Assessment 4

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Part 1: Importing files, data wrangling, mathematical operations, plots and saving code on GitHub.

Introduction

This report analyzes RNA-seq count data for gene expression and tree circumference measurements at two different sites over a 20-year period.

Task 1: RNA-seq count data for gene expression, high and low expression of 3 genes.

- 1.1 Read in the file "gene_expression.tsv", making the gene identifiers the row names. Show a table of values for the first six genes.
 - 1) Load libraries

```
#RNA-seq Count Data Analysis
#Load necessary libraries
library(R.utils)
## Loading required package: R.oo
## Loading required package: R.methodsS3
## R.methodsS3 v1.8.2 (2022-06-13 22:00:14 UTC) successfully loaded. See ?R.methodsS3 for help.
## R.oo v1.26.0 (2024-01-24 05:12:50 UTC) successfully loaded. See ?R.oo for help.
##
## Attaching package: 'R.oo'
  The following object is masked from 'package:R.methodsS3':
##
##
       throw
## The following objects are masked from 'package:methods':
##
       getClasses, getMethods
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
       attach, detach, load, save
##
## R.utils v2.12.3 (2023-11-18 01:00:02 UTC) successfully loaded. See ?R.utils for help.
## Attaching package: 'R.utils'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:utils':
##
##
       timestamp
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       cat, commandArgs, getOption, isOpen, nullfile, parse, warnings
#use BiocManager::install("Biostrings") if it is not already installed in your Rstudio
library(Biostrings)
## Loading required package: BiocGenerics
##
## Attaching package: 'BiocGenerics'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       IQR, mad, sd, var, xtabs
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       anyDuplicated, append, as.data.frame, basename, cbind, colnames,
##
       dirname, do.call, duplicated, eval, evalq, Filter, Find, get, grep,
##
       grepl, intersect, is.unsorted, lapply, Map, mapply, match, mget,
##
       order, paste, pmax, pmax.int, pmin, pmin.int, Position, rank,
       rbind, Reduce, rownames, sapply, setdiff, sort, table, tapply,
##
       union, unique, unsplit, which.max, which.min
##
## Loading required package: S4Vectors
## Loading required package: stats4
## Attaching package: 'S4Vectors'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       expand.grid, I, unname
## Loading required package: IRanges
##
## Attaching package: 'IRanges'
## The following object is masked from 'package:R.oo':
##
##
       trim
## Loading required package: XVector
## Loading required package: GenomeInfoDb
##
## Attaching package: 'Biostrings'
## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
       strsplit
library(seqinr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'seqinr'
## The following object is masked from 'package:Biostrings':
##
##
       translate
## The following object is masked from 'package:R.oo':
##
       getName
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following object is masked from 'package:seqinr':
##
##
       count
## The following objects are masked from 'package:Biostrings':
##
       collapse, intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
##
##
   The following object is masked from 'package:GenomeInfoDb':
##
##
       intersect
## The following object is masked from 'package:XVector':
##
##
       slice
## The following objects are masked from 'package: IRanges':
##
##
       collapse, desc, intersect, setdiff, slice, union
## The following objects are masked from 'package:S4Vectors':
##
       first, intersect, rename, setdiff, setequal, union
##
##
  The following objects are masked from 'package:BiocGenerics':
##
##
       combine, intersect, setdiff, union
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(ggplot2)
library(readr)
library(tidyr)
## Attaching package: 'tidyr'
## The following object is masked from 'package:S4Vectors':
```

##

```
##
       expand
## The following object is masked from 'package:R.utils':
##
##
       extract
  2) Read in the gene expression data
#Download the data from the github link provided
URL = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ghazkha/Assessment4/refs/heads/main/gene_expression.tsv"
download.file(URL, destfile = "gene_expression.tsv")
# Read the downloaded TSV file into R
gene_expression <- read.table("gene_expression.tsv", header = TRUE, sep = "\t", row.names = 1)
  3) 1st First 6 rows of the gene_expression data
# View the first few rows of the data
head(n=6, gene_expression)
                                  GTEX.1117F.0226.SM.5GZZ7 GTEX.1117F.0426.SM.5EGHI
##
## ENSG00000223972.5 DDX11L1
                                                          0
## ENSG00000227232.5 WASH7P
                                                        187
                                                                                  109
## ENSG00000278267.1 MIR6859-1
                                                          0
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG
                                                                                    0
                                                          1
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000268020.3 OR4G4P
                                                                                    1
                                  GTEX.1117F.0526.SM.5EGHJ
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P
                                                        143
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1
                                                          0
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A
                                                          0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P
                                                          0
head( head (n=6, gene_expression))
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## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1
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## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P
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## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1
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                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG
                                                                                    0
                                                          1
## ENSG00000237613.2 FAM138A
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P
                                                                                    1
                                  GTEX.1117F.0526.SM.5EGHJ
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1
## ENSG00000227232.5 WASH7P
                                                        143
## ENSG00000278267.1 MIR6859-1
                                                          1
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG
                                                          0
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A
                                                          0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P
```

1.2 Make a new column which is the mean of the other columns. Show a table of values for the first six genes.

Calculate Mean Expression

```
# Calculate the mean across the samples and add as a new column
gene_expression <- gene_expression %>%
   mutate(mean_expression = rowMeans(select(., everything())))
# Show a table of values for the first six genes including the mean
head(n=6, gene_expression)
```

```
##
                                  GTEX.1117F.0226.SM.5GZZ7 GTEX.1117F.0426.SM.5EGHI
## ENSG00000223972.5 DDX11L1
                                                          \cap
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P
                                                        187
                                                                                  109
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1
                                                          0
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG
                                                          1
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A
                                                          0
                                                                                    0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P
                                  GTEX.1117F.0526.SM.5EGHJ mean_expression
##
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1
                                                          0
                                                                  0.0000000
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P
                                                        143
                                                                146.3333333
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1
                                                          1
                                                                  0.3333333
## ENSG00000243485.5 MIR1302-2HG
                                                          0
                                                                  0.3333333
## ENSG00000237613.2 FAM138A
                                                          0
                                                                  0.000000
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P
                                                                  0.3333333
```

