

# *R / Bioconductor* for 'Omics Analysis

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# Introduction



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<https://support.bioconductor.org>

Analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data.

- Started 2002
- 1295 packages – developed by 'us' and user-contributed.

Well-used and respected.

- 43k unique IP downloads / month.
- 17,000 PubMedCentral citations.

# Scope

Based on the *R* programming language.

- Intrinsically statistical nature of data.
- Flexible analysis options for new or customized types of analysis.
- 'Old-school' scripts for reproducibility; modern graphical interfaces for easy use.

Domains of application.

- Sequencing: differential expression, ChIP-seq, variants, gene set enrichment, ...
- Microarrays: methylation, expression, copy number, ...
- Flow cytometry, proteomics, ...

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- *R*, *RStudio*, *Bioconductor*

## Learn

- Courses, vignettes, workflows

## Use

- Vignettes, manuals, support site<sup>2</sup>

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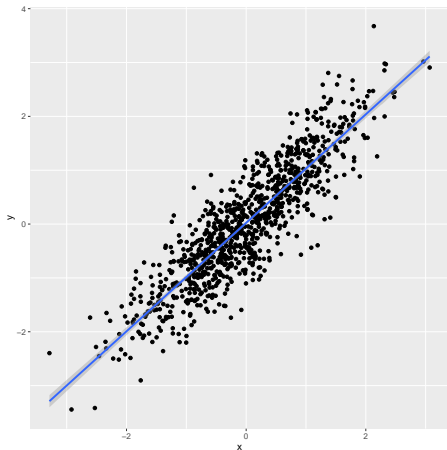
## R: base packages

```
x <- rnorm(1000)
y <- x + rnorm(1000, sd=.5)
df <- data.frame(X=x, Y=y)
fit <- lm(Y ~ X, df)
anova(fit)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: Y
##              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
## X                1  925.99   925.99  3557.7 < 2.2e-16 ***
## Residuals    998   259.76     0.26
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## R: contributed packages

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(df, aes(x=x, y=y)) +
  geom_point() +
  stat_smooth(method="lm")
```



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### Packages found under ChIPSeq:

Package	Maintainer	Title
<a href="#">ALDEx2</a>	Greg Gloor	Analysis Of Differential Abundance Taking Sample Variation Into Account
<a href="#">BaalChIP</a>	Ines de Santiago	BaalChIP: Bayesian analysis of allele-specific transcription factor binding in cancer genomes
<a href="#">BayesPeak</a>	Jonathan Cairns	Bayesian Analysis of ChIP-seq Data
<a href="#">ChIPComp</a>	Li Chen	Quantitative comparison of multiple ChIP-seq datasets
<a href="#">ChIPpeakAnno</a>	Lihua Julie Zhu, Jianhong Ou	Batch annotation of the peaks identified from either ChIP-seq, ChIP-chip experiments or any experiments resulted in large number of chromosome ranges
<a href="#">ChIPQC</a>	Tom Carroll, Rory Stark	Quality metrics for ChIPseq data
<a href="#">ChIPseeker</a>	Guangchuang Yu	ChIPseeker for ChIP peak Annotation, Comparison, and Visualization
<a href="#">chipseq</a>	Bioconductor Package Maintainer	chipseq: A package for analyzing chipseq data
<a href="#">ChIPseqR</a>	Peter Humburg	Identifying Protein Binding Sites in High-Throughput Sequencing Data
<a href="#">ChIPsim</a>	Peter Humburg	Simulation of ChIP-seq experiments
<a href="#">ChIPXpress</a>	George Wu	ChIPXpress: enhanced transcription factor target gene identification from ChIP-seq and ChIP-chip data using publicly available gene expression profiles
<a href="#">chromstaR</a>	Aaron Taudt	Combinatorial and Differential Chromatin State Analysis for ChIP-Seq Data

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Bioconductor provides software to help analyze diverse high-throughput genomic data. Common workflows include:

#### Basic Workflows

- [Sequence Analysis](#) Import fasta, fastq, BAM, gff, bed, wig, and other sequence formats. Trim, transform, align, and manipulate sequences. Perform quality assessment, CHIP-seq, differential expression, RNA-seq, and other workflows. Access the Sequence Read Archive.
- [Oligonucleotide Arrays](#) Import Affymetrix, Illumina, Nimblegen, Agilent, and other platforms. Perform quality assessment, normalization, differential expression, clustering, classification, gene set enrichment, genetical genomics and other workflows for expression, exon, copy number, SNP, methylation and other assays. Access GEO, ArrayExpress, Biomart, UCSC, and other community resources.
- [Annotation Resources](#) Introduction to using gene, pathway, gene ontology, homology annotations and the AnnotationHub. Access GO, KEGG, NCBI, Biomart, UCSC, vendor, and other sources.
- [Annotating Genomic Ranges](#) Represent common sequence data types (e.g., from BAM, gff, bed, and wig files) as genomic ranges for simple and advanced range-based queries.
- [Annotating Genomic Variants](#) Read and write VCF files. Identify structural location of variants and compute amino acid coding changes for non-synonymous variants. Use SIFT and PolyPhen database packages to predict consequence of amino acid coding changes.
- [Changing genomic coordinate systems with rtracklayer::liftOver](#) The liftOver facilities developed in conjunction with the UCSC browser track infrastructure are available for transforming data in GRanges formats. This is illustrated here with an image of the NHGRI GWAS catalog that is, as of Oct. 31 2014, distributed with coordinates defined by NCBI build hg38.

#### Advanced Workflows

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### Empirical Analysis of Digital Gene Expression Data in R

Bioconductor version: Release (3.4)

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

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McCarthy, J. D, Chen, Yunshun, Smyth and K. G (2012). "Differential expression analysis of multifactor RNA-Seq experiments with respect to biological variation." *Nucleic Acids Research*, **40**(10), pp. -9.

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## Differential analysis of count data – the DESeq2 package

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### Abstract

A basic task in the analysis of count data from RNA-seq is the detection of differentially expressed genes. The count data are presented as a table which reports, for each sample, the number of sequence fragments that have been assigned to each gene. Analogous data also arise for other assay types, including comparative ChIP-Seq, HiC, shRNA screening, mass spectrometry. An important analysis question is the quantification and statistical inference of systematic changes between conditions, as compared to within-condition variability. The package *DESeq2* provides methods to test for differential expression by use of negative binomial generalized linear models; the estimates of dispersion and logarithmic fold changes incorporate data-driven prior distributions<sup>1</sup>. This vignette explains the use of the package and demonstrates typical workflows. An RNA-seq workflow<sup>2</sup> on the Bioconductor website covers similar material to this vignette but at a slower pace, including the generation of count matrices from FASTQ files.

### Package

DESeq2 1.14.0

<sup>1</sup>Other Bioconductor packages with similar aims are *edgeR*, *limma*, *DSS*, *EBSeg* and *BaySeq*.

<sup>2</sup><http://www.bioconductor.org/help/workflows/rnaSeqGene/>

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### 2.2.1 Heatmap of the count matrix

To explore a count matrix, it is often instructive to look at it as a heatmap. Below we show how to produce such a heatmap for various transformations of the data.

```
library("pheatmap")
select <- order(rowMeans(counts(dds,normalized=TRUE)),
               decreasing=TRUE)[1:20]

nt <- normTransform(dds) # defaults to log2(x+1)
log2.norm.counts <- assay(nt)[select,]
df <- as.data.frame(colData(dds)[,c("condition","type")])
pheatmap(log2.norm.counts, cluster_rows=FALSE, show_rownames=FALSE,
         cluster_cols=FALSE, annotation_col=df)
pheatmap(assay(rld)[select,], cluster_rows=FALSE, show_rownames=FALSE,
         cluster_cols=FALSE, annotation_col=df)
pheatmap(assay(vsd)[select,], cluster_rows=FALSE, show_rownames=FALSE,
         cluster_cols=FALSE, annotation_col=df)
```

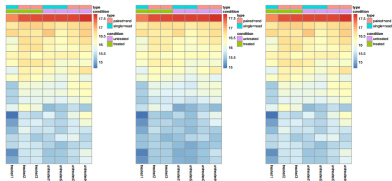


Figure 5: Heatmaps showing the expression data of the 20 most highly expressed genes. The data is of log<sub>2</sub> normalized counts (left), from regularized log transformation (center) and from variance stabilizing transformation (right).

