

Assessment 4_SLE777_R Project

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Gene expression Step 1: Downloading and reading the geneexpression file

The link for raw file were copied from the github and then downloaded in R-markdown using the download.file function. The downloaded file was read using the read.table function and the head function was used to display the first 6 rows, showing 6 gene identifiers.

```
# download the gene expression file

download.file("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ghazkha/Assessment4/refs/heads/main/gene_expression.tsv")

# Read the downloaded file
gene_data <- read.table("geneexpression.tsv",      # path to the file
                        header=TRUE,              # indicates first row of the file contains column names
                        sep = "\t",                # \t is the standard for tsv files
                        row.names = 1,             # indicates that first column contains row names
                        stringsAsFactors = FALSE ) # keep as plain character strings

# display the first 6 genes of the file
head(gene_data, 6) # 6 indicates number of rows to be displayed
```

```
##                                GTEX.1117F.0226.SM.5GZZ7 GTEX.1117F.0426.SM.5EGHI
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1                0                0
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P                 187              109
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1              0                0
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG            1                0
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A                0                0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P                 0                1
##                                GTEX.1117F.0526.SM.5EGHJ
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1                0
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P                 143
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1              1
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG            0
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A                0
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P                 0
```

Step 2: Generating a new column with mean value of other columns

A new column called meanexpression, which contains the mean value of other columns, was created in the table using the rowMeans function and the first six rows were displayed.

```
gene_data$meanexpression <- rowMeans(gene_data) # rowMeans calculate means across all columns for each
gene_data[1:6, c(1, ncol(gene_data))] # 1:6 selects first 6 genes of the data

##                                GTEX.1117F.0226.SM.5GZZ7 meanexpression
## ENSG00000223972.5_DDX11L1                0                0.0000000
```

```
## ENSG00000227232.5_WASH7P      187      146.3333333
## ENSG00000278267.1_MIR6859-1      0      0.3333333
## ENSG00000243485.5_MIR1302-2HG      1      0.3333333
## ENSG00000237613.2_FAM138A      0      0.0000000
## ENSG00000268020.3_OR4G4P      0      0.3333333
```

c(1, ncol(gene_data) selects the first and the last column

Step 3: Listing the 10 genes with the highest mean expression

The meanexpression in gene_data were ordered in the descending order using order (-)function. 10 genes with highest meanexpression were displayed using a drop argument.

```
# order the "meanexpression" of the gene-data in descending order and save in gene_data-sorted file
gene_data_sorted <- gene_data[order(-gene_data$meanexpression), ] # order(-gene_data$meanofcolumns) sorted
# show 10 genes with the highest mea expression values
gene_data_sorted[1:10, "meanexpression", drop = FALSE] # drop =FALSE ensures datas are expressed in data
```

```
##               meanexpression
## ENSG00000198804.2_MT-C01      529317.3
## ENSG00000198886.2_MT-ND4      514235.7
## ENSG00000198938.2_MT-C03      504943.7
## ENSG00000198888.2_MT-ND1      403617.0
## ENSG00000198899.2_MT-ATP6      329751.7
## ENSG00000198727.2_MT-CYB      302254.0
## ENSG00000198763.3_MT-ND2      284217.7
## ENSG00000211445.11_GPX3      270141.7
## ENSG00000198712.1_MT-C02      265678.0
## ENSG00000156508.17_EEF1A1      232187.3
```

Step 4. Determining the number of genes with a mean <10

To determine the genes with the meanexpression less than 10, the logical condition was created to line checks for every gene in the dataset with meanexpression value less than 10 and the sum() function was used to sum the logical vectors.

```
# create logical vectors for genes with meanexpression <10
gene_data_mean_10 <- gene_data_sorted$meanexpression <10

# count the total number of genes with mean <10
sum(gene_data_mean_10)
```

```
## [1] 35988
```

Step 5: Making a histogram plot of the mean values

A histogram was generated using hist() function to represent the distribution of the mean expression value of the genes.

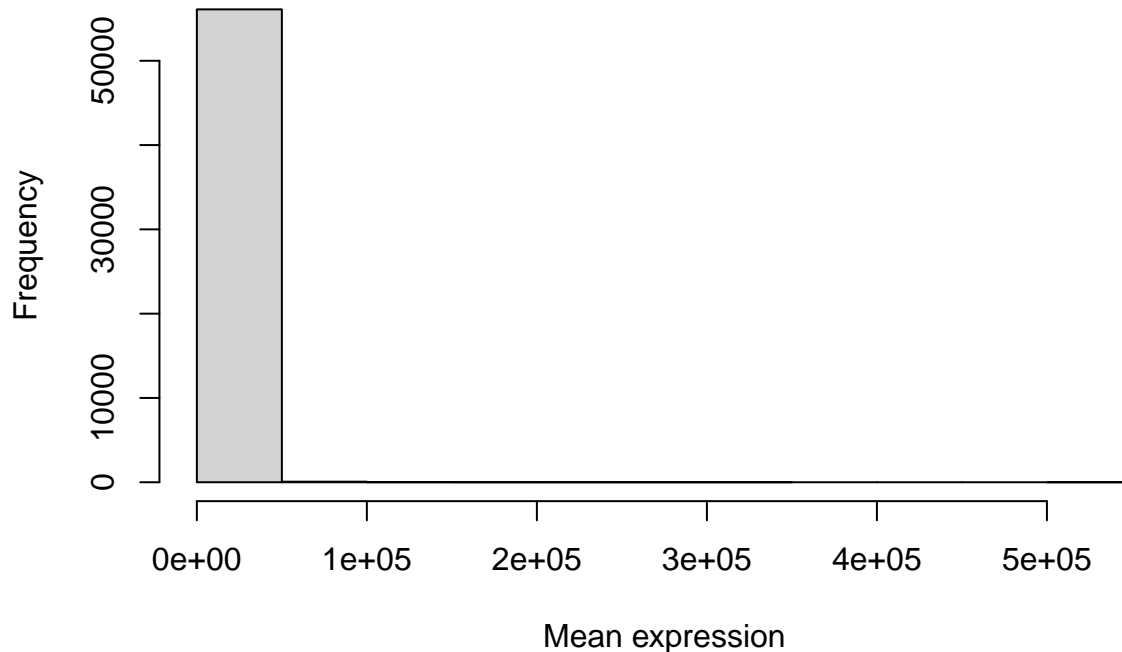
The majority of the genes have a very low mean expression as indicated by the tallest bin near zero. However, there are a few genes which has extremely higher mean expression ($5e+05$) but appeared to be empty due to the dominance by the tall bar for low gene expression.

```
# Step 6: Histogram of mean values of gene expression
data(gene_data)
```

```
## Warning in data(gene_data): data set 'gene_data' not found
```

```
hist(gene_data$meanexpression, # data to be plotted
      xlab="Mean expression", # label for the x-axis
      main="Mean value of gene expression") # Main title of the histogram
```

Mean value of gene expression



GROWTH DATA INTERPRETATION

Step 6: Importing the csv file into an R object

The csv raw file for growth data was downloaded using download.file function and the file was imported into R as a data frame using the read.csv() function. The colnames() function was used to display all the column names of the data set.

```
# download the growth data file

download.file("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ghazkha/Assessment4/refs/heads/main/growth_data.csv", "growth_data.csv")

# Read file
growth_data <- read.csv("growthdata.csv")
colnames(growth_data)
```

```
## [1] "Site"          "TreeID"        "Circumf_2005_cm" "Circumf_2010_cm"
## [5] "Circumf_2015_cm" "Circumf_2020_cm"
```

Step 7: Calculating the mean and standard deviation of tree circumference at the start and end of the study at both sites.

The mean and standard deviation was created using the mean() and sd() function. The data.frame was created to display the values

```
# 1. Mean and sd for Northeast site at the start (Circumf_2005_cm)

meannortheast_start <- mean(growth_data$Circumf_2005_cm[growth_data$Site == "northeast"]) # growth_data$Circumf_2005_cm
sdnortheast_start <- sd(growth_data$Circumf_2005_cm[growth_data$Site == "northeast"])
```

```

# 2. Mean and sd for Northeast site at the start (Circumf_2020_cm)

meannortheast_end <- mean(growth_data$Circumf_2020_cm[growth_data$Site== "northeast"])

sdnortheast_end <- sd(growth_data$Circumf_2020_cm[growth_data$Site== "northeast"])

# 3. Mean for Southwest site at the start (Circumf_2005_cm)

meansouthwest_start<- mean(growth_data$Circumf_2005_cm[growth_data$Site== "southwest"])

sdsouthwest_start <- sd(growth_data$Circumf_2005_cm[growth_data$Site== "southwest"])

# 4. Mean and sd for Southwest site at the end (Circumf_2020_cm)

meansouthwest_end<- mean(growth_data$Circumf_2020_cm[growth_data$Site== "southwest"])

sdsouthwest_end <- sd(growth_data$Circumf_2020_cm[growth_data$Site== "southwest"])

# create summary table

summary_table <- data.frame(
  Site = c("Northeast", "Northeast", "Southwest", "Southwest"),
  Year = c("2005 (Start)", "2020 (End)", "2005 (Start)", "2020 (End)"),
  Mean = c(meannortheast_start, meannortheast_end, meansouthwest_start, meansouthwest_end),
  SD = c(sdnortheast_start, sdnortheast_end, sdsouthwest_start, sdsouthwest_end)
)
summary_table

```

```

##      Site      Year  Mean      SD
## 1 Northeast 2005 (Start) 5.292 0.9140267
## 2 Northeast 2020 (End) 54.228 25.2279489
## 3 Southwest 2005 (Start) 4.862 1.1474710
## 4 Southwest 2020 (End) 45.596 17.8734549

```

step 8: Making a box plot for the circumference at the start and end of the study at both sites.

