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Abstract

rCube provides a framework for the estimation of RNA metabolism Rates in R (R^3). The rCube package complements the recently published transient transcriptome sequencing (TT-seq) protocol. It has been shown, that 4sU-labeling and subsequent purification of RNA allows to monitor local RNA synthesis. Therefore, the information from TT-seq/4sU-seq and total RNA-seq samples is used to model RNA synthesis, splicing, and degradation rates based on first-order kinetics. The rCube package works on count data and provides a series of functionalities to extract them from the desired features. It allows to extract junctions and constitutive exons from feature annotations, count reads from BAM-files, and normalize different samples against each other using a variety of different methods.

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1 Background

As described in [2], 4sU-seq allows to monitor changes in the RNA metabolism. If cells are exposed to 4sU, they rapidly take up this Uridine analog and incorporate it into newly-synthesized RNAs. This way, newly-synthesized RNAs are labeled and can be extracted from the total RNA in the sample. The longer the labeling time, e.i. the time from 4sU addition to harvesting the cells, the bigger is the proportion of labeled RNAs among all RNAs. Labeling with 4sU has been successfully combined with deep sequencing in various 4sU-seq and TT-seq studies ([1, 2, 3]). In order to quantify gene expression levels from sequencing experiments, usually read counts per gene are used to compare the expression between genes and samples.

Variations in read counts among different samples can have multiple reasons. One source of variation is the sequencing depth. Even replicates from the same experimental condition may exhibit different read counts based on how deep the samples were sequenced. These variations (up to biological variations) can be overcome by normalization to sequencing depth. In a typical RNA-seq experiment, one wants to compare different samples under different experimental conditions. After extracting the RNA from the cells, the same starting material is used for the library prepartion. Therefore the information is lost, if cells from different samples were expressing different amounts of RNA (both for individual genes or on a global scale). Artificial RNA spike-in sequences can be used to adjust for global sequencing variations between samples. Adding the same volumes of spike-ins to a defined number of cells can help to resolve this problem, as they are subject to the same technical biases than natural RNAs, but their read counts should not be influenced by biological processes. In the case of TT-seq/4sU-seq, we additionally want to rescale 4sU-labeled and total RNA-seq samples, so that the ratio of labeled RNA to total RNA read counts reflects the ratio of labeled RNA to total RNA amounts in the cell. This can be achieved by labeling some of the spike-ins with 4sU during the *in vitro* transcription. Then it is also possible to quantify the amount of unlabeled spike-ins (RNAs) that is not lost during labeled RNA purification, the so-called cross-contamination.

With the *rCube* package we propose two different methods to extract normalization parameters from spike-in read counts. The normalization based on artifical spike-ins and subsequent estimation of synthesis and degradation rates has been successfully implemented and applied in different studies: In human K562 cells, we investigated synthesis rates and half-lives of different RNA species under steady-state conditions [1]. In another study, we investigated the change of RNA synthesis immediately after T-cell stimulation [3]. The sensitivity of TT-seq allowed us to monitor rapid changes in transcription from enhancers and promoters during the immediate response of T-cells to ionomycin and phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA).

The *rCube* package offers a framework for two different experimental setups. First, a labeling time series can be used to extract robust synthesis, degradation, and splicing rates. Hereby, a set of TT-seq samples with different labeling times and a complementary total RNA-seq sample are used. A similar approach has been used for 4tU-seq labeling in *S. pombe* [4]. Second, synthesis and degradation rates can be estimated from pairs of TT-seq and total RNA-seq samples, as published in [1, 3].

