Lecture 05 text processing



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Lecture 05 outline

Last time: text, pipes, redirects

This time: text processing pipelines

text formats text processing commands pipeline examples

Text strings

Programs often share input/output as text

Program A can't necessarily produce output in a *format* that can be read by Program B

Pipelines often reformat text to pass it between programs

Human-readable format

```
~$ cat format_1.txt
This file contains DNA sequences downloaded from GenBank
for multiple species (incl. human, mouse, cow) and multiple
genes (incl. CO2 and cytB). The first sequence, for the CO2
gene in Mus musculus, is interesting, in part, because it
nucleotide site positions 31, 239, and 594 are G, C, and T,
respectively, whereas CO2 for all other species described
in this document report nucleotides A, C, and T, at those
...
```

Plain text description

Some computer-readable formats

```
~$ cat format_2.txt
species,gene,sequence
Mus_musculus,CO2,ACGTCAGGGCATT...
Homo_sapiens,CO2,ACGTCACCGCATT...
Bos_taurus,CO2,ACGTCACTGCATCAT...
Mus_musculus,cytB,CGGCAAGATGCC...
Homo_sapiens,cytB,CTGCAAGTTGCC...
Bos_taurus,cytB,CAGCAGGATGCCTT...
...
```

Comma-separated values (CSV) format

```
~$ cat format_4.txt
> Mus_musculus_CO2
ACGTCAGGGCATTTCATCGTGCGATC...
> Homo_sapiens_CO2
ACGTCACCGCATTTGCTCGTGCGATC...
> Bos_taurus_CO2
ACGTCACTGCATCATTTCGTGCGATC...
> Mus_musculus_cytB
CGGCAAGATGCCGATCTCGTGCGATC...
> Homo_sapiens_cytB
CTGCAAGTTGCCTGACTCGTGCGATC...
> Bos_taurus_cytB
CAGCAGGATGCCTTTCTCGTGCGATC...
...
```

FASTA format

JSON format

No format is perfect for all imaginable use cases

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.





.csv format

The *comma-separated value* format is flexible and easy to work with (parse)

- text between commas are columns
- each line is a row
- all rows have the same number of columns

```
species,gene,sequence
Mus_musculus,CO2,ACGTCAGGGCATT...
Homo_sapiens,CO2,ACGTCACCGCATT...
Bos_taurus,CO2,ACGTCACTGCATCAT...
Mus_musculus,cytB,CGGCAAGATGCC...
Homo_sapiens,cytB,CTGCAAGTTGCC...
Bos_taurus,cytB,CAGCAGGATGCCTT...
```

.fasta format

FASTA is a popular format for molecular sequence data. Each sequence is described by two adjacent sets of rows.

- First row begins with ">" and gives the sequence name
- Following rows report the sequence data (e.g. ACGT) for that named sequence, until the next ">" row

```
> Mus_musculus_C02
ACGTCAGGGCATTTCATCGTGCGATC
CGATCAACGCTCATGGCATTACTCAG
...
> Homo_sapiens_C02
ACGTCACCGCATTTGCTCGTGCGATC
CTGTCAATGCTCATGCTATTACTCAG
...
> Bos_taurus_C02
ACGTCACTGCATCATTTCGTGCGATC
CGGTCAGCGCTCATGCTACTACTCAG
...
```

.sam format

Sequence Alignment/Map is a tab-delimited format used for sequence alignment against a reference genome

- header lines (optional) begin with "@"
- following rows contain 11 columns
- columns identify mapped read by name, position, sequence, identity, etc.

```
@HD VN:1.6 S0:coordinate @SQ SN:ref LN:45
@SQ SN:ref LN:45
r001
     99 ref 7 30 8M2I4M1D3M = 37 39 TTAGATAAAGGATACTG *
r002
      0 ref 9 30 3S6M1P1T4M * 0 0 AAAAGATAAGGATA
r003
           9 30 5S6M
                     * 0 0 GCCTAAGCTAA
                                                * SA:Z:ref,29,-,6H5M,17,0;
      r004
r003 2064 ref 29 17 6H5M * 0
                               0 TAGGC
                                                * SA:Z:ref,9,+,5S6M,30,1;
                   = 7 -39 CAGCGGCAT
r001 147 ref 37 30 9M
                                                * NM:i:1
```