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# Bioconductor

Input: description of experimental design and summary of read counts overlapping regions of interest.

```
pdata <- read.table("pdata.tab") # Plain text files
assay <- read.table("assay.tab")

library(DESeq2)
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(assay, pdata, ~ cell + dex)
result(DESeq(dds))
```

Output: top table of differentially expressed genes, log fold change, adjusted  $P$ -value, etc.

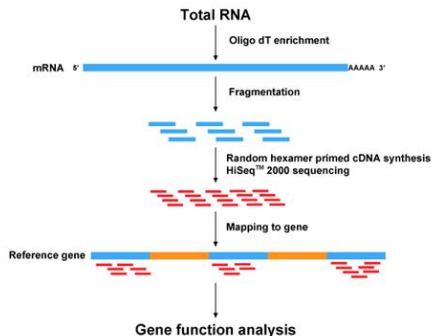
# A typical work flow: RNA-seq

## Research question

- Designed experiment
- Gene-level differential expression
- RNA-seq data

## Data processing steps

- Quality assessment.
- Alignment and summary to count table.
- Assessment of differential expression.
- Results placed in context, e.g., gene set enrichment.



<http://bio.lundberg.gu.se/courses/vt13/rnaseq.html>

# Pre-processing, alignment

## Pre-processing

- FASTQ file read quality assessment

## Alignment & summary (traditional)

- Full alignment to BAM files, summarizing gene or transcript abundance, e.g., *Bowtie / tophat / cufflinks; RSEM; Rsubread*
- Summarize to gene-level count tables or estimates of abundance
- *Counts* are important: information about statistical uncertainty of estimate

## Alignment & summary (contemporary)

- Approximate alignment directly to count tables of transcripts or genes, e.g., *kallisto*<sup>7</sup>, *salmon*<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup><https://pachterlab.github.io/kallisto/>

<sup>8</sup><http://salmon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/salmon.html>



## Differential expression

- E.g., *limma*, *edgeR*, *DESeq2*

```
library(tximport)
df <- read.table("pdata.tab")
## tx2gene: see tximport vignette
txi <- tximport(df$files, type="kallisto", tx2gene=tx2gene)

library(DESeq2)
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(txi, samples, ~ cell + dex)
result(DESeq(dds))
```

- Account for library size differences (normalization)
- Apply sophisticated statistical model (negative binomial)
- Moderate test statistics (helps with small sample size)
- Performant, tested, correct.

# Analysis & comprehension

## Annotation packages

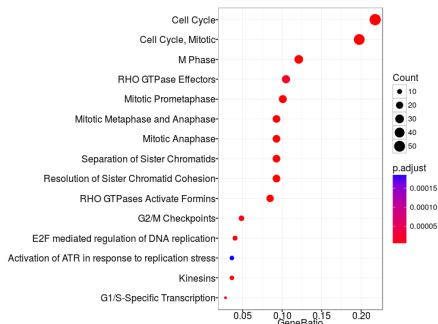
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- *AnnotationHub*: consortium and other large-scale results

