Class 12: RNASeq analysis

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In this class we will work with published RNA-seq experiment where airway smooth muscle cells (ASMs) were treated with dexamethasone, a synthetic glucocorticoid.

1. Bioconductor and DESeq2

```
library(DESeq2)
```

```
Loading required package: S4Vectors
```

```
Loading required package: stats4
```

```
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
```

```
Attaching package: 'S4Vectors'

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

    expand.grid, I, unname

Loading required package: IRanges

Loading required package: GenomicRanges

Loading required package: GenomeInfoDb

Loading required package: SummarizedExperiment

Loading required package: MatrixGenerics

Loading required package: matrixStats


Attaching package: 'MatrixGenerics'

The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':

    colAlls, colAnyNAs, colAnys, colAvgsPerRowSet, colCollapse,
    colCounts, colCummaxs, colCummins, colCumprods, colCumsums,
    colDiffs, colIQRDiffs, colIQRs, colLogSumExps, colMadDiffs,
    colMads, colMaxs, colMeans2, colMedians, colMins, colOrderStats,
    colProds, colQuantiles, colRanges, colRanks, colSdDiffs, colSds,
    colSums2, colTabulates, colVarDiffs, colVars, colWeightedMads,
    colWeightedMeans, colWeightedMedians, colWeightedSds,
    colWeightedVars, rowAlls, rowAnyNAs, rowAnys, rowAvgsPerColSet,
    rowCollapse, rowCounts, rowCummaxs, rowCummins, rowCumprods,
    rowCumsums, rowDiffs, rowIQRDiffs, rowIQRs, rowLogSumExps,
    rowMadDiffs, rowMads, rowMaxs, rowMeans2, rowMedians, rowMins,
    rowOrderStats, rowProds, rowQuantiles, rowRanges, rowRanks,
    rowSdDiffs, rowSds, rowSums2, rowTabulates, rowVarDiffs, rowVars,
    rowWeightedMads, rowWeightedMeans, rowWeightedMedians,
    rowWeightedSds, rowWeightedVars
```

```
Loading required package: Biobase

Welcome to Bioconductor

    Vignettes contain introductory material; view with
    'browseVignettes()'. To cite Bioconductor, see
    'citation("Biobase")', and for packages 'citation("pkgname")'.


Attaching package: 'Biobase'

The following object is masked from 'package:MatrixGenerics':

    rowMedians

The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':

    anyMissing, rowMedians
```

2. Importing countData and colData

We will use `read.csv()` to read the two things we need for the analysis

- countdata
- col data (metadata)

```
counts <- read.csv("airway_scaledcounts.csv", row.names=1)
metadata <-  read.csv("airway_metadata.csv")
```

Taking a look at each to figure out how any genes and controls i have:

```
head(counts)
```

	SRR1039508	SRR1039509	SRR1039512	SRR1039513	SRR1039516
ENSG00000000003	723	486	904	445	1170
ENSG00000000005	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	467	523	616	371	582
ENSG00000000457	347	258	364	237	318
ENSG00000000460	96	81	73	66	118
ENSG00000000938	0	0	1	0	2

```
                SRR1039517 SRR1039520 SRR1039521
ENSG00000000003       1097        806        604
ENSG00000000005          0          0          0
ENSG00000000419        781        417        509
ENSG00000000457        447        330        324
ENSG00000000460         94        102         74
ENSG00000000938          0          0          0
```

Taking a look at metadata

```
head(metadata)
```

```
          id     dex celltype     geo_id
1 SRR1039508 control   N61311 GSM1275862
2 SRR1039509 treated   N61311 GSM1275863
3 SRR1039512 control  N052611 GSM1275866
4 SRR1039513 treated  N052611 GSM1275867
5 SRR1039516 control  N080611 GSM1275870
6 SRR1039517 treated  N080611 GSM1275871
```

Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

There are 38694 genes in this dataset

Q2. How many 'control' cell lines do we have?

