



# **Course Project Report**

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#### INTRODUCTION

To conduct a study to analyze gene expression (GE) data for the cancer type lung Squamous Cell Carcinoma (LUSC). We need to define some terms regarding the hypothesis test for our project.

- •Null hypothesis (H0): A hypothesis associated with a contradiction to the theory that cancer tissues affect expression of the genes.
- •Alternative hypothesis (H1): A hypothesis associated with the theory that cancer tissues affect expression of the genes which we would like to prove.
- •Region of acceptance: The set of values of the test statistic for which we fail to reject the null hypothesis.
- •Region of rejection / Critical region: The set of values of the test statistic for which the null hypothesis is rejected.
- •Critical value: The threshold value delimiting the regions of acceptance and rejection for the test statistic.

Significance level of a test ( $\alpha$ ): The significance level, also denoted as alpha or  $\alpha$ , is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when it is true. For example, a significance level of 0.05 indicates a 5% risk of concluding that a difference exists when there is no actual difference.

- •p-value: The probability, assuming the null hypothesis is true, of observing a result at least as extreme as the test statistic. In case of a composite null hypothesis, the worst case probability.
- •Paired t-test: used when the same item or group is tested twice for healthy and cancerous sample from the same subject.

We will be conducting the study based on those measures to determine the significance in differentially expressed genes (DEGs).

### **Methods:**

1) Reading the two txt files for the GE data for this cancer type.

```
import pandas as pd
healthy = pd.read_csv('data/lusc-rsem-fpkm-tcga_paired.txt', sep='\t')
cancer = pd.read_csv('data/lusc-rsem-fpkm-tcga-t_paired.txt', sep='\t')
pd.options.display.max_columns = None
```

2) Filtering the two tables and delete all rows which have 50% of these columns are zeros.

```
#the table of healthy after filtration
h1=healthy[healthy.astype('bool').mean(axis=1)>=0.50]
h1

#the table of cancer after filteration
c1=cancer[cancer.astype('bool').mean(axis=1)>=0.50]
c1
```

3) Dropping the distinct genes between two tables and getting the filtered tables.

```
#the final table of healthy after filtration and dropping the different genes(h2)
s1 = pd.merge(h1, c1, how='inner', on=['Hugo_Symbol'])
h2=s1.iloc[:, : 52]
h2
```

```
#the final table of cancer after filtration and dropping the different genes(c2)
x=s1[['Hugo_Symbol']]
c2=s1.iloc[:,52 : 103]
c2.insert(0, 'Hugo_Symbol', x)
c2
```

- 4) Correlation between the normal samples and the diseased samples for each gene:
  - 1- Computing correlation between two samples using pearson correlation:

```
#Computing correlation between two tables using pearson correlation:
from scipy.stats import pearsonr
u_list = []
r_list = []
name=h2['Hugo_Symbol']
i = 0
while i < 17391:
    Gi_h = h2.iloc[i, 2:]
    Gi_c = c2.iloc[i, 2:]
    r, _ = pearsonr(Gi_h, Gi_c)
    u = ['G' + str(i)]
    u_list.append(str(u))
    r_list.append(r))
    i += 1

cc= pd.DataFrame({'Gene_name': u_list,'Hugo_symbol':name,'Entrez_Gene_Id':Id, 'cc': r_list})
cc</pre>
```

2- Ranking genes based on their correlation coefficient (CC):

```
#Rank genes based on their correlation coefficient (CC)
cc['cc_Rank'] = cc['cc'].rank(ascending = 0)
cc = cc.set_index('cc_Rank')
cc = cc.sort_index()
cc
```

3- Reporting the highest positive CC and the lowest negative CC:

```
# The gene which has highest positive CC
cc_max = cc.iloc[0, :]
cc_max
```

```
# The gene which has lowest negative CC cc_min = cc.iloc[17390, :] cc_min
```

4- Plotting the expression levels of the above two genes:

```
#Plotting the expression levels of the above two genes:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Picking high positive from healthy set
Gp h = h2.iloc[10863, 2:]
# Picking high positive from cancer set
Gp c = c2.iloc[10863, 2:]
# Picking low negative from healthy set
Gn h = h2.iloc[13015, 2:]
# Picking low negative from cancer set
Gn c = c2.iloc[13015, 2:]
plt.figure(1)
plt.scatter(Gp_h,Gp_c, color='blue')
plt.title('high positive correlation')
plt.xlabel("healthy")
plt.ylabel('cancer')
plt.show()
plt.figure(2)
plt.scatter(Gn_h,Gn_c, color='red')
plt.title(' low negative correlation')
plt.xlabel("healthy")
plt.ylabel('cancer')
plt.show()
```

