

Differential Gene Expression 3 – quantifying differences with Bioconductor

Biol4230

Thurs, April 6, 2018

Bill Pearson wrp@virginia.edu 4-2818 Pinn 6-057

- Bioconductor: a comprehensive 'R' package for expression and genome analysis
 - Obtaining/installing
 - Datasets
 - Vignettes
 - Major packages (affy, edgeR)
- Using Bioconductor/EdgeR for RNAseq
 - reading in data (what to look for)
 - removing genes with low/no signal
 - normalization
 - finding differentially expressed genes

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

1

To learn more:

1. Pevsner, Chapter 8 pp. 331-373
2. Draghici, Soren (2012) "Statistics and data analysis for microarrays using R and Bioconductor" Chapman and Hall
3. Anders, S. *et al.* Count-based differential expression analysis of RNA sequencing data using R and Bioconductor. *Nature protocols* **8**, 1765–1786 (2013).
4. <http://www.bioconductor.org/help/workflows/rnaseq> Gene/

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

2

bioconductor.org

- More than 600 packages of functions for genome and expression analysis
 - expression analysis: *affy*
 - RNA-seq: *edgeR*, *DESeq2*
 - ChIP-seq (interaction of protein with DNA in chromatin)
 - extracting genomic features
- "Vignettes" that come with data for research problems
- Must be installed (often individually)
- Work with 'R' objects typically much more abstract than data.frames()
- Use the common 'R' logic for selecting rows and columns from data

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

3

bioconductor.org



Search:

[Home](#)

[Install](#)

[Help](#)

[Developers](#)

[About](#)

About Bioconductor

Bioconductor provides tools for the analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data.

Bioconductor uses the R statistical programming language, and is open source and open development. It has two releases each year, [934 software packages](#), and an active user community. Bioconductor is also available as an [AMI](#) (Amazon Machine Image) and a series of [Docker](#) images.

News

- *Nature Methods* Orchestrating high-throughput genomic analysis with Bioconductor ([abstract](#); full-text free with registration) and other recent [literature citations](#).
- Read our latest [newsletter](#).
- Updated [course material](#) and [videos](#).
- Use the [support site](#) to get help installing, learning and using Bioconductor.

Install »

Get started with Bioconductor

- [Install Bioconductor](#)
- [Explore packages](#)
- [Get support](#)
- [Latest newsletter](#)
- [Follow us on twitter](#)
- [Install R](#)

Learn »

Master Bioconductor tools

- [Courses](#)
- [Support site](#)
- [Package vignettes](#)
- [Literature citations](#)
- [Common work flows](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Community resources](#)
- [Videos](#)

Use »

Create bioinformatic solutions with Bioconductor

- [Software](#), [Annotation](#), and [Experiment](#) packages
- [Amazon Machine Image](#)
- [Latest release announcement](#)
- [Support site](#)

Develop »

Contribute to Bioconductor

- Use [Bioc "devel"](#)
- ["Devel" Software](#), [Annotation](#) and [Experiment](#) packages
- [Package guidelines](#)
- [New package submission](#)
- [Developer resources](#)
- [Build reports](#)

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

4

bioconductor installation

```
>R ...
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
trying URL
'http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/Bi
ocInstaller_1.16.2.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 49063 bytes (47 KB)
opened URL
=====
downloaded 47 KB
The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/cd/56p6y3_x1lq_pr5lmdqqngc0000jc/T/Rtmp8pZlmn/downloaded_
packages
Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2), ?biocLite for help
> biocLite()
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2), R version 3.1.3.
Installing package(s) 'Biobase' 'IRanges' 'AnnotationDbi'
also installing the dependencies 'BiocGenerics', 'S4Vectors', 'GenomeInfoDb',
'DBI', 'RSQLite'
```

Bioconductor installs packages incrementally

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

5

Bioconductor installs packages incrementally

```
> library(affy)
Error in library(affy) : there is no package called 'affy'
> biocLite('affy')
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2), R version 3.1.3.
Installing package(s) 'affy'
also installing the dependencies 'affyio', 'preprocessCore', 'zlibbioc'
trying URL
'http://bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/affyio
_1.34.0.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 89679 bytes (87 KB)
opened URL
=====
downloaded 87 KB
trying URL
'http://bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/prepro
cessCore_1.28.0.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 137216 bytes (134 KB)
opened URL
=====
The downloaded binary packages are in
/var/folders/cd/56p6y3_x1lq_pr5lmdqqngc0000jc/T/Rtmp8pZlmn/downloaded_packages
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

6

Bioconductor installs packages incrementally

```
> library(affy)
Loading required package: BiocGenerics
Loading required package: parallel
Attaching package: 'BiocGenerics'
The following objects are masked from 'package:parallel':
...
  parLapplyLB, parRapply, parSapply, parSapplyLB
The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
  xtabs
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
  Filter, Find, Map, Position, Reduce, anyDuplicated, append,
...
  unique, unlist, unsplit

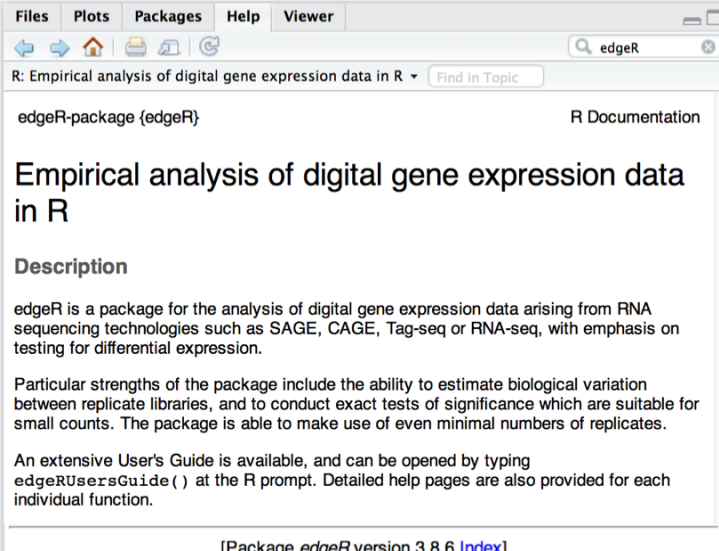
Loading required package: Biobase
Welcome to Bioconductor

