

STAT428 Final Project

Breast Cancer Data Analysis



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What is Breast Cancer?

- "Breast Cancer is a type of cancer originating from breast tissue, most commonly from the inner lining of milk ducts or the lobules that supply the ducts with milk."
- The **pink ribbon** is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.

----By Wikipedia

- **Causes:** Inherited gene mutations;
Acquired gene mutations.

Project Goal

- Since **BRCA1** and **BRCA2** account for most cases of hereditary breast cancer in the United States and Europe, we aim to find which **genetic markers** play important roles in affecting these two inherited mutations.



First Step - Response array

- Rearrange the columns (3226x22 matrix)

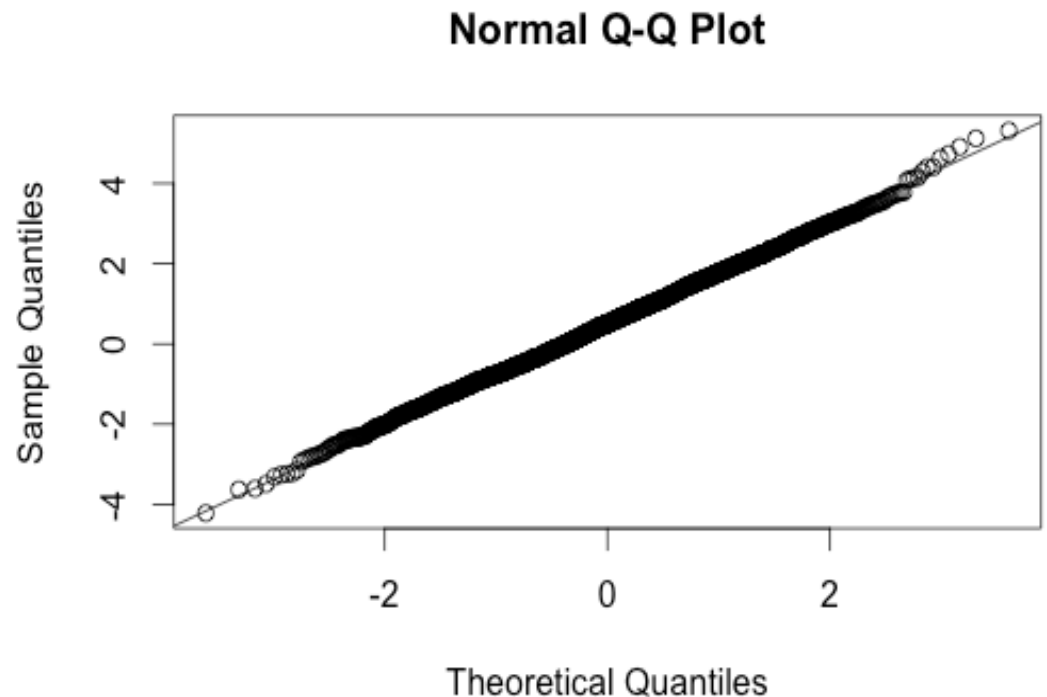
```
> names(breast2)
