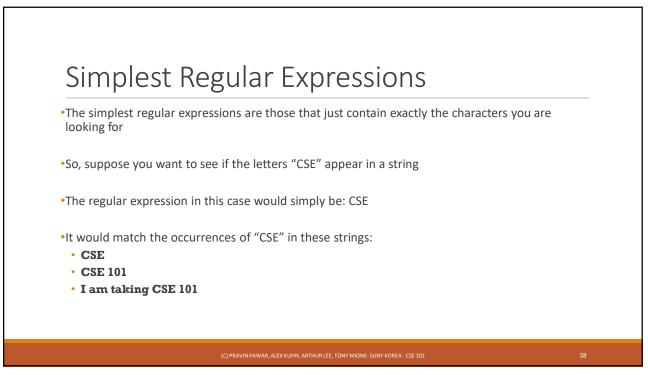


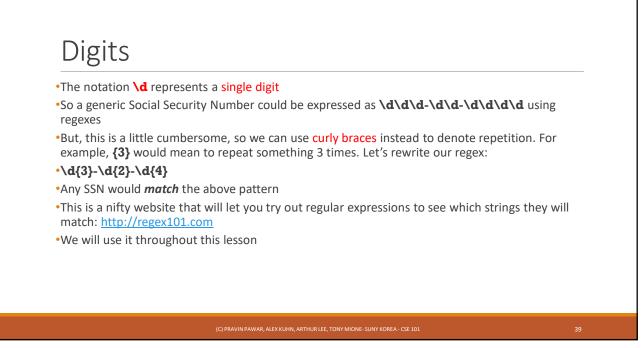




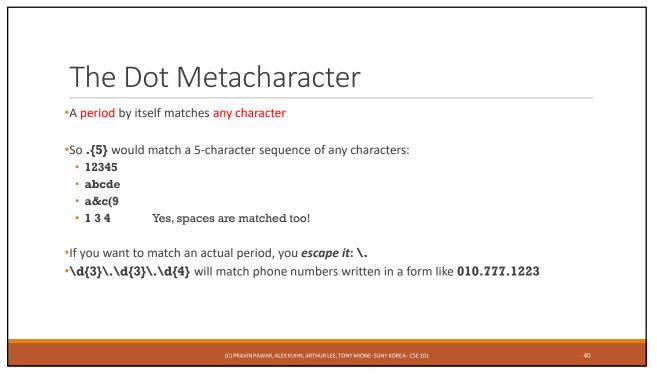


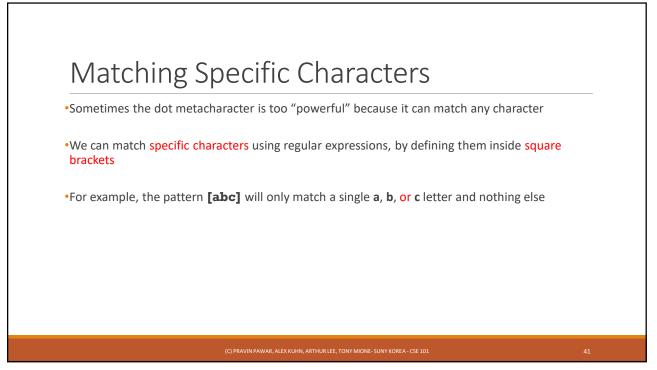


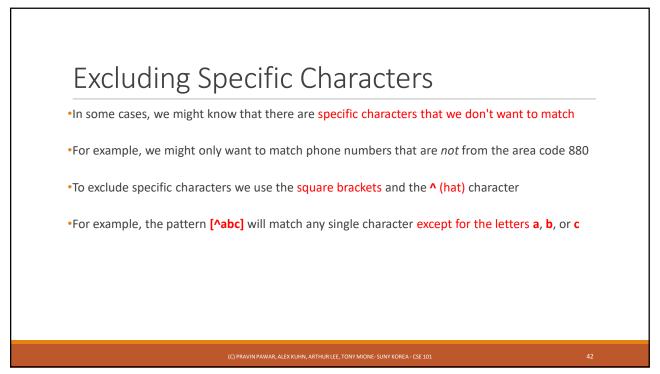


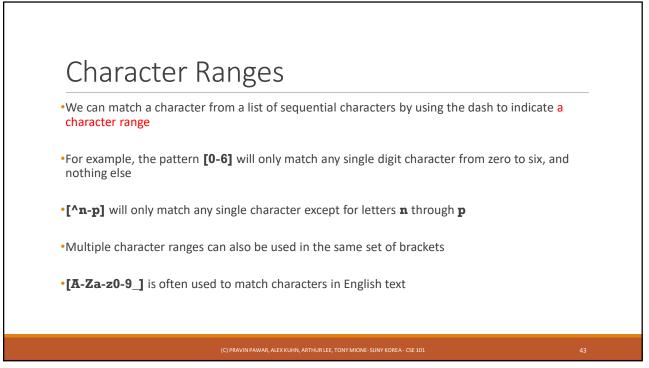


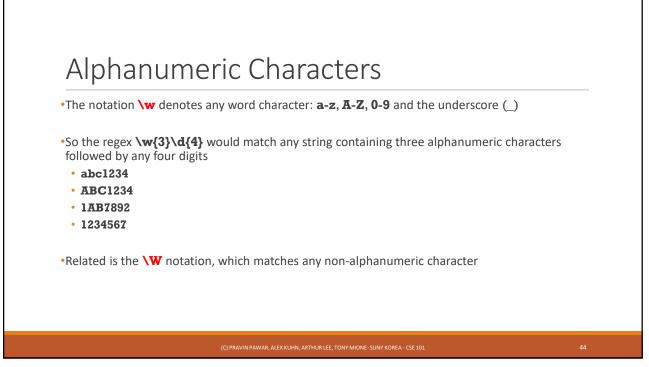












