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1 Introduction

Users want to provide here background information about the design of their RNA-Seq project.

2 Samples and environment settings

2.1 Environment settings and input data

Typically, the user wants to record here the sources and versions of the reference genome sequence along with the corresponding annotations. In the provided sample data set all data inputs are stored in a data subdirectory and all results will be written to a separate results directory, while the systemPipeRNAseq.Rmd script and the targets file are expected to be located in the parent directory. The R session is expected to run from this parent directory.

To run this sample report, mini sample FASTQ and reference genome files can be downloaded from here. The chosen data set SRP010938 contains 18 paired-end (PE) read sets from Arabidposis thaliana (Howard et al. 2013). To minimize processing time during testing, each FASTQ file has been subsetted to 90,000-100,000 randomly sampled PE reads that map to the first 100,000 nucleotides of each chromosome of the A. thalina genome. The corresponding reference genome sequence (FASTA) and its GFF annotation files (provided in the same download) have been truncated accordingly. This way the entire test sample data set is less than 200MB in storage space. A PE read set has been chosen for this test data set for flexibility, because it can be used for testing both types of analysis routines requiring either SE (single end) reads or PE reads.

The following loads one of the available NGS workflow templates (here RNA-Seq) into the user's current working directory. At the moment, the package includes workflow templates for RNA-Seq, ChIP-Seq, VAR-Seq and Ribo-Seq. Templates for additional NGS applications will be provided in the future.

```
library(systemPipeRdata)
genWorkenvir(workflow = "rnaseq")
setwd("rnaseq")
```

2.2 Required packages and resources

The systemPipeR package needs to be loaded to perform the analysis steps shown in this report (H Backman and Girke 2016).

```
library(systemPipeR)
```

To apply workflows to custom data, the user needs to modify the *targets* file and if necessary update the corresponding <code>.cwl</code> and <code>.yml</code> files. A collection of pre-generated <code>.cwl</code> and <code>.yml</code> files are provided in the <code>param/cwl</code> subdirectory of each workflow template. They are also viewable in the GitHub repository of <code>systemPipeRdata</code> (see here).

2.3 Experiment definition provided by targets file

The targets file defines all FASTQ files and sample comparisons of the analysis workflow.

```
targetspath <- system.file("extdata", "targets.txt", package = "systemPipeR")</pre>
targets <- read.delim(targetspath, comment.char = "#")[, 1:4]</pre>
targets
##
                        FileName SampleName Factor SampleLong
## 1 ./data/SRR446027_1.fastq.gz
                                       M1A
                                               M1 Mock.1h.A
## 2 ./data/SRR446028_1.fastq.gz
                                        M1B
                                                M1 Mock.1h.B
## 3 ./data/SRR446029_1.fastq.gz
                                       AIA
                                               Al Avr.1h.A
## 4 ./data/SRR446030_1.fastq.gz
                                       A1B
                                               Al Avr.1h.B
## 5 ./data/SRR446031_1.fastq.gz
                                       V1A
                                               V1 Vir.1h.A
## 6 ./data/SRR446032_1.fastq.qz
                                        V1B
                                               V1 Vir.1h.B
## 7 ./data/SRR446033_1.fastq.qz
                                        M6A
                                               M6 Mock.6h.A
## 8 ./data/SRR446034_1.fastq.qz
                                               M6 Mock.6h.B
                                        M6B
## 9 ./data/SRR446035_1.fastq.gz
                                        A6A
                                                A6 Avr.6h.A
## 10 ./data/SRR446036_1.fastq.qz
                                        A6B
                                                A6
                                                    Avr.6h.B
## 11 ./data/SRR446037_1.fastq.qz
                                        V6A
                                               V6 Vir.6h.A
## 12 ./data/SRR446038_1.fastg.gz
                                        V6B
                                               V6 Vir.6h.B
## 13 ./data/SRR446039_1.fastq.gz
                                       M12A
                                               M12 Mock.12h.A
## 14 ./data/SRR446040_1.fastg.gz
                                       M12B
                                              M12 Mock.12h.B
## 15 ./data/SRR446041_1.fastq.gz
                                       A12A
                                              A12 Avr.12h.A
## 16 ./data/SRR446042_1.fastq.gz
                                       A12B
                                               A12 Avr.12h.B
## 17 ./data/SRR446043_1.fastg.gz
                                       V12A
                                               V12 Vir.12h.A
## 18 ./data/SRR446044_1.fastq.gz
                                               V12 Vir.12h.B
                                       V12B
```