[1] "Sporadic"           "Sporadic.1"       "Sporadic.2"
[4] "Sporadic.3"         "Sporadic.4"       "Sporadic.5"
[7] "Sporadic.Meth.BRCA1" "BRCA1"            "BRCA1.1"
[10] "BRCA1.2"            "BRCA1.3"          "BRCA1.4"
[13] "BRCA1.5"            "BRCA1.6"          "BRCA2"
[16] "BRCA2.1"            "BRCA2.2"          "BRCA2.3"
[19] "BRCA2.4"            "BRCA2.5"          "BRCA2.6"
[22] "BRCA2.7"

> typearr2
[1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

- 0 means “healthy”; 1 means “BRCA”.

Second Step - Check Normality

- `teststat2 <- mt.teststat
(as.matrix(breast2),
typearr2)`
- `qqnorm(teststat2)`
- `qqline(teststat2)`



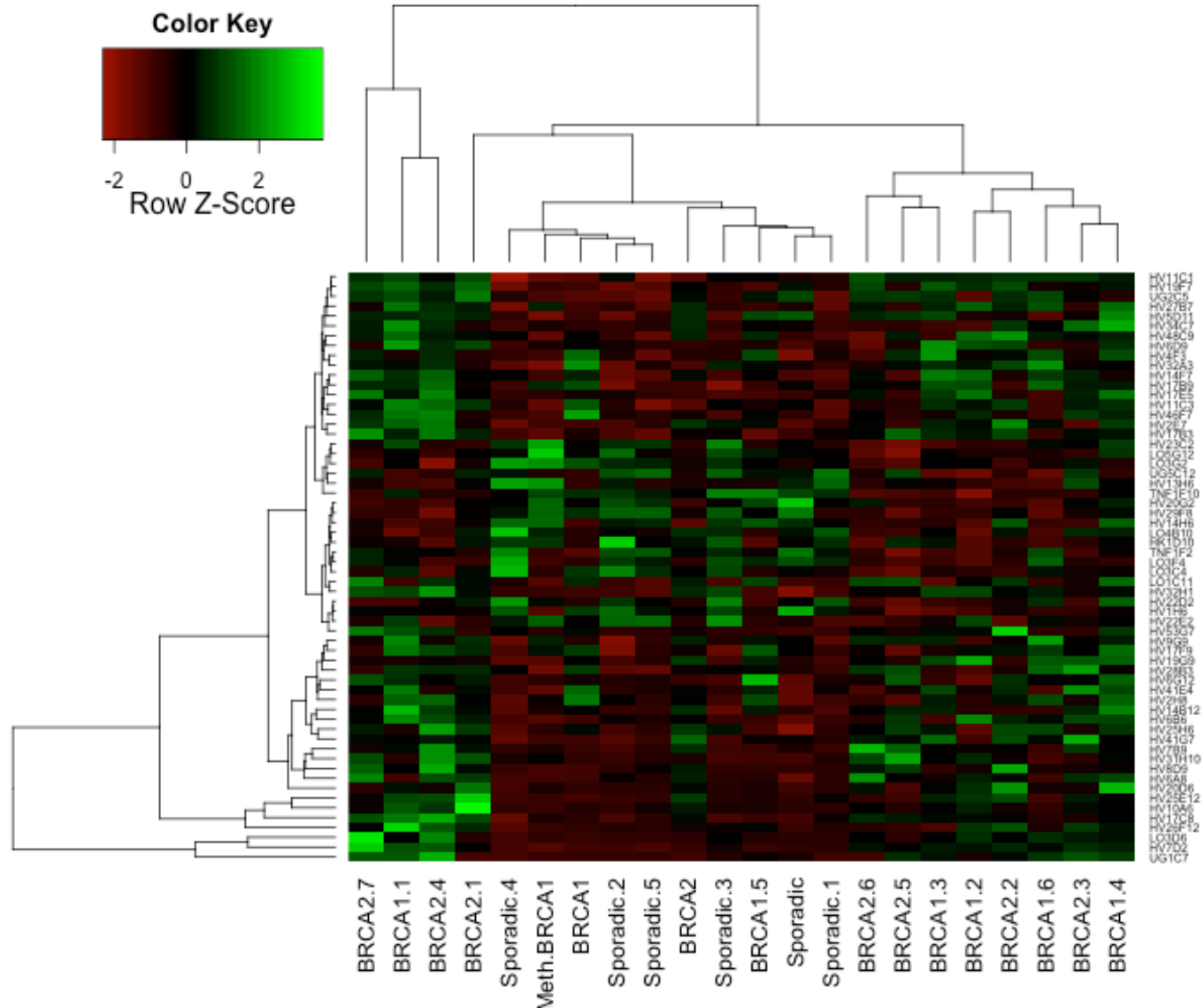
Third Step – T-tests

- Do **F-tests** first to check variances before performing T-tests.
- Two-sample T-test. ([1:7], [8:22])
- Use **0.01** as the significance level.