### Repetitions

•We saw that the notation **{m}** means to match the character *m* times

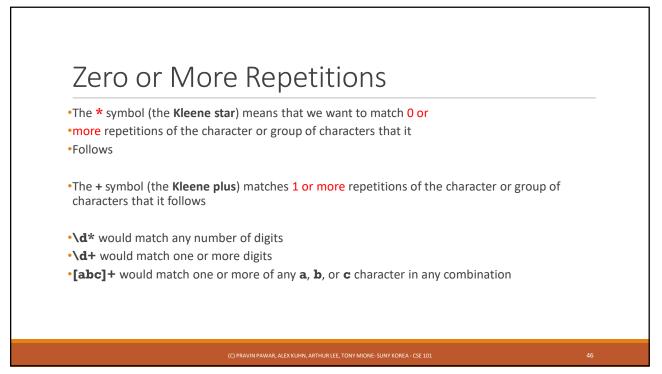
•We can also use the repetition notation with the square bracket notation

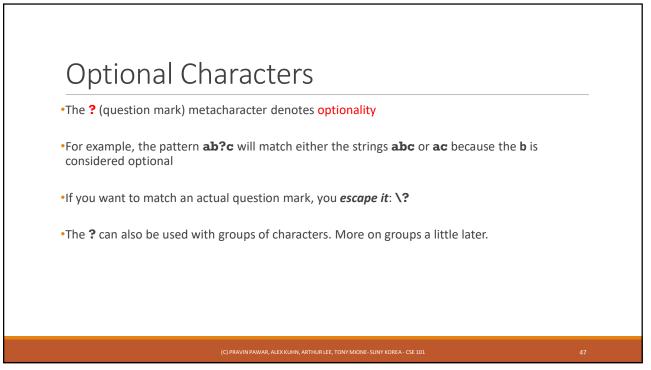
•For example, [wxy]{5} would match five characters, each of which can be a w, x, or y

