RNA-seq analysis: SLBP (EDA)

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This R Markdown document contains a walk-through for performing exploratory data analysis of pooled (single-end) RNA-seq on single *D.melanogaster* histone overexpression mutant embryos caused by a knockdown of *Slbp* (Stem loop binding protein) gene and corresponding wild-type/ control. Raw transcript count data obtained by mapping to a reference transcriptome using Salmon (slurm/bash scripts calling the relevant functions to preprocess and map are in another repository).

This document includes

- Importing and Normalizing the RNA-seq count data via DESeq2 and rlog transformation Visualizing sample similarity based on Euclidean distance and Principal components analysis (PCA) custom plotting/visualization in base R,ggplot2 and pheatmap
- "Desktop/RNAseq_output/" has been used as a local directory for this project, but that can be changed to any desired local or cloud based directory.

```
# Libraries for RNA-seq count data analysis
library(tximport)
library(DESeq2)

# Libraries for data handling and visualization
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(pheatmap)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(genefilter)
library(dendsort)
library(reshape2)

#Libraries for database
library(TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm6.ensGene)
library(org.Dm.eg.db)
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Loading Gene annotation datasets transcript to gene ID to gene name mappings. This can also be obtained from an organism specific database (in this case http://flybase.org/) or can be imported from org.db (in this case org,Dm.eg.db obtained from Bioconductor)

```
setwd("~/Desktop/RNAseq_output/Abo_Wt_StagedNC_flybase_transcriptome/")
ttg.slbp <- read.table("scripts_samples_ttg/flybase_transcript_to_gene.txt", h=T)
head(ttg.slbp)</pre>
```

