



Python Port of DESEQ2

What is DESeq2?

DESeq2 is a tool used after alignment/quantification to analyze RNA-seq count data. Its goal is to find which genes change expression between conditions (e.g., treated vs. control). It normalizes sequencing depth, models counts with a negative binomial distribution, and identifies genes that are significantly up- or down-regulated.

*Pseudocounts with
Kallisto, Sailfish, Salmon*

Read counts
associated with genes

Normalization

Unsupervised
clustering analyses

Modeling raw counts
for each gene

Shrinking log2 fold
changes

Testing for differential
expression

Metric	Value
Size Factor Correlation	1.000000
Size Factor MAE	1.71e-15
Dispersion Correlation (log)	0.4949
Median Dispersion Ratio (Py/R)	0.68x
LFC Correlation (High Expr)	0.9530
Significant Gene Match (%)	98.7%
Top-500 DE Gene Overlap	80.4%
P-value Correlation	0.6897
LFC Sign Agreement	99.7%
LFC MAE	0.1102
LFC RMSE	0.3027
BaseMean Correlation	1.0000
Spearman (p-values)	0.9874
Spearman (LFC)	0.9595

DESeq2 in the RNA-Seq Pipeline

DESeq2 normalizes counts using size factors, estimates gene dispersions, fits a smooth dispersion trend, shrinks dispersions toward this trend, and then applies a Negative Binomial model to compute log2 fold changes, p-values, and adjusted p-values. Then an optional LFC shrinkage provides more stable effect-size estimates for visualization.

