The *Ranges Suite
Application to the analysis of RNA-seq data

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Sequencing Approaches

Source    Genome, transcriptome, synthetic, ...

Enrichment WGS, ChIP, PCR, poly-A, exome capture, ...
RNA-seq

- High-throughput sequencing of cDNA libraries
- Usually there is some enrichment for mRNAs (e.g. poly-A)
- Usually aligned to genome with splicing tolerance (e.g. GSNAP)
General Sequence Analysis Workflow

1. QA on raw instrument output, see *ShortRead*
2. Usually, external alignment of data, i.e., gSNAP via upcoming *gmapR*
3. Import of alignments and/or sequences into R
4. Analysis of sequences, alignments and enrichment patterns
**Introduction**

The *Ranges Packages

**IRanges**

Base of the sequence analysis infrastructure in Bioconductor
- Data structures for interval datasets and genome-scale vectors
- Routines for finding regions of enrichment and overlap between features

**GenomicRanges**

Extension of IRanges for genomic (biological) datasets, including sequence annotations and read alignments, with biology-specific overlap algorithms and other utilities.
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Four samples from a Yeast RNA-seq experiment
Two wildtype, two RLP mutants
Illumina 36bp single-end reads
Alignments in *leeBamViews* for positions 800000 to 900000 on chromosome XIII
Stored as BAM files
For Demonstration Purposes Only

The alignments in *leeBamViews* are for a reference that is slightly different from (about two weeks older than) the UCSC sacCer2 build, for which we have gene annotations.
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Could store SAM alignments in a `GRanges`, but alignments are common enough for a formal representation.

**The GappedAlignments Class**

A Vector of *unpaired* read alignments with SAM-specific fields

- Load with `readGappedAlignments(file)`
- Access `cigar`, `qpos`, `start`, etc.
- Some utilities, like `coverage`.
- For overlap computations, convert to gapped ranges with `grglist`, `get intronic gaps with introns`. 
> bams <- dir(system.file("bam", package="leeBamViews"),
   +       full = TRUE, pattern = "bam$")
> reads_ga <- readGappedAlignments(bams[[1]])
> head(reads_ga, 1)

GappedAlignments with 1 alignment and 0 elementMetadata cols:

   seqnames strand cigar qwidth
      <Rle> <Rle> <character> <integer>
[1] Scchr13   -   36M     36

   start   end   width  ngap
      <integer> <integer> <integer> <integer>
[1] 799975 800010    36    0

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seqlengths:
   Scchr01 Scchr02 Scchr03 ... Scchr16 Scmito
   230208  813178  316617 ... 948062  85779
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All genomic data fits this basic format.
The *GRanges* Class

A *Vector* of genomic intervals, with metadata

- Constructor: `GRanges(seqnames, ranges, strand, ...)`
- `seqnames(x)`: sequence name
- `start(x), end(x), width(x)`: interval information
- `strand(x)`: strand (+/-/*)
- `values(x)`: a *DataFrame* of metadata columns, like score or gene
- `seqinfo(x)`: a *Seqinfo* with information about the sequences

Group multiple *GRanges* in a *GRangesList*, representing ranges with gaps.
Read alignments may contain gaps, e.g., cross a splice junction.

The possibly multiple ranges per read need to be grouped together.

Use `GRangesList`, with one `GRanges` per read.

Creating a `GRangesList` from `GappedAlignments`

```r
> reads_grl <- grglist(reads_ga)
```
Representing Transcript Models

- Many ways to represent transcript models as ranges:
  - Transcripts
  - Exons, introns
  - CDS, UTRs
- Reference annotations, so prefer persistent storage
Transcript Models in R

The *TxDb* Class

Reference to SQLite DB with transcript information

- `transcripts(x)`: whole transcript ranges
- `exons(x)`: exon ranges
- `cds(x)`: coding exon ranges
- `exonsBy(x), cdsBy(x)`: `GRangesList` object, grouping by transcript or gene

For common organisms/models, *TxDb.* packages are available.
We get the coding exons grouped by gene, and individually. Using the coding exons is usually a good idea, since the UTRs can be problematic.

```r
> library(TxDB.Scerevisiae.UCSC.sacCer2.sgdGene)
> sc2_txdb <- TxDb.Scerevisiae.UCSC.sacCer2.sgdGene
> sc2_cds <- cds(sc2_txdb)
> sc2_cds_gene <- cdsBy(sc2_txdb, by = "gene")
```
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Solution
> sc2_cds_tx <- cdsBy(sc2_txdb, by = "tx")
For interpretation, it is useful to have the gene ID for each transcript:

```r
> sc2_tx <- transcripts(sc2_txdb,
+    columns = c("tx_id", "gene_id"))
> tx_id_match <- match(names(sc2_cds_tx),
+    values(sc2_tx)$tx_id)
> gene_id <- values(sc2_tx)$gene_id[tx_id_match]
```

