

Differential Gene Expression 3 – quantifying differences with Bioconductor

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- Bioconductor: a comprehensive 'R' package for expression and genome analysis
 - Obtaining/installing
 - Datasets
 - Vignettes
 - Major packages (affy, edgeR)
- Using Bioconductor/EdgeR for RNAseq
 - reading in data (what to look for)
 - removing genes with low/no signal
 - normalization
 - finding differentially expressed genes

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To learn more:

1. Pevsner, Chapter 8 pp. 331-373
2. Draghici, Soren (2012) "Statistics and data analysis for microarrays using R and Bioconductor" Chapman and Hall
3. Anders, S. *et al.* Count-based differential expression analysis of RNA sequencing data using R and Bioconductor. *Nature protocols* **8**, 1765–1786 (2013).
4. http://www.bioconductor.org/help/workflows/rnaseq_Gene/

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- More than 600 packages of functions for genome and expression analysis
 - expression analysis: *affy*
 - RNA-seq: *edgeR*, *DESeq2*
 - ChIP-seq (interaction of protein with DNA in chromatin)
 - extracting genomic features
- "Vignettes" that come with data for research problems
- Must be installed (often individually)
- Work with 'R' objects typically much more abstract than `data.frames()`
- Use the common 'R' logic for selecting rows and columns from data

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bioconductor installation

```
>R ...
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
trying URL
'http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/Bi
ocInstaller_1.16.2.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 49063 bytes (47 KB)
opened URL
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downloaded 47 KB
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packages
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> biocLite()
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2), R version 3.1.3.
Installing package(s) 'Biobase' 'IRanges' 'AnnotationDbi'
also installing the dependencies 'BiocGenerics', 'S4Vectors', 'GenomeInfoDb',
'DBI', 'RSSQLite'
```

Bioconductor installs packages incrementally

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Bioconductor installs packages incrementally

```
> library(affy)
Error in library(affy) : there is no package called 'affy'
> biocLite('affy')
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2), R version 3.1.3.
Installing package(s) 'affy'
also installing the dependencies 'affyio', 'preprocessCore', 'zlibbioc'
trying URL
'http://bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/affyio
_1.34.0.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 89679 bytes (87 KB)
opened URL
=====
downloaded 87 KB
trying URL
'http://bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/prepro
cessCore_1.28.0.tgz'
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 137216 bytes (134 KB)
opened URL
=====
The downloaded binary packages are in
  /var/folders/cd/56p6y3_xllq_pr5l1dqgqngc0000jc/T//Rtmp8pZlmn/downloaded_packages
```

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```
> library(affy)
Loading required package: BiocGenerics
Loading required package: parallel
Attaching package: 'BiocGenerics'
The following objects are masked from 'package:parallel':
...
  parLapplyLB, parRapply, parSapply, parSapplyLB
The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
  xtabs
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
  Filter, Find, Map, Position, Reduce, anyDuplicated, append,
...
  unique, unlist, unsplit

Loading required package: Biobase
Welcome to Bioconductor

  Vignettes contain introductory material; view with
  'browseVignettes()'. To cite Bioconductor, see
  'citation("Biobase")', and for packages 'citation("pkgname")'.
```

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Bioconductor: getting help

The screenshot shows a web-based help interface for the Bioconductor package 'edgeR'. The top navigation bar includes 'Files', 'Plots', 'Packages', 'Help', and 'Viewer'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for back, forward, search, and refresh. A search bar contains the text 'edgeR'. The main content area displays the 'edgeR-package {edgeR}' documentation. The title 'Empirical analysis of digital gene expression data in R' is prominently displayed. Under the 'Description' section, it is noted that edgeR is a package for the analysis of digital gene expression data arising from RNA sequencing technologies such as SAGE, CAGE, Tag-seq or RNA-seq, with emphasis on testing for differential expression. The package is described as having particular strengths in estimating biological variation between replicate libraries and conducting exact tests of significance suitable for small counts. It also mentions an extensive User's Guide available via the command `edgeRUsersGuide()`. At the bottom of the page is a link '[Package edgeR version 3.8.6 Index]'

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Empirical Analysis of Digital Gene Expression Data in R

Bioconductor version: Release (3.6)

Differential expression analysis of RNA-seq expression profiles with biological replication. Implements a range of statistical methodology based on negative binomial distributions, including empirical Bayes methods, exact tests, general linear models and quasi-likelihood tests. As well as RNA-seq, it can be applied to differential analysis of other types of genomic data that produce counts, including ChIP-seq, Bisulfite-seq, SAGE and CAGE.

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Citation (from within R, enter `citation("edgeR")`):

Robinson MD, McCarthy DJ and Smyth GK (2010). "edgeR: a Bioconductor package for differential expression analysis of digital gene expression data." *Bioinformatics*, **26**(1), pp. 139-140.

McCarthy, J. D., Chen, Y., Smyth, K. G. (2012). "Differential expression analysis of multifactor RNA-Seq experiments with respect to biological variation." *Nucleic Acids Research*, **40**(10), pp. 4288-4297.

Installation

To install this package, start R and enter:

```
## try http:// if https:// URLs are not supported
source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite("edgeR")
```

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To view documentation for the version of this package installed in your system, start R and enter:

```
browseVignettes("edgeR")
```

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License	GPL (>=2)
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Bioconductor: the installation loop

- Initial intall:
- source("http://www.bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite()
- When you need something:

```
> library(simpleaffy)
Error in library(simpleaffy) : there is no package
called 'simpleaffy'
> biocLite("simpleaffy")
BioC_mirror: http://bioconductor.org
Using Bioconductor version 3.0 (BiocInstaller 1.16.2),
Installing package(s) 'simpleaffy'
also installing the dependencies 'Biostrings', 'gcrma'
...
> library(simpleaffy)
Loading required package: genefilter
Attaching package: 'genefilter'
```

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Differential Gene Expression

- Large quantity of data (>20,000 genes)
 - Affychip data has ~20 replicates per gene
 - RNAseq has counts (FPKM: Fragments per Kilobase per Million mapped reads)
 - but a small number of biological replicates
- Ideally, identify modest change (1.5x or larger) for modest levels of transcription
 - 10 or fewer transcripts may account for 90% of reads, so 5,000 – 10,000 transcripts for < 10% of reads
 - If technical replicates vary more than 2x, how do you measure 1.5x change?
- Large numbers of tests: how to correct?
 - Family-wide-error-rate (FWER) Bonferroni correction (used for similarity search E()-values)
 - False-discovery-rate (FDR, qvalue)

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Identifying differentially expressed genes

1. convert to FPKM (probably not done properly in my example) (cpm)
2. With RNA-seq data, make sure counts > 1
3. Normalize, adjust medians, quantile normalization
4. Look at bulk properties:
 - PCA analysis should group replicates
 - variance should be relatively linear
5. Calculate pair-wise differential expression with t-tests
6. Use topTags to do FDR correction, identify largest changes
 - go back and compare topTags results to actual counts
7. Log₂(FC) vs Log₁₀(abundance)
8. Volcano plots show fold-change, q-value tradeoff

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Measuring differences – sources of variation

Technical

- RNA isolation
- cDNA synthesis
- hybridization (AffyChip)
- PCR amplification
- G+C content
- sequencing depth
- location on AffyChip/sequencing "lane"

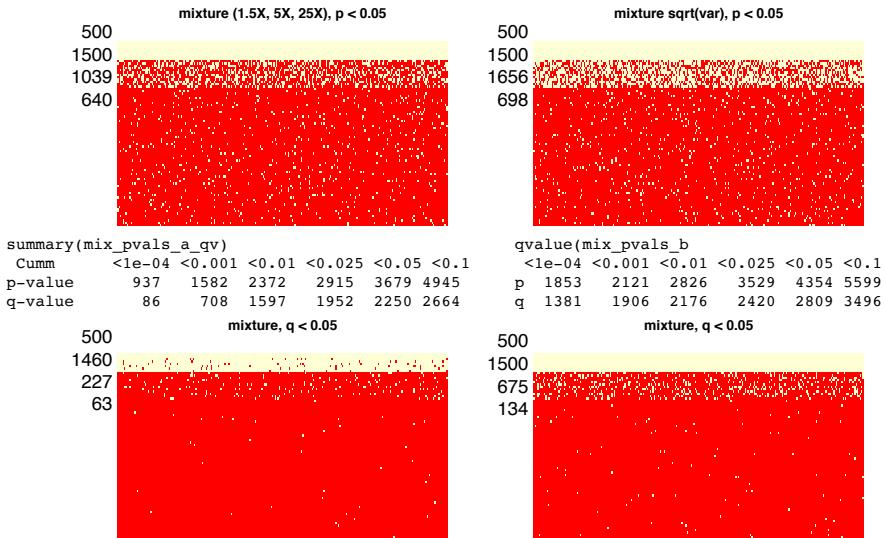
Biological

- genetic background
- sex
- last meal/sleep/exercise
- dividing/quiescent
- cell type within tissue type
- ...

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Reducing variance improves detection



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Identifying differentially expressed genes

- Differences in expression in the presence of noise:
 - are the differences significant? statistical model
 - t-test (normally distributed, array data)
 - negative binomial (variance increases with mean)
 - are the differences biological?
 - batch effects from experiment
 - gene effects (length, G+C)
- Analysis packages (edgeR, deSeq2) visualize batch effects, normalize data, apply statistical model

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edgeR vs DESeq

Box 2 Differences between DESeq and edgeR

The two packages described in this protocol, DESeq and edgeR, have similar strategies to perform differential analysis for count data. However, they differ in a few important areas.

First, their look and feel differs. For users of the widely used limma package (for analysis of microarray data), the data structures and steps in edgeR follow analogously.

The packages differ in their default normalization: edgeR uses the trimmed mean of M values, whereas DESeq uses a relative log expression approach by creating a virtual library that every sample is compared against; in practice, the normalization factors are often similar.

Perhaps most crucially, the tools differ in the choices made to estimate the dispersion. edgeR moderates feature-level dispersion estimates toward a trended mean according to the dispersion-mean relationship. In contrast, DESeq takes the maximum of the individual dispersion estimates and the dispersion-mean trend.

In practice, this means DESeq is less powerful, whereas edgeR is more sensitive to outliers.

Recent comparison studies have highlighted that no single method dominates another across all settings.

Rapaport, F. *et al.* Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data. *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

• Starting data: HTS counts (not FPKM)