There are 4 control cell lines

First, we should check the correspondance of the metadata and count data

```
metadata$id
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

```
colnames(counts)
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

To check that these are all in the same order, we can use `==` test of equality.

```
all(metadata$id == colnames(counts))
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

3. Toy differential gene expression

Getting summary data for controls

Metadata

```
control <- metadata[metadata[,"dex"]=="control",]
control.inds <- metadata[metadata[,"dex"]=="control",]
head(control.inds)
```

```
         id     dex celltype     geo_id
1 SRR1039508 control   N61311 GSM1275862
3 SRR1039512 control  N052611 GSM1275866
5 SRR1039516 control  N080611 GSM1275870
7 SRR1039520 control  N061011 GSM1275874
```

Counts data

```
control.counts <- counts[ ,control$id]
head(control.counts)
```

```
                SRR1039508 SRR1039512 SRR1039516 SRR1039520
ENSG00000000003        723        904       1170        806
ENSG00000000005          0          0          0          0
ENSG00000000419        467        616        582        417
ENSG00000000457        347        364        318        330
ENSG00000000460         96         73        118        102
ENSG00000000938          0          1          2          0
```

Find the mean count value for each transcript/gene by binding the `rowMeans()`

```
control.mean <- rowMeans( control.counts )
head(control.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         900.75            0.00          520.50          339.75           97.25
ENSG00000000938
           0.75
```

dplyr approach

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following object is masked from 'package:Biobase':

    combine

The following object is masked from 'package:matrixStats':

    count

The following objects are masked from 'package:GenomicRanges':

    intersect, setdiff, union

The following object is masked from 'package:GenomeInfoDb':

    intersect

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
```

```
control <- metadata %>% filter(dex=="control")
control.counts <- counts %>% select(control$id)
control.mean <- rowSums(control.counts)/4
head(control.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         900.75            0.00          520.50          339.75           97.25
ENSG00000000938
           0.75
```

Q3. How would you make the above code in either approach more robust?

The code can be made more robust by using RowMeans instead of RowSum and then dividing by 4, as it would then work for more values than 4.

Q4. Follow the same procedure for the treated samples (i.e. calculate the mean per gene across drug treated samples and assign to a labeled vector called treated.mean)

Doing the same with the treatment group, trying to find mean value for 'treated' columns.

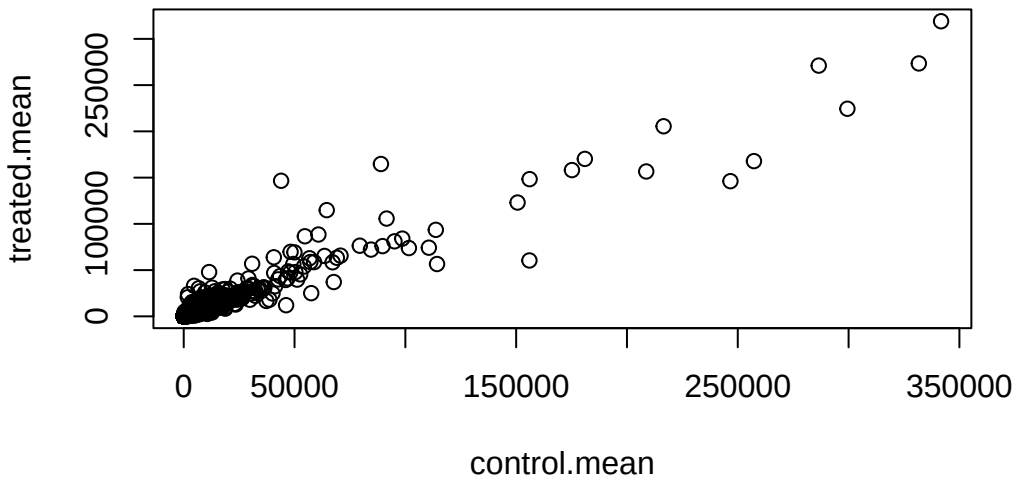
```
treated.id <- metadata[metadata$dex =="treated",'id']
treated.mean <-  rowMeans(counts[,treated.id])
```

We now have a control mean and a treatment mean. Combining means:

```
meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)
```

