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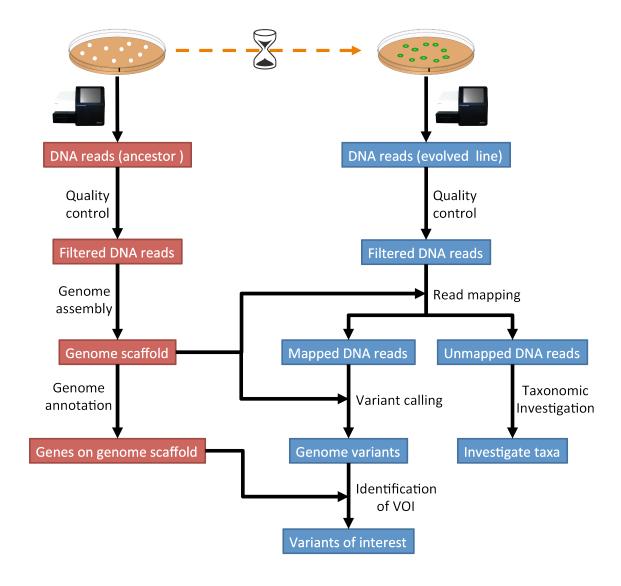
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This is an introductory tutorial for learning genomics mostly on the command-line. You will learn how to analyse next-generation sequencing (NGS) data. The data you will be using is actual research data. The final aim is to identify the genome variations in evolved lines of wild yeast that can explain the observed biological phenotype.



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CHAPTER

ONE

INTRODUCTION

This is an introductory tutorial for learning genomics mostly on the Linux command-line. Should you need to refresh your knowledge about either Linux or the command-line, have a look here¹.

In this tutorial you will learn how to analyse next-generation sequencing (NGS) data. The data you will be using is actual research data. The experiment follows a similar strategy as in what is called an "experimental evolution" experiment [KAWECK12012] (page 75), [ZEYL2006] (page 75). The final aim is to identify the genome variations in evolved lines of wild yeast that can explain the observed biological phenotype.

1.1 The workflow

The tutorial workflow is summarised in Fig. 1.1.

1.2 Learning outcomes

During this tutorial you will learn to:

- Check the data quality of an NGS experiment
- Create a genome assembly of the ancestor based on NGS data
- Map NGS reads of evolved lines to the created ancestral reference genome
- Call genome variations/mutations in the evolved lines
- Annotate a newly derived reference genome
- Find variants of interest that may be responsible for the observed evolved phenotype

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¹ http://linux.sschmeier.com/

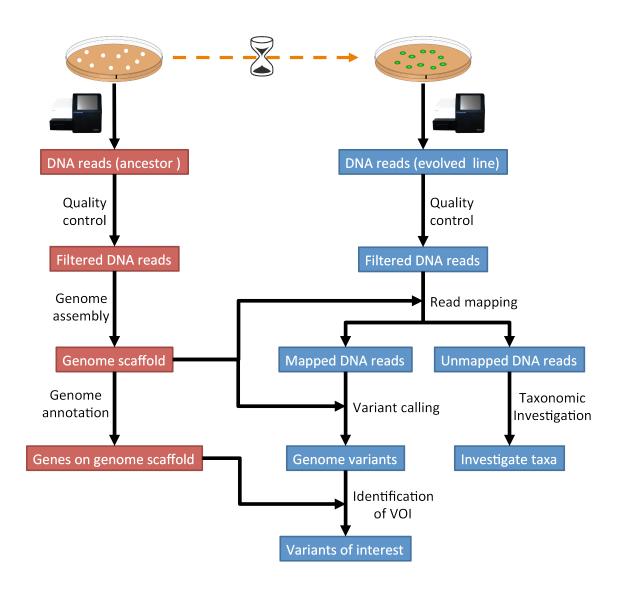


Fig. 1.1: The tutorial will follow this workflow.

NGS - TOOL INSTALLATION

2.1 Install the conda package manager

We will use the package/tool managing system conda²⁹ to install some programs that we will use during the course. It is not installed by default, thus we need to install it first to be able to use it.

```
# download latest conda installer
curl -O https://repo.continuum.io/miniconda/Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

# run the installer
bash Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

# delete the installer after successful run
rm Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

# Install some conda channels
# A channel is where conda looks for packages
conda config --add channels conda-forge
conda config --add channels defaults
conda config --add channels r
conda config --add channels bioconda
```

Close shell/terminal, re-open new shell/terminal.

```
conda update conda
```

Note: Should the conda installer download fail. Please find links to alternative locations on the *Downloads* (page 69) page.

Attention: The conda install assumes a bash shell. Biolinux might default to a zsh shell. Thus, the conda command might not be available after installation. A quick solution for the current shell window is to switch to a bash shell by typing bash.

2.1.1 Update .bashrc and .zshrc config-files

```
echo 'export PATH="/home/manager/miniconda3/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.bashrc echo 'export PATH="/home/manager/miniconda3/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.zshrc
```

²⁹ http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

Attention: The above assumes that your username is "manager", which is the default on a Biolinux install. Replace "manager" with your actual username. Find out with whoami.

2.2 Create environment

We create a conda³⁰ environment for some tools This is useful to work **reproducible** as we can easily re-create the tool-set with the same version numbers later on.

```
conda create -n ngs python=3
# activate the environment
source activate ngs
```

2.3 Install software

To install software into the activated environment, one uses the command conda install.

```
# install more tools into the environment
conda install package
```

Note: To tell if you are in the correct conda environment, look at the command-prompt. Do you see the name of the environment in round brackets at the very beginning of the prompt, e.g. (ngs)? If not, activate the ngs environment with source activate ngs before installing the tools.

2.4 General conda commands

```
# to search for packages
conda search [package]

# To update all packages
conda update --all --yes

# List all packages installed
conda list [-n env]

# conda list environments
conda env list

# create new env
conda create -n [name] package [package] ...

# activate env
source activate [name]

# deavtivate env
source deactivate
```

³⁰ http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

CHAPTER

THREE

NGS - QUALITY CONTROL

3.1 Preface

There are many sources of errors that can influence the quality of your sequencing run [ROBASKY2014] (page 75). In this quality control section we will use our skill on the command-line interface to deal with the task of investigating the quality and cleaning sequencing data [KIRCHNER2014] (page 75).

Note: You will encounter some To-do sections at times. Write the solutions and answers into a text-file.

3.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 3.1.

3.3 Learning outcomes

After studying this tutorial you should be able to:

- 1. Describe the steps involved in pre-processing/cleaning sequencing data.
- 2. Distinguish between a good and a bad sequencing run.
- 3. Compute, investigate and evaluate the quality of sequence data from a sequencing experiment.

3.4 The data

First, we are going to download the data we will analyse. Open a shell/terminal.

```
# create a directory you work in
mkdir analysis

# change into the directory
cd analysis

# download the data
curl -O http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/data.tar.gz

# uncompress it
tar -xvzf data.tar.gz
```

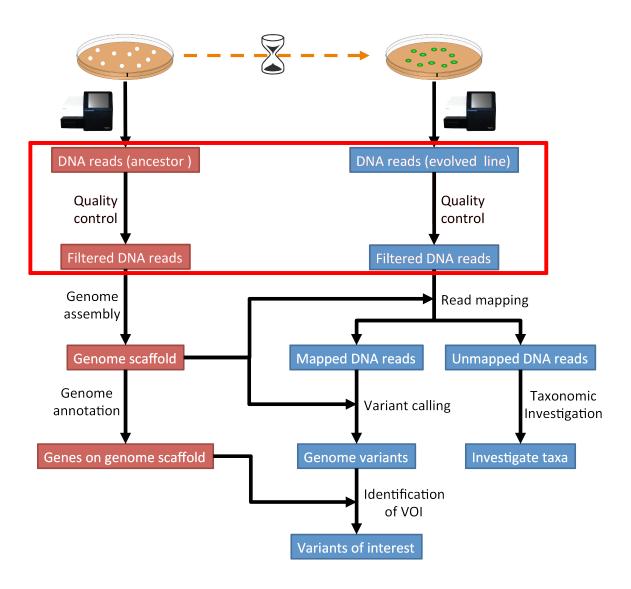


Fig. 3.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

The data is from a paired-end sequencing run data (see Fig. 3.2) from an Illumina⁵⁶ MiSeq [GLENN2011] (page 75). Thus, we have two files, one for each end of the read.

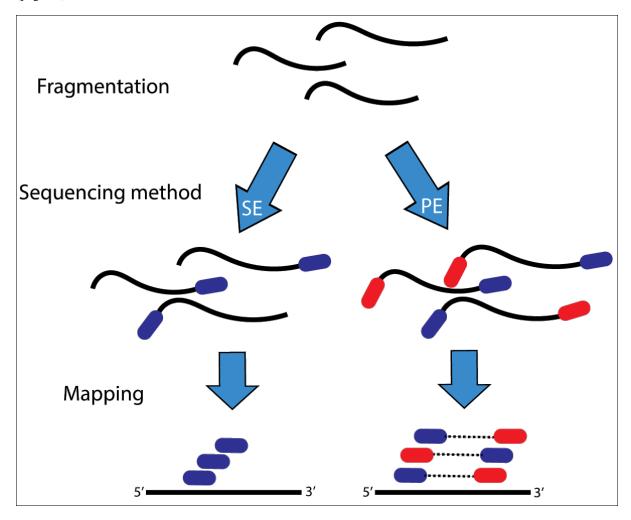


Fig. 3.2: Illustration of single-end (SE) versus paired-end (PE) sequencing.

If you need to refresh how Illumina⁵⁷ paired-end sequencing works have a look at the Illumina technology web-page⁵⁸ and this video⁵⁹.

Note: The data we are using is "almost" raw data coming from the machine. This data has been post-processed in two ways already. All sequences that were identified as belonging to the PhiX genome have been removed. This process requires some skills we will learn in later sections. Illumina⁶⁰ adapters have been removed as well already! The process is explained below but we are not going to do it.

3.4.1 Investigate the data

Make use of your newly developed skills on the command-line to investigate the files in data folder.

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⁵⁶ http://illumina.com

⁵⁷ http://illumina.com

⁵⁸ http://www.illumina.com/technology/next-generation-sequencing/paired-end-sequencing_assay.html

⁵⁹ https://youtu.be/HMyCqWhwB8E

⁶⁰ http://illumina.com

Todo

- 1. Use the command-line to get some ideas about the file.
- 2. What kind of files are we dealing with?
- 3. How many sequence reads are in the file?
- 4. Assume a genome size of 12MB. Calculate the coverage based on this formula: C = LN / G
- C: Coverage
- G: is the haploid genome length in bp
- L: is the read length in bp (e.g. 2x100 paired-end = 200)
- N: is the number of reads sequenced

3.5 The fastq file format

The data we receive from the sequencing is in fastq format. To remind us what this format entails, we can revisit the fastq wikipedia-page 61 !

A useful tool to decode base qualities can be found here⁶².

Todo

Explain briefly what the quality value represents.

3.6 The QC process

There are a few steps one need to do when getting the raw sequencing data from the sequencing facility:

- 1. Remove PhiX sequences
- 2. Adapter trimming
- 3. Quality trimming of reads
- 4. Quality assessment

3.7 PhiX genome

PhiX⁶³ is a nontailed bacteriophage with a single-stranded DNA and a genome with 5386 nucleotides. PhiX is used as a quality and calibration control for sequencing runs⁶⁴. PhiX is often added at a low known concentration, spiked in the same lane along with the sample or used as a separate lane. As the concentration of the genome is known, one can calibrate the instruments. Thus, PhiX genomic sequences need to be removed before processing your data further as this constitutes a deliberate contamination [MUKHERJEE2015] (page 75). The steps involve mapping all reads to the "known" PhiX genome, and removing all of those sequence reads from the data.

