BScBI-CG

Practicals Report

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1 Introduction

We are going to reuse an existing MarkDown report template, which for this practical exercise describes a basic sequence analysis protocol to explore a fly transcriptome dataset. Some parameters will be estimated from the set of sequences provided. Following the same protocol, you can provide a similar analysis for another species transcriptome, and then compare the results on the discussion section (see page 15).

1.1 Objectives

- We will practice again how to report the commands and the results required to solve the practical exercises, using a text file, this report of course, and the MarkDown syntax. Some enhancements using LATEX will be introduced at every practical session.
- The main goal though is to reproduce a simple sequence analysis protocol, on the provided species transcriptome, and then extend to a second species transcriptome. This will make possible to discuss results separately but also to compare between each set.
- We will install and use basic programs from the Bioinformatics software suite EMBOSS, to calculate for instace GC content from the command-line interface.

1.2 Prerequisites

1.2.1 Installing required software

As for the previous practical, we must ensure that at least pandoc and pdflatex commands are running smoothly over our report files. You probably may need to install the following packages before working on anything else, unless you got them running from the previous exercise of course. We will need to install the EMBOSS suite, but those instructions are described on the data retrieval section (see section 5 on page 5). Just consider the different package manager tools that are available on each system distribution:

```
# Examples of package managers installing "emboss"
# on different operative systems, use only the ones suited for your operative system...
## For Linux distributions:
# on a debian/ubuntu/mint linux system (DEBs)
apt-cache search emboss # to check if there is such a package
sudo apt-get install emboss # to install such a package
# on a redhat/fedora/centos linux system (RPMs)
yum search emboss
                           # to check if there is such a package
su -c 'yum install emboss'
# on a SUSE/openSuse linux system
zypper search "emboss"
sudo zypper install emboss
## For MacOS distributions:
# on a Mac system using homebrew packages (**recommended option on a Mac**,
# see tutorial on the course introduction section materials at virtual campus)
brew search emboss
# check the above command output, i.e. "brewsci/bio/emboss", to use on install:
sudo brew install brewsci/bio/emboss
# on a Mac system using anaconda packages (https://conda.io/docs/index.html)
conda search emboss
# check the above command output to use on install:
sudo conda install -c bioconda emboss
# on a Mac system using mac ports (https://guide.macports.org/)
port search emboss
```

1.2.1.1 Linux users: You must submit an exercise report for each practical as two single files, a MarkDown text file and a PDF compiled from that MarkDown file. In order to run such procedure, we must ensure that we have the software tools and the corresponding dependencies. This has to be done for the first exercise only, as you will have those tools already available for future compilations of the other exercises. The command below will install those tools:

When using pandoc version greater than 2.x we will be able to apply further macros and tags on our report file (like embed LaTeX blocks). In case you want to play with LaTeX, I will recommend you to install the complete set with this command:

You can also install optional packages, such a text editor with programming facilities and extensions, like emacs or geany (you can also use sublime, atom, gedit, ...):

```
sudo apt-get install emacs geany vim vim-gtk
```

Further instructions will be given on the templates in case a practical requires that you install further software...

1.2.1.2 MacOS users: MacOS users can try to install ports for the software tools from homebrew or conda repositories. Here we have a brief summary of such commands. Homebrew is a package manager for MacOS; it also has a port for Linux, known as Linuxbrew. To install this package manager, just copy the following command and paste it to a Terminal window:

```
# setting up brew tool and its repositories
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/master/install.sh)"
```

A list of all the available packages (known as *formulae*) is found at *formulae*.brew.sh. Examples of brew command to install the EMBOSS or the pandoc are shown here:

```
# Getting EMBOSS installed with brew
brew search emboss
# homebrew/science/emboss #<-- check the output of the previous command to use in your system
brew install homebrew/science/emboss
# Getting pandoc installed with brew
brew install pandoc
# this is optional
brew install pandoc-citeproc
# you need this to typeset PDFs with LaTeX
brew install librsvg python homebrew/cask/basictex
# You can also download the pandoc MacOS instaler from the following URL:
# https://qithub.com/jqm/pandoc/releases/download/3.4/pandoc-3.4-x86_64-macOS.pkq
```