Theoretically possible for transcript to belong to multiple genes, so `gene_id` is a `CharacterList`. Typically there is one gene per transcript, so we drop it to a `character` vector:

```r
> all(elementLengths(gene_id) <= 1)
[1] TRUE
> values(sc2_tx)$gene_id <- drop(gene_id)
```
Count Reads in Exons, by Gene

Reconcile Chromosome Names

```r
> sc2_cds_gene <- keepSeqlevels(sc2_cds_gene, "chrXIII")
> sc2_cds_gene <- renameSeqlevels(sc2_cds_gene,
+   c(chrXIII = "Scchr13"))
```

Call `countOverlaps`

```r
> sc2_counts <- countOverlaps(sc2_cds_gene, reads_grl,
+   ignore.strand = TRUE)
```

We pass `ignore.strand = TRUE`, because the strand is the strand of alignment, not transcription.
Some Limitations of our Simple Approach

We have the count of reads overlapping with the coding regions of every gene, but:

- It only works for a single BAM file (need a convenience function),
- A read is counted for every feature it overlaps, which works reasonably well for genes but does not help with distinguishing transcript isoforms, and
- There is no consideration of splicing, i.e., checking for compatibility with known transcript structures.
Gene Expression

Counting Overlaps

Processing Multiple BAM Files

> sc2_counts <- seqapply(bams, function(bam) {
+   countOverlaps(sc2_cds_gene,
+       grglist(readGappedAlignments(bam)),
+       ignore.strand = TRUE)
+ })

The results land in a simple list of integer vectors; we need something more formal.
Representing Rectangular Counts

The *SummarizedExperiment* class

The *SummarizedExperiment* class is the *eSet* analog in the *IRanges* framework. It is a rectangular, self-contained data structure with the following components:

- **assays** A list of matrices, each feature X sample, containing counts or other measurements
- **rowData** A *GRanges* or *GRangesList* with annotations on the features; each feature must then be a genomic range (possibly with gaps).
- **colData** A *DataFrame* with phenotypic data on the samples
- **exptData** A list of metadata objects describing the experiment
**SummarizedExperiment** API

- `SummarizedExperiment(assays, rowData, colData, exptData, ...)`: construct an instance with the given components
- `assay(x, i)`: Get the ith assay matrix
- `rowData(x), colData(x), exptData(x)`: get the corresponding metadata component
- `x[i, j]`: Rectangular subset by feature and sample.
- `x$name`: Get the named column in colData
Storing the Counts in a \textit{SummarizedExperiment}

\begin{verbatim}
> assay <- list(counts = do.call(cbind, as.list(sc2_counts)))
> rowData <- sc2_cds_gene
> samples <- gsub("_.*", "", basename(bams))
> colData <- DataFrame(genotype = gsub(".$", "", samples),
+                          lane = gsub(".*(\)s", "\\1", samples),
+                          row.names = samples)
> se <- SummarizedExperiment(assay, rowData, colData)
\end{verbatim}
Calculating RPKMs

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{sc2\_count\_mat} \leftarrow \text{assay}(se) \\
&k \leftarrow \text{sum}(\text{width(rowData(se)))} \\
&m \leftarrow \text{countBam(BamFileList(bams))[,"records"] / 1e6} \\
&rpkms \leftarrow \text{sc2\_count\_mat} / k / \\
&+ \text{rep}(m, \text{each} = \text{nrow(sc2\_count\_mat)})
\end{align*}
\]
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Filters do not consider splicing, i.e., splicing compatibility and junction hits.
Feeding into DE Algorithms

**DESeq**

```r
> library(DESeq)
> rowDataDf <- as.data.frame(unlist(range(rowData(se))))
> cond <- as.data.frame(colData(se))
> featureData <- AnnotatedDataFrame(rowDataDf)
> deseq <- newCountDataSet(assay(se), cond = cond,
+       featureData = featureData)
```

**edgeR**

```r
> library(edgeR)
> edger <- DGEList(assay(se), group = colData$genotype,
+       genes = rowDataDf)
```
Using `findOverlaps`:

```r
> hits <- findOverlaps(reads_grl, sc2_cds_gene, 
+                       ignore.strand = TRUE)
> values(reads_grl)$hits <- as(hits, "List")
> head(table(elementLengths(values(reads_grl)$hits)))
```

```
       0     1     2
    1043 32558  948
```
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Focus: *Annotated* Transcript Isoforms

We are primarily interested in the expression of annotated isoforms and deviations from known structures.
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<td>12</td>
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Note

Differences in fragment length between regions and samples can bias counts in multiple ways, including:

- Coverage at ends of transcript is reduced; the affected region grows with fragment length. The bias is most significant for short genes and those with variable TSS/TSE.