However, your sequencing provider might not have used PhiX, thus you need to read the protocol carefully, or just do this step in any case.

⁶¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format

⁶² http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-qualities.html

⁶³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phi_X_174

⁶⁴ http://www.illumina.com/products/by-type/sequencing-kits/cluster-gen-sequencing-reagents/phix-control-v3.html

Note: We are not going to do this step here, as this has been already done. Please see the *NGS - Read mapping* (page 27) section on how to map reads against a reference genome.

3.8 Adapter trimming

The process of sequencing DNA via Illumina⁶⁵ technology requires the addition of some adapters to the sequences. These get sequenced as well and need to be removed as they are artificial and do not belong to the species we try to sequence.

Note: The process of how to do this is explained here, however we are not going to do this as our sequences have been adapter-trimmed already.

First, we need to know the adapter sequences that were used during the sequencing of our samples. Normally, you should ask your sequencing provider, who should be providing this information to you. Illumina⁶⁶ itself provides a document⁶⁷ that describes the adapters used for their different technologies. Also the FastQC⁶⁸ tool, we will be using later on, provides a collection of contaminants and adapters⁶⁹.

Second, we need a tool that takes a list of adapters and scans each sequence read and removes the adapters. Install a tool called fastq-mcf⁷⁰ from the ea-utils suite⁷¹ of tools that is able to do this.

```
# install conda install ea-utils
```

Using the tool together with a adapter/contaminants list in fasta-file (here denoted as adapters.fa):

• -o: Specifies the output-files. These are fastq-files for forward and reverse read, with adapters removed.

3.9 Quality assessment of sequencing reads (SolexaQA++)

To assess the sequence read quality of the Illumina⁷² run we make use of a program called SolexaQA++⁷³ [COX2010] (page 75). SolexaQA++⁷⁴ was originally developed to work with Solexa data (since bought by Illumina⁷⁵), but long since working with Illumina⁷⁶ data. It produces nice graphics that intuitively show the quality of the sequences. it is also able to dynamically trim the bad quality ends off the reads.

From the webpage:

"SolexaQA calculates sequence quality statistics and creates visual representations of data quality for second-generation sequencing data. Originally developed for the Illumina system (historically known as "Solexa"), SolexaQA now also supports Ion Torrent and 454 data."

```
65 http://illumina.com
```

⁶⁶ http://illumina.com

⁶⁷ https://support.illumina.com/downloads/illumina-customer-sequence-letter.html

⁶⁸ http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

⁶⁹ https://github.com/csf-ngs/fastqc/blob/master/Contaminants/contaminant_list.txt

⁷⁰ https://github.com/ExpressionAnalysis/ea-utils/blob/wiki/FastqMcf.md

⁷¹ https://expressionanalysis.github.io/ea-utils/

⁷² http://illumina.com

⁷³ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁷⁴ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁷⁵ http://illumina.com

⁷⁶ http://illumina.com

3.9.1 Install SolexaQA++

Unfortunately, currently we cannot install SolexaQA++⁷⁷ with conda⁷⁸.

```
curl -O http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/SolexaQA.tar.gz

# uncompress the archive
tar -xvzf SolexaQA.tar.gz

# make the file executable
chmod a+x SolexaQA/Linux_x64/SolexaQA++

# copy program to root folder
cp ./SolexaQA/Linux_x64/SolexaQA++ .

# run the program
./SolexaQA++
```

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

3.9.2 SolexaQA++ manual

SolexaQA+ $+^{79}$ has three modes that can be run. Type:

```
./SolexaQA++
```

```
SolexaQA++ v3.1.3
Released under GNU General Public License version 3
C++ version developed by Mauro Truglio (M.Truglio@massey.ac.nz)

Usage: SolexaQA++ <command> [options]

Command: analysis quality analysis and graphs generation dynamictrim trim reads using a chosen threshold lengthsort sort reads by a chosen length
```

The three modes are: analysis, dynamictrim, and lengthsort:

analysis - the primary quality analysis and visualization tool. Designed to run on unmodified FASTQ files obtained directly from Illumina 80 , Ion Torrent or 454 sequencers.

dynamictrim - a read trimmer that individually crops each read to its longest contiguous segment for which quality scores are greater than a user-supplied quality cutoff.

lengthsort - a program to separate high quality reads from low quality reads. LengthSort assigns trimmed reads to paired-end, singleton and discard files based on a user-defined length cutoff.

3.9.3 SolexaQA++ dynamic trimming

We will use SolexaQA++⁸¹ dynamic trim the reads, to chop of nucleotides witha a bad quality score.

Todo

⁷⁷ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁷⁸ http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

⁷⁹ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁰ http://illumina.com

⁸¹ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

- 1. Create a directory for the result-files -> trimmed/.
- 2. Run SolexaQA++⁸² dynamictrim with the untrimmed data and a probability cutoff of 0.01., and submit result-directory **trimmed**/.
- 3. Investigate the result-files in **trimmed/**, e.g. do the file-sizes change to the original files?
- 4. SolexaQA++⁸³ dynamictrim produces a graphical output. Explain what the graph shows. Find heklp on the SolexaQA++⁸⁴ website.

Hint: Should you not get 1 and/or 2 right, try the commands in Code: SolexaQA++ trimming (page 67).

3.9.4 SolexaQA++ analysis on trimmed data

Todo

- 1. Create a directory for the result-files -> trimmed-solexaqa.
- 2. Use SolexaQA++85 to do the quality assessment with the trimmed data-set.
- 3. Compare your results to the examples of a particularly bad MiSeq run (Fig. 3.6 to Fig. 3.6, taken from SolexaQA++⁸⁶ website). Write down your observations.
- 4. What elements in these example figures (Fig. 3.3 to Fig. 3.6) indicate that the show a bad run? Write down your explanations.

Hint: Should you not get 1 and/or 2 it right, try the commands in *Code: SolexaQA++ qc* (page 67).

3.10 Sickle for dynamic trimming (alternative to SolexaQA++)

Should the dynamic trimming not work with SolexaQA++87, you can alternatively use Sickle⁸⁸.

```
source activate ngs conda install sickle-trim
```

Now we are going to run the program on our paired-end data:

```
# create a new directory
mkdir trimmed

# sickle parameters:
sickle --help

# as we are dealing with paired-end data you will be using "sickle pe"
sickle pe --help

# run sickle like so:
sickle pe -g -t sanger -f data/ancestor-R1.fastq.gz -r data/ancestor-R2.fastq.gz --
o trimmed/ancestor-R1.trimmed.fastq.gz -p trimmed/ancestor-R2.trimmed.fastq.gz
```

⁸² http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸³ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁴ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁵ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁶ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁷ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁸⁸ https://github.com/najoshi/sickle

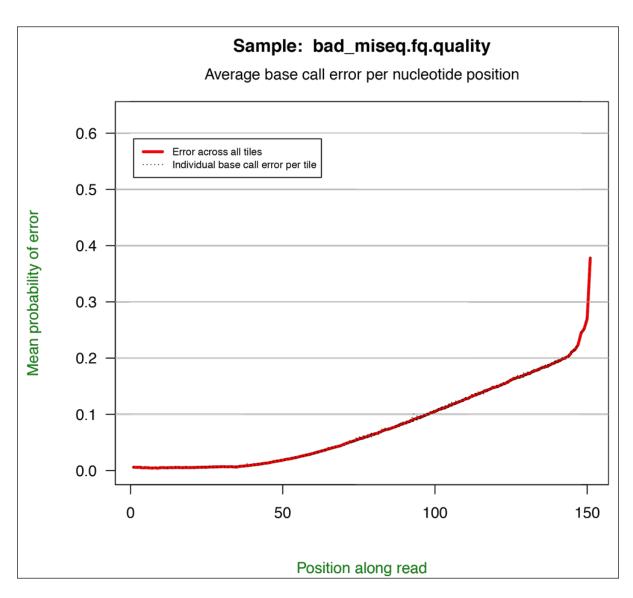


Fig. 3.3: SolexaQA++ example quality plot along reads of a bad MiSeq run

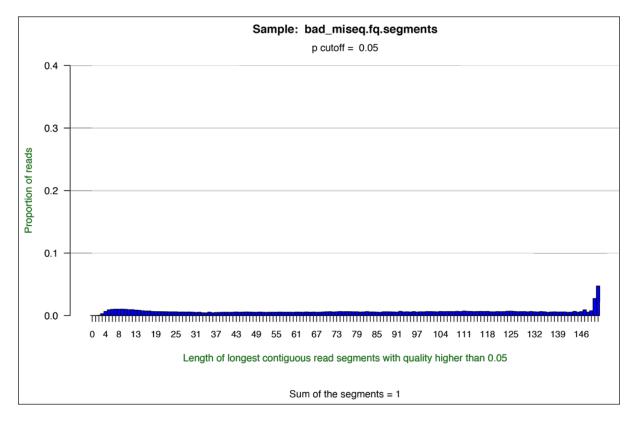


Fig. 3.4: SolexaQA++ example histogram plot of a bad MiSeq run.

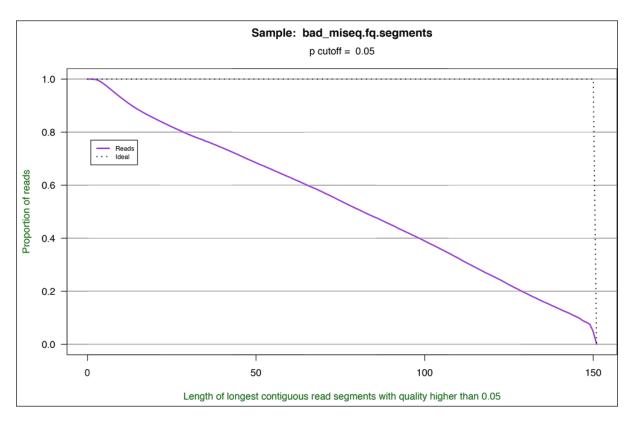


Fig. 3.5: SolexaQA++ example cumulative plot of a bad MiSeq run.



Fig. 3.6: SolexaQA++ example quality heatmap of a bad MiSeq run.

Hint: Should you be unable to run $Sickle^{89}$ or $SolexaQA++^{90}$ at all to trim the data. You can download the trimmed dataset here⁹¹. Unarchive and uncompress the files with tar -xvzf trimmed.tar.gz.

3.11 Quality assessment of sequencing reads (FastQC)

3.11.1 Installing FastQC

```
source activate ngs
conda install fastqc

# should now run the program
fastqc --help
```

3.11.2 FastQC manual

FastQC⁹² is a very simple program to run that provides similar and additional information to SolexaQA++⁹³.

From the webpage:

```
89 https://github.com/najoshi/sickle
```

⁹⁰ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

⁹¹ http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/trimmed.tar.gz

⁹² http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

⁹³ http://solexaqa.sourceforge.net

"FastQC aims to provide a simple way to do some quality control checks on raw sequence data coming from high throughput sequencing pipelines. It provides a modular set of analyses which you can use to give a quick impression of whether your data has any problems of which you should be aware before doing any further analysis."

The basic command looks like:

fastqc -o RESULT-DIR INPUT-FILE.[txt/fa/fq] ...

- -o RESULT-DIR is the directory where the result files will be written
- INPUT-FILE. [txt/fa/fq] is the sequence file to analyze, can be more than one file.