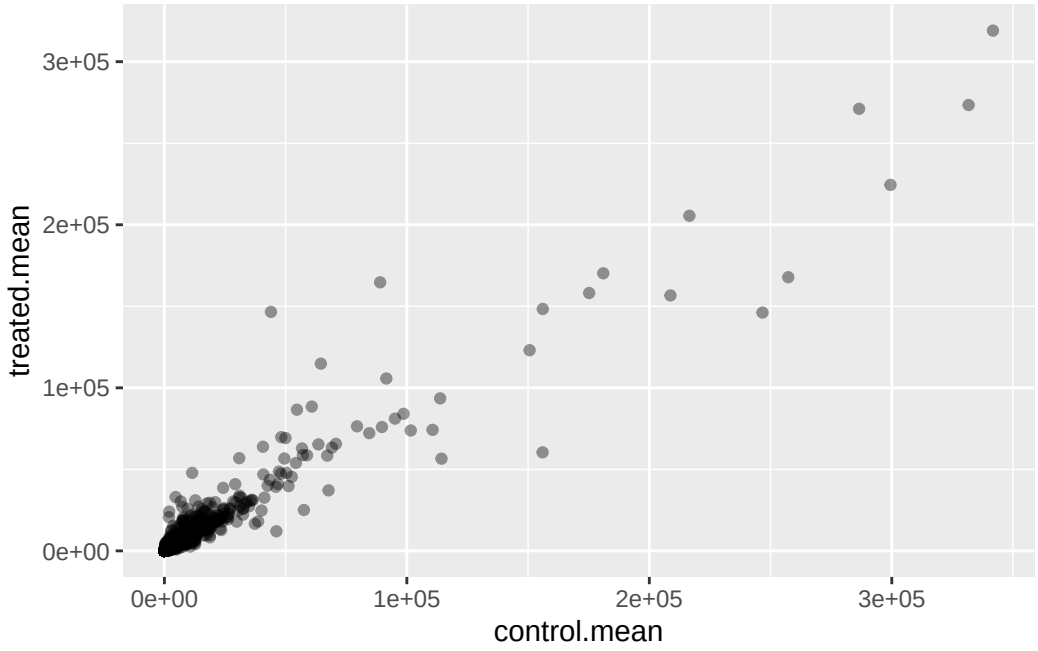
Q5 (a). Create a scatter plot showing the mean of the treated samples against the mean of the control samples. Your plot should look something like the following.

```
plot(meancounts)
```



Q5 (b).You could also use the ggplot2 package to make this figure producing the plot below. What geom_?() function would you use for this plot?

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(meancounts, aes(control.mean, treated.mean))+
  geom_point(alpha=0.4)
```



All the points are clumped up around the origin. We can try scaling the axes to let us see more points. Heavily skewed graph, log transform.

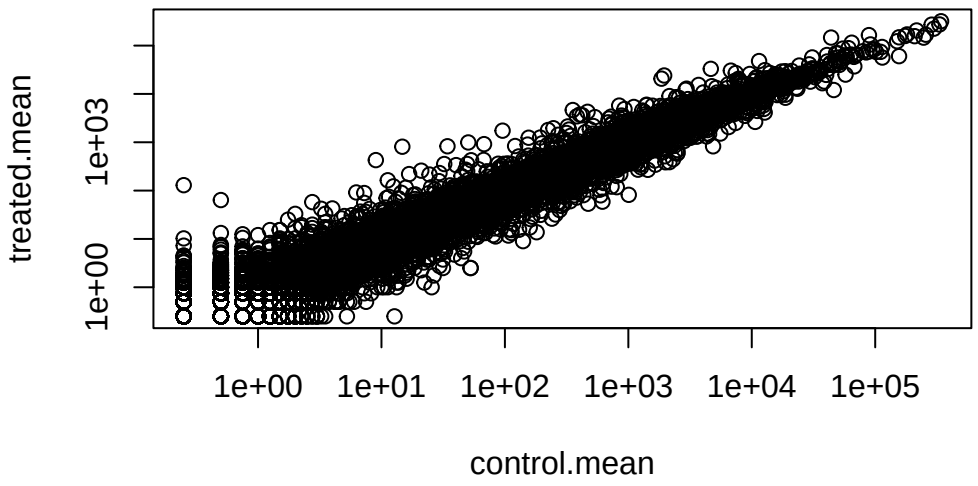
> Q6. Try plotting both axes on a log scale. What is the argument to plot() that allows you to do this?

The log argument allows us to to scale the

```
plot(meancounts, log='xy')
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15032 x values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15281 y values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```

