A toolkit for DNA sequence analysis and manipulation

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Introduction

Recent advances in DNA sequencing have revolutionized the field of genomics, making it possible for research groups to generate large amounts of sequenced data, very rapidly and at substantially lower cost. Its storage have been made using specific file formats, such as FASTQ and FASTA. Therefore, its analysis and manipulation is crucial [?]. Several frameworks for analysis and manipulation emerged, namely `GALAXY` [?], `GATK` [?], `HTSeq` [?], `MEGA` [?], among others. In the majority, these frameworks require licenses and do not provide a low level access to the information, since they are commonly approached by scripting or interfaces.

We describe `GTO`, a (free) novel toolkit for analyzing and manipulating FASTA-FASTQ formats and sequences (DNA, amino acids, text), with many complementary tools. The toolkit is for Linux-based systems, built for fast processing. `GTO` supports pipes for easy integration. It includes tools for information display, randomizing, edition, conversion, extraction, searching, calculation and visualization. `GTP` is prepared to deal with very large datasets, typically in the scale Gigabytes or Terabytes.

The toolkit is a command line version, using the prefix "GTO-" followed by the suffix with the respective name of the program. `GTO` is implemented in `C` language and it is available, under GPLv3, at:

```
https://pratas.github.io/GTO
```

1.1 Installation

For `GTO` installation, run:

```
git clone https://github.com/pratas/GTO.git
cd GTO/src/
make
```

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Chapter 2

FASTQ tools

Current available tools for FASTQ format analysis and manipulation include:

1. `gto_fastq_to_fasta`: it converts a FASTQ file format to a pseudo FASTA file.

2.1 Program gto_fastq_to_fasta

The `gto_fastq_to_fasta` converts a FASTQ file format to a pseudo FASTA file. However, it does not align the sequence. Also, it extracts the sequence and adds a pseudo header.
For help type:

```
./gto_fastq_to_fasta -h
```

In the following subsections, we explain the input and output paramters.

Input parameters

The `gto_fastq_to_fasta` program needs two streams for the computation, namely the input and output standard. The input stream is a FASTQ file.
The attribution is given according to:

```
Usage: ./gto_fastq_to_fasta [options] [[--] args]
   or: ./gto_fastq_to_fasta [options]

It converts a FASTQ file format to a pseudo FASTA file.
It does NOT align the sequence.
It extracts the sequence and adds a pseudo header.

    -h, --help             show this help message and exit

Basic options
    < input.fastq          Input FASTQ file format (stdin)
    > output.fasta         Output FASTA file format (stdout)
```

```
Example: ./gto_fastq_to_fasta < input.fastq > output.fasta
```

An example on such an input file is:

```
@SRR001666.1 071112_SLXA-EAS1_s_7:5:1:817:345 length=72
GGGTGATGGCCGCTGCCGATGGCGTCAAATCCCACCAAGTTACCCTTAACAACTTAAGGGTTTTCAAATAGA
+SRR001666.1 071112_SLXA-EAS1_s_7:5:1:817:345 length=72
IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII9IG9ICIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIDIIIIIII>IIIIII/
@SRR001666.2 071112_SLXA-EAS1_s_7:5:1:801:338 length=72
GTTCAGGGATACGACGTTTGTATTTTAAGAATCTGAAGCAGAAGTCGATGATAATACGCGTCGTTTTATCAT
+SRR001666.2 071112_SLXA-EAS1_s_7:5:1:801:338 length=72
IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII6IBIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIGII>IIIII-I)8I
```

Output

The output of the `gto_fastq_to_fasta` program a FASTA file.

An example, for the input, is:

```
GGGTGATGGCCGCTGCCGATGGCGTCAAATCCCACCAAGTTACCCTTAACAACTTAAGGGTTTTCAAATAGA
GTTCAGGGATACGACGTTTGTATTTTAAGAATCTGAAGCAGAAGTCGATGATAATACGCGTCGTTTTATCAT
```