

Transcriptome Demo

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Load required packages (you might have to figure out how to install some of these first...)

```
library(ballgown)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(genefilter)
library(dplyr)
library(devtools)
```

This code creates a data frame with two columns: ids and stage.

```
pheno_data<-data.frame(ids = c("plank01", "plank02", "biofilm01", "biofilm02"),
                        stage = c("planktonic", "planktonic", "biofilm", "biofilm"))
```

create Ballgown object and check transcript number

```
samples.c <- paste('ballgown', pheno_data$ids, sep = '/')
bg <- ballgown(samples = samples.c, meas='all', pData = pheno_data)
bg
```

```
## ballgown instance with 5727 transcripts and 4 samples
```

This code filters the Ballgown object to keep only genes or transcripts with expression variance > 1 across samples.

```
bg_filt = subset(bg, "rowVars(texpr(bg)) >1", genomesubset=TRUE)
bg_filt
```

```
## ballgown instance with 4743 transcripts and 4 samples
```

create a table of transcripts

```
results_transcripts<-stattest(bg_filt, feature = "transcript", covariate = "stage",
getFC = TRUE, meas = "FPKM")
results_transcripts<-data.frame(geneNames=geneNames(bg_filt),
transcriptNames=transcriptNames(bg_filt), results_transcripts)
```

The transcript I chose was gene-PA0001.

```
results_transcripts[results_transcripts$transcriptNames == "gene-PA0001", ]

##   geneNames transcriptNames   feature id      fc      pval      qval
## 1      dnaA      gene-PA0001 transcript  1 0.9862819 0.6906561 0.6906561
```

The transcript gene-PA0001 is for dnaA. It's id number is 1 and it's fc is 0.9862819. This represents how much the expression level of a transcript/gene changes between conditions. The pval and qval are equal at 0.6906561, there is no significance.

This code filters for significantly differentially expressed transcripts and returns how many of them were found in a table format.

```
sigdiff <- results_transcripts %>% filter(pval<0.7)
dim(sigdiff)
```

```
## [1] 4743    7
```

organize the table

```
o = order(sigdiff[, "pval"], -abs(sigdiff[, "fc"]), decreasing=FALSE)
output = sigdiff[o, c("geneNames", "transcriptNames", "id", "fc", "pval", "qval")]
write.table(output, file="SigDiff.txt", sep="\t", row.names=FALSE, quote=FALSE)
head(output)
```

```
##   geneNames transcriptNames   id      fc      pval      qval
## 1693      .      gene-PA1660 1693 1.000000 0.6906561 0.6906561
## 950      gacS      gene-PA0928 950 1.000017 0.6906561 0.6906561
## 269      .      gene-PA0266 269 1.000016 0.6906561 0.6906561
## 3176     purF      gene-PA3108 3176 1.000105 0.6906561 0.6906561
## 393      .      gene-PA0389 393 1.000138 0.6906561 0.6906561
## 3825     dsbC      gene-PA3737 3825 1.000189 0.6906561 0.6906561
```

load gene names

```
bg_table = texpr(bg_filt, 'all')
bg_gene_names = unique(bg_table[, 9:10])
```

pull out gene expression data and visualize

```
gene_expression = as.data.frame(gexpr(bg_filt))
head(gene_expression)
```

```
##           FPKM.plank01 FPKM.plank02 FPKM.biofilm01 FPKM.biofilm02
## .           1.2848601    0.7715227    3.155843e+00    1.2848601
## gene-PA1781.1    0.2154666    0.4325117    4.788977e-02    0.2154666
## MSTRG.1         2347.2883407 2316.1708024    1.817852e+03    2347.2883407
```

```
## MSTRG.10      14.6400744    12.8207084    9.278507e+00    14.6400744
## MSTRG.100     82.4897736    66.6706324    4.423373e+02    82.4897736
## MSTRG.1000    5.7265984     4.4001802    1.777665e+01    5.7265984
```

