iCNV Vignette

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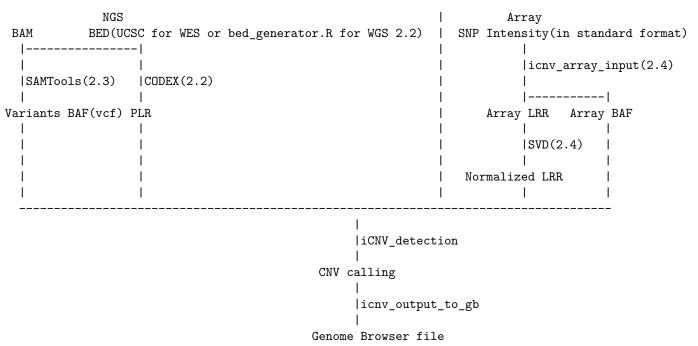
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This is a demo for using the **iCNV** package in R. **iCNV** is a normalization and copy number variation detection procedure for mutiple study designs: WES only, WGS only, SNP array only, or any combination of SNP and sequencing data. **iCNV** applies platform specific normalization, utilizes allele specific reads from sequencing and integrates matched NGS and SNP-array data by a Hidden Markov Model (HMM). Figure below shows the overall pipeline. This package specifically emphasizes on the steps within the red box. Below is an example on calling copy number variation using whole-exome sequencing data and array SNPs of 46 modified samples from 1000 Genome Project. Only small portion of chromesome 22 are analysed for illustration purposes. We will seperately shows normalization for WES and SNP array. We will also introduce integrated calling procedure as well as single platform procedure.



We strongly recommend to combine platform when both WES data and SNP array are available. However, for high quality WGS data, SNP information isn't so necessary.

1. Website and online forum

iCNV's website with usage and installation information: https://github.com/zhouzilu/iCNV

2. iCNV workflow

We could seperate the basic iCNV workflow into 6 sections: 1. package installation; 2. .bam file normalization; 3. sequence variants BAF calling; 4. SNP array LRR normalization and BAF; 5. CNV detection using iCNV_detection function. 6. CNV detection using iCNV_detection function with single platform. We will illustrate them one by one in the following sessions.

2.1 Install iCNV.

Install CODEX first

```
## try http:// if https:// URLs are not supported
source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite("CODEX")
```

Install the current release from Github:

```
install.packages("devtools")
library(devtools)
install_github("zhouzilu/iCNV/package")
```

2.2 .bam file normalization using CODEX

For researchers work on WGS data, you need to generate your own BED file for CODEX normalization. We made a function bed_generator to help you with this.