1.3 List the 10 genes with the highest mean expression.

Identify Top 10 Genes

```
# List the 10 genes with the highest mean expression
top_genes <- gene_expression %>%
   arrange(desc(mean_expression)) %>%
   head(10)
# Print the top genes
print(top_genes)
```

```
GTEX.1117F.0226.SM.5GZZ7 GTEX.1117F.0426.SM.5EGHI
##
## ENSG00000198804.2_MT-C01
                                                267250
                                                                         1101779
## ENSG00000198886.2_MT-ND4
                                                273188
                                                                          991891
## ENSG00000198938.2 MT-CO3
                                                250277
                                                                         1041376
                                                243853
                                                                          772966
## ENSG00000198888.2_MT-ND1
## ENSG00000198899.2_MT-ATP6
                                                                          696715
                                                141374
## ENSG00000198727.2_MT-CYB
                                                127194
                                                                          638209
## ENSG00000198763.3_MT-ND2
                                                159303
                                                                          543786
## ENSG00000211445.11 GPX3
                                                464959
                                                                           39396
## ENSG00000198712.1_MT-CO2
                                                128858
                                                                          545360
## ENSG00000156508.17 EEF1A1
                                                317642
                                                                           39573
                             GTEX.1117F.0526.SM.5EGHJ mean_expression
## ENSG00000198804.2 MT-C01
                                                218923
                                                              529317.3
## ENSG00000198886.2_MT-ND4
                                                              514235.7
                                                277628
## ENSG00000198938.2 MT-CO3
                                                223178
                                                              504943.7
## ENSG00000198888.2_MT-ND1
                                                194032
                                                              403617.0
## ENSG00000198899.2_MT-ATP6
                                                151166
                                                              329751.7
## ENSG00000198727.2_MT-CYB
                                                              302254.0
                                                141359
## ENSG00000198763.3_MT-ND2
                                                149564
                                                               284217.7
## ENSG00000211445.11_GPX3
                                                306070
                                                              270141.7
## ENSG00000198712.1 MT-CO2
                                                122816
                                                              265678.0
## ENSG00000156508.17_EEF1A1
                                                339347
                                                              232187.3
```

1.4 Determine the number of genes with a mean <10.

```
Count Genes with Low Expression (Mean < 10)
```

```
# Determine the number of genes with a mean < 10
num_genes_below_10 <- sum(gene_expression$mean_expression < 10)
# Print the number of genes
print(num_genes_below_10)</pre>
```

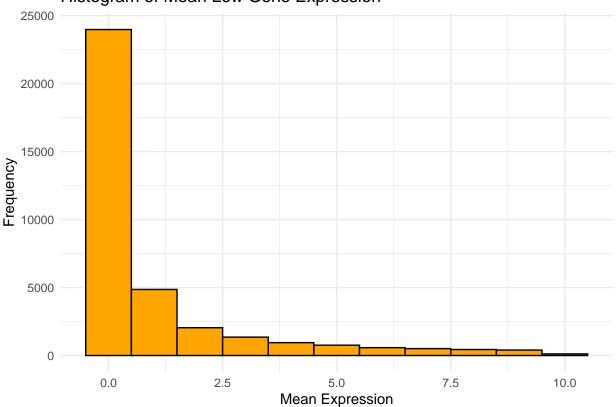
[1] 35988

1.5 Make a histogram plot of the mean values and include it into your report.

Histogram of <10, Mean Values

```
# Make a histogram plot of the mean values
filtered_data <- gene_expression[gene_expression$mean_expression < 10, ]
ggplot(filtered_data, aes(x = mean_expression)) +
  geom_histogram( binwidth = 1, fill = "orange", color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Histogram of Mean Low Gene Expression", x = "Mean Expression", y = "Frequency") +
  theme_minimal()</pre>
```

Histogram of Mean Low Gene Expression



```
# Save the plot to your report
ggsave("histogram_mean_low_gene_expression.png")
```

Saving 6.5×4.5 in image

Task 2: Tree circumference measurements over 20 years.

2.1 Import "growth_data.csv" file into an R object. What are the column names?

Read Data to perform a Tree Circumference Data Analysis

```
# Read in the growth data
#Download the data from the github link provided
URL = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ghazkha/Assessment4/refs/heads/main/growth_data.csv"
download.file(URL, destfile = "growth data.csv")
# Read the downloaded TSV file into R
growth_data <- read.csv("growth_data.csv")</pre>
head(growth_data)
##
          Site TreeID Circumf_2005_cm Circumf_2010_cm Circumf_2015_cm
## 1 northeast
                 A012
                                  5.2
                                                 10.1
## 2 southwest
                 A039
                                  4.9
                                                  9.6
                                                                  18.9
## 3 southwest
                                  3.7
                                                  7.3
                A010
                                                                  14.3
## 4 northeast A087
                                  3.8
                                                  6.5
                                                                  10.9
## 5 southwest A074
                                  3.8
                                                  6.4
                                                                  10.9
## 6 northeast A008
                                  5.9
                                                  10.0
                                                                  16.8
## Circumf 2020 cm
## 1
                38.9
## 2
                37.0
## 3
                28.1
## 4
                18.5
## 5
                18.4
                28.4
## 6
# Show column names
cat("The column names are:", colnames(growth_data))
```

The column names are: Site TreeID Circumf_2005_cm Circumf_2010_cm Circumf_2015_cm Circumf_2020_cm

2.2 Calculate the mean and standard deviation of tree circumference at the start and end of the study at both sites.

Statistics

1

```
# Calculate mean and standard deviation for tree circumference
summary_stats <- growth_data %>%
summarise(mean_start_2005_southwest = mean(Circumf_2005_cm[Site == "southwest"]),
    sd_start_2005_southwest = sd(Circumf_2005_cm[Site == "southwest"]),
    mean_start_2005_northeast = mean(Circumf_2005_cm[Site == "northeast"]),
    sd_start_2005_northeast = sd(Circumf_2005_cm[Site == "northeast"]),
    mean_end_2020_southwest = mean(Circumf_2020_cm[Site == "southwest"]),
    sd_end_2020_southwest = sd(Circumf_2020_cm[Site == "southwest"]),
    mean_end_2020_northeast = mean(Circumf_2020_cm[Site == "northeast"]),
    sd_end_2020_northeast = sd(Circumf_2020_cm[Site == "northeast"])
)

# Print summary statistics
print(summary_statistics
print(summary_statistics)
## mean_start_2005_southwest sd_start_2005_southwest mean_start_2005_northeast
```

1.147471

4.862

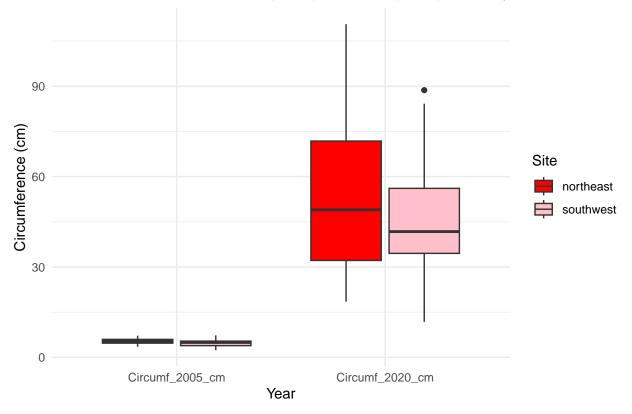
5.292

2.3 Make a box plot of tree circumference at the start and end of the study at both sites.

Boxplot of circumferences

```
# Reshape data from wide to long format for Circumf_2005_cm and Circumf_2020_cm
long_data <- growth_data %>%
  select(Site, TreeID, Circumf_2005_cm, Circumf_2020_cm) %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = starts_with("Circumf"),
               names_to = "Year",
               values_to = "Circumference")
# Filter for only the start and end years
long_data <- long_data %>%
  filter(Year %in% c("Circumf_2005_cm", "Circumf_2020_cm"))
# Create a box plot
ggplot(long_data, aes(x = Year, y = Circumference, fill = Site)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Tree Circumference at Start (2005) and End (2020) of Study",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Circumference (cm)") +
  scale fill manual(values = c("northeast" = "red", "southwest" = "pink")) +
  theme_minimal()
```