Hint: The result will be a HTML page per input file that can be opened in a web-browser.

3.11.3 Run FastQC on the untrimmed and trimmed data

Todo

- 1. Create a directory for the results -> trimmed-fastqc
- 2. Run FastQC on all trimmed files.
- 3. Visit the FastQC⁹⁴ website and read about sequencing QC reports for good and bad Illumina⁹⁵ sequencing runs.
- 4. Compare your results to these examples (Fig. 3.7 to Fig. 3.9) of a particularly bad run (taken from the FastQC⁹⁶ website) and write down your observations with regards to your data.
- 5. What elements in these example figures (Fig. 3.7 to Fig. 3.9) indicate that the example is from a bad run?

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in *Code: FastQC* (page 67).

⁹⁴ http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

⁹⁵ http://illumina.com

⁹⁶ http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

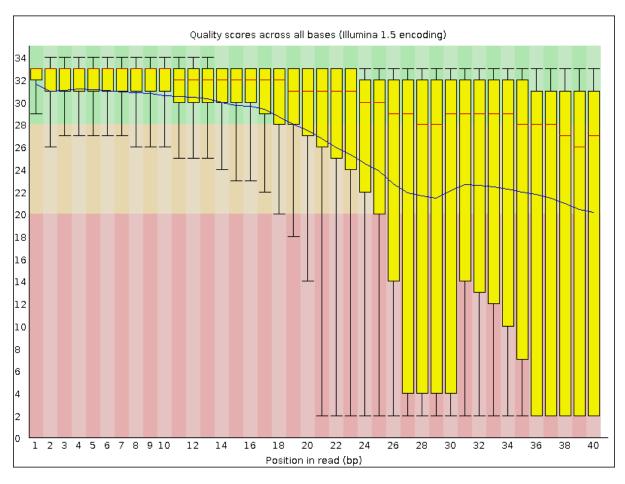


Fig. 3.7: Quality score across bases.

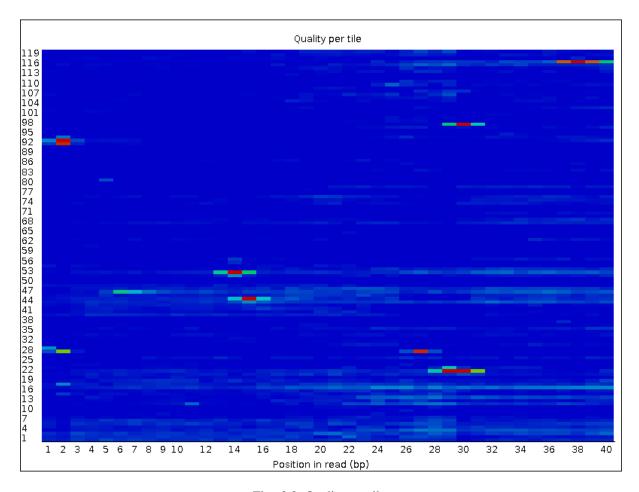


Fig. 3.8: Quality per tile.

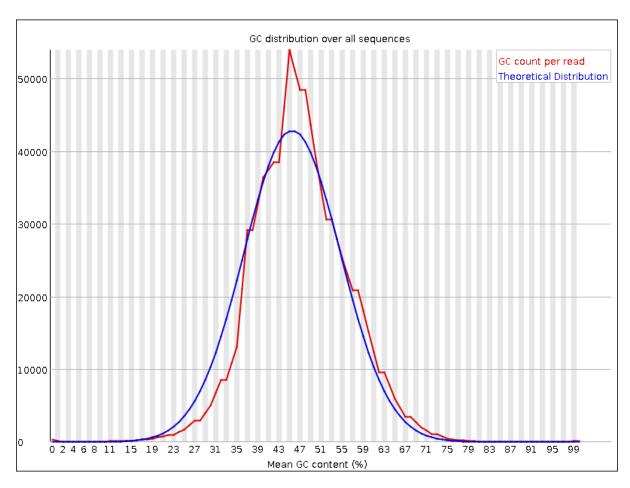


Fig. 3.9: GC distribution over all sequences.

CHAPTER

FOUR

NGS - GENOME ASSEMBLY

4.1 Preface

In this section we will use our skill on the command-line interface to create a genome assembly from sequencing data.

Note: You will encounter some To-do sections at times. Write the solutions and answers into a text-file.

4.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 4.1.

4.3 Learning outcomes

After studying this tutorial you should be able to:

- 1. Compute and interpret a whole genome assembly.
- 2. Judge the quality of a genome assembly.

4.4 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
ls -1F
```

```
data/
SolexaQA/
SolexaQA++
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
```

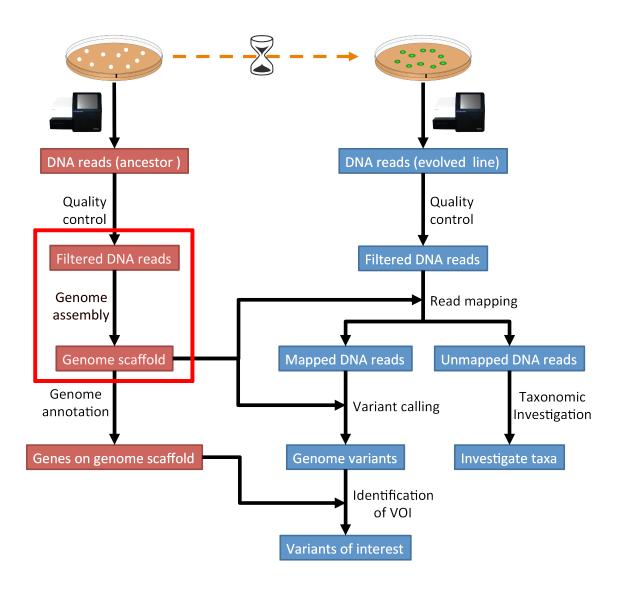


Fig. 4.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

4.5 Creating a genome assembly

We want to create a genome assembly for our ancestor. We are going to use the quality trimmed forward and backward DNA sequences and use a program called SPAdes¹²⁷ to build a genome assembly.

Todo

1. Discuss briefly why we are using the ancestral sequences to create a reference genome as opposed to the evolved line.

4.5.1 Installing the software

We are going to use a program called SPAdes¹²⁸ fo assembling our genome. In a recent evaluation of assembly software, SPAdes¹²⁹ was found to be a good choice for fungal genomes [ABBAS2014] (page 75). It is also simple to install and use.

```
source activate ngs
conda install spades
```

4.5.2 SPAdes usage

```
# change to your analysis root folder
cd ~/analysis

# first create a output directory for the assemblies
mkdir assembly

# to get a help for spades and an overview of the parameter type:
spades.py -h
```

The two files we need to submit to SPAdes¹³⁰ are two paired-end read files.

Todo

- 1. Run SPAdes¹³¹ with default parameters on the ancestor
- 2. Read in the SPAdes¹³² manual about about assembling with 2x150bp reads
- 3. Run SPAdes¹³³ a second time but use the options suggested at the SPAdes¹³⁴ manual section 3.4^{135} for assembling 2x150bp paired-end reads (are fungi multicellular?). Use a different output directory assembly/spades-150 for this run.

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in Code: SPAdes assembly (trimmed data) (page 68).

```
127 http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades
```

¹²⁸ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹²⁹ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³⁰ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³¹ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³² http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³³ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³⁴ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹³⁵ http://spades.bioinf.spbau.ru/release3.9.1/manual.html#sec3.4

4.6 Assembly quality assessment

4.6.1 Assembly statistics

Quast¹³⁶ (QUality ASsesment Tool) [GUREVICH2013] (page 75), evaluates genome assemblies by computing various metrics, including:

- N50: length for which the collection of all contigs of that length or longer covers at least 50% of assembly length
- NG50: where length of the reference genome is being covered
- NA50 and NGA50: where aligned blocks instead of contigs are taken
- missassemblies: misassembled and unaligned contigs or contigs bases
- · genes and operons covered

It is easy with Quast¹³⁷ to compare these measures among several assemblies. The program can be used on their website¹³⁸.

We can install it locally with:

```
source activate ngs
conda install quast
```

Run Quast¹³⁹ with both assembly scaffolds.fasta files to compare the results.

Note: Should you be unable to run $SPAdes^{140}$ on the data, you can manually download the assembly from *Downloads* (page 69). Unarchive and uncompress the files with tar -xvzf assembly.tar.gz.

```
quast -o assembly/quast assembly/spades-default/scaffolds.fasta assembly/spades- {\hookrightarrow}150/{\rm scaffolds.fasta}
```

Todo

- 1. Compare the results of Quast¹⁴¹ with regards to the two different assemblies.
- 2. Which one do you prefer and why?

4.7 Compare the untrimmed data

Todo

- 1. To see if our trimming procedure has an influence on our assembly, run the same command you used on the trimmed data on the original untrimmed data.
- 2. Run Quast¹⁴² on the assembly and compare the statistics to the one derived for the trimmed data set. Write down your observations.

¹³⁶ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹³⁷ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹³⁸ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹³⁹ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹⁴⁰ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹⁴¹ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹⁴² http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in Code: SPAdes assembly (original data) (page 68).

4.8 Assemblathon

Todo

Now that you know the basics for assembling a genome and judging their quality, play with the SPAdes¹⁴³ parameters and the **trimmed data** to create the best assembly possible. We will compare the assemblies to find out who created the best one.

Todo

- 1. Once you have your final assembly, rename your assembly directory int spades-final, e.g. mv assembly/spades-default assembly/spades-final.
- 2. Write down in your notes the command used to create your final assembly.
- 3. Write down in your notes the assembly statistics derived through Quast 144

4.9 Further reading

4.9.1 Background on Genome Assemblies

- How to apply de Bruijn graphs to genome assembly. [COMPEAU2011] (page 75)
- Sequence assembly demystified. [NAGARAJAN2013] (page 75)

4.9.2 Evaluation of Genome Assembly Software

- GAGE: A critical evaluation of genome assemblies and assembly algorithms. [SALZBERG2012] (page 75)
- Assessment of de novo assemblers for draft genomes: a case study with fungal genomes. [ABBAS2014] (page 75)

4.10 Web links

- Lectures for this topic: Genome Assembly: An Introduction 145
- SPAdes¹⁴⁶
- Quast¹⁴⁷
- Bandage¹⁴⁸ (Bioinformatics Application for Navigating De novo Assembly Graphs Easily) is a program that visualizes a genome assembly as a graph [WICK2015] (page 75).

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¹⁴³ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹⁴⁴ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹⁴⁵ https://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.2972323.v1

¹⁴⁶ http://bioinf.spbau.ru/spades

¹⁴⁷ http://quast.bioinf.spbau.ru/

¹⁴⁸ https://rrwick.github.io/Bandage/

CHAPTER

FIVE

NGS - READ MAPPING

5.1 Preface

In this section we will use our skill on the command-line interface to map our reads from the evolved line to our ancestral reference genome.

Note: You will encounter some To-do sections at times. Write the solutions and answers into a text-file.

5.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 5.1.

5.3 Learning outcomes

After studying this section of the tutorial you should be able to:

- 1. Explain the process of sequence read mapping.
- 2. Use bioinformatics tools to map sequencing reads to a reference genome.
- 3. Filter mapped reads based on quality.

5.4 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
# create a mapping result directory
mkdir mappings
ls -1F
```

```
assembly/
data/
mappings/
SolexaQA/
SolexaQA++
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
```

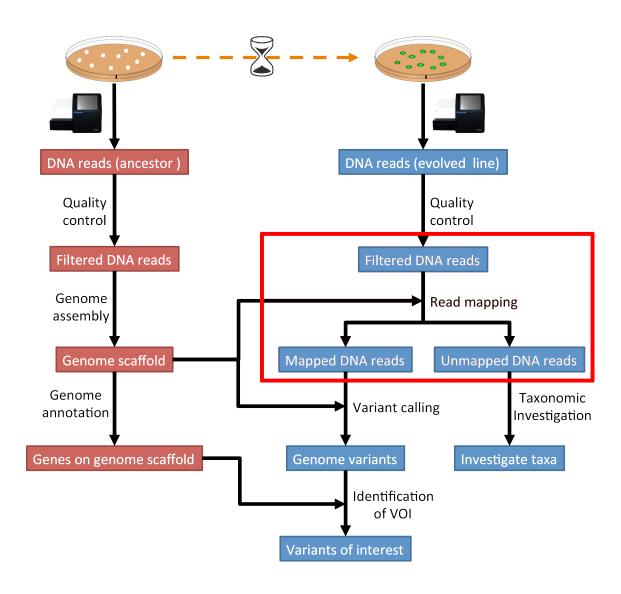


Fig. 5.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

5.5 Mapping sequence reads to a reference genome

We want to map the sequencing reads to the ancestral reference genome we created in the section NGS - Genome assembly (page 21). We are going to use the quality trimmed forward and backward DNA sequences of the evolved line and use a program called BWA^{180} to map the reads.