Vignettes contain introductory material; view with
'browseVignettes()'. To cite Bioconductor, see
'citation("Biobase")', and for packages 'citation("pkgname")'.
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

7

Bioconductor: getting help



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Bioconductor help page for the edgeR package. The browser's address bar shows 'edgeR'. The page title is 'R: Empirical analysis of digital gene expression data in R'. The main heading is 'edgeR-package {edgeR}' with 'R Documentation' on the right. Below this is the title 'Empirical analysis of digital gene expression data in R'. A 'Description' section follows, explaining that edgeR is a package for analyzing digital gene expression data from RNA sequencing technologies like SAGE, CAGE, Tag-seq, or RNA-seq, with a focus on differential expression testing. It highlights the package's strengths in estimating biological variation and conducting significance tests for small counts. It also mentions the availability of a User's Guide and detailed help pages for individual functions. At the bottom, it states '[Package edgeR version 3.8.6 [Index](#)]'. The browser's menu bar includes 'Files', 'Plots', 'Packages', 'Help', and 'Viewer'.

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

8

Bioconductor: getting help

Home » Bioconductor 3.6 » Software Packages » edgeR

edgeR

platforms all downloads top 5% posts 112 / 1 / 3 / 29 in Bioc 9.5 years
build ok

DOI: 10.18129/B9.bioc.edgeR

Empirical Analysis of Digital Gene Expression Data in R

Bioconductor version: Release (3.6)

Differential expression analysis of RNA-seq expression profiles with biological replication. Implements a range of statistical methodology based on the negative binomial distributions, including empirical Bayes estimation, exact tests, generalized linear models and quasi-likelihood tests. As well as RNA-seq, it be applied to differential signal analysis of other types of genomic data that produce counts, including ChIP-seq, Bisulfite-seq, SAGE and CAGE.

Author: Yunshun Chen <yuchen at wehi.edu.au>, Aaron Lun <alun at wehi.edu.au>, Davis McCarthy <dmccarthy at wehi.edu.au>, Xiaobei Zhou <xiaobei.zhou at uzh.ch>, Mark Robinson <mark.robinson at imis.uzh.ch>, Gordon Smyth <smyth at wehi.edu.au>

Maintainer: Yunshun Chen <yuchen at wehi.edu.au>, Aaron Lun <alun at wehi.edu.au>, Mark Robinson <mark.robinson at imis.uzh.ch>, Davis McCarthy <dmccarthy at wehi.edu.au>, Gordon Smyth <smyth at wehi.edu.au>

Citation (from within R, enter `citation("edgeR")`):

Robinson MD, McCarthy DJ and Smyth GK (2010). "edgeR: a Bioconductor package for differential expression analysis of digital gene expression data." *Bioinformatics*, **26**(1), pp. 139-140.

McCarthy, J. D, Chen, Yunshun, Smyth and K. G (2012). "Differential expression analysis of multifactor RNA-Seq experiments with respect to biological variation." *Nucleic Acids Research*, **40**(10), pp. 4288-4297.

Installation

To install this package, start R and enter:

```
## try http:// if https:// URLs are not supported
source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite("edgeR")
```

Documentation »

Bioconductor

- Package vignettes and manuals.
 - Workflows for learning and use.
 - Course and conference material.
 - Videos.
 - Community resources and tutorials.
- R / CRAN packages and documentation

Support »

Please read the [posting guide](#). Post questions about Bioconductor to one of the following locations:

- [Support site](#) - for questions about Bioconductor packages
- [Bioc-devel](#) mailing list - for package developers

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

9

Bioconductor: getting help

Documentation

To view documentation for the version of this package installed in your system, start R and enter:

```
browseVignettes("edgeR")
```

PDF edgeR Vignette
PDF edgeRUsersGuide.pdf
PDF Reference Manual
Text NEWS

Details

biocViews [AlternativeSplicing](#), [BatchEffect](#), [Bayesian](#), [ChIPSeq](#), [Clustering](#), [Coverage](#), [DNAMethylation](#), [DifferentialExpression](#), [DifferentialMethylation](#), [DifferentialSplicing](#), [GeneExpression](#), [GeneSetEnrichment](#), [Genetics](#), [MultipleComparison](#), [Normalization](#), [Pathways](#), [QualityControl](#), [RNASeq](#), [Regression](#), [SAGE](#), [Sequencing](#), [Software](#), [TimeCourse](#), [Transcription](#)

Version 3.20.9

In Bioconductor since BioC 2.3 (R-2.8) (9.5 years)

License GPL (>= 2)

Depends R (>= 2.15.0), [limma](#) (>= 3.34.5)

Imports [graphics](#), [stats](#), [utils](#), [methods](#), [locfit](#), [Rcpp](#)

LinkingTo [Rcpp](#)

Suggests [AnnotationDbi](#), [org.Hs.eg.db](#), [splines](#)