Tree Circumference at Start (2005) and End (2020) of Study



```
# Save the box plot to your report
ggsave("boxplot_tree_circumference.png")
```

Saving 6.5×4.5 in image

2.4 Calculate the mean growth over the last 10 years at each site.

Mean Growth Calculation

```
# Calculate growth over the last 10 years for each tree
growth_data <- growth_data %>%
 mutate(Growth_10_years = Circumf_2020_cm - Circumf_2010_cm)
# Calculate mean growth at each site
mean_growth <- growth_data %>%
  group_by(Site) %>%
  summarise(mean_growth = mean(Growth_10_years, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = 'drop')
# Print the mean growth
print(mean_growth)
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##
    Site
           mean_growth
##
     <chr>
                     <dbl>
## 1 northeast
                      42.9
                      35.5
## 2 southwest
```

2.5 Use the t.test to estimate the p-value that the 10 year growth is different at the two sites.

T-Test for Growth Difference

95 percent confidence interval:

-0.3909251 15.2909251 ## sample estimates:

##

Perform t-test to compare growth between sites

mean in group northeast mean in group southwest

42.94

```
t_test_result <- t.test(Growth_10_years ~ Site, data = growth_data)

# Print t-test results
print(t_test_result)

##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: Growth_10_years by Site
## t = 1.8882, df = 87.978, p-value = 0.06229</pre>
```

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group northeast and group southwest is not

Interpretation: p-value: The p-value of 0.06229 suggests that the difference in mean growth between the two sites is not statistically significant at the conventional alpha level of 0.05. However, it is close to this threshold, indicating a potential trend toward significance.

35.49

Mean Comparison: The mean growth in the northeast (42.94 cm) is higher than that in the southwest (35.49 cm). This suggests that trees in the northeast experienced greater growth compared to those in the southwest over the last 10 years.

Confidence Interval: The confidence interval includes zero, which means we cannot conclusively say that there is a true difference in growth between the two sites. The upper limit (15.29 cm) indicates that, while the northeast shows higher growth, it is possible that the actual difference might be minimal or even negative.

Part 2: Examining biological sequence diversity

Introduction

This report compares the sequence features of *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* (GCA_900109465) with *Escherichia coli*. Escherichia coli is a Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium commonly found in the intestines of warm-blooded organisms, playing a vital role in gut health. While some strains of *Escherichia coli* can cause illnesses, the bacterium is extensively used as a model organism in molecular biology due to its relatively simple genome and well-studied genetics. In contrast, *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* is a Gram-positive bacterium isolated from acidic environments (Huang et al., 2004). This species is characterized by its unique metabolic pathways and adaptations to specific ecological niches, which may hold potential for applications in bioremediation or antibiotic development.

Questions:

1) Download the whole set of coding DNA sequences for E. coli and your organism of interest. How many coding sequences are present in these organisms? Present this in the form of a table. Describe any differences between the two organisms.

Sequences

```
# URLs for the coding DNA sequences
URL_Ecoli <- "https://ftp.ensemblgenomes.ebi.ac.uk/pub/bacteria/release-59/fasta/bacteria_117_collection
```

```
URL_Streptacidiphilus <- "https://ftp.ensemblgenomes.ebi.ac.uk/pub/bacteria/release-59/fasta/bacteria_5
# Downloading the sequences
download.file(URL_Ecoli, destfile = "e_coli_cds.fa.gz")
download.file(URL_Streptacidiphilus, destfile = "streptacidiphilus_cds.fa.gz")
#Decompress the files
gunzip("e_coli_cds.fa.gz")
gunzip("streptacidiphilus cds.fa.gz")
# Reading the sequences
ecoli segs <- seginr::read.fasta ("e coli cds.fa")
streptacidiphilus_seqs <- seqinr::read.fasta ("streptacidiphilus_cds.fa")
CDS count
# Count coding sequences
ecoli_count <- length (ecoli_seqs)</pre>
streptacidiphilus_count <- length (streptacidiphilus_seqs)</pre>
# Creating a summary table
coding_counts <- data.frame(</pre>
  Organism = c("Escherichia coli", "Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis"),
  Coding_Sequences = c(ecoli_count, streptacidiphilus_count)
)
coding_counts
##
                            Organism Coding Sequences
```

```
## 1
                   Escherichia coli
                                                  4931
                                                  8650
## 2 Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis
```

Answer: Escherichia coli contains 4,931 coding sequences while Streptacidiphilus jianqxiensis has a substantially higher count (8,650) of coding sequences, points to a significant disparity in genetic diversity between the two bacterial species. This greater number of coding sequences in Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis is indicative of a more complex genetic framework, which may translate into enhanced functional capabilities and a broader range of physiological adaptations (Wright, 1990, Malik et al., 2020).

The expanded repertoire of genes in *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* likely contributes to its metabolic versatility, enabling it to thrive in diverse environments. This versatility allows Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis to exploit various substrates, potentially including organic compounds found in soil or plant matter, that Escherichia coli might not utilize as efficiently. For example, Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis may possess unique enzymes or metabolic pathways that allow it to break down complex carbohydrates, synthesize essential nutrients, or produce secondary metabolites, such as antimicrobial compounds, which can offer competitive advantages in its ecological niche (Wright, 1990).

Moreover, the increased number of coding sequences may also reflect evolutionary adaptations to environmental pressures. In soil ecosystems, where nutrient availability can fluctuate, the ability to produce a wide range of enzymes and metabolites could enhance survival and reproduction (Harman and Uphoff, 2019). Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis may engage in symbiotic relationships with plants or other soil microorganisms, leveraging its genetic diversity to facilitate nutrient exchange or improve soil health (Cong et al., 2021). In contrast, Escherichia coli, while highly adaptable and successful in its own right, is often more specialized for life in nutrient-rich environments, such as the gastrointestinal tract of mammals. Thus, the greater coding sequence count in Streptacidiphilus jianquiensis underscores its potential for metabolic innovation and

ecological resilience, reflecting a sophisticated evolutionary response to its environment (Wright, 1990; Malik et al., 2020).

2) How much coding DNA is there in total for these two organisms? Present this in the form of a table. Describe any differences between the two organisms.

