# ExonModelStrain: simple linear modeling to detect exon-specific strain differences in Affymetrix Exon Array data

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# 1 Introduction

The package *ExonModelStrain* applies two linear models to Affymetrix Exon Array data in order to detect exon-specific differences in expression between two strains. Currently, only Mouse Exon Array 1.0 core probesets are supported.

The first linear model applies to multiple-exon transcripts. For a given transcript or gene, we fit the following linear model:

Expression  $\bar{S}train + Exon + Subject\%in\%Strain + Exon Strain$ 

Note the Exon:Strain interaction term. For a single exon, the model reduces to:

Expression Strain + Subject%in%Strain

ExonModelStrain applies ANOVA to the fit linear models in an attempt to detect differential alternative splicing between strains. In the case of a multiple-exon transcript, we are interested in finding significant p-values for the interaction term Exon Strain. In this case, expression is significantly different between the two strains for one or more exons.

ExonModelStrain also provides tools and metrics based on the Expression Data that allow for filtering and stratification such as the position of the exon with the largest expression difference between strains as well as visualization of the interaction plots between the two strains.

# 2 Implementation Details

In order to achieve this, an Ensembl-Exon Array mapping (mouseexonensembl.db) was built, mapping Ensembl Transcript IDs, Gene IDs, and Exon IDs to probeset boundaries. A probeset was mapped to a particular entity (exon, transcript, etc) if either the start or end of that probeset was within the boundary of that entity. Note that the mapping is many-to-many: that is, a probeset may be a member of multiple exons, due to transcriptional structure (for example, two separate transcripts belonging to a gene may contain slightly different but overlapping exons).

Note this approach is similar to that taken by the *exonmap* project. However, our database package differs in that we only map exonic (not intronic) regions, and in implementation (we use a SQLite based database rather than a MySQL based database). The current version of ExonModelStrain allows the user to connect with exonmap database installations (Mouse, Human, and Rat) in order to utilize their updated mapping. For more details on installing exonmap, please refer to the *exonmap* documentation.

# 3 Preprocessing Exon Array Data

ExonModelStrain uses as input an ExpressionSet and a list of Ensembl Transcript or Gene IDs to do the analysis. It also requires a phenoData object that contains a column called table.

Exon Array CEL files can be loaded by ReadAffy, Normalized and Summarized using current Bioconductor tools (use of the annotation packages available at http://xmap.picr.man.ac.uk/download/ are recommended. We do recommend SNP masking any SNPs that are different between the two strains. For large datasets and computers with limited memory, use of the aroma.affymetrix is suggested.

The following script will preprocess, normalize, SNP mask and produce probeset-level summaries for a set of CEL files in the current working directory.

(Note that the ReadExon function from the *exonmap* could also be used as well, provided that an annotation file called *covdesc* exists in the working directory. This file should be a space delimited file with a line for each array, and a column called Strain where each sample is labeled either 1 or 2. For more details, please refer to *exonmap*.)

> library(mouseexonpmcdf)

```
> library(mouseexonensembl.db)
> library(affy)
> raw.data <- ReadAffy()</pre>
> raw.data@cdfName <- "mouseexonpmcdf"</pre>
> abatch1 <- bg.correct.rma(raw.data)</pre>
> abatch2 <- normalize.AffyBatch.quantiles(abatch1)</pre>
> mask3 <- function(x, maskfile = "b6vsd2snpmask.txt") {</pre>
      mask <- read.delim(maskfile)</pre>
      probes <- mask[, 2]</pre>
      intensity(x)[probes, ] <- NA</pre>
+
      return(x)
+ }
> abatch3 <- mask3(abatch2)</pre>
> eset <- computeExprSet(abatch3, pmcorrect = "pmonly", summary.method = "medianpolis
       summary.param = list(na.rm = TRUE))
> library(convert)
> eset <- as(eset, "ExpressionSet")</pre>
> coreprobesets <- getCoreProbesets()</pre>
> eset <- eset[coreprobesets, ]</pre>
```

