# **Documentation of Tools for Noise Removal from Pyrosequenced Amplicons (AmpliconNoise)**

#### **Installation:**

The programs have been tested on MacOs X and Linux – Windows is not supported. A cluster is not necessary but reasonable size data sets will only run on a cluster or good server. A version of Message Passing Interface (MPI) is necessary to install the programs. Open MPI is a good choice:

http://www.open-mpi.org/

To install first unzip the programs:

unzip AmpliconNoise.zip

move into the top directory and type:

make

this will compile the programs. Any errors here may require changing the default C (cc) and C-MPI compilers (mpicc) in the individual makefiles associated with the executables.

make install

will place the executables in the bin directories. This and the Scripts directory need to be added to your path. If you unzip AmpliconNoise.zip in your home directory /home/whoeverlam/ then this command should be added to your .bashrc or .profile or equivalent:

PATH=/home/whoeverIam/AmpliconNoise/bin: /home/whoeverIam/AmpliconNoise/Scripts:\$PATH

export PATH

You should also set environment variables to specify the location of look up tables used by the programs. These define the noise distributions. The following commands ensure that the file LookUp\_E123.dat is always used for PyroDist and PyroNoise and Tran.dat by SeqDist and SeqNoise. Having set these the programs can be run anywhere otherwise they can only be run from inside the bin directory:

PYRO\_LOOKUP\_FILE=/home/whoeverlam/AmpliconNoise/Data/LookUp\_E 123.dat SEQ\_LOOKUP\_FILE=/home/whoeverlam/AmpliconNoise/Data/Tran.dat export PYRO\_LOOKUP\_FILE export SEQ\_LOOKUP\_FILE

#### **Programs**

**FCluster:** 

-in string distance input file name

-out string output file stub

**Options:** 

-r resolution

-a average linkage-w use weights-i read identifiers

-s scale dist.

This performs a simple hierarchical clustering. It reads a distance file in text format (-in).

The first line in the text file gives the number of entities to be clustered N. This is then optionally followed by N ids if the (-i) flag is set as separate lines. Otherwise the N(N-1)/2 pairwise distances follow as individual lines. The distances  $d_{ij}$  are specified in order i = 1...N, j = 1...i.

The program performs complete linkage clustering as default but average linkage can be specified by the (-a) flag. Average linkage accounting for weights is possible with (-a -w) the weights are then take from the ids which must have format

Name1\_Weight1

...

NameN\_WeightN

The program produces three output files stub.list, stub.otu, stub.tree when stub is specified by (-out):

stub.list has format (similar to Dotur)

d NClusters Cluster1 .. ClusterN

where d is the distance at which clusters formed. N is the number of clusters at this cutoff and then each cluster is specified as a comma separated list of entries either indexed 0 to N -1 or by ids if the (-i) flag is specified.

stub.otu simply gives the cluster sizes in the same format. Clusters are outputted at seperations of 0.01 by default but this can be change by (-r) flag.

stub.tree is the hierarchical in newick tree format

Finally the distances can be scaled by their maximum using the (-s) flag.

#### **Examples:**

To perform complete linkage hierarchical clustering:

```
FCluster -in test.fdist -out test_M
```

Or to use average linkage with weights and ids in output:

```
FCluster -i -a -w -in test.ndist -out test_A
```

(this requires distance file with ids)

```
FastaUnique – dereplicates fasta file
-in string input file name
Options:
```

This program simply dereplicates a fasta file of sequences. Sequences of different length are only compared up to the smaller length and if identical up to that smaller length are judged the same sequence. Dereplicated sequences with ids that are a combination of the founding sequence id and the number of identical sequences found i.e.

```
>founderID_weight
```

The mapping of sequences to the uniques is given by a .map file generated with the name fastaname.map where fastaname is obtained by parsing .fa of the original file name. This has a line for each unique sequence in format:

```
OriginallIdx, NewIdx, ParentID, I: Idx_1,...Idx_I:ID_1,...,ID_I
```

where I is the number of sequences mapping to the unique.