Synthesis rates correspond to the transcription rate at a specific genomic locus. Synthesis and degradation rates together determine the steady-state levels of mature RNA. For more details, see also our recent review: [5] define synthesis, splicing, decay rate

define the read classifications: junction reads E-E, E-I, I-E junction

2 Getting started

This vignette provides a pipeline how to... starting from BAM files... You will learn how to estimate sample specific sequencing depths and cross-contamination rates from spike-in counts. These values can be used to normalize gene expression values obtained by RNA-Seq and thus estimate gene-specific synthesis and degradation rates. By extracting reads spanning junctions, splicing times can be estimated. For more robust estimation, multiple samples with different labeling times are taken into account. Before starting, the package must be loaded by:

library("rCube")

2.1 Example Data

The inst/extdata of the rCube package provides two example data sets that should illustrate the two different functionalities of rCube:

The first example data set, "Jurkat", contains bam files from resting and activated Jurkat T-cells for TT-seq and RNA-seq samples. The bamfiles are restricted to the FOS gene (chr14:75278000-75283000) and the artifical spike-ins, subsampled to reduce file size. The full data sets are published in [3]. This example data is used to demonstrate the spike-in normalization method, and the estimation of synthesis and degradation rates for individual 4sU-labeled (TT-seq) and total RNA-seq pairs.

The second data set , ...

3 Conditional synthesis and degradation rates for Jurkat data

Example data sets from a T-cell activation experiment are stored in the inst/extdata of the rCube package. In this part of the vignette, we will demonstrate

- how reads can be counted for (constitutive) exons and spike-ins,
- how the samples are normalized against each other based on the spike-in read counts,
- how synthesis and degradation rates are obtained for (constitutive) exons
- how gene-specific rates are obtained from exon-specific rates

Please note, the data set is downsampled due to size reasons, that's why fitting results are less acurate than when applied to multiple genes from deep-sequenced samples.

3.1 Gene model

working on exons/introns/genes... The estimation of synthesis and degradation rates with the rCube package relies on read counts. Dependent on the features, for which read counts are provided, the rates can reflect synthesis rates of exons, introns, or full genes. Especially degradation rates may differ between exons and introns. Therefore, the features, which should be used to estimate synthesis and degradation rates, and for which read counts are provided or should be obtained, need to be provided as a GRanges object.

Due to numerous transcript isoforms per gene, and the arising problem that for some bases their exonic or intronic nature cannot be unambigously identified, we propose to use the model of constitutive exons/introns from [6]. Hereby, all