1.2.1.3 Using conda/mamba environments: As we saw in the previous exercise, another way to install the software required to complete the exercises is to use conda environments. You can install conda following the instructions from this link; you can also use mamba instead, which is a compact and faster implementation of conda, from the instructions at this link. Once you have one of those environment managers installed, you can follow the commands in the next code block to create the BScBI-CG2425_exercises environment and activate it. You probably have the conda environment created from the previous exercise, then you can jump to the next block of code.

```
#
  ***Important***: ensure that you run the create command
                   outside any other environment (even the `base` one),
#
                   for a fresh install of the proper dependencies.
#
# If you have conda instead of mamba already installed on your system
# you can just replace 'mamba' by 'conda' on the commands below:
mamba env create --file environment.yml
# Now you can run the tools installed on that environment by activating it:
mamba activate BScBI-CG2425_exercises
# Remember that each time you deactivate a conda environment
# all shell variables defined inside will be lost
# (unless they were exported before activating the conda environment).
# Anyway, you can reload project vars with:
source projectvars.sh
# To return to the initial terminal state, you must deactivate the environment:
mamba deactivate
```

IMPORTANT: For this exercise we only need to update our environment, in order to include the tools introduced to complete current the protocol (basically adding emboss suite to the current environment). The environment.yml file included in the exercise tarball is the same as that of exercise_00, including an extra dependency line.

```
#
  ***Important***: ensure that you run the update command
#
                   outside any mamba/conda environment too.
# Again, if you have conda instead of mamba already installed on your system
# you can just replace 'mamba' by 'conda' on the commands below:
mamba env update --file environment.yml
# Now you can run the tools installed on that environment by activating it:
mamba activate BScBI-CG2425_exercises
# Remember that each time you deactivate a conda environment
# all shell variables defined inside will be lost
# (unless they were exported before activating the conda environment).
# Anyway, you can reload project vars with:
```

```
source projectvars.sh
```

```
\# To return to the initial terminal state, you must deactivate the environment: mamba deactivate
```

You can review the contents of the environment YAML file at the Appendices (see section 4.2.1 on page 16),

1.2.2 Initializing the main report files

In a bash command-line terminal, create a folder for all the practicals on this subject and change working dir to that folder:

```
mkdir practicals
cd practicals
```

Then, we need to download the exercise tarball (the *.tgz file) from the Computational Genomics Virtual Campus at ESCI into that folder, unpack such file, modify the files accordingly to the user within the exercise folder, and set it as the current working directory for the rest of the practical session...

```
# Uncompress and unpack the exercise files from tarball
  NOTE: If you are reading this, you probably have already done this step.
tar -zxvf BScBI_CG2425_exercise_01.tgz
# Move into the new extracted folder
cd exercise 01
# Rename the MarkDown README_*.md file by replacing NAME and SURNAME strings
# with your "NAME" and "SURNAME" with the following command
mv -v README_BScBICG2425_exercise01_SURNAME_NAME.md \
      README_BScBICG2425_exercise01_YourSurname_YourName.md
# Open exercise files using your text editor of choice
# (for instance vim, emacs, gedit, sublime, atom, ...);
     projectvars.sh \
emacs
       README_BScBICG2425_exercise01_YourSurname_YourName.md
# Fix "NAME" and "SURNAME" placeholders on those files
# and save the changes before continuing.
# Load the bash definitions from projectvars.sh
source projectvars.sh
# for instance the variable WDR was set to the absolute path
# to current exercise working directory
echo $WDR
# Now you are ready to start the practical by looking at
# the MarkDown file for further instructions to run the corresponding code blocks.
# Each time you include your answers/code/results on the README file, you can compile it into PDF.
# So that, let's tests if we can compile the modified MarkDown document.
# You probably must install some dependencies yet...
runpandoc
```

Again, remember to submit both files, the MD and the PDF, to the Computational Genomics Virtual Campus at ESCI, once errors/warnings have been fixed, all the requested task have been completed, and you have discussed your results on the corresponding sections.