#### **Example:**

```
FastaUnique -in Test.fa > Test_U.fa
```

NDist - pairwise Needleman-Wunsch sequence distance matrix from a fasta file

```
-in string fata file nameOptions:-i output identifiers
```

This program generates a distance matrix from a fasta file of the format required by FCluster. It uses a simple implementation of the exact Needleman-Wunsch algorithm to perform pairwise alignments using a

fixed gap penalty of 1.5. Distances are then calculated according to the 'QuickDist' algorithm basically counting mismatched nucleotides as a distance of one and with a cost of one for a gap regardless of length and then normalizing by number of comparisons (Huse et al. Genome Biology 2007). Output is to standard out.

The only option (-i) is to output identifiers suitable for running FCluster with -i.

This is an MPI program allowing the calculation of distances to spread across multiple cores and/or nodes.

#### **Example:**

```
mpirun -np 32 NDist -in Test.fa > Test.ndist
```

PyroDist - pairwise distance matrix from flowgrams

-in string flow file name-out stub out file stub

**Options:** 

-ni no index in dat file -rin string lookup file name

This program calculates a distance matrix between flowgrams. Input (-in) is to a .dat file containing flowgrams in a simple format. The first line has the number of flowgrams followed by the number of flows: N M. Each of the N flowgram entries has the format: id length1 flow1 flow2 ... flowM where id is just an identifier, length is the number of 'clean' flows, followed by all M flows (although only length will ever be used).

The distances are calculated according to the algorithm in Quince et al. 2009 except that alignment of flowgrams no longer occurs. This requires a look up table for the intensity distributions about the homopolymer length. By default this is read in from a file set in the header file by the constant LOOKUP\_FILE which is set to "../Data/LookUp\_E123.dat" a well configured distrubution for 454 GSFLX implementation. Consequently the program can only be run from the bin directory to maintain this relative path. However, to allow the program to run anywhere the environment variable PYRO\_LOOKUP\_FILE can be set as described in the installation instructions or the path to a lookup file can be passed with the (-rin) flag.

The optional flag (-ni) is necessary if the flowgram file contains no ids.

Output is to a distance matrix in flat format of name stub.fdist where stub is set by the (-out) flag. Status information is sent to stdout this can be safely ignored if the program runs correctly.

This is an MPI program allowing the calculation of distances to spread across multiple cores and/or nodes.

### **Example:**

```
mpirun -np 32 PyroDist -in Test.fa -out Test > Test.fdout
```

generates distance matrix Test.fdist

```
PyroNoise - clusters flowgrams without alignments
-din string flow file name
-out string cluster input file name
-lin string list file
Options:
-v verbose
```

-c double initial cut-off -ni no index in dat files

-s double precision

-rin file lookup file name

This program uses an EM algorithm to construct de-noised sequences by clustering flowgrams as described in Quince et al. 2009 but without alignments. It takes as input (-din) a flowgram file of the format described above and an initial hierarchical clustering (-lin) generated by running FCluster on the output of PyroDist. Output files are generated with the stub specified by flag (-out).

The cut-off for the initial clustering is specified by (-c) generally this should be quite small 0.01 is a good value for most data sets. The paramter (-s) controls the cluster size. The larger this is the tighter the clusters – 60.0 is a reasonable value here but smaller may remove more pyrosequencing noise. If these parameters are not set they default to these values.

The parameter (-rin) allows a look up file to be specified otherwise the program uses the environment variable PYRO\_LOOKUP\_FILE if that is not set it defaults to the global variable LOOKUP\_FILE found in PyroNoise.h currently "../Data/LookUp\_E123.dat". This will work provided the executable is run from the bin directory to maintain this relative path to the files in ../Data.

The option (-v) outputs extra debug information to standard out.

Information on cluster convergence is output to standard out and after running the program produces a number of files:

1) stub\_cd.fa: a fasta file of de-noised sequences. The ids are formed as ">stub\_index\_weight" where weight are the number of reads mapping to that sequence, and index is just an arbitrary cluster number.