Todo

1. Discuss briefly why we are using the ancestral genome as a reference genome as opposed to a genome for the evolved line.

5.5.1 Installing the software

We are going to use a program called BWA¹⁸¹ fo map our reads to a genome.

It is simple to install and use.

```
source activate ngs
conda install samtools
conda install bamtools
conda install bedtools
conda install bowtie2
conda install bwa
conda install picard
```

5.6 Bowtie2

5.6.1 Overview

Bowtie²¹⁸² is a short read aligner, that can take a reference genome and map single- or paired-end data to it *[TRAPNELL2009]* (page 76). It requires an indexing step in which one supplies the reference genome and Bowtie²¹⁸³ will create an index that in the subsequent steps will be used for aligning the reads to the reference genome. The general command structure of the Bowtie²¹⁸⁴ tools we are going to use are shown below:

```
# bowtie2 help
bowtie2-build

# indexing
bowtie2-build genome.fasta PATH_TO_INDEX_PREFIX

# paired-end mapping
bowtie2 -X 1000 -x PATH_TO_INDEX_PREFIX -1 read1.fq.gz -2 read2.fq.gz -S aln-pe.sam
```

• -X: Adjust the maximum fragment size (length of paired-end alignments + insert size) to 1000bp. This might be useful if you do not know the exact insert size of your data. The Bowtie2¹⁸⁵ default is set to 500 which is often considered too short¹⁸⁶.

```
180 http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/
```

¹⁸¹ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁸² http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸³ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸⁴ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸⁵ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸⁶ http://lab.loman.net/2013/05/02/use-x-with-bowtie2-to-set-minimum-and-maximum-insert-sizes-for-nextera-libraries/

5.6.2 Creating a reference index for mapping

Todo

Create an Bowtie2¹⁸⁷ index for our reference genome assembly. Attention! Remember which file you need to submit to Bowtie2¹⁸⁸.

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in *Code: Bowtie2 indexing* (page 68).

Note: Should you be unable to run Bowtie 2^{189} indexing on the data, you can download the index from *Downloads* (page 69). Unarchive and uncompress the files with tar -xvzf bowtie2-index.tar.gz.

5.6.3 Mapping reads in a paired-end manner

Now that we have created our index, it is time to map the filtered and trimmed sequencing reads of our evolved line to the reference genome.

Todo

Use the correct bowtie2 command structure from above and map the reads of the evolved line to the reference genome.

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in *Code: Bowtie2 mapping* (page 68).

Note: Bowtie2¹⁹⁰ does give very cryptic error messages without telling much why it did not want to run. The most likely reason is that you specified the paths to the files and result file wrongly. Check this first. Use tab completion a lot!

5.7 BWA

Attention: If the mapping did not succeed with Bowtie2¹⁹¹. We can use the aligner BWA¹⁹² explained in this section. If the mapping with Bowtie2¹⁹³ did work, you can jump this section.

5.7.1 Overview

BWA¹⁹⁴ is a short read aligner, that can take a reference genome and map single- or paired-end data to it. It requires an indexing step in which one supplies the reference genome and BWA¹⁹⁵ will create an index that in the

¹⁸⁷ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸⁸ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁸⁹ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁹⁰ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁹¹ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁹² http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁹³ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

¹⁹⁴ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁹⁵ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

subsequent steps will be used for aligning the reads to the reference genome. The general command structure of the BWA ¹⁹⁶ tools we are going to use are shown below:

```
# bwa index help
bwa index
# indexing
bwa index reference-genome.fa
# bwa mem help
bwa mem
# single-end mapping
bwa mem reference-genome.fa reads.fq > aln-se.sam
# paired-end mapping
bwa mem reference-genome.fa read1.fq read2.fq > aln-pe.sam
```

5.7.2 Creating a reference index for mapping

Todo

Create an BWA¹⁹⁷ index for our reference genome assembly. Attention! Remember which file you need to submit to BWA¹⁹⁸.

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in *Code: BWA indexing* (page 68).

Note: Should you be unable to run BWA^{199} indexing on the data, you can download the index from *Downloads* (page 69). Unarchive and uncompress the files with tar -xvzf bwa-index.tar.gz.

5.7.3 Mapping reads in a paired-end manner

Now that we have created our index, it is time to map the filtered and trimmed sequencing reads of our evolved line to the reference genome.

Todo

Use the correct bwa mem command structure from above and map the reads of the evolved line to the reference genome.

Hint: Should you not get it right, try the commands in Code: BWA mapping (page 68).

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¹⁹⁶ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁹⁷ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁹⁸ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

¹⁹⁹ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

5.8 The sam mapping file-format

Bowtie2²⁰⁰ and BWA²⁰¹ will produce a mapping file in sam-format. Have a look into the sam-file that was created by either program. A quick overview of the sam-format can be found here²⁰² and even more information can be found here²⁰³. Briefly, first there are a lot of header lines. Then, for each read, that mapped to the reference, there is one line.

The columns of such a line in the mapping file are described in Table 5.1.

Col Field Description **QNAME** Query (pair) NAME 2 **FLAG** bitwise FLAG 3 **RNAME** Reference sequence NAME 4 1-based leftmost POSition/coordinate of clipped sequence **POS** 5 **MAPQ** MAPping Quality (Phred-scaled) 6 **CIAGR** extended CIGAR string 7 **MRNM** Mate Reference sequence NaMe ('=' if same as RNAME) 8 **MPOS** 1-based Mate POSition 9 **ISIZE** Inferred insert SIZE 10 **SEO** query SEQuence on the same strand as the reference **QUAL** query QUALity (ASCII-33 gives the Phred base quality) 11 12 OPT variable OPTional fields in the format TAG:VTYPE:VALUE

Table 5.1: The sam-file format fields.

One line of a mapped read can be seen here:

It basically defines, the read and the position in the reference genome where the read mapped and a quality of the map.

5.9 Mapping post-processing

5.9.1 Fix mates and compress

Because aligners can sometimes leave unusual SAM flag²⁰⁴ information on SAM records, it is helpful when working with many tools to first clean up read pairing information and flags with SAMtools²⁰⁵. We are going to produce also compressed bam output for efficient storing of and access to the mapped reads.

```
samtools fixmate -O bam mappings/evolved-6.sam mappings/evolved-6.fixmate.bam
```

• -O bam: specifies that we want compressed bam output

Attention: The step of sam to bam-file conversion might take a few minutes to finish, depending on how big your mapping file is.

²⁰⁰ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

²⁰¹ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/

²⁰² http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml#4

²⁰³ http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf

²⁰⁴ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml#4

²⁰⁵ http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

We will be using the SAM flag²⁰⁶ information later below to extract specific alignments.

Hint: A very useful tools to explain flags can be found here²⁰⁷.

Once we have bam-file, we can also delete the original sam-file as it requires too much space.

```
rm mappings/evolved-6.sam
```

5.9.2 Sorting

We are going to use SAMtools²⁰⁸ again to sort the bam-file into coordinate order:

```
# convert to bam file and sort
samtools sort -O bam -o mappings/evolved-6.sorted.bam mappings/evolved-6.fixmate.

→bam
```

- -o: specifies the name of the output file.
- -0 bam: specifies that the output will be bam-format

5.9.3 Remove duplicates

In this step we remove duplicate reads. The main purpose of removing duplicates is to mitigate the effects of PCR amplification bias introduced during library construction.

```
picard MarkDuplicates REMOVE_DUPLICATES=true METRICS_FILE=mappings/evolved-6.

--marked_dup_metrics.txt INPUT=mappings/evolved-6.sorted.bam OUTPUT=mappings/
--evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam
```

Todo

Figure out what "PCR amplification bias" means.

Note: Should you be unable to do the post-processing steps, you can download the mapped data from *Downloads* (page 69).

5.10 Mapping statistics

5.10.1 Stats with SAMtools

Lets get an mapping overview:

```
samtools flagstat mappings/evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam
```

Todo

http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml#4

²⁰⁷ http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-flags.html

²⁰⁸ http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

Look at the mapping statistics and understand their meaning²⁰⁹. Discuss your results. Explain why we may find mapped reads that have their mate mapped to a different chromosome/contig? Can they be used for something?

For the sorted bam-file we can get read depth for at all positions of the reference genome, e.g. how many reads are overlapping the genomic position.

```
samtools depth mappings/evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam | gzip > mappings/evolved-6.

→depth.txt.gz
```

Todo

Extract the depth values for contig 20 and load the data into R, calculate some statistics of our scaffold.

```
zcat mappings/evolved-6.depth.txt.gz | egrep '^NODE_20_' | gzip > mappings/NODE_ \rightarrow 20.depth.txt.gz
```

Now we quickly use some R^{210} to make a coverage plot for contig NODE20. Open a R^{211} shell by typing R on the command-line of the shell.

```
x <- read.table('mappings/NODE_20.depth.txt.gz', sep='\t', header=FALSE, strip.
→white=TRUE)
# Look at the beginning of x
head(x)
# calculate average depth
mean(x[,3])
# std dev
sqrt(var(x[,3]))
# mark areas that have a coverage below 20 in red
plot(x[,2], x[,3], col = ifelse(x[,3] < 20,'red','black'), pch=19, xlab='postion',_
→ylab='coverage')
# to save a plot
png('mappings/covNODE20.png', width = 1200, height = 500)
plot(x[,2], x[,3], col = ifelse(x[,3] < 20,'red','black'), pch=19, xlab='postion', ___
→ylab='coverage')
dev.off()
```

The result plot will be looking similar to the one in Fig. 5.2

Todo

Look at the created plot. Explain why it makes sense that you find relatively bad coverage at the beginning and the end of the contig.

5.10.2 Stats with QualiMap

For a more in depth analysis of the mappings, one can use QualiMap²¹².

