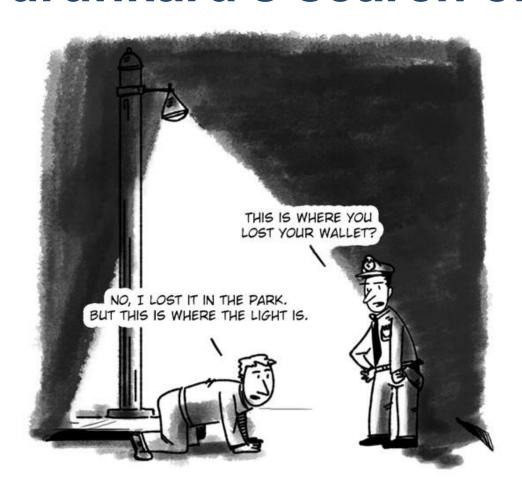
Analyzing large-scale genomics data

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The drunkard's search effect





From 1 to all

- All genetic variants, genes, metabolites
 - → comprehensive & representative (instead of generalizing a single bit of knowledge)
- Disease ≠ 1 gene
 - → hypotheses (!) and discoveries on the full complexity of biology.
- Exploiting natural variation
 - → The human as model organism



Learning objectives

- 1. SPSS 2nd
- 2. 'R' 1st



Why?

From traditional data to large-scale (high-dimensional) data:

- Many different formats of data files
- Data require preprocessing (quality control, normalization)
- Many tests (thousands, millions, billions)
- Novel methods
- Computational intensive methods
- Smart figures to make sense of data
- Visualizations to make sense of results
- Linking to external knowledge for interpretation



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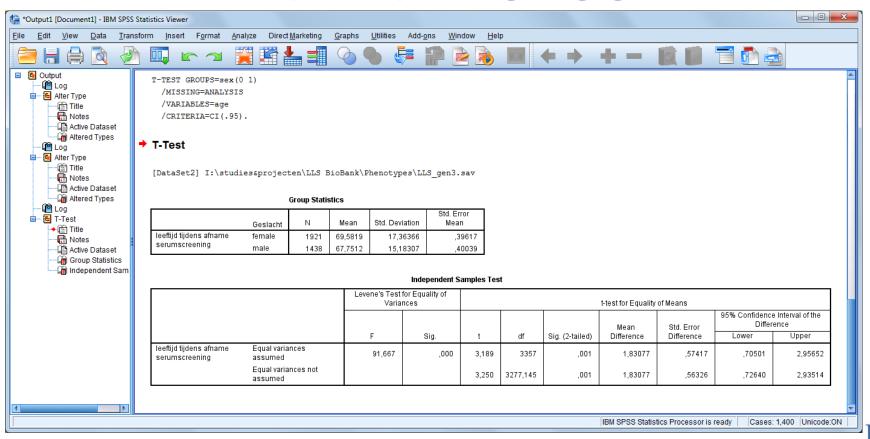
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- 22,703 tests
- Repeat same analysis many times and store results in one data object.



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- Distribute computations across processors (parallelization)
- Novel methods



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 → 0.1 trillion (= 10¹¹) p-values



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- Linking to external knowledge for interpretation (e.g. location variant, function of gene)



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- Click-fest
- Complex output
- Ugly graphs
- Black-box: need to trust developers



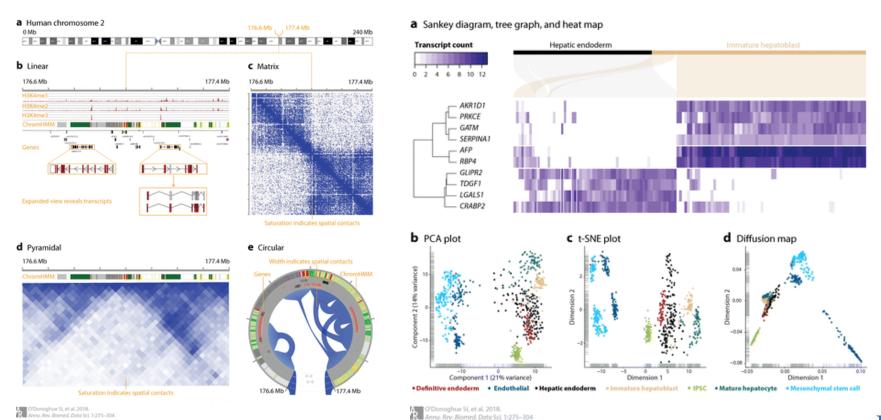
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Visualizations





R first

- Do not fear the blinking cursor!
- You will find that R is not more complicated than SPSS if scripts are available.
- But: some analyses you will do are!
- Curriculum in transition: this is not an R course (a flavour of R & not all is in R).
- Also: R is not the answer to all issues in bioinformatics.