- Any counts of transcript sub-regions (exons) or splice junctions are further affected, because the probability of overlap depends on the fragment length.
Fragment Length Affects Capture of Cassette Exon

w/ Robert Gentleman

A

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Example

- Illumina paired-end 75nt RNA-seq reads from two matched human tissue samples: tumor and normal
- Strand inferred during alignment from splice directions
- Stored in a BAM file
- Subset to the ALDOA (aldolase) gene
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Finding the ALDOA Region

```r
> aldoa_eg <- org.Hs.egSYMBOL2EG$ALDOA
> library(TxDB.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
> txdb <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene
> aldoa_exons <- exons(txdb, vals = list(gene_id = aldoa_eg),
+    columns = c("gene_id", "tx_id"))
```

Grouping the Exons by Transcript

```r
> aldoa_range <- range(aldoa_exons)
> aldoa_exons_tx <- multisplit(aldoa_exons,
+ values(aldoa_exons)$tx_id)
```
Getting the Annotations for ALDOA

Getting the Coding Extents

```r
> aldoa_cds <- cds(txdb, vals = list(gene_id = aldoa_eg),
+    columns = c("gene_id", "tx_id"))
> aldoa_cds_tx <- multisplit(aldoa_cds,
+    values(aldoa_cds)$tx_id)
> aldoa_exons_tx <- aldoa_exons_tx[names(aldoa_cds_tx)]
```
Selecting Only the CCDS Models

Just take my word for it:

```r
> aldoa_exons_tx <- aldoa_exons_tx[c(1, 3, 4, 6)]
> aldoa_cds_tx <- aldoa_cds_tx[c(1, 3, 4, 6)]
```
Reading the Alignments

Finding the BAMs

```r
> extdatadir <- system.file("extdata",
+    package = "RangesRNAseqTutorial")
> files <- tools::list_files_with_exts(extdatadir, "bam")
> names(files) <- tools::file_path_sans_ext(basename(files))
> bamFiles <- BamFileList(files)
```

Load the normal BAM

```r
> bam <- bamFiles$normal

> param <- ScanBamParam(tag = "XS", what = "isize",
+    which = aldoa_range)
> ga <- readGappedAlignmentPairs(path(bam), param = param)
```

We request the XS tag, the strand as determined by the aligner from the splice directions, as well as the isize (TLEN) field from the BAM file, which is the fragment length.
Representing Paired-end Alignments

The **GappedAlignmentPairs** Class

The **GappedAlignmentPairs** class is composed of two parallel **GappedAlignments** objects: one for the first read of the pair, the other for the last. It provides the following API:

- **first(x)**, **last(x)**: gets the **GappedAlignments** for the first or last reads of every pair
- **left(x)**, **right(x)**: gets the **GappedAlignments** for the left or right member of every pair, in terms of genomic position
- **grglist(x)**: converts to a **GRangesList**, with gaps for the introns
- **introns(x)**: gets the intronic gaps as a **GRangesList**
The algorithm for computing isize/TLEN differs by aligner, and some aligners do not populate the field.

GSNAP does exactly what we want: it takes the extent of the paired-end alignment, excluding clipped regions and intronic gaps (N in CIGAR). So we can simply use the absolute value of the isize field (the sign depends on the relative read positions):

\[
> \text{fraglen} \leftarrow \text{abs(values(first(ga))}$isize)
\]

Any introns in the inter-read gap are not accounted for (because we do not know the original transcript).
Exercise: Computing Fragment Length

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Solution

\begin{verbatim}
> fraglen_simple <- end(right(ga)) - start(left(ga)) + 1L
\end{verbatim}
Density of Fragment Length
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RNA-seq Pipeline

Concordant Unique Alignments

Compatible Splicing?

Compatible

Incompatible

Read Aligns to Single Isoform?

Unique
Compatibility and Uniqueness

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The `findSpliceOverlaps` function is an experimental, work-in-progress that annotates the return value of the basic `findOverlaps` including the following logical variables:

- **compatible** The read (pair) exactly matches the splicing pattern of the transcript, over the extent of the alignment. If this is ever `TRUE` for a read, all of its incompatible hits are discarded.
- **unique** The hit is compatible and is the only one for this read, i.e., it maps only to a single transcript.
- **coding** The hit is at least partially to a coding region.