Total Coding DNA Length

```
# Calculate total coding DNA length
ecoli_length <- as.numeric(summary(ecoli_seqs)[,1])
streptacidiphilus_length <- as.numeric(summary(streptacidiphilus_seqs)[,1])

# Creating a summary table
total_lengths <- data.frame(
    Organism = c("Escherichia coli", "Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis"),
    Total_Length = c(sum(ecoli_length), sum(streptacidiphilus_length))
)

total_lengths</pre>
```

```
## Organism Total_Length
## 1 Escherichia coli 4593474
## 2 Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis 8422779
```

Answer: The genomic analysis reveals that *Escherichia coli* comprises approximately 4,593,474 base pairs of coding DNA, whereas *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* possesses a significantly larger genomic footprint of about 8,422,779 base pairs. This substantial difference in coding DNA indicates a more complex genome in *Streptacidiphilus*, which is often associated with greater metabolic diversity. A larger genomic content can provide a broader array of genes, facilitating the synthesis of diverse proteins that are crucial for various metabolic pathways and biochemical processes (Bentley, 2009).

The expanded coding capacity of *Streptacidiphilus* likely equips it with the ability to thrive in complex and potentially harsh environmental conditions. For instance, the organism might possess genes that allow it to metabolize a wider range of substrates, adapt to changes in nutrient availability, or withstand environmental stresses, such as acidity or high salinity (Rasko et al., 2008). Such metabolic versatility could enable *Streptacidiphilus* to exploit ecological niches that are less accessible to simpler organisms like *E. coli*, which tends to thrive in nutrient-rich environments typical of the mammalian gut (Lozica et al., 2022).

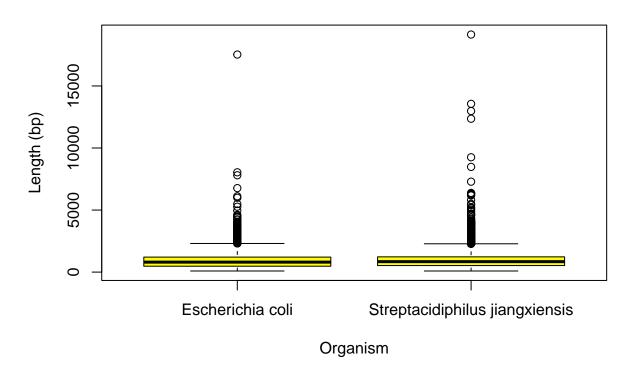
Furthermore, the increased genetic content in *Streptacidiphilus* may include genes responsible for specialized functions, such as biosynthesis of secondary metabolites, antibiotic resistance, or symbiotic interactions with other organisms (Jarocki et al., 2019). These attributes are particularly valuable for survival in competitive ecosystems where resource availability can be unpredictable. In essence, the larger coding DNA in *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* reflects an evolutionary strategy that enhances its adaptability and functional repertoire, illustrating how genomic complexity can influence ecological success and resilience (Huang et al., 2004).

3) Calculate the length of all coding sequences in these two organisms. Make a boxplot of coding sequence length in these organisms. What is the mean and median coding sequence length of these two organisms? Describe any differences between the two organisms.

Coding Sequence Length Distribution

```
xlab = "Organism",
ylab = "Length (bp)",
main = "Coding Sequence Length Distribution")
```

Coding Sequence Length Distribution



Mean and Median Coding Sequence Length

```
mean_median <- data.frame(
    Organism = c("Escherichia coli", "Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis"),
    Mean_Length = c(mean(ecoli_length), mean(streptacidiphilus_length)),
    Median_Length = c(median(ecoli_length), median(streptacidiphilus_length))
)
mean_median</pre>
```

```
## Organism Mean_Length Median_Length
## 1 Escherichia coli 931.5502 804
## 2 Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis 973.7317 843
```

Answer: The comparison of coding sequence lengths between *Escherichia coli* and *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* reveals significant insights into their genomic architectures and evolutionary adaptations. *Escherichia coli*, with a mean coding sequence length of 931.55 bp and a median of 804 bp, is known for its streamlined genome, which is optimized for rapid growth and efficient protein production in the nutrient-rich environments of mammalian intestines (Koonin, 2009). This bacterium's genetic simplicity has made it a model organism for studying fundamental biological processes, allowing researchers to explore genetic functions and interactions in a relatively uncomplicated context (Lizana and Schwartz, 2024).

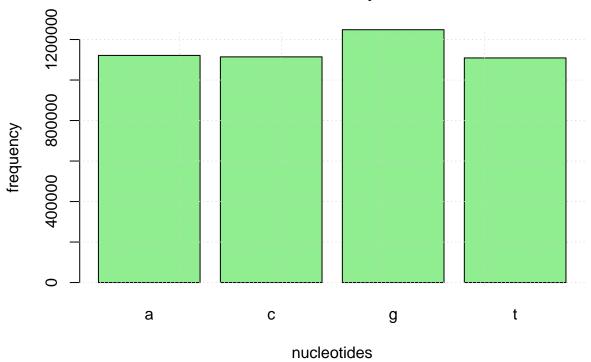
In contrast, Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis presents a longer mean coding sequence of 973.73 bp and a median

of 843 bp, suggesting a more intricate gene structure. This complexity may be indicative of specialized adaptations to its unique ecological niche, which includes survival in acidic environments (Malik et al., 2020). Longer coding sequences can allow for the encoding of more extensive and functionally diverse proteins, potentially enabling the bacterium to exploit a broader range of substrates or cope with environmental stresses (Maharjan and Ferenci, 2014). The differences in coding sequence length may reflect distinct evolutionary pressures faced by these organisms, with *Escherichia coli* evolving for rapid proliferation and *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* potentially developing complex metabolic pathways or interactions to thrive in less hospitable conditions (Wan et al., 2022). This variation underscores the diverse functional requirements and ecological strategies that shape the genomes of bacteria, highlighting how environmental factors influence genetic structure and complexity (Chan et al., 2018).

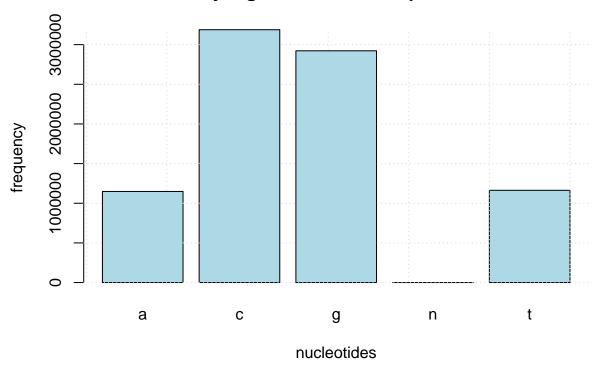
4) Calculate the frequency of DNA bases in the total coding sequences for both organisms. Perform the same calculation for the total protein sequence. Create bar plots for nucleotide and amino acid frequency. Describe any differences between the two organisms.