(example, don't memorize)

.vcf format

Variant Call Format is a tab-delimited format that reports genomic variants

- header lines ("##") report file metadata
- following rows report each variant, its position, its type (e.g. SNP, microsat), and how the variant differs from the reference

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.3
##fileDate=20090805
##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##
##
   ---> OMITTED LARGE PART OF HEADER FOR BREVITY <---
##
##FORMAT=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ, Number=2, Type=Integer, Description="Haplotype Quality">
#CHROM POS
                                ALT
                                                      INFO
                                       OUAL FILTER
               ID
                          REF
                                                                                       FORMAT
               rs6054257 G
20
      14370
                                       29
                                             PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2
                                                                                       GT:GQ:D
      17330
                                             q10
                                                     NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017
                                                                                       GT:GQ:D
20
      1110696 rs6040355 A G.T
                                       67
                                             PASS
                                                     NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:D
20
20
      1230237
                                             PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=13;AA=T
                                                                                       GT:G0:D
      1234567 microsat1 GTC
20
                                G,GTCT 50
                                             PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=9;AA=G
                                                                                       GT:GQ:D
```

(example, don't memorize)

Common forms of text processing

- **sort** text (e.g.) alphabetically
- filter out *duplicate* data entries
- parse or tokenize text strings into fields by a delimiter token
- join or paste multiple text strings together
- **translate** a set of characters into a new set of characters (e.g. lowercase to uppercase)
- cut relevant text out of a data table
- find all text that matches a search pattern

Text format determines how that text is best processed

```
# search csv file for CO2
$ grep CO2 sequences.csv
Mus_musculus,CO2,ACGTCAGGGCATT...
Homo_sapiens,CO2,ACGTCACCGCATT...
Bos_taurus,CO2,ACGTCACTGCATCAT...
```

```
# search fasta file for CO2
$ grep CO2 sequences.fasta
> Mus_musculus_CO2
> Homo_sapiens_CO2
> Bos_taurus_CO2
```

How you name and organize filesystems determines how they can be processed

grep, pattern searcher

grep returns lines that match a pattern; options explained in manual

```
$ # examine file
$ cat seq1.csv
Viburnum_molle, ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
$ # ignore case
$ grep −i MOLLE seq1.csv
Viburnum molle, ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
$ # print line numbers of matches
$ grep -n nudum seq1.csv
3: Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
$ # find lines that contain AAT, CAT, GAT, or TAT
$ grep '[ACGT]AT' seq1.csv
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
$ # find lines that contain AAT, BAT, ..., ZAT
$ # or aAT, bAT, ..., zAT
$ grep '[A-Za-z]AT' seq1.csv
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
```

sort

Sort each line in a file alphanumerically; delimit files (-t) to sort against specific fields (-k)

```
$ cat seq1.csv
Viburnum molle, ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
$ cat seq2.csv
Viburnum lantana, ACGGTAGGTATACGCAGTA
Viburnum tinus, ACGGTAGGTCTACACTGTA
Viburnum clemensiae, AGGGTCAGTCTACACTGTA
$ # sort lines from both files
$ sort seq1.csv seq2.csv
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum clemensiae, AGGGTCAGTCTACACTGTA
Viburnum lantana, ACGGTAGGTATACGCAGTA
Viburnum molle, ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
Viburnum tinus, ACGGTAGGTCTACACTGTA
$ # sort seq1.csv by 2nd field with ',' as delimiter
$ sort -t ',' -k 2,2 seq1.csv
Viburnum molle, ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum nudum, ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
Viburnum acerifolium, ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
```

uniq

Filters out any line that is identical to the previous line, then prints *unique* text to stdout