If you have succeeded on the software installation step, then you can start with the analyses provided on the next section... May the shell be with you...

2 Genomic Analyses on Command-line

2.1 Datasets

We have to analyze sequence length distribution and GC content for the current mRNA sequences annotated on *Drosophila melanogaster* genome (BDGP Release 6 + ISO1 MT/dm6, Aug. 2014). We have connected to the UCSC genome browser download web site, and followed the "Genome sequence files and select annotations (2bit, GTF, GC-content, etc)" link. We can see that there is a file named mrna.fa.gz, we can just copy the corresponding link to the following command:

We obtained a compressed file containing all the mRNA sequences annotated for this version of the fly genome in fasta format. We can check it's content:

Let's see how many mRNA sequences do we have. We can uncompress the file and keep going with the flat text file, which can take a lot of disk resources, or we can keep using the compressed file as in the previous command.

```
zcat $DT/dmel_mrna.fa.gz | egrep -c '^>'
# 75218
```

In case that a program can deal with compressed files, we can take adantage of that feature. There is an egrep version that can read such files, if you were guessing is zegrep of course (as it happens with cat and zcat).

```
zegrep -c '^>' $DT/dmel_mrna.fa.gz
# 75218
```

2.2 Simple analysis of mRNA sequences

To calculate the nucleotide length and the GC content, we can use one of the programs that is provided within the EMBOSS suite: infoseq. You can get information about this tool from this link.

In the above command we are just looking to the expected output, the following is doing the job and saving the output into dmel_mrna.lengc.tbl file.

```
zcat data/dmel_mrna.fa.gz | \
    infoseq -sequence fasta::stdin \
        -outfile $DT/dmel_mrna.lengc.tbl \
        -noheading -only -name -length -pgc
```

However, it is advisable to work as much as possible with compressed files, so the following commands could be also useful.

2.3 Visualizing the analysis

By running R command, we enter in the R shell interpreter, which understands R commands of course.

```
R
# R version 4.1.2 (2021-11-01) -- "Bird Hippie"
# Copyright (C) 2021 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
# Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-qnu (64-bit)
# R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
# You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
 Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.
# R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
# Type 'contributors()' for more information and
  'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.
# Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
# 'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
# Type 'q()' to quit R.
Now, we must load the tabular data into a variable.
# if we have an uncompresed tabular file
DATA <- read.table("data/dmel mrna.lengc.tbl", header=FALSE);</pre>
# otherwise you can run this command
ZZ <- gzfile('data/dmel_mrna.lengc.tbl.gz');</pre>
DATA <- read.table(ZZ, header=FALSE);</pre>
# just checking the data structure
head(DATA,4);
```

V2

V3

V1

1 DQ327735 1883 53.48 # 2 DQ327736 272 55.15 # 3 DQ327737 338 60.36 # 4 DQ327738 1294 50.85

#

We can rename the table columns, so they are more meaningful:

```
colnames(DATA) <- c("ID", "NUClen", "GCpct");</pre>
head(DATA,4);
      ID NUClen GCpct
# 1 DQ327735
              1883 53.48
# 2 DQ327736
                272 55.15
# 3 DQ327737
                338 60.36
# 4 DQ327738
               1294 50.85
```

Let's calculate some stats on the dataset.

```
summary(DATA)
     ID
                      NUClen
#
                                       GCpct
# Length:75218
                  Min. : 16.0
                                 Min. :11.43
# Class :character 1st Qu.: 713.2
                                 1st Qu.:47.81
# Mode :character Median : 1262.0 Median :51.62
                   Mean : 1587.5
                                 Mean :50.91
                                  3rd Qu.:54.82
                   3rd Qu.: 2073.0
#
#
                       :19444.0
                   Max.
                                  Max. :72.73
```

