

Unix Cheat Sheet

AWK

awk [options] 'function func(x){return x} BEGIN {before file is read} regex/condition {if matches} {always} END {after file is read}'

options: -F [field separator] -v [x=val]

functions: substr(string, start, length), getline, x%y==z, next, int()

variables: FILENAME, FS, OFS(for output), RS(line separator), ORS, NF, NR, FNR(for each file)

eg awk '{x[NR]=\$0; s+=\$0;} END{a=s/NR; for (i in x){ss += (x[i]-a)^2} sd = sqrt(ss/NR); print "Mean = "a" SD = "sd}'

eg awk '{arr[\$2]=arr[\$2]" "\$1}END{for (a in arr) print a, arr[a}]'

CAT

cat -A(show whitespace delimiters) -b(number nonblank lines) -n(number lines)

eg head input | cat -A

CUT

cut [-b[bytes]]-c[chars]]-f[fields]] --complement

ranges: N, N-, N-M, -M

eg cut -f4- input

FIND

find [-P(don't follow symbolic links)]-L(follow links)] [path] [expression[options tests actions]]

options: -maxdepth [levels below pathdir] -mindepth [levels below pathdir] -mout(this fs only) -regextype [posix-awk|posix-basic|posix-egrep|posix-extended]

tests: [+n(>n)]-n(<n)]n(=n)] -empty --mmin [# minutes ago file was mod -mtime [# days ago file was mod] -

name [pattern] -newer [file] -path [pattern] -regex [pattern] -size [bytes][c(bytes)|k|M|G] -wholename [pattern]

all [pattern] options have -i[option] versions

actions: -delete [-print|-fprint file(print filename)] -exec[command|dir command(run inside dir where file was found)] command {} + (copies filenames into one command line)]

eg find dmel*dpse/* -exec cp {} ~/dros/ \;

GREP

grep [options] [pattern]

options: -A(after) -B(before) -C(before & after) --color [-H(with filename)]-h(no filename)] -i(case insensitive) -n(prefix with line number) -o(only show part that matches) -r(recursive) [--include=[filename pattern]]--

exclude="filename pattern" (use with -r)] -v(inverse)

different output: -c(count of matches) [-l(files without matches)]-L(files with matches]

regex: [-E(extended)]-P(perl)] -w(makes entire word) -x(makes entire line)

eg grep -A 5 -n "ENSMUSP000000080" input

HEAD

head --bytes=[-N] --lines=[-N]

eg head -442

JOIN

join [options] file1 file2

input: -i(case insensitive) -l(join on this field) -2(join on this field)

output: -a(print unpairable lines)[filenum] -e[replace missing fields with this] -o[0(match) 1.* 2.*] -t[tab delimiter(Ctrl+V, then type char)] -v(print only unpaired lines)

eg join -a1 -a2 -e "BON" -o 0 1.1 2.1 mouse.a mouse.f > mouse.join | grep "BON"

LS

ls -a(incl. hidden) --author -d(don't show directory contents) -F(classify file types) -h(sizes formatted) -l(long) -r(reverse) -R(list subdirectories) -S(sort by file size) -t(sort by mod time)
eg `ls -lth`

PASTE

`paste -d[tab delimiter] file1 file2`

PERL

perl -c(compile only) -e(command line program) -i(edit in place) -l[record separator] -n(put in while(<>) loop) 'code;'
eg `perl -n -e '$on=(/^>.+f.(\\S+)[.].*\\t(\\S*)/); print $1."\\t".$2."\\n";'`
`dme1_online.fasta`

SED

`sed -r 's/replace_this/with_this/g'`
replace_this: `[^][^]*`(anything not a space), `\"match me\"`
with_this: &=matched chars, \\=only print matched chars, /1=print only first occurrence

SORT

`sort [options] input`
what to sort: -b(ignore leading blanks) -d(consider only blanks & alphanum) -f(case insensitive) -g(numbers containing sci. notation) -n(numbers)
how to sort: `sort -c`(check if sorted) -k[start field],[end field] -m(merge, don't sort) -t \$'[tab delimiter (always use with -k)], -r(reverse)
eg `sort -n -k3,3 -t $'\\t' input`

SPLIT

`split [options] [input] [prefix]`
options: -a[suffix length] -b[bytes per file] -d(numeric suffixes) -l[lines per file]
eg `split -l 2670 -d scer.final scer.final`

TR

`tr -d [-c(complement)] "set to remove" < input` OR `tr "replace this" "with this" < input`
reads from STDIN ONLY
sets: char1-char2 (range), [:SET:], where SET can = alnum (alpha + num), alpha, blank (whitespace), digit, lower, upper, punct
eg `tr -d "\\15\\32" input`

UNIQ

`uniq -c(count) -d(output only duplicate lines) -f[skip this # of fields] -i(case insensitive) -s[skip this # of chars] -u(output only unique lines) -w[compare this # of chars]`
eg `uniq -c input`

WC

`wc -b(bytes) -l(\\n counts) -L(length of longest line) -m(chars) -w(words)`
eg `wc -l *mutants*`