

Differential Gene Expression

Workshop on RNA-Seq

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Preparation

- Create the DESeq2 object

```
library(DESeq2)
mr$Group <- factor(mr$Group)
d <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData=cf,colData=mr,design=~Group)
d
```

```
## class: DESeqDataSet
## dim: 10573 6
## metadata(1): version
## assays(1): counts
## rownames(10573): ENSMUSG00000098104 ENSMUSG00000033845 ...
## ENSMUSG00000063897 ENSMUSG00000095742
## rowData names(0):
## colnames(6): DSSd00_1 DSSd00_2 ... DSSd07_2 DSSd07_3
## colData names(7): SampleName SampleID ... Group Replicate
```

- Categorical variables must be factors
- Building GLM models: `~var`, `~covar+var`

Size factors

- Normalisation factors are computed

```
d <- DESeq2::estimateSizeFactors(d,type="ratio")  
sizeFactors(d)
```

```
## DSSd00_1 DSSd00_2 DSSd00_3 DSSd07_1 DSSd07_2 DSSd07_3  
## 1.0136617 0.9570561 0.9965245 1.0354178 1.0780855 1.0017753
```

Dispersion

- Dispersion is a measure of variability in gene expression for a given mean
- Dispersion is unreliable for low mean counts



Dispersion

- Genes with similar mean values must have similar dispersion
- Estimate likely (ML) dispersion for each gene based on counts
- Fit a curve through the gene-wise estimates
- Shrink dispersion towards the curve

```
d <- DESeq2::estimateDispersions(d)
```

Testing

- Log2 fold changes are computed after GLM fitting $FC = \frac{\text{counts group B}}{\text{counts group A}}$

```
dg <- nbinomWaldTest(d)
resultsNames(dg)
```

```
## [1] "Intercept"          "Group_day07_vs_day00"
```

- Use `results()` to customise/return results
 - Set coefficients using `contrast` or `name`
 - Filtering results by fold change using `lfcThreshold`
 - `cooksCutoff` removes outliers
 - `independentFiltering` removes low count genes
 - `pAdjustMethod` sets method for multiple testing correction
 - `alpha` set the significance threshold

Testing

```
res <- results(dg,name="Group_day07_vs_day00",alpha=0.05)
summary(res)
```

```
##
## out of 10573 with nonzero total read count
## adjusted p-value < 0.05
## LFC > 0 (up)      : 193, 1.8%
## LFC < 0 (down)    : 238, 2.3%
## outliers [1]      : 1, 0.0095%
## low counts [2]    : 4920, 47%
## (mean count < 21)
## [1] see 'cooksCutoff' argument of ?results
## [2] see 'independentFiltering' argument of ?results
```

- Alternative way to specify contrast

```
results(dg,contrast=c("Group","day07","day00"),alpha=0.05)
```

Testing

```
head(res)
```

```
## log2 fold change (MLE): Group day07 vs day00
## Wald test p-value: Group day07 vs day00
## DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns
##           baseMean log2FoldChange      lfcSE      stat      pvalue
##           <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
## ENSMUSG00000098104    18.8505      0.205656  0.401543  0.512164  0.6085362
## ENSMUSG00000033845    23.3333      0.653565  0.379627  1.721596  0.0851426
## ENSMUSG00000025903    37.1016      0.672348  0.298923  2.249232  0.0244977
## ENSMUSG00000033793    33.3673      0.144833  0.305139  0.474646  0.6350394
## ENSMUSG00000025907    22.3875      0.821006  0.376414  2.181125  0.0291742
## ENSMUSG00000051285    21.1485      0.452451  0.378725  1.194669  0.2322163
##           padj
##           <numeric>
## ENSMUSG00000098104      NA
## ENSMUSG00000033845  0.377432
## ENSMUSG00000025903  0.177491
## ENSMUSG00000033793  0.886264
## ENSMUSG00000025907  0.201741
## ENSMUSG00000051285      NA
```


Testing

- Use `lfcShrink()` to correct fold changes for genes with high dispersion or low counts
- Does not change number of DE genes





Thank you. Questions?

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