Frequency of DNA Bases

E. coli CDS composition



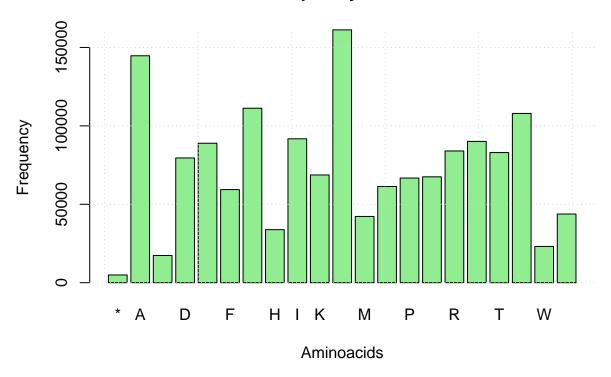
S. jiangxiensis CDS composition



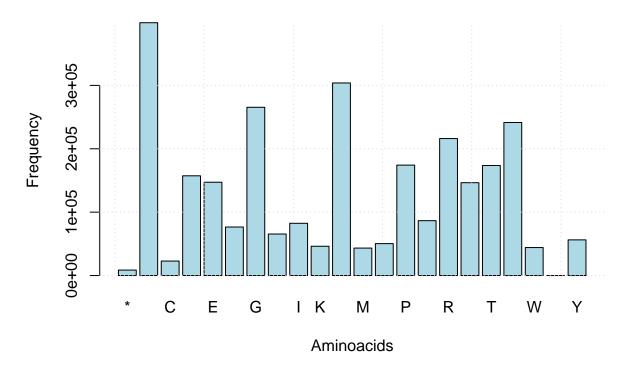
Amino Acid Frequency

```
# Convert coding DNA to protein sequences
ecoli_seqs <- seqinr::read.fasta ("e_coli_cds.fa")</pre>
streptacidiphilus_seqs <- seqinr::read.fasta ("streptacidiphilus_cds.fa")</pre>
ecoli_prot <- lapply(ecoli_seqs, translate)</pre>
streptacidiphilus_prot <- lapply(streptacidiphilus_seqs, translate)</pre>
# Calculate amino acid frequencies
ecoli_proteins <- unlist (ecoli_prot)</pre>
streptacidiphilus_proteins <-unlist (streptacidiphilus_prot)</pre>
aa_ecoli <-unique(ecoli_proteins)</pre>
aa_ecoli <- aa_ecoli[aa_ecoli != "*"]</pre>
aa_streptacidiphilus <- unique(streptacidiphilus_proteins)</pre>
aa_streptacidiphilus <- aa_streptacidiphilus[aa_streptacidiphilus != "*"]</pre>
ecoli_proteins_df <- data.frame(aa = ecoli_proteins, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
streptacidiphilus_proteins_df <- data.frame(aa = streptacidiphilus_proteins, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
ecoli_aa_freq <- ecoli_proteins_df %>%
  count(aa)
streptacidiphilus_aa_freq <- streptacidiphilus_proteins_df %>%
```

Amino Acid Frequency in Escherichia coli



Amino Acid Frequency in Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis



Answer: The observation that Escherichia coli exhibits a relatively even distribution of nucleotides—where adenine (A), thymine (T), cytosine (C), and guanine (G) are present in comparable proportions—contrasts sharply with the significantly higher CG content observed in Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis. This difference in nucleotide composition can have profound implications for the evolutionary strategies and ecological niches occupied by these two bacteria (Malik et al., 2020). The balanced nucleotide composition in E. coli reflects its adaptation to a diverse range of environments, particularly in the nutrient-rich gastrointestinal tracts of mammals, where rapid replication and metabolic efficiency are advantageous (Alteri and Mobley, 2012). In contrast, the elevated CG content in Streptacidiphilus may indicate specialized adaptations to more extreme or variable environmental conditions, such as those found in soil ecosystems. Higher GC content can contribute to increased stability of the DNA helix and may be linked to resistance against environmental stresses, such as desiccation or temperature fluctuations (Šmarda et al., 2014). Moreover, elevated CG content can affect gene expression and regulation, allowing Streptacidiphilus to potentially encode proteins that facilitate survival in nutrient-poor or competitive environments. Thus, the differences in nucleotide composition not only reflect the evolutionary histories of these bacteria but also underscore their distinct ecological strategies and adaptations to their respective habitats (Hu et al., 2022).

The differences in amino acid frequency between *Escherichia coli* and *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* not only reveal evolutionary adaptations but also highlight functional specializations that may be crucial for each organism's survival in their respective environments. In *E. coli*, the five most frequent amino acids—leucine (L), alanine (A), glycine (G), valine (V), and isoleucine (I)—suggest a protein composition that supports its versatile metabolic functions and adaptability. Leucine, being the most abundant, is known for its role in protein synthesis and cellular signaling, indicating a potential emphasis on growth and reproduction (Maser et al., 2020).

Conversely, *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* shows a slightly different pattern, with alanine (A), leucine (L), glycine (G), valine (V), and arginine (R) as the five most frequent amino acids. The presence of arginine in this top five may indicate specific adaptations related to stress responses or metabolic processes unique to

its ecological niche. The dominance of alanine, along with the other branched-chain amino acids, suggests that *Streptacidiphilus* might be optimized for particular biochemical pathways that enable it to thrive in potentially nutrient-poor or competitive environments (Koonin, 2009).

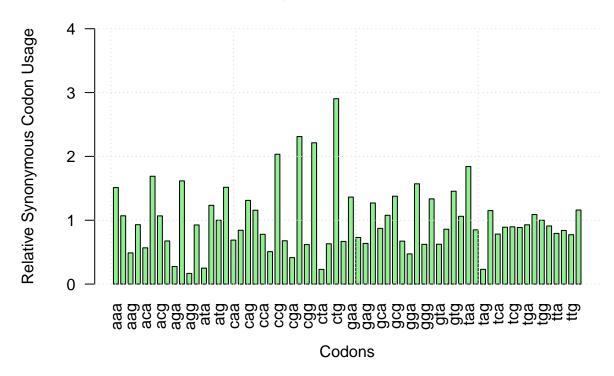
These variations in amino acid frequencies not only reflect the distinct metabolic capabilities of each organism but also offer insights into how they might respond to environmental challenges. For instance, the higher frequency of arginine in *Streptacidiphilus* may confer advantages in environments requiring enhanced nitrogen metabolism or stress resilience (Chen et al., 2021). Thus, examining the amino acid composition provides a deeper understanding of the functional diversity and ecological adaptations of these two bacteria, shedding light on their evolutionary trajectories in different ecological contexts (Monteiro et al., 2023).

5) Create a codon usage table and quantify the codon usage bias among all coding sequences. Describe any differences between the two organisms with respect to their codon usage bias. Provide charts to support your observations.