<This code creates a table that is a cleaned up version of table 1. It contains simplified column names. >

```
colnames(gene_expression) <- c("plank01", "plank02", "biofilm01", "biofilm02")
head(gene_expression)
```

```
##           plank01      plank02      biofilm01      biofilm02
## .           1.2848601      0.7715227 3.155843e+00      1.2848601
## gene-PA1781.1      0.2154666      0.4325117 4.788977e-02      0.2154666
## MSTRG.1      2347.2883407 2316.1708024 1.817852e+03 2347.2883407
## MSTRG.10      14.6400744    12.8207084    9.278507e+00    14.6400744
## MSTRG.100     82.4897736    66.6706324    4.423373e+02    82.4897736
## MSTRG.1000    5.7265984     4.4001802    1.777665e+01    5.7265984
```

```
dim(gene_expression)
```

```
## [1] 4311      4
```

There are five unique genes and 6 transcripts.

```
transcript_gene_table = indexes(bg)$t2g
head(transcript_gene_table)
```

```
##   t_id   g_id
## 1     1 MSTRG.1
## 2     2 MSTRG.2
## 3     3 MSTRG.3
## 4     4 MSTRG.3
## 5     5 MSTRG.4
## 6     6 MSTRG.5
```

```
length(row.names(transcript_gene_table))
```

```
## [1] 5727
```

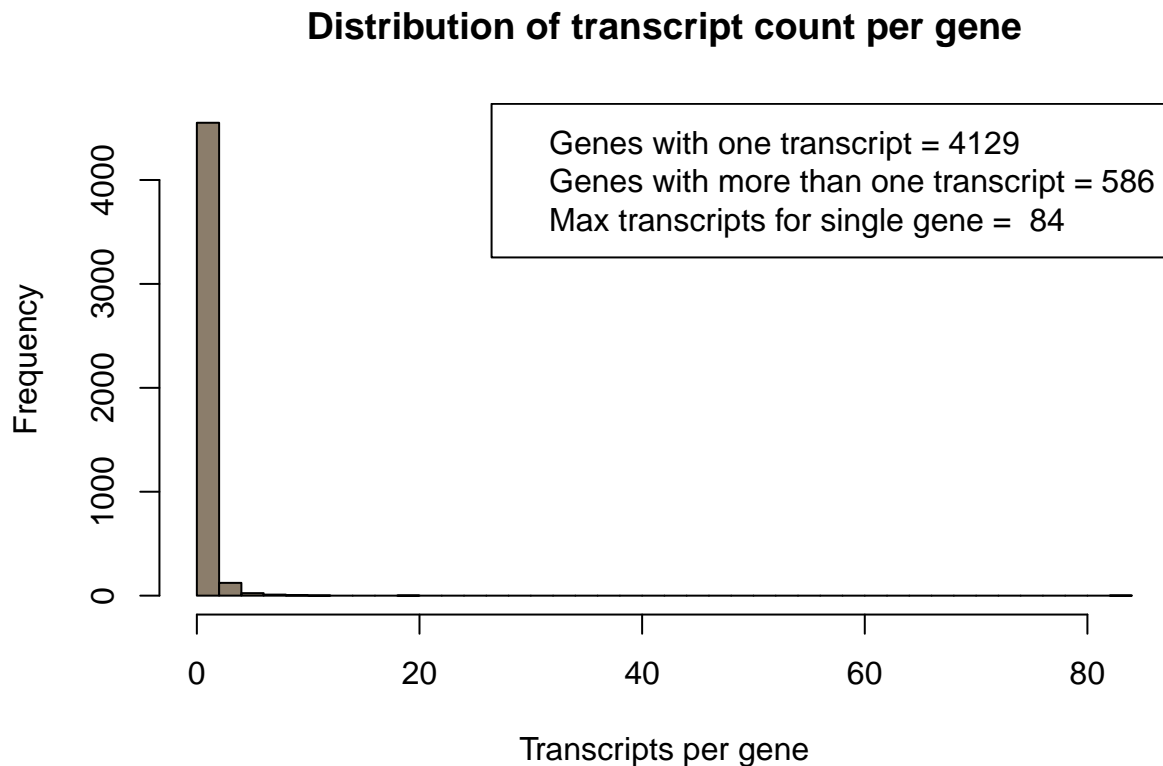
```
length(unique(transcript_gene_table[, "g_id"]))
```

```
## [1] 4715
```

