[Tutorial] Human Genome Annotation

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1 1. Introduction

1.1 1.1. What is gene annotation?

Over the past years, we have learnt that there are a number of chromosomes and genes in our genome. Counting the number of chromosomes is fairly easy but students might find difficult to say how many genes we have in our genome. If you can get an answer for this, could you tell how many genes encode protein and how many do not? To answer this question, we need to access the database for gene annotation. Gene annotation is the process of making nucleotide sequence meaningful - where genes are located? whether it is protein-coding or noncoding. If you would like to get an overview of gene annotation, please find this link. One of well-known collaborative efforts in gene annotation is the GENCODE consortium. It is a part of the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (The ENCODE project consortium) and aims to identify all gene features in the human genome using a combination of computational analysis, manual annotation, and experimental validation (Harrow et al. 2012). You might find another database for gene annotation, like RefSeq, CCDS, and need to understand differences between them.

Figure 1. Comparison of GENCODE and RefSeq gene annotation and the impact of reference geneset on variant effect prediction (Frankish et al. 2015). A) Mean number of alternatively spliced transcripts per multi-exon protein-coding locus B) Mean number of unique CDS per multi-exon protein-coding locus C) Mean number of unique (non-redundant) exons per multi-exon protein-coding locus D) Percentage genomic coverage of unique (non-redundant) exons at multi-exon protein-coding loci.

In this tutorial, we will access to gene annotation from the GENCODE consortium and explore genes and functional elements in our genome.

1.2 1.2. Aims

What we will do with this dataset:

- Be familiar with gene annotation modality.
- Tidy data and create a table for your analysis.
- Apply tidyverse functions for data munging.

Please note that there is better solution for getting gene annotation in R if you use a biomart. Our tutorial is only designed to have a practice on tidyverse exercise.

2 2. Explore your data

2.1 2.1. Unboxing your dataset

This tutorial will use a gene annotation file from the GENCODE. You will need to download the file from the GENCODE. If you are using terminal, please download file using wget:

```
# Run from your terminal, not R console

# wget ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_31/gencode.v31.basic.annotation.

# Once you downloaded the file, you won't need to download it again. So please comment out the command
```

Once you download the file, you can print out the first few lines using the following bash command (we will learn UNIX commands later):

```
# Run from your terminal, not R console
# gzcat gencode.v31.basic.annotation.gtf.gz | head -7
```

The file is the GFT file format, which you will find most commonly in gene annotation. Please read the file format thoroughly in the link above.

For the tutorial, we need to load two packages. If the package is not installed in your system, please install it.

- tidyverse, a package you have learnt from the chapter 5.
- readr, a package provides a fast and friendly way to read. Since the file gencode.v31.basic.annotation.gtf.gz is pretty large, you will need some function to load data quickly into your workspace. readr in a part of tidyverse, so you can just load tidyverse to use readr functions.

Let's load the GTF file into your workspace. We will use read_delim function from the readr package. This is much faster loading than read.delim or read.csv from R base. However, please keep in mind that some parameters and output class for read delim are slightly different from them.

```
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
                  v purrr
## v ggplot2 3.3.5
                           0.3.4
## v tibble 3.1.4
                  v dplyr
                          1.0.7
                  v stringr 1.4.0
## v tidyr
         1.1.3
         2.0.1
                  v forcats 0.5.1
## v readr
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                 masks stats::lag()
```

```
## Rows: 1756502 Columns: 9

## -- Column specification ------
## Delimiter: "\t"

## chr (7): X1, X2, X3, X6, X7, X8, X9

## dbl (2): X4, X5

##

## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.

## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

Can you find out what the parameters mean? Few things to note are:

d = read_delim('gencode.v31.basic.annotation.gtf.gz',

col_names = F)

delim='\t', skip = 5, progress = F,

- The GTF file contains the first few lines for comments (#). In general, the file contains description, provider, date, format.
- The GTF file does not have column names so you will need to assign 'FALSE for col_names.

This is sort of canonical way to load your dataset into R. However, we are using a GTF format, which is specific to gene annotation so we can use a package to specifically handle a GTF file.

Here I introduce the package rtracklayer. Let's install the package first.

