



Week 3 notes:

- handing in exercises
- Journal club
- limma paper
- .. brainstorm

Handing in exercises

- Will always be done via GitHub, but we will use (mostly) private repositories
- Link for Exercise 2: <https://classroom.github.com/a/qucl12PB>
- Further links will be given in class notes / Slack
- (may say something like pairing to matriculation numbers required, but I think you can skip that)
- In class today, we will:
 1. do a group assignment via GitHub
 2. practice a pull request (<https://help.github.com/articles/creating-a-pull-request/>)

Journal club

Papers to be picked by 17.00 on
16th October; suggest a date (not
13 Nov or 11 Dec)

Journal Club schedule to be
finalised by 23rd October

Given the number of students, it
is allowed to do Journal Club
either alone or in groups of 2.



| Date | Lecturer | Topic | JG |
|------------|---------------|--|----|
| 18.09.2017 | Mark | admin, mol. biology basics, R markdown | |
| 25.09.2017 | Hubert | NGS Intro; exploratory data analysis | |
| 02.10.2017 | Mark + Hubert | interactive technology session | |
| 09.10.2017 | Hubert | mapping | |
| 16.10.2017 | Mark | limma 1 | |
| 23.10.2017 | Mark | limma 2 | |
| 30.10.2017 | Hubert | RNA-seq quantification | |
| 06.11.2017 | Mark | edgeR+friends 1 | |
| 13.11.2017 | Charlotte | hands-on session #1: RNA-seq | X |
| 20.11.2017 | Mark | edgeR+friends 2 | |
| 27.11.2017 | Hubert | classification | |
| 04.12.2017 | Mark | single-cell | |
| 11.12.2017 | Gosia | hands-on session #2: mass cytometry | X |
| 18.12.2017 | Mark | epigenomics, DNA methylation, ChIP data, gene set analysis | |



limma (= linear models for microarray data) paper

Linear Models and Empirical Bayes Methods for Assessing Differential Expression in Microarray Experiments*

Gordon K. Smyth

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Melbourne, Vic 3050, Australia

January 2004[†]

- seminal paper (cited ~10,000 times)
- provides the foundation for a lot of (statistical) research in genomics
- we will take two lectures to dissect the details

How to read a scientific paper



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Follow

Title->Abstract->Conclusion ->Hop to figures
-> intro. -> results

How to (seriously) read a scientific paper



How to (seriously) read a scientific paper

Reading becomes easier with experience, but it is up to each scientist to identify the techniques that work best for them.

sciencemag.org

<https://github.com/jtleek/readingpapers>

How much should you read?

Academic papers come out all the time. Thousands are published every year, including hundreds in any given specific area. Unless you devote yourself full time to reading academic papers you won't be able to keep up with them all. I believe in the idea that you should read papers that you find interesting. Science is awesome and you shouldn't waste your time on the boring parts if you can avoid it.

In general there are two main ways to find papers that I like. The way I used to do it was set up an aggregator with the RSS feeds from journals that I like, then I use the following (approximate) rates of reading parts of papers.

- 100% - read the title
- 20-50% - read the abstract
- 5-10% - look at the figures/captions
- 1-3% - read the whole paper

The new way that I do it is follow bioRxiv and a bunch of other people who have similar interests on Twitter. I use the above percentages for papers tweeted from aggregators and if I see a paper tweeted by 2-3 people I trust I usually end up reading that paper.