To create Boxplots, the datas were splitted into Northeast and Southwest. Then, the `boxplot()` function was used to display the tree circumferences for both sites at both time points. The boxplots were placed side by side by entering data sets for boths sites in the same `boxplot()` function. For both northeast and southwest, the tree circumference increased substantially from 2005 to 2020, indicating significant tree growth over period of time.

```

# Splitting of data into Northeast and Southwest

northeast <- growth_data[growth_data$Site == "northeast", ]
southwest <- growth_data[growth_data$Site == "southwest", ]

# Creating boxplots for two different sites at the start and end of the study periods

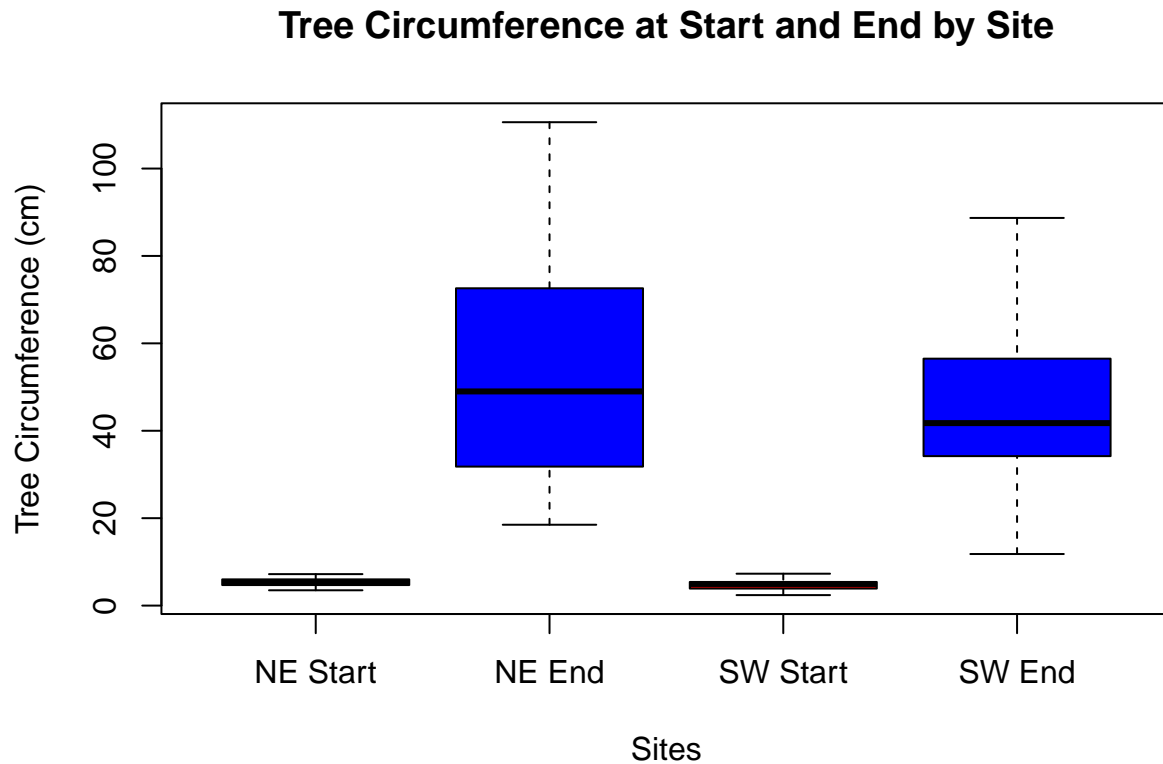
boxplot(northeast$Circumf_2005_cm, northeast$Circumf_2020_cm,
        southwest$Circumf_2005_cm, southwest$Circumf_2020_cm,
        names = c("NE Start", "NE End", "SW Start", "SW End"), # Provides the names to each boxplot
        col = c("red", "blue", "red", "blue"), # provides red color to the boxplot at the start and blue
        ylab = "Tree Circumference (cm)",

```

```

xlab = "Sites",
main = "Tree Circumference at Start and End by Site")

```



Step 9: Calculating the mean growth over the last 10 years at each site.

The 10 year growth values were extracted by finding difference in the circumference between 2020 and 2010 and saved in the new column. The data were separated by site to calculate the mean growth for each location and the `mean()` function was used to find the mean value.

```
# calculate growth data from 2010 to 2020
```

```
growth_data$ growth_10_years <- (growth_data$Circumf_2020_cm - growth_data$Circumf_2010_cm)
```

```
# Extract 10-year growth values for northsite
```

```
North_east_growth_data <- (growth_data$growth_10_years[growth_data$Site == "northeast"])
```

```
# calculate mean for 10-year growth values of northwest
```

```
North_east_mean_growth_data <- mean(North_east_growth_data)
```

```
North_east_mean_growth_data
```

```
## [1] 42.94
```

```
# Extract 10-year growth values for southwest
```

```
South_west_growth_data <- (growth_data$growth_10_years[growth_data$Site == "southwest"])
```

```
# calculating mean for 10-year growth values of southwest
```

```
Southwest_mean_growth_data <- mean (South_west_growth_data)
```

```
Southwest_mean_growth_data
```

```
## [1] 35.49
```

Step 10: Using the t.test to estimate the p-value

The p-value for the two sites were determined using t-test function to compare the 10 years growth between two sites. The study observed higher mean 10-year growth at the northeast site compared to southwest site but the growth difference was not statistically significant at 5% significance level

```
t.test(North_east_growth_data, South_west_growth_data)
```

```
##
##  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  North_east_growth_data and South_west_growth_data
## t = 1.8882, df = 87.978, p-value = 0.06229
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  -0.3909251 15.2909251
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
##      42.94      35.49
```

PART 2: Examining the biological sequence diversity

step 1: Downloading and counting CDS in the Saprospirale and ecoli sequences

The FASTA files were downloaded from the ENSEMBL website using the download.file() function and gunzip() function was used to uncompress the file. The read.fasta() function loaded the sequence into R as lists and the length() function was applied to determine the total number of CDS for each organism. The table was created using data.frame() function. The Saprospirales contain slightly higher number of coding sequences (4527) than E.coli (4239).

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages({
  library("seqinr") # is a package designed to process and analyse sequence data.
  library("R.utils") # general utilities like zip and unzip
})
# loading e.coli and Saprospirales data
library("R.utils")

# Download FASTA file
URL="https://ftp.ensemblgenomes.ebi.ac.uk/pub/bacteria/release-62/fasta/bacteria_58_collection/saprospira
download.file(URL,destfile="saprospirales_cds.fa.gz")

URL="http://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/bacteria/release-53/fasta/bacteria_0_collection/escherichia_coli
download.file(URL,destfile="ecoli_cds.fa.gz")

# Uncompress the FASTA files for e.coli and saprospirales

gunzip("ecoli_cds.fa.gz", overwrite = TRUE)
# overwrite = TRUE tells R to replace the uncompressed .fa file if it already exist in the working dire

gunzip("saprospirales_cds.fa.gz", overwrite = TRUE)

# Read the FASTA sequences
library("seqinr")
```

```
e.coli_cds <- seqinr::read.fasta("ecoli_cds.fa") # read.fasta is used to read the FASTA file

saprospirales_cds <- seqinr::read.fasta("saprospirales_cds.fa")

# Count the number of coding sequences
e.coli_number <- length(e.coli_cds)

saprospirales_num <- length(saprospirales_cds)

# create table
cds_table <- data.frame(
  Bacteria = c("E.coli", "Saprospirales"),
  CDS_count = c(e.coli_number, saprospirales_num)
)
cds_table
```

```
##           Bacteria CDS_count
## 1          E.coli      4239
## 2 Saprospirales      4527
```

Step 2: Determining and comparing the total coding DNA between the two organisms.

To determine the total length of the sequences in both organisms, the length of each coding sequences was extracted from the respective organisms' cds using summary() function and the first column of the summary was converted to the numeric value using as.numeric() function. Then the total length of all the genes were calculated by summing these values using the sum() function. Then, to display the compiled result of two organisms, the table was created using data.frame() function with columns for organism, number of CDA and total coding DNA.

It was observed that the Saprospirales has greater total coding DNA (4200321) than that of E.coli (3978528). This indicates that Saprospirales has a larger or more complex genome with potentially more genes or longer coding sequences, which could be attributed to adaptation to a diverse environmental condition.