```
# if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE))
# install.packages("BiocManager")
#
# BiocManager::install("rtracklayer")
```

Then, now you can read the GTF file using this package. Then, you can check the class of the object d.

library(tidyverse)

```
# d = rtracklayer::import('gencode.v31.basic.annotation.gtf.gz')
# class(d)
```

You will find out that this is GRanges class. This is from the package Genomic Range, specifically dealing with genomic datasets but we are not heading into this in this tutorial. So please find this information if you are serious on this.

We are converting d into a data frame as following:

```
# d = d %>% as.data.frame()
```

Let's overview few lines from the data frame, and explore what you get in this object.

head(d)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 9
##
    X1
           Х2
                  ХЗ
                                Х4
                                      X5 X6
                                               X7
                                                     X8
                                                            χq
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                             <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr>
## 1 chr1 HAVANA gene
                             11869 14409 .
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
                                               +
## 2 chr1 HAVANA transcript 11869 14409 .
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
## 3 chr1 HAVANA exon
                             11869 12227 .
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
## 4 chr1 HAVANA exon
                             12613 12721 .
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
## 5 chr1 HAVANA exon
                             13221 14409 .
                                                            "gene_id \"ENSG00000223~
## 6 chr1 HAVANA transcript 12010 13670 .
```

One thing you can find is that there is no columns in the data frame. Let's match which information is provided in columns. You can find the instruction page in the website (link).

Based on this, you can assign a name for 9 columns. One thing to remember is you should not use space for the column name. Spacing in the column name is actually working but not a good habit for your code. So please replace a space with underscore in the column name.

```
# Assign column names according to the GENCODE instruction.
cols = c('chrom', 'source', 'feature_type', 'start', 'end', 'score', 'strand', 'phase', 'info')
```

Now you can set up the column names into the col_names parameter, and load the file into a data frame.

```
## Rows: 1756502 Columns: 9

## -- Column specification ------
## Delimiter: "\t"

## chr (7): chrom, source, feature_type, score, strand, phase, info
## dbl (2): start, end
```

```
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

You can find the column names are now all set.

head(d)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 9
     chrom source feature_type start
                                      end score strand phase info
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                              <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
## 1 chr1 HAVANA gene
                              11869 14409 .
                                                              "gene_id \"ENSG00000~
## 2 chr1 HAVANA transcript 11869 14409 .
                                                              "gene_id \"ENSG00000~
## 3 chr1 HAVANA exon
                              11869 12227 .
                                                              "gene_id \"ENSG00000~
## 4 chr1 HAVANA exon
                              12613 12721 .
                                                              "gene_id \"ENSG00000~
## 5 chr1 HAVANA exon
                              13221 14409 .
                                                              "gene_id \"ENSG00000~
## 6 chr1 HAVANA transcript 12010 13670 .
                                                              "gene id \"ENSG00000~
```

When you loaded the file, you see the message about the data class. You might want to overview this data.

summary(d)

```
##
       chrom
                          source
                                          feature_type
                                                                 start
##
  Length: 1756502
                       Length: 1756502
                                          Length: 1756502
                                                                   :
                                                             Min.
   Class :character
                       Class : character
                                          Class : character
                                                             1st Qu.: 32101517
##
  Mode :character Mode :character
                                         Mode :character
                                                             Median: 61732754
##
                                                             Mean : 75288563
##
                                                             3rd Qu.:111760181
##
                                                             Max.
                                                                    :248936581
##
                                              strand
                                                                 phase
         end
                           score
                                           Length: 1756502
                                                              Length: 1756502
  Min.
          :
                  647
                        Length: 1756502
                                                              Class : character
   1st Qu.: 32107331
                        Class : character
                                           Class :character
                                                              Mode :character
  Median : 61738373
                        Mode :character
                                           Mode :character
## Mean
          : 75292632
  3rd Qu.:111763007
##
   Max.
          :248937043
##
        info
  Length: 1756502
  Class : character
   Mode : character
##
##
##
##
```

2.2 2.2. How many feature types in the GENCODE dataset?