•The notation **{m,n}** means we want to match a pattern from **m** to **n** times, inclusive of **m** and **n** 

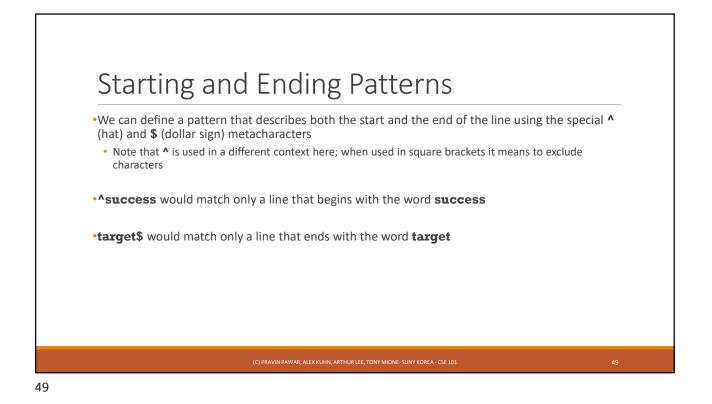
•For example, .{2,6} would match from two to six consecutive copies of any character, inclusive

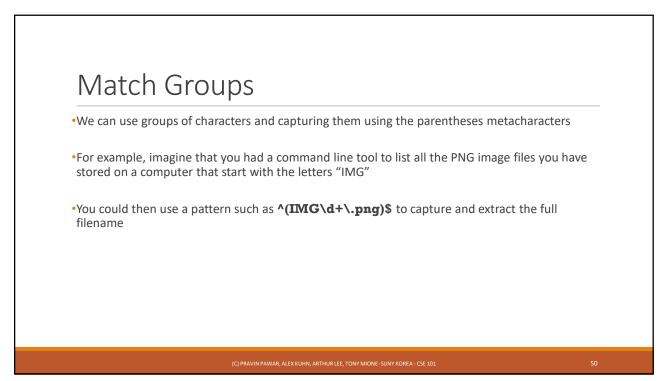
•Another example: [a-z]{3-7} would match from three to seven lowercase letters, inclusive