```
> selection <- breast2[which(parr<0.01), ]  
> rownames(selection) # Names of the 60 significant genes  
[1] "HK1D10" "HV1H6" "HV2E7" "HV2H8" "HV4F3" "HV5D11" "HV6A8"  
[8] "HV6B6" "HV6D9" "HV6G12" "HV7B9" "HV7D2" "HV8D9" "HV9G9"  
[15] "HV10A6" "HV11C1" "HV11C3" "HV13H6" "HV14B12" "HV14F7" "HV14H6"  
[22] "HV17B3" "HV17B9" "HV17C8" "HV17E5" "HV17F9" "HV19F7" "HV19G9"  
[29] "HV20D6" "HV20G2" "HV22D2" "HV22E2" "HV23C2" "HV25E12" "HV25H6"  
[36] "HV26F12" "HV27B7" "HV28B3" "HV29F8" "HV31H10" "HV32A3" "HV32H1"  
[43] "HV34C7" "HV41E4" "HV41G7" "HV46F7" "HV48C9" "HV53G7" "UG1C7"  
[50] "UG2C5" "UG5C12" "L01C11" "L03C4" "L03D6" "L03F4" "L03G2"  
[57] "L04B10" "L05G12" "TNF1F2" "TNF1F10"
```

Third Step – Heatmap

- Clear Clustering patterns.



Bio-functions

- HV41G7 - **Myotubularin Related Protein 4 (MTMR4)**

Gene type: protein coding

Loss of phosphatase activity in myotubularin-related protein 2 is associated with **Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease** type 4B1. CMT disease is a group of disorders passed down through families that affect the nerves outside the brain and spine.



Bio-functions

- **HV4F3 - Transcription factor AP-2 gamma (activating enhancer-binding protein 2 gamma; TFAP2C)**
- **Gene type:** protein coding
- This encoded protein can act either a homodimer or heterodimer with other family members and is included during retinoic acid-mediated differentiation. It plays a role in the development of the eyes, face, body wall, limbs, and neural tube.

Predict Breast Cancer with Selected Markers

- Use LDA to train the training data and test on the testing data.

```
> train_type <- selected[index==1, "Response"]  
> train_type
```

Sporadic	Sporadic.1	Sporadic.2
0	0	0
Sporadic.5	Sporadic.Meth.BRCA1	BRCA1.1
0	0	1
BRCA1.2	BRCA1.4	BRCA1.5
1	1	1
BRCA1.6	BRCA2.1	BRCA2.3
1	1	1
BRCA2.4	BRCA2.6	
1	1	

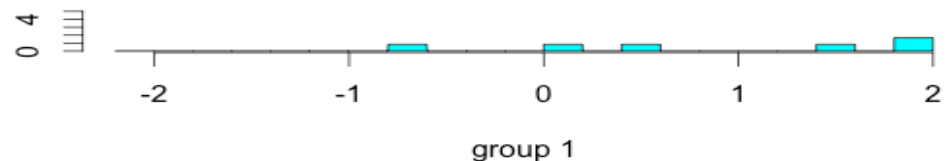
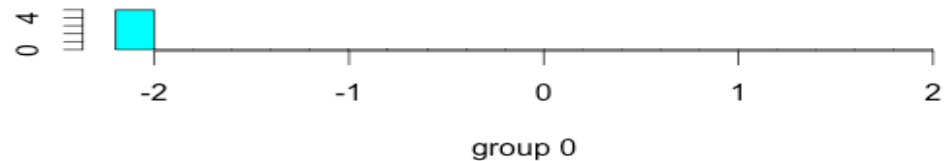
```
> test_type
```

Sporadic.3	Sporadic.4	BRCA1	BRCA1.3	BRCA2	BRCA2.2
0	0	1	1	1	1
BRCA2.5	BRCA2.7				
1	1				


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```
> my.lda <- lda(train, train_type)
Warning message:
In lda.default(x, grouping, ...) : variables are collinear
> pred <- predict(my.lda, test)
> sum(pred$class==test_type)
[1] 8
> sum(pred$class!=test_type) / length(test_type)
[1] 0
```



Limitations of the Model

- 1. For T-statistics, it may be affected by small or unstable variances.
 - 2. For LDA, it implicitly assumes Gaussian distribution of data.
 - 3. For LDA, it implicitly assumes the mean as the discriminating factor, not variance.
 - 4. For LDA, it may overfit or underfit the data.
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Thank you very much!