```
## txId Gene
## 1 FBtr0081624 dmel_7SLRNA:CR32864
## 2 FBtr0100521 dmel_a
## 3 FBtr0071764 dmel_a
## 4 FBtr0342981 dmel_a
## 5 FBtr0071763 dmel_a
## 6 FBtr0083388 dmel_abd-A
```

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fbgn.gene.conv <- read.table("scripts_samples_ttg/flybase_fbgn_to_gene.tsv", h=T)
head(fbgn.gene.conv)
##
         geneId
                         Gene
## 1 FBgn0262029
                      dmel d
## 2 FBgn0052532 dmel_CG32532
## 3 FBgn0023536
                 dmel_CG3156
## 4 FBgn0029718 dmel_mRpL30
## 5 FBgn0031101 dmel_CG1631
## 6 FBgn0030952 dmel_CG12609
Exploratory Analysis
setwd("~/Desktop/RNAseq_output/Abo_Wt_StagedNC_flybase_transcriptome/data/SLBP/main/")
# Reading in the sample information file
sample.slbp.all <- read.csv("salmon_data_slbp_main_pilot_inc/samples_slbp_wt_main_pilot_inc.csv",h=T)</pre>
str(sample.slbp.all)
## 'data.frame':
                   28 obs. of 7 variables:
## $ Sample
                   : Factor w/ 28 levels "SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2",..: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ Genotype
                  : Factor w/ 2 levels "SLBP", "WT": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                  : Factor w/ 5 levels "NCO_Pre9", "NC13",...: 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 ....
## $ Cycle
## $ Replicate
                  : Factor w/ 6 levels "R1", "R2", "R3", ...: 1 2 3 4 5 1 1 2 2 3 ....
## $ Gen_Rep
                  : Factor w/ 25 levels "SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1",..: 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 7 8 ...
## $ Gen_Rep_Batch: Factor w/ 28 levels "SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2",..: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
                  : Factor w/ 5 levels "SLBP_NCO_Pre9",..: 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Gen_Cyc
head(sample.slbp.all)
##
                                                              Gen_Rep
                 Sample Genotype
                                    Cycle Replicate
## 1 SLBP NCO Pre9 R1 B2
                            SLBP NCO Pre9
                                                 R1 SLBP NCO Pre9 R1
## 2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2_B2
                            SLBP NCO_Pre9
                                                 R2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2
## 3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3_B2
                            SLBP NCO_Pre9
                                                 R3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3
## 4 SLBP NCO Pre9 R4 B2
                            SLBP NCO Pre9
                                                 R4 SLBP NCO Pre9 R4
## 5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5_B2
                            SLBP NCO Pre9
                                                 R5 SLBP NCO Pre9 R5
                            SLBP
                                                        SLBP_NC13_R1
## 6
        SLBP_NC13_R1_B1
                                      NC13
                                                 R1
          Gen_Rep_Batch
                               Gen_Cyc
## 1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## 2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## 3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## 4 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## 5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## 6
         SLBP_NC13_R1_B1
                            SLBP_NC13
levels(sample.slbp.all$Gen Cyc)
## [1] "SLBP_NCO_Pre9" "SLBP_NC13"
                                       "WT_NCO_Pre9"
                                                       "WT NC13"
## [5] "WT_NC14"
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```
sample.slbp.all$Gen_Cyc <- relevel(sample.slbp.all$Gen_Cyc, ref="WT_NCO_Pre9")</pre>
# Ordering the dataset such that WT_NCO_Pre9
# i.e. the most initial developmental stages is the reference for all comparisons
# Reading in the raw count matrix files and coverting it into a DESeg object
files.slbp.all <- file.path("salmon_data_slbp_main_pilot_inc",</pre>
                             sample.slbp.all$Sample, "quant.sf")
names(files.slbp.all) <- paste0("Sample", 1:28)</pre>
all(file.exists(files.slbp.all))
## [1] TRUE
txi.slbp.all <- tximport(files.slbp.all, type = "salmon", tx2gene = ttg.slbp)</pre>
## reading in files with read tsv
## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
## summarizing abundance
## summarizing counts
## summarizing length
names(txi.slbp.all)
## [1] "abundance"
                              "counts"
                                                     "length"
## [4] "countsFromAbundance"
rownames(sample.slbp.all) <- colnames(txi.slbp.all$counts)</pre>
ddsTxi.slbp.all <- DESeqDataSetFromTximport(txi.slbp.all,</pre>
                                              colData = sample.slbp.all,
                                              design = ~ Gen_Cyc)
## using counts and average transcript lengths from tximport
# The design here is Gen Cyc == Genotype*Cycle == Genotype + Cycle + Genotype:Cycle
# main and interaction effects of Genotype and Cell cycle
```

There are a couple of other manipulations that can be performed before performing the actual analysis - The same libraries were sequenced on multiple lanes. These form technical replicates and can be combined into the appropriate biological replicate by summing the counts, using the collapseReplicates() function - The genes that have not received any reads or say below a threshold level of counts can be eliminated before analysis