```
# Calculate the CDS length for e.coli
e.coli_cds_length<- as.numeric(summary(e.coli_cds)[,1]) # 1 select the first column of the matrix

# Calculate the CDS length for Saprospirales
saprospirales_cds_length <- as.numeric(summary(saprospirales_cds)[,1])

# sum total coding DNA of E.coli
e.coli_total_cds_length <- sum(e.coli_cds_length)

#Sum total coding DNA of Saprospirales
saprospirales_total_cds_length <- sum(saprospirales_cds_length)

# create table for the total coding DNA for both organisms
cds_table <- data.frame(
  Bacteria = c("E.coli", "Saprospirales"),
  CDS_count = c(e.coli_number, saprospirales_num),
  total_coding_DNA = c(e.coli_total_cds_length, saprospirales_total_cds_length)
)
cds_table
```

```
##           Bacteria CDS_count total_coding_DNA
## 1          E.coli      4239      3978528
## 2 Saprospirales      4527      4200321
```

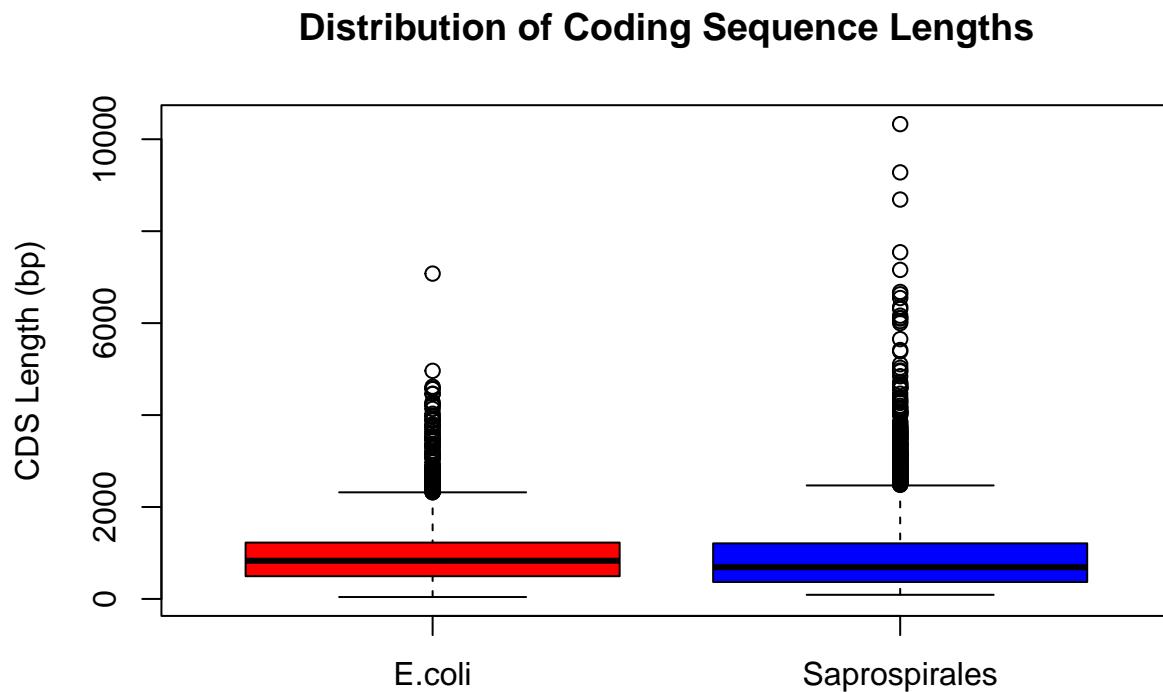
Step 3: Calculating and making boxplot of CDS length

The length of each coding sequences was extracted from the respective organisms' cds using `summary()` function and the first column of the summary was converted to the numeric value using `as.numeric()` function. Then the `boxplot()` was used to display the distribution of cds lengths. The `mean()` and `median()` function was used to summarize the central tendency of CDS lengths and table was created to display the result. The mean coding sequence length of E.coli is 938.5534 and median is 831, indicating it contains higher cds length than with moderately long E.coli genes compared to Saprospirales with mean value of 927.8376 and the median is 690.

```
# Calculate the CDS length
e.coli_cds_length<- as.numeric(summary(e.coli_cds)[,1]) # 1 select the first column of the matrix

saprospirales_cds_length <- as.numeric(summary(saprospirales_cds)[,1])

# Generate box plot for E.coli and Saprospirales
boxplot(list(E.coli = e.coli_cds_length, Saprospirales = saprospirales_cds_length),
        col = c("red", "blue"),
        ylab = "CDS Length (bp)",
        main = "Distribution of Coding Sequence Lengths")
```



```
# Calculate mean and median of E.coli
e.coli_mean_cds_length <- mean(e.coli_cds_length)
e.coli_median_cds_length <- median(e.coli_cds_length)

# Calculate mean and median of Saprospirales
saprospirales_mean_cds_length <- mean(saprospirales_cds_length)
```



```
saprosipirales_median_cds_length <- median(saprosipirales_cds_length)

# Create a table
cds_table <- data.frame(
  Bacteria = c("E.coli", "Saprosipirales"),
  CDS_count = c(e.coli_number, saprosipirales_num),
  total_coding_DNA = c(e.coli_total_cds_length, saprosipirales_total_cds_length),
  mean_cds_length = c(e.coli_mean_cds_length, saprosipirales_mean_cds_length),
  median_cds_length = c(e.coli_median_cds_length, saprosipirales_median_cds_length)
)
cds_table
```

```
##      Bacteria CDS_count total_coding_DNA mean_cds_length median_cds_length
## 1      E.coli      4239          3978528          938.5534           831
## 2 Saprosipirales      4527          4200321          927.8376           690
```

Step 4: Calculating the frequency of DNA bases and aminoacids

The `unlist()` function was used to turn the list of CDS into a single long vectors of single characters and `count()` function was used to calculate the frequency. The table was created for bar plotting followed by visualisation using the `barplot` using `barplot()`.

The `lapply` was used to translate the dna to protein and `unlist()` was used to give a long aminoacid vector. Following that, the aminoacids frequency were counted using the `count()` function and table was generated for aa frequency of both organisms. Then, the `barplot` was generated for the aminoacid frequency.

The higher frequency of adenine (A) was recorded higher in Saprosipirales while E.coli recorded slightly higher frequency of guanine(G) content. Cytosine (C) and Thymine (T) levels were comparable between the two species.

In both the organisms, Leucine (L) and alanine (A) were the most abundant amino acids , followed by glycine (G), serine (S), and valine (V). While overall profiles were similar, E.coli exhibited higher frequencies of acid residues such as aspartic acid (D) and glutamic acid (E), along with slightly more histidine (H). In contrast, Saprosipirales showed relatively higher frequencies of valine (V), glutamine (Q), and tryptophan(W)

```
# Unlist the E.coli cds
e.coli_dna <- unlist(e.coli_cds)

# Calculate frequency of dna bases in total coding sequences for e.coli
e.coli_dna_freq <- count(e.coli_dna, 1) #1 =word size (single nucleotide count)

# Unlist the Saprosipirales cds sequences
saprosipirales_dna <- unlist(saprosipirales_cds)

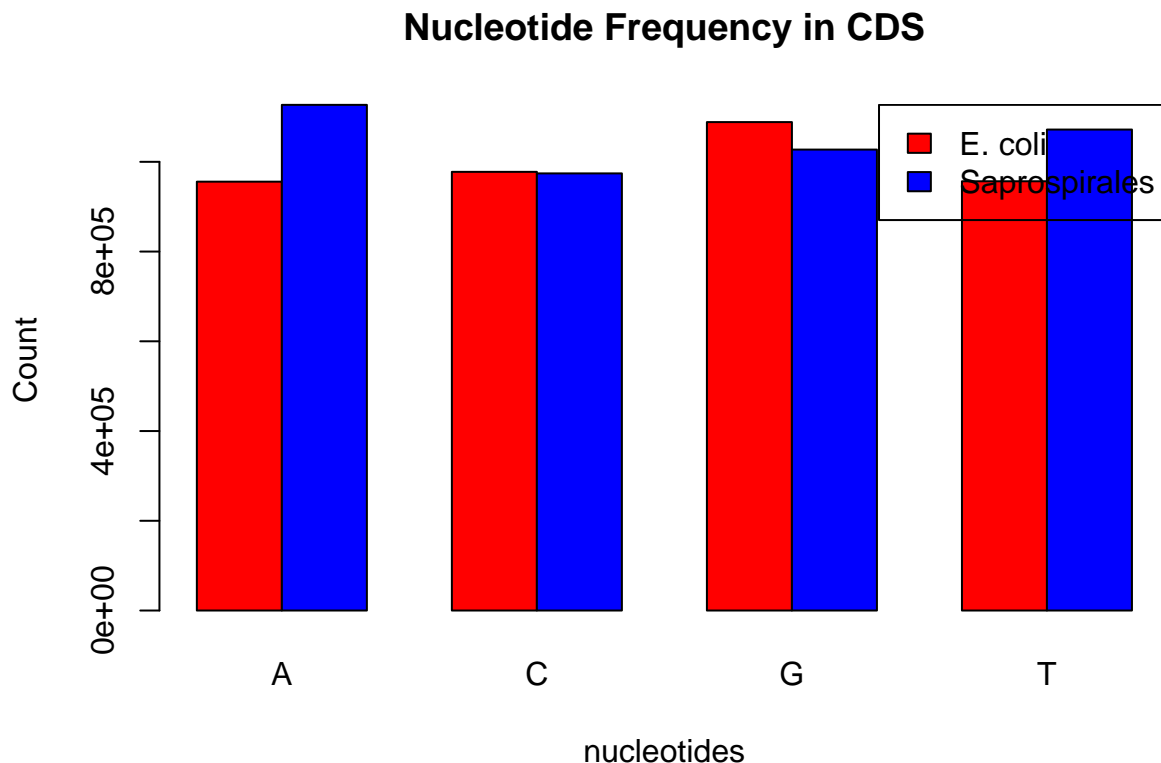
# Calculate the frequency of dna bases in total coding sequences for Saprosipirales
saprosipirales_dna_freq <- count(saprosipirales_dna, 1) # 1 = word size (single nucleotide count)