bases, that belong to an exon/intron in all (annotated) transcript isoforms of the same gene, are thought to be part of "constitutive" exons/introns. Figure 1 shows an example annotation from the FOS gene (not comprehensive) to illustrate how constitutive exons can be extracted from an exon annotation with the following code:

```
data("exampleExons")
exampleExons
##
  GRanges object with 7 ranges and 3 metadata columns:
##
         seqnames
                                ranges strand |
                                                                     gene_id
##
            <Rle>
                              <IRanges> <Rle> | <factor>
                                                                 <character>
##
     [1]
            chr14 [75278774, 75279123]
                                             + |
                                                      exon ENSG00000170345.9
     [2]
            chr14 [75278828, 75279123]
                                             + |
##
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
##
     [3]
            chr14 [75279877, 75280128]
                                             + |
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
            chr14 [75279877, 75280128]
##
     [4]
                                             + |
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
            chr14 [75280560, 75280667]
##
     [5]
                                             + |
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
            chr14 [75280783, 75282230]
##
     [6]
                                             + |
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
                                             + |
##
     [7]
            chr14 [75280783, 75281636]
                                                     exon ENSG00000170345.9
##
             transcript_id
##
               <character>
##
     [1] ENST00000303562.8
##
     [2] ENST00000535987.5
##
     [3] ENST00000303562.8
##
     [4] ENST00000535987.5
##
     [5] ENST00000303562.8
##
     [6] ENST00000303562.8
     [7] ENST00000535987.5
##
##
     seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
##
constitutiveExons <- createConstitutiveFeaturesGRangesFromGRanges(exampleExons,</pre>
                                                                    BPPARAM=NULL,
                                                                    ncores=1)
constitutiveExons
## GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
##
             segnames
                                     ranges strand |
                                                                      type
##
                <Rle>
                                  <IRanges> <Rle> |
                                                                  <factor>
##
     CF00001
                chr14 [75278828, 75279123]
                                                 + | constitutive feature
                chr14 [75279877, 75280128]
##
     CF00002
                                                 + | constitutive feature
##
     CF00003
                chr14 [75280783, 75281636]
                                                 + | constitutive feature
##
                       gene_id
##
                   <character>
##
     CF00001 ENSG00000170345.9
##
     CF00002 ENSG00000170345.9
##
     CF00003 ENSG00000170345.9
##
     seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

Please note, for the subsequent workflow it is not necessary to extract constitutive exons. Any kind of *GRanges* object can be used as feature annotation (e.g. full genes, introns, ...).

3.2 Experimental Design

The *rCube* package works on *rCubeExperiment* containers, that rely on the *SummerizedExperiment* class. Objects of this class are used as input for the whole workflow, starting from read counting, normalization, dispersion estimation, to

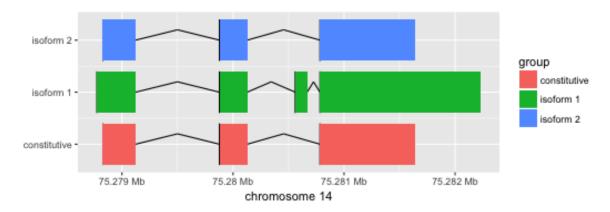


Figure 1: Illustration of two transcript isoforms for the FOS gene and the resulting constitutive exons.

rate estimation. Most of these steps return an updated and extended rCubeExperiment object.

The rowRanges of the *rCubeExperiment* is a *GRanges* annotation of features, for which RNA rates should be estimated. Experimental sample information can be either provided by a experimental design matrix or this information can be extracted from the BAM-file names (when they fulfil the required structure).

We first look at the experimental design file experimentalDesign.txt, that can be imported as a data.frame.

```
folder <- system.file("extdata/Jurkat", package='rCube')</pre>
folder
## [1] "/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.4/Resources/library/rCube/extdata/Jurkat"
expDesign <- read.delim(file.path(folder, "experimentalDesign.txt"))</pre>
expDesign
##
              sample condition LT labelingTime replicate
                                                                     filename
       Resting_L_5_1 Resting L
## 1
                                                            Resting_L_5_1.bam
                                             5
                                                       1
## 2
       Resting_L_5_2
                       Resting L
                                             5
                                                       2
                                                            Resting_L_5_2.bam
## 3
       Resting_T_5_1
                       Resting T
                                             5
                                                       1
                                                            Resting_T_5_1.bam
       Resting_T_5_2 Resting T
                                             5
                                                            Resting_T_5_2.bam
                                                       2
## 5 Activated_L_5_1 Activated
                                             5
                                                       1 Activated_L_5_1.bam
## 6 Activated_L_5_2 Activated
                                             5
                                                       2 Activated_L_5_2.bam
                                L
                                              5
## 7 Activated_T_5_1 Activated T
                                                       1 Activated_T_5_1.bam
## 8 Activated_T_5_2 Activated T
                                              5
                                                       2 Activated_T_5_2.bam
```

Together with the feature annotation, for which we want to estimate synthesis and degradation rates, we can construct the *rCubeExperiment*:

```
exonCounts <- setupExperiment(constitutiveExons, designMatrix=expDesign, files=NULL)
class(exonCounts)
## [1] "rCubeExperiment"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "rCube"</pre>
```

Alternatively, the experimental design matrix can be constructed from the bam file names internally, if they follow the following convention $\{condition\}_{L|T}_{abelingTime}_{replicate}$. bam

```
bamfiles <- list.files(folder, pattern="*.bam$", full.names=TRUE)
basename(bamfiles)
## [1] "ActivatedJurkat_L_5_1.bam" "ActivatedJurkat_L_5_2.bam"</pre>
```