3 Read preprocessing

3.1 Read quality filtering and trimming

The function preprocessReads allows to apply predefined or custom read preprocessing functions to all FASTQ files referenced in a SYSargs2 container, such as quality filtering or adapter trimming routines. The paths to the resulting output FASTQ files are stored in the output slot of the SYSargs2 object. The following example performs adapter trimming with the trimLRPatterns function from the Biostrings package. After the trimming step a new targets file is generated (here targets_trim.txt) containing the paths to the trimmed FASTQ files. The new targets file can be used for the next workflow step with an updated SYSargs2 instance, e.g. running the NGS alignments using the trimmed FASTQ files.

Construct SYSargs2 object from cwl and yml param and targets files.

```
writeTargetsout(x = trim, file = "targets_trim.txt", step = 1,
    new_col = "FileName1", new_col_output_index = 1, overwrite = TRUE)
```

3.2 FASTQ quality report

The following seeFastq and seeFastqPlot functions generate and plot a series of useful quality statistics for a set of FASTQ files including per cycle quality box plots, base proportions, base-level quality trends, relative k-mer diversity, length and occurrence distribution of reads, number of reads above quality cutoffs and mean quality distribution. The results are written to a PDF file named fastqReport.pdf.

Figure 1: FASTQ quality report for 18 samples

4 Alignments

4.1 Read mapping with HISAT2

The following steps will demonstrate how to use the short read aligner Hisat2 (Kim, Langmead, and Salzberg 2015) in both interactive job submissions and batch submissions to queuing systems of clusters using the <code>systemPipeR's</code> new CWL command-line interface.

Build Hisat2 index.

The parameter settings of the aligner are defined in the hisat2-mapping-se.cwl and hisat2-mapping-se.yml files. The following shows how to construct the corresponding *SYSargs2* object, here *args*.

```
dir_path <- system.file("extdata/cwl/hisat2/hisat2-se", package = "systemPipeR")</pre>
args <- loadWorkflow(targets = targetspath, wf_file = "hisat2-mapping-se.cwl",</pre>
    input_file = "hisat2-mapping-se.yml", dir_path = dir_path)
args <- renderWF(args, inputvars = c(FileName = "_FASTQ_PATH1_",</pre>
    SampleName = "_SampleName_"))
args
cmdlist(args)[1:2]
output(args)[1:2]
## Runc single Machine
args <- runCommandline(args)</pre>
library(batchtools)
resources <- list(walltime = 120, ntasks = 1, ncpus = 4, memory = 1024)
req <- clusterRun(args, FUN = runCommandline, more.args = list(args = args,</pre>
    make_bam = TRUE, dir = FALSE), conffile = ".batchtools.conf.R",
    template = "batchtools.slurm.tmpl", Njobs = 18, runid = "01",
    resourceList = resources)
getStatus(reg = reg)
waitForJobs(reg = reg)
args <- output_update(args, dir = FALSE, replace = TRUE, extension = c(".sam",</pre>
    ".bam")) ## Updates the output(args) to the right location in the subfolders
output(args)
```

Check whether all BAM files have been created.

```
outpaths <- subsetWF(args, slot = "output", subset = 1, index = 1)
file.exists(outpaths)</pre>
```

4.2 Read and alignment stats

The following provides an overview of the number of reads in each sample and how many of them aligned to the reference.

```
read_statsDF <- alignStats(args = args)
write.table(read_statsDF, "results/alignStats.xls", row.names = FALSE,
    quote = FALSE, sep = "\t")</pre>
```

The following shows the alignment statistics for a sample file provided by the systemPipeR package.

```
read.table(system.file("extdata", "alignStats.xls", package = "systemPipeR"),
   header = TRUE)[1:4,]
   FileName Nreads2x Nalign Perc_Aligned Nalign_Primary
## 1
         M1A 192918 177961
                               92.24697
                                                177961
## 2
        M1B 197484 159378
                               80.70426
                                                159378
## 3
         A1A 189870 176055
                               92.72397
                                                176055
         A1B 188854 147768
## 4
                               78.24457
                                                147768
## Perc_Aligned_Primary
## 1
               92.24697
## 2
                80.70426
```

```
## 3 92.72397
## 4 78.24457
```

