

Lab13: Transcriptomics and the analysis of RNA-Seq data

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The data from today's lab comes from a published RNA-seq experiment where airway smooth muscle cells were treated with dexamethasone, a synthetic glucocorticoid steroid with anti-inflammatory effects.

Import Data

We need the raw counts and metadata for DESeq2.

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

head(counts)
```

	SRR1039508	SRR1039509	SRR1039512	SRR1039513	SRR1039516
ENSG000000000003	723	486	904	445	1170
ENSG000000000005	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG000000000419	467	523	616	371	582
ENSG000000000457	347	258	364	237	318
ENSG000000000460	96	81	73	66	118
ENSG000000000938	0	0	1	0	2
	SRR1039517	SRR1039520	SRR1039521		
ENSG000000000003	1097	806	604		
ENSG000000000005	0	0	0		
ENSG000000000419	781	417	509		
ENSG000000000457	447	330	324		
ENSG000000000460	94	102	74		
ENSG000000000938	0	0	0		

```
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

The counts are organized with one gene per row and experiment per column.

```
nrow(counts)
```

```
[1] 38694
```

```
sum(metadata$dex=="control")
```

```
[1] 4
```

Check on match of metadata and coldata names

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

```
[1] TRUE
```

Analysis

I want to start by comparing “control” and “treated” columns. To do this, I will find the average for each gene (row) in all “control” columns. Then I will find the average in the “treated” columns. Then I will compare them.

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
Attaching package: 'dplyr'
```

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

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

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

	control.mean	treated.mean
ENSG000000000003	900.75	658.00
ENSG000000000005	0.00	0.00
ENSG000000000419	520.50	546.00
ENSG000000000457	339.75	316.50
ENSG000000000460	97.25	78.75
ENSG000000000938	0.75	0.00

“Normalize” the data

```
colSums(meancounts)
```

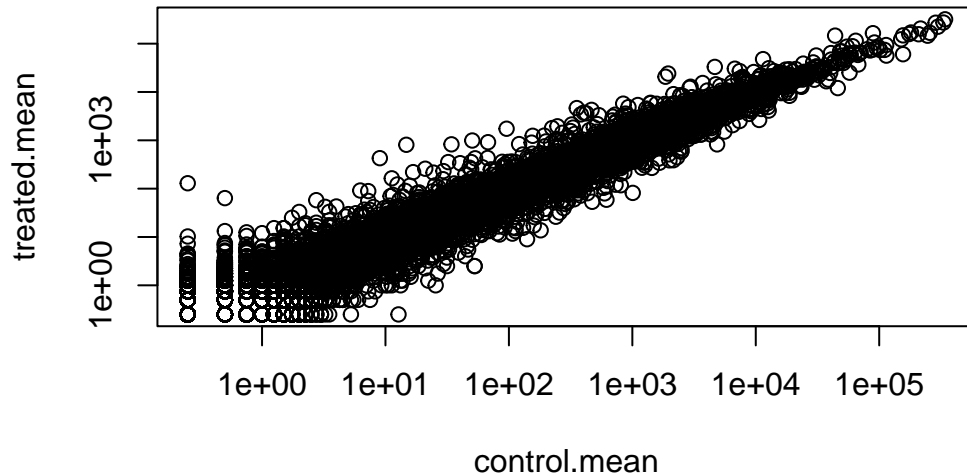
```
control.mean treated.mean
23005324      22196524
```

Create the initial scatter plot

```
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



Calculate log2fc of mean counts

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

	control.mean	treated.mean	log2fc
ENSG000000000003	900.75	658.00	-0.45303916
ENSG000000000005	0.00	0.00	NaN
ENSG000000000419	520.50	546.00	0.06900279
ENSG000000000457	339.75	316.50	-0.10226805
ENSG000000000460	97.25	78.75	-0.30441833
ENSG000000000938	0.75	0.00	-Inf

Filter out genes with 0 expression

```
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
ENSG000000000003	900.75	658.00	-0.45303916
ENSG000000000419	520.50	546.00	0.06900279
ENSG000000000457	339.75	316.50	-0.10226805
ENSG000000000460	97.25	78.75	-0.30441833
ENSG000000000971	5219.00	6687.50	0.35769358
ENSG00000001036	2327.00	1785.75	-0.38194109

Define where the log2fc of gene expression is > 2 and < -2

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

sum(up.ind)
```

```
[1] 250
```

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

```
[1] 367
```

DESeq analysis

We need to do this analysis properly with our inner stats person kept happy.

```
library(DESeq2)

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): ENSG000000000003 ENSG000000000005 ... ENSG00000283120
               ENSG00000283123
rowData names(0):
colnames(8): SRR1039508 SRR1039509 ... SRR1039520 SRR1039521
colData names(4): id dex celltype geo_id
```

Run DEseq analysis

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

estimating size factors

estimating dispersions

gene-wise dispersion estimates

mean-dispersion relationship

final dispersion estimates

fitting model and testing

Get the results

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

log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control

Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control

DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns

	baseMean	log2FoldChange	lfcSE	stat	pvalue
	<numeric>	<numeric>	<numeric>	<numeric>	<numeric>

ENSG000000000003	747.194195	-0.3507030	0.168246	-2.084470	0.0371175
ENSG000000000005	0.000000	NA	NA	NA	NA
ENSG0000000000419	520.134160	0.2061078	0.101059	2.039475	0.0414026
ENSG0000000000457	322.664844	0.0245269	0.145145	0.168982	0.8658106
ENSG0000000000460	87.682625	-0.1471420	0.257007	-0.572521	0.5669691
ENSG0000000000938	0.319167	-1.7322890	3.493601	-0.495846	0.6200029

padj
<numeric>

ENSG000000000003	0.163035
ENSG000000000005	NA
ENSG0000000000419	0.176032
ENSG0000000000457	0.961694
ENSG0000000000460	0.815849
ENSG0000000000938	NA

I want to make a figure showing overview of all my results. A plot of log2 fold change vs the p-value (using adjusted p-value)

```
# 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)
```