```
$ cat seq3.csv
Viburnum_molle,ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum_molle,ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum_acerifolium,ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum_acerifolium,ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum_nudum,ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
Viburnum_molle,ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
$ uniq seq3.csv
Viburnum_molle,ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
Viburnum_acerifolium,ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
Viburnum_nudum,ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
Viburnum_nudum,ACCGTAGATATACACAGTA
Viburnum_molle,ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
```

tr

Match input text stream against the first pattern, then *translate* that text using the second pattern

```
$ # convert from DNA to RNA
$ echo "aGcttAcGCaTaC" | tr "t" "u" | tr "T" "U"
aGcuuAcGCaUaC
$ # tr requires input stream to operate on file
$ cat seq.txt
aGcttAcGCaTaC
$ tr "t" "u" < seq.txt | tr "T" "U"</pre>
aGcuuAcGCaUaC
$ # change all to upper case, then convert into RNA
$ echo "aGcttAcGCaTaC" | tr "[:lower:]" "[:upper:]" | tr "T" "U"
AGCUUACGCAUAC
$ # delete spaces
$ echo "AGC UUAC G CAUAC" | tr -d " "
AGCUUACGCAUAC
$ # squeeze all repeated U's into single U
$ echo "AUUUUGUAAAAC" | tr -s "U" "U"
AUGUAAAAC
```

rev

Print each line in reverse order to stdout

```
$ # example csv for Darwin's finches
$ cat finch.csv
name,wingL,tarsusL
magnirostris,4.404200,3.038950
conirostris,4.349867,2.984200
$ # reverse each line of text
$ rev finch.csv
Lsusrat,Lgniw,eman
059830.3,002404.4,sirtsoringam
002489.2,768943.4,sirtsorinoc
```

cut

Cut selected text and print to stdout; select text using a delimited field (-d) or character position (-c)

```
$ # example csv for Darwin's finches
$ cat finch.csv
name,wingL,tarsusL
magnirostris,4.404200,3.038950
conirostris,4.349867,2.984200
$ # cut columns for name (1) and tarsus length (3)
$ cut -f 1,3 -d "," finch.csv
name,tarsusL
magnirostris,3.038950
conirostris,2.984200
$ # cut first five character columns
$ cut -c 1-5 finch.csv
name,
magni
conir
```

paste

Paste interleaved lines from multiple files to stdout; use –d to specify token when lines join

```
$ # file 1 contains sequence names
$ cat seq_names.txt
> Viburnum_molle
> Viburnum_acerifolium
$ # file 1 contains sequence data
$ cat seq_data.txt
ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
$ # interleave sequence names and data
$ paste -d "\n" seq_names.txt seq_data.txt
> Viburnum_molle
ACAGTAGGTAGACACAGTA
> Viburnum_acerifolium
ACGGTAGGTATACACAGTA
```

join

Join lines from two files by common field then write joined text to stdout

```
$ # first file
$ cat dat1.txt
index,name,size
1,dog,24
2,whale,523
3,whale,900
$ # second file
$ cat dat2.txt
dog,102
whale,1405
whale,1900
```

```
$ # use "," as the delimiter token
$ # join using column 2 of file 1 ("dat1.txt")
$ # and column 1 of file 2 ("dat2.txt")
$ join -t "," -1 2 -2 1 dat1.txt dat2.txt
name,index,size,appetite
dog,1,24,102
whale,2,523,1405
whale,2,523,1900
whale,3,900,1405
whale,3,900,1900
$ # exact field value matches needed to join
$ join -t "," -1 2 -2 3 dat1.txt dat2.txt
$ # ... no matches
```

find

Find all filesystem objects that match search criteria, then print each path to stdout

