# 1 Basic linux commands

Here will be briefly explained some basic linux commands. For information about more commands, feel free to consult with the internet.

## 1.1 Getting around

Command	Explanation
ls	list contents of current directory
$ls\ dirname$	list contents of directory named dirname
$\mathtt{cd}\ dirname$	change current directory to dirname
cd ~	go to home directory (default directory)
cd	go one directory up
pwd	print name of current directory
${\tt mkdir} \ dirname$	make a new directory named $dirname$
${\tt man}\ command$	show manual for <i>command</i>

## 1.2 File manipulation

Command	Explanation
cp filename1 filename2	copy file
cp -r $dirname1$ $dirname2$	copy directory
mv name1 name2	move file or directory (can be used for renaming)
rm filename	remove file (you won't be able to recover removed file)
rm -r $dirname$	remove directory and its contents
${ t more} \ filename$	command for paging through text file one screenful at a time (q t
${\tt less}~filename$	similar as more. Better for viewing large text files (q to quit)
${\tt cat}\ filename1\ filename2\ filenameN$	concatenate text files in print output to terminal window
$\mathtt{head}\;filename$	print first 10 lines of a text file to terminal window
head -n 20 $filename$	print first 20 lines of a text file to terminal window
tail	opposite of head
wc filename	show the number of lines, words and characters in a text file
<pre>cut -f 2 tabDelimitedFilename</pre>	extract 2nd column from a tab delimited file
${ t cut}$ -f 3 -d , $comaSeperatedFilename$	extract 3rd column from a coma seperated file
nano $filename$	open filename in text editor nano

# 1.3 Archiving and unarchiving of files

Note that for the tar utility, option c stands for compress, x - for uncompress or extract, z - for dealing with tar.gz, and j - for dealing with tar.bz2

## 1.3.1 Compressing

Command	Explanation
tar -cvf filename.tar filename	compress file to .tar format
${ t tar -zcvf} \ filename.tar.gz \ filename$	compress file to .tar.gz format 11
tar -jcvf filename.tar.bz2 filename	compress file to .tar.bz2 format
zip filename.zip filename	compress file to .zip format
$ exttt{gzip}  extit{file} name$	$\mathbf{compress}$ file to $\mathbf{.gz}$ format

# 1.3.2 Uncompressing

Command	Explanation
tar -xvf filename.tar	uncompress from .tar format
$ exttt{tar}$ -zxvf $filename.tar.gz$	uncompress from .tar.gz format
tar -jxvf filename.tar.bz2	uncompress from .tar.bz2 format
$\verb"unzip" filename.zip"$	uncompress from .zip format
$ exttt{gzip}$ -d $file.gz$	$\mathbf{uncompress}$ from $\mathbf{.gz}$ format

# 1.4 Input/Output redirection

Command	Explanation
command > filename	output of <i>command</i> is saved to <i>filename</i> , overwriting it
command >> filename	output of <i>command</i> is appended at the end of <i>filename</i>
command < filename	command reads input from filename
$command1 \mid command2$	command2 takes the output of command1 and produces result

## 1.5 Lists of commands

Command	Explanation
command1; command2	command2 is executed after command1
command 1 && $command 2$	command2 is executed if $command1$ was successful
$command1 \mid \mid command2$	command2 is executed if command1 has failed

# 1.6 Filters

Command	Explanation
grep text filename	Prints every line in <i>filename</i> containing <i>text</i>
sed 's/red/green/' filename	Prints every line in <i>filename</i> substituting word <i>red</i> with word <i>green</i>

# 1.7 Pattern matching

Pattern	Explanation
*	matches zero or more characters
?	matches one character
~	refers to user's default (home) directory

### 1.8 Miscellaneous

Command	Explanation
echo text	display a line of text
history	view your command line history
${\tt wget}\ some\ WebAddress$	download contents of some WebAddress to current directory
make	tool that is used to compile source code creating executables
export $name = value$	sets value to name. Type echo \$name to view value
$\verb"source" filename"$	read and execute commands from the filename argument

## 1.9 Syntax

Syntax element	Explanation
\	allows to split command over multiple lines

## 1.10 for loop

for loop allows to iterate over a list of items and apply commands on them:

```
for item in item1 item2 item3 item4; do
   echo $item
done
```

Note that we are assigning to item each value in list of items (item1 item2 item3 item4) in the first line, and we are retrieving the value of item by putting \$ before it.