Now, let's make an histogram:

```
png(file="images/dmel_hist_length.png");
hist(DATA$NUClen);
dev.off();
png(file="images/dmel_hist_pgc.png");
hist(DATA$GCpct);
dev.off();
```

Or to compare both measures and save into a PNG image...

```
png(file="images/dmel plot.png");
plot(DATA$NUClen ~ DATA$GCpct);
dev.off();
```

Just take care that this is not a single-variable distribution but a two axis scatter-plot, each measure is a continuous random variable that may fit (or not) a normal distribution. The real data distribution is shown on the histograms, we can merge then those three plots... Before doing this, what about getting an improved integration of images in the report by using a LATEX floating environment. Compare result with previous image after compilation, you can choose to fix that report line.

```
png(file="images/dmel_plot2.png");
def.par <- par();</pre>
# preparing a layout grid where to combine different plots
nf <- layout(matrix(c(2,0,1,3), # matrix contents is plot order</pre>
                     2, 2, byrow=TRUE),
              c(3,1), c(1,3), # cell relative sizes
              TRUE);
# computing data distribution
xhist <- hist(DATA$GCpct, plot=FALSE);</pre>
yhist <- hist(DATA$NUClen, plot=FALSE);</pre>
datamax <- max(xhist$counts,</pre>
                xhist$counts);
#
# drawing the main plot
par(mar=c(5,5,1,1));
plot(DATA$NUClen ~ DATA$GCpct,
      main="",
      xlab="GC%",
      ylab="Sequence length (bp)",
```