plot the number of transcripts per gene

```
counts=table(transcript_gene_table[, "g_id"])
c_one = length(which(counts == 1))
c_more_than_one = length(which(counts > 1))
c_max = max(counts)
hist(counts, breaks=50, col="bisque4", xlab="Transcripts per gene",
main="Distribution of transcript count per gene")
legend_text = c(paste("Genes with one transcript =", c_one),
paste("Genes with more than one transcript =", c_more_than_one),
```

```
paste("Max transcripts for single gene = ", c_max))
legend("topright", legend_text, lty=NULL)
```

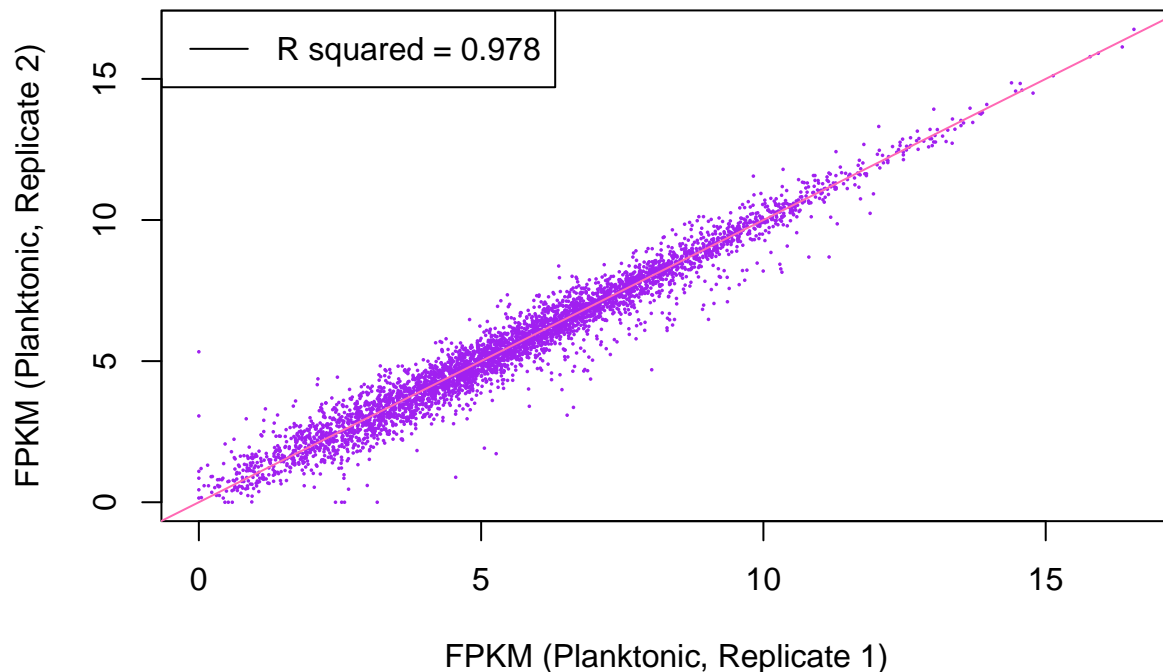


<The x axis shows the transcripts per gene and the y axis is the frequency of the gene. Based on the graph there are approximately 0-10 transcripts per gene at a high frequency of over 400.>

create a plot of how similar the two replicates are for one another. To modify the chart you can substitute the variables x and y with the new dataset columns and adjust the plot labels.

```
x = gene_expression[, "plank01"]
y = gene_expression[, "plank02"]
min_nonzero=1
plot(x=log2(x+min_nonzero), y=log2(y+min_nonzero), pch=16, col="purple", cex=0.25,
     xlab="FPKM (Planktonic, Replicate 1)", ylab="FPKM (Planktonic, Replicate 2)",
     main="Comparison of expression values for a pair of replicates")
abline(a=0, b=1, col = "hotpink")
rs=cor(x,y)^2
legend("topleft", paste("R squared = ", round(rs, digits=3), sep=""), lwd=1, col="black")
```