We can also write for loop in a single line:

for item in item1 item2 item3 item4; do echo \$item; done

# 2 Setup of the working environment

In our home folders there is only one directory named data/day1. You will find there *IonTorrent* sequencing reads that we are going to analyze and some other necessary resources.

Let's create two seperate directories: one directory where we will be performing all analysis for sequencing data, and other - where we will be downloading and compiling necessary software:

```
mkdir ngs_work
mkdir programs
```

Since we do not have the administrator's rights on this server, we can't install software on the system. However, we can still install software locally in

our home directories. We will create a special directory where all our executables will be stored. Let's create this directory and name it binaries. In linux terminal type:

#### mkdir binaries

Let's make this directory special - every executable file we put there, we will be able to easily execute, just by typing the executable's file name from anywhere in the system. To achieve this, we will be adding ~/binaries folder to the \$PATH system's environment variable by editing a text file named .bashrc using text editor nano. In linux terminal type:

#### nano ~/.bashrc

Text editor will open the file and you can edit it. Navigate to the bottom of the text file using arrows and type in following text:

## export PATH=~/binaries:\$PATH

Hit Ctrl o and Enter to save file and Ctrl x to exit. Reload .bashrc:

source .bashrc

\$PATH variable contains a list of directories that the system will look in, when we are entering a command. To view contents of \$PATH, type in terminal:

echo \$PATH

To install software we will simply have to copy executable to our special directory binaries.

Many of the open source tools are deposited in the https://github.com repository. To download software from https://github.com easily, we will use a tool called git. git is already preinstalled on our servers, however, on your own Ubuntu servers you can install it by typing:

sudo apt-get install git

# 3 De-novo assembly of sequenced reads

### 3.1 Installation of *de-novo* assembler

For de-novo assembly we will use mira assembler. You can download it from http://sourceforge.net/projects/mira-assembler/. Click on Files  $\rightarrow$  MIRA  $\rightarrow$  stable. Rightclick on mira\_4.0.2\_linux-gnu\_x86\_64\_static.tar.bz2 and Copy link address. To download it on our linux server, we will be using command wget. In linux terminal type:

```
cd ~/programs
wget -0 mira.tar.bz2
```

paste the copied location and hit Enter. The program will be downloaded in our ~/programs directory. The downloaded software is archived in .tar.bz2 format, therefore we need to extract it from archive. To extract it from archive, type in terminal:

```
tar -jxvf mira.tar.bz2
```

A new folder named mira\_4.0.2\_linux-gnu\_x86\_64\_static will appear. This is our extracted software. MIRA is already precompiled for us, so we just need to find the compiled executable files in the folder and install them copy them to our binaries:

```
cd mira_4.0.2_linux-gnu_x86_64_static
cd bin
cp mira ~/binaries
cd ~
```

Check if MIRA was installed successfully:

mira

If you see

The program 'mira' is currently not installed.

then reload .bashrc again:

source .bashrc

and check the installation again.

The sequenced reads we obtain from sequencing platform usually are in FASTQ format. Each record in FASTQ file consists of four entries:

1. read ID, beginning with symbol @

- 2. DNA sequence of read
- 3. symbol +
- 4. ASCII encoded quality of each nucleotide in read

Let's create a seperate directory for our de-novo assembly project and copy the reads in it:

```
cd ngs_work
mkdir denovo
cd denovo
cp ~/data/day1/denovo_reads.fastq .
```

MIRA needs a manifest file for performing de-novo assembly. We will create a basic manifest file. Our manifest file will consist of 5 entries. From MIRA's manual, these entries are:

- **project** name of our assemblies project. The project name will be used by MIRA in project's directory naming
- job tells the assembler whether
  - 1. we want to perform de-novo assembly or map reads against reference genome
  - 2. genomic DNA or transcripts were sequenced
  - 3. we want accurate (slow) or draft (fast) assembly
- readgroup tells assembler which reads can be pooled together when assembling reads from multiple sequencing technologies
- data tells the assembler where are our reads
- $\bullet$   $\,$  technology tells the assembler what sequencing technology was used for generating reads

To create manifest file, we will use text editor nano. To start the text editor, type

### nano

and the editor will open. Now, to create the manifest file, in the text editor type:

```
project=denovo_reads
job=denovo,genome,draft
readgroup
data=denovo_reads.fastq
technology=iontor
```

To save the text file hit Ctrl o, enter the name of the file (e.g. denovo\_reads.mnfst), hit Enter to save and Ctrl x to quit nano. To launch MIRA, type:

```
mira denovo_reads.mnfst
```

If you wish to gain finer control of some aspects of the assembling process, then, please, do refer to the MIRA's manual.

# 4 Building variant calling pipeline

We have *IonTorrent* targeted resequencing data from human chromosomes 13., 17. and 20. Our task is to find all nonsynonymous and stop mutations present in the data and to automatize this process by building data analysis pipeline. To accomplish this task we can divide our work in following subtasks:

- Installation of relevant tools
- Obtaining of reference sequences
- Read mapping against reference sequence
- SNP calling
- SNP annotation and filtering of nonsynonymous and stop mutation variants
- Pipeline building

### 4.1 Tool installation

### 4.1.1 Installation of IonTorrent mapping software tmap

To detect variants present in the data we need to map sequencing reads against reference sequence. For reads generated with *IonTorrent* sequencing platform we will use program tmap.

tmap and its installation instructions can be found at https://github.com/iontorrent/TS/tree/master/Analysis/TMAP. Since we do not have the administrator's rights on this server, we can't install software on the server. However, we can still use it locally. Compilation instructions:

```
cd ~/programs
git clone git://github.com/iontorrent/TMAP.git
cd TMAP
git submodule init
git submodule update
sh autogen.sh
./configure
```

make

Lets test the program to confirm that it was compiled successfully:

```
./tmap
```

If you see the programs interface, the program was compiled successfully. Move the compiled binary file to our binaries folder:

```
cp tmap ~/binaries
```

#### 4.1.2 Installation of samtools and bcftools

We will also need two tools named samtools and bcftools which are used for manipulation of mapped reads and variation calling. You can obtain these tools from http://sourceforge.net/projects/samtools/. Click on Files  $\rightarrow$  samtools  $\rightarrow$  1.2 Rightclick on samtools-1.2.tar.bz2 and choose Copy link address. We will download these tools in directory programs:

```
cd ~/programs
wget -0 samtools.tar.bz2
```

paste the copied location and hit Enter. Repeat this process for bcftools - Copy link address and download it with wget:

```
wget -0 bcftools.tar.bz2
paste the copied location and hit Enter.
```

The tools are compressed in .tar.bz2 format, so we need to extract them:

```
tar -jxvf samtools.tar.bz2
tar -jxvf bcftools.tar.bz2
```

Note that if we had a lot more files to extract and it would be too time consuming to manually extract them, we could use a for loop and pattern matching to extract archives automatically:

```
for archive in *.tar.bz2; do
   tar -jxvf $archive
done
```

We have downloaded and extracted source code of the tools, but to make these tools usable, we need to compile the source code. Source code compiling is performed with command make:

```
cd samtools-1.2 make
```

If (hopefully) no errors were encountered, then samtools was compiled correctly. Type:

```
./samtools
```

to test the tool. If you see the program's interface, then the program was compiled successfully. Move compiled binary file to a directory where we are storing our compiled software:

```
cp samtools ~/binaries
```

Repeat the same process for bcftools (go to bcftools source code directory, compile it using make and copy resulting binary file to ~/binaries).