SystemRequirements C++11

Enhances

URL <http://bioinf.wehi.edu.au/edgeR>

Depends On Me [ASPLi](#), [BChIP](#), [EDDA](#), [InterAct](#), [manta](#), [methyHiMe](#), [MLSeq](#), [RnaSeqGeneEdgeRQL](#), [RnaSeqSampleSizeData](#), [RUVSeq](#), [samExploreR](#), [TCC](#), [TfRatome](#)

Imports Me [affycoretools](#), [ampliQueso](#), [anota2seq](#), [ArrayExpressITS](#), [baySeq](#), [compcodeR](#), [coseq](#), [cshw](#), [debrowser](#), [DEFormats](#), [DEGreport](#), [DEsubs](#), [DiffBind](#), [diffhic](#), [diffloos](#), [DUBSeq](#), [emmyRNASeq](#), [EBSA](#), [EDDA](#), [espp](#), [EGSEA](#), [EnrichmentBrowser](#), [errcdashboard](#), [Glimma](#), [HTSFilter](#), [IsoformSwitchAnalyzeR](#), [MEDIPS](#), [metaseqR](#), [MIGSA](#), [msqseqR](#), [msmaTests](#), [PathoStat](#), [PROPER](#), [psichomics](#), [PureCN](#), [regsplice](#), [Reptools](#), [ReportingTools](#), [rmaSeqMap](#), [rmaSeqSampleSize](#), [scatter](#), [scde](#), [score](#), [scan](#), [scater](#), [STATSeqR](#), [SVAPLSeqs](#), [systemPipeR](#), [TCCAbolinks](#), [TCCseq](#), [TopASeq](#), [tweedEseq](#), [yarn](#), [zinbwave](#)

Suggests Me [ABSSeq](#), [biobroom](#), [BitSeq](#), [ClassifyR](#), [clonotypeR](#), [con](#), [cxdar](#), [EDASeq](#), [gage](#), [gCrisprTools](#), [GenomicAlignments](#), [GenomicRanges](#), [goseq](#), [groHM](#), [GSAR](#), [GSVA](#), [ideal](#), [JcSeqData](#), [keelamVenn](#), [misaMethy](#), [multihis](#), [oneChannelGUI](#), [regionReport](#), [SSP8](#), [stageR](#), [subSeq](#), [tximport](#), [variancePartition](#), [zFPKM](#)

[Build Report](#)

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

10

Bioconductor: the installation loop

- Initial intall:

```
source("http://www.bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite()
```

- When you need something:

```
> library(simpleaffy)
Error in library(simpleaffy) : there is no package
called 'simpleaffy'
> biocLite("simpleaffy")
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2),
Installing package(s) 'simpleaffy'
also installing the dependencies 'Biostrings', 'gcrma'
...
> library(simpleaffy)
Loading required package: genefilter
Attaching package: 'genefilter'
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

11

Differential Gene Expression

- Large quantity of data (>20,000 genes)
 - Affychip data has ~20 replicates per gene
 - RNAseq has counts (FPKM: Fragments per Kilobase per Million mapped reads)
 - but a small number of biological replicates
- Ideally, identify modest change (1.5x or larger) for modest levels of transcription
 - 10 or fewer transcripts may account for 90% of reads, so 5,000 – 10,000 transcripts for < 10% of reads
 - If technical replicates vary more than 2x, how do you measure 1.5x change?
- Large numbers of tests: how to correct?
 - Family-wide-error-rate (FWER) Bonferroni correction (used for similarity search E(-)values)
 - False-discovery-rate (FDR, qvalue)

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

12

Identifying differentially expressed genes

1. convert to FPKM (probably not done properly in my example) (cpm)
2. With RNA-seq data, make sure counts > 1
3. Normalize, adjust medians, quantile normalization
4. Look at bulk properties:
 - PCA analysis should group replicates
 - variance should be relatively linear
5. Calculate pair-wise differential expression with t-tests
6. Use topTags to do FDR correction, identify largest changes
 - go back and compare topTags results to actual counts
7. Log₂(FC) vs Log₁₀(abundance)
8. Volcano plots show fold-change, q-value tradeoff

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

13

Measuring differences – sources of variation

Technical

- RNA isolation
- cDNA synthesis
- hybridization (AffyChip)
- PCR amplification
- G+C content
- sequencing depth
- location on AffyChip/
sequencing "lane"

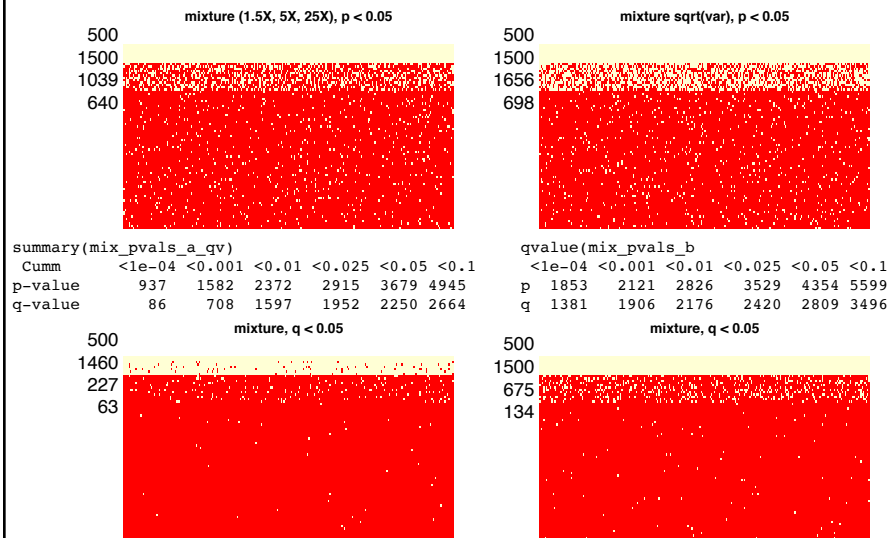
Biological

- genetic background
- sex
- last meal/sleep/exercise
- dividing/quiescent
- cell type within tissue
type
- ...

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

14

Reducing variance improves detection



fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

15

Identifying differentially expressed genes

- Differences in expression in the presence of noise:
 - are the differences significant? statistical model
 - t-test (normally distributed, array data)
 - negative binomial (variance increases with mean)
 - are the differences biological?
 - batch effects from experiment
 - gene effects (length, G+C)
- Analysis packages (edgeR, deSeq2) visualize batch effects, normalize data, apply statistical model

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

16

edgeR vs DESeq

Box 2 Differences between DESeq and edgeR

The two packages described in this protocol, DESeq and edgeR, have similar strategies to perform differential analysis for count data. However, they differ in a few important areas.

First, their look and feel differs. For users of the widely used limma package (for analysis of microarray data), the data structures and steps in edgeR follow analogously.

The packages differ in their default normalization: edgeR uses the trimmed mean of M values, whereas DESeq uses a relative log expression approach by creating a virtual library that every sample is compared against; in practice, the normalization factors are often similar.

Perhaps most crucially, the tools differ in the choices made to estimate the dispersion. edgeR moderates feature-level dispersion estimates toward a trended mean according to the dispersion-mean relationship. In contrast, DESeq takes the maximum of the individual dispersion estimates and the dispersion-mean trend.

In practice, this means DESeq is less powerful, whereas edgeR is more sensitive to outliers.

Recent comparison studies have highlighted that no single method dominates another across all settings.

Rapaport, F. *et al.* Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data. *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

17

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

• Starting data: HTS counts (not FPKM)

