

NAME

comm – print lines common to two files

SYNOPSIS

comm [– [**123**]] file1 file2 [file3]

DESCRIPTION

Comm reads *file1* and *file2*, which should be in sort, and produces a three column output: lines only in *file1*; lines only in *file2*; and lines in both files.

If *file3* is given, the output will be placed there; otherwise it will be written on the standard output.

Flags 1, 2, or 3 suppress printing of the corresponding column. Thus **comm –12** prints only the lines common to the two files; **comm –23** prints only lines in the first file but not in the second; **comm –123** is a no-op.

SEE ALSO

uniq(I), proof(I), cmp(I)

BUGS