VAR-Seq project report template: Some Descriptive Title

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1 Introduction

This report describes the analysis of an VAR-Seq project from Dr. First Last's lab which studies the gene expression changes of ... in *organism* The experimental design is as follows...

2 Sample definitions and environment settings

2.1 Environment settings and input data

Typically, the user wants to record here the sources and versions of the reference genome sequence along with the corresponding annotations. In the provided sample data set all data inputs are stored in a data subdirectory and all results will be written to a separate results directory, while the systemPipeVARseq.Rnw script and the targets file are expected to be located in the parent directory. The R session is expected to run from this parent directory.

To run this sample report, mini sample FASTQ and reference genome files can be downloaded from here. The chosen data set SRP010938 contains 18 paired-end (PE) read sets from *Arabidposis thaliana* Howard et al. (2013). To minimize processing time during testing, each FASTQ file has been subsetted to 90,000-100,000 randomly sampled PE reads that map to the first 100,000 nucleotides of each chromosome of the *A. thalina* genome. The corresponding reference genome sequence (FASTA) and its GFF annotion files (provided in the same download) have been truncated accordingly. This way the entire test sample data set is less than 200MB in storage space. A PE read set has been chosen for this test data set for flexibility, because it can be used for testing both types of analysis routines requiring either SE (single end) reads or PE reads.

2.2 Required packages and resources

The systemPipeR package needs to be loaded to perform the analysis steps shown in this report (Girke, 2014).

> library(systemPipeR)

If applicable load custom functions not provided by systemPipeR

> source("systemPipeVARseq_Fct.R")

2.3 Experiment definition provided by targets file

The targets file defines all FASTQ files and sample comparisons of the analysis workflow.

```
> targetspath <- system.file("extdata", "targetsPE.txt", package="systemPipeR")
> targets <- read.delim(targetspath, comment.char = "#")[,1:5]</pre>
```

> targets

```
FileName1
                                         FileName2 SampleName Factor SampleLong
./data/SRR446027_1.fastq ./data/SRR446027_2.fastq
                                                                       Mock.1h.A
                                                           M1A
                                                                   M1
./data/SRR446028_1.fastq ./data/SRR446028_2.fastq
                                                           M1B
                                                                   M1
                                                                       Mock.1h.B
./data/SRR446029_1.fastq ./data/SRR446029_2.fastq
                                                           A1A
                                                                   Α1
                                                                         Avr.1h.A
                                                                   Α1
./data/SRR446030_1.fastq ./data/SRR446030_2.fastq
                                                           A1B
                                                                         Avr.1h.B
./data/SRR446031_1.fastq ./data/SRR446031_2.fastq
                                                           V1A
                                                                   V1
                                                                         Vir.1h.A
./data/SRR446032_1.fastq ./data/SRR446032_2.fastq
                                                           V<sub>1</sub>B
                                                                   V1
                                                                         Vir.1h.B
```

```
./data/SRR446033_1.fastq ./data/SRR446033_2.fastq
                                                              M6A
                                                                      M6
                                                                          Mock.6h.A
   ./data/SRR446034_1.fastq ./data/SRR446034_2.fastq
                                                              M6B
                                                                      M6
                                                                           Mock.6h.B
   ./data/SRR446035_1.fastq ./data/SRR446035_2.fastq
                                                                            Avr.6h.A
                                                              A6A
                                                                       A6
10 ./data/SRR446036_1.fastq ./data/SRR446036_2.fastq
                                                              A6B
                                                                       A6
                                                                            Avr.6h.B
11 ./data/SRR446037_1.fastq ./data/SRR446037_2.fastq
                                                                       ۷6
                                                              V6A
                                                                            Vir.6h.A
12 ./data/SRR446038_1.fastq ./data/SRR446038_2.fastq
                                                                            Vir.6h.B
                                                              V6B
                                                                       V6
13 ./data/SRR446039_1.fastq ./data/SRR446039_2.fastq
                                                                      M12 Mock.12h.A
                                                             M12A
14 ./data/SRR446040_1.fastq ./data/SRR446040_2.fastq
                                                             M12B
                                                                      M12 Mock.12h.B
15 ./data/SRR446041_1.fastq ./data/SRR446041_2.fastq
                                                                           Avr.12h.A
                                                             A12A
                                                                      A12
16 ./data/SRR446042_1.fastq ./data/SRR446042_2.fastq
                                                             A<sub>12</sub>B
                                                                      A12
                                                                           Avr.12h.B
17 ./data/SRR446043_1.fastq ./data/SRR446043_2.fastq
                                                             V12A
                                                                      V12
                                                                          Vir.12h.A
18 ./data/SRR446044_1.fastq ./data/SRR446044_2.fastq
                                                             V12B
                                                                      V12
                                                                          Vir.12h.B
```

3 Read preprocessing

3.1 FASTQ quality report

The following seeFastq and seeFastqPlot functions generate and plot a series of useful quality statistics for a set of FASTQ files including per cycle quality box plots, base proportions, base-level quality trends, relative k-mer diversity, length and occurrence distribution of reads, number of reads above quality cutoffs and mean quality distribution. The results are written to a PDF file named fastqReport.pdf.