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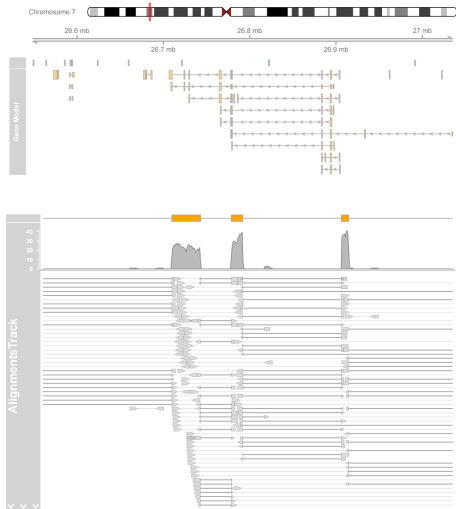
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```
> grtrack <- GeneRegionTrack(geneModels, genome = gen,  
+ chromosome = chr, name = "Gene Model")  
> plotTracks(list(itrack, grtrack, atrack, grtrack))
```



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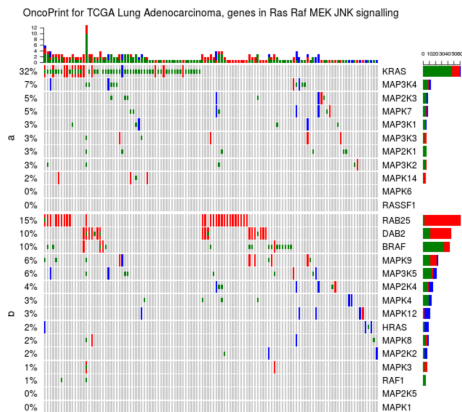
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# Exploratory 'omics

## Gene differential expression

- RNA-seq – *DESeq2*, *edgeR*, *limma* `voom()`
- Microarray – *limma*
- Single-cell – *scde*

## Gene regulation

- ChIP-seq – *csaw*, *DiffBind*
- Methylation arrays – *missMethyl*, *minfi*
- Gene sets and pathways – *topGO*, *limma*, *ReactomePA*

## Variants

- SNPs – *VariantAnnotation*, *VariantFiltering*
- Copy number
- Structural – *InteractionSet*

## Flow cytometry

- *flowCore* & 41 other packages

## Proteomics

- *mzR*, *xcms*, and 90 other packages

# Key classes

## GenomicRanges

- Genomic coordinates to represent data (e.g., aligned reads) and annotations (e.g., genes, binding sites).
- `findOverlaps()` and friends.

## SummarizedExperiment

- Coordinate 'assay' data with row (feature) and column (sample) information.

```
> gr = exons(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene); gr
```

```
GRanges with 289969 ranges and 1 metadata column:
```

	seqnames	ranges	strand	exon_id
	<Rle>	<IRanges>	<Rle>	<integer>
[1]	chr1	[11874, 12227]	+	1
[2]	chr1	[12595, 12721]	+	2
[3]	chr1	[12613, 12721]	+	3
...	...	...	...	...
[289967]	chrY	[59358329, 59359508]	-	277748
[289968]	chrY	[59360007, 59360115]	-	277749
[289969]	chrY	[59360501, 59360854]	-	277750

```
seqinfo: 93 sequences (1 circular) from hg19 genome
```

```
GRanges  
length(gr); gr[1:5]  
seqnames(gr)  
start(gr)  
end(gr)  
width(gr)  
strand(gr)
```

```
DataFrame  
mcols(gr)  
gr$exon_id
```

```
Seqinfo  
seqlevels(gr)  
seqlengths(gr)  
genome(gr)
```

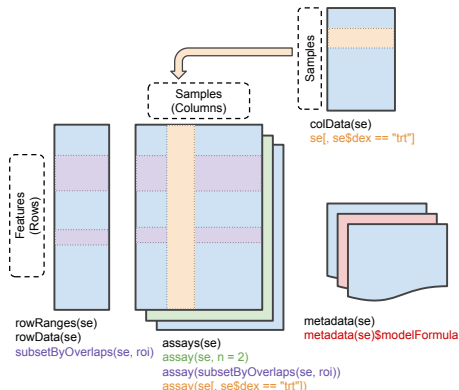
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# Big data

## *GenomicFiles*

- Management of file collections, e.g., VCF, BAM, BED.

## *BiocParallel*

- Parallel evaluation on cores, clusters, clouds.

## *HDF5Array*

- On-disk storage.
- Delayed evaluation.
- Incorporates into `SummarizedExperiment`.

## Key strategies

- Efficient *R* code
- Restriction to data of interest
- Chunk-wise iteration through large data



# From student to developer

## A common transition

- Naive users become proficient while developing domain expertise that they share with others in their lab or more broadly
- Share via packages!

## Resources

- Learning: course material, videos, workflows, vignettes.
- Using: vignettes, help pages, support site.
- Developing: Wicham's *R Packages*<sup>9</sup>, *Bioconductor* developer resources<sup>10</sup>, bioc-devel mailing list

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<sup>9</sup><http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/>

<sup>10</sup><http://bioconductor.org/developers/>

# Developer

Really easy!

- Use *devtools* to create() a package
- Add functions to the R directory
- Add documentation with *roxygen2*
- Add 'markdown' vignettes using *knitr*

Best practices

- `build()`, `check()`, `install()`
- Version control – github
- Unit tests, e.g., using *testthat*
- 'Continuous integration'

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