After you have BAM file and BED file available, follow code below to get normalized NGS PLR. Code modified from https://github.com/yuchaojiang/CODEX with permission. If you have any additional question, please refer to CODEX. iCNV only adopt normalized Possion Likelihood Ratio from CODEX, representing NGS 'intensity'. In this example, we utilize toy data from the 1000 Genomes Project for illustration.

```
### 2.2 code chunk number 1: bambedObj1
library(CODEX)
library (WES.1KG.WUGSC) # Load Toy data from the 1000 Genomes Project.
library(iCNV)
# Assume your work dir set to demo
dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "WES.1KG.WUGSC") # 'PATH/TO/BAM'</pre>
bamFile <- list.files(dir, pattern = '*.bam$')</pre>
bamdir <- file.path(dir, bamFile)</pre>
sampname <- as.matrix(read.table(file.path(dir, "sampname")))</pre>
bedFile <- file.path(dir, "chr22_400_to_500.bed")</pre>
chr <- 22
bambedObj <- getbambed(bamdir = bamdir, bedFile = bedFile,</pre>
               sampname = sampname, projectname = "icnv.demo.", chr)
bamdir <- bambedObj$bamdir; sampname <- bambedObj$sampname</pre>
ref <- bambedObj$ref; projectname <- bambedObj$projectname; chr <- bambedObj$chr</pre>
### 2.2 code chunk number 2: coverageObj1
coverageObj <- getcoverage(bambedObj, mapqthres = 20)</pre>
Y <- coverageObj$Y; readlength <- coverageObj$readlength
### 2.2 code chunk number 3: gcmapp1
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gc <- getgc(chr, ref)</pre>
mapp <- getmapp(chr, ref)</pre>
### 2.2 code chunk number 4: acObi1
qcObj <- qc(Y, sampname, chr, ref, mapp, gc, cov_thresh = c(20, 4000),</pre>
         length_thresh = c(20, 2000), mapp_thresh = 0.9, gc_thresh = c(20, 80))
Y_qc <- qc0bj$Y_qc; sampname_qc <- qc0bj$sampname_qc; gc_qc <- qc0bj$gc_qc
mapp_qc <- qc0bj$mapp_qc; ref_qc <- qc0bj$ref_qc; qcmat <- qc0bj$qcmat</pre>
### 2.2 code chunk number 5: normObj1
normObj <- normalize(Y_qc, gc_qc, K = 1:9)</pre>
Yhat <- normObj$Yhat; AIC <- normObj$AIC; BIC <- normObj$BIC
RSS <- normObj$RSS; K <- normObj$K
choiceofK(AIC, BIC, RSS, K, filename = pasteO(projectname, chr, "_choiceofK.pdf"))
save(qcObj,normObj,sampname,file=paste0(projectname,'plrObj_', chr,".rda"))
# This saving step is necessary for large dataset, such that you don't need
# to recompute everything again if you would like to view your choice of K
# plot. You could just load this as in the next chunk of code.
```

CODEX reports all three statistical metrics (AIC, BIC, percent of Variance explained) and uses BIC as the default method to determine the number of latent Poisson factors. Since false positives can be screened out through a closer examination of the post-segmentation data, whereas CNV signals removed in the normalization step cannot be recovered, CODEX opts for a more conservative normalization that, when in doubt, uses a smaller value of K. For example,

Here we pick optK=2

```
load(paste0(projectname, 'plr0bj ',chr,".rda"))
optK = K[which.max(BIC)] # by default or customize given curves
### 2.2 code chunk number 6: plr
Y_qc <- qc0bj$Y_qc; sampname_qc <- qc0bj$sampname_qc; gc_qc <- qc0bj$gc_qc
mapp_qc <- qc0bj$mapp_qc; ref_qc <- qc0bj$ref_qc; qcmat <- qc0bj$qcmat</pre>
Yhat <- normObj$Yhat; AIC <- normObj$AIC; BIC <- normObj$BIC
RSS <- normObj$RSS; K <- normObj$K
ref_qc=qcObj$ref_qc # IRanges object for exon target
sampname_qc=qcObj$sampname_qc # sample names
Y_norm=normObj$Yhat[[optK]] # normalized read count under null (no CNV)
plr=log(pmax(Y qc,0.0001)/pmax(Y norm,0.0001)) # log transformed z-scores
ngs plr=lapply(seq len(ncol(plr)), function(i) plr[,i])
ngs_plr.pos=lapply(seq_len(ncol(plr)),function(x){return(cbind(start(ref_qc),end(ref_qc)))})
save(sampname_qc,ngs_plr,ngs_plr.pos,file=paste0(projectname,'plr0bj_',chr,'_',optK,'.rda'))
```

For detailed illustration of CODEX, please visit https://github.com/yuchaojiang/CODEX

2.3 sequence variants BAF calling

For sequencing data without sophisticated pipeline and SNVs call set in VCF format, we manually call SNVs from quality controlled BAM files by mpileup module in samtools, and calculate B allele frequency(BAF) on heterogeneous loci by dividing AD (Number of high-quality non-reference bases, FORMAT) from DP

(Number of high-quality bases, FORMAT). Example code are:

```
# Prerequest: samtools, bcftools and reference fasta file
cd PATH/TO/BAM
for i in *bam; do PATH/TO/SAMTOOLS/samtools mpileup -ugI -t AD -t DP -f
   PATH/TO/REF/human_hg37.fasta $i | PATH/TO/BAFTOOLS/bcftools
   call -cv -0 z -o PATH/TO/OUTPUT/$i.vcf.gz; done
# The reference genome depends on your BAM built
for i in *gz; do PATH/TO/BAFTOOLS/bcftools view -g het -i 'FORMAT/DP>10' -0 z -o $i.filter $i; done
```

We could further extract variants BAF info from vcf file by function bambaf_from_vcf.