As instructed in the GENCODE website, the GENCODE dataset provides a range of annotations for the feature type. You can check feature types using _____ function.

```
d %>% group_by(feature_type) %>% count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 2
## # Groups:
                feature_type [8]
##
     feature_type
                          n
##
     <chr>>
                      <int>
## 1 CDS
                     567862
## 2 exon
                     744835
## 3 gene
                      60603
## 4 Selenocysteine
                          96
## 5 start_codon
                      57886
## 6 stop_codon
                      57775
## 7 transcript
                     108243
## 8 UTR
                     159202
```

```
# table(d$type)
```

How many feature types provided in the GENCODE? And how many items stored for each feature type? Please write down the number of feature types from the dataset. Also, if you are not familiar with these types, it would be good to put one or two sentences that can describe each type).

3 2.3. How many genes we have?

Let's count the number of genes in our genome. Since we know that the column feature_type contains rows with gene, which contains obviously annotations for genes. We might want to subset those rows from the data frame.

```
d1 = filter(d, feature_type == "gene")
# d1 = d[d$feature_type == "gene", ]
```

3.1 2.4. Ensembl, Havana and CCDS.

Gene annotation for the human genome is provided by multiple organizations with different gene annotation methods and strategy. This means that information can be varying by resources, and users need to understand heterogeniety inherent in annotation databases.

The GENCODE project utilizes two sources of gene annotation.

- 1. Havana: Manual gene annotation (detailed strategy in here)
- 2. Ensembl: Automatic gene annotation (detailed strategy in here)

It provides the combination of Ensembl/HAVANA gene set as the default gene annotation for the human genome. In addition, they also guarantee that all transcripts from the Consensus Coding Sequence (CCDS) set are present in the GENCODE gene set. The CCDS project is a collaborative effort to identify a core set of protein coding regions that are consistently annotated and of high quality. Initial results from the Consensus CDS (CCDS) project are now available through the appropriate Ensembl gene pages and from the CCDS project page at NCBI. The CCDS set is built by consensus among Ensembl, the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), and the HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee (HGNC) for human (link).

Right. Then now we count how many genes annotated with HAVANA and ENSEMBL.

d %>% group_by(source) %>% count(source)

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## # Groups: source [2]
## source n
## <chr> <int>
## 1 ENSEMBL 245185
## 2 HAVANA 1511317
```

3.2 2.5. do.call

Since the last column info contains a long string for multiple annotations, we will need to split it to extract each annotation. For example, the first line for transcript annotation looks like this:

```
chr1 HAVANA transcript 11869 14409 . + . gene\_id "ENSG00000223972.5"; transcript
```

If you would like to split transcript_support_level and create a new column, you can use strsplit function.

After split the string, you can select the second item in the list ([[1]][2]).

```
strsplit(a, 'transcript_support_level\\s+"')[[1]]
```

You can find the 1 in the first position, which you will need to split again.

```
b = strsplit(a, 'transcript_support_level\\s+"')[[1]][2]
strsplit(b, '\\"')
```

From this, you will get the first item in the list ([[1]][1]).

Now you would like to apply strsplit function across vectors. For this, do.call function can be easily implemented to strsplit over the vectors from one column. Let's try this.

```
head(do.call(rbind.data.frame, strsplit(a, 'transcript_support_level\\s+"'))[[2]])
```

Now you can write two lines of codes to process two steps we discussed above.

```
# First filter transcripts and create a data frame.
d2 <- d %>% filter(feature_type == 'transcript')

# Now apply the functions.
d2$transcript_support_level <- as.character(do.call(rbind.data.frame, strsplit(d2$info, 'transcript_support_level)
d2$transcript_support_level <- as.character(do.call(rbind.data.frame, strsplit(d2$transcript_support_level)</pre>
```

Now you can check the strsplit works.