```
> GSE_HTSeq <- read.table("GSE_ENCODE-HTSeq.txt",
+                           row.names=1, sep='\t', header=T)
# row.names=1 uses gene names
> summary(GSE_HTSeq)
   GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      GM12892_Rep3      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2
Min.    :     0      Min.    :    0.0      Min.    :    0.0      Min.    :     0      Min.    :     0
1st Qu.:     1      1st Qu.:    1.0      1st Qu.:    1.0      1st Qu.:     4      1st Qu.:     4
Median :  103      Median :   56.0      Median :   47.0      Median :  200      Median :  208
Mean   : 1830      Mean   :  814.2      Mean   :  765.1      Mean   : 1418      Mean   : 1460
3rd Qu.: 1246      3rd Qu.:  630.0      3rd Qu.:  567.5      3rd Qu.: 1159      3rd Qu.: 1164
Max.   :1045434     Max.   :482679.0     Max.   :426204.0     Max.   :646940     Max.   :628301
```

- Do the replicates look similar?
- Approx how many genes have <= 1 count?
- Why is the Max 1000X the 3rd quartile?
- how much data?

```
> dim(GSE_HTSeq)
[1] 21711      10
```

Rapaport, F. *et al.* Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data. *Genome Biol* **14**, R95 (2013).

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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Wide distribution of abundance

```
> summary(GSEHTS)
   GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      GM12892_Rep3      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2
Min. : 0             Min. : 0.0          Min. : 0.0          Min. : 0             Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 1            1st Qu.: 1.0        1st Qu.: 1.0        1st Qu.: 4            1st Qu.: 4
Median : 103          Median : 56.0       Median : 47.0       Median : 200          Median : 208
Mean  : 1830          Mean  : 814.2       Mean  : 765.1       Mean  : 1418          Mean  : 1460
3rd Qu.: 1246          3rd Qu.: 630.0       3rd Qu.: 567.5       3rd Qu.: 1159          3rd Qu.: 1164
Max.  :1045434         Max.  :482679.0      Max.  :426204.0      Max.  :646940         Max.  :628301

