

# Evolutionary Genetics

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**EXAME-STYLE-QUESTIONS**

REPRODUCIBLE

RESEARCH

CODE / SCRIPTS

**Q1** Why would comments in a script improve reproducibility?

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## **Q1** Why would comments in a script improve reproducibility?

Comments help to better understand code. A better understanding helps you and other people to (re)use the code.

## **Q2** What is the difference between "data analysis" and "data mining" in regard to reproducibility?

Data analysis has a focus to verify e.g. a hypothesis. For example, searching for viral DNA in a clinical sample. Data mining is looking for patterns in datasets to build a hypothesis. The probability of a "chance find" is high.

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**What would be the reasons (name 3) to use R instead of Excel to work with tables?**

- I can share the R script with others.
- Troubleshooting or improvements are possible.
- Faster, once it is finished. I can also recycle to code for other similar projects.
- A "correct" script is more reliable.

**Q4**

**Why is it required to provide the version of a application in materials and methods?**

There might be differences between different version of the same program. For example different default settings, bugs, or corrections. To reproduce the results one would need to know the version.



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## What is a code style?

A collection of rules (e.g. variable naming) for writing code in a more standardised fashion. It helps to improve readability and so reproducibility.



## What is the purpose of using different suffixes. For example `file.fa` for fasta and `file.fq` for fastq sequence files?

Suffixes indicate the file format. It is always good practice to verify the content and format of a file but an indicator can help to improve file search / selection.



TERMINAL



**Q1**

What do the three commands have in common and what are the differences?

```
$ cp file1.txt file2.txt  
$ mv file1.txt > file2.txt  
$ cat file1.txt > file2.txt
```

## A1

```
$ cp file1.txt file2.txt
```

> Creates a copy of file1.txt called file2.txt but does not change the original file. Both files are identical in content.

```
$ mv file1.txt > file2.txt
```

> Renames (or moves) file1.txt to new, file2.txt.

```
$ cat file1.txt > file2.txt
```

> Reads the content of file1.txt and redirects the output to file2.txt. The source file is not change. This might take a while longer and careful with file that are not simple text format (e.g. pictures).



**Q2**

What are the similarities and what are the difference in these cat commands?

```
$ cat f1.txt f4.txt f2.txt > New.txt
```

```
$ cat f?.txt > New.txt
```

```
$ cat f*.txt > New.txt
```

## A2

```
$ cat f1.txt f4.txt f2.txt > New.txt
```

> Reads text files f1, f4, and f3 and redirects content to a new file. The command concatenates the content of the three files into one file in the provided order.

```
$ cat f?.txt > New.txt
```

> Similar as before but it would concatenate all file that would match the search pattern (e.g. f3.txt, f5.txt, or ff.txt) in alphabethis order..

```
$ cat f*.txt > New.txt
```

> Same as above but it would concatenate all files that start with f and end with .txt e.g. f33.txt, file1.txt, or f.txt



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```
$ ls -l [AB]*
```

```
$ ls -l [^C-Z]*
```

```
$ ls -l | grep ^[AB]
```



Q4

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```
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The result would be one because it would count the lines of the grep count.



Can you make this cascade of commands work?

**Q5**

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```

> redirect output, overwrite if it already exists  
>> redirect but add output to existing files

# REGULAR EXPRESSION



Q1

Below a multi-sequence fasta file with 3 sequences. Which lines would produce a hit with the following regex find term:

find: `^[^A-Z]`

1. >SeqA Firmicutes >80%
2. ATGTTGCCTGTCGACAAATGCTGTCGACAAATGC
3. >SeqB Protobacteria 95%
4. ATGTTGCCTTTTCGACAGATGCTGTCGACAAATGC
5. >SeqC unknown bac
6. ATGTTGCCTTTTCGACAGATGCTGTCGACAAATGC

Q1

Below a multi-sequence fasta file with 3 sequences. Which lines would produce a hit with the following regex find term:

find: `^>|^^[^ACTG]` Lines starting with ">" OR not starting with a capital A,C, T or G.

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**Q2**

Which RegEx of the 3 would turn the input (left) into the output (right):

Input:

A1 A2 A3

B1 B2 B3

C1 C2 C3



Output:

A2 A3 A1

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C1 C2 C3

1. Find: `([AB]\d)\s(\w+)\s(\w+)` / Replace: `$2 $3 $1`
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Only the first two lines (A and B) need to be arranged but not the last (C).

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What would this RegEx term target?

```
[a-Z0-9._%+~]+@[a-Z0-9.-]+\.[a-Z]{2,4}
```

What is the meaning of this RegEx term

```
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```

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In the first example, I want to use function "maxlength" from the package "distance". The package needs to be installed but not loaded.

In the second example, I want to use the function maxlength on my data. The function name can be by multiple packages and I am sure I will use the correct one.

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  # Convert pounds to kg  
  kg = (lb / 2.2046)  
}
```

1. `lb2kg(2.2046)`: 1
2. `lb2kg(2.2046)`: error
3. `lb2kg(2.2046)`:
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    return(kg)  
}
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}
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1. `hot(32)`: Not working because type is missing.
2. `hot(32)`: 32
3. `hot(32)`: 0
4. `hot(32)`: 89.6
5. `hot(32)`: Error

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