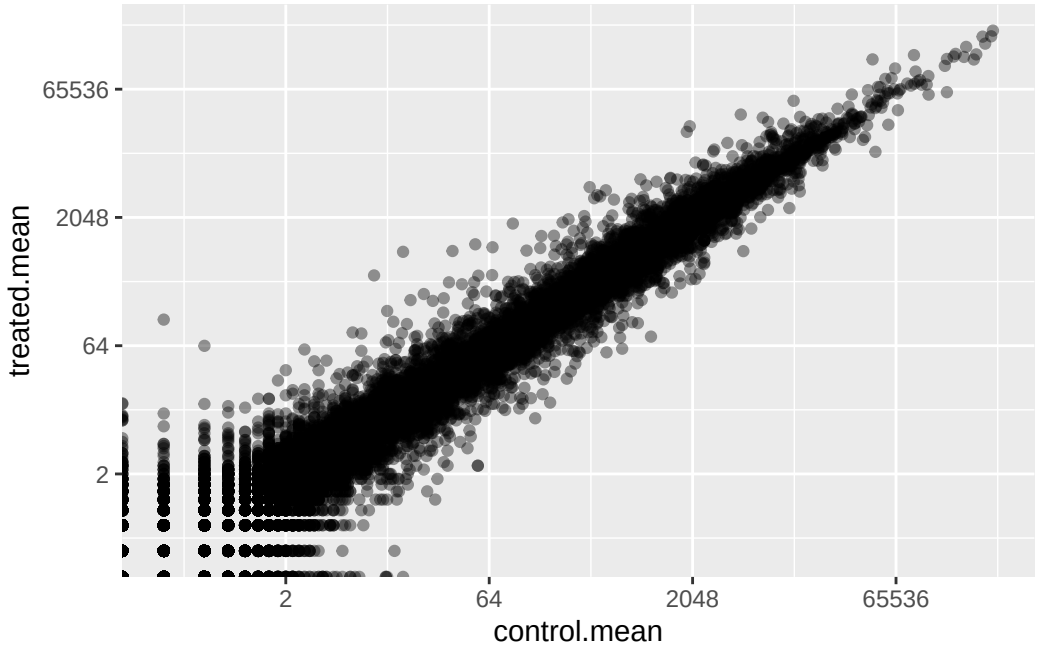


Trying the same thing with ggplot

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(meancounts, aes(control.mean, treated.mean))+
  geom_point(alpha=0.4)+
  scale_x_continuous(trans="log2")+
  scale_y_continuous(trans="log2")
```

```
Warning: Transformation introduced infinite values in continuous x-axis
```

```
Warning: Transformation introduced infinite values in continuous y-axis
```



We like working with log transformed data as it helps makes things more straightforward to interpret.

If we have no change:

```
log2(20/20)
```

```
[1] 0
```

What about if we had a doubling?

```
log2(40/20)
```

```
[1] 1
```

What if we had half as much?

```
log2(10/20)
```

```
[1] -1
```

A quadrupling?

```
log2(80/20)
```

```
[1] 2
```

We like working with log2 fold-change values. Lets calculate them for our data -

```
meancounts$log2fc <- log2(meancounts[,"treated.mean"]/meancounts[,"control.mean"])
head(meancounts)
```

```
                control.mean treated.mean      log2fc
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00 -0.45303916
ENSG00000000005         0.00         0.00         NaN
ENSG00000000419       520.50       546.00  0.06900279
ENSG00000000457       339.75       316.50 -0.10226805
ENSG00000000460        97.25        78.75 -0.30441833
ENSG00000000938         0.75         0.00        -Inf
```

```
zero.vals <- which(meancounts[,1:2]==0, arr.ind=TRUE)

to.rm <- unique(zero.vals[,1])
mycounts <- meancounts[-to.rm,]
head(mycounts)
```

```
                control.mean treated.mean      log2fc
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00 -0.45303916
ENSG00000000419       520.50       546.00  0.06900279
ENSG00000000457       339.75       316.50 -0.10226805
ENSG00000000460        97.25        78.75 -0.30441833
ENSG00000000971      5219.00      6687.50  0.35769358
ENSG00000001036      2327.00      1785.75 -0.38194109
```

> Q7. What is the purpose of the arr.ind argument in the which() function call above? Why would we then take the first column of the output and need to call the unique() function?

The arr.ind argument makes the `which()` function return both row and column indices. We would take the first column of output as this represents the rows where there are 0s, and we want the rows. Unique ensures that we do not count rows twice if they have 0s in both the

row and column. A common threshold for calling genes as differentially expressed is a log2 fold-change of +2 or -2.

