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Gene ontology and pathway analysis

Finally, let's try some simple gene ontology (GO) and pathway analysis. There are quite a few BioConductor packages for this (as you will find if you spend a few minutes browsing http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.12/bioc/ (http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.12/bioc/) but we will take a brief look at one of those, topGO.

Start by installing the two packages in the usual BioConductor way.

topGO

topGO is a Gene Ontology enrichment analysis package. It needs us to provide a list of all the genes we have analyzed, and a measure of their significance in the DE analysis. We will use the adjusted p value, padj, for this.

```
library(topGO)
all <- res$padj
names(all) <- rownames(res)
all <- na.omit(all)</pre>
```

Then we can create a topGOdata object which we can then manipulate in different ways. You can choose between looking at CC (cellular component), MF (molecular function) or BP (biological process).

```
GOdata <- new("topGOdata",ontology = "CC", allGenes = all, geneSel=function(p) p < 0.01, description = "ProstateDEGenes", annot=annFUN.org, mapping="org.Hs.eg.db", ID="Ensembl")
```

Then we can perform a test to assess significant overrepresentation of genes in GO categories:

```
resultFisher <- runTest(GOdata, algorithm = "classic", statistic = "fisher")</pre>
```

The results can be displayed in a table:

```
GenTable(GOdata, classicFisher = resultFisher, topNodes = 10)
```

If we want to get fancy, we can also plot the results as a nice graph, but we need to install another package for that:

```
biocLite('Rgraphviz')
library(Rgraphviz)
showSigOfNodes(GOdata, score(resultFisher),firstSigNodes=5,useInfo='all')
```

QUESTION 3 (1/1 point)

What theme do the most enriched GO terms relate to?

- Nucleic acids (e g DNA and RNA)
- Physical components (e g membranes, organelles and extracellular matrix)
- Processes such as cell division or differentiation





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