# Combine into a data frame for plotting
Dna_freq_df <- data.frame(
  Base = c("A","C","G","T"),
  E.coli = e.coli_dna_freq,
  Saprosipirales = saprosipirales_dna_freq
)
Dna_freq_df

##      Base E.coli.Var1 E.coli.Freq Saprosipirales.Var1 Saprosipirales.Freq
## 1      A           a      955768                a      1126928
```

```
## 2    C      c      977594      c      974191
## 3    G      g      1088501     g      1027218
## 4    T      t      956665     t      1071885
```

```
# Generate bar plot for nucleotide frequency
barplot(
  height = rbind(as.numeric(Dna_freq_df$E.coli.Freq), as.numeric(Dna_freq_df$Saprospirales.Freq)),
  beside = TRUE,      # Place the bar for E.coli and Saprospirales side-by-side
  names.arg = Dna_freq_df$Base, # Tells R to represent nucleotide bases (AGTC) at the x-axis
  col = c("red", "blue"), # Tells R to give red color to E.coli and blue to saprospirales
  main = "Nucleotide Frequency in CDS",
  ylab = "Count",
  xlab="nucleotides"
)
legend("topright", legend = c("E. coli", "Saprospirales"), fill = c("red", "blue"))
```



```
# topright specify the position of the legend, legend =c("E. coli", "Saprospirales") are the labels of

# Translate the sequences for e.coli
e.coli_prot <- lapply(e.coli_cds, translate) # lapply applies the translate function to each element of

# Unlist aminoacids of E.coli
e.coli_prot_unlist <- unlist(e.coli_prot)

# Count aminoacids
aa_alphabet <- c("A", "R", "N", "D", "C", "Q", "E", "G", "H", "I", "L", "K", "M", "F", "P", "S", "T", "W", "Y", "V")
```

```

# Calculate E.coli aminoacid frequency
e.coli_aa_freq <- count(e.coli_prot_unlist, wordsize=1, alphabet=aa_alphabet)
e.coli_aa_freq

##
##      A      C      D      E      F      G      H      I      K      L      M
## 126127 15376 67796 76338 51561 97246 29995 79511 58113 141731 37007
##      N      P      Q      R      S      T      V      W      Y
## 51503 58700 58799 73111 76412 71025 93989 20196 37401

# Translate the sequences for Saprospirales
saprospirales_prot <- lapply(saprospirales_cds, translate)

# Unlist aminoacids of Saprospirales
saprospirales_prot_unlist <- unlist(saprospirales_prot)

# Calculate the frequency of aa of Saprospirales
Saprospirales_aa_freq <- count(saprospirales_prot_unlist, wordsize=1, alphabet=aa_alphabet)
Saprospirales_aa_freq

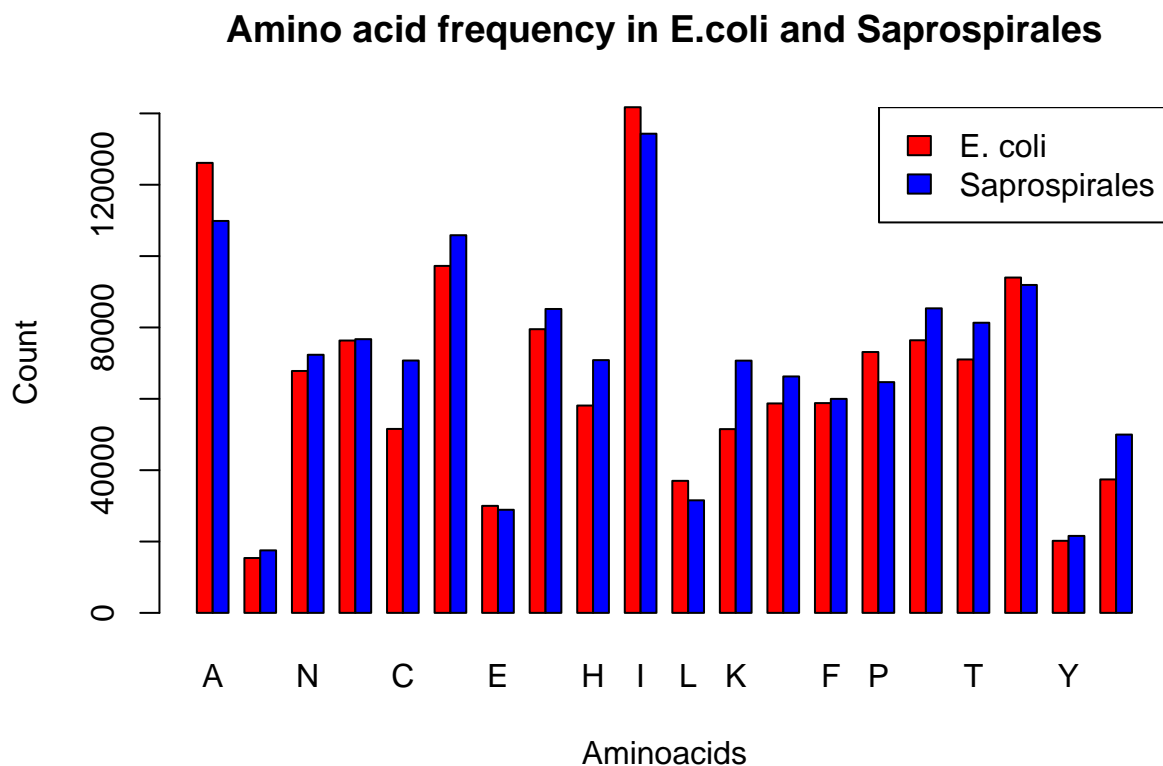
##
##      A      C      D      E      F      G      H      I      K      L      M
## 109849 17521 72341 76718 70730 105855 28895 85178 70845 134307 31549
##      N      P      Q      R      S      T      V      W      Y
## 70696 66268 59978 64676 85359 81320 91915 21572 49970

# combine the aa frequency into data.frame for plotting
aa_freq_df <- data.frame(
  AA = aa_alphabet,
  E_coli = e.coli_aa_freq,
  Saprospirales = Saprospirales_aa_freq
)
aa_freq_df

##      AA E_coli.Var1 E_coli.Freq Saprospirales.Var1 Saprospirales.Freq
## 1  A      A      126127      A      109849
## 2  R      C      15376      C      17521
## 3  N      D      67796      D      72341
## 4  D      E      76338      E      76718
## 5  C      F      51561      F      70730
## 6  Q      G      97246      G      105855
## 7  E      H      29995      H      28895
## 8  G      I      79511      I      85178
## 9  H      K      58113      K      70845
## 10 I      L      141731     L      134307
## 11 L      M      37007      M      31549
## 12 K      N      51503      N      70696
## 13 M      P      58700      P      66268
## 14 F      Q      58799      Q      59978
## 15 P      R      73111      R      64676
## 16 S      S      76412      S      85359
## 17 T      T      71025      T      81320
## 18 W      V      93989      V      91915
## 19 Y      W      20196      W      21572
## 20 V      Y      37401      Y      49970

```

```
# Generate bar plot for amino acid frequency
barplot(
  height = rbind(as.numeric(aa_freq_df$E_coli.Freq), as.numeric(aa_freq_df$Saprospirales.Freq)),
  beside = TRUE,
  names.arg = aa_freq_df$AA, # Tells R to represent aa texts at the x-axis
  col = c("red", "blue"),
  main = "Amino acid frequency in E.coli and Saprospirales",
  ylab = "Count",
  xlab = "Aminoacids"
)
legend("topright", legend = c("E. coli", "Saprospirales"), fill = c("red", "blue"))
```



Step 5: Quantifying the codon usage bias among all coding sequences.

The `uco()` function was applied to count all codons (3-base sequences) in the DNA sequences. The codons were sorted using `order()` function to ensure that the codon table is consistent for both organisms and table was created. The `index="rscu"` was employed to compute relative synonymous codon usage which is a measure of codon usage bias. Here, the $RSCU > 1$ indicates that codon is used more frequently than expected for the amino acid while $RSCU < 1$ indicates that codon is used less frequently than expected. The data.frame was kept TRUE to convert the result into plotting.

The barchart was generated for codon usage bias using `rbind()` function.

As shown in the chart, the E.coli shows stronger peaks for certain codons, indicating higher codon usage bias while Saprospirales exhibit more even distributions across synonymous codons, suggesting weaker codon preference. Moreover, some of the codons which are less used in saprospirales and similarly, the codons which are more used in Saprospirales are comparatively less used in E.coli.