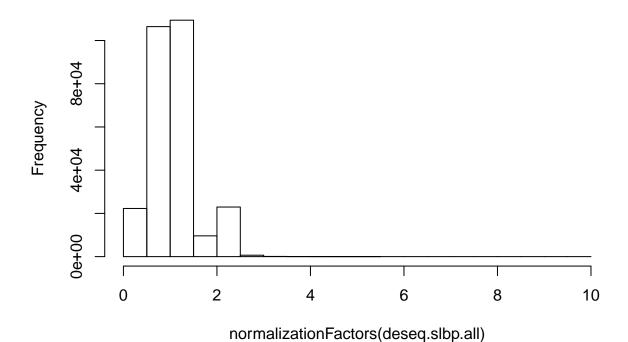
```
## DataFrame with 25 rows and 8 columns
##
                                 Sample Genotype
                                                     Cycle Replicate
##
                                <factor> <factor> <factor>
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2
                                             SLBP NCO_Pre9
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2_B2
                                             SLBP NCO Pre9
## SLBP NCO Pre9 R3 SLBP NCO Pre9 R3 B2
                                             SLBP NCO Pre9
                                                                  R3
## SLBP NCO Pre9 R4 SLBP NCO Pre9 R4 B2
                                             SLBP NCO Pre9
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5_B2
                                             SLBP NCO Pre9
                                                                  R5
## ...
                                              . . .
                                                      . . .
                                                                  . . .
## WT_NC14_R1
                          WT_NC14_R1_B2
                                               WT
                                                      NC14
                                                                  R1
## WT_NC14_R2
                          WT_NC14_R2_B2
                                               WT
                                                      NC14
                                                                  R2
                                               WT
## WT_NC14_R3
                          WT_NC14_R3_B2
                                                      NC14
                                                                  RЗ
                          WT_NC14_R4_B2
## WT_NC14_R4
                                               WT
                                                      NC14
                                                                  R.4
                                                      NC15
## WT_NC14_R5
                          WT_NC14_R5_B2
                                               WT
                                                                  R5
##
                             Gen_Rep
                                            Gen_Rep_Batch
                                                                Gen_Cyc
##
                             <factor>
                                                 <factor>
                                                                <factor>
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## SLBP NCO Pre9 R2 SLBP NCO Pre9 R2 SLBP NCO Pre9 R2 B2 SLBP NCO Pre9
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5_B2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9
## ...
## WT_NC14_R1
                          WT_NC14_R1
                                            WT NC14 R1 B2
                                                                WT_NC14
## WT NC14 R2
                          WT NC14 R2
                                            WT NC14 R2 B2
                                                                WT NC14
## WT NC14 R3
                          WT_NC14_R3
                                            WT_NC14_R3_B2
                                                                WT NC14
## WT NC14 R4
                          WT_NC14_R4
                                            WT_NC14_R4_B2
                                                                WT_NC14
## WT_NC14_R5
                          WT_NC14_R5
                                            WT_NC14_R5_B2
                                                                WT_NC14
##
                          runsCollapsed
##
                            <character>
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1_B2
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2_B2
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R3_B2
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R4_B2
## SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R5_B2
## ...
                          WT_NC14_R1_B2
## WT NC14 R1
## WT NC14 R2
                          WT NC14 R2 B2
## WT_NC14_R3
                          WT_NC14_R3_B2
## WT NC14 R4
                          WT NC14 R4 B2
## WT_NC14_R5
                          WT_NC14_R5_B2
# Retaining a gene if it has over 1 reads in 2 or more samples
# This is a very permissive threshold to eliminate any unintentional filtration bias
ddsColl.slbp.all
## class: DESeqDataSet
## dim: 13728 25
## metadata(1): version
## assays(2): counts avgTxLength
## rownames(13728): dmel_1-Dec dmel_1-Sep ... dmel_zye dmel_Zyx
## rowData names(0):
## colnames(25): SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2 ... WT_NC14_R4
     WT_NC14_R5
```