QualiMap²¹³ examines sequencing alignment data in SAM/BAM files according to the features of the mapped reads and provides an overall view of the data that helps to the detect biases in the sequencing and/or mapping of

```
209 https://www.biostars.org/p/12475/
```

²¹⁰ https://www.r-project.org/

²¹¹ https://www.r-project.org/

²¹² http://qualimap.bioinfo.cipf.es/

²¹³ http://qualimap.bioinfo.cipf.es/

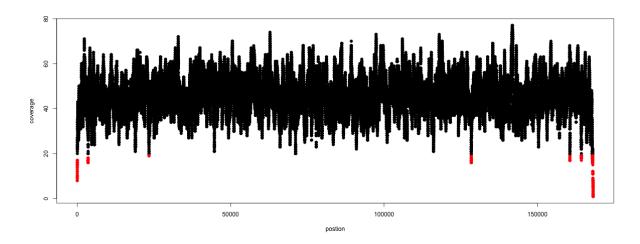


Fig. 5.2: A example coverage plot for a contig with highlighted in red regions with a coverage below 20 reads.

the data and eases decision-making for further analysis.

Installation:

conda install qualimap

Run QualiMap²¹⁴ with:

qualimap bamqc -bam mappings/evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam

This will create a report in the mapping folder. See this webpage²¹⁵ to get help on the sections in the report.

Todo

Install QualiMap²¹⁶ and investigate the mapping of the evolved sample. Write down your observations.

5.11 Sub-selecting reads

It is important to remember that the mapping commands we used above, without additional parameters to subselect specific alignments (e.g. for Bowtie2²¹⁷ there are options like -no-mixed, which suppresses unpaired alignments for paired reads or -no-discordant, which suppresses discordant alignments for paired reads, etc.), are going to output all reads, including unmapped reads, multi-mapping reads, unpaired reads, discordant read pairs, etc. in one file. We can sub-select from the output reads we want to analyse further using SAMtools²¹⁸.

Todo

Explain what concordant and discordant read pairs are? Look at the Bowtie2²¹⁹ manual.

²¹⁴ http://qualimap.bioinfo.cipf.es/

²¹⁵ http://qualimap.bioinfo.cipf.es/doc_html/analysis.html#output

²¹⁶ http://qualimap.bioinfo.cipf.es/

²¹⁷ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

²¹⁸ http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

²¹⁹ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml

5.11.1 Concordant reads

Here, we select the reads **we will be using for subsequent analyses**. Frist off, we select reads with a mapping quality of at least 20. Furthermore, we select read-pair that have been mapped in a correct manner (same chromosome/contig, correct orientation to each other).

```
samtools view -h -b -q 20 -f 2 mappings/evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam > mappings/
→evolved-6.sorted.concordant.q20.bam
```

- -h: Include the sam header
- -b: Output will be bam-format
- -q 20: Only extract reads with mapping quality >= 20
- -f 2: Only extract correctly paired reads. -f extracts alignments with the specified SAM flag²²⁰ set.

Attention: The resulting file of this step will be used in the next section for calling variants.

5.11.2 Unmapped reads

We could decide to use Kraken²²¹ like in section *NGS - Taxonomic investigation* (page 37) to classify all unmapped sequence reads and identify the species they are coming from and test for contamination.

Lets see how we can get the unmapped portion of the reads from the bam-file:

```
samtools view -b -f 4 mappings/evolved-6.sorted.dedup.bam > mappings/evolved-6.

sorted.unmapped.bam

# count them
samtools view -c mappings/evolved-6.sorted.unmapped.bam
```

- -b: indicates that the output is BAM.
- -f INT: only include reads with this SAM flag²²² set. You can also use the command samtools flags to get an overview of the flags.
- -c: count the reads

Lets extract the fastq sequence of the unmapped reads for read1 and read2.

```
bamToFastq -i mappings/evolved-6.sorted.unmapped.bam -fq mappings/evolved-6.sorted.

→unmapped.R1.fastq -fq2 mappings/evolved-6.sorted.unmapped.R2.fastq
```

²²⁰ http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml#4

²²¹ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²²² http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml#4

CHAPTER

SIX

NGS - TAXONOMIC INVESTIGATION

6.1 Preface

We want to investate if there are sequences of other species in our collection of sequenced DNA pieces. We hope that most of them are from our species that we try to study, i.e. the DNA that we have extracted and amplified. This might be a way of quality control, e.g. have the samples been contaminated? Lets investigate if we find sequences from other species in our sequence set.

We will use the tool Kraken²⁴⁹ to assign taxonomic classifications to our sequence reads. Let us see if we can id some sequences from other species.

Note: You will encounter some To-do sections at times. Write the solutions and answers into a text-file.

6.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 6.1.

6.3 Kraken

We will be using a tool called Kraken²⁵⁰ [WOOD2014] (page 76). This tool uses k-mers to assign a taxonomic labels in form of NCBI Taxonomy²⁵¹ to the sequence (if possible). The taxonomic label is assigned based on similar k-mer content of the sequence in question to the k-mer content of reference genome sequence. The result is a classification of the sequence in question to the most likely taxonomic label. If the k-mer content is not similar to any genomic sequence in the database used, it will not assign any taxonomic label.

6.4 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
ls -1F
```

assembly/
data/
mappings/
SolexaQA/

²⁴⁹ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁰ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵¹ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/taxonomy

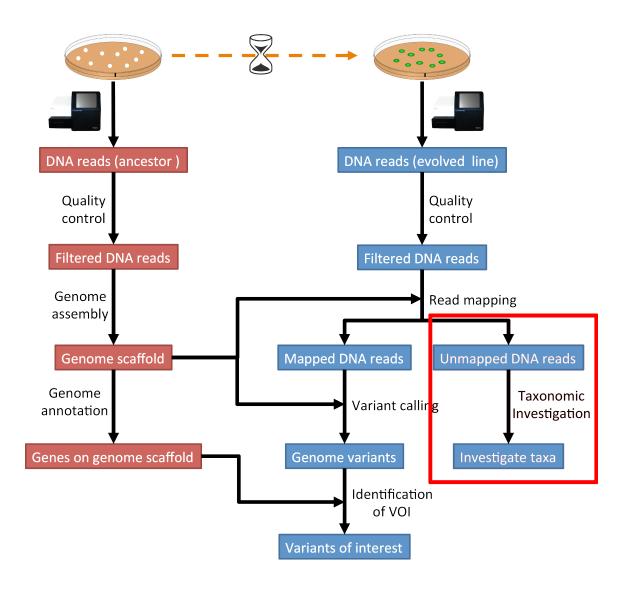


Fig. 6.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

```
SolexaQA++
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
```

6.5 Installation

Use conda in the same fashion as before to install Kraken²⁵²:

```
source activate ngs conda install kraken-all
```

Now we create a directory where we are going to do the analysis and we will change into that directory too.

```
# make sure you are in your analysis root folder
cd ~/analysis

# create dir
mkdir kraken
cd kraken
```

Now we need to create or download a Kraken²⁵³ database that can be used to assign the taxonomic labels to sequences. We opt for downloading the pre-build "minikraken" database from the Kraken²⁵⁴ website:

```
curl -0 https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/dl/minikraken.tgz

# alternatively we can use wget
wget https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/dl/minikraken.tgz

# once the download is finished, we need to extract the archive content
# it will create a directory: "minikraken_20141208/"
tar -xvzf minikraken.tgz
```

Attention: Should the download fail. Please find links to alternative locations on the *Downloads* (page 69) page.

Note: The "minikraken" database was created from bacteria, viral and archaea sequences. What are the implications for us when we are trying to classify our sequences?

6.6 Usage

Now that we have installed Kraken²⁵⁵ and downloaded and extracted the minikraken database, we can attempt to investigate the sequences we got back from the sequencing provider for other species as the one it should contain. We call the Kraken²⁵⁶ tool and specify the database and fasta-file with the sequences it should use. The general command structure looks like this:

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²⁵² https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵³ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁴ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁵ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁶ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

```
kraken --only-classified-output --db minikraken_20141208 example.fa > example.

⇔kraken
```

However, we may have fastq-files, so we need to use --fastq-input which tells Kraken²⁵⁷ that it is dealing with fastq-formated files. Here, we are investigating one of the unmapped paired-end read files of the evolved line.

```
kraken --only-classified-output --db minikraken_20141208 --fastq-input ../mappings/
→evolved-6.sorted.unmapped.R1.fastq > evolved-6-R1.kraken
```

Note: We are for now only interested in the portion of sequeuces that can be classified, that is why we supplied the option --only-classified-output to the Kraken²⁵⁸ command.

This classification may take a while, depending on how many sequences we are going to classify. The resulting content of the file "evolved-6-R1.kraken" looks similar to the following example:

```
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10078:18384/1 2157
С
                                                                 151
                                                                         0:99 2157:1 0:1
        M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10573:27304/1 364745
                                                                 150
                                                                         0:43 364745:1 0:
C
С
        M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10852:5722/1 37665
                                                                         0:33 37665:1 0:8
                                                                 1.51
С
        M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:11429:10330/1 374840 101
                                                                         0:17 374840:1 0:
C
        M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:11705:24355/1 2157
                                                                 151
                                                                         0:1 2157:1 0:119
```

Each sequence classified by Kraken²⁵⁹ results in a single line of output. Output lines contain five tab-delimited fields; from left to right, they are:

- 1. C/U: one letter code indicating that the sequence was either classified or unclassified.
- 2. The sequence ID, obtained from the FASTA/FASTQ header.
- 3. The taxonomy ID Kraken used to label the sequence; this is **0** if the sequence is unclassified and otherwise should be the NCBI Taxonomy²⁶⁰ identifier.
- 4. The length of the sequence in bp.
- 5. A space-delimited list indicating the lowest common ancestor (in the taxonomic tree) mapping of each k-mer in the sequence. For example, 562:13 561:4 A:31 0:1 562:3 would indicate that:
 - the first 13 k-mers mapped to taxonomy ID #562
 - the next 4 k-mers mapped to taxonomy ID #561
 - the next 31 k-mers contained an ambiguous nucleotide
 - the next k-mer was not in the database
 - the last 3 k-mers mapped to taxonomy ID #562

Note: The Kraken²⁶¹ manual can be accessed here²⁶².

²⁵⁷ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁸ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁵⁹ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁶⁰ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/taxonomy

²⁶¹ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁶² http://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/MANUAL.html

6.7 Investigate taxa

We can use the webpage NCBI TaxIdentifier²⁶³ to quickly get the names to the taxonomy identifier. However, this is impractical as we are dealing potentially with many sequences. Kraken²⁶⁴ has some scripts that help us understand our results better.

6.7.1 kraken-report

First, we generate a sample-wide report of all taxa found. This can be achieved with the tool kranken-report.

```
kraken-report --db minikraken_20141208 evolved-6-R1.kraken > evolved-6-R1.kraken.

→report
```

The first few lines of an example report are shown below.

					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
0.00	0	0	U	0	unclassified
100.00	2665	47	_	1	root
54.56	1454	0	_	131567	cellular organisms
38.50	1026	1023	D	2157	Archaea
0.08	2	0	P	651137	Thaumarchaeota
0.08	2	0	_	651142	unclassified Thaumarchaeota
0.08	2	0	G	1048752	Candidatus Caldiarchaeum
0.08	2	2	S	311458	Candidatus Caldiarchaeum subterraneu
0.04	1	0	P	28890	Euryarchaeota
0.04	1	0	С	183967	Thermoplasmata

The output of kraken-report is tab-delimited, with one line per taxon. The fields of the output, from left-to-right, are as follows:

- 1. **Percentage** of reads covered by the clade rooted at this taxon
- 2. Number of reads covered by the clade rooted at this taxon
- 3. Number of reads assigned directly to this taxon
- 4. A rank code, indicating (U)nclassified, (D)omain, (K)ingdom, (P)hylum, (C)lass, (O)rder, (F)amily, (G)enus, or (S)pecies. All other ranks are simply "-".
- 5. NCBI Taxonomy²⁶⁵ ID
- 6. indented scientific name

Note: If you want to compare the taxa content of different samples to another, one can create a report whose structure is always the same for all samples, disregarding which taxa are found (obviously the percentages and numbers will be different).

We can cerate such a report using the option --show-zeros which will print out all taxa (instead of only those found). We then sort the taxa according to taxa-ids (column 5), e.g. sort -n - k5.