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="bwa.param", mytargets="targets.txt")
> fqlist <- seeFastq(fastq=infile1(args), batchsize=100000, klength=8)
> pdf("./results/fastqReport.pdf", height=18, width=4*length(fqlist))
> seeFastqPlot(fqlist)
> dev.off()
```

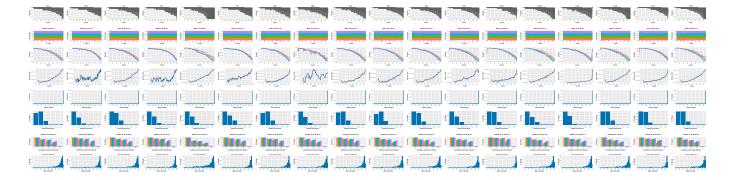


Figure 1: QC report for 18 FASTQ files.

4 Alignments

4.1 Read mapping with BWA

The NGS reads of this project will be aligned against the reference genome sequence using BWA (Li, 2013; Li and Durbin, 2009). The parameter settings of the aligner are defined in the bwa.param file.

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="bwa.param", mytargets="targets.txt")
> sysargs(args)[1] # Command-line parameters for first FASTQ file
Run alignments sequentially (e.g. on a single machine)
> bampaths <- runCommandline(args=args)
Alternatively, submit alignment jobs to compute cluster, here using 72 CPU cores (18 qsub processes each with 4 CPU cores).
> moduleload(modules(args))
> system("bwa index -a bwtsw ./data/tair10.fasta")
> resources <- list(walltime="20:00:00", nodes=paste0("1:ppn=", cores(args)), memory="10gb")
> reg <- clusterRun(args, conffile=".BatchJobs.R", template="torque.tmpl", Njobs=18, runid="01", resourceList=resources)</pre>
Check whether all BAM files have been created
> file.exists(outpaths(args))
```

4.2 Read and alignment stats

The following provides an overview of the number of reads in each sample and how many of them aligned to the reference.

```
> read_statsDF <- alignStats(args=args)
> write.table(read_statsDF, "results/alignStats.xls", row.names=FALSE, quote=FALSE, sep="\t")
> read.delim("results/alignStats.xls")
```

4.3 Create symbolic links for viewing BAM files in IGV

The symLink2bam function creates symbolic links to view the BAM alignment files in a genome browser such as IGV. The corresponding URLs are written to a file with a path specified under urlfile, here IGVurl.txt.

```
> symLink2bam(sysargs=args, htmldir=c("~/.html/", "somedir/"),
+ urlbase="http://biocluster.ucr.edu/~tgirke/",
+ urlfile="./results/IGVurl.txt")
```

5 Variant calling

The following performs variant calling with GATK and BCFtools in parallel mode on a compute cluster (McKenna et al., 2010; Li, 2011). Alternatively, runCommandline(args=args) will run them sequentially on a single machine.

5.1 Variant calling with GATK

5.2 Variant calling with BCFtools

6 Filter variants

6.1 Filter variants from GATK

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="filter_gatk.param", mytargets="targets_gatk.txt")
> filter <- "totalDepth(vr) >= 2 & (altDepth(vr) / totalDepth(vr) >= 0.8) & rowSums(softFilterMatrix(vr))=
> # filter <- "totalDepth(vr) >= 20 & (altDepth(vr) / totalDepth(vr) >= 0.8) & rowSums(softFilterMatrix(vr))=
> filterVars(args, filter, varcaller="gatk", organism="A. thaliana")
> writeTargetsout(x=args, file="targets_gatk_filtered.txt")
```

6.2 Filter variants from BCFtools

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="filter_sambcf.param", mytargets="targets_sambcf.txt")
> filter <- "rowSums(vr) >= 2 & (rowSums(vr[,3:4])/rowSums(vr[,1:4]) >= 0.8)"
> # filter <- "rowSums(vr) >= 20 & (rowSums(vr[,3:4])/rowSums(vr[,1:4]) >= 0.8)"
> filterVars(args, filter, varcaller="bcftools", organism="A. thaliana")
> writeTargetsout(x=args, file="targets_sambcf_filtered.txt")
```

7 Annotate filtered variants

7.1 Annotate filtered variants from GATK

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_gatk_filtered.txt")
> txdb <- loadDb("./data/tair10.sqlite")
> fa <- FaFile(systemPipeR::reference(args))
> variantReport(args=args, txdb=txdb, fa=fa, organism="A. thaliana")
```

7.2 Annotate filtered variants from BCFtools

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_sambcf_filtered.txt")
> txdb <- loadDb("./data/tair10.sqlite")
> fa <- FaFile(systemPipeR::reference(args))
> variantReport(args=args, txdb=txdb, fa=fa, organism="A. thaliana")
```