```
> GSE_HTSseq <- read.table("GSE_ENCODE_HTSseq.txt",
+                           row.names=1, sep='\t', header=T)
# row.names=1 uses gene names
> summary(GSE_HTSseq)
```

GM12892_Rep1	GM12892_Rep2	GM12892_Rep3	H1.hESC_Rep1	H1.hESC_Rep2
Min. : 0	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 0	Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 1	1st Qu.: 1.0	1st Qu.: 1.0	1st Qu.: 4	1st Qu.: 4
Median : 103	Median : 56.0	Median : 47.0	Median : 200	Median : 208
Mean : 1830	Mean : 814.2	Mean : 765.1	Mean : 1418	Mean : 1460
3rd Qu.: 1246	3rd Qu.: 630.0	3rd Qu.: 567.5	3rd Qu.: 1159	3rd Qu.: 1164
Max. : 1045434	Max. : 482679.0	Max. : 426204.0	Max. : 646940	Max. : 628301

- Do the replicates look similar?
- Approx how many genes have ≤ 1 count?
- Why is the Max 1000X the 3rd quartile?
- how much data?

```
> dim(GSE_HTSseq)
[1] 21711      10
```

Rapaport, F. *et al.* Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data. *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

18

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Wide distribution of abundance

```
> summary(GSE_HTS)
GM12892_Rep1    GM12892_Rep2    GM12892_Rep3    H1.hESC_Rep1    H1.hESC_Rep2
Min.   :      0   Min.   :      0.0   Min.   :      0.0   Min.   :      0   Min.   :      0
1st Qu.:      1   1st Qu.:      1.0   1st Qu.:      1.0   1st Qu.:      4   1st Qu.:      4
Median :     103   Median :     56.0   Median :     47.0   Median :     200   Median :     208
Mean   :    1830   Mean   :    814.2   Mean   :    765.1   Mean   :    1418   Mean   :    1460
3rd Qu.:    1246   3rd Qu.:    630.0   3rd Qu.:    567.5   3rd Qu.:    1159   3rd Qu.:    1164
Max.   :  1045434   Max.   :  482679.0   Max.   :  426204.0   Max.   :  646940   Max.   :  628301

H1.hESC_Rep3    H1.hESC_Rep4    MCF.7_Rep1    MCF.7_Rep2    MCF.7_Rep3
Min.   :      0   Min.   :      0.0   Min.   :      0   Min.   :      0   Min.   :      0
1st Qu.:      4   1st Qu.:      2.0   1st Qu.:      2   1st Qu.:      1   1st Qu.:      2
Median :     206   Median :    120.0   Median :     215   Median :     173   Median :     187
Mean   :    1385   Mean   :     867.5   Mean   :    2160   Mean   :    2450   Mean   :    2400
3rd Qu.:    1130   3rd Qu.:     713.0   3rd Qu.:    1796   3rd Qu.:    1733   3rd Qu.:    1628
Max.   :   597077   Max.   :  406388.0   Max.   :   639987   Max.   :   816273   Max.   :   885833
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol423