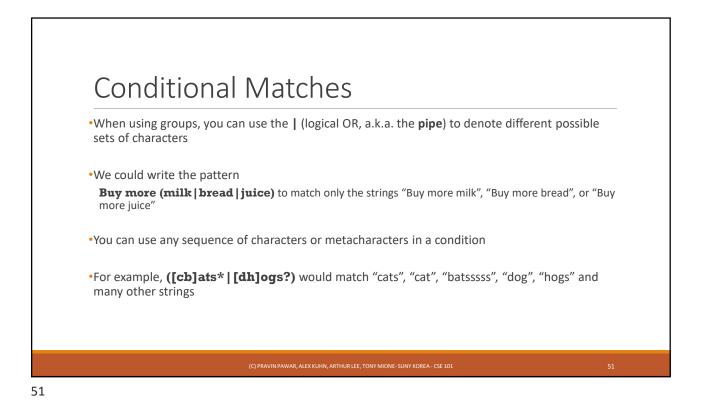


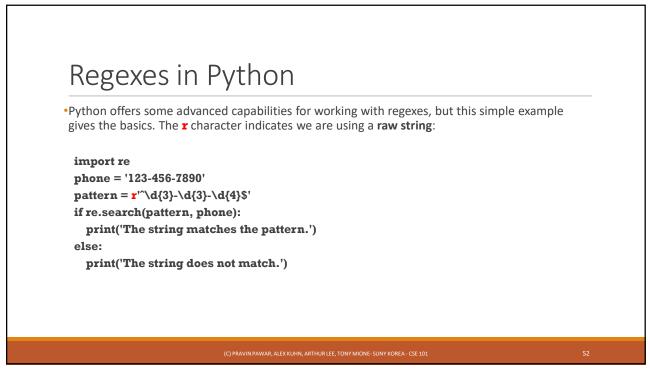






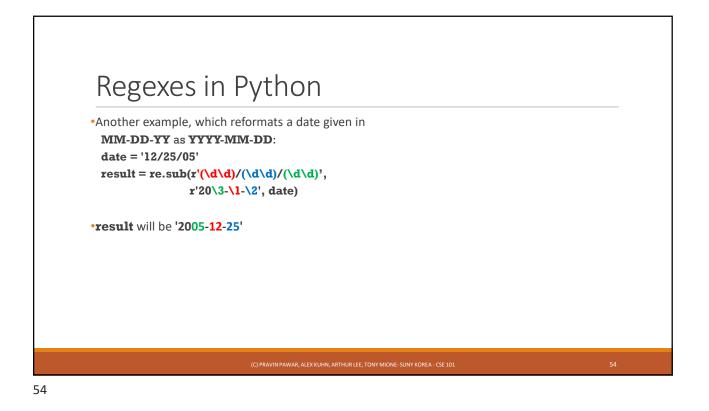


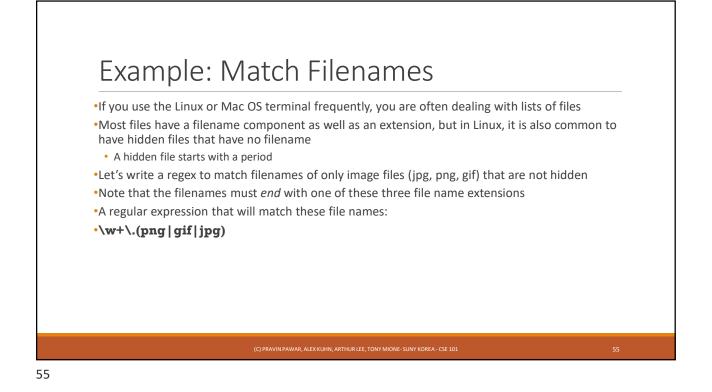


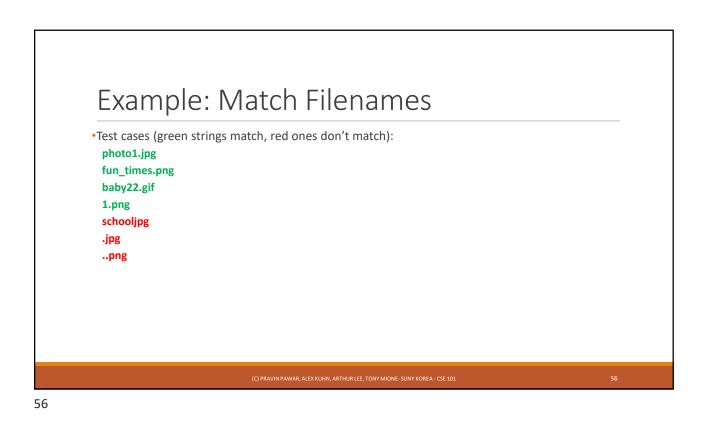