**Calling `findSpliceOverlaps`**

```r
> hits <- findSpliceOverlaps(bamFiles$normal, aldoa_exons_tx, 
+                         cds = aldoa_cds_tx, 
+                         pairedEnd = TRUE)
```
Counting the Hits

Assume we are interested in the total count, the compatible count and the unique (compatible) count, restricting to coding regions:

```r
> countSpliceHits <- function(hits) {
+   coding_hits <- hits[values(hits)$coding]
+   compatible_hits <-
+     coding_hits[values(coding_hits)$compatible]
+   unique_hits <- coding_hits[values(coding_hits)$unique]
+   cbind(coding = countSubjectHits(coding_hits),
+         compatible = countSubjectHits(compatible_hits),
+         unique = countSubjectHits(unique_hits))
+ }
>
> counts <- countSpliceHits(hits)
```
Exercise: Summarizing Over Multiple Samples

Challenge

Write a function called `summarizeSpliceOverlaps` that takes a `BamFileList` (`bamFiles`), computes the unique counts and returns a `SummarizedExperiment`. **Bonus:** compute and store the total and compatible counts, as well.
Exercise: Summarizing Over Multiple Samples

Solution

```r
> summarizeSpliceOverlaps <- function(bams, tx, cds) {
+   counts <- lapply(bams, function(bam) {
+     hits <- findSpliceOverlaps(bam, tx, cds = cds)
+     counts <- countSpliceHits(hits)
+     split(counts, colnames(counts)[col(counts)])
+   })
+   assays <- do.call(mapply,
+     c(cbind, counts, SIMPLIFY = FALSE))
+   colData <- DataFrame(tumorStatus = c("tumor", "normal"))
+   rownames(colData) <- colData$tumorStatus
+   SummarizedExperiment(assays, tx, colData)
+ }
> se <- summarizeSpliceOverlaps(bamFiles, aldoa_exons_tx,
+    aldoa_cds_tx)
```
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Comparing the Top Two Isoforms

We use a Fisher Test to check whether the balance is shifting between top two isoforms (by uniquely mapped reads), between tumor and normal.

\[ \text{uc} <- \text{assay(se, "unique")} \]
\[ \text{uc\_ord} <- \text{order(rowSums(uc), decreasing = TRUE)} \]
\[ \text{uc\_top} <- \text{uc[head(uc\_ord, 2),]} \]
\[ \text{fisher.test(uc\_top)$estimate} \]

odds ratio
4.337407
Plotting the Isoform Coverage

1. Load alignments, merging XS (strand of transcription) within pairs.
2. Convert to ranges, resolving XS to strand value.
3. Filter for reads that map to a single transcript.
Loading the Alignments

Propagation of XS From Reads to Pairs

```r
> propagateXS <- function(ga) {
+   first_xs <- values(first(ga))$XS
+   last_xs <- values(last(ga))$XS
+   xs <- first_xs
+   xs[is.na(xs)] <- last_xs[is.na(xs)]
+   values(ga)$XS <- xs
+   ga
+ }
```
Load Alignments

```r
> loadAlignments <- function(bam) {
+   ga <- readGappedAlignmentPairs(path(bam),
+                                   param = param)
+   propagateXS(ga)
+ }
> ga_normal <- loadAlignments(bamFiles$normal)
> ga_tumor <- loadAlignments(bamFiles$tumor)
```
Converting Reads to Ranges

Resolving Strand from XS

```r
> resolveStrandFromXS <- function(reads, 
+   xs = values(reads)$XS) 
+ { 
+   strand <- ifelse(!is.na(xs), xs, "*") 
+   strand(reads) <- relist(Rle(strand, elementLengths(reads)), 
+                             reads) 
+   reads 
+ }
```

Converting Reads to Ranges

```r
> getReadRanges <- function(ga) { 
+   resolveStrandFromXS(grglist(ga)) 
+ } 
> reads_normal <- getReadRanges(ga_normal) 
> reads_tumor <- getReadRanges(ga_tumor)
```
Filter For Uniquely Mapped Reads

```r
> getUniques <- function(hits) {
+   unique(queryHits(hits[values(hits)$unique &
+                     subjectHits(hits) %in% c(1, 4)]))
+ }
> unique_normal <- getUniques(hits_normal)
> unique_tumor <- getUniques(hits_tumor)
> unique_reads_normal <- reads_normal[unique_normal]
> unique_reads_tumor <- reads_tumor[unique_tumor]
> unique_reads <-
+   mstack(normal = unlist(unique_reads_normal),
+          tumor = unlist(unique_reads_tumor))
```
We leverage the `autoplot` function from `ggbio`:

```r
> read_track <- autoplot(unique_reads, stat = "coverage", 
+                          facets = name ~ .)
> tx_track <- autoplot(aldoa_exons_tx, geom = "alignment", 
+                       ylab = "")
> cov_tracks <- tracks(read_track, tx_track, 
+                       heights = c(3, 1))
> cov_tracks
```
Zooming into the Plot