```
head(d2\transcript_support_level)
```

```
## [1] "1" "NA" "NA" "NA" "5" "5"
```

You can use the same method to extract other annotations, like gene_id, gene_name etc.

4 3. Exercises

Here I list the questions for your activity. Please note that it is an exercise for tidyverse functions, which you will need to use in your code. In addition, you will need to write an one-line code for each question using pipe %>%.

For questions, you should read some information thoroughly, including:

- Gene biotype.
- 0 or 1 based annotation in GTF, BED format
- Why some features have 1 bp length?
- What is the meaning of zero-length exons in GENCODE? Also fun to have a review for microexons
- Transcript support level (TSL)

```
d = rtracklayer::import('gencode.v31.basic.annotation.gtf.gz')
d = d %>% as.data.frame()
```

4.1 3.1. Annotation of transcripts in our genome

1. Computes the number of transcripts per gene. What is the mean number of transcripts per gene? What is the quantile (25%, 50%, 75%) for these numbers? Which gene has the greatest number of transcript?

```
# Computes the number of transcripts per gene
d %>% group_by(gene_id, type) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 60,603 x 3
## # Groups:
               gene_id, type [60,603]
##
      gene id
                         type
##
      <chr>
                         <fct>
                                    <int>
   1 ENSG00000000003.14 transcript
##
##
  2 ENSG00000000005.6 transcript
                                        1
  3 ENSG00000000419.12 transcript
## 4 ENSG00000000457.14 transcript
                                        3
## 5 ENSG0000000460.17 transcript
                                        5
                                        3
##
  6 ENSG00000000938.13 transcript
  7 ENSG00000000971.15 transcript
                                        3
## 8 ENSG0000001036.13 transcript
                                        1
                                        5
## 9 ENSG0000001084.13 transcript
                                        2
## 10 ENSG0000001167.14 transcript
## # ... with 60,593 more rows
# The mean number of transcripts per gene
d %>% group_by(gene_id, type) %>%
  filter(type == "transcript") %>%
  count() %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(n))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
     mean
##
     <dbl>
## 1 1.79
# The quantile (25%, 50%, 75%) for these numbers
d %>% group_by(gene_id, type) %>%
  filter(type == "transcript") %>%
  count() %>%
  pull(n) %>%
  quantile(seq(0.25, 0.75, 0.25))
## 25% 50% 75%
    1
         1
# Gene has the greatest number of transcript
d %>% group_by(gene_id, type) %>%
  filter(type == "transcript") %>%
  count() %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  top_n(1, n)
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
##
     gene_id
                                       n
                        type
     <chr>
                        <fct>
                                   <int>
## 1 ENSG00000109339.22 transcript
```

2. Compute the number of transcripts per gene among gene biotypes. For example, compare the number of transcript per gene between protein-coding genes, long noncoding genes, pseudogenes.

```
d %>% group_by(gene_type, type) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 40 x 3
## # Groups: gene_type, type [40]
     gene_type type
                                   n
##
     <chr>>
                    <fct>
                               <int>
                 transcript
   1 IG_C_gene
##
                                  14
## 2 IG_C_pseudogene transcript
                   transcript
## 3 IG_D_gene
                                  37
## 4 IG J gene
                    transcript
                                  18
## 5 IG_J_pseudogene transcript
                                   3
## 6 IG pseudogene
                    transcript
## 7 IG_V_gene
                    transcript
                                 144
## 8 IG_V_pseudogene transcript
## 9 lncRNA
                    transcript 24993
## 10 miRNA
                    transcript 1881
## # ... with 30 more rows
```

3. Final task is to compute the number of transcripts per gene per chromosome.

