

Exact solutions

1. Plain strings (207): `foo` or `f.o`
2. Anchors (208): `k$`
3. Ranges (202): `^[a-f]*$` or `^[a-g]*$` or `^[a-h]*$` or `[a-f]{4}`
4. **Backrefs (201)**: `(...)*\1`
5. Abba (196): `^(?!(.+)\1)|ef`
6. A man, a plan (177): `^(.)(^p)*\1$`
7. **Prime (286)**: `^(?!((xx+)\1+$))`
8. **Four (199)**: `(.)(.\1){3}`
9. Order (199): `^[^o]?.{5}$`
10. Triples (596): `00($|3|6|9|12|15)|4.2|.1.+4|55|.17` or `[02-5][123][257]||[07][0269]+3? $|55`
11. Glob (397): `[bncrw][bporn]|^p|c$|ta` and [unpublished 403](#)
12. Balance (454): `.{37}|^(<(.?(?!<.>))*>)*$` and [unpublished 456](#)
13. **Powers (93)**: `^(?!((x(xx+)\1*$))` or `^((x+)(?=\2$))*x$`
14. Long count (256): `((.+)\0\2+1){8}`
15. Alphabetical (317): `.r.{32}r|a.{10}te|n.n..`
16. **Powers 2 (91)**: `^((x+)\2(?=\2$))*x$`

Total: 4079 (unpublished: 4087)

Robust solutions

1. Plain strings (207): `foo`
2. **Anchors (206)**: `ick$`
3. **Ranges (202)**: `^[a-f]*$`
4. Backrefs (201): `(...)*\1`
5. **Abba (193)**: `^(?!.*(.+)\2\1)`
6. **A man, a plan (176 or 150*)**: `^(.)(.)*\2\1$` or `^(.?.)(.?.)(.?.)(.?.)(.?.)(.?.)? \6\5\4\3\2\1$`
7. Prime (286 or 284): `^(?!((xx+)\1+$))` for domain `^xx+$`; `^(?!((xx+)|)\1+$)` or `^(?!((xx+)\1+$)xx)` for domain `^x*$`, depending on the definition of "prime"
8. Four (199): `(.)(.\1){3}`
9. **Order (156)**: `^a*b*c*d*e*f*g*h*i*j*k*l*m*n*o*p*q*r*s*t*u*v*w*x*y*z*$`
10. **Triples (524)**: `(?=((.*?[147]){3})*((.*?[147])|){2}))(?=((.*?[258]){3})*((.*?[258])|){2}))*.*$ (\3\7|\4\8(?! \3|\7)| (?! \4|\8))`
11. **Glob (336)**: `^(.)(*?)(.)(*?)(.)(*?)(.)(*?) .*`
`\1((?! \2).+|\2)\3((?! \4).+|\4)\5((?! \6).+|\6)\7$`
12. **Balance (443**)**: `^((<(<(<(<(<(<(>)*>)*>)*>)*>)*>)*$`
13. Powers (93): `^(?!((x(xx+)\1*$))` for domain `^x+$`; `^(?!((x(xx+)\1*$))` or `^((x+)(?=\2$))*x$` for domain `^x*$`
14. **Long count (239 or 235)**: `^((?=(\S*)\0).{4} (?=\2[1]))+1+$` or `^((?=(\S*)\0).{4} (?=`

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=\2[1])){15}\2.$
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15. **Alphabetical (282):** `^(?!.*\b(.*)(e|(n|r|(s|t))).*\1(a|(?!\3)[en]|(?!\4)[rs]))`

16. Powers 2 (91): `^((x+)\2(?\2$))*x$`

Total: 3834 (conservatively: 3805)

Triples (524), pretty-printed:

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(?=((.*?[147]){3})*(.*?[147]|){2}))  
(?=((.*?[258]){3})*(.*?[258]|){2}))  
^.*$(\3\7 | \4\8(?!\3|\7) | (?!\4|\8))
```

Glob (342), pretty-printed:

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^(.*)((\*?)  
(.*)((\*?)  
(.*)((\*?)(.*) .* \1((?!\\2).+|\\2)  
\\3((?!\\4).+|\\4)  
\\5((?!\\6).+|\\6)\\7$
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* A man, a plan (150) - technically impossible, so this solution has a maximum robust length of 13 letters ** Balance (443) - technically impossible, so this solution has a maximum depth of 7 nesting levels

Domains

These domains may be controversial, as we have a limited sampling. Feel free to discuss them in this Gist.

Level	Domain regex
1. Plain strings	<code>^[A-Za-z][a-z]*\$</code>
2. Anchors	<code>^[A-Za-z][a-z]*ick[a-z]*\$</code>
3. Ranges	<code>^[a-z]+\$</code>
4. Backrefs	<code>^[a-z]+\$</code>
5. Abba	<code>^[a-z]+\$</code>
6. A man, a plan	<code>^[a-z]+\$</code>
7. Prime	<code>^xx+\$</code> or <code>^x*\$</code>
8. Four	<code>^[A-Za-z][a-z]*\$</code>
9. Order	<code>^[a-z]+\$</code>
10. Triples	<code>^[0-9]{9}\$</code>
11. Glob	<i>see below</i>
12. Balance	<code>^[<>]*\$</code>
13. Powers (93)	<code>^x+\$</code> or <code>^x*\$</code>

1. Long count: `^([01]{4}([1](?!$)|$)){16}$` or `^[01]{79}$` or `^.*$`
2. Alphabetical: `^([aenrst]{6}((?!$)|$)){7}$`

If the domain of Glob must be stated in a single regex, it would be: `^([a-z]*)*?([a-z]*)*?([a-z]*)*?([a-z]*)` matches `\1[a-z]*\2[a-z]*\3[a-z]*\4$` However, it may actually have 4 domains: `^([a-z]*)*([a-z]+)*([a-z]*)` matches `\1[a-z]*\2[a-z]*\3$` `^*([a-z]+)*([a-z]+)*` matches `[a-z]+\1[a-z]+\2[a-z]+$` (left only) `^([a-z]+)*([a-z]+)` matches `[a-z]*\1[a-z]+\2[a-z]*$` (right only) `^*?([a-z]+)*?` matches `[a-z]*\1[a-z]*$`