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Mapping and Alignment 102

Introduction

- Mapping small reads a great way to go to understand a highly related genomes
- Traditional sequence alignment algorithms (e.g., blast) cannot be scaled to align millions of reads
- We need to utilize programs that utilize genome indexing algorithms such as Burrows-Wheeler for ultrafast and memory-efficient alignment
 - Years-CPU versus Hours-CPU cost
- The Burrows-Wheeler index – novel approach based on:
 - Mathematics
 - Computer Sciences
- Clean example of theoretical research in the area of data compression applied to computational genomics
- Burrows-Wheeler developed their ideas before small-reads sequencing was available

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Most Commonly-Used Sequence Alignment Software

Aligner	Approach	Applications	Availability
BWA-mem	Burrows-Wheeler	DNA, SE, PE, SV	open-source
Bowtie2	Burrows-Wheeler	DNA, SE, PE, SV	open-source
Novoalign	hash-based	DNA, SE, PE	free for academic use
TopHat	Burrows-Wheeler	RNA-seq	open-source
STAR	hash-based (reads)	RNA-seq	open-source
GSNAP	hash-based (reads)	RNA-seq	open-source

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Mapping with BWA

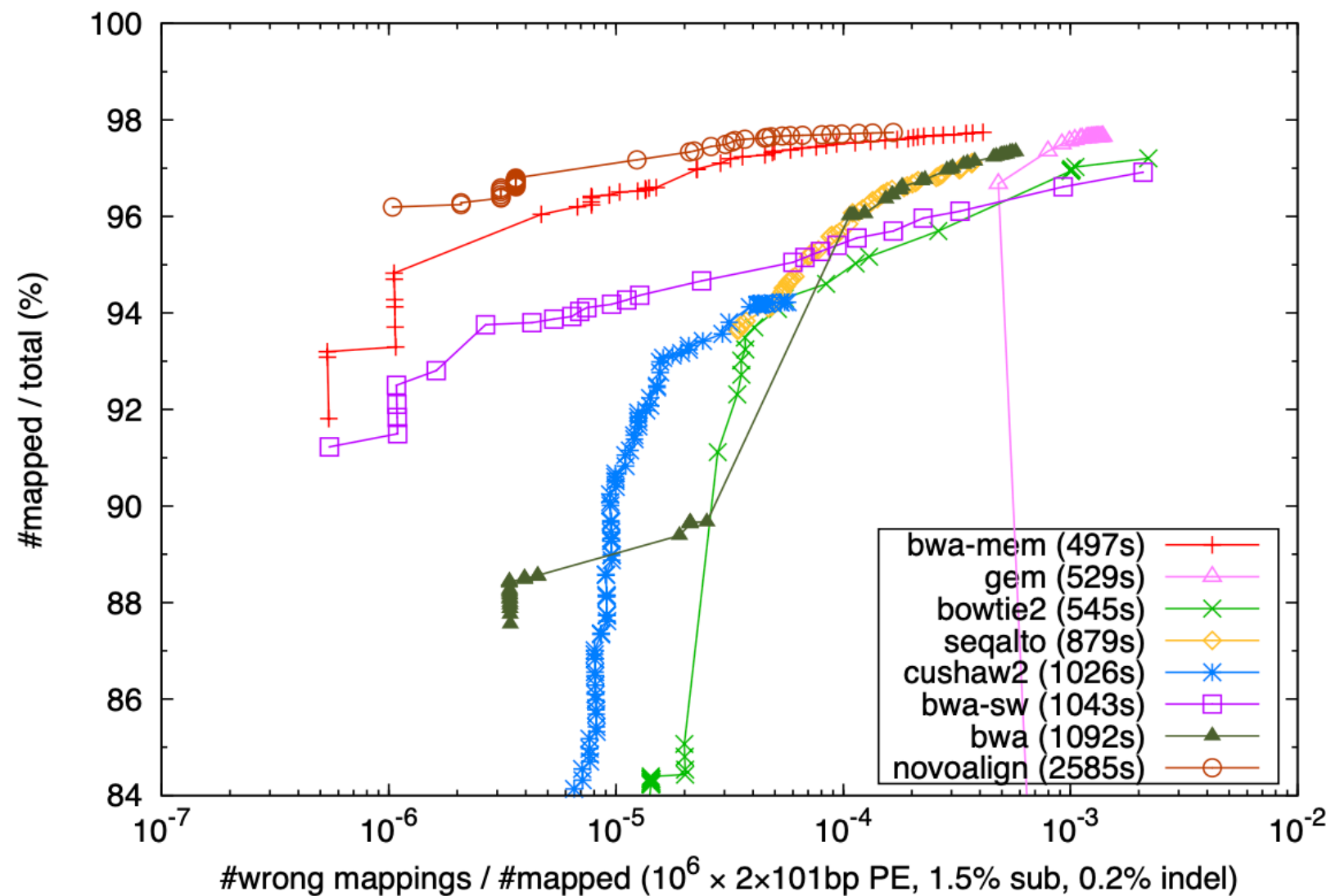
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Aligning sequence reads, clone sequences and assembly contigs with BWA-MEM

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Mapping with BWA

BWA Documentation

Burrows-Wheeler Aligner

Introduction

BWA is a software package for mapping low-divergent sequences against a large reference genome, such as the human genome. It consists of three algorithms: BWA-backtrack, BWA-SW and BWA-MEM. The first algorithm is designed for Illumina sequence reads up to 100bp, while the rest two for longer sequences ranged from 70bp to 1Mbp. BWA-MEM and BWA-SW share similar features such as long-read support and split alignment, but BWA-MEM, which is the latest, is generally recommended for high-quality queries as it is faster and more accurate. BWA-MEM also has better performance than BWA-backtrack for 70–100bp Illumina reads.