```

# Determining codon usage for e.coli
e.coli_codon_usage <- uco(e.coli_dna)
e.coli_codon_usage <- e.coli_codon_usage[order(names(e.coli_codon_usage))] # sort codons

# Determining codon usage for saprospirales
saprospirales_codon_usage <- uco(saprospirales_dna) # uco() returns counts of each codon.
saprospirales_codon_usage <- saprospirales_codon_usage[order(names(saprospirales_codon_usage))] # sort

# Creating table for codon_usage for E.coli and Saprospirales
codons <- names(e.coli_codon_usage)
bacteria_codon_table <- data.frame(
  Codon = codons,
  E.coli_count = as.numeric(e.coli_codon_usage),
  Saprospirales_count = as.numeric(saprospirales_codon_usage)
)

# Calculation of RSCU values for E.coli
e.coli_codon_usage_bias <- uco(e.coli_dna, index="rscu", as.data.frame=TRUE)

# Calculation of RSCU values for Saprospirales
saprospirales_codon_usage_bias <- uco(saprospirales_dna, index="rscu", as.data.frame=TRUE)
e.coli_codon_usage_bias

```

##	AA	codon	eff	freq	RSCU	
##	aaa	Lys	aaa	44592	0.0336244963	1.5346652
##	aac	Asn	aac	28454	0.0214556741	1.1049453
##	aag	Lys	aag	13521	0.0101954793	0.4653348
##	aat	Asn	aat	23049	0.0173800461	0.8950547
##	aca	Thr	aca	9116	0.0068738991	0.5133967
##	acc	Thr	acc	31139	0.0234802922	1.7536924
##	acg	Thr	acg	19081	0.0143879847	1.0746075
##	act	Thr	act	11689	0.0088140639	0.6583034
##	aga	Arg	aga	2573	0.0019401648	0.2111584
##	agc	Ser	agc	21291	0.0160544302	1.6718055
##	agg	Arg	agg	1420	0.0010707478	0.1165351
##	agt	Ser	agt	11487	0.0086617463	0.9019787
##	ata	Ile	ata	5486	0.0041367058	0.2069902
##	atc	Ile	atc	33524	0.0252786960	1.2648816
##	atg	Met	atg	37007	0.0279050443	1.0000000
##	att	Ile	att	40501	0.0305396870	1.5281282
##	caa	Gln	caa	20402	0.0153840818	0.6939574
##	cac	His	cac	12890	0.0097196752	0.8594766
##	cag	Gln	cag	38397	0.0289531706	1.3060426
##	cat	His	cat	17105	0.0128979864	1.1405234
##	cca	Pro	cca	11163	0.0084174348	0.7606814
##	ccc	Pro	ccc	7238	0.0054577975	0.4932198
##	ccg	Pro	ccg	31074	0.0234312791	2.1174787
##	cct	Pro	cct	9225	0.0069560903	0.6286201
##	cga	Arg	cga	4619	0.0034829465	0.3790674
##	cgc	Arg	cgc	29441	0.0221999192	2.4161344
##	cgg	Arg	cgg	7079	0.0053379039	0.5809523
##	cgt	Arg	cgt	27979	0.0210975014	2.2961524
##	cta	Leu	cta	5149	0.0038825918	0.2179763
##	ctc	Leu	ctc	14811	0.0111682009	0.6270047

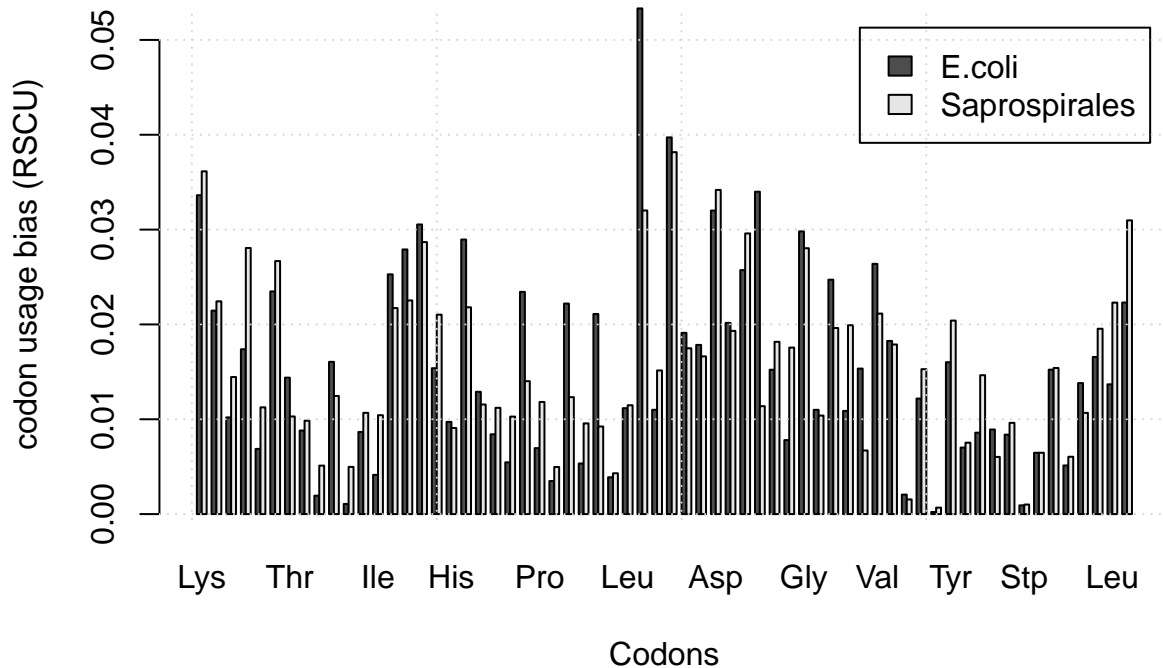
```
## ctg Leu    ctg 70714 0.0533217311 2.9935864
## ctt Leu    ctt 14586 0.0109985402 0.6174796
## gaa Glu    gaa 52679 0.0397224803 1.3801514
## gac Asp    gac 25347 0.0191128478 0.7477432
## gag Glu    gag 23659 0.0178400152 0.6198486
## gat Asp    gat 42449 0.0320085720 1.2522568
## gca Ala    gca 26743 0.0201654984 0.8481293
## gcc Ala    gcc 34117 0.0257258463 1.0819888
## gcg Ala    gcg 45082 0.0339939797 1.4297335
## gct Ala    gct 20185 0.0152204534 0.6401484
## gga Gly    gga 10350 0.0078043940 0.4257245
## ggc Gly    ggc 39536 0.0298120310 1.6262263
## ggg Gly    ggg 14581 0.0109947699 0.5997573
## ggt Gly    ggt 32779 0.0247169305 1.3482920
## gta Val    gta 14430 0.0108809087 0.6141144
## gtc Val    gtc 20350 0.0153448713 0.8660588
## gtg Val    gtg 34996 0.0263886543 1.4893658
## gtt Val    gtt 24213 0.0182577576 1.0304610
## taa Stp    taa  2726 0.0020555341 1.9292286
## tac Tyr    tac 16160 0.0121854113 0.8641480
## tag Stp    tag   294 0.0002216900 0.2080679
## tat Tyr    tat 21241 0.0160167278 1.1358520
## tca Ser    tca  9303 0.0070149060 0.7304874
## tcc Ser    tcc 11390 0.0085886036 0.8943621
## tcg Ser    tcg 11830 0.0089203846 0.9289117
## tct Ser    tct 11111 0.0083782243 0.8724546
## tga Stp    tga  1219 0.0009191842 0.8627035
## tgc Cys    tgc  8574 0.0064652052 1.1152445
## tgg Trp    tgg 20196 0.0152287479 1.0000000
## tgt Cys    tgt  6802 0.0051290326 0.8847555
## tta Leu    tta 18323 0.0138164165 0.7756807
## ttc Phe    ttc 21974 0.0165694448 0.8523496
## ttg Leu    ttg 18148 0.0136844582 0.7682723
## ttt Phe    ttt 29587 0.0223100101 1.1476504
```