4.3 Create symbolic links for viewing BAM files in IGV

The symLink2bam function creates symbolic links to view the BAM alignment files in a genome browser such as IGV. The corresponding URLs are written to a file with a path specified under urlfile in the results directory.

```
symLink2bam(sysargs = args, htmldir = c("~/.html/", "somedir/"),
urlbase = "http://biocluster.ucr.edu/~tgirke/", urlfile = "./results/IGVurl.txt")
```

5 Read quantification

5.1 Read counting with summarizeOverlaps in parallel mode using multiple cores

Reads overlapping with annotation ranges of interest are counted for each sample using the summarizeOverlaps function (Lawrence et al. 2013). The read counting is preformed for exonic gene regions in a non-strand-specific manner while ignoring overlaps among different genes. Subsequently, the expression count values are normalized by reads per kp per million mapped reads (RPKM). The raw read count table (countDFeByg.xls) and the corresponding RPKM table (rpkmDFeByg.xls) are written to separate files in the directory of this project. Parallelization is achieved with the BiocParallel package, here using 8 CPU cores.

```
library("GenomicFeatures")
library(BiocParallel)
txdb <- makeTxDbFromGFF(file = "data/tair10.gff", format = "gff",</pre>
    dataSource = "TAIR", organism = "Arabidopsis thaliana")
saveDb(txdb, file = "./data/tair10.sqlite")
txdb <- loadDb("./data/tair10.sqlite")</pre>
outpaths <- subsetWF(args, slot = "output", subset = 1, index = 1)</pre>
(align <- readGAlignments(outpaths[1])) # Demonstrates how to read bam file into R</pre>
eByg \leftarrow exonsBy(txdb, by = c("gene"))
bfl <- BamFileList(outpaths, yieldSize = 50000, index = character())</pre>
multicoreParam <- MulticoreParam(workers = 2)</pre>
register(multicoreParam)
registered()
counteByg <- bplapply(bfl, function(x) summarizeOverlaps(eByg,</pre>
    x, mode = "Union", ignore.strand = TRUE, inter.feature = FALSE,
    singleEnd = TRUE)
countDFeByg <- sapply(seg(along = counteByg), function(x) assays(counteByg[[x]])$counts)</pre>
rownames(countDFeByg) <- names(rowRanges(counteByg[[1]]))</pre>
colnames(countDFeByg) <- names(bfl)</pre>
rpkmDFeByg <- apply(countDFeByg, 2, function(x) returnRPKM(counts = x,</pre>
    ranges = eBvq)
write.table(countDFeByg, "results/countDFeByg.xls", col.names = NA,
    quote = FALSE, sep = "\t")
```

```
write.table(rpkmDFeByg, "results/rpkmDFeByg.xls", col.names = NA,
    quote = FALSE, sep = "\t")
```

Sample of data slice of count table

Sample of data slice of RPKM table

Note, for most statistical differential expression or abundance analysis methods, such as edgeR or DESeq2, the raw count values should be used as input. The usage of RPKM values should be restricted to specialty applications required by some users, *e.g.* manually comparing the expression levels among different genes or features.

5.2 Sample-wise correlation analysis

The following computes the sample-wise Spearman correlation coefficients from the rlog transformed expression values generated with the DESeq2 package. After transformation to a distance matrix, hierarchical clustering is performed with the hclust function and the result is plotted as a dendrogram (also see file sample_tree.pdf).

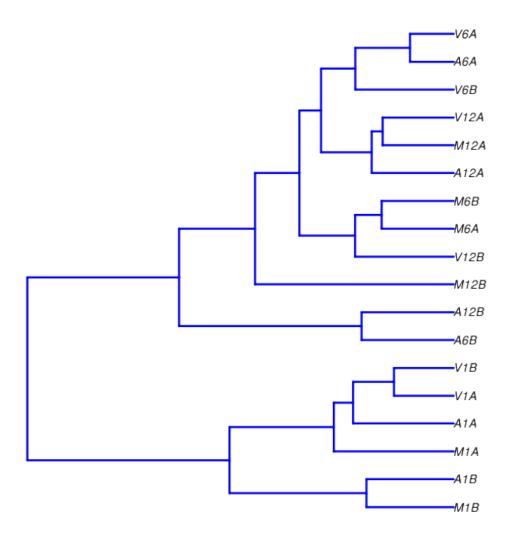


Figure 2: Correlation dendrogram of samples

6 Analysis of DEGs

The analysis of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) is performed with the glm method of the edgeR package (Robinson, McCarthy, and Smyth 2010). The sample comparisons used by this analysis are defined in the header lines of the targets.txt file starting with <CMP>.