### 5) Doing hypothesis testing:

1-getting pvalues for all genes for paired and independent samples:

```
#the appropriate test statistic: (pvalues for paired and independent)
from scipy.stats import ttest rel
from scipy.stats import ttest_ind
name=h2['Hugo Symbol']
Id=h2['Entrez Gene Id x']
n list=[]
p_valpaired_list=[]
p_valindep_list=[]
i = 0
while i < 17391:
   Gi_h = h2.iloc[i, 2:]
   Gic = c2.iloc[i, 2:]
   p valpaired = ttest rel(Gi h,Gi c).pvalue
   p_valindep = ttest_ind(Gi_h,Gi_c).pvalue
   n=['G' + str(i)]
   n list.append(n)
   p valpaired list.append(p valpaired)
   p valindep list.append((p valindep))
    i += 1
```

```
# 2.Samples are independent:

Dataindependent = pd.DataFrame({'Gene_name': n_list ,'Hugo_symbol':name,'Entrez_Gene_Id':Id , 'pvalue-independent': p_value-independent': p_value-independent

d
```

## 2- The FDR multiple tests correction method for paired samples:

```
#The FDR multiple tests correction method for paired samples:

from statsmodels.stats.multitest import multipletests

import numpy as np

corrected_p_values1 = multipletests(p_valpaired_list, alpha=0.05, method='fdr_bh')[1]

significance_genes1 =pd.DataFrame({'Gene_name': n_list ,'Hugo_symbol':name,'Entrez_Gene_Id':Id ,'pvalue_paired': p_valpasignificance_genes1
```

```
significance_genes1['significance:p_value'] = significance_genes1['pvalue_paired'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
significance_genes1['significance:p_value_fdr'] = significance_genes1['pval_paired_fdr'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
significance_genes1</pre>
```

### Comparing pvalues with Significance level of a test (α)

```
# significant genes after fdr correction for paired samples:

diffrentially_genes1 = significance_genes1[significance_genes1['significance:p_value_fdr']== True]

diffrentially_genes1
```

### 3- Getting significant genes for paired after fdr correction:

### 4- The FDR multiple tests correction method for independent samples:

```
#The FDR multiple tests correction method for independent samples:
corrected_p_values2 = multipletests(p_valindep_list, alpha=0.05, method='fdr_bh')[1]
significance_genes2 =pd.DataFrame({'Gene_name': n_list ,'Hugo_symbol':name,'Entrez_Gene_Id':Id ,'pvalue_independent': p_significance_genes2
```

### Comparing pvalues with Significance level of a test (a)

```
significance_genes2['significance:p_value'] = significance_genes2['pvalue_independent'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
significance_genes2['significance:p_value_fdr'] = significance_genes2['pval_independent_fdr'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
significance_genes2</pre>
```

## 5- Getting significant genes for independent after fdr correction:

```
# significant genes after fdr correction for independent samples:
diffrentially_genes2 = significance_genes2[significance_genes2['significance:p_value_fdr'] == True]
diffrentially_genes2
```

# 6- Getting the common genes between the two DEGs sets (paired and independent) after the FDR correction:

```
#the common genes between the two DEGs sets (paired and independent) after the FDR correction:
s = pd.merge(diffrentially_genes1, diffrentially_genes2, how='inner', on=['Hugo_symbol'])
common=s[['Gene_name_x','Hugo_symbol','Entrez_Gene_Id_x']]
common
```

## 7- Getting the distinct between the two tables after the FDR correction:

```
#the distinct genes in the paired table and not in the independent table after the FDR correction:
d1 = diffrentially_genes1[~(diffrentially_genes1['Hugo_symbol'].isin(diffrentially_genes2['Hugo_symbol']))].reset_index
d1
```

```
#the distinct genes in the independent table and not in the paired table after the FDR correction:

d2 = diffrentially_genes2[~(diffrentially_genes2['Hugo_symbol'].isin(diffrentially_genes1['Hugo_symbol']))].reset_index
d2
```

### Software packages which we use:

- NumPy and pandas
- scipy.stats.pearsonr
- scipy.stats.ttest\_ind
- scipy.stats.ttest\_rel

### •statsmodels.stats.multitest.multipletests

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### 1) filtration tables:

- -Before filtering tables, we had two tables that each had 19648 rows x 52 columns.
- -But now after filtering tables, the number of rows decreased and we have the healthy table with 17726 rows x 52 columns and the cancer table with 17825 rows x 52 columns.
- -Then, we selected the common rows between two tables and became 17391 rows x 52 columns.
- -Now, our tables are h2 and c2.

### 2) Correlation:

- We computed the correlation between the normal samples and the diseased samples for each gene and ranked genes based on their correlation coefficient (CC).