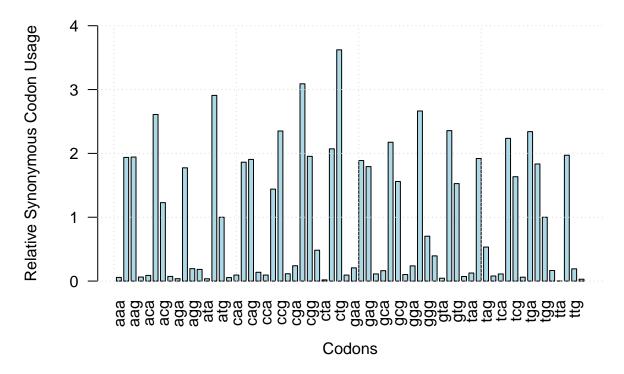
Codon Usage Bias

```
# Create codon usage tables
RSCU_ecoli <- uco(dna_ecoli,index="rscu",as.data.frame=TRUE)</pre>
RSCU_streptacidiphilus <- uco(dna_streptacidiphilus,index="rscu",as.data.frame=TRUE)
# Create a combined table
RSCU_combined <- cbind(RSCU_ecoli, "S. jiangxiensis RSCU"=RSCU_streptacidiphilus$RSCU)
colnames(RSCU_combined)[5] <- "E. coli RSCU"</pre>
head(RSCU_combined)
##
        AA codon
                   eff
                               freq E. coli RSCU S. jiangxiensis RSCU
             aaa 51923 0.033910935
## aaa Lys
                                       1.5116526
                                                            0.05739639
## aac Asn
             aac 32806 0.021425614
                                       1.0696620
                                                            1.93692442
## aag Lys
             aag 16774 0.010955107
                                       0.4883474
                                                            1.94260361
## aat Asn
             aat 28533 0.018634916
                                       0.9303380
                                                            0.06307558
## aca Thr
             aca 11773 0.007688952
                                       0.5675786
                                                            0.08879213
## acc Thr
             acc 35034 0.022880722
                                       1.6889960
                                                            2.60962222
# Bar plots
# E. coli
barplot(height=RSCU_ecoli$RSCU,
        names.arg=RSCU_ecoli$codon,
        col = "lightgreen",
        xlab= "Codons",
        ylab="Relative Synonymous Codon Usage",
        main="Codon Usage Bias in Escherichia coli",
        las = 2, # Rotate labels
        space = 0.5, # Reduce space between bars
        width = 0.4,
        ylim = c(0, 4))
grid()
```

Codon Usage Bias in Escherichia coli



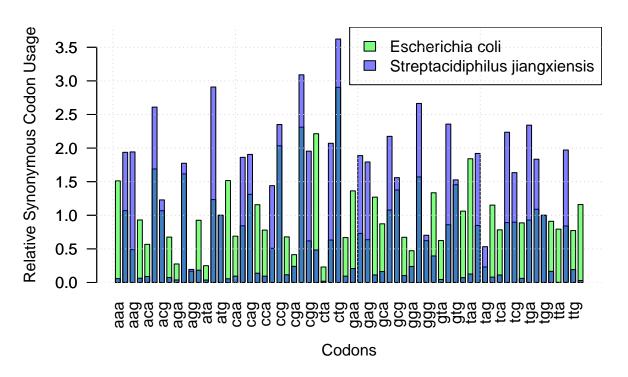
Codon Usage in Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis



Overlay the two barplots to compare the RSCU between the two organisms.

```
# Comparing two barplots
bar_heights_ecoli <- barplot(height = RSCU_ecoli$RSCU,</pre>
                              names.arg = RSCU_ecoli$codon,
                              col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), # Transparent green
                              xlab = "Codons",
                              ylab = "Relative Synonymous Codon Usage",
                              main = "Codon Usage Bias",
                              las = 2, # Rotate labels
                              space = 0.5, # Reduce space between bars
                              width = 0.4,
                              ylim = c(0, 3.8)) # Set proper limits for y-axis
bar_heights_streptacidiphilus <- barplot(height = RSCU_streptacidiphilus$RSCU,
                                          col = rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5), # Transparent blue
                                          add = TRUE, # Overlay on the existing plot
                                          las = 2, # Rotate labels
                                         space = 0.5, # Same space for consistency
                                          width = 0.4)
# Legend
legend("topright",
       legend = c("Escherichia coli", "Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis"),
      fill = c(rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), rgb(0, 0, 1, 0.5))
```

Codon Usage Bias



#####Answer:

The comparison of codon usage bias between Escherichia coli and Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis reveals intriguing insights into their evolutionary adaptations and functional capabilities. In E. coli, the Relative Synonymous Codon Usage (RSCU) is notably high for codons such as CTG, CGC, CGT, CCG, and TAA, indicating a preference for these codons in highly expressed genes (Stoletzki and Eyre-Walker, 2006). This pattern suggests that E. coli has evolved to optimize its translational efficiency and speed in its typical environments, which often include nutrient-rich conditions that favor rapid growth and division (Lipinszki et al., 2018). Conversely, Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis exhibits a distinct codon usage bias with elevated RSCU values for CTG, CGC, ATC, ACC, and GGC. The presence of ATC and ACC among the preferred codons indicates a potential adaptation to a different ecological niche, possibly involving specialized metabolic functions or responses to varying environmental pressures. These differences in codon preference may reflect the organisms' evolutionary histories, metabolic versatility, and ecological roles (Tyagi et al., 2023), with Streptacidiphilus possibly relying on a broader array of substrates or exhibiting different growth strategies compared to the more straightforward, rapid proliferation of E. coli. Understanding these patterns can provide deeper insights into how these bacteria interact with their environments and adapt to the challenges they face (Chan et al., 2018).

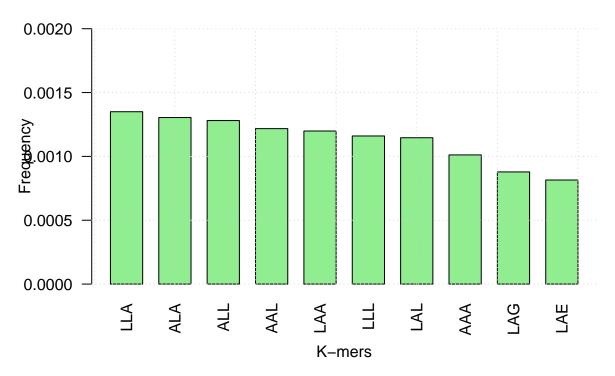
6) In the organism of interest, identify 10 protein sequence k-mers of length 3-5 which are the most over- and under-represented k-mers in your organism of interest. Are these k-mers also over- and under-represented in E. coli to a similar extent? Provide plots to support your observations. Why do you think these sequences are present at different levels in the genomes of these organisms? K-mer Analysis

```
# Function to calculate k-mers
# 3-mers Escherichia coli
ecoli_prot_freq_3 <- seqinr::count(ecoli_proteins, wordsize=3, alphabet=aa_ecoli,freq=TRUE)
ecoli_prot_freq_3 <- as.data.frame (ecoli_prot_freq_3)</pre>
colnames(ecoli_prot_freq_3)[1] <- "3-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(ecoli_prot_freq_3)
# 3-mers Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3 <- seqinr::count(streptacidiphilus_proteins, wordsize=3, alphabet=aa_stre
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3 <- as.data.frame(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3)
colnames(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3)[1] <- "3-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3)
# 4-mers Escherichia coli
ecoli_prot_freq_4 <- seqinr::count(ecoli_proteins, wordsize=4, alphabet=aa_ecoli, freq=TRUE)
ecoli_prot_freq_4 <- as.data.frame (ecoli_prot_freq_4)</pre>
colnames(ecoli_prot_freq_4)[1] <- "4-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(ecoli_prot_freq_4)
# 4-mers Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4 <- seqinr::count(streptacidiphilus_proteins, wordsize=4, alphabet=aa_stre
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4 <- as.data.frame(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4)
colnames(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4)[1] <- "4-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4)
# 5-mers Escherichia coli
ecoli_prot_freq_5 <- seqinr::count(ecoli_proteins, wordsize=5, alphabet=aa_ecoli, freq=TRUE)
ecoli_prot_freq_5 <- as.data.frame (ecoli_prot_freq_5)</pre>
colnames(ecoli_prot_freq_5)[1] <- "5-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(ecoli_prot_freq_5)
# 5-mers Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5 <- seqinr::count(streptacidiphilus_proteins, wordsize=5, alphabet=aa_stre
streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5 <- as.data.frame(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5)
colnames(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5)[1] <- "5-mer"</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5)
# Create a table for each organism with the k-mers and their frequencies
#E. coli
# Combine k-mer data into one column
ecoli_kmers <- data.frame(</pre>
  Kmer = c(
    as.character(ecoli_prot_freq_3$`3-mer`),
    as.character(ecoli_prot_freq_4$`4-mer`),
    as.character(ecoli_prot_freq_5$`5-mer`)
  ),
  Frequency = c(
    as.numeric(ecoli_prot_freq_3$Freq),
    as.numeric(ecoli_prot_freq_4$Freq),
    as.numeric(ecoli_prot_freq_5$Freq)
  )
```