6.1 Run edgeR

Add gene descriptions

6.2 Plot DEG results

Filter and plot DEG results for up and down regulated genes. The definition of *up* and *down* is given in the corresponding help file. To open it, type ?filterDEGs in the R console.

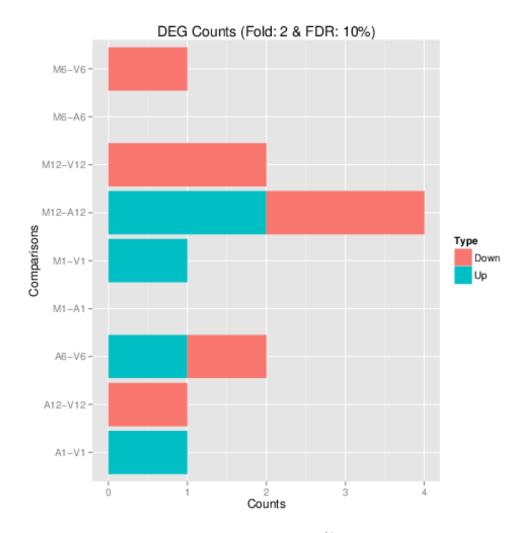


Figure 3: Up and down regulated DEGs with FDR of 1%

6.3 Venn diagrams of DEG sets

The overLapper function can compute Venn intersects for large numbers of sample sets (up to 20 or more) and plots 2-5 way Venn diagrams. A useful feature is the possibility to combine the counts from several Venn comparisons with the same number of sample sets in a single Venn diagram (here for 4 up and down DEG sets).

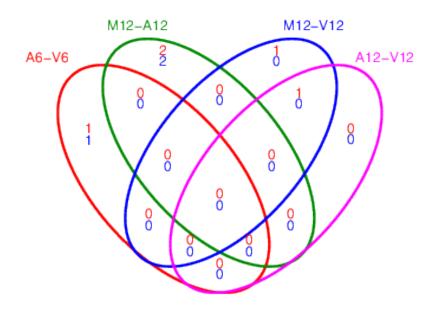


Figure 4: Venn Diagram for 4 Up and Down DEG Sets

7 GO term enrichment analysis

7.1 Obtain gene-to-GO mappings

The following shows how to obtain gene-to-GO mappings from biomaRt (here for A. thaliana) and how to organize them for the downstream GO term enrichment analysis. Alternatively, the gene-to-GO mappings can be obtained for many organisms from Bioconductor's *.db genome annotation packages or GO annotation files provided by various genome databases. For each annotation this relatively slow preprocessing step needs to be performed only once. Subsequently, the preprocessed data can be loaded with the load function as shown in the next subsection.

```
library("biomaRt")
listMarts() # To choose BioMart database
listMarts(host = "plants.ensembl.org")
m <- useMart("plants_mart", host = "plants.ensembl.org")</pre>
```

```
listDatasets(m)
m <- useMart("plants_mart", dataset = "athaliana_eg_gene", host = "plants.ensembl.org")</pre>
listAttributes(m) # Choose data types you want to download
go <- getBM(attributes = c("go_id", "tair_locus", "namespace_1003"),</pre>
    mart = m)
go <- go[go[, 3] != "", ]
go[, 3] <- as.character(go[, 3])</pre>
go[go[, 3] == "molecular_function", 3] <- "F"
go[go[, 3] == "biological_process", 3] <- "P"</pre>
go[go[, 3] == "cellular_component", 3] <- "C"</pre>
go[1:4, ]
dir.create("./data/G0")
write.table(go, "data/GO/GOannotationsBiomart_mod.txt", quote = FALSE,
    row.names = FALSE, col.names = FALSE, sep = "\t")
catdb <- makeCATdb(myfile = "data/GO/GOannotationsBiomart_mod.txt",</pre>
    lib = NULL, org = "", colno = c(1, 2, 3), idconv = NULL)
save(catdb, file = "data/G0/catdb.RData")
```

