Genomes Workflow - LBCM

01 - Introduction

General guidelines

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1 Overview

1.1 Module Objectives

This module covers:

Learning goals

- Repository organization.
- Available scripts.
- General pipeline structure.
- Modules organization.

2 Background

2.1 General Context

Key concepts:

Why this matters

- The integration between biological knowledge and IT or bioinformatics tools can be harsh.
- The presence and interference of multiple key concepts of each area creates a big wall on newcomers.
- Explain key features and provide support in a organized way can help to circumvent this initial barrier.

3 Tools & Software

3.1 Required Software

Installation notes

- Primary tool: Tool name and version
- **Dependencies:** Required libraries/packages
- Optional: Additional helpful tools

3.2 Installation Guide

```
# Installation commands
conda install -c bioconda tool_name
# or
sudo apt-get install package_name
```

Listing 1: Software installation

4 Workflow & Methods

4.1 Step-by-Step Protocol

1. Data preparation: Input requirements and formatting

2. Quality control: Initial data assessment

Key parameters

- 3. Main analysis: Core computational steps
- 4. Result interpretation: Output analysis and validation

Example 4.1. Practical example with real genomic data.

5 Practical Examples

5.1 Example 1: Basic Analysis

• Input: Sample data description

• Command: Based on approach from example 2024

• Output: Expected results and file formats

```
# Example command with typical genomic data
tool_name -i input_file.fasta -o output_file.txt --parameter
value
```

Listing 2: Basic command example

5.2 Example 2: Advanced Usage

```
# Multi-step analysis pipeline
step1_tool input.fasta | step2_tool --param1 value1 >
    intermediate.txt
step3_tool intermediate.txt --param2 value2 -o final_result.txt
```

Listing 3: Advanced analysis pipeline

Complex parameters

Input/output files

6 Results & Interpretation

6.1 Output Files

Common output formats and their interpretation:

File formats

- Format 1: Description and typical contents
- Format 2: When and how to use this output
- Quality metrics: How to assess result quality

Remark 6.1. Important note about result interpretation following author 2024.

7 Scripts & Code

7.1 Helper Scripts

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""

Helper script for genomic data processing

Usage: python script.py input.fasta output.txt
"""

def process_sequences(input_file, output_file):
    """Process genomic sequences"""
```

```
with open(input_file, 'r') as f:
           sequences = f.read()
10
11
      # Processing logic here
      processed = sequences.upper()
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14
      with open(output_file, 'w') as f:
          f.write(processed)
16
17
18 if __name__ == "__main__":
      import sys
19
      process_sequences(sys.argv[1], sys.argv[2])
```

Listing 4: Data processing script

7.2 Quality Control

```
#!/bin/bash
# Quality control pipeline for genomic data

# Check file format
file_format_check.py $INPUT_FILE

# Basic statistics
sequence_stats.py $INPUT_FILE > stats.txt

# Quality assessment
quality_assessment_tool $INPUT_FILE --output qc_report.html
```

Listing 5: QC pipeline

8 Troubleshooting & Best Practices

8.1 Common Issues

Error solutions

- Memory errors: Reduce dataset size or increase available RAM
- Format issues: Check input file formatting and encoding
- Parameter tuning: Guidelines for optimization

8.2 Best Practices

- Data backup: Always keep original data copies
- Version control: Track analysis versions and parameters
- Documentation: Record all analysis steps and decisions
- Reproducibility: Use consistent environments and seeds

9 References

- Key papers: example2024; author2024; smith2024
- Software documentation: [Tool official docs]
- Related modules: [Other workflow modules]

10 Exercises & Next Steps

- [TODO]: Practice with provided sample data
- [TODO]: Try different parameter settings
- Apply to your own genomic dataset
- [TODO]: Explore advanced features

11 Research Notes

Additional observations and module-specific notes...

Key insight: Connection between this tool and genome annotation pipeline [IDEA]: Extension: Integration with other bioinformatics tools in the workflow