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BWA GITHUB Repository

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For all the algorithms, BWA first needs to construct the FM-index for the reference genome (the **index** command). Alignment algorithms are invoked with different sub-commands: **aln/samse/sampe** for BWA-backtrack, **bwasw** for BWA-SW and **mem** for the BWA-MEM algorithm.

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BWA GITHUB Repository

☰ README.md

CI passing

SF downloads 571k

GitHub downloads 64k

BioConda install 475k

Note: [minimap2](#) has replaced BWA-MEM for PacBio and Nanopore read alignment. It retains all major BWA-MEM features, but is ~50 times as fast, more versatile, more accurate and produces better base-level alignment. A beta version of [BWA-MEM2](#) has been released for short-read mapping. BWA-MEM2 is about twice as fast as BWA-MEM and outputs near identical alignments.

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Unaligned
Sample Data
In FASTQ (SE or PE)

Reference genome
(FASTA)

```
>chr1
TACCTCCAGGGGGCATCCTCCCCCAAT
TCGAAACACAATCGTAGCCCCTGGCACTA
CCTATGTGTGTCAATTCTGGAGAGAGAGAG
ATTCACGAAAAAAAAGTCTGGACTCAACT
AGGATACACACATTCGGCTACAGATACCA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAATTTTACCATT
GAGGCACCACCTTCTCGTCGCTGCGTCGC
TCTGCTCGCTTCGGCTAAAAATTCGCGCA
ATACATTCGGCTACAGATACCAAA
```

```
@seq1
ATTCGAAACA...
+
DDED88(999...
@seq2
CCCGTTTCA...
+
AAC887BBAC...
```

BWA-MEM

Aligned
Sample Data in
SAM format

```
seq1  99  1  3666901  60  149M  =  3666935  185  ATTCGAAACA...  DDED88(999...  MC:Z:151M  MD:Z:149  RG:Z:15-0017315_1  NM:i:0  MQ:i:60  AS:i:149  XS:i:44
seq2  147  1  3666935  60  151M  =  3666901  -185  CCCGTTTCA...  AAC887BBAC...  MC:Z:149M  MD:Z:151  RG:Z:15-0017315_1  NM:i:0  MQ:i:60  AS:i:151  XS:i:59
```


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Reference genome
(FASTA)

```
>chr1
TACCTCCAGGGGGCATCCTCCCCCAAT
TCGAAACACAATCGTAGCCCCTGGCACTA
CCTATGTGTGTCAATTCGGAGAGAGAGAG
ATTCACGAAAAAAAAAGTCTGGACTCAACT
AGGATACACACATTCGGCTACAGATACCA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAATTTTACCATT
GAGGCACCACCTTCTCGTCGCTGCGTCGC
TCTGCTCGCTTCGGCTAAAAATTGCGCA
ATACATTGGCTACAGATACCAA
```



**Generate
BWA-Index
For
Reference
Sequence**



**Align
SE or PE-FASTQ Reads
To
BWA-Index**

Commands

```
$ bwa \
  index grch38.fa
```

```
$ bwa mem \
  -t 16 \
  grch38.fa \
  1.fq 2.fq \
  > sample.sam
```

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Sequence Alignment with BWA

- **BWA can map low-divergent sequences against a large reference genome, such as the human genome**
 - **It consists of three algorithms:**
 - **BWA-backtrack (Illumina sequence reads up to 100bp)**
 - **BWA-SW**
 - **BWA-MEM**
- **BWA SW and MEM can map longer sequences (70bp to 1Mbp) and share similar features such as long-read support and split alignment, but BWA-MEM, which is the latest, is generally recommended for high-quality queries as it is faster and more accurate**
- **BWA-MEM also has better performance than BWA-backtrack for 70-100bp Illumina reads**

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Sequence Alignment with BWA

- **Install BWA**

```
$ cd /vol_b/DB2022_xx/Database

$ mkdir -p Genomics105_bwa_Mapping/data

$ cd Genomics105_bwa_Mapping/data

$ cp -v /vol_b/zzStorage/T16_Data/* ./

$ cd ../

# Soft link the following files to this directory:
# 00_BRCA2_WildType.fa
# 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_1.fq and 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_2.fq

# Confirm bwa is installed
$ bwa

# Install bwa in the bioinfsoft environment
$ conda activate bioinfsoft
$ conda install bwa

# Call bwa
$ bwa
```