```
up.ind <- mycounts$log2fc > 2

down.ind <- mycounts$log2fc < (-2)
```

```
sum(up.ind)
```

```
[1] 250
```

```
sum(down.ind)
```

```
[1] 367
```

> Q8. Using the up.ind vector above can you determine how many up regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

250 genes are upregulated

> Q9. Using the down.ind vector above can you determine how many down regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

367 genes are downregulated

> Q10. Do you trust these results? Why or why not?

I do not completely trust these results because the statistical significance is unknown, even though log2 fold-change can be large.

4. DESeq2 analysis

```
library(DESeq2)
```

The main function in the DESeq2 package is called `deseq()`. It wants our count data and our colData (metadata) as input in a specific way.

```
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData=counts,
                              colData=metadata,
                              design=~dex)
```

```
converting counts to integer mode
```

```
Warning in DESeqDataSet(se, design = design, ignoreRank): some variables in
design formula are characters, converting to factors
```

```
dds
```

```
class: DESeqDataSet
dim: 38694 8
metadata(1): version
assays(1): counts
rownames(38694): ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ... ENSG00000283120
  ENSG00000283123
rowData names(0):
colnames(8): SRR1039508 SRR1039509 ... SRR1039520 SRR1039521
colData names(4): id dex celltype geo_id
```

Now we can run the DESeq analysis

```
dds <- DESeq(dds)
```

```
estimating size factors
```

```
estimating dispersions
```

```
gene-wise dispersion estimates
```

```
mean-dispersion relationship
```

```
final dispersion estimates
```

```
fitting model and testing
```

Getting results

```
res <- results(dds)
res
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 38694 rows and 6 columns
                 baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
ENSG00000000003  747.1942     -0.3507030  0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG00000000005    0.0000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000000419  520.1342      0.2061078  0.101059  2.039475 0.0414026
ENSG00000000457  322.6648      0.0245269  0.145145  0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460   87.6826     -0.1471420  0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
...                    ...            ...       ...       ...       ...
ENSG00000283115  0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000283116  0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000283119  0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000283120  0.974916      -0.668258   1.69456 -0.394354  0.693319
ENSG00000283123  0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
                     padj
                <numeric>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035
ENSG00000000005        NA
ENSG00000000419  0.176032
ENSG00000000457  0.961694
ENSG00000000460  0.815849
...                   ...
ENSG00000283115        NA
ENSG00000283116        NA
ENSG00000283119        NA
ENSG00000283120        NA
ENSG00000283123        NA
```

We have the log2 fold-change and the adjusted p-val for the significance.

```
summary(res)
```

```
out of 25258 with nonzero total read count
adjusted p-value < 0.1
LFC > 0 (up)       : 1563, 6.2%
LFC < 0 (down)     : 1188, 4.7%
outliers [1]       : 142, 0.56%
low counts [2]     : 9971, 39%
(mean count < 10)
[1] see 'cooksCutoff' argument of ?results
[2] see 'independentFiltering' argument of ?results
```

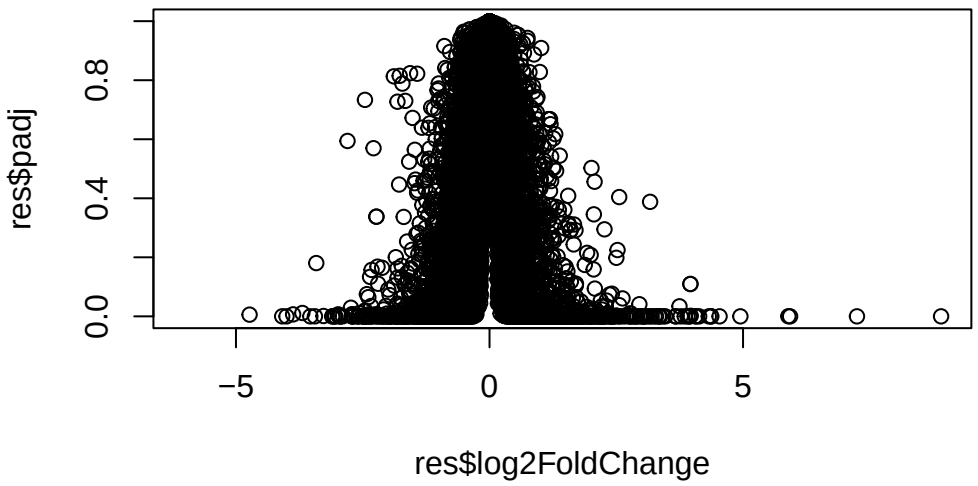
```
res05 <- results(dds, alpha=0.05)
summary(res05)
```