   H1.hESC_Rep3      H1.hESC_Rep4      MCF.7_Rep1      MCF.7_Rep2      MCF.7_Rep3
Min. : 0             Min. : 0.0          Min. : 0           Min. : 0             Min. : 0
1st Qu.: 4            1st Qu.: 2.0        1st Qu.: 2           1st Qu.: 1           1st Qu.: 2
Median : 206          Median : 120.0       Median : 215          Median : 173          Median : 187
Mean  : 1385          Mean  : 867.5       Mean  : 2160         Mean  : 2450          Mean  : 2400
3rd Qu.: 1130          3rd Qu.: 713.0       3rd Qu.: 1796         3rd Qu.: 1733         3rd Qu.: 1628
Max.  :597077         Max.  :406388.0      Max.  :639987        Max.  :816273         Max.  :885833
```

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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

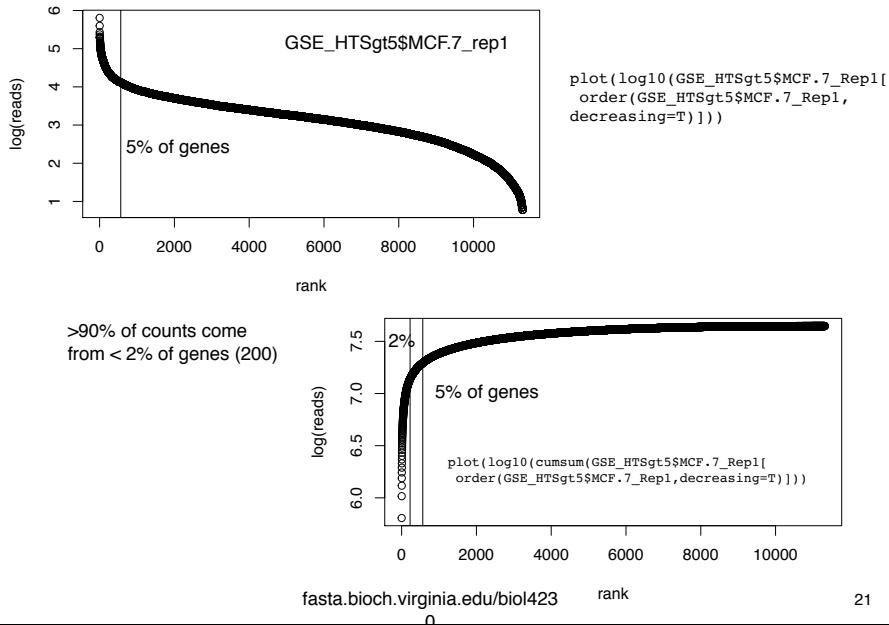
```
> min_cnt<-GSEHTS$MCF.7_Rep1 > 5 & GSEHTS$MCF.7_Rep2 > 5 & GSEHTS$MCF.7_Rep3>5 &
GSEHTS$h1.hESC_Rep1 > 5 & GSEHTS$h1.hESC_Rep2 > 5 & GSEHTS$h1.hESC_Rep3 > 5 &
GSEHTS$h1.hESC_Rep4 > 5 & GSEHTS$GM12892_Rep1 > 5 & GSEHTS$GM12892_Rep2 > 5 &
GSEHTS$GM12892_Rep3 > 5
> GSEHTSgt5 <- GSEHTS[min_cnt,]
> summary(GSEHTSgt5)
   GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      GM12892_Rep3      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2
Min. : 6             Min. : 6             Min. : 6             Min. : 6             Min. : 6
1st Qu.: 347          1st Qu.: 182          1st Qu.: 152          1st Qu.: 341          1st Qu.: 345
Median : 1083          Median : 537          Median : 487          Median : 936          Median : 942
Mean  : 3294          Mean  : 1458          Mean  : 1380          Mean  : 2486          Mean  : 2559
3rd Qu.: 2613          3rd Qu.: 1235          3rd Qu.: 1133          3rd Qu.: 2257          3rd Qu.: 2256
Max.  :1045434         Max.  :482679         Max.  :426204         Max.  :646940         Max.  :628301

   H1.hESC_Rep3      H1.hESC_Rep4      MCF.7_Rep1      MCF.7_Rep2      MCF.7_Rep3
Min. : 6             Min. : 6             Min. : 6             Min. : 6.0           Min. : 6
1st Qu.: 342          1st Qu.: 213          1st Qu.: 530          1st Qu.: 470.8         1st Qu.: 417
Median : 922          Median : 585          Median : 1542         Median : 1412.0         Median : 1352
Mean  : 2420          Mean  : 1528         Mean  : 3918         Mean  : 4072.6         Mean  : 4294
3rd Qu.: 2195          3rd Qu.: 1393         3rd Qu.: 3642         3rd Qu.: 3441.2         3rd Qu.: 3656
Max.  :597077         Max.  :406388         Max.  :639987        Max.  :808982.0        Max.  :885833
> colSums(GSEHTSgt5)
GM12892_Rep1 GM12892_Rep2 GM12892_Rep3 H1.hESC_Rep1 H1.hESC_Rep2 H1.hESC_Rep3 H1.hESC_Rep4
 37278141    16498913    15621942    28137254    28956711    27384301    17293143
MCF.7_Rep1   MCF.7_Rep2   MCF.7_Rep3
 44331343    46086020    48589601
```

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Abundance differences in MCF.7 mRNA



Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Convert to a dge (edgeR) structure:

