

Winter Quarter 2019 – UCSB Physics 129L

Homework 1

Due Tuesday, Jan 22, 5 pm

These are some exercises in using unix commands. They are fairly easy except for the last one. Use the `man` pages or google for the various commands to figure out which switches you need to use. There are some commands suggested below, e.g., `sort` and `cal`, that we did not cover in class. Look them up in `man` pages or google. Exercise 2 is best done using a command that was not covered in class and that I am not mentioning here (on purpose!). Use google or `apropos`.

The solutions should be written up in a text file.

The name of the text file should be `PERM.txt` where `PERM` is your `PERM` number.

The first line in the file should be your first and last name and your `PERM` number.

Then enter on separate lines/paragraphs the exercise number and the commands (or series of commands) that are needed to “solve” the exercise.

Make sure that your text file is a “simple” text file, i.e., a text file that when looked at with `cat` or `more` on a linux system is easily readable. (I suggest making this text file with `emacs` or `vim`). Text files made with some fancier programs (e.g. `TextEdit` on MacOS) are actually full of extra annoying stuff. Turn in your work by sending an email to one of the TAs with the `PERM.txt` file as an attachment.

The subject of the email should be `Physics 129L Homework 1 solutions`. If your last name starts with A through L, send the mail to Jenny. Otherwise send it to Francesco.

The emails of the TAs are on the website.

- **Exercise 1**

Use the `find` command to list the name of the files within the `/usr` directory tree that are larger than 50 Mbytes. (NB: by files in a directory tree we mean all the files in that directory + the files in its sub-directories, sub-sub-directories, etc.).

- **Exercise 2**

Find the total disk space used by the files in the `/usr` directory tree. Give the answer in “human readable format”, i.e., kbytes, Mbytes, Gbytes, etc.

- **Exercise 3**

Use some combination of `ls`, `sort`, and pipes to list all the files in the `/etc` directory (not the full `/etc` directory tree) in reverse alphabetical order.

- **Exercise 4**

Use the `echo` command and output redirection to make a text file that looks like this

```
cc-pi2:/home/pi$ cat blah.txt
hello world
bye bye
```

To be clear: this is a “cut and paste” of my terminal session where I did a `cat` on the file `blah.txt` which I created with `echo` etc.

- **Exercise 5**

Use the `cal` command to output to the screen a “calendar” for the month of March 2022.

- **Exercise 6**

Start from the output of the previous exercise. Now come up with a way of listing the days of March 2022 that are Mondays (and nothing else). Your output should look something like this:

```
7 14 21 28
```

or

```
7
```

```
14
```

```
21
```

```
28
```

There are probably many ways of doing this.

Hint 1: use pipes, `colrm`, `grep`

Hint 2: `grep [0-9]` matches numbers, `grep [a-z]` matches letters, etc.