```
out of 25258 with nonzero total read count
adjusted p-value < 0.05
LFC > 0 (up)       : 1236, 4.9%
LFC < 0 (down)     : 933, 3.7%
outliers [1]       : 142, 0.56%
low counts [2]     : 9033, 36%
(mean count < 6)
[1] see 'cooksCutoff' argument of ?results
[2] see 'independentFiltering' argument of ?results
```

6. Data Visualization

First plot

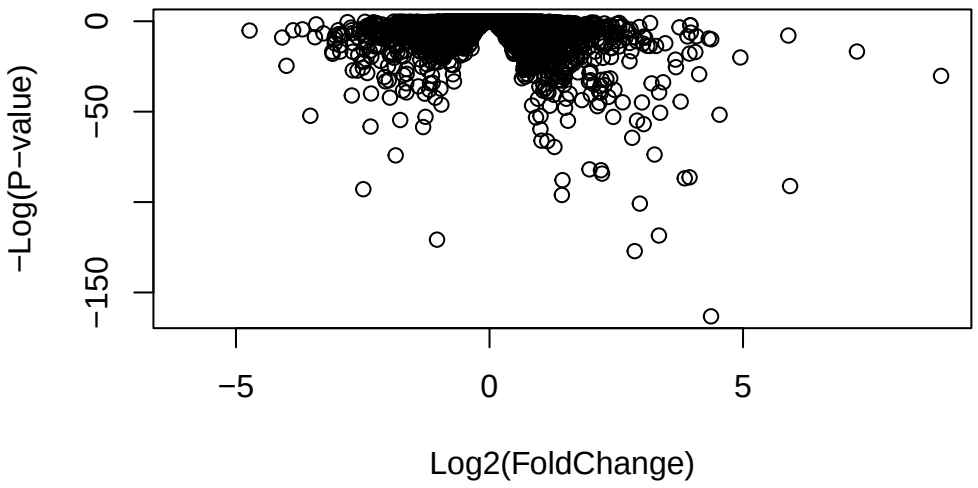
```
plot( res$log2FoldChange, res$padj)
```



This plot isn't good. All the p-values we want are near 0. Time for log transformation!

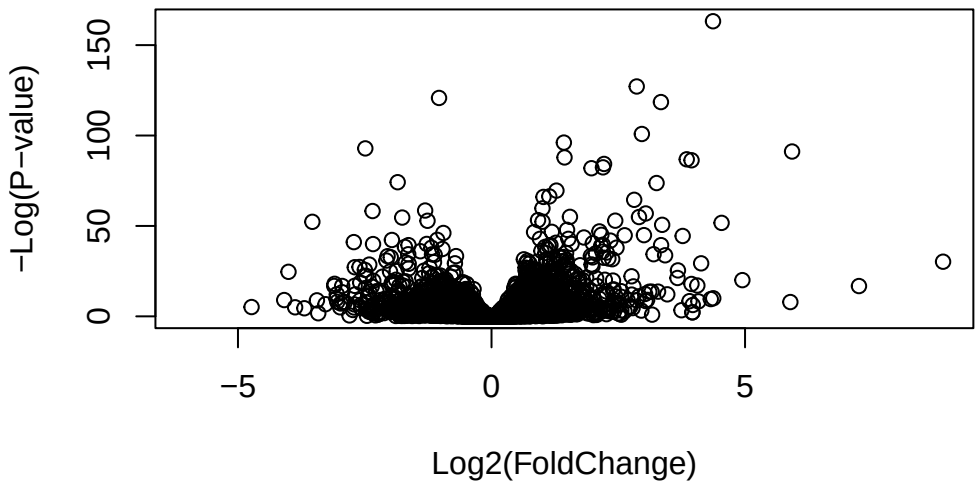
Plotting log transformation