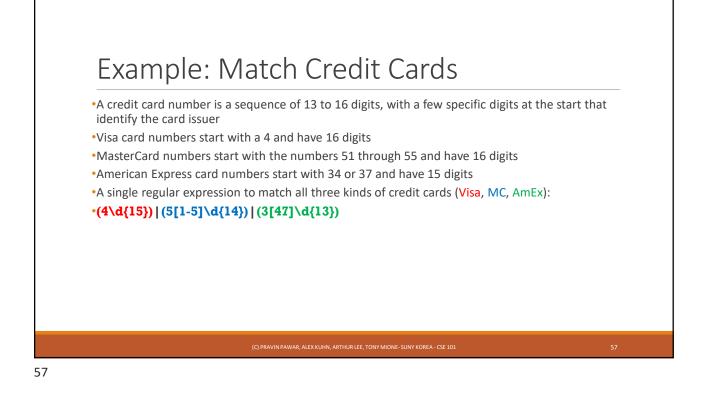
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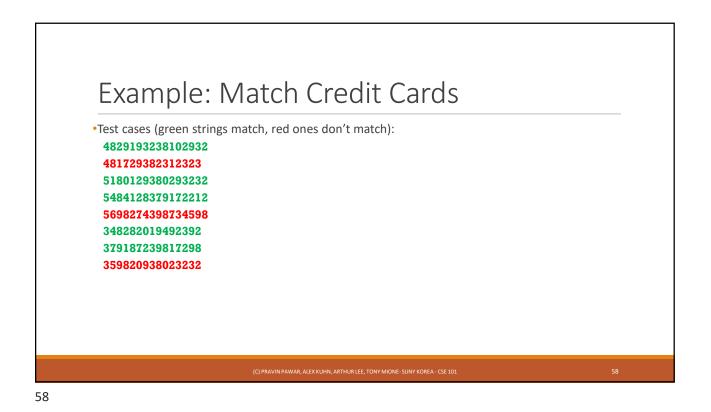
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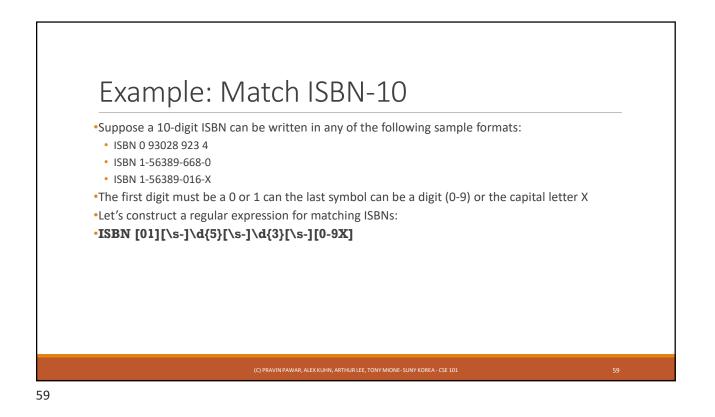