```
## [3] "ActivatedJurkat_T_5_1.bam" "ActivatedJurkat_T_5_2.bam"
## [5] "RestingJurkat_L_5_1.bam" "RestingJurkat_L_5_2.bam"
## [7] "RestingJurkat_T_5_1.bam" "RestingJurkat_T_5_2.bam"
exonCounts <- setupExperiment(constitutiveExons, designMatrix=NULL, files=bamfiles)</pre>
```

The individual information from the *rCubeExperiment* can be assessed by:

```
# feature information
rowRanges(exonCounts)

# sample information
colData(exonCounts)

# read counts
assay(exonCounts)
```

The resulting rCubeExperiment object can now be used to count reads.

3.3 Counting

All RNA rate estimations of this package rely on read counts. These can be either provided as count matrices, or read counts can be obtained from BAM files using the *rCube* pipeline.

For read counting, we use the readGAlignmentPairs in a parallel fashion:

```
assay(exonCounts)
           ActivatedJurkat_L_5_1 ActivatedJurkat_L_5_2 ActivatedJurkat_T_5_1
## CF00001
                               NA
                                                      NA
                                                                              NA
## CF00002
                               NA
                                                                              NA
## CF00003
                               NA
                                                      NA
                                                                              NA
##
           ActivatedJurkat_T_5_2 RestingJurkat_L_5_1 RestingJurkat_L_5_2
## CF00001
                               NA
                                                    NA
## CF00002
                               NA
                                                    NA
                                                                         NA
## CF00003
                               NA
                                                    NΑ
                                                                          NA
           {\tt RestingJurkat\_T\_5\_1~RestingJurkat\_T\_5\_2}
## CF00001
                             NA
## CF00002
                             NA
                                                  NA
## CF00003
                             NΑ
                                                  NA
exonCounts <- countFeatures(exonCounts,</pre>
                             scanBamParam=Rsamtools::ScanBamParam(flag=Rsamtools::scanBamFlag(isSecondaryAl
                             BPPARAM=NULL,
                             verbose=FALSE)
assay(exonCounts)
           ActivatedJurkat_L_5_1 ActivatedJurkat_L_5_2 ActivatedJurkat_T_5_1
## CF00001
                               74
                                                                               6
                                                      123
## CF00002
                              112
                                                      195
                                                                               4
                                                                              17
## CF00003
                              481
                                                      610
           ActivatedJurkat_T_5_2 RestingJurkat_L_5_1 RestingJurkat_L_5_2
## CF00001
                                6
                                                     0
## CF00002
                                9
                                                     4
                                                                           6
## CF00003
                               23
                                                                          17
                                                    15
           RestingJurkat_T_5_1 RestingJurkat_T_5_2
```

## CF00001	4	2
## CF00002	2	3
## CF00003	1	1

In case you already have counted reads on your featrues of interest, count matrices can be assigned to the correctly formatted, empty *rCubeExperiment* object.

3.4 Spike-ins

The artifical spike-in annotations and labeling information can be loaded via:

```
data("spikeins")
data("spikeinLabeling")
spikeinLengths <- width(spikeins)</pre>
```

3.5 Spike-in design

An empty *rCubeExperiment* for the artificial spike-ins additionally requires information about the length and the labeling status of each spikein, and can be constructed as follows:

3.6 Spike-in counting

