Using Regex to extract metadata

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Introduction

This document describes the process of merging and extracting engine test data for several parameters. Two oils, A and B, are compared at different engine speeds and loads to measure the parameter of interest, force generated. But before we start analyzing the data, there are several other parameters of interest that need to be explored.

Data structure

Each parameter has 40 files associated with it, and these 40 files represent each combination of load and speed set for the experiment. There are 8 parameters of interest. The naming conventions and the file structures look like

```
Z LP pzc
                         1249 -49.126999187469 0ilB L025 P805 RP02 AX97011 V002 193 0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
                          .
1250_922.5118359375_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_192_0000.csv
                          1497.9000244141_-40.807336330414_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_181_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
                         1498.0999755859_-41.063805465698_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_179_0000.csv
1500_-50.325452079773_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_175_0000.csv
   LP pzc
Z_LP_pzc
                         1500_399_82799407959_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_174_00000.csv
1500_399_82799407959_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_180_0000.csv
1500_906_89119567871_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_178_0000.csv
1500_922.44232421875_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_178_0000.csv
1700_-51.195528030396_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_205_0000.csv
   LP_pzc
Z LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
   LP_pzc
                          1760_1548.9074291992_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_204_0000.csv
2000_-64.208334598541_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_173_0000.csv
Z LP_pzc
                        _2000_-64.20833498854_U11B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_173_0000.csv

_2000_1900_1788897705_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_172_0000.csv

_2100_-43.50145778656_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_189_0000.csv

_2100_898.24076049805_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_188_0000.csv

_2350_-54.546404247284_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_169_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z LP_pzc
                         2350_-55_064136333466_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_165_0000.csv
2350_1040.0513409424_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_168_0000.csv
2350_1548.8043640137_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_194_0000.csv
2350_1548.8043640137_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_194_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
                          2800_1903.618447876_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_184_0000.csv
                                  _-58.462949199677_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_203_0000.csv
                         3000
                         3000_-67.832458381653_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_203_0000.csv
3000_-70.991579589844_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_183_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
Z_LP_pzc
                         3000_196.7356993866_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_202_0000.csv
3000_598.07853942871_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_200_0000.csv
Z LP_pzc
                         3000_898.35820648193_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_182_0000.csv
3350_-63.017072563171_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_207_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
  _LP_pzc
                         3350_-64. 651762390137_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_191_0000.csv
3350_1048.061807251_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_206_0000.csv
3350_1550.8872735596_011B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_190_0000.csv
Z_LP_pzc
   ΙP
         _pzc
Z_LP_pzc
                         4000_-79.680366249084_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_177_0000.cs
4000_-83.40036693573_0i1B_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V002_197_0000.csv
    ΙP
                                                                                                                                           _177_0000.csv
          pzc
Z_LP_pzc
```

The first number after the parameter F_Z_LP_PZC, represented the speed that was set for that particular run, and within each file, there is a variable SPEED, which is what was measured. Similarly, the number after the speed, is the load that was set for the experiment, and each file contains a variable IMEP1, that indicates what was the measured load.

So the 4 meta-variables that I needed to extract were the parameter of interest, speed, load and the type of oil. And this needed to be appended to the data contained in each file.

In addition, tests 1 and 2 were run by a different project manager than tests 3-6, and therefore, the naming conventions were slightly different. So the rules I set to extract from Test 1 and Test 2 (which came in earlier), didn't end up working for test 3-6. We'll refer to these as Batch 1 and Batch 2 naming conventions.

Example of a Batch 1 and 2 file

The first character vectors indicate the parameter of interest in both batches of tests but speed, load and oil type things are different for the two.

Extracting Meta Data

We'll use one file from each batch as an example of each naming convention. As is evident, the information listed in the files is slightly different and regex rules working for one batch won't work for the other.

From this, we need the

1. Speed

- 2. Load
- 3. Oil

```
batch_1 <- c("F_Z_LP_pzc____800_-33.743652133942_0ilA_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V001_79_0000.csv")
batch_2 <- c("F_Z_LP_pzc____AX97AX97011_V006_750_2350_1050_0il_A_L026_P804_RP03_1048.1385021973.csv")
```

Speed

For batch 1, this is the number following the parameter. To extract it, we use the lookbehind operator(?<=) and leverage the ____ in the name of the file.

```
stringr::str_extract(batch_1, "((?<=___)[0-9]+)")
## [1] "800"</pre>
```

This logic however, failed for batch 2

```
stringr::str_extract(batch_2, "((?<=___)[0-9]+)")
```

```
## [1] NA
```

Instead, the speed in the file name is the 2nd last number from Oil. In this case, the speed was set to 2350.

```
"F_Z_LP_pzc____AX97AX97011_V006_750_2350_1050_Oil_A_L026_P804_RP03_1048.1385021973"
```

We use a combination of look aheads and look behinds to extract this number.

```
str_extract(batch_2, "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=_([0-9]+)_0i1)")
```

```
## [1] "2350"
```

Load

For Test 1, the load is the number right before Oil, and after speed, but for Test 2, this is the last number in the filename.