```

>GSE_dge<-DGEList(counts=GSE_HTSeq, lib.size=colSums(GSE_HTSeq),
+   group=c(rep("GM128",3),rep("H1",4),rep("MCF7",3)))

```

- Select genes with at least n counts

```

>GSE_cpms<-cpm(GSE_dge) # cpm, counts per kb per million (FPKM),
# needs gene lengths
>keep2 <- rowSums(GSE_cpms[,1:3])>5 & rowSums(GSE_cpms[,4:7]) > 5 &
rowSums(GSE_cpms[,8:10])>5
> length(GSE_cpms[keep2,1])
[1] 10147

```

- Set up groups of factors so replicates can be combined:

```

> GSE_groups<-c(rep("GM128",3),rep("H1",4),rep("MCF7",3))
> GSE_groups
[1] "GM128" "GM128" "GM128" "H1"      "H1"      "H1"      "H1"      "MCF7"
"MCF7"   "MCF7"

```

Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- build new dge (edgeR) structure for genes with counts:

```
>GSE_d2<-DGEList(counts=GSE_counts2,lib.size=colSums(GSE_counts2),  
+   group=GSE_groups)  
> summary(GSE_counts2[,c(1,2,4,5,8)])  
  GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2      MCF.7_Rep1  
Min. : 0             Min. : 0.0          Min. : 18           Min. : 31.0          Min. : 0  
1st Qu.: 522         1st Qu.: 266.5        1st Qu.: 472          1st Qu.: 475.5        1st Qu.: 741  
Median : 1274        Median : 635.0        Median : 1097         Median : 1103.0        Median : 1798  
Mean : 3678          Mean : 1624.4        Mean : 2736          Mean : 2816.0        Mean : 4259  
3rd Qu.: 2884        3rd Qu.: 1353.5        3rd Qu.: 2496         3rd Qu.: 2472.5        3rd Qu.: 3998  
Max. :1045434       Max. :482679.0       Max. :646940        Max. :628301.0       Max. :639987
```

– still see differences in bulk properties, but what is 1st quartile now?

– notice that mean is > 3rd quartile. Why?

```
> summary(GSE_HTSeg)  
  GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2  
Min. : 0             Min. : 0.0          Min. : 0           Min. : 0  
1st Qu.: 1            1st Qu.: 1.0          1st Qu.: 4           1st Qu.: 4  
Median : 103          Median : 56.0         Median : 200          Median : 208  
Mean : 1830          Mean : 814.2         Mean : 1418          Mean : 1460  
3rd Qu.: 1246         3rd Qu.: 630.0         3rd Qu.: 1159         3rd Qu.: 1164  
Max. :1045434        Max. :482679.0       Max. :646940        Max. :628301
```

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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

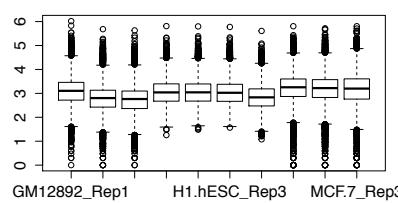
- build new dge (edgeR) structure for genes with counts:

```
>GSE_d2<-DGEList(counts=GSE_counts2,lib.size=colSums(GSE_counts2),  
+   group=GSE_groups)  
> summary(GSE_counts2[,c(1,2,4,5,8)])  
  GM12892_Rep1      GM12892_Rep2      H1.hESC_Rep1      H1.hESC_Rep2      MCF.7_Rep1  
Min. : 0             Min. : 0.0          Min. : 18           Min. : 31.0          Min. : 0  
1st Qu.: 522         1st Qu.: 266.5        1st Qu.: 472          1st Qu.: 475.5        1st Qu.: 741  
Median : 1274        Median : 635.0        Median : 1097         Median : 1103.0        Median : 1798  
Mean : 3678          Mean : 1624.4        Mean : 2736          Mean : 2816.0        Mean : 4259  
3rd Qu.: 2884        3rd Qu.: 1353.5        3rd Qu.: 2496         3rd Qu.: 2472.5        3rd Qu.: 3998  
Max. :1045434       Max. :482679.0       Max. :646940        Max. :628301.0       Max. :639987
```

– still see differences in bulk properties, but what is 1st quartile now?

– notice that mean is > 3rd quartile. Why?

– Are the bulk properties similar?



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How to compare relative mRNA expression?

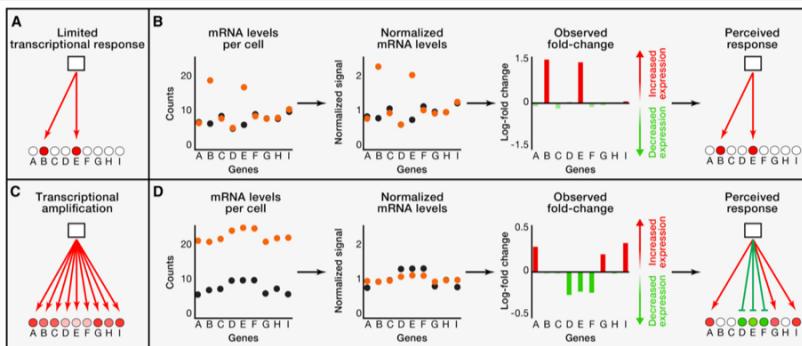


Figure 1. Normalization and Interpretation of Expression Data

Lovén, J. et al. *Cell* 151, 476–482 (2012).

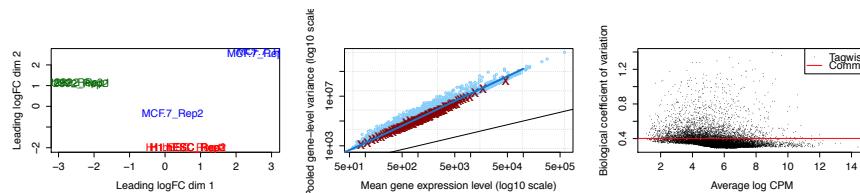
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- do some simple normalization, evaluate data quality:

```
> GSE_d2<-calcNormFactors(GSE_d2)
# plot Principal Components Analysis (PCA) of fold-changes
> plotMDS(GSE_d2,labels=colnames(GSE_counts2),
+ col=c("darkgreen", "red", "blue")[factor(GSE_groups)])
> GSE_d2<-estimateCommonDisp(GSE_d2)
> GSE_d2<-estimateTagwiseDisp(GSE_d2)
> plotMeanVar(GSE_d2,show.tagwise.vars=TRUE,NBline=TRUE)
> plotBCV(GSE_d2) # BCV = Biological Coefficient of Variation
```



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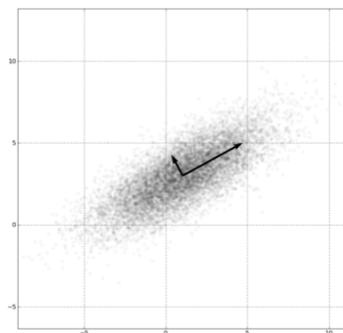
Diversion: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

- We are interested in the differences, and similarities, between biological samples (replicate treated and controls), from the perspective of expression levels of 10,000 – 20,000 genes.
 - imagine that in the treated sample (e.g. a BHA-treated liver vs normal), only ONE gene has increased expression: (GSTM1), all the rest are the same.
 - to find this gene, we might plot our 6 samples (3 treated, 3 controls) in n=20,000 dimensional space (one axis for every gene), and look so see which point has moved between treated and controls.
 - but if only ONE gene has changed expression level, then all the other genes will be highly correlated, so we do not need 20,000 dimensions, we only need ONE (or possibly two, the second for random noise)
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA) examines the correlation between the datasets, and reduces the dimensionality to the minimum number of "axes" (Principal Components) to explain the variation in the data.
 - first component has most variance – shows a weighting of a gene set that with internal expression correlation, but different from genes not in the set
 - replicate samples should be similar; different samples should be different
 - check for outliers

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Diversion: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)



A scatter plot of samples that are distributed according a multivariate (bivariate) Gaussian distribution centered at (1,3) with a standard deviation of 3 in roughly the (0.878, 0.478) direction and of 1 in the orthogonal direction. The directions represent the Principal Components (PC) associated with the sample

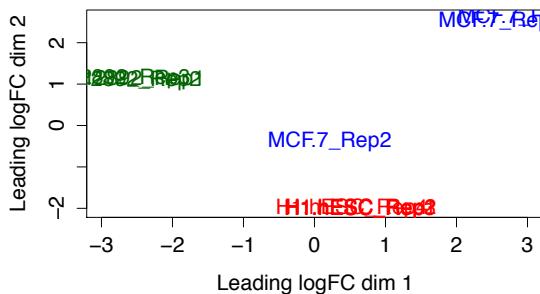
https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Principal_component_analysis&oldid=8500000
"GaussianScatterPCA" by — Ben FrantzDale (talk)

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Diversion: Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

