



Regular expressions



Regular expressions

A language for describing patterns

• "the start of the string, followed by any single character, followed by one or more digits"





Regular expressions as a pattern argument

```
> str_detect(c("R2-D2", "C-3P0"), pattern = "^.\\d+")
[1] TRUE FALSE
> START %R%
    ANY_CHAR %R%
    one_or_more(DGT)

<regex> ^.[\d]+
```

```
rebus
```

```
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ANY_CHAR %R%

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```

Regular expression





Regular expressions as a pattern argument

R2-D2 C-3P0 In HTML viewer





Let's practice!





More regular expressions





Regular expression review

Pattern	Regular Expression	rebus
Start of string	^	START
End of string	\$	END
Any single character	•	ANY_CHAR





Alternation

(dog | cat)

```
> or("dog", "cat")
<regex> (?:dog|cat)
> str_view(c("kittycat", "doggone"),
    pattern = or("dog", "cat"))
```

```
kittycat
doggone
```





Character classes

```
> char_class("Aa")
<regex> [Aa]
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),
    pattern = char_class("Aa"))
> negated_char_class("Aa")
<regex> [^Aa]
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),
    pattern = negated_char_class("Aa"))
```

```
apple
Aaron
```

```
apple
Aaron
```





Repetition

Pattern	Regular Expression	rebus
Optional	?	optional()
Zero or more	*	zero_or_more()
One or more	+	one_or_more()
Between n and m times	{n}{m}	repeated()

```
> str_view(c("apple", "Aaron"),
    pattern = one_or_more("Aa"))
```

apple Aaron





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Shortcuts



Ranges in character classes



Shortcuts



National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS)

- neiss package https://github.com/hadley/neiss
- Injuries reported in ER of random sample of hospitals

19YOM-SHOULDER STRAIN-WAS TACKLED WHILE PLAYING FOOTBALL W/ FRIENDS

19 year old male





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