We look for the numeric string that is followed by Oil (?= is a lookahead operator) and is following a punctuation, an _ in this case

Batch 1

```
str_extract(batch_1, "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=_0i1)")
```

```
## [1] "-33.743652133942"
```

Batch 2

We leverage the fact that the filenames end with .csv , again, with a combination of look aheads and look behinds.

We look for the numeric string that is followed by csv (?= is a lookahead operator) and is following a punctuation, an _ in this case

```
str_extract(batch_2, "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=.csv)")
```

```
## [1] "1048.1385021973"
```

Oil

The solution for Tests 1 and Tests 2 is similar, with a exception of an additional _ in the second batch of tests

Batch 1

```
The "(?<=0il)" says, the position followed by _0il (its a lookbehind) and the "?=_" says position following _. And finally, the "(.*?)" says, give me the string between these two elements

F_Z_LP_pzc____800_-33.743652133942_0ilA_L025_P805_RP02_AX97011_V001_79_0000.csv

str_extract(batch_1, "((?<=0il)(.*?)(?=_))")

## [1] "A"

Batch 2

The "(?<=0il_)" says, the position followed by _0il (its a lookbehind) and the "?=_" says position following _. And finally, the "(.*?)" says, give me the string between these two elements

str_extract(batch_2, "(?<=0il_)(.*?)(?=_)")

## [1] "A"
```

Wrapping it up

Finally we wrap this into a function, that takes in as arguments a list of files or a single file, and the parameter of interest to extract. This way, we can vectorize over all parameters of interest.

```
#' The function takes in two arguments, files and string
#' Ofiles is a a vector of files or could be a single file
#' @string is a character vector which specified which parameter
#' to extract data for(eq. PCC, speed etc)
data_aggregation_dt <- function(files, string = "") {</pre>
  ## Ensure the string provided is a character vector
  if(assertthat::is.string(string) == FALSE){
    stop(paste0("Provided string is not a character vector"))
  ## This selects all the files that are associated with string vector provided
  string_files <- files[grepl(string,files, fixed =TRUE)]</pre>
  ## ensure that >0 files were selected in the
  if(assertthat::assert_that(length(string_files)>0) == FALSE){
    stop(paste0("No files corresponding to the parameter provided"))
  }
  ## Once all the files are selected, we read in all files associated with that parameter
  ## into a a list of datatables.
  ## In addition we bind all of them into one large data.table
  all_df <- purrr::map(string_files, ~fread(.x), stringAsFactors = FALSE)
  all_df <- rbindlist(all_df, idcol = TRUE, fill = TRUE)
  ## This give me a datatabel for the parameter of interest,
  ## where the .id column is the file name for each file that "binded".
  ## This way, I can now extract any meta-data from the file name, and create a new variable for it.
```

```
\#\# First we define a function `meta_info_fn`, that simply extracts the test name.
## We do this separately because how the regex matches later on is done based off of the test number.
test info fn <- function(df, .id = .id) {
    if(data.table::is.data.table(df) == FALSE){
 df <- df %>%
   as.data.table() %>%
    .[, test := str extract(.id, "(?<=Test )(.*?)(?= Meas)")]
 }
 else{
   df <- df %>%
    .[, test := str_extract(.id, "(?<=Test_)(.*?)(?=_Meas)")]
 }
}
## This is where the real magic happens!
all_df <- test_info_fn(all_df) %>%
  .[, `:=`(
   speed_rpm = fifelse(
     test == "1" | test == "2",
     str_extract(.id, "____[0-9]+"),
     str_extract(.id, "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=_([0-9]+)_0il)")
   ),
   oil = fifelse(
     test == "1" | test == "2", str_extract(.id, "((?<=0il)(.*?)(?=_))"),
     str_extract(.id, "(?<=0i1_)(.*?)(?=_)")
   ),
   load = as.numeric(fifelse(
     test == "1" | test == "2",
     str_extract(.id, "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=_0i1)"),
     str_extract(.id,
                  "(?<=[[:punct:]])([0-9,.,-]+)(?=.csv)")
   ))
 )] %>%
  .[, motored_fired := fifelse(load < 0, "motored", "fired")] %>%
  .[, speed_rpm := fifelse(test == "1" |
                             test == "2",
                           str_extract(speed_rpm, "[0-9]+") ,
                           speed_rpm)]
## Divide the two data.frames into motored and fired depending on the load
motored_df <- all_df["motored", on = "motored_fired"]</pre>
fired_df <- all_df["fired", on = "motored_fired"]</pre>
rm(all_df)
df_list <- list(motored_df = motored_df, fired_df = fired_df)</pre>
```

```
return(df_list)
}
```