Lab #9. Send your answers together with code to [afodor@uncc.edu](mailto:afodor@uncc.edu) by Thursday, April 2nd.

1. This question uses data from this paper:

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/347/6217/78>

Variation in cancer risk among tissues can be explained by the number of stem cell divisions.

Science 02 Jan 2015: Vol. 347, Issue 6217, pp. 78-81

**(1A)**: Download the data from here examining the relationship between the number of cell divisions and cancer risk: <https://fodorclasses.github.io/classes/stats2020/cancerRisk.txt>

On a **log10-log10** scale graph Lifetime\_cancer\_risk (on the y-axis) vs. CumulativeCellDivisions (on the x-axis). (This reproduces Fig. 1 from the paper).

(You can read in the file with read.table("cancerRisk.txt", header=TRUE, sep="\t")

**(1B):**  Using the lm function, fit a linear model with Lifetime\_cancer\_risk as the Y variable and CumulativeCellDivisions as the x-data. Add the regression line to the plot using the function abline(myLm) (where myLm is the linear model you created).

(**1C):** What is the p-value for the null hypothesis that the slope of the regression between these two variables is zero? What is the r-squared value of the model?

**(1D):** Are the assumptions of constant variance and normal distribution of the residues reasonable for this model? Justify your answer.

(2) Consider the case-control file for the colorectal adenomas data set that is here:

<http://afodor.github.io/classes/stats2015/caseControlData.txt>

A separate file gives obesity (BMI) data for these same subjects:

<http://afodor.github.io/classes/stats2015/BMI_Data.txt>

For each OTU in the spreadsheet, generate a p-value from linear regression comparing BMI to the relative abundance of each OTU. Graph out all the p-values. Do they appear uniformly distributed? Does the microbial community appear to be influencing body weight in this cohort? Are any of these associations significant at a 10% false discovery rate?

Hints: To lookup the ids in the BMI table, you will need to some processing on the “sample” column in the caseControl file. The following code will convert the a sampleID so that it will match the BMI file.

# remove case and control

key <- sub("case", "", sampleID)

key <- sub("control", "", key)

# remove extraneous information from the suffix

key <- strsplit( key, "\_")[[1]][1]

Also, to get the p-value out of the linear model try:

anova( myLm)$"Pr(>F)"

We’ll see why that work shortly in future lectures.