Comparison of expression values for a pair of replicates

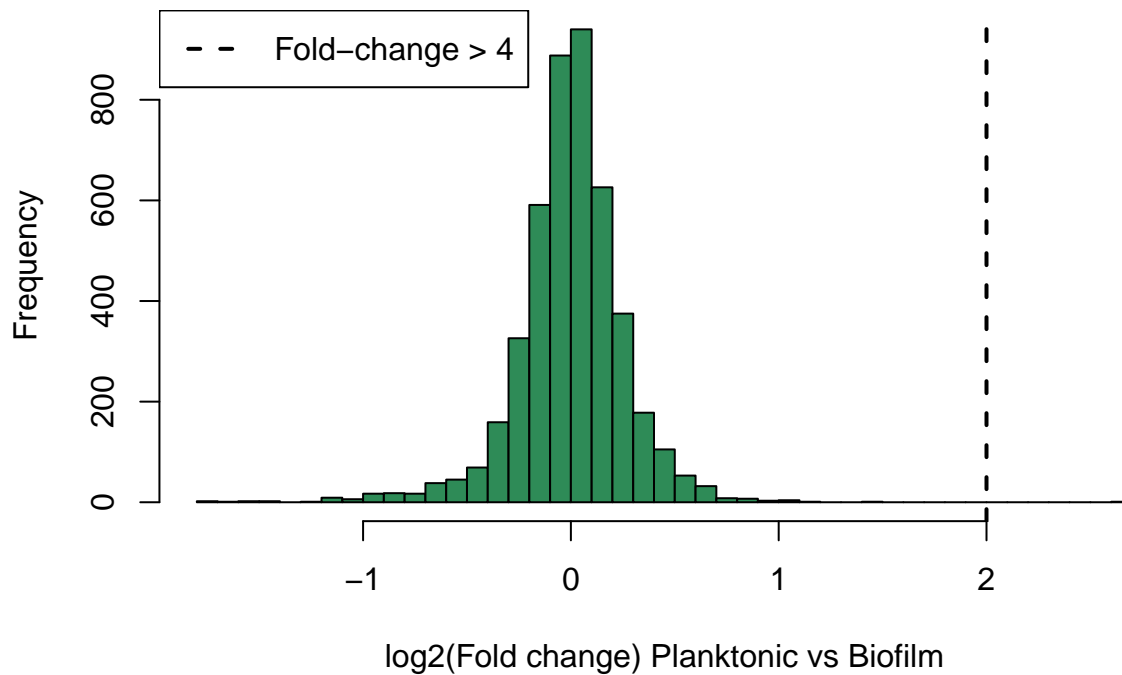


If the two data sets are similar it means there is a high reproducibility and a strong correlation.

create plot of differential gene expression between the conditions

```
results_genes = statstest(bg_filt, feature="gene", covariate="stage", getFC=TRUE, meas="FPKM")
results_genes = merge(results_genes, bg_gene_names, by.x=c("id"), by.y=c("gene_id"))
sig=which(results_genes$pval<0.7)
results_genes[, "de"] = log2(results_genes[, "fc"])
hist(results_genes[sig, "de"], breaks=50, col="seagreen",
xlab="log2(Fold change) Planktonic vs Biofilm",
main="Distribution of differential expression values")
abline(v=-2, col="black", lwd=2, lty=2)
abline(v=2, col="black", lwd=2, lty=2)
legend("topleft", "Fold-change > 4", lwd=2, lty=2)
```

