

Regular Expression Operators

Operator	m//	s//	tr///
Operation	matches pattern in string	substitutes pattern in string	transliterates characters in string
Changes string?	NO	YES	YES
Return Value in scalar context	TRUE/FALSE	# of substitutions	# of characters found
Return Value in list context	array with matched substrings	# of substitutions (1-element array)	# of characters found (1-element array)
Context most often used	scalar (if/else statement) / list (save multiple matches)	void (substituting)	void (transliterating) / scalar (character counting)