## 4.2 Obtaining reference sequences

We will download reference sequences in a seperate directory to avoid file cluttering. Let's make a new directory in our ngs\_work directory named reseq, and there we will create a seperate folder ref for our reference sequences:

```
cd ~
cd ngs_work
mkdir reseq
cd reseq
mkdir ref
cd ref
```

Our reference sequences can be accessed from a database made by University of California, Santa Cruz. The web address of the database is http://genome.ucsc.edu/. To find the necessary references sequences for chromosomes 13., 17. and 20. click on Downloads  $\rightarrow$  human  $\rightarrow$  Data set by chromosome. Right click on chr13.fa.gz and choose Copy link location. In terminal type

#### wget

paste the copied location and hit Enter. The reference sequence is compressed in .gz format, so we need to extract it:

```
gzip -d chr13.fa.gz
```

File chr13.fa will appear in our folder.

Repeat the process for chromosomes 17. and 20.

After we have obtained and extracted our reference sequences, we need to concatenate them. To accomplish this task we will use command cat:

cat chr13.fa chr17.fa chr20.fa > chr\_merged.fa

And we have the needed reference for further data processing steps.

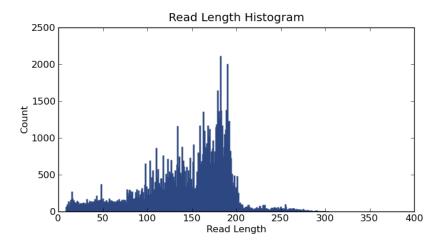
## 4.3 Read mapping against reference sequence

To enable read mapper to efficiently read and process reference sequence, we need to index reference sequence using mapping software's provided indexing function. Often generated indexes are incompatible between different read mappers. As a consequence, almost every read mapping software has their own indexing algorithms.

To perform reference sequence indexing with tmap software, type in linux terminal:

tmap index -f ref/chr\_merged.fa

To perform the actual read mapping against our reference there are six different mapping algorithms. Some of them are suitable for short reads, some - for longer reads. By looking at read length distribution of our sample, we can conclude that most of the reads are longer than 150 bp.



We will choose from one of the algorithms that are suited for longer reads, and one of such algorithms is map3. To perform the read mapping we need to:

- provide it with reference sequence (-f ref/chr\_merged.fa)
- provide it with sequencing reads (-r reseq\_reads.fastq)

- tell that sequencing reads are in FASTQ format (-i fastq)
- tell that we want alignment to be in compressed BAM format(-o 1)
- tell that we want output to be saved in a file named reseq\_reads\_mapped.bam (-s reseq\_reads\_mapped.bam)

In linux terminal type:

```
tmap map3 -f ref/chr_merged.fa \
   -r reseq_reads.fastq \
   -i fastq \
   -o 1 \
   -s reseq_reads_mapped.bam
```

We have obtained BAM file. BAM stands for **B**inary SAM file. SAM, in turn, stands for **S**equence **A**lignment/**M**ap format.

### 4.3.1 *BAM* file viewing and manipulation

Let's find out what is in the first 20 lines of BAM file using samtools and head:

```
samtools view reseq_reads_mapped.bam | head -n 20
```

It is also possible to extract some specific region from the *BAM* file with samtools view by adding coordinates in form chrN:start-end at the end of command:

```
samtools view reseq_reads_mapped.bam chr13:27925800-27925900
```

To view BAM file header, use -H option in samtools view command:

```
samtools view -H reseq_reads_mapped.bam
```

As you can see, we have not defined our read group identifier (ID:NOID) and sample name (SM:NOSM). We can correct it using samtools command reheader. It takes a BAM header and BAM file as input. It replaces BAM file's header with the provided header and outputs new BAM file.

We will read our *BAM* files header and modify it using **sed** utility. The modified header will be given to **samtools reheader** along with the original bam file. The output will be saved using > operator:

Alternatively, we could have simply defined the read group ID and sample name during mapping process, using tmap's option -R:

```
tmap map3 -f ref/chr_merged.fa \
  -r reseq_reads.fastq \
  -i fastq \
  -R ID:SomeID \
  -R SM:Sample1 \
  -o 1 \
  -s reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.bam
```

Detailed information about SAM/BAM file format, see http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf.

