vi
Cheat Sheet

You're in command mode when you start *vi*.

Pressing ESC always takes you back to command mode.

Cursor Movement Commands

vi only lets you move through text that exists. To extend a line, append spaces. To extend the file, append empty lines.

end of line

next word

$

w

l *lowercase ell*

k

j

h

b

previous word

^ *caret*

beginning of line

Most commands can be preceded with a repeat count.

5w move ahead 5 words

1G go to line 1

76G go to line 76

G go to end of file

16k move up 16 lines

ctrl G where am I?

Changing Commands ...can include any cursor movement command

c$ change to end of line

dd delete current line

d5w delete 5 words

x delete this character

dG delete to end of file

u undo last change

U restore line

Add-text Commands ...press ESC when you're done

a append here

A append at end of line

i insert here
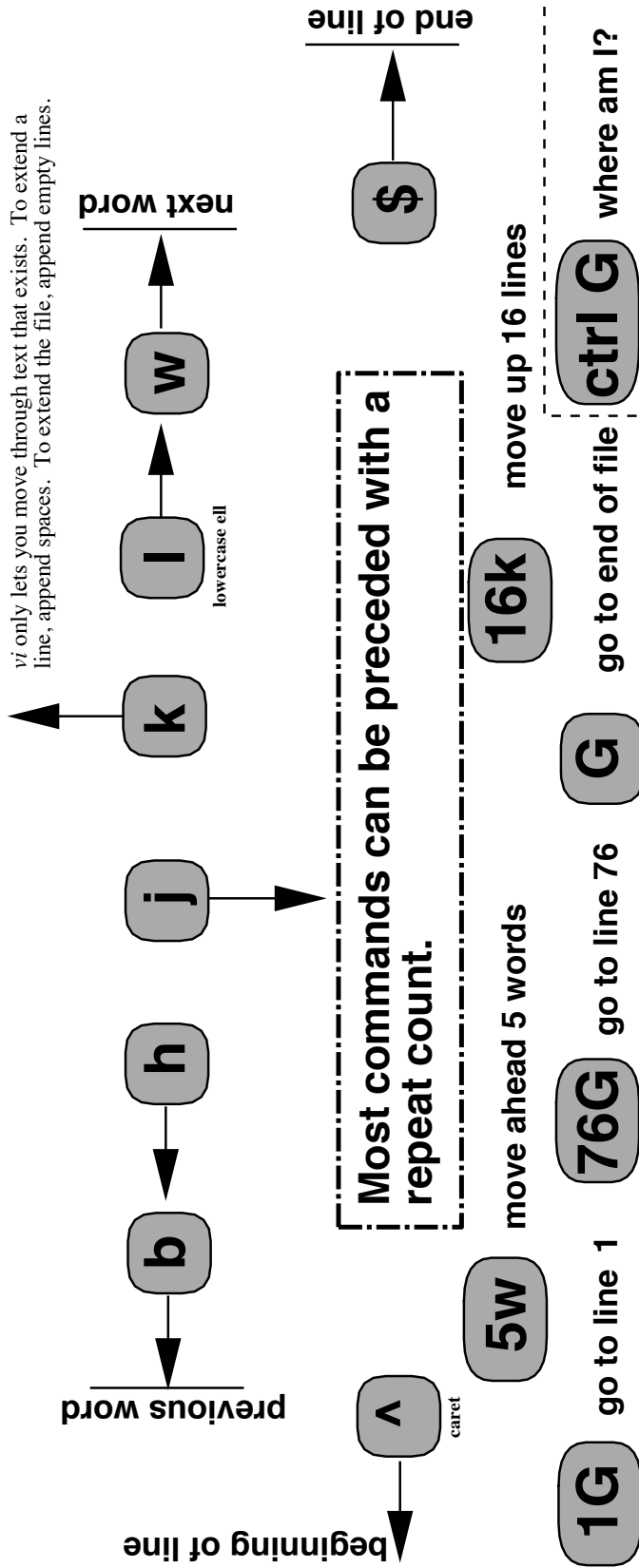
I insert at start of line *capital i*

R overstrike

Exiting *vi* ...be in command mode! Press Enter to end these commands.

:wq write file then quit

:q! quit, forget changes

:q quit unless save needed