```
# generate barchart for codon usage bias for e.coli and saprospirales
```

```
RCSU_matrix <-rbind(E.coli = e.coli_codon_usage_bias$freq, Saprospirales = saprospirales_codon_usage_bi
```

```
barplot(RCSU_matrix,
        beside = TRUE,
        names.arg = e.coli_codon_usage_bias$AA,
        legend.text = TRUE,
        ylab = "codon usage bias (RSCU)",
        xlab = "Codons",
        main = "Codon usage frequency usage comparison"
)
grid()
```

Codon usage frequency usage comparison



Step 6: Identifying over- and under- expressed k-mers of length 3-5

The k-mer frequencies of 3- 4- and 5- were calculated using `count()` function and the custom top k-markers function which sort the k-mer by frequency was used to extract the top 10 most over- and under- expressed k-mers in both organisms. Then, the common over- and under-expressed k-mers were checked using the `intersect` function and the unique k-mers were checked using `setdiff()` function. To check if the top over- and under-expressed k-mers in Saprospirales are also expressed to similar extent in E.coli, the raw k-mer counts from E.coli were taken, using 0 if the k-mer was absent. This included the frequency even if the k-mer was not over- or under-represented in E.coli. For each set of k-mers, the matrix was created and Saprospirales counts were taken from `top-kmers()` results. The `barplot()` function was used to create side-by-side bars for each k-mer. Using this function, separate bar plots were created for 3-, 4-, and 5-mers, and for over- and under-expressed k-mers for visual identification and comparison with that of E.coli.

When comparing the top over- and under-expressed k-mers in Saprospirales with E.coli, most k-mers were not represented to the same extent in E.coli. Some k-mers that are highly frequent in Saprospirales are rare in E.coli, and vice versa. This can be visually confirmed from the side-by-side barplots, where the heights of the bars of E.coli are often lower or higher than those for Saprospirales. This difference could be attributed to differences in codon usage as different organisms prefer certain codons, which affect amino acid triplet frequencies in proteins. The variation in GC content or overall amino acid composition can bias the presence of specific k-mers and certain k-mers may be high in one organism due to other selective pressures such as protein function and environmental adaptations.

```
# Calculate K-mer frequency in E. coli protein sequences
e.coli_prot_3_count <- count(e.coli_prot_unlist, wordsize = 3, alphabet = aa_alphabet)

e.coli_prot_4_count <- count(e.coli_prot_unlist, wordsize = 4, alphabet = aa_alphabet)

e.coli_prot_5_count <- count(e.coli_prot_unlist, wordsize = 5, alphabet = aa_alphabet)
```

```

# Calculate K-mer frequency in Saprospirales protein sequences
Saprospirales_prot_3_count <- count(saprospirales_prot_unlist, wordsize = 3, alphabet = aa_alphabet)
Saprospirales_prot_4_count <- count(saprospirales_prot_unlist, wordsize = 4, alphabet = aa_alphabet)
Saprospirales_prot_5_count <- count(saprospirales_prot_unlist, wordsize = 5, alphabet = aa_alphabet)

# create Function to get top N over- and under-represented k-mers
top_kmers <- function(kmer_counts, N = 10) {
  # Sort k-mers by frequency
  kmer_sorted <- sort(kmer_counts)
  # Get N least frequent (under-represented) k-mers
  under <- head(kmer_sorted[kmer_sorted > 0], N)

  # Get N most frequent (over-represented) k-mers
  over <- tail(kmer_sorted, N)

  list(over = over, under = under)
}

# Calculate the top over- and under-expressed k-mers
Saprospirales_3_mer <- top_kmers(Saprospirales_prot_3_count, N = 10)
Saprospirales_3_mer

```

```

## $over
##
## AAL LLS GLL LGL ALA LAA LAL ALL LLA LLL
## 925 951 963 964 976 993 1065 1127 1180 1659
##
## $under
##
## CMC CCM CWC WCQ CWM MCW MWC WCC WCY CCW
## 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 4

```

```

Saprospirales_4_mer <- top_kmers(Saprospirales_prot_4_count, N = 10)
Saprospirales_4_mer

```

```

## $over
##
## LLAL FLLL SLLL GLLL ALLL LLLS GGGG PNPA LLLA LLLL
## 121 123 124 128 131 133 136 161 176 241
##
## $under
##
## AAYM ACAH ACAM ACCE ACCG ACCK ACCV ACCW ACDC ACEF
## 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

```

```

Saprospirales_5_mer <- top_kmers(Saprospirales_prot_5_count, N = 10)
Saprospirales_5_mer

```

```

## $over
##
## FPNPA GGGGG PNPAS TVT VT TYTVT YPNPA LLLLL VTVTD YTVTV GTYTV
## 38 38 38 40 40 43 44 47 47 50
##
## $under
##

```



```
## AAAAC AAAAD AAACC AAACD AAACI AAACK AAACL AAACM AAACQ AAACY
##      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
```

```
e.coli_3_mer<- top_kmers(e.coli_prot_3_count, N = 10)
e.coli_3_mer
```

```
## $over
##
## TLL LAG AAA LAL AAL LLL LAA ALA ALL LLA
## 1102 1178 1338 1536 1594 1594 1601 1740 1744 1817
##
```

```
## $under
##
## CMY MWC WMC CMC CMW WCM WWC CHW CWW MCM
##      1      1      1      2      2      2      2      3      3      3
```

```
e.coli_4_mer <- top_kmers(e.coli_prot_4_count, N = 10)
e.coli_4_mer
```

```
## $over
##
## ALLA LALL LALA LLLA LLAA AALA LLLL LLAL ALAA LAAL
## 193 195 196 197 206 207 209 215 233 234
##
```

```
## $under
##
## AACW AAMW AAYW ACAW ACCC ACCD ACCN ACCP ACCR ACCY
##      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
```

```
e.coli_5_mer <- top_kmers(e.coli_prot_5_count, N = 10)
e.coli_5_mer
```

```
## $over
##
## LDEPT LAAAL LLLAL LLLLL LLLDE AALAA LLAAL SGSGK GSGKS GKSTL
##      33      34      34      34      35      37      37      37      42      58
##
```

```
## $under
##
## AAAAH AAAAY AAACD AAACF AAACQ AAACR AAACV AAACY AAADQ AAAEC
##      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
```

```
# Common over-expressed k-mers in both organisms
```

```
common_over_3 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_3_mer$over), names(e.coli_3_mer$over))
```

```
common_over_4 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_4_mer$over), names(e.coli_4_mer$over))
```

```
common_over_5 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_5_mer$over), names(e.coli_5_mer$over))
```

```
# Common under-expressed k-mers in both organisms
```

```
common_under_3 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_3_mer$under), names(e.coli_3_mer$under))
```

```
common_under_4 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_4_mer$under), names(e.coli_4_mer$under))
```

```
common_under_5 <- intersect(names(Saprospirales_5_mer$under), names(e.coli_5_mer$under))
```

```
# over-expressed k-mers in Saprospirales but not over expressed in E.coli
```

```
unique_over_3 <- setdiff(names(Saprospirales_3_mer$over), names(e.coli_3_mer$over))
```

```

unique_over_4 <- setdiff(names(Saprospirales_4_mer$over), names(e.coli_4_mer$over))

unique_over_5 <- setdiff(names(Saprospirales_5_mer$over), names(e.coli_5_mer$over))

# for overexpressed 3-mers

# Names of top over-expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_3mers <- names(Saprospirales_3_mer$over)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_3mers),
                        dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_3mers))

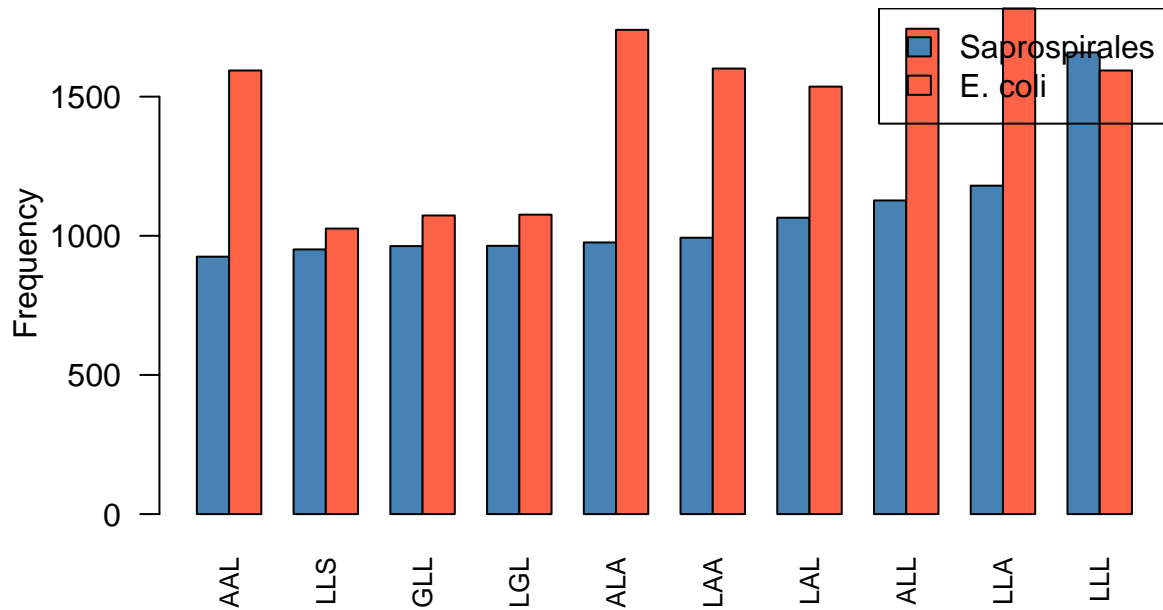
# Fill counts for Saprospirales
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_3_mer$over[sapro_3mers]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_3mers, function(k) {
  if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_3_count)){
    # k %in% names
    e.coli_prot_3_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
  } else {
    0
  }
})