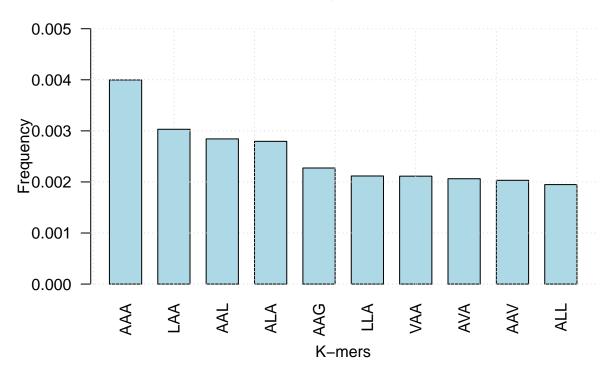
```
# Ordering the data from most frequent to least frequent
ecoli_kmers <- ecoli_kmers[order(ecoli_kmers*Frequency, decreasing = TRUE), ]</pre>
#If needed to confirm: head(ecoli_kmers)
#Filtering E.coli K-mers with >0 frequency
ecoli kmers filtered <- ecoli kmers[ecoli kmers$Frequency > 0,]
#Selecting the 10 most frequent protein sequence k-mers in E.coli
ecoli_top_10 <- ecoli_kmers_filtered[order(ecoli_kmers_filtered$Frequency, decreasing = TRUE), ][1:10,
head(ecoli_top_10)
##
        Kmer
               Frequency
## 3781 LLA 0.001349939
## 181
        ALA 0.001304435
## 190
        ALL 0.001280694
        AAL 0.001217385
## 10
## 3601 LAA 0.001198920
## 3790 LLL 0.001160011
#Selecting the 10 least frequent protein sequence k-mers in E.coli
ecoli bottom 10 <- ecoli kmers filtered[order(ecoli kmers filtered$Frequency), ][1:10, ]
head(ecoli_bottom_10)
##
        Kmer
                Frequency
## 4362 MWC 6.594718e-07
## 8039 AACW 6.616233e-07
## 8219 AAMW 6.616233e-07
## 8421 ACCA 6.616233e-07
## 8423 ACCD 6.616233e-07
## 8432 ACCN 6.616233e-07
#Selecting and counting E. coli K-mers with O frequency
ecoli_kmers_null <- ecoli_kmers[ecoli_kmers$Frequency == 0, ]</pre>
ecoli_num_kmers_null <- nrow(ecoli_kmers_null)</pre>
cat("Number of E. coli K-mers with 0 frequency:", ecoli_num_kmers_null, "\n")
## Number of E. coli K-mers with 0 frequency: 2297663
#S. jianqxiensis
\# Combine k-mer data into one column
streptacidiphilus_kmers <- data.frame(</pre>
 Kmer = c(
    as.character(streptacidiphilus prot freq 3$`3-mer`),
   as.character(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4$`4-mer`),
   as.character(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5$`5-mer`)
  ),
 Frequency = c(
    as.numeric(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_3$Freq),
    as.numeric(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_4$Freq),
    as.numeric(streptacidiphilus_prot_freq_5$Freq)
  )
)
# Ordering the data from most frequent to least frequent
```

```
streptacidiphilus_kmers <- streptacidiphilus_kmers[order(streptacidiphilus_kmers$Frequency, decreasing
#If needed to confirm: head(streptacidiphilus_kmers)
#Filtering S. jiangxiensis K-mers with >0 frequency
streptacidiphilus_kmers_filtered <- streptacidiphilus_kmers[streptacidiphilus_kmers$Frequency > 0, ]
#Selecting the 10 most frequent protein sequence k-mers in S. jiangxiensis
streptacidiphilus top 10 <- streptacidiphilus kmers filtered[order(streptacidiphilus kmers filtered$Fre
head(streptacidiphilus_top_10)
##
        Kmer
               Frequency
## 1
        AAA 0.003996559
## 3970 LAA 0.003030943
         AAL 0.002842565
## 10
## 190
        ALA 0.002795111
## 6
         AAG 0.002272758
## 4159 LLA 0.002116375
#Selecting the 10 least frequent protein sequence k-mers in S. jiangxiensis
streptacidiphilus_bottom_10 <- streptacidiphilus_kmers_filtered[order(streptacidiphilus_kmers_filtered$
head(streptacidiphilus_bottom_10)
##
        Kmer
                Frequency
## 660
        CMK 3.594998e-07
## 670
        CMW 3.594998e-07
## 2078 FRX 3.594998e-07
## 2816 HKC 3.594998e-07
## 4433 MCC 3.594998e-07
## 6593 RXX 3.594998e-07
#Selecting and counting S. jiangxiensis K-mers with O frequency
streptacidiphilus_kmers_null <- streptacidiphilus_kmers[streptacidiphilus_kmers$Frequency == 0, ]
streptacidiphilus_num_kmers_null <- nrow(streptacidiphilus_kmers_null)</pre>
cat("Number of S. jiangxiensis K-mers with 0 frequency:", streptacidiphilus_num_kmers_null, "\n")
## Number of S. jiangxiensis K-mers with 0 frequency: 3149491
#Plot of top 10 E.coli K-mers
barplot(height=ecoli_top_10$Frequency,
        names.arg=ecoli top 10$Kmer,
        col = "lightgreen",
        xlab= "K-mers",
       ylab="Frequency",
        main="Top 10 E.coli K-mers",
        las = 2, # Rotate labels
        space = 0.5,
        width = 0.4,
        ylim = c(0, 0.002))
grid()
```