# 4 Attaching phenoData to the ExpressionSet

To this data file, we need to attach an appropriate phenoData file. This file is an annotation file where each sample is represented and the strain is annotated. This annotation file called *covdesc* should exists in the working directory. This file should be a space delimited file with a line for each array, and a column called strain where each sample is labeled either 1 or 2. For more details, please refer to *exonmap*.)

```
> pData <- read.delim("covdesc")
> phen <- new("AnnotatedDataFrame", data = pData)
> phenoData(eset) <- phen</pre>
```

Alternatively, we can also build a data frame directly in R, based on the sample names. For example, say the first ten samples correspond to strain 1 and the next 10 samples correspond to strain 2.

```
> n <- sampleNames(eset)
> Strain <- c(rep(1, 10), rep(2, 10))
> names(Strain) <- n
> pData <- as.data.frame(Strain)
> phen <- new("AnnotatedDataFrame", data = pData)
> phenoData(eset) <- phen</pre>
```

# 5 Connecting/Disconnecting to a Mapping Database

Currently, two databases mapping ensembl transcripts to Exon probesets are supported by the *ExonModelStrain* package: *mouseexonenesmbl.db*, a portable SQLite database and *exonmap*, a MySQL database available at: (http://xmap.picr.man.ac.uk/) Note that a local installation of the Xmap database is highly recommended, as *ExonModelStrain* makes many queries of the database.

We will connect to the mouse exonenes mbl.db database in our example using the following

```
> library(ExonModelStrain)
> mapConnect(dbPackage = "mouseexonensembl.db")
```

In order to connect to the Xmap database, you would instead use the following lines. dbName is derived from the name of the database that is setup when you specify a databases.txt file in your home directory.

```
> library(ExonModelStrain)
> mapConnect(dbPackage = "xmapcore", dbName = "mouse")
```

Note that if you would like to switch databases, first disconnect from the previous database by using mapDisconnect and then connect to the new database using mapConnect.

# 6 Analysing the Expression Set for Differential Exon Expression

Now that we have an appropriate ExpressionSet and we are connected to a database mapping, the Core Expression probesets can now be analysed for differential exon expression using RunExonModelWorkflow.

First we examine the list of Transcript IDs.

```
> data(exontestdata)
```

> testTrans

```
[1] "ENSMUST00000086675" "ENSMUST00000025403" "ENSMUST00000079776"
```

- [4] "ENSMUST00000089419" "ENSMUST00000062893" "ENSMUST00000079749"
- [7] "ENSMUST00000026901" "ENSMUST00000100498" "ENSMUST00000008733"
- [10] "ENSMUST00000100538" "ENSMUST00000027090" "ENSMUST00000043863"
- [13] "ENSMUST00000022742" "ENSMUST00000103506" "ENSMUST0000061437"
- [16] "ENSMUST00000079465" "ENSMUST00000081945" "ENSMUST0000060522"
- [19] "ENSMUST00000086552" "ENSMUST00000026743"

Now we run the model on the 20 transcripts. RunExonModelStrain is smart enough to know to run the single-exon model on single-exon transcripts, and the multiple-exon model on multiple-exon transcripts.

#### > results <- RunExonModelWorkflow(TestSetTrans, testTrans)</pre>

[1] "running 1 ENSMUST00000086675" Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain: Subject 20 1.88471 0.09424

Residuals 0 0.00000

[1] "running 2 ENSMUST00000025403"

Analysis of Variance Table

#### Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Strain 1 0.085 0.085 0.1384 0.7102
Exon 7 290.618 41.517 67.7111 <2e-16 \*\*\*
Strain:Subject 20 4.895 0.245 0.3992 0.9908
Strain:Exon 7 0.710 0.101 0.1654 0.9917
Residuals 228 139.797 0.613

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

[1] "running 3 ENSMUST00000079776"

Analysis of Variance Table

#### Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Strain 1 4.522 4.5220 7.2983 0.0073142 \*\*
Exon 11 212.319 19.3017 31.1519 < 2.2e-16 \*\*\*
Strain:Subject 20 4.002 0.2001 0.3230 0.9978354
Strain:Exon 11 21.689 1.9717 3.1822 0.0004308 \*\*\*

Residuals 286 177.205 0.6196

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

[1] "running 4 ENSMUST00000089419"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 0.1440 0.143992 0.4761 0.4938 Strain: Subject 20 1.3222 0.066108 0.2186 0.9997