Distribution of differential expression values

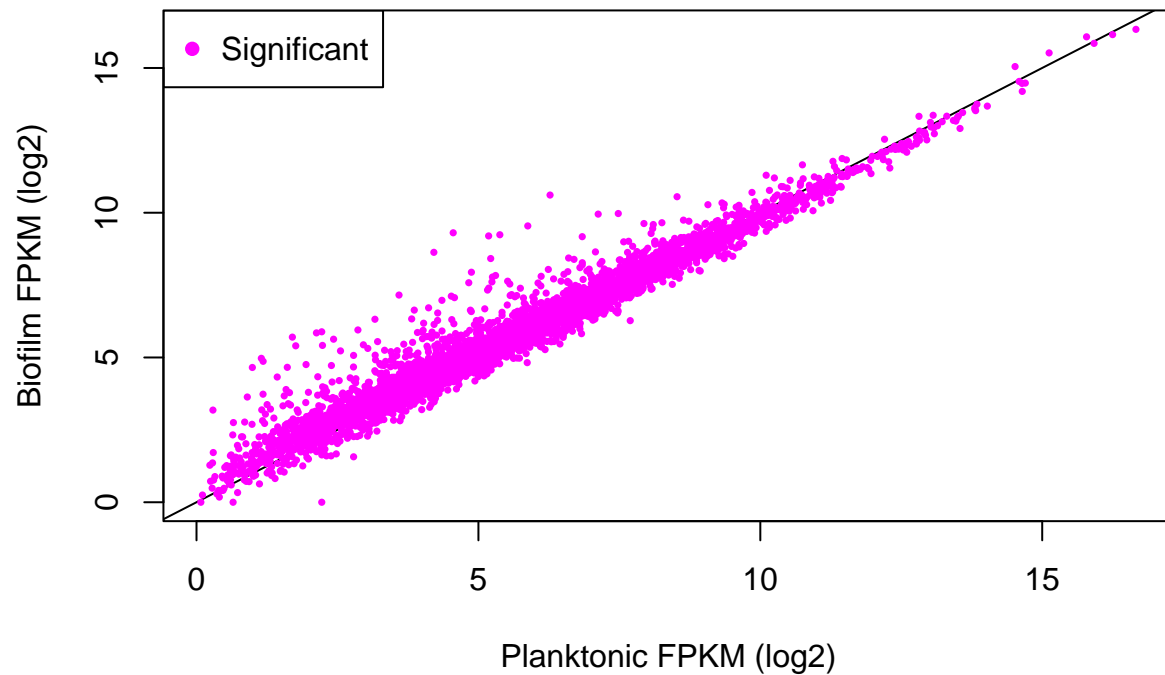


The histogram shows that most the genes have minimal differential expression centered around zero, with few genes having a strong upregulation.

Plot total gene expression highlighting differentially expressed genes

```
gene_expression[, "plank"] = apply(gene_expression[, c(1:2)], 1, mean)
gene_expression[, "biofilm"] = apply(gene_expression[, c(3:4)], 1, mean)
x = log2(gene_expression[, "plank"] + min_nonzero)
y = log2(gene_expression[, "biofilm"] + min_nonzero)
plot(x=x, y=y, pch=16, cex=0.25, xlab="Planktonic FPKM (log2)", ylab="Biofilm FPKM (log2)",
     main="Planktonic vs Biofilm FPKMs")
abline(a=0, b=1)
xsig=x[sig]
ysig=y[sig]
points(x=xsig, y=ysig, col="magenta", pch=16, cex=0.5)
legend("topleft", "Significant", col="magenta", pch=16)
```