```
spikeinCounts <- countSpikeins(spikeinCounts,</pre>
                     scanBamParam=Rsamtools::ScanBamParam(flag=Rsamtools::scanBamFlag(isSecondaryAlignment=
                    BPPARAM=NULL,
                     verbose=FALSE)
assay(spikeinCounts)
##
           Resting_L_5_1 Resting_L_5_2 Resting_T_5_1 Resting_T_5_2 Activated_L_5_1
## Spike2
                    3648
                                   4416
                                                   492
                                                                  541
                                                                                 4416
## Spike12
                     75
                                    109
                                                   369
                                                                  408
                                                                                  129
## Spike4
                    4060
                                   4399
                                                   414
                                                                  456
                                                                                 4031
## Spike5
                                                                  401
                      43
                                    33
                                                   472
                                                                                  105
## Spike8
                    4455
                                   5205
                                                   397
                                                                  432
                                                                                 4927
## Spike9
                                                   249
                                                                  283
                                                                                    66
                      18
                                     13
##
           Activated_L_5_2 Activated_T_5_1 Activated_T_5_2
## Spike2
                      3791
                                        695
                                                         498
## Spike12
                       93
                                        496
                                                         349
                       3800
                                        548
                                                         425
## Spike4
## Spike5
                         30
                                        573
                                                         363
## Spike8
                       4272
                                        582
                                                         412
## Spike9
                         14
                                        333
                                                         187
```

The distribution of 4sU-labeled and unlabeld spike-ins among different samples can be illustrated by the function plotSpikeinCountsVsSample. Figure 2 shows the read counts of spike-ins in the Jurkat example data set.

```
plotSpikeinCountsVsSample(spikeinCounts)
```

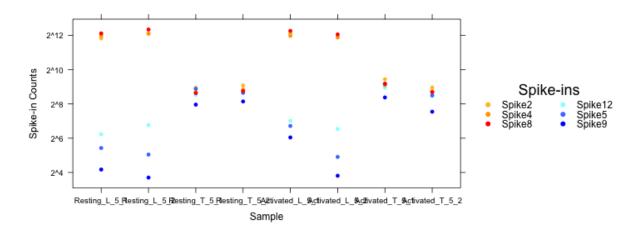


Figure 2: Spike-in read counts in different samples. The code that creates this figure is shown in the code chunk.

Naturally, labeled spike-ins (Spike2, Spike4, Spike8) should be enriched in labeled samples ("L"), whereas unlabeled spike-ins (Spike5, Spike9, Spike12) should be depleted from these samples. In total RNA-seq samples ("T"), all spike-ins should be present to a similar extend.

3.7 Size factor based on spike-ins

We provide two different normalization schemes. In the experimental setup with multiple conditions, the sample specific parameters like sequencing depth and cross-contamination rate are estimated from spike-in read counts only. Therefore, we fit a generalized linear model (GLM) of the Negative Binomial family with a log link function. The response of the GLM are the observed spike-in counts, and the terms that specify the linear predictor of the response are comprised of:

- a sample specific factor (that reflects the sample specific sequencing depth),
- a labeled sample specific factor (that reflects the control for cross contamination (only estimated for unlabeled spike-ins in labeled samples)), and
- a spike-in specific factor to allow for some spike-in specific variation e.g. due to sequence biases.

Additionally, the length of each spike-in is used as an offset, i.e. a known slope for the covariate.