Residuals 44 13.3062 0.302414 [1] "running 5 ENSMUST00000062893"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

 Strain
 1
 0.567
 0.5672
 4.2889
 0.03867 \*

 Exon
 41
 298.366
 7.2772
 55.0284 < 2e-16 \*\*\*</td>

 Strain:Subject
 20
 4.561
 0.2280
 1.7243
 0.02513 \*

 Strain:Exon
 41
 5.247
 0.1280
 0.9678
 0.53003

Residuals 820 108.441 0.1322

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

[1] "running 6 ENSMUST00000079749"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 0.416 0.4162 0.0756 0.7859 Strain:Subject 20 4.438 0.2219 0.0403 1.0000

Residuals 22 121.032 5.5014
[1] "running 7 ENSMUST00000026901"

[1] "running 8 ENSMUST00000100498"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 0.107 0.1069 0.1884 0.6645

Exon 11 306.517 27.8652 49.1295 <2e-16 \*\*\*

Strain:Subject 20 8.551 0.4276 0.7538 0.7691 Strain:Exon 11 1.163 0.1057 0.1864 0.9982

Residuals 418 237.081 0.5672

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

[1] "running 9 ENSMUST00000008733"

[1] "running 10 ENSMUST00000100538"

[1] "running 11 ENSMUST00000027090"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 0.0726 0.072635 0.4997 0.4871 Strain:Subject 20 1.2102 0.060509 0.4163 0.9733

Residuals 22 3.1979 0.145357 [1] "running 12 ENSMUST00000043863"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain: Subject 20 0.33921 0.016960

Residuals 0 0.00000

[1] "running 13 ENSMUST00000022742"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 3.36 3.3577 24.7179 8.463e-07 \*\*\*
Exon 32 1005.96 31.4363 231.4227 < 2.2e-16 \*\*\*
Strain:Subject 20 22.27 1.1137 8.1983 < 2.2e-16 \*\*\*
Strain:Exon 32 8.58 0.2681 1.9736 0.001247 \*\*

Residuals 662 89.93 0.1358

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

[1] "running 14 ENSMUST00000103506"

[1] "running 15 ENSMUST00000061437"

[1] "running 16 ENSMUST00000079465"

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Strain 1 0.1748 0.17478 0.5169 0.4797 Strain:Subject 20 5.8596 0.29298 0.8665 0.6242

Residuals 22 7.4383 0.33811

# [1] "running 17 ENSMUST00000081945" Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) Strain 1.517 1.517 11.014 0.001541 \*\* 3 261.788 87.263 633.539 < 2.2e-16 \*\*\* Exon 3.256 0.163 Strain:Subject 20 1.182 0.300859 1.191 3 0.397 2.882 0.043142 \* Strain: Exon Residuals 60 8.264 0.138 Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 [1] "running 18 ENSMUST00000060522" Analysis of Variance Table Response: Expression Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) 4.700 4.6996 8.7149 0.0033717 \*\* Strain 1 Exon 14 245.877 17.5627 32.5680 < 2.2e-16 \*\*\* Strain:Subject 20 5.218 0.2609 0.4838 0.9718319 Strain:Exon 14 23.236 1.6597 3.0778 0.0001593 \*\*\* Residuals 346 186.585 0.5393 Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 [1] "running 19 ENSMUST00000086552" Analysis of Variance Table Response: Expression Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) Strain 0.25 0.247 0.4331 0.51105 10 779.78 77.978 136.5538 < 2e-16 \*\*\* Exon Strain:Subject 20 6.67 0.333 0.5839 0.92238 Strain:Exon 10 11.05 1.105 1.9342 0.04091 \* Residuals 266 151.90 0.571 Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 [1] "running 20 ENSMUST00000026743" Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Expression

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Strain 1 1.50 1.5018 5.2705 0.0223619 \*

```
Exon 11 345.63 31.4207 110.2680 < 2.2e-16 ***
Strain:Subject 20 14.63 0.7316 2.5674 0.0003226 ***
Strain:Exon 11 1.34 0.1215 0.4264 0.9438613
```