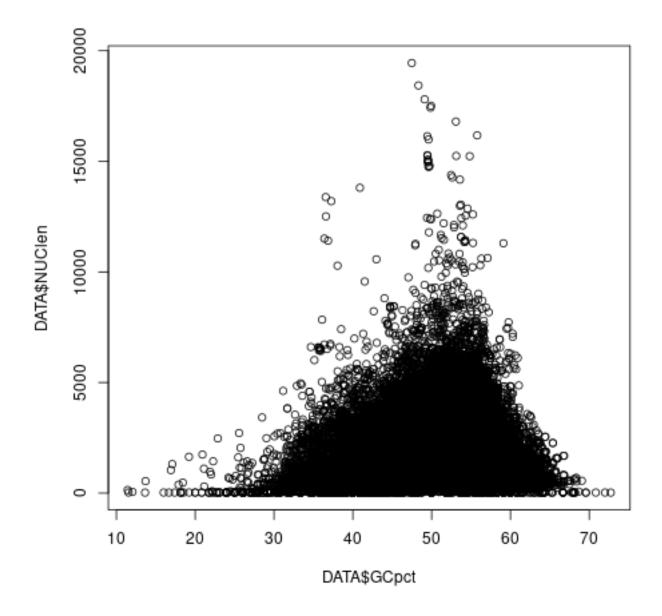


Figure 1: Showing GC content versus sequence length

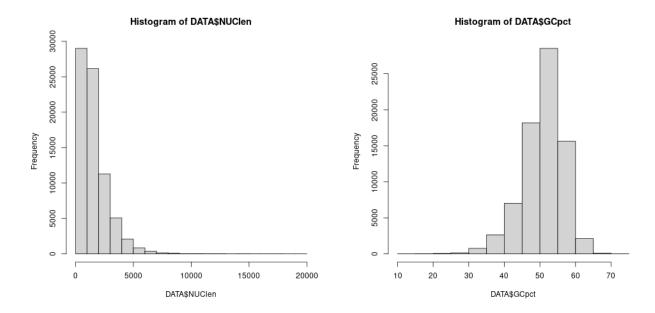


Figure 2: *D. melanogaster* histograms on mRNA sequences. Sequence length (bp) distribution on top and %GC content on bottom for the downloaded 75,218 fly sequences.

```
col="green");
lines(lowess(DATA$NUClen ~ DATA$GCpct),
      col="red", lty="dotted");
mtext(paste("n=",nrow(DATA),sep=""),
      side=3, line=-1);
# drawing x-axis histogram
par(mar=c(0,5,1,1));
barplot(xhist$counts, ylim=c(0, datamax),
        axes=FALSE, space=0,
        col="steelblue", main="D.melanogaster mRNAs")
# drawing y-axis histogram
par(mar=c(5,0,1,1));
barplot(yhist$counts, xlim=c(0, datamax),
        axes=FALSE, horiz=TRUE, space=0,
        col="steelblue", main="")
par(def.par); # reseting graphical parameters
dev.off();
```

You can try to recode the dmel_plot2.png using ggplot2 R library if you like, but then you must include the corresponding MarkDown code block.

2.4 Analyzing differences among chromosomes

Let's check if there are changes in the global distributions of mRNAs length and GC content by chromosome, by strand, or by both; we will need to merge the chromosome sequence identifiers and strands to define the corresponding factor variables in our R dataframe. We need a bed file relating each mRNA identifier to the chromosome location, again on the UCSC ftp site from "Full database link".

```
wget https://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/dm6/database/all_mrna.txt.gz \
    -0 $DT/dmel_all_mrna.txt.gz

zcat data/dmel_all_mrna.txt.gz| wc
# 114843 2526546 15008388

# It seems that there are more annotated mRNAs on the genomic sequences
```

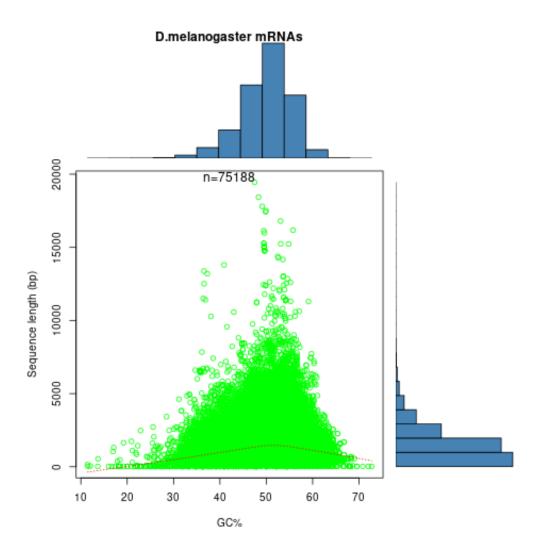


Figure 3: GC content versus sequence length scatter-plot. Each point maps a fly mRNA sequence length and GC content values, while the right and top panels display the frequency distributions for those variables on all the data.

```
# than mRNA sequences (75218). However, a simple command shows us that
# probably some of those sequences were mapped at multiple genomic locations.
zcat data/dmel_all_mrna.txt.gz | gawk '{print $11}' | sort | uniq -c | wc
# 75130 150260 1274138
```

2.4.1 Exercise

We need a command-line or script (Perl, Python, awk, ..., as you like), to merge the strand and chromosome columns from the new downloaded file. Just remember to include such script on the appendices (see 16).

```
./ex01\_script.sh dmel 0
```

See the script here

Now, the easiest way to compare distributions of lengths and/or GC content by chromosome, strand or both is to use boxplots. Provide the R commands and include the figure on this report.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
system("cd /home/jj/Desktop/Bioinformatics/3rd_year/1term/Computational_genomics/Seminars/exercise_01")
system("./ex01_script.sh dmel 0")
```

#creating a function so that it can be used by multiple species in the same format
plotmaker<-function(name, colnames1_data){</pre>