```
exonCounts <- estimateSizeFactors(exonCounts, spikeinCounts, method="spikeinGLM")
colnames(colData(exonCounts))
   [1] "filename"
                                                     "condition"
                              "sample"
   [4] "LT"
                              "labelingTime"
                                                     "replicate"
  [7] "sequencing.depth"
                              "cross.contamination"
exonCounts$sequencing.depth
                                      Resting_T_5_1
##
     Resting_L_5_1
                     Resting_L_5_2
                                                       Resting_T_5_2 Activated_L_5_1
##
            0.9121
                             1.0495
                                                              0.1079
                                                                               1.0000
                                              0.1024
##
  Activated_L_5_2 Activated_T_5_1 Activated_T_5_2
##
            0.8884
                             0.1376
                                             0.0935
exonCounts$cross.contamination
##
     Resting_L_5_1
                     Resting_L_5_2
                                      Resting_T_5_1
                                                       Resting_T_5_2 Activated_L_5_1
##
            0.0137
                             0.0130
                                             1.0000
                                                              1.0000
                                                                               0.0288
## Activated_L_5_2 Activated_T_5_1 Activated_T_5_2
                             1.0000
```

Note, the cross-contamination value for all total RNA-seq samples is 1, as 100% of the unlabeled RNAs are supposed to be in the sample. Additional fitting results are stored in the metadata of the resulting rCubeExperiment object.

metadata(exonCounts)

3.8 Providing gene-wise dispersion estimates

Usually, read counts in different RNA-seq samples underly fluctuations due to biological or technical variances. To take these fluctuations into account, we estimate each gene's dispersion. For each gene, a single dispersion estimate for all 4sU-Seq samples and for all Total RNA-Seq samples is needed. The wrapper function estimateSizeDispersions offers different methods to estimate a gene's dispersion Here, we can use the method provided in the DESeq2 package [7]. The DESeq algorithm is applied all genes, while separating the count table according to the RNA-Seq protocol (labeled or total RNA). It is possible to choose between all provided DESeq dispersion estimates, namely the genewise maximum likelihood dispersion estimate ("dispGeneEst"), the smooth curve fitted through the gene-wise dispersion estimates ("disp-Fit") and the genewise dispersion estimates shrunken towards the fitted curve ("dispMAP", default). The input is an rCubeExperiment object with read counts for the features of interest. The function returns an updated rCubeExperiment object with two additional columns in the rowRanges, namely dispersion_L and dispersion_T.

```
exonCounts <- estimateSizeDispersions(exonCounts, method='DESeqDispGeneEst')
rowRanges (exonCounts)
## GRanges object with 3 ranges and 3 metadata columns:
##
             segnames
                                     ranges strand |
                                                             group dispersion_L
##
                <Rle>
                                  <IRanges> <Rle> |
                                                         <factor>
                                                                      <numeric>
                chr14 [75278828, 75279123]
##
     CF00001
                                                 + | constitutive
                                                                          1e-08
                chr14 [75279877, 75280128]
##
     CF00002
                                                 + | constitutive
                                                                          1e-08
                                                                          1e-08
##
     CF00003
                chr14 [75280783, 75281636]
                                                 + | constitutive
##
             dispersion_T
##
                <numeric>
##
     CF00001
                    1e-08
     CF00002
##
                    1e-08
##
     CF00003
                    1e-08
##
##
     seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

3.9 Exon-specific synthesis and degradation rate estimates

After estimating sequencing depth and cross-contamination rates per sample (see Section 3.7) and extracting feature-specific dispersion estimates (see Section 3.8), we can now estimate RNA synthesis and degradation rate for each feature and condition individually.

The estimation of these rates relies on a random initialization. To make the results more robust, it is possible to run multiple iterations of the algorithm with random initialization and the median of the resulting rates is returned. The default number of iterations is 3. To change this value, the numberOfInterations in the elementMetadata of the rCubeExperiment object has to be set:

```
elementMetadata(exonCounts)$numberOfInterations <- 7</pre>
```

Multiple replicates for the same condition can be used for a joint estimation. The user has to specify for which replicate or combination of replicates the results should be estimated. Therefore, the replicate parameter is a vector of all combinations that should be evaluated. For the joint estimation for multiple replicates, these have to be given as a string separeted by a ":". In the following example, we will obtain individual results for replicate 1 and 2 and also results for a joint estimation.

```
rates <- estimateRateByFirstOrderKinetics(exonCounts,</pre>
                                          replicate=c(1, 2, "1:2"),
                                          method='single',
                                          BPPARAM=BiocParallel::MulticoreParam(1))
rates
## class: rCubeRates
## dim: 3 30
## metadata(0):
## assays(1): rates
## rownames(3): CF00001 CF00002 CF00003
## rowData names(4): group dispersion_L dispersion_T numberOfInterations
## colnames(30): ActivatedJurkat_synthesis_1    RestingJurkat_synthesis_1 ...
    ActivatedJurkat_unlabeled.amount_1:2
   RestingJurkat_unlabeled.amount_1:2
## colData names(4): condition rate replicate sample
exonCounts
## class: rCubeExperiment
## dim: 3 8
## metadata(5): sequencing.depth cross.contamination spikeinSpecificBias
## intercept fittedCounts
## assays(1): counts
## rownames(3): CF00001 CF00002 CF00003
## rowData names(4): group dispersion_L dispersion_T numberOfInterations
## colnames(8): ActivatedJurkat_L_5_1 ActivatedJurkat_L_5_2 ...
## RestingJurkat_T_5_1 RestingJurkat_T_5_2
## colData names(8): filename sample ... sequencing.depth
## cross.contamination
```