2.4 SNP array LRR normalization and BAF

Due to the fact that signal intensity files varies from platform, we set a standard signal intensity file format for each individual. The format looks as follow:

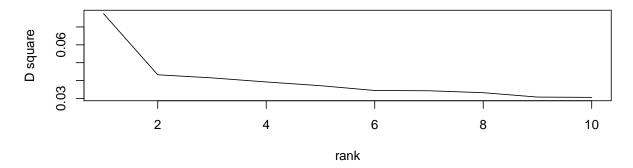
```
Name, Chr, POS, sample_1.Log R Ratio, sample_1.B Allele Freq rs1,22,15462739,-0.096390619874,0.0443964861333 rs2,22,15520991,-0.154103130102,0.963218688965 rs3,22,15780940,-0.110297381878,0.0457459762692 rs4,22,15863717,-0.21270519495,0.957377910614 rs5,22,16532045,-0.0330782271922,0.0300635993481
```

First row is the rsid (Name), followed by chromosome (Chr) and position (POS), then the log R ratio (sample1.Log R Ratio) and BAF (sample1.B Allele Freq). We could use function get_array_input to convert into iCNV input. For example, in demo:

For some of the SNP array LRR data, we need to apply SVD normalization to remove high dimension noisy and preserve low dimension signal. The best way to decide data senity is by plotting out the data by plot_intensity function. Noisy data has the feature of local strip across samples. Conventional way for identifying elbow points as the optK can also apply here. Example code for remove high dimension noisy and plot:

```
### 2.4 code chunk number 2: svd (optional)
library(iCNV)
projectname = "icnv.demo."
load(paste0(projectname, 'array_lrrbaf_', chr, '.rda'))
# standardize LRR
lrr.sd = mapply(function(x){
 x=pmax(pmin(x,100),-100);(x-mean(x,na.rm=TRUE))/sd(x,na.rm = TRUE)
 },snp_lrr,SIMPLIFY = TRUE)
# You may want to substitute all the NAs in lrr by rowMeans
lrr.sd.dena = apply(lrr.sd,2,function(x){x[is.na(x)]=mean(x,na.rm=TRUE);return(x)})
# lrr is LRR matrix, with row as sample and column as positions
lrr.svd = svd (t(lrr.sd.dena))
save(lrr.svd,file=paste0(projectname, 'array_lrrbaf_svd_',chr,'.rda'))
# Plot out the variance explained with K; You can store the plot in a pdf
# pdf(paste0(projectname, 'array_lrrbaf_svd_',chr,'.pdf'),height=8,width=10)
plot(x=seq(1,10,1),y=(lrr.svd$d[1:10])^2/sum(lrr.svd$d^2),
    xlab='rank',ylab='D square',main='Variance explained',type='l')
```

Variance explained



dev.off() # Close the plot connection

There is no universal rule of picking the optK. Usually we prefer those "elbow points". We pick optK=2

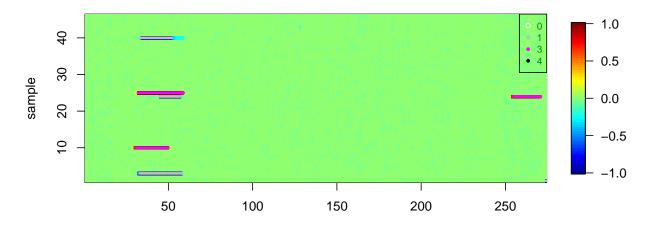
2.5 Mutiple platform CNV detection using iCNV

