# Ch9. String manipulation

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# 1. grep() and nchar()

grep(pattern, x): find where there is the pattern

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lyrics <- scan("yesterday.txt", what = "")</pre>
str(lyrics)
## chr [1:126] "Yesterday," "all" "my" "troubles" "seemed" "so" "far" "away." ...
grep("Yesterday", lyrics)
## [1]
        1 63 105
grep("yesterday", lyrics)
## [1] 22 40 62 84 104 126
grep("\\?", lyrics)
## [1] 47 89
lyrics[47]
## [1] "go?"
lyrics[89]
## [1] "go?"
nchar(x): length of string x
nchar("yesterday")
## [1] 9
nchar("John Lennon")
## [1] 11
nchar(lyrics)
    [1] 10 3 2 8 6
                      2
                        3 5 3
                                 2
                                   5
                                      2 6
                                            7
                                                    5
   [26] 4 3 3 1 4 2 3 7
                              1
                                 6
                                   7 4
                                         3 3 9 4
                                                    9
                                                      3 3 3 2 3
##
                                 4 3 10 9 4 3 4 2 4 4 2 5 3 1
  [51] 3 8 4 1 4 9 6 3 1
## [76] 5 2 4 5 3 1 7 2 10 3 3 3 2 3 1 5 5 3 8 4 1 4 9 6 3
```

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## [101] 1 4 3 10 9 4 3 4 2 4 4 2 5 3 1 4 1 5 2 4 5 3 1 7 2
## [126] 10
2. paste(), substr(), and strsplit()
paste(..., sep = "")
paste("John", "Lennon", sep = " ")
## [1] "John Lennon"
paste("John", "Lennon", sep = "")
## [1] "JohnLennon"
paste(2016, 01, 19, sep = "-")
## [1] "2016-1-19"
paste(2016, "01", 19, sep = "-")
## [1] "2016-01-19"
substr(x, star, stop): extract strings from 'start' to 'stop'
substr("20160119", 7, 8)
## [1] "19"
substr("20160119", 5, 8)
## [1] "0119"
substr("19Jan2016", 3, 5)
## [1] "Jan"
strsplit(x, split)
strsplit("2016-01-19", "-")
## [[1]]
## [1] "2016" "01" "19"
unlist(strsplit("2016-01-19", "-"))
## [1] "2016" "01" "19"
strsplit(c("2016-01-19", "2016-04-03"), "-")
## [[1]]
## [1] "2016" "01"
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## [[2]]

## [1] "2016" "04"

"03"

## 3. gregexpr(), gsub(), LETTERS, letters