```
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  log(res$padj),
      xlab="Log2(FoldChange)",
      ylab="-Log(P-value)")
```



Trying to not make it upside down anymore –> negative log transformation

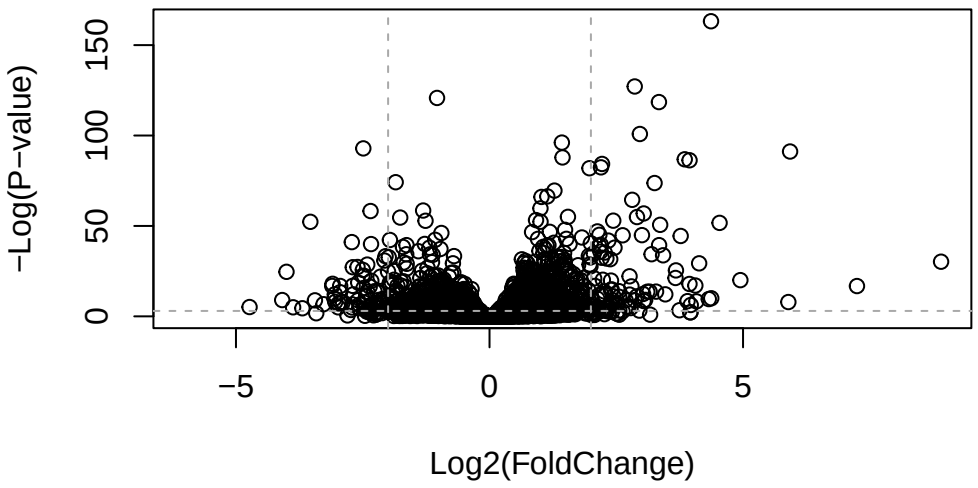
```
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj),
      xlab="Log2(FoldChange)",
      ylab="-Log(P-value)")
```



Adding guidelines with `abline()` function

```
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj),
 ylab="-Log(P-value)", xlab="Log2(FoldChange)")

# Add some cut-off lines
abline(v=c(-2,2), col="darkgray", lty=2)
abline(h=-log(0.05), col="darkgray", lty=2)
```



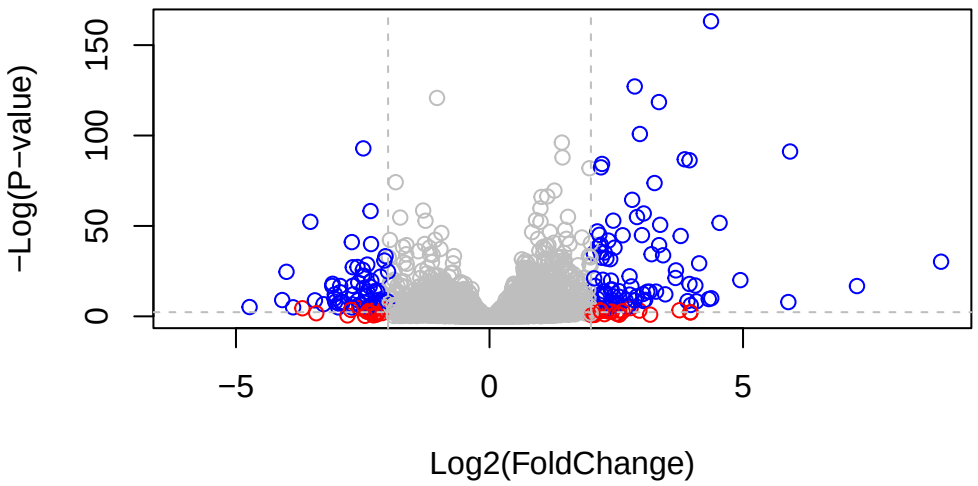
Adding custom color vector to indicate transcripts with large fold change and significant differences between conditions

```
# Setup our custom point color vector
mycols <- rep("gray", nrow(res))
mycols[ abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 ]  <- "red"

inds <- (res$padj < 0.01) & (abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 )
mycols[ inds ] <- "blue"

# Volcano plot with custom colors
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj),
 col=mycols, ylab="-Log(P-value)", xlab="Log2(FoldChange)" )

# Cut-off lines
abline(v=c(-2,2), col="gray", lty=2)
abline(h=-log(0.1), col="gray", lty=2)
```


−Log(P−value)
0
50
100
150
−5
0
5
Log2(FoldChange)