7.2 Batch GO term enrichment analysis

Apply the enrichment analysis to the DEG sets obtained the above differential expression analysis. Note, in the following example the FDR filter is set here to an unreasonably high value, simply because of the small size of the toy data set used in this vignette. Batch enrichment analysis of many gene sets is performed with the function. When method=all, it returns all GO terms passing the p-value cutoff specified under the cutoff arguments. When method=slim, it returns only the GO terms specified under the myslimv argument. The given example shows how a GO slim vector for a specific organism can be obtained from BioMart.

```
library("biomaRt")
load("data/GO/catdb.RData")
DEG_list <- filterDEGs(degDF = edgeDF, filter = c(Fold = 2, FDR = 50),</pre>
    plot = FALSE)
up_down <- DEG_list$UporDown</pre>
names(up_down) <- paste(names(up_down), "_up_down", sep = "")</pre>
up <- DEG_list$Up</pre>
names(up) <- paste(names(up), "_up", sep = "")</pre>
down <- DEG_list$Down</pre>
names(down) <- paste(names(down), "_down", sep = "")</pre>
DEGlist <- c(up_down, up, down)</pre>
DEGlist <- DEGlist[sapply(DEGlist, length) > 0]
BatchResult <- GOCluster_Report(catdb = catdb, setlist = DEGlist,</pre>
    method = "all", id_type = "gene", CLSZ = 2, cutoff = 0.9,
    gocats = c("MF", "BP", "CC"), recordSpecG0 = NULL)
library("biomaRt")
m <- useMart("plants_mart", dataset = "athaliana_eg_gene", host = "plants.ensembl.org")</pre>
goslimvec <- as.character(getBM(attributes = c("goslim_goa_accession"),</pre>
    mart = m)[, 1]
BatchResultslim <- GOCluster_Report(catdb = catdb, setlist = DEGlist,</pre>
    method = "slim", id_type = "gene", myslimv = goslimvec, CLSZ = 10,
    cutoff = 0.01, gocats = c("MF", "BP", "CC"), recordSpecG0 = NULL)
```

7.3 Plot batch GO term results

The data.frame generated by GOCluster can be plotted with the goBarplot function. Because of the variable size of the sample sets, it may not always be desirable to show the results from different DEG sets in the same bar plot. Plotting single sample sets is achieved by subsetting the input data frame as shown in the first line of the following example.

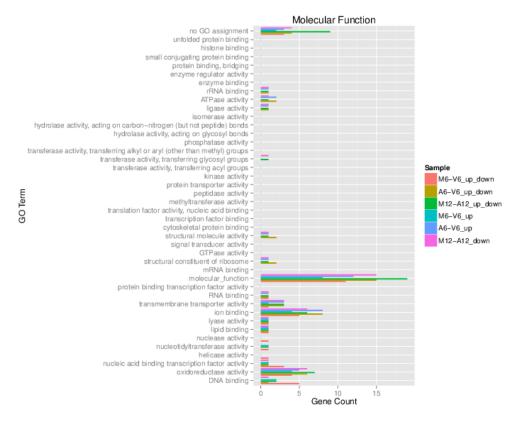


Figure 5: GO Slim Barplot for MF Ontology

8 Clustering and heat maps

The following example performs hierarchical clustering on the rlog transformed expression matrix subsetted by the DEGs identified in the above differential expression analysis. It uses a Pearson correlation-based distance measure and complete linkage for cluster joining.