```
d %>% group_by(seqnames, gene_id, type) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 60,603 x 4
                seqnames, gene_id, type [60,603]
## # Groups:
##
      segnames gene id
                                     type
                                                     n
      <fct>
##
               <chr>
                                     <fct>
                                                 <int>
##
   1 chr1
                ENSG00000000457.14 transcript
                                                      3
## 2 chr1
                ENSG00000000460.17 transcript
## 3 chr1
              ENSG00000000938.13 transcript
            ENSG00000000971.15 transcript
ENSG0000001460.18 transcript
ENSG00000001461.17 transcript
## 4 chr1
                                                     3
## 5 chr1
                                                      3
## 6 chr1
## 7 chr1
                ENSG00000004455.16 transcript
## 8 chr1
                ENSG00000004487.16 transcript
                                                     3
## 9 chr1
                ENSG00000006555.11 transcript
                                                     2
## 10 chr1
                ENSG00000007341.19 transcript
## # ... with 60,593 more rows
```

4.2 3.2. Gene length in the GENCODE

1. What is the average length of human genes?

```
d %>% filter(type == "gene") %>%
summarize(mean = mean(width))
```

```
## mean
## 1 32629.02
```

2. Is the distribution of gene length differed by autosomal and sex chromosomes? Please calculate the quantiles (0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%) of the gene length for each group.

3. Is the distribution of gene length differed by gene biotype? Please calculate the quantiles (0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%) of the gene length for each group.

<dbl>

565

473

<fct>

gene

<dbl>

8

48

type quant0 quant25 quant50 quant75 quant100

<dbl>

3779

1912

<dbl>

25813

13502

<dbl>

2473537

2241765

##

seqnames

2 Sex chromosome

1 Autosomal chromosome gene

<chr>>

```
## # A tibble: 40 x 6
##
                       quantile0 quantile25 quantile50 quantile75 quantile100
      gene_type
##
      <chr>
                            <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
    1 IG_C_gene
                                3
                                           92
                                                     312.
                                                                  336
                                                                              8914
##
##
    2 IG_C_pseudogene
                               34
                                          293
                                                     316
                                                                  424
                                                                              5211
##
    3 IG_D_gene
                                3
                                           17
                                                      20
                                                                   31
                                                                                37
##
   4 IG_J_gene
                                3
                                           38
                                                      49
                                                                   70
                                                                               176
   5 IG_J_pseudogene
                                           50
                                                      55
                                                                                60
##
                               50
                                                                   60
    6 IG pseudogene
                              306
                                          306
                                                     306
                                                                  306
                                                                               306
##
   7 IG_V_gene
                                                     296
##
                                           46
                                                                  436
                                                                           176628
                                3
   8 IG_V_pseudogene
                               28
                                          235
                                                     291
                                                                  437
                                                                               792
## 9 lncRNA
                                1
                                          126
                                                     339
                                                                 2658
                                                                           1375317
## 10 miRNA
                               41
                                           70
                                                      80
                                                                   91
                                                                               180
## # ... with 30 more rows
```

4.3 3.3. Transcript support levels (TSL)

The GENCODE TSL provides a consistent method of evaluating the level of support that a GENCODE transcript annotation is actually expressed in humans.

1. With transcript, how many transcripts are categorized for each TSL?

```
d %>% group_by(type, transcript_support_level) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 3
## # Groups:
               type, transcript_support_level [7]
               transcript_support_level
##
     type
                                              n
##
     <fct>
                <chr>
                                          <int>
## 1 transcript 1
                                          31801
## 2 transcript 2
                                          13372
## 3 transcript 3
                                           7228
## 4 transcript 4
                                           2245
## 5 transcript 5
                                          13674
## 6 transcript NA
                                          27843
## 7 transcript <NA>
                                          12080
```

2. From the first question, please count the number of transcript for each TSL by gene biotype.

```
d %>% group_by(gene_type, transcript_support_level, type) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 91 x 4
## # Groups:
               gene_type, transcript_support_level, type [91]
                      transcript_support_level type
##
     gene_type
##
      <chr>
                      <chr>
                                                <fct>
                                                           <int>
   1 IG_C_gene
##
                      1
                                               transcript
## 2 IG_C_gene
                      5
                                               transcript
                                                               1
## 3 IG_C_gene
                      NA
                                               transcript
                                                               7
## 4 IG_C_gene
                      <NA>
                                               transcript
                                                               5
## 5 IG_C_pseudogene NA
                                               transcript
                                                               9
## 6 IG_D_gene
                                                              37
                                               transcript
## 7 IG_J_gene
                                               transcript
                                                              18
## 8 IG_J_pseudogene NA
                                                               3
                                               transcript
## 9 IG_pseudogene
                                               transcript
                                                               1
## 10 IG_V_gene
                      5
                                               transcript
                                                               3
## # ... with 81 more rows
```

3. From the first question, please count the number of transcript for each TSL by source.