- 2) stub\_cd.qual: qualities for the denoised sequences see Quince et al. (unpublished).
- 3) stub.mapping: contains a line for each de-noised sequence giving the read that characterizes that sequence followed by a tab separated list of flowgram reads (specified by their ids read from dat file) that map to it.
- 4) directory stub: contains a fasta file for each de-noised sequence, i\_index.fa, of reads that map to it.

This is an MPI program allowing the calculation of distances to spread across multiple cores and/or nodes.

#### **Example:**

```
mpirun –np 32 PyroNoise -din Test.dat -out Test_s60_c01 -lin Test_X.list -s 60.0 -c 0.01 > Test_s60_c01.pout
```

```
SeqDist - pairwise distance matrix from a fasta file
-in string fasta file name
Options:
-i output identifiers
-rin string lookup file name
```

This program generates a distance matrix of the format required by FCluster from a fasta file. It uses a an implementation of the exact Needleman-Wunsch algorithm to perform pairwise alignments. Distances account for nucleotide transition probabilities as a result of PCR errors. There is a different cost for homopolymer (4.0) and normal gaps (15.0). The probabilities, actually –log of, are read from a look up table. By default this is from a file set in the header file by the constant LOOKUP\_FILE which is set to "../Data/Tran.dat" configured for a standard polymerase. Consequently the program can only be run from the bin directory to maintain this relative path. However, to allow the program to run anywhere the environment variable SEQ\_LOOKUP\_FILE can be set as described in the installation instructions or the path to a lookup file can be passed with the (-rin) flag.

The option (-i) is to output identifiers suitable for running FCluster with -i.

This is an MPI program allowing the calculation of distances to spread across multiple cores and/or nodes.

#### **Example:**

```
mpirun -np 32 SeqDist -in Test.fa > Test.seqdist
```

#### **SegNoise - clusters sequences** fasta sequence file name string -in sequence distances file name -din string cluster input file name -out string -lin string list file **Options:** -min mapping file verbose initial cut-off -C double double precision **-S**

-rin string

This program uses an EM algorithm to remove PCR noise by clustering sequences as described in Quince et al. (unpublished). The same distance metric as described in SeqDist is used. It takes as input (-in) a fasta file (with frequencies defined in ids as >id\_weight), (-din) a flat matrix of sequence distances generated by SeqDist and an initial hierarchical clustering (-lin) generated by running FCluster on the output of SeqDist. Output files are generated with the stub specified by flag (-out).

lookup file name

The cut-off for the initial clustering is specified by (-c) generally this should be quite large 0.08 is a good value for most data sets. The paramter (-s) controls the cluster size. The larger this is the tighter the clusters – 30.0 is a reasonable value here but smaller may remove more noise and larger allow high resolutions OTUs. If these parameters are not set they default to these values.

The parameter (-rin) allows a look up file to be specified otherwise the program uses the environment variable SEQ\_LOOKUP\_FILE if that is not set it defaults to the global variable LOOKUP\_FILE found in SeqNoise.h currently "../Data/Tran.dat". This will work provided the executable is run from the bin directory to maintain this relative path to the files in ../Data.

The option (-v) outputs extra debug information to standard out.

The option (-min) allows a mapping file from a previous PyroDist step to be input. If used the program will use this information to map denoised sequences back to the original flowgram ids.

Information on cluster convergence is output to standard out and after running the program produces a number of files:

 stub\_cd.fa: a fasta file of de-noised sequences. The ids are formed as ">stub\_index\_weight" where weight are the number of sequences mapping to that sequence, and index is just an arbitrary cluster number.

- 2) stub.mapping: contains a line for each de-noised sequence giving the input sequence defining the denoised cluster followed by a tab separated list of input sequences that map to that sequence.
- 3) directory stub: contains a fasta file for each de-noised sequence, i\_index.fa, of sequences that map to it.
- 4) Optional on (-min) if a mapping file is input then a file stub\_cd.mapping containing a line for each de-noised sequence giving the id followed by a tab separated list of original reads that map to it.

This is an MPI program allowing the calculation of distances to spread across multiple cores and/or nodes.