19

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

```
> min_cnt<-GSE_HTS$MCF.7_Rep1 > 5 & GSE_HTS$MCF.7_Rep2 > 5 & GSE_HTS$MCF.7_Rep3>5 &
GSE_HTS$H1.hESC_Rep1 > 5 & GSE_HTS$H1.hESC_Rep2 > 5 & GSE_HTS$H1.hESC_Rep3 > 5 &
GSE_HTS$H1.hESC_Rep4 > 5 & GSE_HTS$GM12892_Rep1 > 5 & GSE_HTS$GM12892_Rep2 > 5 &
GSE_HTS$GM12892_Rep3 > 5
> GSE_HTSgt5 <- GSE_HTS[min_cnt,]
> summary(GSE_HTSgt5)
GM12892_Rep1    GM12892_Rep2    GM12892_Rep3    H1.hESC_Rep1    H1.hESC_Rep2
Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6
1st Qu.:     347   1st Qu.:     182   1st Qu.:     152   1st Qu.:     341   1st Qu.:     345
Median :    1083   Median :     537   Median :     487   Median :     936   Median :     942
Mean   :    3294   Mean   :    1458   Mean   :    1380   Mean   :    2486   Mean   :    2559
3rd Qu.:    2613   3rd Qu.:    1235   3rd Qu.:    1133   3rd Qu.:    2257   3rd Qu.:    2256
Max.   :  1045434   Max.   :   482679   Max.   :   426204   Max.   :   646940   Max.   :   628301

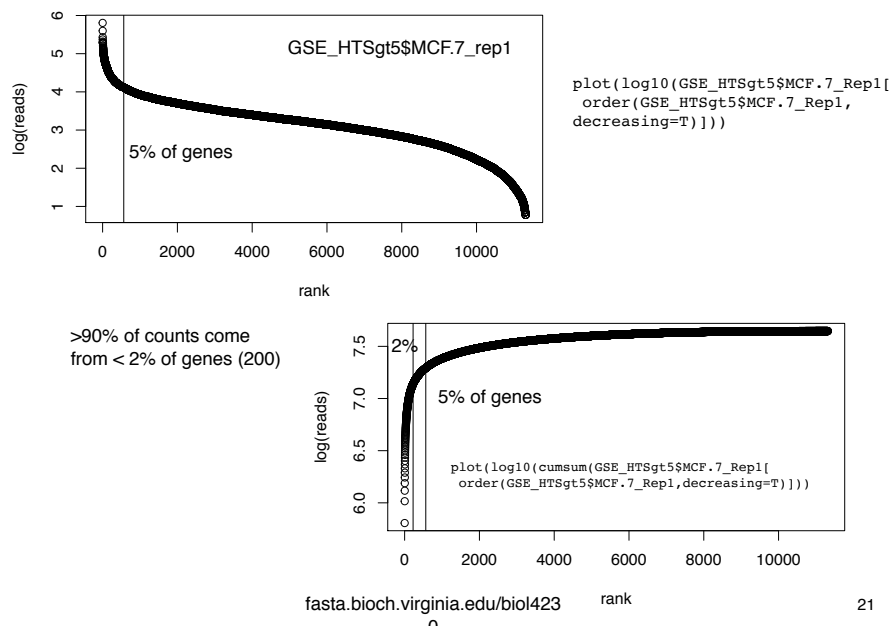
H1.hESC_Rep3    H1.hESC_Rep4    MCF.7_Rep1    MCF.7_Rep2    MCF.7_Rep3
Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6   Min.   :      6   Min.   :     6.0   Min.   :      6
1st Qu.:     342   1st Qu.:     213   1st Qu.:     530   1st Qu.:    470.8   1st Qu.:     417
Median :     922   Median :     585   Median :    1542   Median :    1412.0   Median :    1352
Mean   :    2420   Mean   :    1528   Mean   :    3918   Mean   :    4072.6   Mean   :    4294
3rd Qu.:    2195   3rd Qu.:    1393   3rd Qu.:    3642   3rd Qu.:    3441.2   3rd Qu.:    3656
Max.   :   597077   Max.   :   406388   Max.   :   639987   Max.   :  808982.0   Max.   :   885833

> colSums(GSE_HTSgt5)
GM12892_Rep1 GM12892_Rep2 GM12892_Rep3 H1.hESC_Rep1 H1.hESC_Rep2 H1.hESC_Rep3 H1.hESC_Rep4
  37278141    16498913    15621942    28137254    28956711    27384301    17293143
MCF.7_Rep1  MCF.7_Rep2  MCF.7_Rep3
  44331343    46086020    48589601
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol423

20

Abundance differences in MCF.7 mRNA



Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Convert to a dge (edgeR) structure:

```
>GSE_dge<-DGEList(counts=GSE_HTSseq,lib.size=colSums(GSE_HTSseq),  
+ group=c(rep("GM128",3),rep("H1",4),rep("MCF7",3)))
```

- Select genes with at least n counts

```
>GSE_cpms<-cpm(GSE_dge) # cpm, counts per kb per million (FPKM),  
# needs gene lengths  
>keep2 <- rowSums(GSE_cpms[,1:3])>5 & rowSums(GSE_cpms[,4:7]) > 5 &  
rowSums(GSE_cpms[,8:10])>5  
> length(GSE_cpms[keep2,1])  
[1] 10147
```

- Set up groups of factors so replicates can be combined:

```
> GSE_groups<-c(rep("GM128",3),rep("H1",4),rep("MCF7",3))  
> GSE_groups  
[1] "GM128" "GM128" "GM128" "H1" "H1" "H1" "H1" "MCF7"  
"MCF7" "MCF7"
```

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- build new dge (edgeR) structure for genes with counts:

```
>GSE_d2<-DGEList(counts=GSE_counts2,lib.size=colSums(GSE_counts2),
+ group=GSE_groups)
> summary(GSE_counts2[,c(1,2,4,5,8)])
```

GM12892_Rep1	GM12892_Rep2	H1.hESC_Rep1	H1.hESC_Rep2	MCF.7_Rep1
Min. : 0	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 18	Min. : 31.0	Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 522	1st Qu.: 266.5	1st Qu.: 472	1st Qu.: 475.5	1st Qu.: 741
Median : 1274	Median : 635.0	Median : 1097	Median : 1103.0	Median : 1798
Mean : 3678	Mean : 1624.4	Mean : 2736	Mean : 2816.0	Mean : 4259
3rd Qu.: 2884	3rd Qu.: 1353.5	3rd Qu.: 2496	3rd Qu.: 2472.5	3rd Qu.: 3998
Max. : 1045434	Max. : 482679.0	Max. : 646940	Max. : 628301.0	Max. : 639987

- still see differences in bulk properties, but what is 1st quartile now?
- notice that mean is > 3rd quartile. Why?