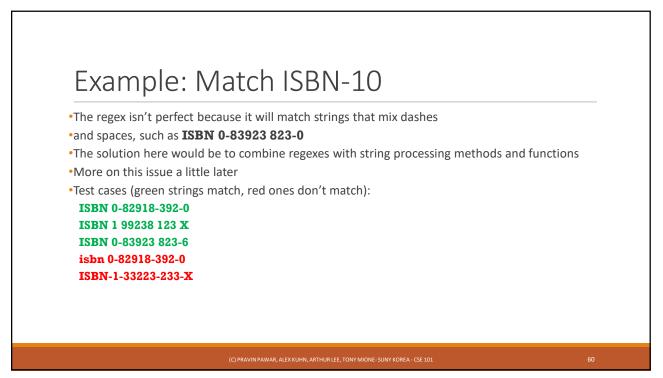


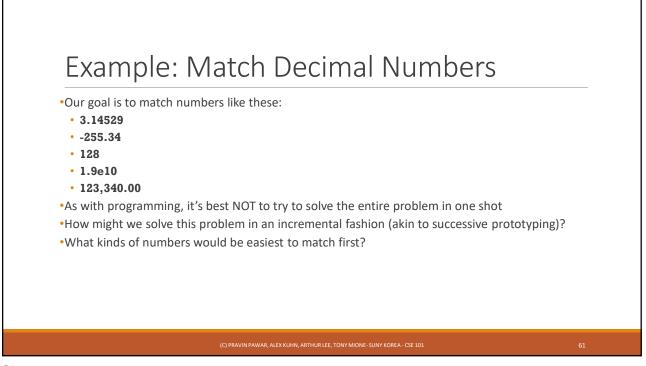




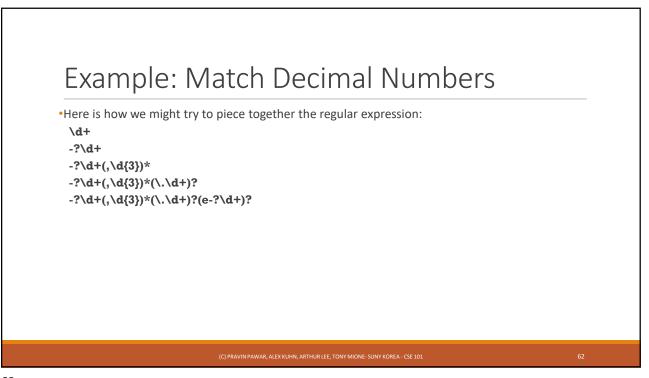


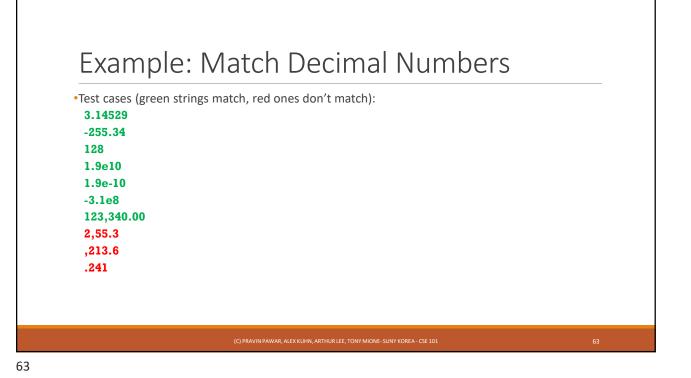


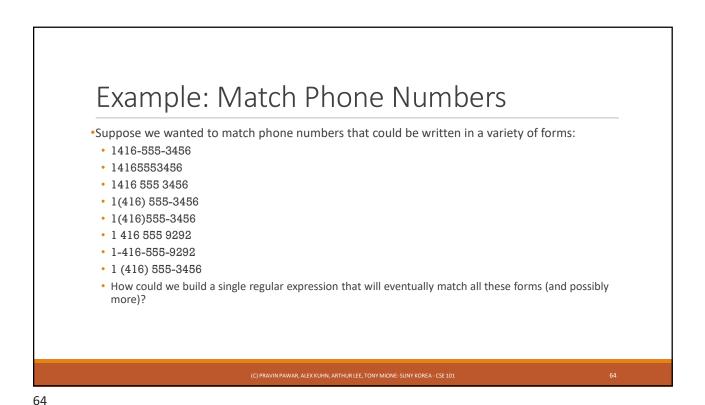


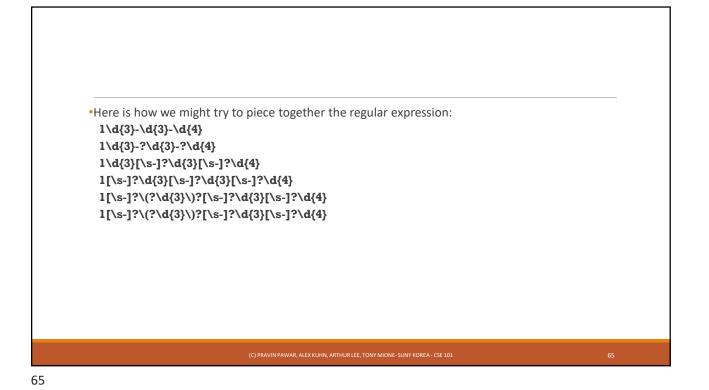












Example: Match Phone Numbers •Test cases (green strings match, red ones don't match): 1416-555-3456 14165553456 1416 555 3456 1(416) 555-3456 1(416)555-3456 1 416 555 9292 1-416-555-9292 1 (416) 555-3456 (416) 555-3456 66

