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# Programming for Cognitive Science

Lecture 4 – R for text-mining

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# Text-mining

Kind of data mining methods dedicated to extracting data from the text and further analysis of those data.

Used especially for the analysis of:

- Social media data
- Articles, including scientific manuscripts
- E-mails
- Survey responses
- CV and reference letters in HR
- Chatbots
- Clinical information
- DNA, RNA, and protein sequences

# Simple string analysis

```
library("seqinr")  
sars <- read.fasta(file = "sarscov2.fasta")
```

```
1 >NC_045512.2 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 isolate Wuhan-Hu-1, complete genome  
2 ATTAAAGGTTTATACCTTCCCAGGTAACAAACCAACCAACTTTCGATCTCTTGTAGATCTGTTCTCTAAA  
3 CGAACTTTAAAATCTGTGTGGCTGTCACCTCGGCTGCATGCTTAGTGCACTCACGCAGTATAATTAATAAC  
4 TAATTACTGTCGTTGACAGGACACGAGTAACTCGTCTATCTTCTGCAGGCTGCTTACGGTTTCGTCCGTG  
5 TTGCAGCCGATCATCAGCACATCTAGGTTTCGTCCGGGTGTGACCGAAAGGTAAGATGGAGAGCCTTGTC  
6 CCTGGTTTCAACGAGAAAAACACACGTCCAACCTCAGTTTGCCTGTTTTACAGGTTTCGCGACGTGCTCGTAC  
7 GTGGCTTTGGAGACTCCGTGGAGGAGGTCTTATCAGAGGCACGTCAACATCTTAAAGATGGCACTTGTGG  
8 CTTAGTAGAAGTTGAAAAAGGCGTTTTGCCTCAACTTGAACAGCCCTATGTGTTTCATCAAACGTTTCGGAT  
9 GCTCGAACTGCACCTCATGGTCATGTTATGGTTGAGCTGGTAGCAGAACTCGAAGGCATTTCAGTACGGTC  
10 GTAGTGGTGAGACACTTGGTGTCCCTCATGTGGGCGAAATACCAGTGGCTTACCGCAAGGTTCT
```



# Simple string analysis

```
length(sars[[1]])  
[1] 29903  
table(sars[[1]])  
  a      c      g      t  
8954 5492 5863 9594
```

```
head(sars[[1]])  
[1] "a" "t" "t" "a" "a" "a,,  
tail(sars[[1]])  
[1] "a" "a" "a" "a" "a" "a"
```

# Simple string analysis

Count DNA words:

```
count(sars[[1]], 2)
```

aa	ac	ag	at	ca	cc	cg	ct	ga	gc	gg	gt	ta	tc	tg	tt
2880	2023	1742	2308	2084	888	439	2081	1612	1168	1093	1990	2377	1413	2589	3215

```
count(sars[[1]], 3)
```

aaa	aac	aag	aat	aca	acc	acg	act	aga	agc	agg	agt	ata	atc	atg	att	caa	cac	cag	cat	cca	ccc	ccg
923	615	580	761	809	376	164	674	605	301	329	507	471	339	725	773	703	459	438	484	354	116	74
cct	cga	cgc	cgg	cgt	cta	ctc	ctg	ctt	gaa	gac	gag	gat	gca	gcc	gcg	gct	gga	ggc	ggg	ggt	gta	gtc
344	95	97	76	171	561	287	495	738	535	340	297	440	372	187	88	521	282	223	134	454	469	269
gtg	gtt	taa	tac	tag	tat	tca	tcc	tcg	tct	tga	tgc	tgg	tgt	tta	ttc	ttg	ttt					
552	700	719	609	427	622	549	209	113	542	630	547	554	858	876	518	817	100					



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# Regular expressions

Sequences of characters that define a search pattern:

`^[A-Z0-9._%+-]+@[A-Z0-9.-]+\.[A-Z]{2,}$`

# Regular expressions

Sign			Meaning		
\	back slash	escape character		pipe	alternation [OR]
[ ]	square brackets	single character match	*	asterisk	zero or more times of repeat
{ }	curly braces	repeats	+	plus sign	one or more times of repeat
( )	parenthesis	reference or subexpression	?	question mark	occur 0 times or once
^	hat	beginning of a line	.	dot	any single character
\$	dollar	end of a line	!	exclamation mark	negation [NOT]