```
kraken-report *--show-zeros* --db minikraken_20141208 evolved-6-R1.kraken | **sort_ \hookrightarrow-n -k5** > evolved-6-R1.kraken.report.sorted
```

The report is not ordered according to taxa ids and contains all taxa in the database, even if they have not been found in our sample and are thus zero. The columns are the same as in the former report, however, we have more rows and they are now differently sorted, according to the NCBI Taxonomy²⁶⁶ id.

 $^{^{263}\} https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/TaxIdentifier/tax_identifier.cgi$

²⁶⁴ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁶⁵ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/taxonomy

²⁶⁶ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/taxonomy

6.7.2 kraken-translate

For every sequence in our sample and its predicted taxonomic identifier, we can attach the taxonomic names with kraken-translate.

```
kraken-translate --mpa-format --db minikraken_20141208 evolved-6-R1.kraken >_

⇔evolved-6-R1.kraken.names
```

An example output looks like this:

```
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10078:18384/1 d__Archaea
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10573:27304/1 d__Viruses|f__Baculoviridae|g__Betabacu:
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:10852:5722/1 d__Viruses|f__Phycodnaviridae|g__Phaeov:
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:11429:10330/1 d__Viruses|f__Microviridae|g__Microvirus:
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:11705:24355/1 d__Archaea
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12206:13333/1 d__Viruses|o__Herpesvirales|f__Alloherpe:
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12336:11626/1 d__Viruses|f__Baculoviridae|g__Betabacu:
M02810:197:000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12707:5809/1 d__Archaea
M02810:197:0000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12741:21685/1 d__Viruses|f__Baculoviridae|g__Betabacu:
M02810:197:0000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12741:21685/1 d__Viruses|f__Baculoviridae|g__Betabacu:
M02810:197:0000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12741:21685/1 d__Viruses|f__Baculoviridae|g__Betabacu:
M02810:197:0000000000-AV55U:1:1101:12767:27821/1 d__Archaea
```

Here, each sequence that got classified is present in one row. The nomenclature for the names is preceded with an letter according to its rank, e.g. (d)omain, (k)ingdom, (p)hylum, (c)lass, (o)rder, (f)amily (g)enus, or (s)pecies. Taxonomy assignments above the superkingdom (d) rank are represented as just root.

6.7.3 Visualisation

We use the Krona²⁶⁷ tools to create a nice interactive visualisation of the taxa content of our sample [ONDOV2011] (page 76). Fig. 6.2 shows an example (albeit an artificial one) snapshot of the visualisation Krona²⁶⁸ provides. Fig. 6.2 is a snapshot of the interactive web-page similar to the one we try to create.

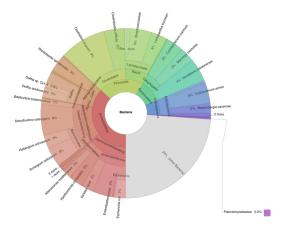


Fig. 6.2: Example of an Krona output webpage.

Install Krona²⁶⁹ with:

```
source activate ngs
conda install krona
```

First some house-keeping to make the Krona²⁷⁰ installation work. Do not worry to much about what is happening here.

²⁶⁷ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

²⁶⁸ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

²⁶⁹ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

²⁷⁰ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

We need to build a taxonomy database for Krona²⁷¹. However, if this fails we will skip this step and just download a pre-build one. Lets first try to build one.

```
ktUpdateTaxonomy.sh ~/krona/taxonomy
```

Now, if this fails, we download a pre-build taxonomy database for krona.

Attention: Should this also fail we can download a pre-build database on the *Downloads* (page 69) page via a browser.

Now we use the tool kt Import Taxonomy from the Krona²⁷² tools to crate the html web-page:

```
cat evolved-6-R1.kraken | cut -f 2,3 > evolved-6-R1.kraken.krona ktImportTaxonomy evolved-6-R1.kraken.krona firefox taxonomy.krona.html
```

What happens here is that we extract the second and third column from the Kraken²⁷³ results. Afterwards, we input these to the Krona²⁷⁴ script, and open the resulting web-page in a bowser. Done!

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²⁷¹ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

²⁷² https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

²⁷³ https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/

²⁷⁴ https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki

CHAPTER

SEVEN

NGS - VARIANT CALLING

7.1 Preface

In this section we will use our genome assembly based on the ancestor and call genetic variants in the evolved line [NIELSEN2011] (page 76).

7.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 7.1.

7.3 Learning outcomes

After studying this tutorial section you should be able to:

#. Use tools to call variants based on a reference genome. #, Be able to describe what influences the calling of variants.

7.4 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
ls -1F
```

```
assembly/
data/
kraken/
mappings/
SolexaQA/
SolexaQA++
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
```

7.5 Installing necessary software

Tools we are going to use in this section and how to intall them if you not have done it yet.

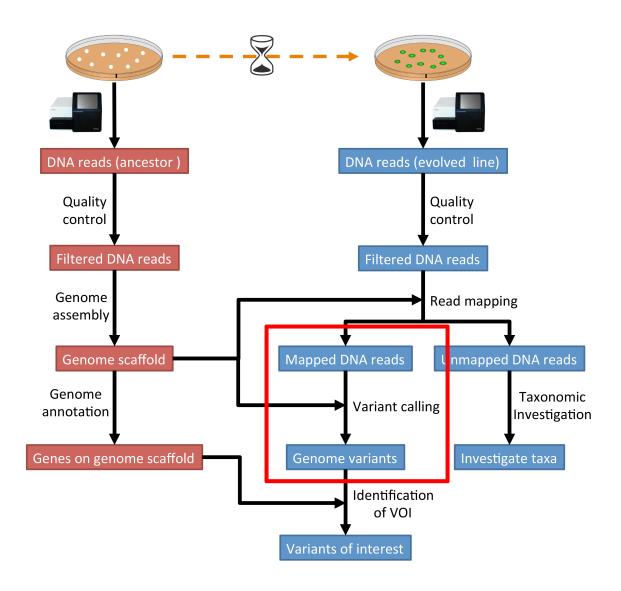


Fig. 7.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

```
# activate the env
source activate ngs

# Install these tools into the conda environment
# if not already installed
conda install samtools
conda install bamtools
conda install freebayes
conda install bedtools
conda install vcflib
conda install rtg-tools
conda install bcftools
```

7.6 Preprocessing

We first need to make an index of our reference genome as this is required by the SNP caller. Given a scaffold/contig file in fasta-format, e.g. scaffolds.fasta which is located in the directory $assembly/spades_final$, use $SAMtools^{302}$ to do this:

```
samtools faidx assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta
```

Furthermore we need to pre-process our mapping files a bit further and create a bam-index file (.bai) for the bam-file we want to work with:

```
bamtools index -in mappings/evolved-6.sorted.concordant.q20.bam
```

Lets also create a new directory for the variants:

```
mkdir variants
```

7.7 Calling variants

7.7.1 SAMtools mpileup

We use the sorted filtered bam-file that we produced in the mapping step before.

SAMtools³⁰³ mpileup parameter:

- -u: uncompressed output
- -g: generate genotype likelihoods in BCF format
- -f FILE: faidx indexed reference sequence file

BCFtools³⁰⁴ view parameter:

- -v: output variant sites only
- -m: alternative model for multiallelic and rare-variant calling
- -o: output file-name

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³⁰² http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

³⁰³ http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

³⁰⁴ http://www.htslib.org/doc/bcftools.html

• -O z: output type: 'z' compressed VCF

7.7.2 Freebayes

As an alternative we can do some variant calling with another tool called freebayes³⁰⁵. Given a reference genome scaffold file in fasta-format, e.g. scaffolds.fasta and the index in .fai format and a mapping file (.bam file) and a mapping index (.bai file), we can call variants with freebayes³⁰⁶ like so:

```
# Now we call variants and pipe the results into a new file freebayes -f assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta mappings/evolved-6.sorted. 
-concordant.q20.bam | gzip > variants/evolved-6.freebayes.vcf.gz
```

7.8 Post-processing

7.8.1 Understanding the output files (.vcf)

Lets look at a vcf-file:

```
# first 10 lines, which are part of the header zcat variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz | head
```

Lets look at the variants:

```
# remove header lines and look at top 4 entires
zcat variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz | egrep -v '##' | head -4
```

```
#CHROM POS
               ID
                       REF
                                       OUAL
                                               FILTER INFO
                              AT_iT
                                                                FORMAT mappings/
→evolved-6.sorted.concordant.g20.bam
NODE_1_length_1419525_cov_15.3898
                                       24721
                                                        Т
                                                                С
     DP=12; VDB=0.205941; SGB=-0.680642; MQOF=0; AC=2; AN=2; DP4=0,0,12,0; MQ=40
\hookrightarrow GT:PL 1/1:191,36,0
NODE_1_length_1419525_cov_15.3898
                                       157033 .
                                                        AAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA
      AAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA 39.3328 .
                                               INDEL; IDV=6; IMF=0.146341; DP=41;
→VDB=0.0813946; SGB=-0.616816; MQSB=1; MQ0F=0; ICB=1; HOB=0.5; AC=1; AN=2; DP4=13,17,3,3;
\rightarrowMQ=42 GT:PL 0/1:75,0,255
NODE_1_length_1419525_cov_15.3898
                                       162469
                                                               C.
     DP=16; VDB=0.045681; SGB=-0.511536; RPB=0.032027; MQB=0.832553; BQB=0.130524;
\rightarrowMQ0F=0;ICB=1;HOB=0.5;AC=1;AN=2;DP4=13,0,3,0;MQ=39 GT:PL 0/1:54,0,155
```

The fields in a vcf-file are described in he table (Table 7.1) below:

³⁰⁵ https://github.com/ekg/freebayes

³⁰⁶ https://github.com/ekg/freebayes

Table 7.1: The vcf-file format fields.

Col	Field	Description
1	CHROM	Chromosome name
2	POS	1-based position. For an indel, this is the position preceding the indel.
3	ID	Variant identifier. Usually the dbSNP rsID.
4	REF	Reference sequence at POS involved in the variant. For a SNP, it is a single base.
5	ALT	Comma delimited list of alternative seuqence(s).
6	QUAL	Phred-scaled probability of all samples being homozygous reference.
7	FILTER	Semicolon delimited list of filters that the variant fails to pass.
8	INFO	Semicolon delimited list of variant information.
9	FORMAT	Colon delimited list of the format of individual genotypes in the following fields.
10+	Sample(s)	Individual genotype information defined by FORMAT.

7.8.2 Statistics

Now we can use it to do some statistics and filter our variant calls.

