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## UNIQ(I)

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#### NAME

uniq – report repeated lines in a file

## SYNOPSIS

**uniq**  $\begin{bmatrix} -udc \\ +n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} input \\ output \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### DESCRIPTION

Uniq reads the input file comparing adjacent lines. In the normal case, the second and succeeding copies of repeated lines are removed; the remainder is written on the output file. Note that repeated lines must be adjacent in order to be found; see sort(I). If the -u flag is used, just the lines that are not repeated in the original file are output. The -d option specifies that one copy of just the repeated lines is to be written. The normal mode output is the union of the -uand -d mode outputs.

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The -c option supersedes -u and -d and generates an output report in default style but with each line preceded by a count of the number of times it occurred.

The n arguments specify skipping an initial portion of each line in the comparison:

- The first n fields together with any blanks before each are ignored. A field is -ndefined as a string of non-space, non-tab characters separated by tabs and spaces from its neighbors.
- +nThe first *n* characters are ignored. Fields are skipped before characters.

#### SEE ALSO

sort (I), comm (I)

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