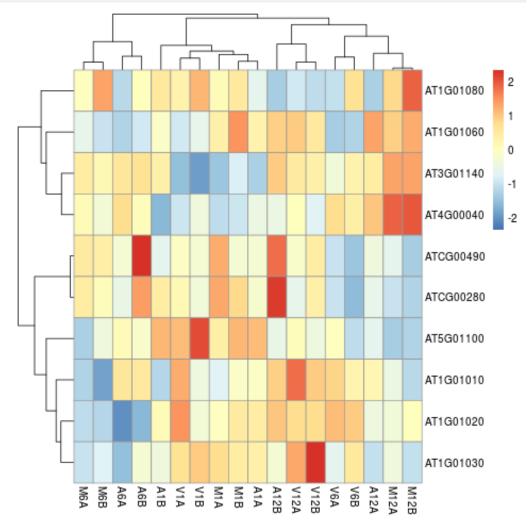


Figure 6: Heat Map with Hierarchical Clustering Dendrograms of DEGs

9 Version Information

```
sessionInfo()
## R version 4.0.0 (2020-04-24)
## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
## Running under: Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
##
```

```
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /usr/local/bin/R/lib/R/lib/libRblas.so
## LAPACK: /usr/local/bin/R/lib/R/lib/libRlapack.so
## locale:
## [5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8 LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
## [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8 LC_NAME=C
## [9] LC_ADDRESS=C LC_TELEPHONE=C
## [11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats4 parallel stats graphics grDevices
## [6] utils datasets methods base
## other attached packages:
## [1] batchtools_0.9.13
                                ape_5.3
## [7] SummarizedExperiment_1.18.1 DelayedArray_0.14.0
## [9] matrixStats_0.56.0 Biobase_2.48.0
## [11] BiocParallel_1.22.0 Rsamtools_2.4.0
## [13] Biostrings_2.56.0 XVector_0.28.0
## [15] GenomicRanges_1.40.0 GenomeInfoDb_1.24.0
## [17] IRanges_2.22.1
                                   S4Vectors_0.26.0
## [19] BiocGenerics_0.34.0
                                  BiocStyle_2.16.0
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] colorspace_1.4-1 rjson_0.2.20
## [3] hwriter_1.3.2 ellipsis_0.3.0
## [5] bit64_0.9-7 AnnotationDbi_1.50.0
## [7] codetools_0.2-16 splines_4.0.0
## [25] formatR_1.7
                               htmltools_0.4.0
## [27] prettyunits_1.1.1 tools_4.0.0
## [29] gtable_0.3.0 glue_1.4.0
## [31] GenomeInfoDbData_1.2.3 Category_2.54.0
## [33] dplyr_0.8.5
                     rsvg_1.3
                            V8_3.0.2
vctrs_0.2.4
rtracklayer_1.48.0
## [35] rappdirs_0.3.1
## [37] Rcpp_1.0.4.6
## [39] nlme_3.1-147
## [41] xfun_0.13
                               stringr_1.4.0
## [43] lifecycle_0.2.0
                              XML_3.99-0.3
```

```
## [45] edgeR_3.30.0
                                zlibbioc_1.34.0
## [47] scales_1.1.0
                                BSgenome_1.56.0
## [49] VariantAnnotation_1.34.0 hms_0.5.3
## [51] RBGL_1.64.0
                              RColorBrewer_1.1-2
## [53] yaml_2.2.1
                                curl_4.3
## [55] memoise_1.1.0
                                biomaRt_2.44.0
## [57] latticeExtra_0.6-29
                               stringi_1.4.6
## [59] RSQLite_2.2.0
                               genefilter_1.70.0
## [61] checkmate_2.0.0
                               GenomicFeatures_1.40.0
## [63] DOT_0.1
                                rlang_0.4.6
## [65] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                               bitops_1.0-6
## [67] evaluate_0.14
                               lattice_0.20-41
## [69] purrr_0.3.4
                                bit_1.1-15.2
## [71] tidyselect_1.0.0
                                GSEABase_1.50.0
## [73] AnnotationForge_1.30.1 magrittr_1.5
## [75] bookdown_0.18
                                R6_2.4.1
## [77] base64url_1.4
                                DBI_1.1.0
## [79] pillar_1.4.3
                                withr_2.2.0
## [81] survival_3.1-12
                                RCurl_1.98-1.2
## [83] tibble_3.0.1
                                crayon_1.3.4
## [85] BiocFileCache_1.12.0
                                rmarkdown_2.1
## [87] ipeg_0.1-8.1
                               progress_1.2.2
## [89] locfit_1.5-9.4
                               grid_4.0.0
## [91] data.table_1.12.8
                               blob_1.2.1
## [93] Rgraphviz_2.32.0
                                digest_0.6.25
## [95] xtable_1.8-4
                                brew_1.0-6
## [97] openssl_1.4.1
                                munsell_0.5.0
## [99] askpass_1.1
```

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