```
d %>% group_by(source, transcript_support_level, type) %>%
filter(type == "transcript") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 14 x 4
  # Groups:
                source, transcript_support_level, type [14]
              transcript_support_level type
##
      source
##
      <fct>
                                         <fct>
               <chr>>
                                                     <int>
##
    1 HAVANA
              1
                                         transcript 29434
##
    2 HAVANA
              2
                                         transcript 12052
##
    3 HAVANA
               3
                                         transcript 6964
##
    4 HAVANA
                                         transcript 2116
##
    5 HAVANA
              5
                                         transcript 10157
##
    6 HAVANA
              NA
                                         transcript 19962
##
    7 HAVANA
              <NA>
                                         transcript 11901
    8 ENSEMBL 1
##
                                         transcript
                                                      2367
##
    9 ENSEMBL 2
                                         transcript
                                                      1320
                                         transcript
## 10 ENSEMBL 3
                                                       264
## 11 ENSEMBL 4
                                         transcript
                                                       129
## 12 ENSEMBL 5
                                         transcript
                                                      3517
## 13 ENSEMBL NA
                                                      7881
                                         transcript
## 14 ENSEMBL <NA>
                                         transcript
                                                       179
```

4.4 3.4. CCDS in the GENCODE

1. With gene, please create a data frame with the columns - gene_id, gene_name, hgnc_id, gene_type, chromosome, start, end, and strand. Then, please create new columns for presence of hgnc and ccds. For example, you can put 1 in the column isHgnc, if hgnc annotation is avaiable, or 0 if not. Then, you can put 1 in the column isCCDS, if ccds annotation is avaiable, or 0 if not.

```
gene <- data.frame(gene_id = d$gene_id, gene_name = d$gene_name, hgnc_id = d$hgnc_id, gene_type =d$gene
```

2. Please count the number of hgnc by gene biotypes.

```
gene %>% group_by(gene_type, isHgnc) %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 60 x 3
## # Groups:
                gene_type, isHgnc [60]
##
      gene_type
                        isHgnc
                                    n
##
      <chr>
                         <dbl>
                               <int>
##
    1 IG_C_gene
                                 176
                             1
##
    2 IG_C_pseudogene
                             1
                                  33
##
    3 IG_D_gene
                             1
                                  152
##
    4 IG_J_gene
                             1
                                  76
    5 IG_J_pseudogene
                                   9
##
                             1
##
    6 IG pseudogene
                             0
                                    3
##
    7 IG_V_gene
                             0
                                  14
    8 IG_V_gene
                                1101
    9 IG_V_pseudogene
                             0
                                  11
## 10 IG_V_pseudogene
                                  653
## # ... with 50 more rows
```

3. Please count the number of hgnc by level. Please note that level in this question is not TSL. Please find information in this link: 1 (verified loci), 2 (manually annotated loci), 3 (automatically annotated loci).

```
d %>% group_by(level, hgnc_id) %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 49,081 x 3
## # Groups:
             level, hgnc_id [49,081]
##
      level hgnc_id
                           n
      <chr> <chr>
##
                       <int>
   1 1
            HGNC:100
                          26
##
##
   2 1
            HGNC:10001
                          16
                          37
## 3 1
           HGNC:10002
           HGNC: 10007
  4 1
                          1
## 5 1
            HGNC:10008
                          30
##
  6 1
            HGNC: 1001
                          22
## 7 1
            HGNC:10010
                           3
## 8 1
            HGNC:1004
                          18
## 9 1
            HGNC:10049
                           3
## 10 1
           HGNC: 10055
                           1
## # ... with 49,071 more rows
```

4.5 3.5. Transcripts in the GENCODE

1. Which gene has the largest number of transcripts?