barplot(compare_matrix,
        beside = TRUE, # side-by-side bars
        col = c("steelblue", "tomato"), # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
        las = 2, # rotate x-axis labels
        main = "Top Over-Expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
        ylab = "Frequency",
        cex.names = 0.8)
legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Over-Expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



```
# for overexpressed 4-mers

# Names of top over-expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_4mers <- names(Saprospirales_4_mer$over)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_4mers),
                        dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_4mers))

# Fill counts for Saprospirales
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_4_mer$over[sapro_4mers]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_4mers, function(k) {
  if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_4_count)){
    e.coli_prot_4_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
  } else {
    0
  }
})

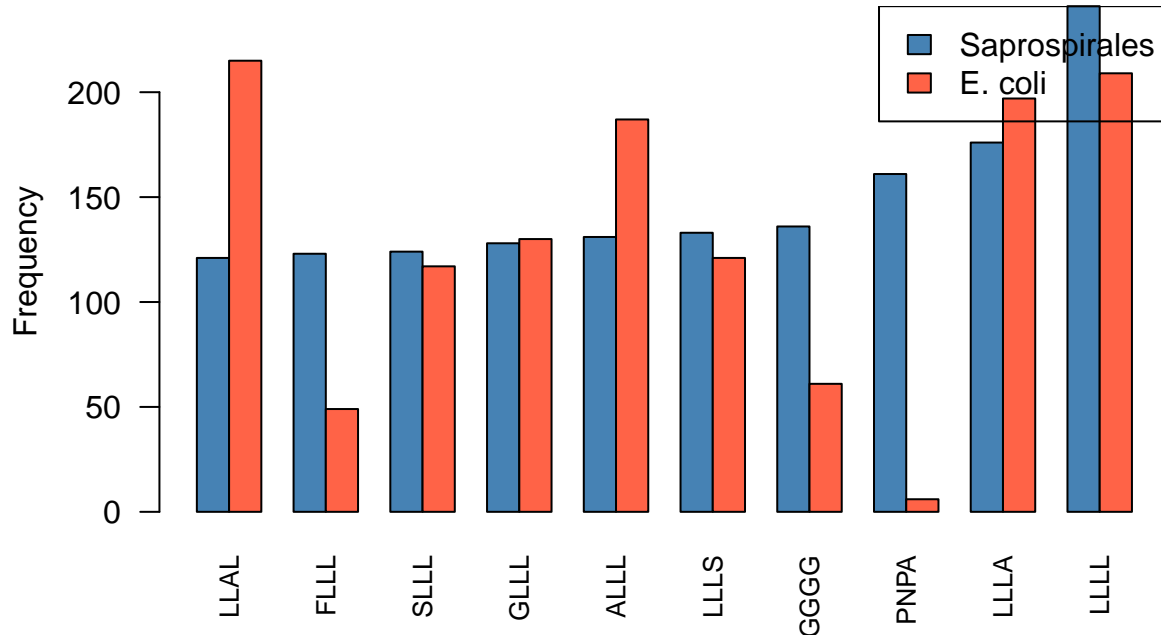
barplot(compare_matrix,
        beside = TRUE, # side-by-side bars
        col = c("steelblue", "tomato"), # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
        las = 2, # rotate x-axis labels
        main = "Top Over-Expressed 4-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
```

```

ylab = "Frequency",
cex.names = 0.8)
legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Over-Expressed 4-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



```

# for overexpressed 5-mers in Saprospirales

# Names of top over-expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_5mers <- names(Saprospirales_5_mer$over)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_5mers),
                        dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_5mers))

# Fill counts for Saprospirales
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_5_mer$over[sapro_5mers]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_5mers, function(k) {
  if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_5_count)){
    e.coli_prot_5_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
  } else {
    0
  }
})

barplot(compare_matrix,

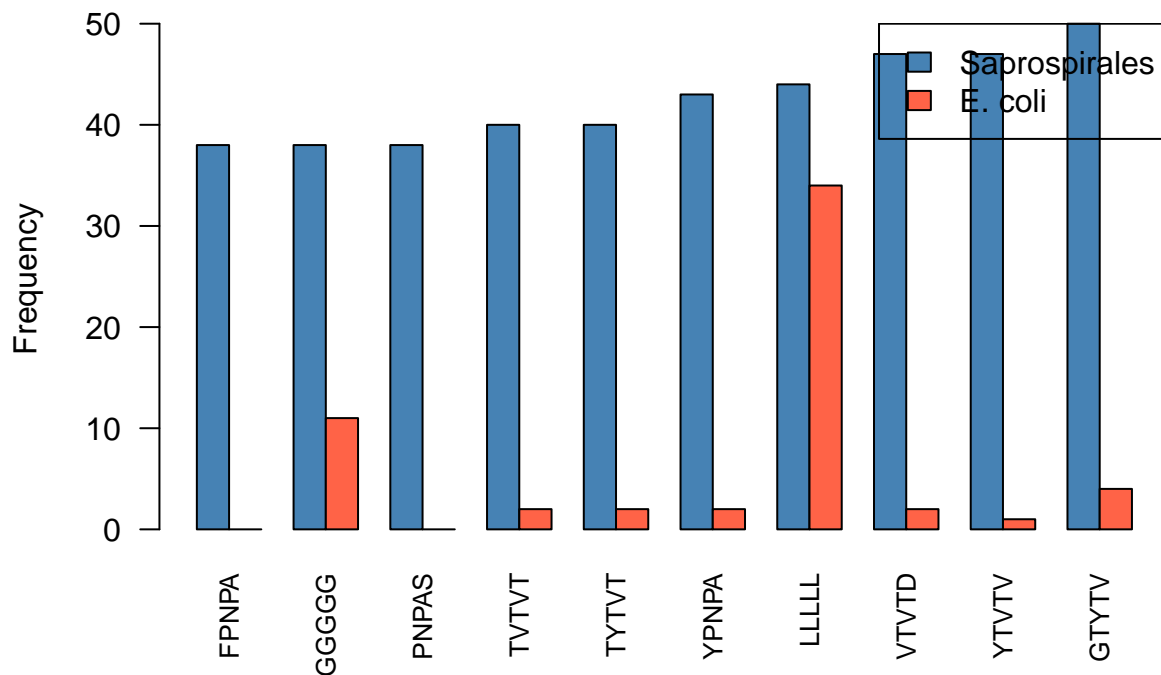
```

```

beside = TRUE,                      # side-by-side bars
col = c("steelblue", "tomato"),    # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
las = 2,                          # rotate x-axis labels
main = "Top Over-Expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
ylab = "Frequency",
cex.names = 0.8)
legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Over-Expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



```

# For under-expressed 3-mer genes of Saprospirales

# Names of top under-expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_3mers_under <- names(Saprospirales_3_mer$under)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_3mers_under),
                        dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_3mers_under))

# Fill counts for Saprospirales
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_3_mer$under[sapro_3mers_under]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_3mers_under, function(k) {
  if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_3_count)){
    e.coli_prot_3_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
  } else {
    0
  }
})