8 Combine annotation results among samples

8.1 Combine results from GATK

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_gatk_filtered.txt")
> combineDF <- combineVarReports(args, filtercol=c(Consequence="nonsynonymous"))
> write.table(combineDF, "./results/combineDF_nonsyn_gatk.xls", quote=FALSE, row.names=FALSE, sep="\t")
```

8.2 Combine results from BCFtools

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_sambcf_filtered.txt")
> combineDF <- combineVarReports(args, filtercol=c(Consequence="nonsynonymous"))
> write.table(combineDF, "./results/combineDF_nonsyn_sambcf.xls", quote=FALSE, row.names=FALSE, sep="\t")
```

9 Summary statistics of variants

9.1 Summary for GATK

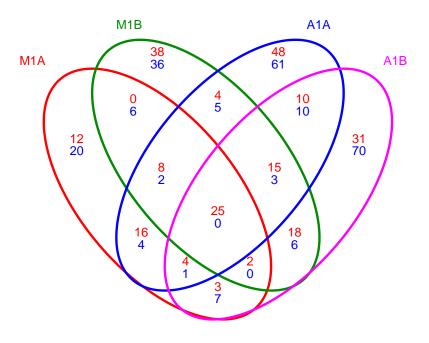
```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_gatk_filtered.txt")
> write.table(varSummary(args), "./results/variantStats_gatk.xls", quote=FALSE, col.names = NA, sep="\t")
```

9.2 Summary for BCFtools

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_sambcf_filtered.txt")
> write.table(varSummary(args), "./results/variantStats_sambcf.xls", quote=FALSE, col.names = NA, sep="\t".
```

10 Venn diagram of variants

```
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_gatk_filtered.txt")
> varlist <- sapply(names(outpaths(args))[1:4], function(x) as.character(read.delim(outpaths(args)[x])$VAR.
> vennset_gatk <- overLapper(varlist, type="vennsets")
> args <- systemArgs(sysma="annotate_vars.param", mytargets="targets_sambcf_filtered.txt")
> varlist <- sapply(names(outpaths(args))[1:4], function(x) as.character(read.delim(outpaths(args)[x])$VAR.
> vennset_bcf <- overLapper(varlist, type="vennsets")
> pdf("./results/vennplot_var.pdf")
> vennPlot(list(vennset_gatk, vennset_bcf), mymain="", mysub="GATK: red; BCFtools: blue", colmode=2, ccol=over.pdf()
```



GATK: red; BCFtools: blue

Figure 2: Venn Diagram for 4 samples from GATK and BCFtools.

11 Version Information

> toLatex(sessionInfo())

- R version 3.1.2 (2014-10-31), x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
- Locale: C
- Base packages: base, datasets, grDevices, graphics, methods, parallel, stats, stats4, utils
- Other packages: AnnotationDbi 1.28.2, Biobase 2.26.0, BiocGenerics 0.12.1, BiocParallel 1.0.2, Biostrings 2.34.1, DBI 0.3.1, GenomeInfoDb 1.2.4, GenomicAlignments 1.2.1, GenomicRanges 1.18.4, IRanges 2.0.1, RSQLite 1.0.0, Rsamtools 1.18.2, S4Vectors 0.4.0, ShortRead 1.24.0, XVector 0.6.0, systemPipeR 1.0.12
- Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): AnnotationForge 1.8.2, BBmisc 1.9, BatchJobs 1.5, BiocStyle 1.4.1, Category 2.32.0, GO.db 3.0.0, GOstats 2.32.0, GSEABase 1.28.0, MASS 7.3-37, Matrix 1.1-5, RBGL 1.42.0, RColorBrewer 1.1-2, Rcpp 0.11.4, XML 3.98-1.1, annotate 1.44.0, base64enc 0.1-2, bitops 1.0-6, brew 1.0-6, checkmate 1.5.1, codetools 0.2-11, colorspace 1.2-6, digest 0.6.8, edgeR 3.8.5, fail 1.2, foreach 1.4.2, genefilter 1.48.1, ggplot2 1.0.0, graph 1.44.1, grid 3.1.2, gtable 0.1.2, hwriter 1.3.2, iterators 1.0.7, lattice 0.20-30, latticeExtra 0.6-26, limma 3.22.4, munsell 0.4.2, pheatmap 1.0.2, plyr 1.8.1, proto 0.3-10,

reshape2 1.4.1, rjson 0.2.15, scales 0.2.4, sendmailR 1.2-1, splines 3.1.2, stringr 0.6.2, survival 2.38-1, tools 3.1.2, xtable 1.7-4, zlibbioc 1.12.0

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