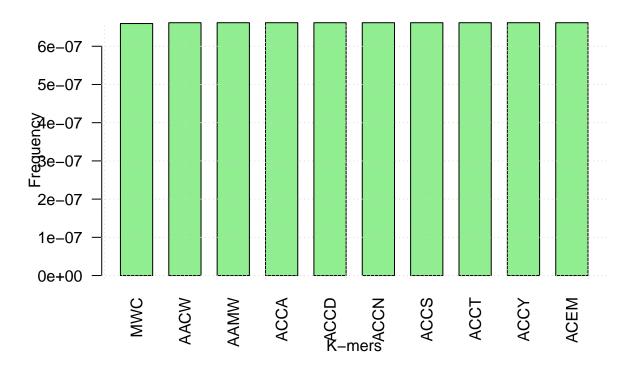
Top 10 E.coli K-mers



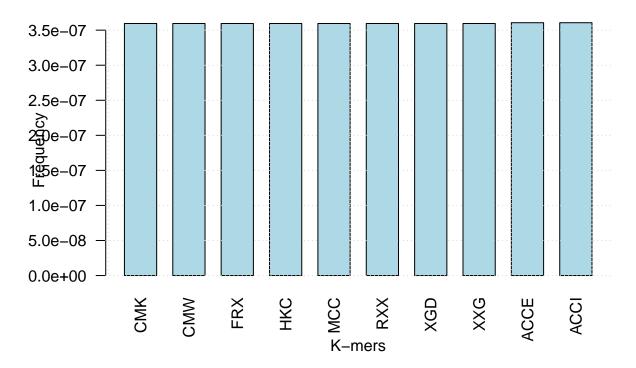
Top 10 S.jiangxiensis K-mers



Bottom 10 E.coli K-mers



Bottom 10 S.jiangxiensis K-mers



#####Answer:

The analysis of k-mer frequency in proteins offers valuable insights into the evolutionary strategies and functional adaptations of *Escherichia coli* and *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis*. The top 10 k-mers in *E. coli*, which include sequences like LLA, ALA, and ALL, predominantly feature leucine (L) and alanine (A). This amino acid composition suggests a potential focus on proteins that require flexibility and structural stability, characteristics that are essential for E. coli's rapid growth and metabolic efficiency in nutrient-rich environments, such as the intestines of warm-blooded animals (Yang et al., 2020). The abundance of leucine, known for its role in protein synthesis and cellular metabolism, may enhance the organism's ability to adapt quickly to varying nutrient availability, providing a competitive advantage in diverse ecological niches (Tian et al., 2017).

In contrast, *Streptacidiphilus jiangxiensis* presents a different k-mer profile, with its top sequences such as AAA and AAG indicating a higher representation of alanine and a notable presence of arginine (R). The inclusion of arginine in its protein repertoire may enable *Streptacidiphilus* to engage in a wider range of metabolic pathways, including nitrogen metabolism and stress responses, which are critical for survival in the variable soil environments it inhabits. This greater diversity in k-mers suggests a more complex protein structure that may facilitate specialized functions, such as the synthesis of secondary metabolites that help in nutrient acquisition and competition with other soil microorganisms (Yang et al., 2020).

The contrasting least frequent k-mers further illuminate these differences. For example, *E. coli* contains k-mers like MWC and AACW, which may correspond to rare or less-utilized protein motifs, possibly limiting its capacity to produce certain proteins under specific environmental conditions. Meanwhile, *Streptacidiphilus* features k-mers such as CMK and FRX, which may represent unique adaptations or niche-specific proteins that enhance its survival in less competitive environments. The presence of such rare sequences could confer the ability to utilize specific substrates or produce bioactive compounds that aid in survival and competitive advantage in its soil habitat (Bussi et al., 2021).

Overall, the differences in k-mer frequency between these two organisms reveal not only their distinct evolutionary paths but also their strategies for thriving in their respective environments. E. coli's k-mer composition supports rapid growth and adaptability in rich environments, while Streptacidiphilus's diverse k-mer patterns likely enhance its metabolic versatility and ecological resilience in variable soil ecosystems.

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sessionInfo()

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## R version 4.1.2 (2021-11-01)
## Platform: x86 64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
## Running under: Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS:
          /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/blas/libblas.so.3.10.0
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lapack/liblapack.so.3.10.0
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## locale:
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                               LC_NUMERIC=C
                                                      LC_TIME=C.UTF-8
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                               LC_MONETARY=C.UTF-8
                                                      LC_MESSAGES=C.UTF-8
  [7] LC_PAPER=C.UTF-8
                               LC_NAME=C
                                                      LC_ADDRESS=C
##
## [10] LC_TELEPHONE=C
                               LC MEASUREMENT=C.UTF-8 LC IDENTIFICATION=C
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats4
                 stats
                           graphics grDevices utils
                                                         datasets methods
## [8] base
##
## other attached packages:
  [1] tidyr_1.3.1
                            readr_2.1.5
                                                ggplot2_3.5.1
  [4] dplyr_1.1.4
                            seqinr_4.2-36
                                                Biostrings_2.62.0
   [7] GenomeInfoDb_1.30.1 XVector_0.34.0
                                                IRanges_2.28.0
## [10] S4Vectors_0.32.4
                            BiocGenerics_0.40.0 R.utils_2.12.3
## [13] R.oo_1.26.0
                            R.methodsS3_1.8.2
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] Rcpp_1.0.13
                               highr_0.11
                                                      compiler_4.1.2
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#	##	[4]	pillar_1.9.0	bitops_1.0-8	tools_4.1.2
#	##	[7]	zlibbioc_1.40.0	digest_0.6.37	gtable_0.3.5
#	##	[10]	evaluate_1.0.0	lifecycle_1.0.4	tibble_3.2.1
#	##	[13]	pkgconfig_2.0.3	rlang_1.1.4	cli_3.6.3
#	##	[16]	yaml_2.3.10	xfun_0.47	fastmap_1.2.0
#	##	[19]	${\tt GenomeInfoDbData_1.2.7}$	withr_3.0.1	knitr_1.48
#	##	[22]	hms_1.1.3	generics_0.1.3	vctrs_0.6.5
#	##	[25]	grid_4.1.2	tidyselect_1.2.1	ade4_1.7-22
#	##	[28]	glue_1.7.0	R6_2.5.1	fansi_1.0.6
#	##	[31]	rmarkdown_2.28	farver_2.1.2	purrr_1.0.2
#	##	[34]	tzdb_0.4.0	magrittr_2.0.3	scales_1.3.0
#	##	[37]	htmltools_0.5.8.1	MASS_7.3-55	<pre>colorspace_2.1-1</pre>
#	##	[40]	labeling_0.4.3	utf8_1.2.4	munsell_0.5.1
#	##	[43]	RCurl_1.98-1.16	crayon_1.5.3	