

## NAME

uniq - report repeated lines in a file

## SYNOPSIS

uniq [ -udc [ +n ] [ -n ] ] [ input [ output ] ]

## 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. *Input* and *output* should always be different. Note that repeated lines must be adjacent in order to be found; see *sort*(1). 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 **-u** and **-d** mode outputs.

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:

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

## SEE ALSO

comm(1), sort(1)