#### **Example:**

```
mpirun -np 32 SeqNoise -in Test_s60_c01_T220.fa -din
Test_s60_c01_T220.seqdist -lin Test_s60_c01_T220_S.list -out
Test_s60_c01_T220_s30_c08 -s 30.0 -c 0.08 -min Test_s60_c01.mapping >
Test_s60_c01_T220.snout
```

#### **SplitClusterEven**

```
-din string dat filename-min string map filename-tin string tree filename-s split size-m min size
```

This program splits up dat files (-din) using a tree generated on unique sequences (-tin) input as a .tree file. The mapping of unique sequences to reads in the dat file is specified by a .map file (-min). The tree is the split in such a way as to maintain a maximum (-s) and minimum (-m) cluster size (measured on unique reads). The parameters -s 2500 and -m 250 will likely produce dat files of a good size although you should play around with these. The dat files are placed in directories labeled C000, ..,C00N+ where N is the number of clusters and the + simply indicates that this will be an aggregation of all small clusters.

#### **Scripts:**

Some useful Perl scripts are also provided in the Scripts directory:

#### FlowsFA.pl

This extracts flowgrams from the text translation of a .sff.txt. It takes the primer as a first argument and an output stub as the second. It reads from std in. For example

### FlowsFA.pl ATTAGATACCC\w{1}GGTAG ArtificialGSFLX < ArtificialGSFLX.sff.txt

Will generate the filtered .dat flowgram file ArtificialGSFLX.dat and a fasta file of the corresponding sequences ArtificialGSFLX.fa. Filtering requires that a minimum sequence length of 204 (changed by altering variable \$minLength) including key and primer is achieved before the first noisy signal (0.5-0.7 or no signal across all four bases). Flowgrams are then truncated at this point. If keys are used simply pass the entire key – linker – primer sequence to this script or use SplitKeys.pl described below.

#### FlowsFA360.pl

This extracts flowgrams from the text translation of a .sff.txt. It takes the primer as a first argument and an output stub as the second. It reads from std in. For example

## FlowsFA360.pl ATTAGATACCC\w{1}GGTAG ArtificialGSFLX < ArtificialGSFLX.sff.txt

Will generate the filtered .dat flowgram file ArtificialGSFLX.dat and a fasta file of the corresponding sequences ArtificialGSFLX.fa. Filtering requires that a minimum flowgram length of 360 including key and primer is achieved before the first noisy signal (0.5-0.7 or no signal across all four bases). All flowgrams are then truncated at 360. If keys are used simply pass the entire key – linker –primer sequence to this script or use SplitKeys.pl described below.

#### FlowsMinMax.pl

This extracts flowgrams from the text translation of a .sff.txt. It takes the primer as a first argument and an output stub as the second. It reads from stdin. For example

## FlowsMinMax.pl ACACACGTCGACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAG TitaniumV3 < TitaniumV3.sff.txt

Will generate the filtered .dat flowgram file TitaniumV3.dat and a fasta file of the corresponding sequences TitaniumV3.fa for a key ACACACGTCG and primer ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAG. Filtering requires that a minimum flowgram length of 400 including key and primer is achieved before the first noisy signal (0.5-0.7 or no signal across all four bases). All flowgrams are then truncated at 600. If keys are used simply pass the entire key – linker –primer sequence to this script in upper case or use SplitKeys.pl described below.

#### CountFasta.pl

Gives total read number mapping to a fasta file with weighted ids.

CountFasta.pl < Test\_s60\_c01\_cd.fa

#### Truncate.pl

Truncates sequences in a fasta file e.g.

Truncate.pl 220 < Test\_s60\_c01\_cd.fa > Test\_s60\_c01\_T220.fa

SplitKeys.pl

Separates out an sff file read from stdin according to barcode sequences. Requires a file Tags.csv with format:

SampleName1, Barcode1

...

SampleNameN, BarcodeN

The primer is the first argument of the script. The second is the Tags.csv file. This script generates .raw files that then have to be filtered and reformatted using Clean360.pl. A shell script Clean.sh shows how to do this for multiple raw data files. Reads that do not match to any tag are output to stderr. Any linkers must be included in the barcodes.