```
chrTXT<-paste0("data/",name, "_chr_data.txt")</pre>
  chrTBL<-paste0("data/",name, "_mrna.lengc.tbl")</pre>
  data<-read.table(chrTXT, na.strings = c("", "NA"))</pre>
  colnames(data)<-colnames1_data</pre>
  d2<-read.table(chrTBL)</pre>
  colnames(d2)<-c("name", "length", "GC_content")</pre>
  merged_data <- merge(data, d2, by.x = "name", by.y = "name")</pre>
  GCchr<-ggplot(merged_data, aes(x=chromosome, y=GC_content, fill=strand))+geom_boxplot()+ggtitle(paste0()
  LENchr<-ggplot(merged_data, aes(x=chromosome, y=length, fill=strand))+geom_boxplot()+ggtitle(paste0("Ler
  return(list(GCchr=GCchr,LENchr=LENchr))
}
plots_dmel<-plotmaker("dmel", c("strand", "name", "chromosome", "extra"))</pre>
png(file="images/length_dmel.png", width=800, height=600, res=150);
plots_dmel$LENchr
dev.off()
png(file="images/GCcontent_dmel.png", width=800, height=600, res=150);
plots_dmel$GCchr
dev.off()
```

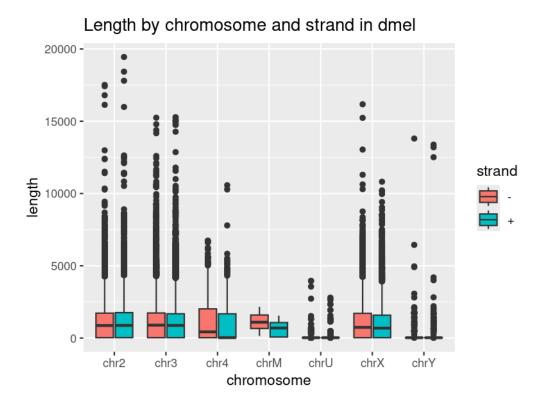


Figure 4: Showing read lengths in each chromosome in dmel

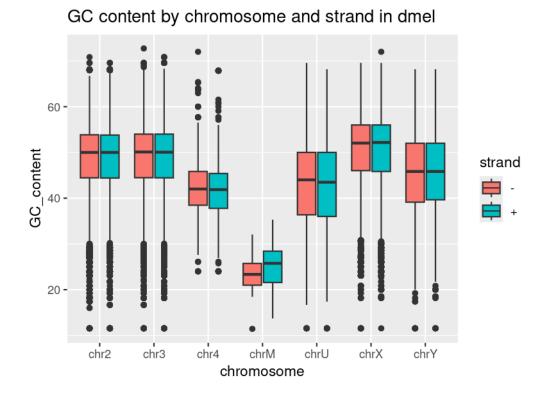


Figure 5: Showing GC content from each chromosome in dmel

2.5 Further analyses

You can provide here the bash and R commands to reuse the already described protocol to analyze another species transcriptome, for instance the honey bee Apis mellifera ("Genome sequence files and select annotations (2bit, GTF, GC-content, etc)" and "Full database" links). Then, you can compare the results with respect the fly transcriptome on the discussion.