# Regular expressions

Sign	Meaning	Sign	Meaning
\d	digit [0-9]	\t	tab
\D	non-digit	\n	new line
\w	word character [a-zA-Z0-9_]	\r	return
\W	non-word character	\f	end of page
\A	beginning of string	\s	white space
\Z	end of string	\S	non white space

# Text mining functions

- grep
- sub/gsub
- chartr
- regexpr
- regexec
- gregexpr
- regmatches
- substr
- strsplit
- paste/paste0
- tolower/toupper
- nchar

# grep

Globally search a regular expression and print

```
grep(pattern, vector)
```

```
x <- c("abc", "bcd", "cde", "def")
```

```
grep("bc", x)  
[1] 1 2
```

# grep

```
x <- c("abc", "bcd", "cde", "def")
```

```
grep("bc", x, value=TRUE)  
[1] "abc" "bcd"
```

```
grep("bc", x, invert=TRUE)  
[1] 3 4
```

← No match

# grep

```
x <- c("abc", "bcd", "cde", "def")
```

```
grep("BC", x, ignore.case=TRUE)  
[1] 1 2
```

```
grep1("bc", x)  
[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

```
grep("[a-c]", x)  
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
grep("[a-c]", x, fixed = T)  
integer(0)
```

## sub/gsub

```
sub("match", "replace", input_vector)
```

```
x <- c("abc", "bcd", "cde", "def")
```

```
sub(".*(bc).*", "gh", x)  
[1] "gh" "gh" "cde" "def"
```

# chartr

```
chartr("string", "replacement", input_vector)
```

```
x <- "This lecture is poor"
```

```
chartr("pr", "gd", x)  
[1] "This lecture is good"
```

# regexpr

First position of matched regular expression:

```
a <- "Mississippi contains a palindrome ississi."  
regexpr("iss", a)  
[1] 2  
attr(,"match.length")  
[1] 3  
attr(,"useBytes")  
[1] TRUE
```



# regexec

If there are parenthesized matching conditions, it will show both matched string position and the position of parenthesized matched string.

```
a <- "Mississippi contains a palindrome ississi."  
regexec("(ss)", a)  
[[1]]  
[1] 2 3  
attr(,"match.length")  
[1] 3 2
```

# gregexpr

All positions of matched regular expression:

```
a <- "Mississippi contains a palindrome ississi."  
gregexpr("iss", a)  
[[1]]  
[1] 2 5 35 38  
attr(,"match.length")  
[1] 3 3 3 3  
attr(,"useBytes")  
[1] TRUE
```



# regmatches

Showing matched strings:

```
a <- "Mississippi contains a palindrome ississi."  
b <- greexpr("iss", a)  
regmatches(a,b)  
[[1]]  
[1] "iss" "iss" "iss" "iss"
```



# substr

Extract substring from input string:  
`substr(x, start, end)`

```
x <- "abcdef"
substr(x, 3, 5)
[1] "cde"
```

# substr

Replacing a substring:

```
x <- "abcdef"  
substr(x, 3, 4) <- "CD"  
[1] "abCDef"
```

# strsplit

Split string on common separator:

```
strsplit("6/11/2015", "/")  
[[1]]  
[1] "6"      "11"     "2015"
```

# paste

Concatenate vectors after converting to character:

```
a <- unlist(strsplit("6/11/2015", "/"))
```

```
paste(a, "/")  
[1] "6/11/2015"
```

# paste and paste0

```
a <- 'My'
b <- 'string'
paste(a,b)
[1] "My string"
paste0(a,b)
[1] "Mystring"
paste(a,b, sep = '.')
[1] "My.string"
paste(a,b, sep = '')
[1] "Mystring"
```



# tolower and toupper

```
x <- "MiXeD cAsE 123"
```

```
tolower(x)
```

```
[1] "mixed case 123"
```

```
toupper(x)
```

```
[1] "MIXED CASE 123"
```

# nchar

```
x <- "abcdf"
```

```
nchar(x)
```

```
[1] 5
```



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```
min.freq = 3, colors = brewer.pal(5, "Dark2"))
```



# Practice

Download the genbank.RData dataset

- 1) Extract the accession number, the definition, and the organism.
- 2) Extract all MEDLINE article numbers which are mentioned in the entries.
- 3) Extract the DNA, merge the entire sequence and complement it.  
Hint: In the DNA guanine (g) is complemented by cytosine (c), adenine (a) by thymine (t).

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