```
$ # list contents of directory
$ ls data
file1.txt file2.txt old files
$ # find all contents of directory
$ find data
data
data/file2.txt
data/file1.txt
data/old files
data/old files/file3.txt
data/old_files/older_files
data/old_files/older_files/file1.txt
$ # find all contents that match pattern
$ find data -name "file1*"
data/file1.txt
data/old_files/older_files/file1.txt
$ # find all directories
$ find data -type d
data
data/old files
data/old_files/older_files
```

Designing a pipeline

Don't expect that a pipeline will work correctly on the first design attempt!

- 1. create simplified versions of input files to easily identify problems
- 2. if the pipeline modifies the filesystem, test against a copy of the filesystem
- 3. add and test commands one-by-one

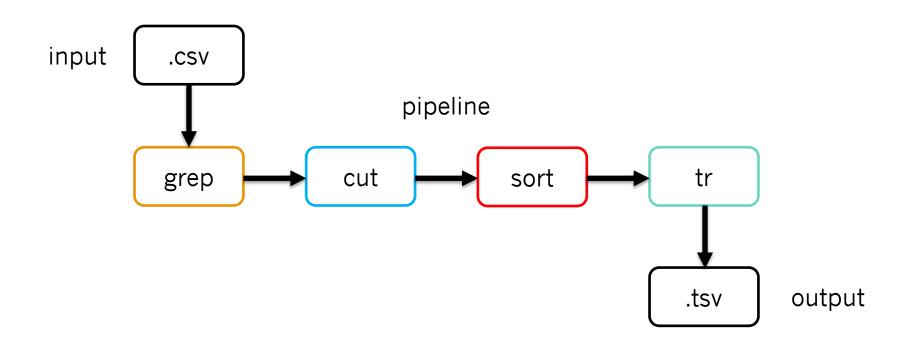
```
$ head data/mammal_data.csv
Order;Scientific_name;AdultBodyMass_g;Max_longevity_d
Rodentia;Eligmodontia typus;17.37;292
Rodentia;Microtus oregoni;20.35;456.25
Rodentia;Peromyscus gossypinus;27.68;471.45833335
Macroscelidea;Elephantulus myurus;59.51;401.5
Rodentia;Peromyscus boylii;23.9;547.5
Rodentia;Phodopus campbelli;27.06;653.95833335
Rodentia;Myodes gapperi;19.83;608.33333335
Eulipotyphla;Sorex palustris;13.07;547.5
Rodentia;Reithrodontomys humulis;8.25;817.90416665
```

```
$ grep Monotremata data/mammal_data.csv
Monotremata; Tachyglossus aculeatus; 4499.97; 18158.75
Monotremata; Zaglossus bruijnii; 7500; 13176.5
Monotremata; Zaglossus attenboroughi; 2500; no information
Monotremata; Zaglossus bartoni; 6500; no information
Monotremata; Ornithorhynchus anatinus; 1484.25; 8139.5
```

```
$ grep Monotremata data/mammal_data.csv | cut -f 2,3 -d ";"
Tachyglossus aculeatus;4499.97
Zaglossus bruijnii;7500
Zaglossus attenboroughi;2500
Zaglossus bartoni;6500
Ornithorhynchus anatinus;1484.25
```

```
$ grep Monotremata data/mammal_data.csv | cut -f 2,3 -d ";"
| sort
Ornithorhynchus anatinus;1484.25
Tachyglossus aculeatus;4499.97
Zaglossus attenboroughi;2500
Zaglossus bartoni;6500
Zaglossus bruijnii;7500
```

```
$ grep Monotremata data/mammal_data.csv | cut -f 2,3 -d ";"
| sort | tr -s ";" "\t"
Ornithorhynchus anatinus 1484.25
Tachyglossus aculeatus 4499.97
Zaglossus attenboroughi 2500
Zaglossus bartoni 6500
Zaglossus bruijnii 7500
```



Example pipeline problem

Write a pipeline to compute the number of uniquely named files in a directory that remain after applying various filters.

What code is needed for these steps?

- find file paths for all .txt files in local directory (and subdirectories)
- filter out all files whose names contain the text "ignore"
- reverse each line in the text stream
- extract the first column in the reversed text (i.e. the reversed file names)
- sort the reversed file names
- filter out duplicate (non-unique) file names
- print the number of lines in the filtered text stream
- save the text to file

Overview for Lab 05