We can use samtools command twiew to view alignment in a more human readable format. twiew accepts only sorted and indexed BAM files. Forunately, we can do this easily using samtools commands sort and index:

samtools sort reseq\_reads\_mapped.reheaded.bam reseq\_reads\_mapped.reheaded.sorted samtools index reseq\_reads\_mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam

After sorting and indexing, we can view our BAM file. In linux terminal type:

samtools tview reseq\_reads\_mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam ref/chr\_merged.fa

Alignment will open in terminal. To get help on viewing alignment, type?. Type q to quit viewer. A good place to view mapped reads and test the viewer is chr13:27925825. To go to this position, type g and enter this coordinate as it is shown.

### 4.4 SNP calling

To call SNPs we will use samtools and bcftools. Using samtools we will generate our data in pileup format which is then accessed by bcftools to call SNPs. Pileup format is text based description of mapped bases at each position of reference sequence. You can think of it as a vertical version of alignment viewing. Variant callers need sorted by position BAM file to successfuly detect variants and we have already done that, so we can move to variant calling.

There are two choices of variant callers in bcftools: --consensus-caller or --multiallelic-caller. consensus-caller is older variant calling model and assumes only biallelic sites. It can miss somatic mutations. multiallelic-caller does not have such an asumption and is more sensitive than consensus-caller. multiallelic-caller is recommended for most tasks, and we will also use it. For this tutorial, we will skip insertions/deletions:

samtools mpileup -uf ref/chr\_merged.fa \

```
reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam \
| bcftools call -mv --skip-variants indels \
> reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.vcf
```

### 4.5 SNP annotation and filtering with snpEff and SnpSift

After generating a list of SNPs in *VCF* format, we will use a tool **snpEff** to predict whether they are causing amino acid change.

### 4.5.1 Setting up and configuring snpEff and SnpSift

snpEff and SnpSift are bundled together and are available at http://snpeff.
sourceforge.net. To download and install them, type in linux terminal:

```
cd ~/programs
wget http://sourceforge.net/projects/snpeff/files/snpEff_latest_core.zip
   paste the copied location and hit Enter. To unzip snpEff type:
unzip snpEff_latest_core.zip
```

Unfortunately we wil not be able to launch both programs from binaries folder and we can leave the software in programs directory.

snpEff requires databases to predict effects of SNPs. The needed database is already downloaded for us and resides in ~/data/day1/snpEffData. Our task is to configure snpEff to tell it where this database can be found.

After downloading and unzipping of snpEff we will need to edit snpEff's configuration file named snpEff.config and change entry data.dir = ./data/to data.dir = ~/data/day1/snpEffData/

To annotate called variants, type:

```
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.jar \
   ann \
   -c ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.config \
   GRCh38.76 \
   reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.vcf \
   > reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf
```

To filter only those SNPs that are marked as nonsynonymous or stop gained, type:

```
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/SnpSift.jar \
  filter \
  -f reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf \
  "ANN[*].EFFECT = 'missense_variant' || ANN[*].EFFECT = 'stop_gained'"
```

### 4.6 Pipeline building

Writing all these commands by hand is time consuming, tedious and error prone and we need a better way to execute these commands. One way how to solve this problem is to save all our commands in a text file and, when the time comes to analyze our data, copy these commands in the terminal. While this method can save our time on looking in manuals for the correct commands, it is still time consuming to wait for each command to end, so that we can copy the next one in. We need a better way how to automatically execute these commands and here bash scripting comes in handy.

bash stands for Bourne-Again Shell and is one of the most popular choices for perforing shell scripting. Whenever we typed a command in linux terminal it was shell that was performing all the commands and giving us output. So we have been using bash all along not knowing it.