```
> summary(GSE_HTSeg)
GM12892_Rep1 GM12892_Rep2 H1.hESC_Rep1 H1.hESC_Rep2
Min. : 0 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0 Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 1 1st Qu.: 1.0 1st Qu.: 4 1st Qu.: 4
Median : 103 Median : 56.0 Median : 200 Median : 208
Mean : 1830 Mean : 814.2 Mean : 1418 Mean : 1460
3rd Qu.: 1246 3rd Qu.: 630.0 3rd Qu.: 1159 3rd Qu.: 1164
Max. : 1045434 Max. : 482679.0 Max. : 646940 Max. : 628301
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

23

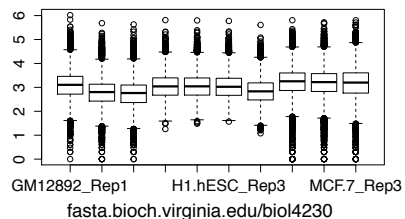
Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- build new dge (edgeR) structure for genes with counts:

```
>GSE_d2<-DGEList(counts=GSE_counts2,lib.size=colSums(GSE_counts2),
+ group=GSE_groups)
> summary(GSE_counts2[,c(1,2,4,5,8)])
```

GM12892_Rep1	GM12892_Rep2	H1.hESC_Rep1	H1.hESC_Rep2	MCF.7_Rep1
Min. : 0	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 18	Min. : 31.0	Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 522	1st Qu.: 266.5	1st Qu.: 472	1st Qu.: 475.5	1st Qu.: 741
Median : 1274	Median : 635.0	Median : 1097	Median : 1103.0	Median : 1798
Mean : 3678	Mean : 1624.4	Mean : 2736	Mean : 2816.0	Mean : 4259
3rd Qu.: 2884	3rd Qu.: 1353.5	3rd Qu.: 2496	3rd Qu.: 2472.5	3rd Qu.: 3998
Max. : 1045434	Max. : 482679.0	Max. : 646940	Max. : 628301.0	Max. : 639987

- still see differences in bulk properties, but what is 1st quartile now?
- notice that mean is > 3rd quartile. Why?
- Are the bulk properties similar?



fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

24

How to compare relative mRNA expression?

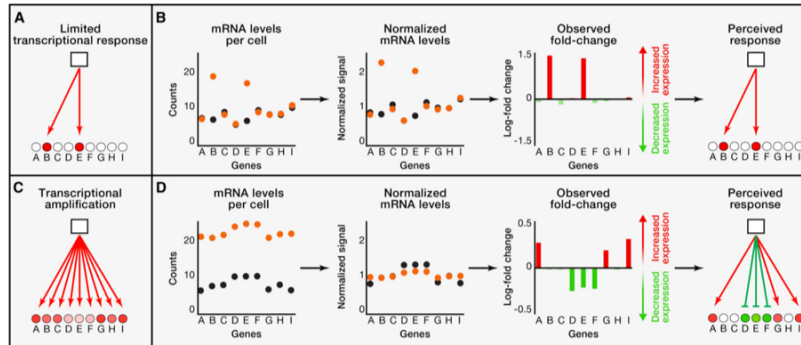


Figure 1. Normalization and Interpretation of Expression Data

Lovén, J. *et al. Cell* **151**, 476–482 (2012).

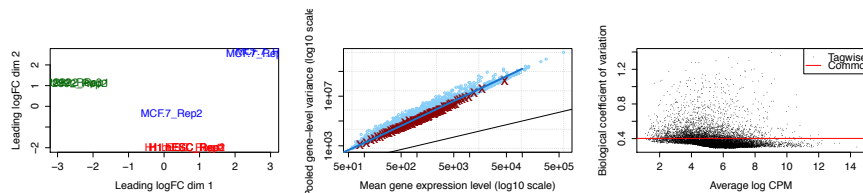
fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

25

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- do some simple normalization, evaluate data quality:

```
> GSE_d2<-calcNormFactors(GSE_d2)
# plot Principal Components Analysis (PCA) of fold-changes
> plotMDS(GSE_d2,labels=colnames(GSE_counts2),
+ col=c("darkgreen", "red", "blue")[factor(GSE_groups)])
> GSE_d2<-estimateCommonDisp(GSE_d2)
> GSE_d2<-estimateTagwiseDisp(GSE_d2)
> plotMeanVar(GSE_d2,show.tagwise.vars=TRUE,NBline=TRUE)
> plotBCV(GSE_d2) # BCV = Biological Coefficient of Variation
```



fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

26

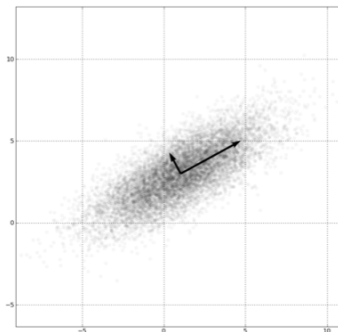
Diversión: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