```
> GSE_c2_prin<-princomp(GSE_counts2,cor=T)
> summary(GSE_c2_prin)
Importance of components:
          Comp.1    Comp.2    Comp.3    Comp.4    Comp.5    Comp.6
Standard deviation   2.9115294 0.78123223 0.66206994 0.55342497 0.301356842 0.200813419
Proportion of Variance 0.8477003 0.06103238 0.04383366 0.03062792 0.009081595 0.004032603
Cumulative Proportion 0.8477003 0.90873271 0.95256637 0.98319429 0.992275889 0.996308492
```



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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- Normalization done: do t-tests on gene groups

```
> GSE_de2 <- exactTest(GSE_d,pair=c("GM128","H1")) # two-way compare
> GSE_tt2<-topTags(GSE_de2,n=nrow(GSE_de2))
> head(GSE_tt2$table,n=10)
      logFC      logCPM      PValue        FDR
LCP1    -10.077901 10.155089 8.290374e-57 8.412243e-53
RASSF5    -6.159025  5.542985 5.657588e-51 2.870377e-47
TIFA     -5.809657  5.629944 1.409506e-44 4.767419e-41
SMARCA2   -5.407642  7.584283 3.756685e-43 9.529771e-40
DOCK10    -5.948203  5.386774 3.129221e-41 6.350442e-38
CD58     -5.876585  5.406012 1.194831e-40 2.020658e-37
SMAP2     -5.036339  6.867746 3.039079e-40 4.405362e-37
NEAT1     -5.451577  9.251840 1.435513e-38 1.820769e-35
EPHB4      5.930016  7.329484 5.557970e-38 6.266302e-35
BCL2     -5.237690  5.635830 1.829338e-37 1.856230e-34
```

- what direction are the fold changes? all the same?
- why are PValues < FDR?

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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at "top tags"

```
> GSE_counts2[row.names(head(GSE_tt2$table,n=10)),c(1:3,4:5)]  
          GM12892_Rep1 GM12892_Rep2 GM12892_Rep3 H1.hESC_Rep1 H1.hESC_Rep2  
LCP1           153736      50863      58206       107        89  
RASSF5          5356       2659      1983        63        66  
TIFA            3788       2800      2543        91        63  
SMARCA2         21764      8381      8004       433       323  
DOCK10          4040       2295      2024        77        39  
CD58            3145       2201      2219        56        49  
SMAP2           12461      5928      4385       317       288  
NEAT1           57519      21160     26498      1056       896  
EPHB4            149        64        47       7104      7266  
BCL2            4073       3012      2634       121       111
```

- Most significant changes have high counts in GM128, low counts in H1.hESC, or vice-versa (EPHB4).
- Go back and look at the data. Does it make sense?

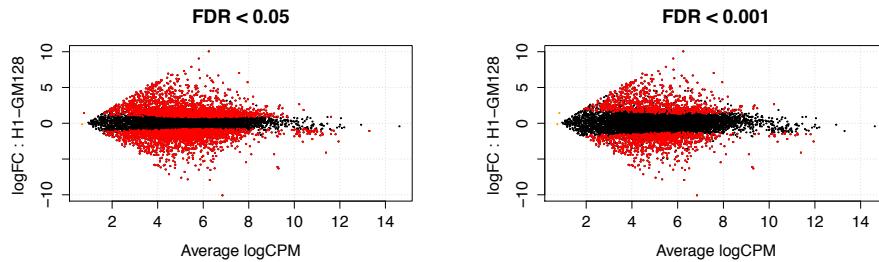
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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at differential expression 1:

```
> GSE_deg2<-GSE_rn[GSE_tt2$table$FDR < 0.05]    # 3879 genes  
> GSE_deg2_001<-GSE_rn[GSE_tt2$table$FDR < 0.001]  # 1840 genes  
> plotSmear(GSE_d2,de.tags=GSE_deg2,main="FDR < 0.05")  
> plotSmear(GSE_d2,de.tags=GSE_deg2_001,main="FDR < 0.001")
```



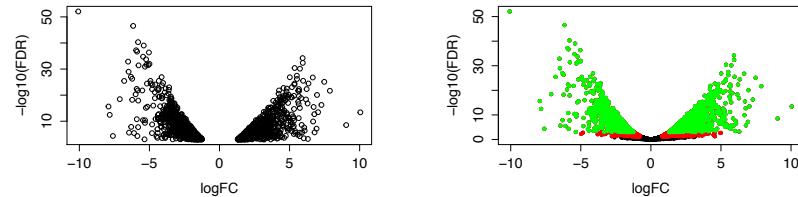
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Differential Gene Expression with edgeR

- look at differential expression 2: volcano plots