	Gene_name	Hugo_symbol	Entrez_Gene_Id	сс
cc_Rank				
1.0	['G10863']	AREGB	374	0.969044
2.0	['G5395']	OR7D2	162998	0.930574
3.0	['G13459']	GUCA1A	2978	0.878029
4.0	['G6606']	MTRNR2L2	100462981	0.847577
5.0	['G17041']	NUTM2E	0	0.826948
17387.0	['G3816']	S100A6	6277	0.402969-
17388.0	['G12407']	VPRBP	9730	0.416206-
17389.0	['G11429']	ZFYVE20	64145	0.418618-
17390.0	['G13610']	PTPRJ	5795	0.424345-
17391.0	['G13015']	FAM222B	55731	0.452807-

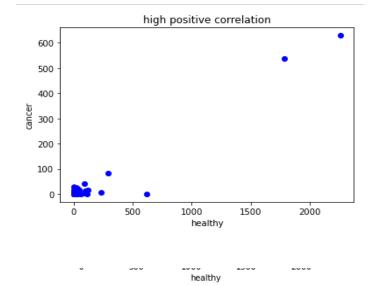
rows × 4 columns 17391

-From this table it is clear that the gene which has highest positive CC is (AREGB) and the gene which has lowest negative

Gene name	['G10863']	CC is	Gene_name	['G13015']
- Hugo symbol	AREGB	(FAM222B).	Hugo_symbol	FAM222B
Entrez Gene Id	374		Entrez_Gene_Id	55731
cc	0.969044		cc	-0.452807
Name: 1.0, dtype	: object		Name: 17391.0, d	dtype: object

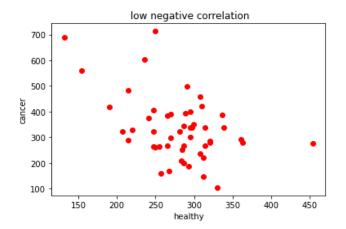
- **-And we** Ploted the expression levels of these two genes:
- 1- The gene of the highest positive CC:

That ratio indicates the amount of variation between the same gene in the two samples: the healthy and the cancer one. This gene has the highest positive correlation coefficient which is equal 0.9690441442970705. This gene is AREGB.



### 2- The gene of the lowest negative CC:

That ratio indicates the amount of variation between the same gene in the two samples: the healthy and the cancer one. This gene has the lowest negative correlation coefficient which is equal -0.45280727852470826. This gene is FAM222B.

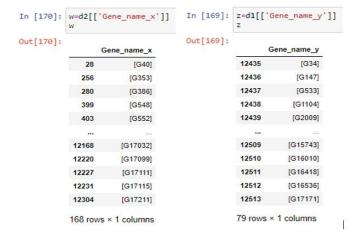


### 3) Hypothesis Testing:

After getting the p-values for each paired and independent test which reject the null hypothesis i.e. alpha < 0.05 and applying the FDR correction, we can clearly see the number of rows for the paired test decreased from 17391 to 12346 rows and the number of rows for the independent test decreased from 17391 to 12346 rows.

```
In [12]: significance_genes1['significance:p_value'] = significance_genes1['pvalue_paired'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
significance_genes1['significance:p_value_fdr'] = significance_genes1['pval_paired_fdr'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)</pre>
             diffrentially_genes1 = significance_genes1[significance_genes1['significance:p_value_fdr']== True]
             diffrentially genes1
 Out[12]:
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             12435 rows × 7 columns
In [40]:
           significance_genes2['significance:p_value'] = significance_genes2['pvalue_independent'].apply(lambda x: x < 0.05)
           significance_genes2['significance:p_value_fdr'] = significance_genes2['pval_independent_fdr'].apply(lambda x: x <
           diffrentially_genes2 = significance_genes2[significance_genes2['significance:p_value_fdr']== True]
           diffrentially_genes2
Out[40]:
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                0
                          [G0]
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           12346 rows × 7 columns
```

Also, getting the common and distinct genes as the common number was the less between the two which is 12267 and the distinct number of rows were 168 and 79



### I. CONCLUSION

II. Calculating the number of DEGs after the FDR multiple test correction method in the paired and independent t-test we can see the number of genes which reject the proposed null hypothesis i.e. the genes expression level does not differ from one condition (healthy) to another (diseased).

### III. CONTRIBUTIONS

- Aya Abdallah: reading and importing the .txt file, finding distinct and common genes.
- Aya Abdulrazzaq: independent and paired t-test and FDR correction.
- Shorouq Osama: correlation coefficients ranking and plotting.
- Walaa Salah: Filtering, preparing the healthy and cancer rows, paired t-test and FDR correction.