- We are interested in the differences, and similarities, between biological samples (replicate treated and controls), from the perspective of expression levels of 10,000 – 20,000 genes.
 - imagine that in the treated sample (e.g. a BHA-treated liver vs normal), only ONE gene has increased expression: (GSTM1), all the rest are the same.
 - to find this gene, we might plot our 6 samples (3 treated, 3 controls) in $n=20,000$ dimensional space (one axis for every gene), and look so see which point has moved between treated and controls.
 - but if only ONE gene has changed expression level, then all the other genes will be highly correlated, so we do not need 20,000 dimensions, we only need ONE (or possibly two, the second for random noise)
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA) examines the correlation between the datasets, and reduces the dimensionality to the minimum number of "axes" (Principal Components) to explain the variation in the data.
 - first component has most variance – shows a weighting of a gene set that with internal expression correlation, but different from genes not in the set
 - replicate samples should be similar; different samples should be different
 - check for outliers

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

27

Diversión: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)



A scatter plot of samples that are distributed according a multivariate (bivariate) Gaussian distribution centered at (1,3) with a standard deviation of 3 in roughly the (0.878, 0.478) direction and of 1 in the orthogonal direction. The directions represent the Principal Components (PC) associated with the sample

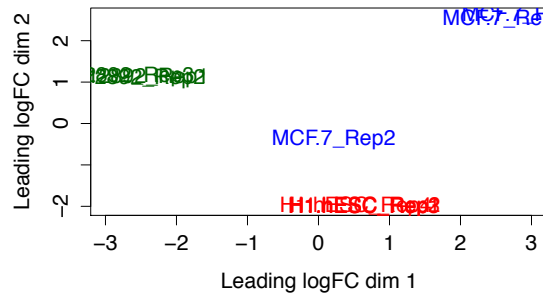
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal_component_analysis#/media/File:GaussianScatterPCA.png
"GaussianScatterPCA" by —Ben FrantzDale (talk)

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

28

Diversion: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

```
> GSE_c2_prin<-princomp(GSE_counts2,cor=T)
> summary(GSE_c2_prin)
Importance of components:
              Comp.1      Comp.2      Comp.3      Comp.4      Comp.5      Comp.6
Standard deviation  2.9115294  0.78123223  0.66206994  0.55342497  0.301356842  0.200813419
Proportion of Variance 0.8477003  0.06103238  0.04383366  0.03062792  0.009081595  0.004032603
Cumulative Proportion 0.8477003  0.90873271  0.95256637  0.98319429  0.992275889  0.996308492
```



fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

29

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Normalization done: do t-tests on gene groups

```
> GSE_de2 <- exactTest(GSE_d,pair=c("GM128","H1")) # two-way compare
> GSE_tt2<-topTags(GSE_de2,n=nrow(GSE_de2))
> head(GSE_tt2$table,n=10)
```

	logFC	logCPM	PValue	FDR
LCP1	-10.077901	10.155089	8.290374e-57	8.412243e-53
RASSF5	-6.159025	5.542985	5.657588e-51	2.870377e-47
TIFA	-5.809657	5.629944	1.409506e-44	4.767419e-41
SMARCA2	-5.407642	7.584283	3.756685e-43	9.529771e-40
DOCK10	-5.948203	5.386774	3.129221e-41	6.350442e-38
CD58	-5.876585	5.406012	1.194831e-40	2.020658e-37
SMAP2	-5.036339	6.867746	3.039079e-40	4.405362e-37
NEAT1	-5.451577	9.251840	1.435513e-38	1.820769e-35
EPHB4	5.930016	7.329484	5.557970e-38	6.266302e-35
BCL2	-5.237690	5.635830	1.829338e-37	1.856230e-34

- what direction are the fold changes? all the same?
- why are PValues < FDR?

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

30

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at "top tags"

```
> GSE_counts2[rownames(head(GSE_tt2$table,n=10)),c(1:3,4:5)]
```

	GM12892_Rep1	GM12892_Rep2	GM12892_Rep3	H1.hESC_Rep1	H1.hESC_Rep2
LCP1	153736	50863	58206	107	89
RASSF5	5356	2659	1983	63	66
TIFA	3788	2800	2543	91	63
SMARCA2	21764	8381	8004	433	323
DOCK10	4040	2295	2024	77	39
CD58	3145	2201	2219	56	49
SMAP2	12461	5928	4385	317	288
NEAT1	57519	21160	26498	1056	896
EPHB4	149	64	47	7104	7266
BCL2	4073	3012	2634	121	111

- Most significant changes have high counts in GM128, low counts in H1.hESC, or vice-versa (EPHB4).
- Go back and look at the data. Does it make sense?

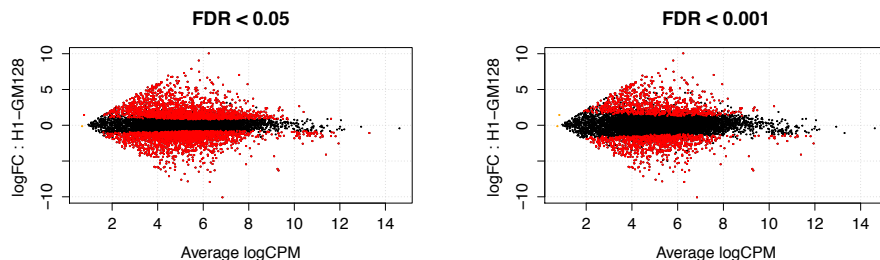
fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

31

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at differential expression 1:

```
> GSE_deg2<-GSE_rn[GSE_tt2$table$FDR < 0.05] # 3879 genes
> GSE_deg2_001<-GSE_rn[GSE_tt2$table$FDR < 0.001] # 1840 genes
> plotSmea(GSE_d2,de.tags=GSE_deg2,main="FDR < 0.05")
> plotSmea(GSE_d2,de.tags=GSE_deg2_001,main="FDR < 0.001")
```