At this step, we should alreday have PLR and variants BAF from sequencing, normalized LRR and BAF from SNP array. All the input should be in list form. This is mainly to accomadate the fact that length for ngs_baf and ngs_baf.pos is sample specific

```
### 2.5 code chunk number 1: iCNV_detection with genotype
str(ngs_plr) # List of n vector, each one is the PLR for an exon
str(ngs_plr.pos) # List of n matrix (p x 2), each one is the start and end location for an exon
str(ngs_baf) # List of n vector, each one is the variants BAF from .bam
str(ngs_baf.pos) # List of n vector, each one is the variants BAF position
str(snp_lrr) # List of n vector, each one is the normalized LRR for a SNP
str(snp lrr.pos) # List of n vector, each one is a SNP position
str(snp_baf) # List of n vector, each one is the BAF for a SNP
str(snp_baf.pos) # List of n vector, each one is the SNP BAF position
projectname='icnv.demo.'
icnv_res0=iCNV_detection(ngs_plr,snp_lrr,
                      ngs_baf,snp_baf,
                      ngs_plr.pos,snp_lrr.pos,
                      ngs_baf.pos,snp_baf.pos,
                      projname=projectname,CN=1,mu=c(-3,0,2),cap=TRUE,visual = 1)
icnv.output = output_list(icnv_res0, sampname_qc, CN=1)
head(icnv.output)
```

The results plot looks are follow. Each row is a sample and each column is a hidden state. The color indicates hidden state Z-score (large positive number prefers amplification, low negative number prefers deletion). Black dots represent amplification detected, while white dots show deletion detected.

icnv.demo.



We could further convert icnv.output to Genome Browser input file:

The color code for CNV in Genome Browser is:

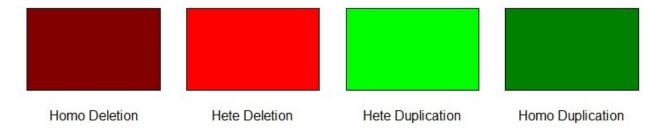
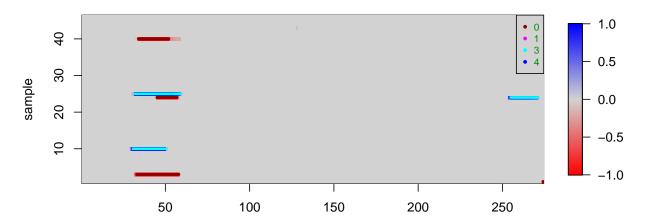


Figure 1:

This is different from the color code for us plotting the data. We are just try to make it concordinate with DGV notation. We could also plot out the data in DGV format by setting col='DGV' in plotHMMscore.

icnv.demo.

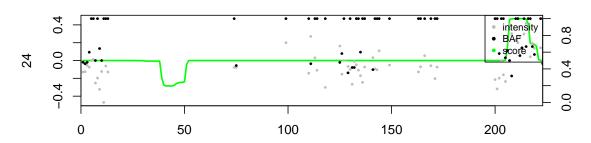


We could also plot information in a single individual using function plotindi. Example shows below:

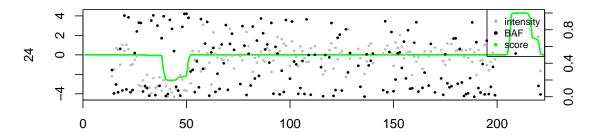




Sequencing



SNP

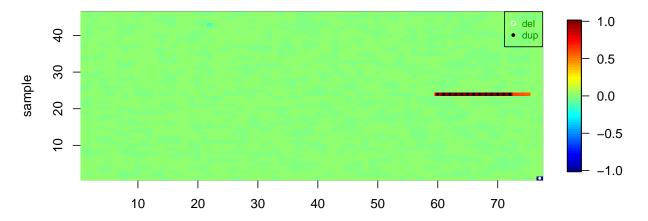


2.6 Single platform CNV detection using iCNV

At this step, we should alreday have PLR and variants BAF from sequencing OR normalized LRR and BAF from SNP array. Please make sure all the input are in list form.

NGS only CNV detection using iCNV. As we showed in the paper, we highly recommend using iCNV for WGS CNV detection.

icnv.demo.ngs.



SNP array only CNV detection using **iCNV**

icnv.demo.snp