```

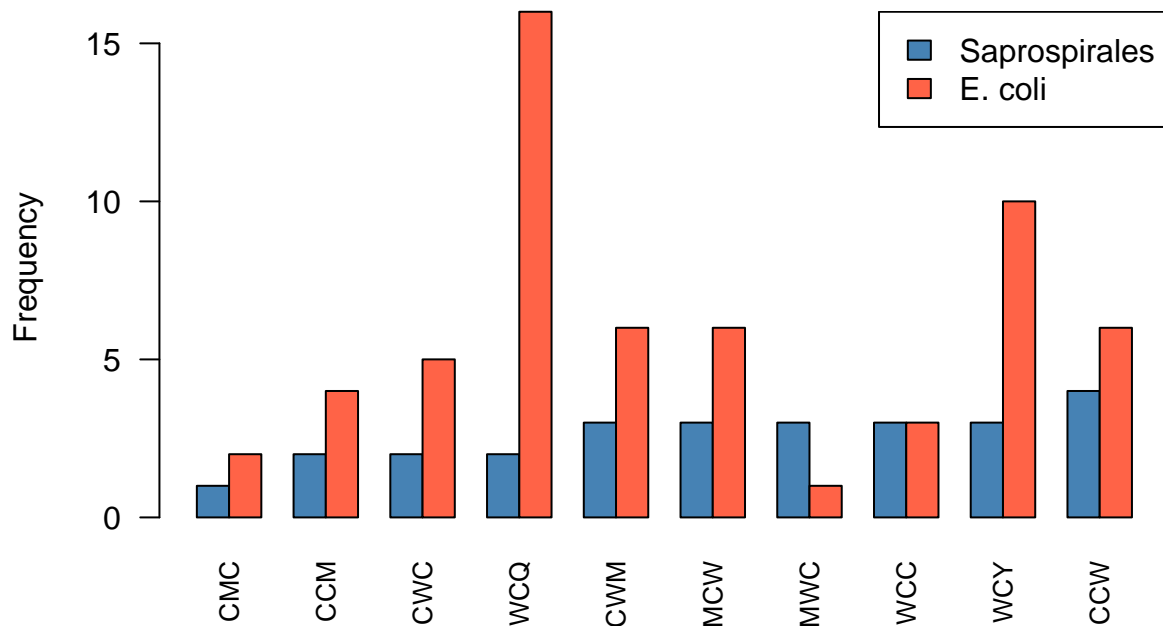
```

}
})

barplot(compare_matrix,
        beside = TRUE,                # side-by-side bars
        col = c("steelblue", "tomato"), # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
        las = 2,                      # rotate x-axis labels
        main = "Top Under-Expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
        ylab = "Frequency",
        cex.names = 0.8)
legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Under-Expressed 3-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



```

# For under-expressed 4-mer genes of Saprospirales

# Names of top under-expressed 4-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_4mers_under <- names(Saprospirales_4_mer$under)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_4mers_under),
                        dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_4mers_under))

# Fill counts for Saprospirales
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_4_mer$under[sapro_4mers_under]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_4mers_under, function(k) {

```

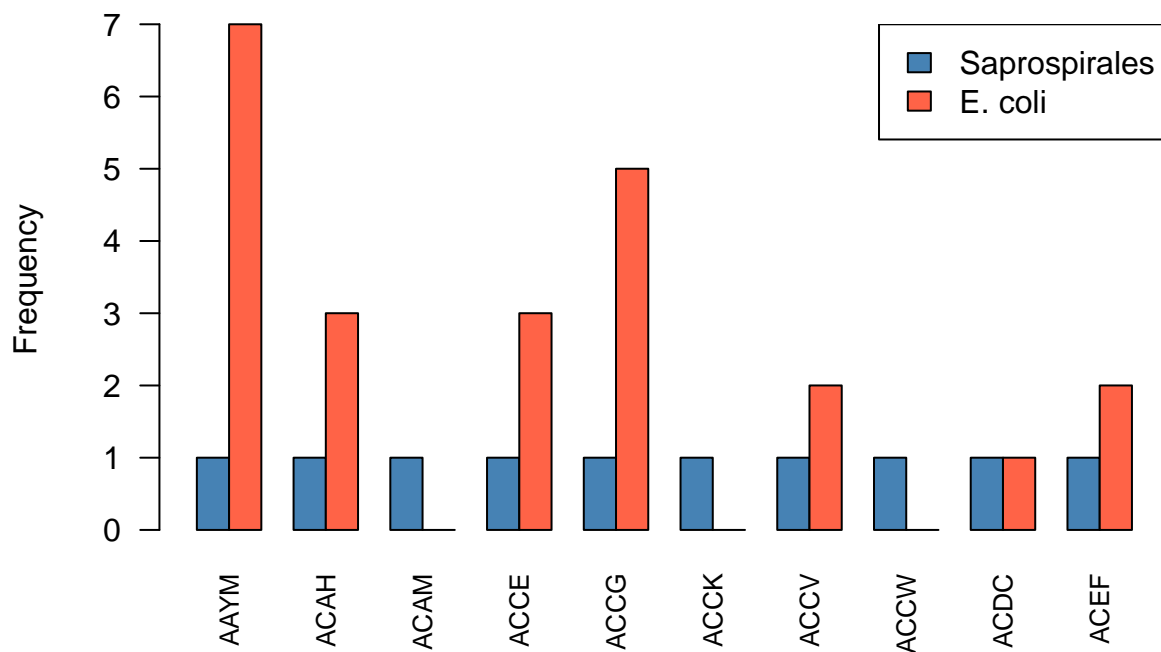
```

if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_4_count)){
  e.coli_prot_4_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
} else {
  0
}
})

barplot(compare_matrix,
  beside = TRUE, # side-by-side bars
  col = c("steelblue", "tomato"), # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
  las = 2, # rotate x-axis labels
  main = "Top Under-Expressed 4-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
  ylab = "Frequency",
  cex.names = 0.8)
legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Under-Expressed 4-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



```

# For under-expressed 5-mer genes of Saprospirales

# Names of top under-expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales
sapro_5mers_under <- names(Saprospirales_5_mer$under)

# Initialize matrix: rows = organisms, columns = k-mers
compare_matrix <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = length(sapro_5mers_under),
  dimnames = list(c("Saprospirales", "E.coli"), sapro_5mers_under))

# Fill counts for Saprospirales

```

```

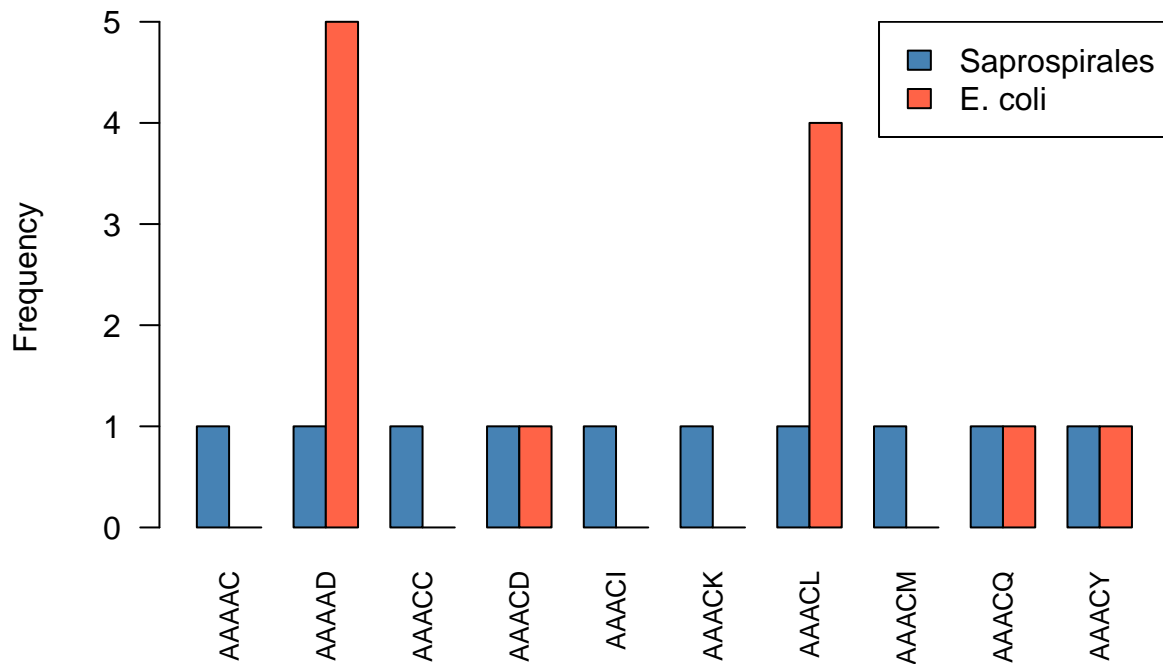
compare_matrix["Saprospirales", ] <- Saprospirales_5_mer$under[sapro_5mers_under]

# Fill counts for E. coli: take counts if present, otherwise 0
compare_matrix["E.coli", ] <- sapply(sapro_5mers_under, function(k) {
  if(k %in% names(e.coli_prot_5_count)){
    e.coli_prot_5_count[k] # use the raw count from E. coli
  } else {
    0
  }
})

barplot(compare_matrix,
  beside = TRUE, # side-by-side bars
  col = c("steelblue", "tomato"), # Sapro = blue, E. coli = red
  las = 2, # rotate x-axis labels
  main = "Top Under-Expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli",
  ylab = "Frequency",
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legend("topright", legend = c("Saprospirales", "E. coli"), fill = c("steelblue", "tomato"))

```

Top Under-Expressed 5-mers in Saprospirales vs Counts in E. coli



The chatgpt was used to find the error in the code and to find the suitable codes when required.