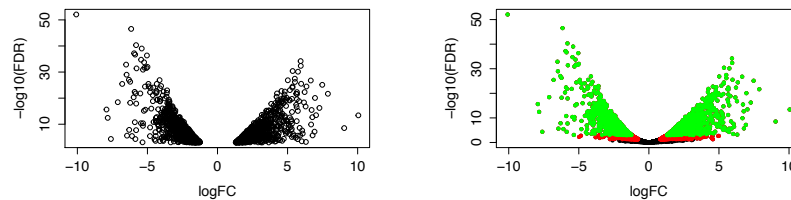
fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

32

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at differential expression 2: volcano plots

```
> plot(GSE_tt2$table$logFC, -log10(GSE_tt2$table$FDR),
+      xlab="logFC", ylab="-log10(FDR)")
```



look at differential expression 2: volcano plots

```
> plot(GSE_tt2$table[,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[,4]),
+      xlab="logFC", ylab="-log10(FDR)", pch=20)
> points(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2,4]),
+        pch=20, col='red')
> points(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2_001,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2_001,4]),
+        pch=20, col='green')
```

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

33

Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data.

Rapaport et al. *Genome Biology* 2013, 14:R95
http://genomebiology.com/2013/14/9/R95



METHOD

Open Access

Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data

Franck Rapaport¹, Raya Khanin¹, Yupu Liang¹, Mono Pirun¹, Azra Krek¹, Paul Zumbo^{2,3}, Christopher E Mason^{2,3}, Nicholas D Socci¹ and Doron Betel^{3,4*}

Abstract

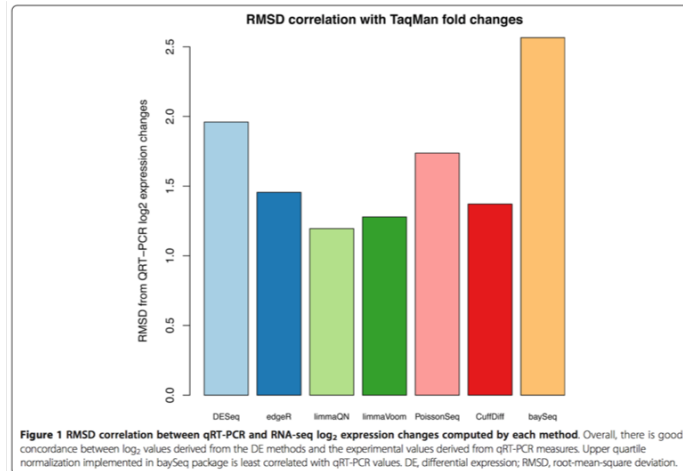
A large number of computational methods have been developed for analyzing differential gene expression in RNA-seq data. We describe a comprehensive evaluation of common methods using the SEQC benchmark dataset and ENCODE data. We consider a number of key features, including normalization, accuracy of differential expression detection and differential expression analysis when one condition has no detectable expression. We find significant differences among the methods, but note that array-based methods adapted to RNA-seq data perform comparably to methods designed for RNA-seq. Our results demonstrate that increasing the number of replicate samples significantly improves detection power over increased sequencing depth.

Rapaport, F. et al. *Genome Biol* 14, R95 (2013).

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

34

Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data.



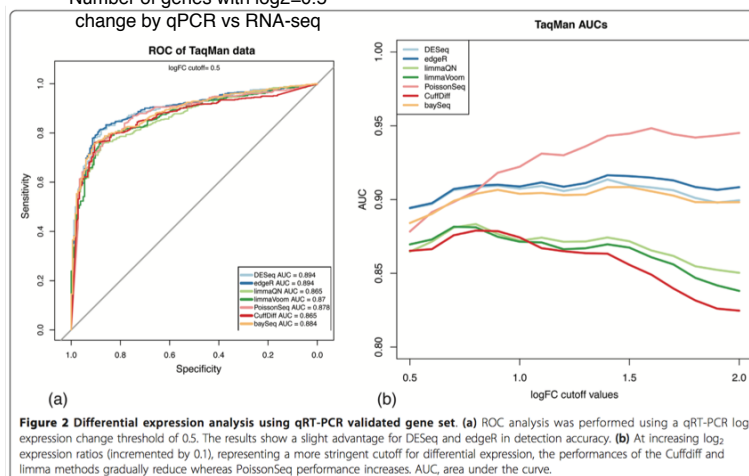
Rapaport, F. *et al.* *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

35

Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data.

Number of genes with log₂=0.5
change by qPCR vs RNA-seq



Rapaport, F. *et al.* *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

36

Identifying differentially expressed genes

1. convert to FPKM (probably not done properly in my example) (cpm)
2. With RNA-seq data, make sure counts > 1
3. Normalize, adjust medians, quantile normalization
4. Look at bulk properties:
 - PCA analysis should group replicates
 - variance should be relatively linear
5. Calculate pair-wise differential expression with t-tests
6. Use topTags to do FDR correction, identify largest changes
 - go back and compare topTags results to actual counts
7. Log₂(FC) vs Log₁₀(abundance)
8. Volcano plots show fold-change, q-value tradeoff

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

37

Bioconductor: summary

- Bioconductor: a comprehensive 'R' package for expression and genome analysis
 - Obtaining/installing
 - Datasets
 - Vignettes
 - Major packages (affy, edgeR2)
- Using Bioconductor/EdgeR for RNAseq
 - reading in data (what to look for)
 - removing genes with low/no signal
 - normalization
 - finding differentially expressed genes

Always look at the RAW data
that produced the list of genes

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/biol4230

38