```
> plot(GSE_tt2$table$logFC, -log10(GSE_tt2$table$FDR),  
+       xlab="logFC",ylab="-log10(FDR)")
```



look at differential expression 2: volcano plots

```
> plot(GSE_tt2$table[,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[,4]),  
+       xlab="logFC",ylab="-log10(FDR)",pch=20)  
> points(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2,4]),  
+         pch=20,col='red')  
> points(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2_001,1], -log10(GSE_tt2$table[GSE_deg2_001,4])),  
+         pch=20,col='green')
```

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Comprehensive evaluation of differential gene expression analysis methods for RNA-seq data.

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Abstract

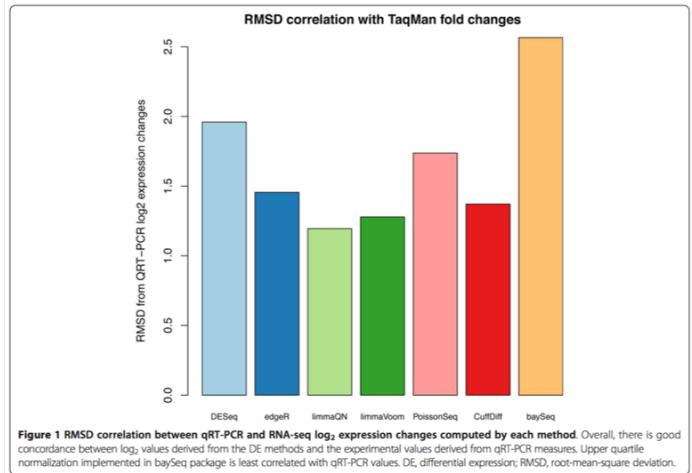
A large number of computational methods have been developed for analyzing differential gene expression in RNA-seq data. We describe a comprehensive evaluation of common methods using the SEQC benchmark dataset and ENCODE data. We consider a number of key features, including normalization, accuracy of differential expression detection and differential expression analysis when one condition has no detectable expression. We find significant differences among the methods, but note that array-based methods adapted to RNA-seq data perform comparably to methods designed for RNA-seq. Our results demonstrate that increasing the number of replicate samples significantly improves detection power over increased sequencing depth.

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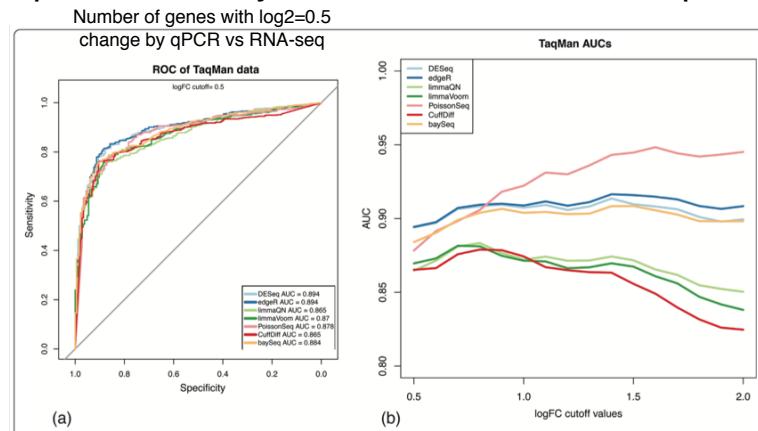


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Identifying differentially expressed genes

1. convert to FPKM (probably not done properly in my example) (cpm)
2. With RNA-seq data, make sure counts > 1
3. Normalize, adjust medians, quantile normalization
4. Look at bulk properties:
 - PCA analysis should group replicates
 - variance should be relatively linear
5. Calculate pair-wise differential expression with t-tests
6. Use topTags to do FDR correction, identify largest changes
 - go back and compare topTags results to actual counts
7. Log₂(FC) vs Log₁₀(abundance)
8. Volcano plots show fold-change, q-value tradeoff

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Bioconductor: summary

- Bioconductor: a comprehensive 'R' package for expression and genome analysis
 - Obtaining/installing
 - Datasets
 - Vignettes
 - Major packages (affy, edgeR2)
- Using Bioconductor/EdgeR for RNAseq
 - reading in data (what to look for)
 - removing genes with low/no signal
 - normalization
 - finding differentially expressed genes

Always look at the RAW data
that produced the list of genes

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