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Sequence Alignment with BWA

- **Getting started - Basic Example Commands**

```
# Generate Index  
$ bwa index ref.fa
```

```
# Align SE-Reads  
$ bwa mem ref.fa read-se.fq.gz | gzip -3 > aln-se.sam.gz
```

```
# Align PE-Reads  
$ bwa mem ref.fa read1.fq read2.fq | gzip -3 > aln-pe.sam.gz
```


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Sequence Alignment with BWA

- Create Reference Index:

Usage: `bwa index [options] <in.fasta>`

Options: `-a STR` BWT construction algorithm: `bwtsw`, `is` or `rb2` [auto]
`-p STR` prefix of the index [same as fasta name]
`-b INT` block size for the `bwtsw` algorithm (effective with `-a bwtsw`) [10000000]
`-6` index files named as `<in.fasta>.64.*` instead of `<in.fasta>.*`

Warning: `-a bwtsw` does not work for short genomes, while `-a is` and `-a div` do not work not for long genomes

```
$ bwa \  
  index \  
  -a rb2 \  
  -p 00_BRCA2_WildType.fa 00_BRCA2_WildType.fa;
```

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Sequence Alignment with BWA

- Align to Reference Genome:

```
# Using the Index:
```

```
00_BRCA2_WildType.fa
```

```
# Using the following files (PE-Reads):
```

```
00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_1.fq
```

```
00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_2.fq
```

```
$ bwa mem \  
-t 2 \  
00_BRCA2_WildType.fa \  
00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_1.fq \  
00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_2.fq \  
> 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam
```

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- **Install SAMTOOLS**

```
$ samtools
```

```
$ conda activate bioinfsoft
```

```
$ conda install samtools
```

```
$ samtools
```

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- **Viewing alignments**

The `samtools view` command is the most versatile tool in the `samtools` package. It's main function, not surprisingly, is to allow you to convert the binary (i.e., easy for the computer to read and process) alignments in the BAM file view to text-based SAM alignments that are easy for humans to read and process.

```
# All alignments
$ samtools view 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | more

# Only the first five
$ samtools view 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | head -n 5

# Counting number of alignments
$ samtools view 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | wc -l

# View only header
$ samtools view -H 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam

# View header + alignments
$ samtools view -h 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | more

# Alignment Statistics
$ samtools flagstat 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam
```


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- **Capturing alignments**

- The FLAG field in the SAM format encodes several key pieces of information regarding how an alignment aligned to the reference genome
- This information can be exploited to isolate specific types of alignments that we want to use in our analysis.
- For example, we often want to call variants solely from paired-end sequences that aligned “properly” to the reference genome
- To ask the view command to report solely “proper pairs” we use the -f option and ask for alignments where the second bit is true (proper pair is true)
- Remember: Decoding SAM Flags

```
$ samtools view -f 0x2 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam
```

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- **Capturing alignments**

- How many properly paired alignments are there?

```
$ samtools view -f 0x2 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | wc -l
```

- Now, let's ask for alignments that are NOT properly paired. To do this, we use the -F option (note the capitalization to denote “opposite”)

```
$ samtools view -F 0x2 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam
```

- How many improperly paired alignments are there?

```
$ samtools view -F 0x2 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam | wc -l
```

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- **Convert SAM to BAM**

```
# Generic Command:
```

```
$ samtools \  
  view \  
  -S \  
  -b \  
  sample.sam \  
  > sample.bam;
```

```
$ samtools \  
  view \  
  -S \  
  -b \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sam \  
  > 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.bam;
```

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- **Sort BAM File**

```
# Generic Command:
```

```
$ samtools \  
  sort \  
  sample.bam \  
  -o sample.sorted.bam;
```

```
$ samtools \  
  sort \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.bam \  
  -o 00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam;
```


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- **Create a BAM index file**

```
# Generic Command:  
$ samtools \  
  index \  
  sample.sorted.bam;
```

```
$ samtools \  
  index \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam;
```

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- **Visualize BAM Alignment without a Reference Genome**

```
$ samtools \  
  tview \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam;
```

- **Visualize BAM Alignment with a Reference Genome**

```
$ samtools \  
  tview \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType.fa;
```

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- **View at a Specific Coordinate**

```
# Generic Command:
```

```
$ samtools \  
  tview \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType.fa \  
  -p chromosome:coordinate;
```

```
$ samtools \  
  tview \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType.fa \  
  -p BRCA2_WildType:10000;
```

```
$ samtools \  
  tview \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType_P_050m200_ReadsxBRCA2_WildType.sorted.bam \  
  00_BRCA2_WildType.fa \  
  -p BRCA2_WildType:59900;
```

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- **Factors That Influence Mappability**
 - **Extent of polymorphism**
 - **Quality of sequence data**
 - **Lengths of DNA molecules being sequenced compared with size of reference genome**
 - **Degree of sequence repetition in regions of the genome to which the reads map**

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Scripting this Mapping...

- In your repositories, on a document entitled:

12Lecture_BWA_Mapping

- Outline the logic of a script(s) you need to develop to map reads to genomes using BWA
- What logical questions you need to answer to be able to execute the script?
- What code you need to have in order to be able to answer those logical questions?



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