

Part Two

Filtering with sed

The power of sed

- search and replace (with style)
- extract or delete specific lines
- rearranging text

sed syntax

sed [OPTIONS] [operation]

sed [OPTIONS] '[ADDRESS(s)[!]] COMMAND[ARGUMENT(S)]'

sed -r '/^**ORIGIN**/,/^\$/ s/[0-9]| //g' a.txt

- 1) sed accepts lines of input from STDIN
- 2) -r (-E on mac) option enables **E**xtended regular expressions
- 3) run command on lines between **ORIGIN** and empty line
- 4) removes numbers and space on addressed lines

sed will not hurt your data

sed reads your data and writes to STDOUT.

STDOUT will pour into your terminal unless redirected to a pipe or file.

Your original file is perfectly safe

sed won't, but YOU can

NEVER REDIRECT TO ORIGIN

This will overwrite z.txt before any data even
enters the prog1

```
cat z.txt | prog1 | prog2 > z.txt
```

Sending input to sed

Pipe data into sed

\$ sort **a.txt** | sed **‘/hi/’**

Read from a file, ignore STDIN

\$ sed **‘/hi/’** **a.txt**

Wait for user input

\$ sed **‘/hi/’**

deletion (d)

The address can be a number or a regular expression:

```
$ sed 'd'           # delete everything
```

```
$ sed '1d'          # delete 1st line
```

```
$ sed '/here/d'      # delete lines containing 'here'
```

```
$ sed '5,10d'        # delete lines 5 to 10
```

```
$ sed '10,$d'        # delete lines from 10 on
```

```
$ sed '/A/,/B/!d'    # delete lines NOT between A and B
```

print (p)

-n option turns off automatic printing of each line

\$ sed -n '1,10p' # like head -10

\$ sed -n '/this/p' # like grep this

\$ sed -n '/ENTRY/,/^\$/p' # to empty line

\$ sed -n '/>/p' # print only if line starts with '>'

Try using the print command without -n, what happens?

What about 'p' without -n?

substitution (s)

syntax: **s**/pattern/replacement/**flags**

replace each line's 1st 'this' with 'that'

sed 's/this/that/'

use global (g) flag to replace EVERY 'this' with 'that'

sed 's/this/that/**g**'

Substitution flags

| | |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| g | replace every match on line |
| p | print line (usually use with -n) |
| I | ignore case |
| [0-512] | replace nth match |

substitution examples (1)

```
$ sed '/here/,/there/ s/hi/bey/g'
```

```
$ sed 's/GI:/' # delete first 'GI:' string
```

```
$ sed -n 's/GI:/' # remove first 'GI:'; if no GI, no print
```

```
$ sed -n 's/gi:/' # ignore case
```

```
$ sed 's/./*/60' # replace 60th char with '*'
```

```
$ sed 's/[0-9]*/g4' # replace numbers 4th on with '*'
```

Regular Expressions (1)

- `.` matches any character except a newline
- `*` matches 0 or more of the previous char
- `[...]` matches any of the enclosed
- `[^...]` matches everything EXCEPT the enclosed
- `^` anchors match at the BEGINNING of the line
- `$` anchors match at the END of the line
- `\` escapes the following special character

Substitution Examples (2)

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$ sed 's/,.*/'' | # remove everything after ',' |
| \$ sed 's/[0-9]*/g' | # '*' literal in replace |
| \$ sed 's/^ *'' | # Remove leading space |
| \$ sed '/^\$/d' | # Deletes empty lines |
| \$ sed '/^\[0-9]*\]/d' | # e.g. '[45] asdf' |
| \$ sed 's/.*/(&)/' | # enclose line in parentheses |

Regular Expressions (2)

`a|b` matches patterns a OR b

`{x}` matches x of the previous char

`{x,y}` matches between x and y of the previous char

`(...)` captures the enclosed

`\n` recalls *n*th captured sequence

`+` matches 1 or more of the previous char

All of these require the `-r` argument (`-E` on mac)

substitution examples (3)

```
# substitute 'grep', 'sed', or 'awk' for 'perl'
$ sed -r 's/grep|sed|awk/perl/g'
# here we escape the special meaning of '|'
$ sed -r 's/^gi\|([0-9]+).*/\1/'
# remove leading and trailing space
$ sed -r 's/^ +| +$//g'
# e.g. replaces '123-4567' with '(123)-xxxx'
$ sed -r 's/([0-9]{3})-[0-9]{4}/(\1)-xxxx/g'
```

Replacement Patterns

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| <code>&</code> | recalls entire matched text |
| <code>\n</code> | recalls <i>n</i> th grouped pattern |
| <code>\u</code> | first char of replacement to uppercase |
| <code>\U</code> | entire replacement to uppercase |
| <code>\l</code> | first char of replacement to lowercase |
| <code>\L</code> | entire replacement to lowercase |

Examples

```
$ sed 's/.*/>\U&/' # everything to uppercase  
let's scream! -> LET'S SCREAM!
```

```
$ sed 's/([A-Z]+)/\l\1/g'  
hi HOW ARE YOU? -> hi How Are You?
```

```
$ sed 's/help/”&”/' # help me -> “help” me
```

Translation (y)

y/abc/xyz/

This command will replace:

a with **x**

b with **y**

c with **z**

Translation Examples

```
$ echo 'lollipop' | sed 'y/aeiou/AEIOU/'  
lOlllpOp
```

```
$ echo 'gattaca' | sed 'y/atgc/tacg/'  
ctaattgt
```

Insert, append, and change

- i** STR insert line before match
- a** STR insert line after match
- c** STR replace line with STR

STR can be any string you write in, if you write nothing, it will be an empty line

Examples

add blank line before '>' match

\$ sed '/>/i'

Add a line after a match

\$ sed '/>/a **The previous line had a >**'

blank lines to '//'

\$ sed '/^\$/c **//'**

\$ sed '\$a'

Multiple commands

Chained sed commands

```
$ sed -n '2,$p' | sed '/bad/d'
```

as above, but semicolons separate commands

```
$ sed -n '2,$p; /bad/d'
```

Prints from HERE to the line *before* END

```
$ sed -n '/HERE/,/END/p; /END/d'
```

sed scripts (-f option)

Paste these lines into file **cleanfasta**:

```
s/^ *| *$//g
```

```
/^>/! s/.*/>\U&/
```

```
/^>/! s/\*$//
```

```
/^$/d; /^>/i
```

```
$a
```

```
<in> | sed -rf cleanfasta
```

If you want perl regex ...

1. use **ssed** - sed implementation that supports perl regex, e.g.

```
$ ssed -R 's/^s//'
```

2. actually call perl, e.g.

```
$ perl -pe 'tr/atgc/tacg/'
```


Your Turn

Open the **2nd** folder and read the note