```
# honey bee files at UCSC genomes repository
wget https://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/apiMel2/bigZips/mrna.fa.gz \
     -0 $DT/apimel_mrna.fa.gz
wget https://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/apiMel2/database/all_mrna.txt.gz \
     -0 $DT/apimel_all_mrna.txt.gz
# Your shell commands here
#Execute
./ex01_script.sh
See the script here
system("cd /home/jj/Desktop/Bioinformatics/3rd_year/1term/Computational_genomics/Seminars/exercise_01")
system("./ex01_script.sh apimel")
plots_apimel<-plotmaker("apimel", c("strand", "name", "chromosome"))</pre>
#Tilt the labels so that the group name is visible and change the color to identify it from the other plot
png(file="images/GCcontent_apimel.png", width=800, height=600, res=150)
plots_apimel$GCchr+theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle=45, vjust=1, hjust=1))+scale_fill_brewer(palette
dev.off()
png(file="images/length_apimel.png", width=800, height=600, res=150)
plots_apimel$LENchr+theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle=45, vjust=1, hjust=1))+scale_fill_brewer(palett
dev.off()
```

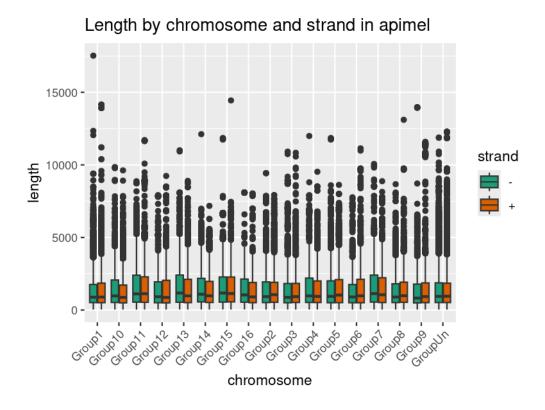


Figure 6: Showing read lengths in each chromosome in apimel

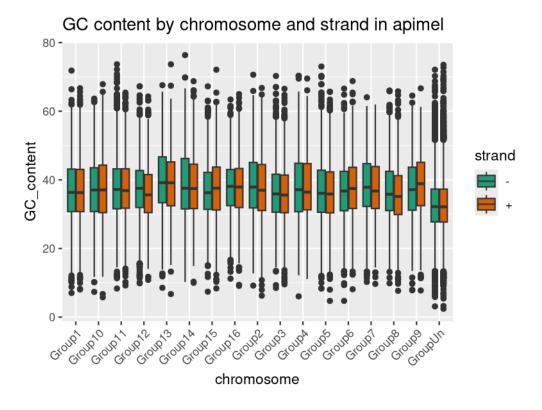


Figure 7: Showing GC content from each chromosome in apimel

Discussion 3

IMPORTANT Discuss your results here (around 300 words). And remember to include in the Appendices section (see page 16), any extra script you wrote from this exercise bin folder using the loadfile macro. We can take advantage of the LATEX referencing capabilities, for instance: Figure 2 on page 9 shows the GC and sequence lengths histograms distribution for the set of $D.\ melanogaster$ mRNA sequences.

4 Appendices

4.1 Software

We have used the following versions:

```
uname -a
# Linux aleph 5.15.0-117-generic #127-Ubuntu SMP
# Fri Jul 5 20:13:28 UTC 2024 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
R --version
# R version 4.3.1 (2023-06-16) -- "Beagle Scouts"
# Copyright (C) 2023 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
# Platform: x86_64-conda-linux-gnu (64-bit)
infoseq -version
# EMBOSS:6.6.0.0
wget --version
# GNU Wget 1.21.2 built on linux-gnu.
pandoc --version
# pandoc 3.1.3
# Features: +server +lua
# Scripting engine: Lua 5.4
mamba --version
# mamba 1.4.2
# conda 23.3.1
```

4.2 Supplementary files

4.2.1 conda environment dependencies for the exercise

```
environment.yml
##
##
   environment.yml
##
##
   Defining conda/mamba software dependencies to run BScBI-CG practical exercises.
##
##
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##
##
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   (Attribution-Noncommercial-ShareAlike). The material is provided "AS IS",
##
##
   mainly for teaching purposes, and is distributed in the hope that it will
##
   be useful, but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty
##
   of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
##
# To install software for the exercise use the following command:
   conda env create --file environment.yml
# then run the command below to activate the conda environment:
   conda activate BScBI-CG2425_exercises
name: BScBI-CG2425_exercises
channels:
 - bioconda
 - conda-forge
 - defaults
dependencies:
```

```
- htop
- vim
- emacs
- gawk
- perl
- python
- biopython
- wget
- curl
- gzip
- r-ggplot2
- texlive-core
- pandoc
- pandocfilters
- emboss
```

Project specific scripts 4.2.2