colData names(8): Sample Genotype ... Gen_Cyc runsCollapsed

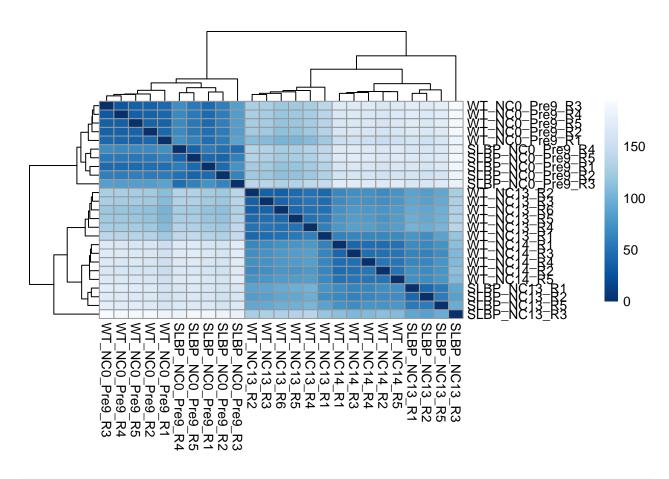
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keep.slbp.all <- rowSums(counts(ddsColl.slbp.all) >1) >= 2
ddsColl.keep.slbp.all <- ddsColl.slbp.all[keep.slbp.all,]</pre>
ddsColl.keep.slbp.all # 10860 genes
## class: DESeqDataSet
## dim: 10860 25
## metadata(1): version
## assays(2): counts avgTxLength
## rownames(10860): dmel_1-Dec dmel_1-Sep ... dmel_zye dmel_Zyx
## rowData names(0):
## colnames(25): SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R1 SLBP_NCO_Pre9_R2 ... WT_NC14_R4
## WT_NC14_R5
## colData names(8): Sample Genotype ... Gen_Cyc runsCollapsed
Perform the DESeq2 normalization followed by
- regularized log transformation
- similarity between samples based on Euclidean distance
- principal components analysis (PCA)
deseq.slbp.all <- DESeq(ddsColl.keep.slbp.all)</pre>
## estimating size factors
## using 'avgTxLength' from assays(dds), correcting for library size
## estimating dispersions
## gene-wise dispersion estimates
## mean-dispersion relationship
## final dispersion estimates
## fitting model and testing
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hist(normalizationFactors(deseq.slbp.all))

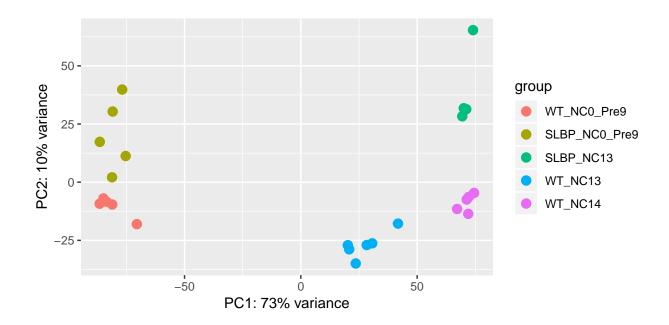
Histogram of normalizationFactors(deseq.slbp.all)



histogram of normalization factors typically distributed with a mean/ median ~1.0 rld.slbp.all <- rlog(deseq.slbp.all, blind=T)</pre> sampleDists.slbp.all <- dist(t(assay(rld.slbp.all)))</pre> hm.mat.slbp.all <- as.matrix(sampleDists.slbp.all)</pre> colors <- colorRampPalette(rev(brewer.pal(9, "Blues")))(255)</pre> # heirarchical clustering of the sample distances hm.col.clust.slbp.all <- hclust(dist(t(hm.mat.slbp.all)))</pre> sort.hclust <- function(...) as.hclust(dendsort(as.dendrogram(...)))</pre> hm.col.clust.slbp.all <- sort.hclust(hclust(dist(t(hm.mat.slbp.all))))</pre> hm.row.clust.slbp.all <- sort.hclust(hclust(dist(hm.mat.slbp.all)))</pre> #visualizing the clustered sample distances pheatmap(= hm.mat.slbp.all, mat color = colors, cluster_cols = hm.col.clust.slbp.all, = hm.row.clust.slbp.all, cluster_rows show_rownames)



#plotting PCA
plotPCA(rld.slbp.all, intgroup=c("Gen_Cyc"), ntop=5000)



The Euclidean distance based similarity of expression data for WT and Slbp embryos at different time-points demonstrate that replicates are more similar to each other than they are to other genotypes and/ or timepoints

Principal Components Analysis of Slbp and WT expression data also shows that global transcriptomic profile is shifted in Slbp NC13 as compared WT NC13 and is more similar to WT NC14 indicating that the onset of transcription is advanced in Slbp embryos