First, to prepare out vcf-file for querying we need to index it with tabix:

```
tabix -p vcf variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz
```

• -p vcf: input format

We can get some quick stats with rtg vcfstats:

```
rtg vcfstats variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz
```

Example output from rtg vcfstats:

```
Location
                                        : variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz
Failed Filters
                                        : 0
Passed Filters
                                        : 516
                                        : 399
MNPs
                                        : 0
Insertions
                                        : 104
Deletions
                                        : 13
Indels
                                       : 0
Same as reference
                                        : 0
SNP Transitions/Transversions: 1.87 (286/153)
Total Het/Hom ratio : 3.20 (393/123)
SNP Het/Hom ratio : 8.98 (359/40)

MNP Het/Hom ratio : - (0/0)

Insertion Het/Hom ratio : 0.30 (24/80)

Deletion Het/Hom ratio : 3.33 (10/3)

Indel Het/Hom ratio : - (0/0)

Insertion/Deletion ratio : 8.00 (104/13)
Indel/SNP+MNP ratio
                                        : 0.29 (117/399)
```

However, we can also run BCFtools³⁰⁷ to extract more detailed statistics about our variant calls:

```
bcftools stats -F assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta -s - variants/evolved-6.

→mpileup.vcf.gz > variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz.stats
```

- -s -: list of samples for sample stats, "-" to include all samples
- -F FILE: faidx indexed reference sequence file to determine INDEL context

Now we take the stats and make some plots (e.g. Fig. 7.2) which are particular of interest if having multiple samples, as one can easily compare them. However, we are only working with one here:

³⁰⁷ http://www.htslib.org/doc/bcftools.html

```
mkdir variants/plots
plot-vcfstats -p variants/plots/ variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz.stats
```

• -p: The output files prefix, add a slash at the end to create a new directory.

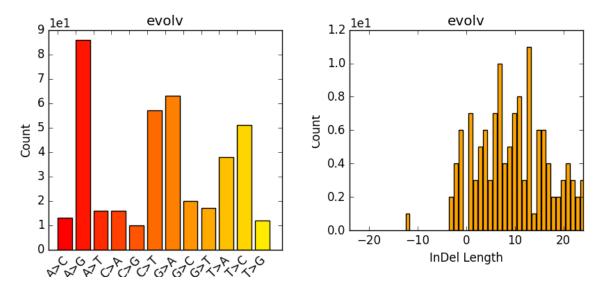


Fig. 7.2: Example of plot-vcfstats output.

7.8.3 Variant filtration

Variant filtration is a big topic in itself [OLSEN2015] (page 76). There is no consens yet and research on how to best filter variants is ongoing.

We will do some simple filtration procedures here. For one, we can filter out low quality reads.

Here, we only include variants that have quality > 30.

```
# use rtg vcfffilter
rtg vcffilter -q 30 -i variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz -o variants/evolved-6.

ppileup.q30.vcf.gz
```

- -i FILE: input file
- -o FILE: output file
- -q FLOAT: minimal allowed quality in output.

or use vcflib³⁰⁸:

```
# or use vcflib

zcat variants/evolved-6.mpileup.vcf.gz | vcffilter -f "QUAL >= 30" | gzip >_

→variants/evolved-6.mpileup.q30.vcf.gz z
```

• -f "QUAL \geq 30": we only include variants that have been called with quality \geq 30.

Quick stats for the filtered variants:

```
# look at stats for filtered
rtg vcfstats variants/evolved-6.mpileup.q30.vcf.gz
```

³⁰⁸ https://github.com/vcflib/vcflib#vcflib

freebayes³⁰⁹ adds some extra information to the vcf-fiels it creates. This allows for some more detailed filtering. This strategy will NOT work on the SAMtools³¹⁰ mpileup called variants Here we filter, based on some recommendation form the developer of freebayes³¹¹:

```
zcat variants/evolved-6.freebayes.vcf.gz | vcffilter -f "QUAL > 1 & QUAL / AO > \rightarrow 10 & SAF > 0 & SAR > 0 & RPR > 1 & RPL > 1" | gzip > variants/evolved-6. \rightarrow freebayes.filtered.vcf.gz
```

- QUAL > 1: removes really bad sites
- QUAL / AO > 10: additional contribution of each obs should be 10 log units (~ Q10 per read)
- SAF > 0 & SAR > 0: reads on both strands
- RPR > 1 & RPL > 1: at least two reads "balanced" to each side of the site

Todo

Look at the statistics. One ratio that is mentioned in the statistics is transition transversion ratio (ts/tv). Explain what this ratio is and why the observed ratio makes sense.

This strategy used here will do for our purposes. However, several more elaborate filtering strategies have been explored, e.g. here³¹².

³⁰⁹ https://github.com/ekg/freebayes

³¹⁰ http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

³¹¹ https://github.com/ekg/freebayes

³¹² https://github.com/ekg/freebayes#observation-filters-and-qualities

NGS - GENOME ANNOTATION

8.1 Preface

In this section you will predict genes and assess your assembly using Augustus³⁴⁰ and BUSCO³⁴¹.

Attention: The annotation process will take up to 90 minutes. Start it as soon as possible.

Note: You will encounter some **To-do** sections at times. Write the solutions and answers into a text-file.

8.2 Overview

The part of the workflow we will work on in this section can be viewed in Fig. 8.1.

8.3 Learning outcomes

After studying this section of the tutorial you should be able to:

- 1. Explain how annotation completeness is assessed using orthologues
- 2. Use bioinformatics tools to perform gene prediction
- 3. Use genome-viewing software to graphically explore genome annotations and NGS data overlays

8.4 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
ls -1F
```

```
assembly/
data/
kraken/
mappings/
SolexaQA/
SolexaQA++
```

³⁴⁰ http://augustus.gobics.de

³⁴¹ http://busco.ezlab.org

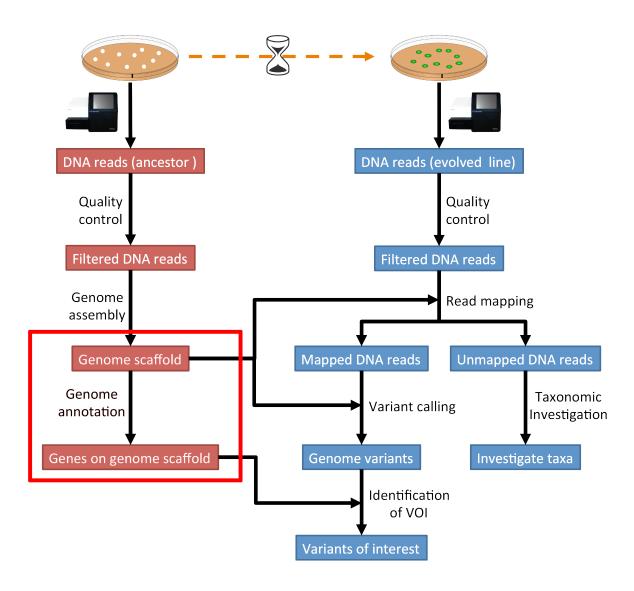


Fig. 8.1: The part of the workflow we will work on in this section marked in red.

```
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
variants/
```

8.5 Installing the software

```
# activate the env
source activate ngs
conda install busco
```

This will install both the Augustus³⁴² [STANKE2005] (page 76) and the BUSCO³⁴³ [SIMAO2015] (page 76) software, which we will use (separately) for gene prediction and assessment of assembly completeness, respectively.

Make a directory for the annotation results:

```
mkdir annotation cd annotation
```

We need to get the database that $BUSCO^{344}$ will use to assess orthologue presence absence in our genome annotation. We will use wget for this:

```
wget http://busco.ezlab.org/datasets/saccharomycetales_odb9.tar.gz
# unpack the archive
tar -xzvf saccharomycetales_odb9.tar.gz
```

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

We also need to place the configuration file for this program in a location in which we have "write" privileges. Do this recursively for the entire config directory, placing it into your current annotation directory:

```
cp -r ../../miniconda3/envs/ngs/config/ ./
```

We next need to specify the path to this config file so that the program knows where to look now that we have changed the location (note that this is all one line below):

```
export AUGUSTUS_CONFIG_PATH="/full_path_to_your_annotation_directory/config/"
```

We next check that we have actually changed the path correctly. Entering this into the command should result in the file location being output on the next line of the command prompt.

```
echo $AUGUSTUS_CONFIG_PATH
```

8.6 Assessment of orthologue presence and absence

BUSCO³⁴⁵ will assess orthologue presence absence using blastn³⁴⁶, a rapid method of finding close matches in large databases (we will discuss this in lecture). It uses blastn³⁴⁷ to make sure that it does not miss any part of any

```
342 http://augustus.gobics.de
```

³⁴³ http://busco.ezlab.org

³⁴⁴ http://busco.ezlab.org

³⁴⁵ http://busco.ezlab.org

³⁴⁶ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch

³⁴⁷ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch

possible coding sequences. To run the program, we give it

- A fasta format input file
- A name for the output files
- The name of the lineage database against which we are assessing orthologue presence absence (that we downloaded above)
- An indication of the type of annotation we are doing (genomic, as opposed to transcriptomic or previously annotated protein files).

```
\label{local_bush} busco -i ../assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta -o file_name_of_your_choice -l ./ \\ -saccharomycetales_odb9 -m geno
```

Note: This should take about 90 minutes to run. So in the meantime do the next step.

8.7 Annotation

We will use Augustus³⁴⁸ to perform gene prediction. This program implements a hidden markov model (HMM) to infer where genes lie in the assembly you have made. To run the program you need to give it:

- Information as to whether you would like the genes called on both strands (or just the forward or reverse strands)
- A "model" organism on which it can base it's HMM parameters on (in this case we will use S. cerevisiae)
- The location of the assembly file
- A name for the output file, which will be a .gff (general feature format) file.
- We will also tell it to display a progress bar as it moves through the genome assembly.

```
augustus --progress=true --strand=both --species=saccharomyces_cerevisiae_S288C ../ \rightarrow assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta > your_new_fungus.gff
```

8.8 Interactive viewing

We will use the software IGV^{349} to view the assembly, the gene predictions you have made, and the variants that you have called, all in one window.

8.9 Installing IGV³⁵⁰

We will not install this software using conda³⁵¹. Instead, make a new directory in your home directory entitled "software", and change into this directory. You will have to download the software from the Broad Institute:

```
mkdir software
cd software
wget http://data.broadinstitute.org/igv/projects/downloads/IGV_2.3.92.zip
# unzip the software:
unzip IGV_2.3.92.zip
```

³⁴⁸ http://augustus.gobics.de

³⁴⁹ http://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/

³⁵⁰ http://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/

³⁵¹ http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

This will open up a new window. Navigate to that window and open up your genome assembly:

- Genome -> load Genome from File
- Load your assembly, not your gff file.

Load the tracks:

- File -> Load from file
- Load your vcf file from last week
- Load your gff file from this week.

At this point you should be able to zoom in and out to see regions in which there are SNPs or other types of variants. You can also see the predicted genes. If you zoom in far enough, you can see the sequence (DNA and protein).

If you have time and interest, you can right click on the sequence and copy it. Open a new browser window and go to the blastn homepage. There, you can blast your gene of interest (GOI) and see if blast can assign a function to it.

The end goal of this lab will be for you to select a variant that you feel is interesting (e.g. due to the gene it falls near or within), and hypothesize as to why that mutation might have increased in frequency in these evolving yeast populations.

8.10 Assessment of orthologue presence and absence (2)

Hopefully your BUSCO³⁵² analysis will have finished by this time. Navigate into the output directory you created. There are many directories and files in there containing information on the orthologues that were found, but here we are only really interested in one: the summary statistics. This is located in the short_summary*.txt file. Look at this file. It will note the total number of orthologues found, the number expected, and the number missing. This gives an indication of your genome completeness.

Todo

Is it necessarily true that your assembly is incomplete if it is missing some orthologues? Why or why not?

³⁵² http://busco.ezlab.org

NGS - ORTHOLOGY AND PHYLOGENY

9.1 Preface

In this section you will use some software to find orthologue genes and do phylogenetic reconstructions.

9.2 Learning outcomes

After studying this tutorial you should be able to:

- 1. Use bioinformatics software to find orthologues in the NCBI database.
- 2. Use bioinformatics software to perform sequence alignment.
- 3. Use bioinformatics software to perform phylogenetic reconstructions.

9.3 Before we start

Lets see how our directory structure looks so far:

```
cd ~/analysis
ls -1F
```

```
annotation/
assembly/
data/
kraken/
mappings/
SolexaQA/
SolexaQA++
trimmed/
trimmed-fastqc/
trimmed-solexaqa/
variants/
```

Make a directory for the phylogeny results (in your analysis directory):

```
mkdir phylogeny
```

Download the fasta file of the S. cerevisiase TEF2 gene to the phylogeny folder:

```
cd phylogeny curl -O http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/s_cerev_tef2.fas
```

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

9.4 Installing the software

```
# activate the env
source activate ngs
conda install blast
```

This will install a BLAST³⁸⁰ executable that you can use to remotely query the NCBI database.