```
d %>% group_by(gene_id, type) %>%
  filter(type == "transcript") %>%
  count() %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  top_n(1, n)
```

2. Please calculate the quantiles (0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%) of the gene length for protein coding genes and long noncoding genes.

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 6
##
                 quant0 quant25 quant50 quant75 quant100
    gene_type
##
    <chr>
                    <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
## 1 lncRNA
                     68
                           1874.
                                   6272. 24774. 1375317
                           9632. 27212
## 2 protein_coding
                      117
                                          70809
                                                  2473537
```

3. Please count the number of transcripts by chromosomes.

```
d %>% group_by(seqnames, type) %>%
  filter(type == "transcript") %>%
  count()

## # A tibble: 25 x 3
## # Groups: seqnames, type [25]
## seqnames type n
## <fct> <fct> <int>
```

```
<fct>
              <fct>
                         <int>
##
   1 chr1
              transcript
                         9827
##
   2 chr2
              transcript 7432
##
   3 chr3
              transcript 6157
##
  4 chr4
              transcript 4662
##
  5 chr5
              transcript 5203
  6 chr6
              transcript 5455
##
##
   7 chr7
              transcript
                         5292
## 8 chr8
              transcript
                          4350
## 9 chr9
              transcript
                          3949
## 10 chr10
              transcript
                          4157
## # ... with 15 more rows
```

4.6 3.6. Autosomal vs. Sex chromosomes.

1. Please calculate the number of genes per chromosome.

```
d %>% group_by(seqnames, type) %>%
filter(type == "gene") %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 25 x 3
               seqnames, type [25]
## # Groups:
##
      seqnames type
                         n
      <fct>
##
               <fct> <int>
##
   1 chr1
                      5471
               gene
##
    2 chr2
               gene
                      4196
##
   3 chr3
               gene
                      3185
##
  4 chr4
               gene
                      2651
##
  5 chr5
                      2983
               gene
## 6 chr6
               gene
                      3059
   7 chr7
                      3014
##
               gene
## 8 chr8
                      2482
               gene
## 9 chr9
               gene
                      2327
## 10 chr10
               gene
                      2332
## # ... with 15 more rows
```

2. Please compare the number of genes between autosomal and sex chromosome (Mean, Median).

```
d %>%
filter(type == "gene" & seqnames != "chrM") %>%
group_by(seqnames, type) %>%
```

```
count() %>%
  mutate(seqnames = ifelse(seqnames %in% c("chrX", "chrY"), "Sex chromosome", "Autosomal chrosome")) %>
  summarize(mean = mean(n),
           median = median(n))
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'seqnames'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
## # Groups:
               segnames [2]
     seqnames
                        type
                               mean median
     <chr>
                        <fct> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Autosomal chrosome gene
                              2617.
                                     2604.
## 2 Sex chromosome
                              1494.
                                    1494.
                        gene
```

3. Please divide the genes into groups 'protein coding' and 'long noncoding', and then compare the number of genes in each chromosomes within groups.

```
d %>% group_by(seqnames, gene_type, type) %>%
filter(type == "gene" & gene_type %in% c("protein_coding", "lncRNA")) %>%
count()
```

```
## # A tibble: 49 x 4
## # Groups:
              seqnames, gene_type, type [49]
     seqnames gene_type
##
                            type
                                     n
     <fct> <chr>
##
                            <fct> <int>
          lncRNA
   1 chr1
                            gene
##
                                   1416
## 2 chr1
            protein_coding gene
                                   2048
## 3 chr2
             lncRNA gene
                                  1241
## 4 chr2 protein_coding gene
                                  1247
## 5 chr3 lncRNA gene
                                   861
## 6 chr3 protein_coding gene
                                   1075
## 7 chr4 lncRNA gene
## 8 chr4 protein_coding gene
                                   790
                                   751
## 9 chr5
           lncRNA
                                   950
                            gene
## 10 chr5
             protein_coding gene
                                   886
## # ... with 39 more rows
```