```
ex01_script.sh
#!/bin/bash
#first argument determines the prefix of the file
#second one determines if the script has to split anything in the chromosome column,
\mbox{\tt\#if} it has to split, set second argument to 0
zcat data/$1_mrna.fa.gz | \
  infoseq -sequence fasta::stdin \
          -outfile data/$1_mrna.lengc.tbl \
          -noheading -only -name -length -pgc
echo "Working on all $1 files"
zcat data/$1_all_mrna.txt.gz|cut -f10,11,15 > data/$1_chr_data.txt
splitCHR=$2
if [ "$splitCHR" -eq 0 ]; then #case of dmel, and any other that includes chromosomes with an added value
        echo "Executing chromosome splitting fix"
        cut -f1 -d"_" data/$1_chr_data.txt >data/temp.txt #| head -n 94200|tail #
        awk '{ print $1, $2, substr($3, 1, 4), substr($3, 5) }' data/temp.txt > data/$1_chr_data.txt
        sed -i 's/ $/ NA/' data/$1_chr_data.txt
        sed -i 's/chrU n/chrU NA/g' data/1_chr_data.txt
        rm data/temp.txt
else
        echo "No split chromosomes to fix"
fi
```

Shell global vars and settings for this project 4.2.3

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projectvars.sh
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##
   A BASH initialization file for BScBI-CG practical exercise folders
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# Base dir
export WDR=$PWD; # IMPORTANT: If you provide the absolute path, make sure
                              that your path DOES NOT contains white-spaces,
                              otherwise, you will get weird execution errors.
                              If you cannot fix the dir names containing such white-space
                 #
                              chars, you MUST set this var using the current folder '.'
                              instead of '$PWD', i.e:
                                                          export WDR=.;
export BIN=$WDR/bin;
export DOC=$WDR/docs;
# Formating chars
export TAB=$'\t';
export RET=$'\n';
export LC_ALL="en_US.UTF-8";
# pandoc's vars
                                     #-> IMPORTANT: SET YOUR SURNAME and NAME ON THIS VAR,
NM="Izquierdo Jan";
RB="README_BScBICG2425_exercise01"; #->
                                                   MUST FIX ON MARKDOWN README FILE
                                                   FROM TARBALL (AND INSIDE TOO)
RD="${RB}_${NM}";
PDOCFLGS='markdown+pipe_tables+header_attributes';
PDOCFLGS=$PDOCFLGS'+raw_tex+latex_macros+tex_math_dollars';
PDOCFLGS=$PDOCFLGS'+citations+yaml_metadata_block';
PDOCTPL=$DOC/BScBI_CompGenomics_template.tex;
export RD PDOCFLGS PDOCTPL;
### IMPORTANT ###
    MacOSX users may need to remove /usr/bin/ from below shell functions,
    just try first if that path works anyway...
function ltx2pdf () {
    RF=$1;
    /usr/bin/pdflatex $RF.tex;
    /usr/bin/bibtex $RF;
    /usr/bin/pdflatex $RF.tex;
    /usr/bin/pdflatex $RF.tex;
function runpandoc () {
  /usr/bin/pandoc -f $PDOCFLGS
         --template=$PDOCTPL
         -t latex --natbib
         --number-sections
         --highlight-style pygments
         -o $RD.tex $RD.md;
  ltx2pdf $RD;
}
# add your bash defs/aliases/functions below...
```

About this document 4.3

This document was be compiled into a PDF using pandoc (see projectvars.sh from previous subsection) and some LaTeX packages installed in this linux system. synaptic, apt-get or aptitude can be used to retrieve and install those tools from linux repositories. As the raw_tex extension has been provided to the markdown_github and tex_math_dollars formats, now this document supports inline IATFX and inline formulas!

You can get further information from the following links about the Mark Down syntax, as well as from the manual pages (just type man pandoc and/or man pandoc_markdown).