## **Initial Data Exploration**

files in /projects/bgmp/shared/2017\_sequencing

### ls - lah

to look at the size of all the files

#### zcat <file> | head

confirmed the files were fastq

#### zcat <file> | wc -l

looking at number of lines for files takes a long time!

1452986940 lines in 1294\_S1\_L008\_R1\_001.fastq.gz all files have this many records
all reads are generated from the same piece of DNA

When comparing the first record from all four files, R2 and R3 are much smaller because they are indexes

remember that the order of files is as follows:

- 1 = forward read
- 2 = index 1
- 3 = index 2
- 4 = reverse read

# zcat 1294\_S1\_L008\_R1\_001.fastq.gz | head -2 | grep -v "^@" | wc -m to count the read length of the sequences in the file

subtract 1 from the output number to account for the newline character

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zcat 1294_S1_L008_R1_001.fastq.gz | head -4
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look at the first record and compare the fourth line (quality score line) to the ASCII table Phred+33 for quality scores in these files

## Quality scores

ASCII values 33 through 73 correspond to phred scores 0 through 40 in Phred+33 encoding

'E' = 69 69 - 33 = **36** p<sub>error</sub> = 0.025% Base call accuracy: 99.975%

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTO\_format