Planktonic vs Biofilm FPKMs



make a table of FPKM values

```
fpkm = texpr(bg_filt, meas="FPKM")
```

choose a gene to determine individual expression

```
ballgown::transcriptNames(bg_filt)[4]
```

```
##           4  
## "gene-PA0004"
```

```
ballgown::geneNames(bg_filt)[4]
```

```
##           4  
## "gyrB"
```

transform to log2

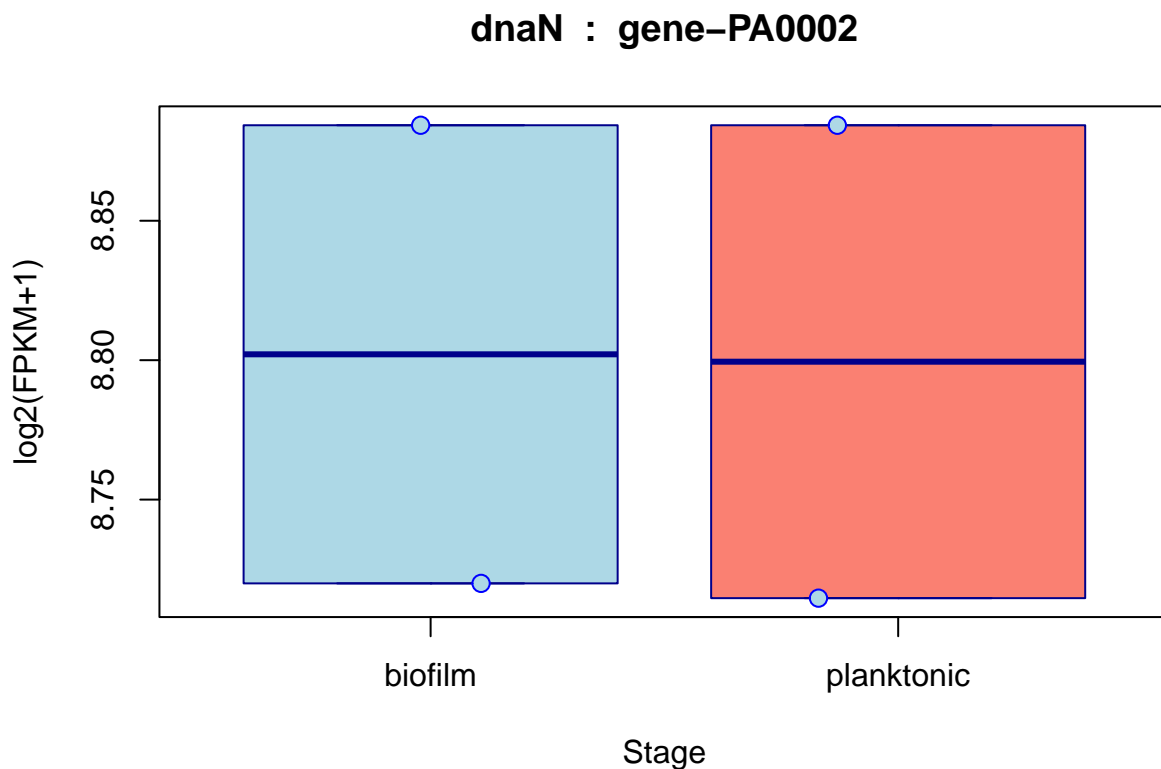
```
transformed_fpkm <- log2(fpkm[2, ] + 1)
```

make sure values are properly coded as numbers

```
numeric_stages <- as.numeric(factor(pheno_data$stage))  
jittered_stages <- jitter(numeric_stages)
```

plot expression of individual gene

```
boxplot(transformed_fpk ~ pheno_data$stage,  
  main=paste(ballgown::geneNames(bg_filt)[2], ' : ', ballgown::transcriptNames(bg_filt)[2]),  
  xlab="Stage",  
  ylab="log2(FPKM+1)",  
  col=c("lightblue", "salmon"),  
  border="darkblue")  
  
points(transformed_fpk ~ jittered_stages,  
  pch=21, col="blue", bg="lightblue", cex=1.2)
```



The gene dnaN gene-PA0002 shows similar expression levels between biofilm and planktonic conditions. There is no major differences observed between the groups.