Starting a bash script is really easy - open a text editor, on the first line write #!/bin/bash, on the next lines some commands, and save the file. You can tell bash to launch script by typing in terminal:

bash yourFileName

To build SNP calling pipeline we will use exactly this approach - open text editor and copy following lines (note that text starting with # is a comment line where you can write anything you want to make the code readable):

### #!/bin/bash

```
#Read mapping
tmap map3 -f ref/chr_merged.fa \
  -r reseq_reads.fastq \
  -i fastq \
  -R ID:SomeID \
  -R SM:Sample1 \
  -o 1 \
  -s reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.bam
#Read sorting
samtools sort reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.bam \
reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.sorted
#SNP calling with bcftools
samtools mpileup -uf ref/chr_merged.fa \
  reseq_reads_mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam \
  | bcftools call -mv --skip-variants indels \
  > reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.vcf
#SNP annotating with snpEff
```

```
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.jar \
   ann \
   -c ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.config \
   GRCh38.76 \
   reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.vcf \
   > reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf

#filtering of missense and stop SNPs
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/SnpSift.jar \
   filter \
   -f reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf \
   "ANN[*].EFFECT='missense_variant'||ANN[*].EFFECT='stop_gained'"
   > reseq_reads.bcftools_snps.annotated.nonsyn_stop.vcf
```

Save it as snp\_pipeline.sh and launch it by typing in terminal:

bash snp\_pipeline.sh

This is good if we want to repeat this analysis over and over again on this one sample. What if we have a new sample we want to analyse? We could replace filenames of previous sample, to filenames of the new sample by hand. However, there is a better way - we can save our sample name in a variable, and use that variable throughout the script. In bash we assign value to a variable with = operator, and retrieve value from variable by adding \$ at the beginning of variable's name:

```
#!/bin/bash
#Setting sample name
sample_name=reseq_reads.fastq
#Read mapping
tmap map3 -f ref/chr_merged.fa \
  -r $sample_name \
  -i fastq \
  -R ID:SomeID \
  -R SM:Sample1 \
  -o 1 \
  -s $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.bam
#Read sorting
samtools sort $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.bam \
$sample_name.mapped.reheaded.sorted
#SNP calling with bcftools
samtools mpileup -uf ref/chr_merged.fa \
  $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam \
  | bcftools call -mv --skip-variants indels \
  > $sample_name.bcftools_snps.vcf
#SNP annotating with snpEff
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.jar \
  ann \
  -c ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.config \
  GRCh38.76 \
  $sample_name.bcftools_snps.vcf \
```

```
> $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf
#filtering of missense and stop SNPs
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/SnpSift.jar \
 filter \
  -f $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf \
  "ANN[*].EFFECT='missense_variant'||ANN[*].EFFECT='stop_gained'"
  > $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.nonsyn_stop.vcf
   We can go even further - we can provide sample name as an argument to
our pipeline. There is a predefined bash variable ($1) that stores everything we
supply as an argument for our script:
#!/bin/bash
#Setting sample name
sample_name=$1
#Read mapping
tmap map3 -f ref/chr_merged.fa \
  -r $sample_name \
  -i fastq \
 -R ID:SomeID \
 -R SM:Sample1 \
  -o 1 \
  -s $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.bam
#Read sorting
samtools sort $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.bam \
$sample_name.mapped.reheaded.sorted
#SNP calling with bcftools
samtools mpileup -uf ref/chr_merged.fa \
  $sample_name.mapped.reheaded.sorted.bam \
  | bcftools call -mv --skip-variants indels \
  > $sample_name.bcftools_snps.vcf
#SNP annotating with snpEff
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.jar \
  ann \
  -c ~/programs/snpEff/snpEff.config \
  GRCh38.76 \
  $sample_name.bcftools_snps.vcf \
  > $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf
#filtering of missense and stop SNPs
java -jar ~/programs/snpEff/SnpSift.jar \
  filter \
  -f $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.vcf \
  "ANN[*].EFFECT='missense_variant'||ANN[*].EFFECT='stop_gained'"
  > $sample_name.bcftools_snps.annotated.nonsyn_stop.vcf
   To launch it, type:
```

Suppose that we have multiple FASTQ files that we want to analyze. Using

bash snp\_pipeline.sh reseq\_reads

pattern matching and for loop, we can automatically process them with our pipeline:

for fastqFile in \*.fastq; do
 bash snp\_pipeline.sh \$fastqFile
done