Course Outline

1. Overview of the problems discussed in the course(1 lecture)

- a. Problems in computational biology including genome assembly in different flavours, RNA-seq, Chipseq, ATAC-seq, and other assays
- b. Single cell versions of various assays
- c. A discussion about the statistical and algorithmic challenges that are faced in these problems

2. High throughput sequencing (1 lecture)

- a. Sequencing technologies (short read technologies like Illumina, long read technologies like Pacific Biosciences and Oxford Nanopore, linked read technologies like 10x)
- b. Base calling

3. De novo Genome Assembly (3-4 lectures)

- a. Dense read formulation: Necessary and sufficient conditions (informational view)
- b. Algorithms for assembly: de Bruijn graph based algorithms, Overlap graph based algorithms
- c. Errors and biases

4. Read alignment (3 lectures)

- a. Dynamic programming
- b. Hash-based seed-and-extend
- c. FM-index and Burrows-Wheeler transform
- d. Suffix arrays
- e. Minhash
- f. Applications such as spliced alignment, and alignments used in practical cases like DAligner, and Minimap.

5. Variant calling (1 lecture)

- a. SNV calling
- b. Structural variant calling

6. Phasing and Imputation (2 lectures)

- a. Imputation algorithms
- b. Phasing algorithms

7. RNA-Seq assembly (2 lectures)

a. Formulation

- b. Algorithms
- 8. RNA-Seq quantification (2 lectures)
 - a. EM algorithm
- 9. Single-cell RNA-Seq analysis (3 lectures)
 - a. Differential expression
 - b. Cell Differentiation
 - c. Visualisation
 - d. Trend Analysis
- 10. Genome Compression (1 lecture)

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Useful Resources

- 1. Ben Langmead's lecture notes
- 2. Bioinformatics algorithms by Compeau and Pevzner

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