./SplitKeys.pl TGCTGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT Tags.csv < FV9NWLF01.sff.txt 2> Err.fa

## **Example Analyses Test**

The directory test contains a shell script Run.sh which will run through the entire de-noising process for a single dat file. A smallish file, 2094 reads, which will process on a good MacBook in ten or twenty minutes C005.dat is included. This should be run as follows:

./Run.sh C005.dat

If this works correctly a de-noised file C005\_s60\_c01\_T220\_s30\_c08\_cd.fa with just 18 sequences will be generated. The file C005\_s60\_c01\_T220\_s30\_c08\_cd.mapping will map these back to the original reads. Other files reflecting the intermediate steps are also generated but in general they can be ignored. The list file giving complete linkage OTUs for these sequences is also produced C005\_s60\_c01\_T220\_s30\_c08.list.

Larger dat files could be processed with this script on a cluster simply by changing the value nodes to a larger number say 32 or whatever is appropriate. To explain the script in detail:

#!/bin/bash

nodes=2

#no. of cluster nodes to use

(change this to a larger value if running on a cluster simply gives the number of nodes for the MPI programs)

file=\$1; #first argument name of dat file

(any dat file with ids can be used)

echo \$file
stub=\${file%.dat}

echo "Calculating .fdist file"

mpirun -np \$nodes PyroDist -in \$file -out \${stub} > \${stub}.fout

(first we calculate flowgram distances)

echo "Clustering .fdist file"

FCluster -in \${stub}.fdist -out \${stub}\_X > \${stub}.fout

(then hierarchical cluster with complete linkage to provide input file for PyroNoise)

rm \${stub}.fdist
rm \${stub}\_X.otu \${stub}\_X.tree

(remove some intermediate files)

echo "Running PyroNoise"

mpirun -np \$nodes PyroNoise -din \${file} -out \${stub}\_s60\_c01 -lin \${stub}\_X.list -s 60.0 -c 0.01 > \${stub}\_s60\_c01.pout

(this performs the flowgram clustering according to the EM algorithm to remove pyrosequencing noise)

Truncate.pl 220 < \$\{\stub\\\\_\s60\\\\_\c01\\\\_\cd.fa > \$\{\stub\\\\\\\_\s60\\\\\_\c01\\\\\_\cd.fa

(The end of reads are often noisy so we truncate to 220 base pairs. If degenerate primers are used they should perhaps be removed at this point although that this optional).

```
echo "Running SeqDist"
mpirun -np $nodes SeqDist -in ${stub}_s60_c01_T220.fa >
${stub}_s60_c01_T220.seqdist
```

(Now we calculate the PCR error corrected distances between sequences)

```
FCluster -in ${stub}_s60_c01_T220.seqdist -out ${stub}_s60_c01_T220_S > ${stub}_s60_c01_T220.fcout
```

(and complete linkage cluster to provide input to SeqNoise)

```
echo "Running SeqNoise"

mpirun -np $nodes SeqNoise -in ${stub}_s60_c01_T220.fa -din
${stub}_s60_c01_T220.seqdist -lin ${stub}_s60_c01_T220_S.list -out
${stub}_s60_c01_T220_s30_c08 -s 30.0 -c 0.08 -min
${stub}_s60_c01.mapping > ${stub}_s60_c01_T220.snout

rm ${stub}_s60_c01_T220_S.otu ${stub}_s60_c01_T220_S.tree
${stub}_s60_c01_T220.seqdist
```

(the sequence clustering algorithm that removes PCR errors)

#### **TestFull**

exit 0

echo "Clustering OTUs"

The directory TestFull contains a shell script that illustrates the de-noising process for a larger sample that needs to be split to allow de-noising. This should only be run on a cluster or good server. It is assumed that a single sample without barcodes is used. The script takes an .sff file as an argument but in case sffinfo (a 454 program) is absent we have provided ArtificialGSFLX.sff.txt an sff that has already been converted into text.