The `xlim` argument restricts the genomic interval:

```r
> xlim(cov_tracks) <- c(30075000, 30080000)
> cov_tracks
```
Exercise: Zoom Using the Coverage

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Solution

> cov_chr16 <- coverage(unique_reads)$chr16
> roi <- range(ranges(slice(cov_chr16, 1000)))
> roi <- roi + 500
> xlim(cov_tracks) <- roi
> cov_tracks
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We use the `introns` function to find the intronic gaps in the read alignments (N runs in the CIGAR):

```r
> splices <- resolveStrandFromXS(introns(ga_normal),
+                                values(ga_normal)$XS)
```
Transcript Structure: Splicing

Junction Counting
Simplest algorithm: form keys from GRanges and hashing.

Key generator

```r
> gr2key <- function(x) {
+   paste(seqnames(x), start(x), end(x), strand(x),
+         sep = ":")
+ }
```

Key Parser

```r
> key2gr <- function(x, ...) {
+   key_mat <- matrix(unlist(strsplit(x, ":", fixed=TRUE)),
+                     nrow = 4)
+   GRanges(key_mat[1,],
+           IRanges(as.integer(key_mat[2,]),
+                  as.integer(key_mat[3,])),
+           key_mat[4,], ...)
+ }
```
> introns <- psetdiff(range(aldoa_exons_tx), aldoa_exons_tx)
> introns_flat <- unlist(introns, use.names = FALSE)
> tx_keys <- gr2key(introns_flat)

> splices_flat <- unlist(splices, use.names = FALSE)
> splice_table <- table(gr2key(splices_flat))
> splice_summary <-
+ key2gr(names(splice_table),
+ score = as.integer(splice_table),
+ novel = !names(splice_table) %in% tx_keys,
+ seqlengths = seqlengths(splices))
Get Uniquely Mapped Splices

```r
> unique_splices_normal <- summarizeSplices(ga_normal[unique_normal])
> unique_splices_tumor <- summarizeSplices(ga_tumor[unique_tumor])
> unique_splices <- mstack(normal = unique_splices_normal,
+                          tumor = unique_splices_tumor)
```
Plotting Splice Counts: Score as Height

> read_track <- autoplot(unique_splices, geom = "arch", 
+ aes(height = score), 
+ color = "deepskyblue3", 
+ ylab = "coverage", 
+ facets = name ~ .) + 
+ stat_coverage(unique_reads, facets = name ~ .) 
> tracks(read_track, tx_track, heights = c(3, 1), 
+ xlim = roi)
> read_track <- autoplot(unique_splices, geom = "arch",
+                                  aes(size = score,
+                                       height = width / 5),
+                                  color = "deepskyblue3",
+                                  ylab = "coverage",
+                                  facets = name ~ .) +
+ stat_coverage(unique_reads, facets = name ~ .) +
> tracks(read_track, tx_track, heights = c(3, 1),
+       xlim = roi)
Coverage Plot, Splice Count as Size

Coverage

30076000 30077000 30078000 30079000
Get the Novel Splices

```r
> splices_normal <- summarizeSplices(ga_normal)
> splices_tumor <- summarizeSplices(ga_tumor)
> all_splices <- mstack(normal = splices_normal,
+ tumor = splices_tumor)
> novel_splices <-
+ all_splices[values(all_splices)$novel &
+ values(all_splices)$score >= 9]
> unique_novel_splices <- c(unique_splices, novel_splices)
> values(unique_novel_splices)$annotated <-
+ !values(unique_novel_splices)$novel
```
This time, we specify the `color = novel` aesthetic:

```r
> novel_track <- autoplot(unique_novel_splices,
+                        geom = "arch",
+                        aes(size = score,
+                             height = width / 5,
+                             color = annotated),
+                        ylab = "coverage",
+                        facets = name ~ .) +
+                        stat_coverage(unique_reads, facets = name ~ .)
> tracks(novel_track, tx_track, heights = c(3, 1),
+        xlim = roi)
```
Coverage Plot, with Novel Junctions

- Score categories: 500, 1000, 1500
- Annotated categories: FALSE, TRUE

Coverage values:
- 30076000
- 30077000
- 30078000
- 30079000
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