```
gregexpr()
gregexpr(pattern, x): find all the place the pattern is found
gregexpr("-", "2016-01-19")
## [[1]]
## [1] 5 8
## attr(,"match.length")
## [1] 1 1
## attr(,"index.type")
## [1] "chars"
## attr(,"useBytes")
## [1] TRUE
unlist(gregexpr("-", "2016-01-19"))
## [1] 5 8
gsub()
gsub(pattern, replace, x): pattern of x > replace it with another pattern
gsub("-", ".", "2016-01-19")
## [1] "2016.01.19"
head(gsub("Yesterday", "yesterday", lyrics), 5)
## [1] "yesterday," "all"
                                               "troubles"
                                                            "seemed"
                                 "my"
head(gsub(",", "", lyrics), 5)
## [1] "Yesterday" "all"
                               "my"
                                            "troubles" "seemed"
LETTERS and letters
LETTERS
## [1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S"
## [20] "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"
letters
## [1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s"
## [20] "t" "u" "v" "w" "x" "v" "z"
tolower(): upper > lower and toupper(): lower > upper
tolower("Yesterday")
## [1] "yesterday"
tolower("John Lennon")
## [1] "john lennon"
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toupper("yesterday")
## [1] "YESTERDAY"
toupper("John Lennon")
## [1] "JOHN LENNON"
4. regular expression
"." means arbitary character
| ( ) [ { ^ $ * + ?
ex1.
grep("y", lyrics, ignore.case = T) # "my", "Why" "easy" "Why" "easy"
## [1] 1 3 8 14 17 22 23 40 42 43 53 62 63 68 71 79 84 85 95
## [20] 104 105 110 113 121 126
grep("y.", lyrics, ignore.case = T)
## [1]
             8 14 17 22 23 40 42 53 62 63 71 79 84 95 104 105 113 121
         1
## [20] 126
A <- grep("y", lyrics, ignore.case = T)
A.1 <- grep("y.", lyrics, ignore.case = T)
A %in% A.1
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE
## [13] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE
## [25] TRUE
! (A %in% A.1)
## [1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
## [13] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
## [25] FALSE
A[! (A %in% A.1)]
## [1]
       3 43 68 85 110
index <- rep(F, length(lyrics))</pre>
index[A[! (A %in% A.1)]] <- T</pre>
subset(lyrics, index)
## [1] "my" "Why" "easy" "Why" "easy"
ex2. find ".r" files
filelist <- c("yesterday.txt", "yesterday.r", "exercise.R", "graph.jpg", "output.dat")
strsplit(filelist, ".", fixed = T)
## [[1]]
## [1] "yesterday" "txt"
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##
## [[2]]
## [1] "yesterday" "r"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] "exercise" "R"
## [[4]]
## [1] "graph" "jpg"
##
## [[5]]
## [1] "output" "dat"
sapply(strsplit(filelist, ".", fixed = T), "[", 2)
                        "jpg" "dat"
## [1] "txt" "r"
                  "R"
grep("r", sapply(strsplit(filelist, ".", fixed = T), "[", 2))
## [1] 2
grep("r", sapply(strsplit(filelist, ".", fixed = T), "[", 2), ignore.case = T)
## [1] 2 3
ex3. find the files whose names have some digits
filelist.2 <- c("survey_1.txt", "exam final.hwp", "records 21.sav", "graph.jpg", "20160405")
grep("\\d", filelist.2)
## [1] 1 3 5
ex4. find the files whose names have some spaces
grep("\\s", filelist.2)
## [1] 2 3
ex5. find the files whose names have some underlines
grep("\\u", filelist.2)
## [1] 1
5. application: text visuallization - word cloud
load the text data
lyrics <- scan("yesterday.txt", what = "character")</pre>
str(lyrics)
## chr [1:126] "Yesterday," "all" "my" "troubles" "seemed" "so" "far" "away." ...
head(lyrics)
## [1] "Yesterday," "all"
                                "mv"
                                             "troubles"
                                                          "seemed"
```

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## [6] "so"
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#### remove seperators

```
lyrics.1 <- gsub(",", "", lyrics)
lyrics.1 <- gsub("\\.", "", lyrics.1)
lyrics.1 <- gsub("\\!", "", lyrics.1)
lyrics.1 <- gsub("\\?", "", lyrics.1)</pre>
```

### convert upper letters to lower letters

```
# for
for (j in 1:26)
   lyrics.1 <- gsub(LETTERS[j], letters[j], lyrics.1)
# letters
lyrics.1 <- tolower(lyrics.1)</pre>
```

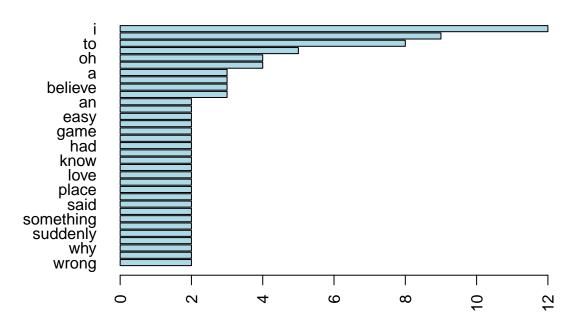
#### check

```
head(cbind(lyrics, lyrics.1), 9)
## lyrics lyrics.1
```

```
## [1,] "Yesterday," "yesterday"
                     "all"
## [2,] "all"
## [3,] "my"
                     "my"
## [4,] "troubles"
                     "troubles"
## [5,] "seemed"
                     "seemed"
                     "so"
## [6,] "so"
                     "far"
## [7,] "far"
                     "away"
## [8,] "away."
## [9,] "Now"
                     "now"
```

### frequency and bar plot

## **Beatles' Yesterday**



#### word cloud

```
library(wordcloud)
```