Residuals 308 87.76 0.2849

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

- > multres <- results\$multi</pre>
- > multres

	ID	pStrain	pExon	pExonStrain	Strain1mean			
1	ENSMUST00000025403	7.102346e-01	3.459671e-52	0.9916593093	3.5752386			
2	ENSMUST00000079776	7.314176e-03	8.482543e-43	0.0004307697	1.1273036			
3	ENSMUST00000062893	3.867432e-02	2.436248e-205	0.5300290535	0.5617597			
4	ENSMUST00000100498	6.644750e-01	2.065729e-68	0.9982457453	5.4915030			
5	ENSMUST00000022742	8.463380e-07	0.000000e+00	0.0012467615	4.9007424			
6	ENSMUST00000081945	1.540824e-03	2.304691e-45	0.0431422921	2.2731364			
7	ENSMUST00000060522	3.371663e-03	1.013017e-54	0.0001592529	1.0145143			
8	ENSMUST00000086552	5.110532e-01	1.187603e-98	0.0409138114	5.5789351			
9	ENSMUST00000026743	2.236194e-02	8.160432e-100	0.9438613049	8.5145395			
	Strain2mean multprobeflag maxexon maxexondelta position							
1	3.5392338	1 ENSMUS	SE00000143043	0.2437343	7			
2	1.3623970	1 ENSMUS	SE00000125970	2.0971999	6			
3	0.6115172	O ENSMUS	SE00000497210	0.3844675	22			
4	5.5220461	1 ENSMUS	SE00000648227	0.2111199	5			
5	4.7661873	1 ENSMUS	SE00000480826	1.0104467	30			
6	2.5368238	O ENSMUS	SE00000549804	0.5789176	1			
7	1.2332985	1 ENSMUS	SE00000125970	2.0971999	8			
8	5.5220272	1 ENSMUS	SE00000416166	0.8925565	2			
9	8.3833594	1 ENSMUS	SE00000152363	0.2271807	5			
positionflag numexonsmapped trueexonnum missingexonflag strand								
1	0	8	8	0	1			
2	0	12	12	0	-1			
3	0	42	46	1	1			
4	0	12	12	0	-1			
5	0	33	35	1	1			
6	1	4	7	1	-1			
7	0	15	15	0	-1			
8	0	11	11	0	-1			
9	0	12	13	1	1			

We can also look at the single exon results.

```
> sing
                  ID
                       pStrain Strain1mean Strain2mean numprobesets
1 ENSMUST00000086675
                                 4.34236794 3.94139946
2 ENSMUST00000089419 0.4937983
                                0.14176213 0.04795627
                                                                   66
3 ENSMUST00000079749 0.7858535
                                4.50880208 4.31348647
                                                                   44
                                                                   44
4 ENSMUST00000027090 0.4870519 0.04899534 0.13059337
                                                                   22
5 ENSMUST00000043863
                           NaN 10.09785501 9.99882233
6 ENSMUST00000079465 0.4797143 0.49858350 0.37200612
                                                                   44
             maxexon maxexondelta numexonsmapped trueexonnum missingexonflag
1 ENSMUSE00000657256
                       0.40096848
                                                1
                                                             1
2 ENSMUSE00000558095
                       0.09380586
                                                1
                                                             1
                                                                             0
3 ENSMUSE00000464585
                       0.19531561
                                                1
                                                             1
                                                                             0
                                                1
4 ENSMUSE00000354677
                       0.08159804
                                                             1
                                                                             0
5 ENSMUSE00000352751
                       0.09903269
                                                1
                                                                             0
                                                             1
6 ENSMUSE00000464194
                       0.12657738
                                                1
                                                             1
                                                                             0
  strand
      -1
1
2
      -1
3
      -1
      -1
5
      -1
      -1
```

Finally, we can get a list of those transcripts that were not modeled. These transcripts may not have the representative probesets that exist in our data.

#### > results\$notrun

> sing <- results\$singles</pre>

- [1] "ENSMUST00000026901" "ENSMUST00000008733" "ENSMUST00000100538"
- [4] "ENSMUST00000103506" "ENSMUST00000061437"

# 7 Running the Probeset-Level Model

For datasets that require higher sensitivity in the comparison of AEU events, a probeset-level model is also supplied. This model uses the following formula:

Expression Strain + Probeset + Subject%in%Strain + Probeset Strain

> results2 <- RunExonModelWorkflow(TestSetTrans, testTrans, analysisUnit = "probeset"

Note that PlotExonResults also has the option of specifying the analysisUnit, which will plot the interaction plot sorted 5' to 3' by probeset. The Ensembl Exon ID is also appended to the probeset name under the plot.

