

# class\_Oct10.Rmd

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## Regular Expressions continued

### Sequences

`\d` - match a digit character - like 0,1,2,3,4 `\D` - opposite of digit character - non-digits `\s` - match a space character `\S` - match a non-space character

```
sub("\\d", "_", "Covid 19")
```

```
## [1] "Covid _9"
```

```
gsub("\\D", "_", "Covid 19")
```

```
## [1] "______19"
```

```
sub("\\s", "_", "Covid 19")
```

```
## [1] "Covid_19"
```

```
sub("\\S", "_", "Covid 19")
```

```
## [1] "_ovid 19"
```

### Character class

`[^aeiou]` - match anything other than lowercase vowel

```
d <- c("car", "bike", "plane", "boat", "oct 07", "I-II-III")
```

```
#looking for 'e' or 'i'
```

```
grep(pattern = "[ei]", x = d, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "bike" "plane"
```

```
grep(pattern = "[01]", x = d, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "oct 07"
```

## POSIX Character Classes

`[[:lower:]]` - lower case letters `[[:alpha:]]` - alphabetic characters `[[:digit:]]` - Digits `[[:alnum:]]` - alphanumeric characters `[[:punct:]]` - punctuation characters

```
gsub(pattern = "[[:blank:]]", replacement = "", x = d )
```

```
## [1] "car"      "bike"      "plane"      "boat"      "oct07"      "I-II-III"
```

```
gsub(pattern = "[[:lower:]]", replacement = "_", x = d)
```

```
## [1] "___"      "____"      "_____"      "____"      "___ 07"      "I-II-III"
```

## Quantifiers

Number of times regex needs to run instead of 1 or all

? - zero or at most once \* - zero or more times + - one more more times {n} - exactly n times {n,} - n or more times {n,m} - at least n times but not more than m times.

```
sts <- row.names(USArrests)
```

```
sts
```

```
## [1] "Alabama"      "Alaska"      "Arizona"      "Arkansas"
## [5] "California"   "Colorado"    "Connecticut"  "Delaware"
## [9] "Florida"     "Georgia"     "Hawaii"       "Idaho"
## [13] "Illinois"    "Indiana"     "Iowa"         "Kansas"
## [17] "Kentucky"    "Louisiana"   "Maine"        "Maryland"
## [21] "Massachusetts" "Michigan"    "Minnesota"    "Mississippi"
## [25] "Missouri"    "Montana"     "Nebraska"     "Nevada"
## [29] "New Hampshire" "New Jersey"  "New Mexico"   "New York"
## [33] "North Carolina" "North Dakota" "Ohio"         "Oklahoma"
## [37] "Oregon"      "Pennsylvania" "Rhode Island" "South Carolina"
## [41] "South Dakota" "Tennessee"   "Texas"        "Utah"
## [45] "Vermont"     "Virginia"    "Washington"   "West Virginia"
## [49] "Wisconsin"   "Wyoming"
```

```
grep(pattern = "n?", x = sts, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "Alabama"      "Alaska"      "Arizona"      "Arkansas"
## [5] "California"   "Colorado"    "Connecticut"  "Delaware"
## [9] "Florida"     "Georgia"     "Hawaii"       "Idaho"
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## [49] "Wisconsin"    "Wyoming"
```

```
grep(pattern = "n{2}", sts, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "Connecticut" "Minnesota"    "Pennsylvania" "Tennessee"
```

## position of the pattern within a string

`^` - match start of the string `$` - end of the string

```
# \b - matches the empty string at either edge of a word.
## \B matches the empty string provided it is not at a naedge of a word
```

```
strings <- c("abcd", "cdab", "cabd", "c abd")
grep("ab", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "abcd" "cdab" "cabd" "c abd"
```

```
grep("^ab", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "abcd"
```

```
grep("ab$", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "cdab"
```

```
grep("\\bab", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "abcd" "c abd"
```

```
grep("\\Bab", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "cdab" "cabd"
```

```
grep("ab\\B", strings, value = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "abcd" "cabd" "c abd"
```

## Operators

. matches any single character [...] - matches any one of the characters inside the bracket [^...] - matches any other char except those inside the brackets

## Web scrapping