```
conda install muscle
```

This will install MUSCLE³⁸¹, alignment program that you can use to align nucleotide or protein sequences.

We will also install RAxML-NG³⁸², a phylogenetic tree inference tool, which uses maximum-likelihood (ML) optimality criterion. However, there is no conda repository for it yet. Thus, we need to download it manually.

```
wget https://github.com/amkozlov/raxml-ng/releases/download/0.3.0/raxml-ng_v0.3.0b_

--linux_x86_64.zip

unzip raxml-ng_v0.3.0b_linux_x86_64.zip

rm raxml-ng_v0.3.0b_linux_x86_64.zip
```

9.5 Finding orthologues using BLAST

We will first make a BLAST³⁸³ database of our current assembly so that we can find the orthologous sequence of the *S. cerevisiae* gene. To do this, we run the command makeblastdb:

```
# create blast db makeblastdb -in ../assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta -dbtype nucl
```

To run BLAST³⁸⁴, we give it:

- -db: The name of the database that we are BLASTing
- -query: A fasta format input file
- A name for the output files
- Some notes about the format we want

First, we blast without any formatting:

This should output a file with a set of BLAST³⁸⁵ hits similar to what you might see on the BLAST³⁸⁶ web site.

```
380 https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi
```

³⁸¹ http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/

³⁸² https://github.com/amkozlov/raxml-ng

³⁸³ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁸⁴ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁸⁵ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁸⁶ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

Read through the output (e.g. using nano) to see what the results of your BLAST³⁸⁷ run was.

Next we will format the output a little so that it is easier to deal with.

```
blastn -db ../assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta -query s_cerev_tef2.fas_

→-evalue 1e-100 -outfmt "6 length sseq" > blast_formatted.out
```

This will yield a file that has only the sequences of the subject, so that we can later add those to other fasta files. However, the formatting is not perfect. To adjust the format such that it is fasta format, open the file in an editor (e.g. nano) and edit the first line so that it has a name for your sequence. You should know the general format of a fasta-file (e.g. the first line start with a ">").

Hint: To edit in vi editor, you will need to press the escape key and "a" or "e". To save in vi, you will need to press the escape key and "w" (write). To quit vi, you will need to press the escape key and "q" (quit).

Next, you have to replace the dashes (signifying indels in the BLAST³⁸⁸ result). This can easily be done in vi: Press the escape key, followed by: $\frac{8s}{-7}$

Now we will BLAST³⁸⁹ a remote database to get a list of hits that are already in the NCBI database.

Note: It turns out you may not be able to access this database from within BioLinux. In such a case, download the file named blast.fas and place it into your ~/analysis/phylogeny/ directory.

```
curl -O http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/blast.fas
```

Append the fasta file of your yeast sequence to this file, using whatever set of commands you wish/know.

Note: Should the download fail, download manually from *Downloads* (page 69).

9.6 Performing an alignment

We will use MUSCLE³⁹⁰ to perform our alignment on all the sequences in the BLAST³⁹¹ fasta file. This syntax is very simple (change the filenames accordingly):

```
muscle -in infile.fas -out your_alignment.aln
```

9.7 Building a phylogeny

We will use RAxML-NG 392 to build our phylogeny. This uses a maximum likelihood method to infer parameters of evolution and the topology of the tree. Again, the syntx of the command is fairly simple, except you must make sure that you are using the directory in which RAxML-NG 393 sits.

The arguments are:

• -s: an alignment file

³⁸⁷ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁸⁸ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁸⁹ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

³⁹⁰ http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/

³⁹¹ https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

https://diast.ncoi.him.him.gov/biast.cgi https://github.com/amkozlov/raxml-ng

³⁹³ https://github.com/amkozlov/raxml-ng

- -m: a model of evolution. In this case we will use a general time reversible model with gamma distributed rates (GTR+GAMMA)
- -n: outfile-name
- -p: specify a random number seed for the parsimony inferences

raxmlHPC -s your_alignment.aln -m GTRGAMMA -n yeast_tree -p 12345

9.8 Visualizing the phylogeny

We will use the online software Interactive Tree of Life $(iTOL)^{394}$ to visualize the tree. Navigate to this homepage. Open the file containing your tree (*bestTree.out), copy the contents, and paste into the web page (in the Tree text box).

You should then be able to zoom in and out to see where your yeast taxa is. To find out the closest relative, you will have to use the NCBI taxa page³⁹⁵.

Todo

Are you certain that the yeast are related in the way that the phylogeny suggests? Why might the topology of this phylogeny not truly reflect the evolutionary history of these yeast species?

³⁹⁴ http://itol.embl.de/upload.cgi

³⁹⁵ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/TaxIdentifier/tax_identifier.cgi

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TEN

NGS - VARIANTS-OF-INTEREST

Warning: THIS PART OF THE TUTORIAL IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT SO EXPECT CONTENT TO CHANGE

QUICK COMMAND REFERENCE

11.1 Shell commands

```
# Where in the directory tree am I?
pwd
# List the documents and sub-directories in the current directory
# a bit nicer listing with more information
ls -laF
# Change into your home directory
# Change back into the last directory
# Change one directory up in the tree
# Change explicitly into a directory "temp"
cd temp
# Quickly show content of a file "temp.txt"
# exist the view with "q", navigate line up and down with "k" and "j"
less temp.text
# Show the beginning of a file "temp.txt"
head temp.txt
# Show the end of a file "temp.txt"
tail temp.txt
```

11.2 General conda commands

```
# To update all packages
conda update --all --yes

# List all packages installed
conda list [-n env]

# conda list environments
conda env list
# create new env
```

```
conda create -n [name] package [package] ...

# activate env
source activate [name]

# deavtivate env
source deactivate
```

CHAPTER

TWELVE

CODING SOLUTIONS

12.1 QC

12.1.1 Code: FastQC

Create directory:

```
mkdir trimmed-fastqc
```

Run FastQC:

Open html webpages:

```
firefox trimmed-fastqc/\*.html
```

12.1.2 Code: SolexaQA++ trimming

Create directory for result-files:

```
mkdir trimmed
```

Run SolexaQA++:

```
./SolexaQA++ dynamictrim -p 0.01 -d trimmed/ data/ancestor-R1.fastq.gz

./SolexaQA++ dynamictrim -p 0.01 -d trimmed/ data/ancestor-R2.fastq.gz

./SolexaQA++ dynamictrim -p 0.01 -d trimmed/ data/evolved-6-R1.fastq.gz

./SolexaQA++ dynamictrim -p 0.01 -d trimmed/ data/evolved-6-R2.fastq.gz
```

12.1.3 Code: SolexaQA++ qc

Create directory for result-files:

```
mkdir trimmed-solexaga/
```

Run SolexaQA++:

```
./SolexaQA++ analysis -d trimmed-solexaqa trimmed/ancestor-R1.fastq.trimmed.gz

./SolexaQA++ analysis -d trimmed-solexaqa trimmed/ancestor-R2.fastq.trimmed.gz

./SolexaQA++ analysis -d trimmed-solexaqa trimmed/evolved-6-R1.fastq.trimmed.gz

./SolexaQA++ analysis -d trimmed-solexaqa trimmed/evolved-6-R2.fastq.trimmed.gz
```

12.2 Assembly

12.2.1 Code: SPAdes assembly (trimmed data)

```
spades.py -o assembly/spades-150/ -k 21,33,55,77 --careful -1 trimmed/ancestor-R1. \hookrightarrow fastq.trimmed.gz -2 trimmed/ancestor-R2.fastq.trimmed.gz
```

12.2.2 Code: SPAdes assembly (original data)

```
spades.py -o assembly/spades-original/ -k 21,33,55,77 --careful -1 data/ancestor-\RightarrowR1.fastq.gz -2 data/ancestor-R2.fastq.gz
```

12.3 Mapping

12.3.1 Code: Bowtie2 indexing

Build the index:

bowtie2-build assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta assembly/spades-final/scaffolds

12.3.2 Code: Bowtie2 mapping

Map to the genome. Use a max fragemnt length of 1000 bp:

```
bowtie2 -X 1000 -x assembly/spades-final/scaffolds -1 trimmed/evolved-6-R1.fastq. \rightarrow trimmed.gz -2 trimmed/evolved-6-R2.fastq.trimmed.gz -S mappings/evolved-6.sam
```

12.3.3 Code: BWA indexing

Index the genome assembly:

```
bwa index assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta
```

12.3.4 Code: BWA mapping

Run bwa mem:

```
bwa mem assembly/spades-final/scaffolds.fasta trimmed/evolved-6-R1.fastq.trimmed. 

\rightarrowgz trimmed/evolved-6-R2.fastq.trimmed.gz > mappings/evolved-6.sam
```

CHAPTER

THIRTEEN

DOWNLOADS

13.1 Tools

- Miniconda installer [EXTERNAL⁴⁹⁶ | MASSEY⁴⁹⁷ | DROPBOX⁴⁹⁸]
- Minikraken database [EXTERNAL⁴⁹⁹ | MASSEY⁵⁰⁰ | DROPBOX⁵⁰¹]
- Krona⁵⁰² taxonomy database [MASSEY⁵⁰³ | DROPBOX⁵⁰⁴]
- SolexaQA++ [EXTERNAL⁵⁰⁵ | MASSEY⁵⁰⁶ | DROPBOX⁵⁰⁷]
- BUSCO Saccharomycetales_odb9 database [EXTERNAL⁵⁰⁸ | MASSEY⁵⁰⁹]
- IGV [EXTERNAL⁵¹⁰ | MASSEY⁵¹¹]
- RAxML-NG [EXTERNAL⁵¹² | MASSEY⁵¹³]

13.2 Data

- NGS Quality control (page 7): Raw data-set [MASSEY⁵¹⁴ | DROPBOX⁵¹⁵]
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- 498 https://www.dropbox.com/s/tz2wocdzjr4grdy/Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh?dl=0
- 499 http://ccb.jhu.edu/software/kraken/dl/minikraken.tgz
- 500 http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/minikraken.tgz
- 501 https://www.dropbox.com/s/lje0ykzdxtq3rpk/minikraken.tgz?dl=0
- 502 https://github.com/marbl/Krona/wiki
- 503 http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/taxonomy.tab.gz
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- 509 http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/saccharomycetales_odb9.tar.gz
- $^{510}~\text{http://data.broadinstitute.org/igv/projects/downloads/IGV}_2.3.92.zip$
- 511 http://compbio.massey.ac.nz/data/203341/IGV_2.3.92.zip
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- NGS Read mapping (page 27): Mapping index (bwa) [MASSEY⁵²¹]
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