> PlotExonResults(results2, analysisUnit = "probeset")

# 8 Adjusting for Multiple Comparisons

A convenience function, RunQVals is provided to adjust the p-values for multiple comparison. RunQVals utilizes the *qvalue* in order to adjust the p-values for False Discovery Rate (FDR). In our example, qvalue cannot estimate the pi0 term of the raw Exon p-values (because there are so few transcripts in our example) and thus returns a null column for the qvalues.

#### > multqv <- RunQVals(multres)</pre>

[1] "ERROR: The estimated pi0 <= 0. Check that you have valid p-values or use another l [1] "qvalues could not be calculated for pExon"

#### > multqv

```
resultframe[, 1]
                                            pExon pExonStrain
                                                                     qStrain qExon
                           pStrain
1 ENSMUST00000025403 7.102346e-01
                                    3.459671e-52 0.9916593093 8.269903e-03
                                                                                 NA
2 ENSMUST00000079776 7.314176e-03
                                    8.482543e-43 0.0004307697 1.916225e-04
                                                                                 NA
3 ENSMUST00000062893 3.867432e-02 2.436248e-205 0.5300290535 6.754800e-04
                                                                                 NA
4 ENSMUST00000100498 6.644750e-01
                                    2.065729e-68 0.9982457453 8.269903e-03
                                                                                 NA
5 ENSMUST00000022742 8.463380e-07
                                    0.000000e+00 0.0012467615 8.869210e-08
                                                                                 NA
6 ENSMUST00000081945 1.540824e-03
                                    2.304691e-45 0.0431422921 8.073541e-05
                                                                                 NA
7 ENSMUST00000060522 3.371663e-03
                                    1.013017e-54 0.0001592529 1.177780e-04
                                                                                 NA
8 ENSMUST00000086552 5.110532e-01
                                    1.187603e-98 0.0409138114 7.650840e-03
                                                                                 NA
9 ENSMUST00000026743 2.236194e-02 8.160432e-100 0.9438613049 4.686845e-04
                                                                                 NA
  qExonStrain Strain1mean Strain2mean multprobeflag
                                                                  maxexon
1 0.998245745
                3.5752386
                             3.5392338
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000143043
2 0.001938464
                1.1273036
                             1.3623970
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000125970
3 0.795043580
                                                    0 ENSMUSE00000497210
                0.5617597
                             0.6115172
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000648227
4 0.998245745
                5.4915030
                             5.5220461
5 0.003740284
                4.9007424
                             4.7661873
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000480826
6 0.077656126
                2.2731364
                             2.5368238
                                                    0 ENSMUSE00000549804
7 0.001433276
                1.0145143
                             1.2332985
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000125970
8 0.077656126
                             5.5220272
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000416166
                5.5789351
9 0.998245745
                8.5145395
                             8.3833594
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000152363
  maxexondelta position positionflag numexonsmapped trueexonnum missingexonflag
1
     0.2437343
                       7
                                     0
                                                    8
                                                                 8
                                                                                  0
2
                                     0
                                                   12
                                                                12
     2.0971999
                       6
                                                                                  0
3
                                     0
                                                   42
     0.3844675
                      22
                                                                46
                                                                                  1
4
                                     0
                                                   12
                                                                12
                                                                                  0
     0.2111199
                       5
5
     1.0104467
                      30
                                     0
                                                   33
                                                                35
                                                                                  1
6
     0.5789176
                       1
                                     1
                                                    4
                                                                 7
                                                                                  1
7
     2.0971999
                       8
                                     0
                                                   15
                                                                15
                                                                                  0
```

```
8
      0.8925565
                            2
                                             0
                                                                               11
                                                               11
                                                                                                    0
9
      0.2271807
                            5
                                             0
                                                                                                     1
                                                               12
                                                                               13
  strand
         1
1
2
        -1
3
         1
4
        -1
5
         1
6
        -1
7
        -1
8
        -1
9
         1
```