The script should be run in general as:

```
./Run.sh My.sff primer
and for test purposes:
./Run.sh ArtificialGSFLX.sff
#!/bin/bash
defaultPrimer="ATTAGATACCC\w{1}GGTAG" #default primer
nodes=8
                       #no. of cluster nodes to use
sfffile=$1; #first argument name of sff file (necessary)
primer=${2:-$defaultPrimer} #second argument primer as a Perl regular
expression
(the second argument should be your primer else it defaults to our 787f)
stub=${sfffile%.sff};
echo $stub $sfffile $primer
# first generate sff text file if necessary
if [!-f ${sfffile}.txt]; then
 echo "Generating .sff.txt file"
 sffinfo $sfffile > ${sfffile}.txt
fi
(generates text translation of sff file if necessary)
#generate flowgram and fasta files
if [!-f ${stub}.dat]; then
 echo "Generating .dat file"
 FlowsFA360.pl $primer $stub < ${sfffile}.txt
fi
(extracts filtered dat and sequence files)
#get unique sequences
if [!-f ${stub}_U.fa]; then
  echo "Getting unique sequences"
 FastaUnique -in ${stub}.fa > ${stub}_U.fa
fi
(extracts filtered dat and sequence files)
#use NDist to get sequence distances
if [!-f ${stub}_U_I.list]; then
  echo "Calculating sequence distances"
  mpirun -np $nodes NDist -i -in ${stub}_U.fa > ${stub}_U_I.ndist
```

```
#use NDist to get sequence distances
if [!-f ${stub}_U_I.list]; then
  echo "Cluster sequences..";
#cluster sequences using average linkage and sequence weights
  FCluster -a -w -in ${stub}_U_I.ndist -out ${stub}_U_I > ${stub}_U_I.fcout
fi
rm ${stub}_U_I.ndist
(These two steps use the unique sequences to generate an average linkage
tree based on sequence distance...)
SplitClusterEven -din ${stub}.dat -min ${stub}.map -tin ${stub}_U_I.tree -s
3000 -m 500 > ${stub}_split.stats
(that is then used to split up the .dat file)
echo "Calculating .fdist files"
for c in C*
do
   if [ -d $c ]; then
        mpirun -np nodes PyroDist -in {c}/{c}.dat -out {c}/{c} >
${c}/${c}.fout
   fi
done
(Now we can start denoising each dat file separately beginning by
calculating the flowgram distances)
echo "Clustering .fdist files"
for c in C*
do
   if [-d $c]; then
       FCluster -in {c}/{c}.fdist -out {c}/{c}_X > {c}/{c}.fout
       rm ${c}/${c}.fdist
   fi
done
(cluster them...)
echo "Running PyroNoise"
for dir in C*
do
   if [-d $dir]; then
```

```
mpirun -np \nodes PyroNoise -din \dir / \d
```

#### (denoise them to get sequences)

```
cat C*/C*_s60_c01_cd.fa > All_s60_c01_cd.fa cat C*/C*_s60_c01.mapping > All_s60_c01.mapping
```

Truncate.pl 220 < All\_s60\_c01\_cd.fa > All\_s60\_c01\_T220.fa

(in this case we can cat them together and do a single sequence noise removal step but in general we may first run SeqNoise in the separate directories before bringing them together for a final noise removal step)

```
echo "Running SeqDist"
mpirun -np $nodes SeqDist -in All_s60_c01_T220.fa >
All_s60_c01_T220.seqdist
```

FCluster -in All\_s60\_c01\_T220.seqdist -out All\_s60\_c01\_T220\_S > All\_s60\_c01\_T220.fcout

rm All\_s60\_c01\_T220.seqdist

echo "Running SeqNoise"
mpirun -np \$nodes SeqNoise -din All\_s60\_c01\_T220.fa -lin
All\_s60\_c01\_T220\_S.list -out All\_s60\_c01\_T220\_s30\_c08 -s 30.0 -c 0.08 -min
All\_s60\_c01.mapping > All\_s60\_c01\_T220\_s30\_c08.snout

(Finally we remove PCR error from our sequences)