text manipulations in stata

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text analysis

one-on-one

- a reminder: let's meet one on one per your project !
- at least twice!

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text as data

- text are just rich data
- we can quantify anything, e.g.:
  - feelings (survey data)
  - faces (image recognition)
  - text

setup

- we will begin with simple string functions in stata
  - like excel functions
- and then talk about regular expressions
- and we we will do some examples
- we will continue with text as data in Python

string functions

- string functions are easy

  help string functions
- and they are very useful
  - need them in most data sets; sometimes they're really necessary
- dofile

regular expressions

- did anybody heard of regular expressions ?
  - `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression`
- they are used to match characters
  - e.g. “*” matches any character
- **powerful** toolbox: replace humans in pattern recognition
- similar in Python, but better
- we will do more under Python
- dofile

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can do little in stata, but py way better

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