# 9 Filtering the Result Sets

Say we are interested in finding Strain-specific Exon interactions. We can find possible interactions by filtering our resulting dataframe.

```
> attach(multqv)
> sig <- multqv[qExonStrain < 0.05, ]</pre>
> detach(multqv)
> sig
    resultframe[, 1]
                                           pExon pExonStrain
                           pStrain
                                                                    qStrain qExon
2 ENSMUST00000079776 7.314176e-03 8.482543e-43 0.0004307697 1.916225e-04
5 ENSMUST00000022742 8.463380e-07 0.000000e+00 0.0012467615 8.869210e-08
                                                                                NA
7 ENSMUST00000060522 3.371663e-03 1.013017e-54 0.0001592529 1.177780e-04
                                                                                NA
  qExonStrain Strain1mean Strain2mean multprobeflag
                                                                  maxexon
2 0.001938464
                  1.127304
                              1.362397
                                                     1 ENSMUSE00000125970
5 0.003740284
                  4.900742
                              4.766187
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000480826
7 0.001433276
                  1.014514
                              1.233299
                                                    1 ENSMUSE00000125970
  maxexondelta position positionflag numexonsmapped trueexonnum missingexonflag
2
      2.097200
                                                   12
                                                                12
                       6
                                     0
                                                                                  0
5
      1.010447
                      30
                                                   33
                                                                35
                                     0
                                                                                  1
7
                                     0
      2.097200
                       8
                                                   15
                                                                15
                                                                                  0
  strand
2
      -1
5
       1
7
      -1
```

Here we see two transcripts with significant exon/strain interaction terms.

There are other flags that exist in the resulting data frame that can be used to further stratify/filter the data. For example, multprobeflag is a flag that indicates

whether there is at least one exon in the transcript that has multiple mapped probesets. missingexonflag indicates whether there are exons in the transcript that are not mapped to the data. MissingExons will return a list of exons not currently mapped to the data.

For more details, refer to RunExonModelWorkflow.

# 10 Plotting the Result Sets

We have two possible transcripts with exon/strain interactions. We should now examine the interaction plots to see whether these exon specific differences.

Note that these plots may not be representative of all exons in a transcript. That is, if no probesets exist in the ExpressionSet that map to an exon, that exon is not represented in the graph. To get a list of missing exons for a transcript, please refer to MissingExons.

There are two ways to plot these results. The first is to plot by id.

> PlotExon("ENSMUST00000079776", ExpSet = TestSetTrans)

# Oc90-ENSMUST00000079776 4 Strain 3 2 0 SMUSE00000648899 SMUSE00000504868 SMUSE00000125974 SMUSE000000125980 SMUSE00000\$25969 SMUSE00000560273 SMUSE00000125979 SMUSE0000050177 SMUSE00000∯2597≀ SMUSE0000045940 SMUSE0000012597 SMUSE0000045941 SMUSE0000012597

Note the large expression difference between the two strains at Exon ENMUSE00000125970.

Or, if we have a large number of significant results, we can save the plots in the working directory for later examination. These plots are named automatically, by gene symbol + ID (for example,

- > PlotExonResults(sig, ExpSet = TestSetTrans, savePlot = TRUE)
- [1] "ENSMUST00000079776"
- [1] "plot is available as c:/Documents and Settings/Ted Laderas/My Documents/My Dropbox
- [1] "ENSMUST00000022742"
- [1] "plot is available as c:/Documents and Settings/Ted Laderas/My Documents/My Dropbox
- [1] "ENSMUST00000060522"
- [1] "plot is available as c:/Documents and Settings/Ted Laderas/My Documents/My Dropbox

For probeset-level modeling, the option to plot by probeset-level is also provided:

- > PlotExonResults(sig, ExpSet = TestSetTrans, savePlot = TRUE,
- + analysisUnit = "probeset")
- [1] "ENSMUST00000079776"
- [1] "plot is available as c:/Documents and Settings/Ted Laderas/My Documents/My Dropbox
- [1] "ENSMUST00000022742"
- [1] "plot is available as c:/Documents and Settings/Ted Laderas/My Documents/My Dropbox
- [1] "ENSMUST00000060522"
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