3.10 describe the different fitting functions

3.11 describe the class of the returned object (rCubeRates)

The returned rates object is of the type *rCubeRates*, which also extends *SummarizedExperiment*. The rowRanges should be identical to the input data. The columns of the resulting matrix correspond to synthesis and degradation rates, for all indicated replicates and replicate combinations.

The resulting rates can be validated by looking at the correlation of measured read counts and fitted read counts.

```
plotFittedCounts(exonCounts, rates)
```

If rates were estimated independently for different replicates or replicate combinations, the correlation of the results can be plotted with:

```
plotResultsReplicates(rates)
```

If you want to get an average estimate for "top level features", e.g. full genes, from the exon-rates, you can run the summarizeRates function:

```
topLevelFeature <- GRanges(seqnames="chr14", ranges=IRanges(start=75278774, end=75281636), strand="+") topLevelFeaturesRates <- summarizeRates(rates, topLevelFeature, by='mean')
```

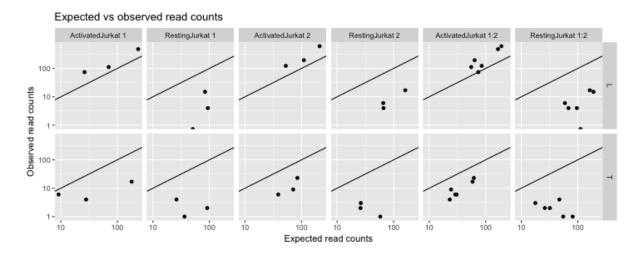


Figure 3: Correlation of observed vs expected counts (based on synthesis and degradation rate estimates). The code that creates this figure is shown in the code chunk.

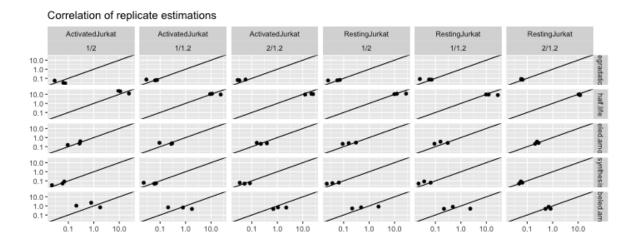


Figure 4: Estimation results from independent estimations for different replicates/combinations of replicates. The code that creates this figure is shown in the code chunk.

4 Labeling time series

- 4.1 Experimental Design
- 4.2 Read classification
- 4.3 Gene model

(exon, into and junctions) by gff de novo + gff

- 4.4 Counting
- 4.5 Spike-ins
- 4.6 Spike-in design
- 4.7 Spike-in counting
- 4.8 Size factor based on spike-in
- 4.9 Estimate dispersion
- 4.10 Fit the rates
- 4.11 describe the different fitting functions
- 4.12 describe the class of the returned object (rCubeRates)

5 Session Information

This vignette was generated using the following package versions:

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sessionInfo()
## R version 3.4.1 (2017-06-30)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: OS X El Capitan 10.11.6
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.4/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.4/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
##
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## [1] parallel stats4
                        stats
                                    graphics grDevices utils
                                                                  datasets
## [8] methods
                base
## other attached packages:
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