

Exercises

1. For the following regular expression, explain in words what it matches on. Then add test strings to demonstrate that it in fact does match on the pattern you claim it does. Make sure that your test set of strings has several examples that match as well as several that do not. *If you copy the Rmarkdown code for these exercises directly from my source pages, make sure to remove the `eval=FALSE` from the R-chunk headers.*

- a) This regular expression matches: detects the string for the letter 'a' then it returns TRUE if the string contains the letter 'a' (alone or in a string and is lowercase) and 'FALSE' if the string does not. `# strings <- c('a') # result = 'TRUE'`

```
strings <- c('cat')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('dog')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('d')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('A')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('A')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, 'a') )
```

```
##   string result
## 1      A  FALSE
```

- b) This regular expression matches: detects the string for 'ab' and returns TRUE if the string contains the 'ab' (alone or in a string and is lowercase) and 'FALSE' if the string does not.

```
strings <- c('ab')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('Cab')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('a')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('Truck')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('Able')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('Able')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, 'ab') )
```

```
##   string result
## 1   Able  FALSE
```

c) This regular expression matches: detects the string for 'a' and/or 'b' in any order, with repetition, but is case sensitive

```
strings <- c('ab')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('a')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('A')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('bark')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('aab')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('Bad')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('Bad')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '[ab]') )
```

```
##   string result
## 1    Bad    TRUE
```

d) This regular expression matches: detects whether 'a' or 'b' is located at the beginning of the string.

```
strings <- c('bed')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('rad')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('Bed')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('able')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('aab')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('aab')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '^[ab]') )
```

```
##   string result
## 1    aab    TRUE
```

e) This regular expression matches: in order, detects any number of digits, then one white space, then detects the string for 'a' and/or 'A' in any order, with repetition and returns 'TRUE' if all satisfied and 'FALSE' otherwise.

```
strings <- c('0 aA')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c(' aA0')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aA')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aA')
```

```
result = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aAAAAA')
```

```
result = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aAAAAA')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '\\d+\\s[aA]') )
```

```
##      string result
## 1 01 aAAAAA   TRUE
```

f) This regular expression matches: in order, detects any number of digits, then 0 or more white spaces (placed anywhere in string), then detects the string for 'a' and/or 'A' in any order, with repetition and returns 'TRUE' if all satisfied and 'FALSE' otherwise.

```
strings <- c('0 aA')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('0aA')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c(' 0aA')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c(' aA0')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aA')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('01 aA')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>% # any # of digs, 0+ whitespaces,
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '\\d+\\s*[aA]') )
```

```
##   string result
## 1  01 aA    TRUE
```

g) This regular expression matches: detects any number and arrangement of any character of any kind including no input.

```

strings <- c(' ')
result = 'TRUE'

strings <- c('a')
result = 'TRUE'

strings <- c('0')
result = 'TRUE'

strings <- c(' ')
result = 'TRUE'

strings <- c('@')
result = 'TRUE'

```

```

strings <- c('@')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '.*') )

```

```

##   string result
## 1      @    TRUE

```

h) This regular expression matches: detects string first for a number/letter (non case sensitive), then for a second letter/number, and then for the string 'bar' and returns 'TRUE' if satisfied and 'FALSE' otherwise.

```
strings <- c('ttbar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('tttbar')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('bartt')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('ttar')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('twbar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('TWbar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('23bar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('23bar')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '^\\w{2}bar') )
```

```
##   string result
```

```
## 1  23bar   TRUE
```

i) This regular expression matches: detects first for the string 'foo', then '.', then 'bar' or two alphanumerics first followed by the string 'bar' and returns 'TRUE' if satisfied and 'FALSE' otherwise.


```
strings <- c('foobar')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('aabar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('foo.bar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('foo3bar')
```

```
returns = 'FALSE'
```

```
strings <- c('AAbar')
```

```
returns = 'TRUE'
```

```
strings <- c('AAbar')
data.frame( string = strings ) %>%
  mutate( result = str_detect(string, '(foo\\.bar)|(^\\w{2}bar)') )
```

```
## string result
## 1 AAbar TRUE
```

2. The following file names were used in a camera trap study. The S number represents the site, P is the plot within a site, C is the camera number within the plot, the first string of numbers is the YearMonthDay and the second string of numbers is the HourMinuteSecond.

```
file.names <- c( 'S123.P2.C10_20120621_213422.jpg',
                 'S10.P1.C1_20120622_050148.jpg',
                 'S187.P2.C2_20120702_023501.jpg')
```

Produce a data frame with columns corresponding to the 'site', 'plot', 'camera', 'year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute', and 'second' for these three file names. So we want to produce code that will create the data frame:

Site	Plot	Camera	Year	Month	Day	Hour	Minute	Second
S123	P2	C10	2012	06	21	21	34	22
S10	P1	C1	2012	06	22	05	01	48
S187	P2	C2	2012	07	02	02	35	01


```
}  
mean(output) # mean word length
```

```
## [1] 4.239852
```