Downstream analysis of the Rp-Bp results

Creating read length-specific profiles

As described in the usage instructions, Rp-Bp writes the unsmoothed ORF profiles to a matrix market file. This profile merges reads of all lengths.

The create-read-length-orf-profiles script can be used to create profile files which also include counts of individual read lengths.

create-read-length-orf-profiles <config> <sample or condition name> <out> [--is-condition]

Command line options

- config. A yaml config file
- sample or condition name. The name of either one of the riboseq_samples or riboseq_biological_replicates from the config file
- out. The output (txt.gz) file, containing the read-length specific profiles. The format is a sparse coordinate format inspired by the matrix market format. See below for details about the output format.
- [--is-condition]. If the sample or condition name is a condition, that is, if it is a key from riboseq_biological_replicates, then this flag must be given.

Additionally, the command can be given logging and slurm options.

Output format

Each line in the output file is a tuple containing the following values.

- read_length. The (trimmed) read lengths for this position.
- orf_num. An identifier which maps to orf_num in the (static) list of ORFs for the reference, <genome_base_path>/transcript-index/<genome_name>.genomic-orfs.<orf_note>
- orf_position. The base-0 position with respect to the spliced transcript (so position % 3 == 0 implies the position is in-frame)
- read_count. The sum of counts across all replicates for the condition (if --is-condition is given) or the single sample (otherwise) after adjusting according to P-sites and removing multimappers.

Counting and visualizing reads filtered at each step

Counting

The get-all-read-filtering-counts script counts reads filtered at each step of the preprocessing pipeline.

This script requires samtools to be present in \$PATH.

get-all-read-filtering-counts <config> <out> [--num-cpus <num_cpus>]

Command line options

- config. A yaml config file
- out. The output file, in csv.gz format. See below for details.
- [--num-cpus]. The script is parallelized at the sample level. If specified, this many samples will be processed at once.

Output format

The output is a "wide" data frame which contains one row for each sample. The fields are as follows.

- note. The name of the sample.
- raw_data_count. The number of reads in the original fastq files.
- without_adapters_count. The number of reads remaining after running flexbar to remove adapters and low-quality reads.
- without_rrna_count. The number of reads remaining after removing ribosomal and other reads with bowtie2.
- genome_count. The number of reads with at least one genome alignment.
- unique_count. The number of reads with exactly one genome alignment.
- length_count. The number of uniquely mapping reads which also have a "periodic" read length, as determined by BPPS.

Visualizing (script)

The visualize-read-filtering-counts script visualizes the read counts from get-all-read-filtering-counts.

visualize-read-filtering-counts <read_counts> <out> [--without-rrna] [--title <title>] [--fo

Command line options

• read_counts. The output from get-all-read-filtering-counts

- out. The output image file. The extension should be something recognized by matplotlib, such as png or pdf.
- [--without-rrna]. If this flag is given, then the bar chart will not include reads filtered due to low quality or mapping to ribosomal sequences.
- [--title]. A title placed at the top of the plot
- [--fontsize]. The fontsize used for most of the text on the plot, including the tick labels (sample names and read counts), axis labels and title.
- [--legend-fontsize]. The fontsize to use for the entries in the legend (the filtering steps).
- [--ymax]. The maximum number of reads displayed on the y-axis. Typically, this value should be around 10% higher than the largest read count. However, some other value may be more appropriate if one of the samples has many more reads than the others.
- [--ystep]. The frequency of tick marks on the y-axis.

Visualizing (ipython notebook)

The notebooks/preprocessing/create-read-filtering-bar-chart notebook can be used to visualize the read counts. It functionality is essentially the same as the visualize-read-filtering-counts script; however, the properties of the plot, such as the exact location of the legend, are much easier to manipulate in the notebook.

Additionally, the notebook will attempt to use the riboseq_sample_name_map from the config file to find "pretty" names for the samples. In particular, this should be a map from the sample name given in the riboseq_samples to a string that will be used for the x-tick labels in the plot. If a sample name is not present in the name map, it will be left unchanged.

Control variables

In the third cell, the config_files, alignment_counts_files, out_files and without_rrna_files dictionaries must be updated to include the relevant files. The key in the dictionary should be the same for all of the new files.

In the fourth cell, the data variable should be changed to the key used in the dictionaries. The other variables (without-rrna, etc.) have the same interpretation as for the script.

In the sixth cell, visualization aspects such as the colors, legend location, figure size, etc., can be set using the respective matplot lib options.

Example visualization