Bioinformatics Analysis in R

Gene Expression Analysis

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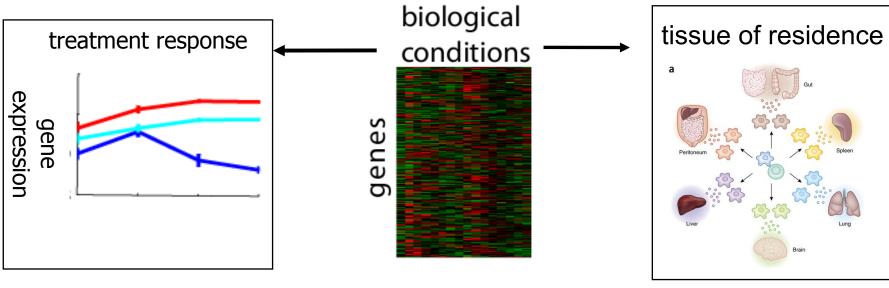


Objective of the course

- 1 Give you a overview on the use of R/bioconductor tools for gene expression analysis
- 2 Show a real example with all steps necessary for gene expression analysis (based on arrays and RNA-seq)



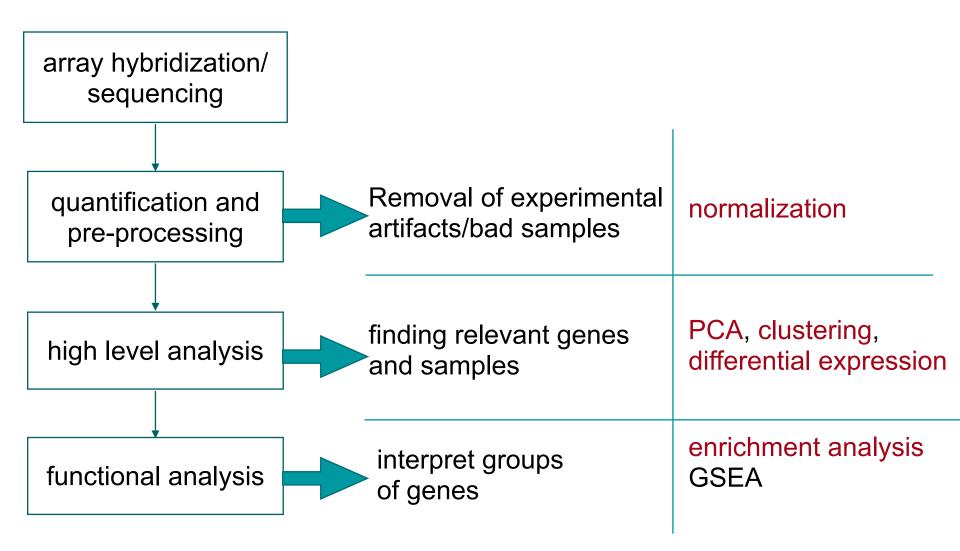
Analysis of Gene Expression



- adapted from: Amit et al. 2016
- 1- Which genes are up/down regulated after treatment?
- differential analysis / clustering genes
- 2 Which cells are more similar?
- clustering samples / PCA
- 3 How to interpret large lists of genes?
- gene ontology enrichment /gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)

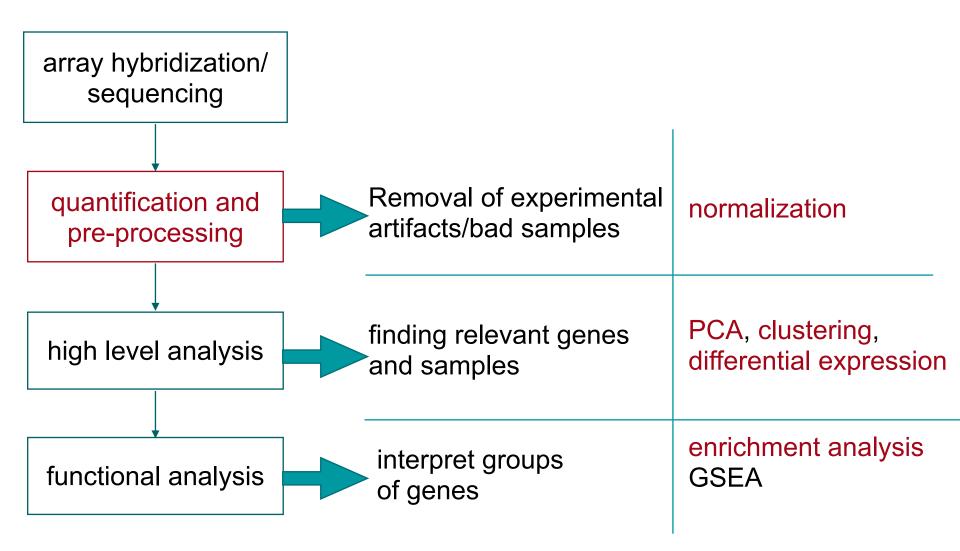


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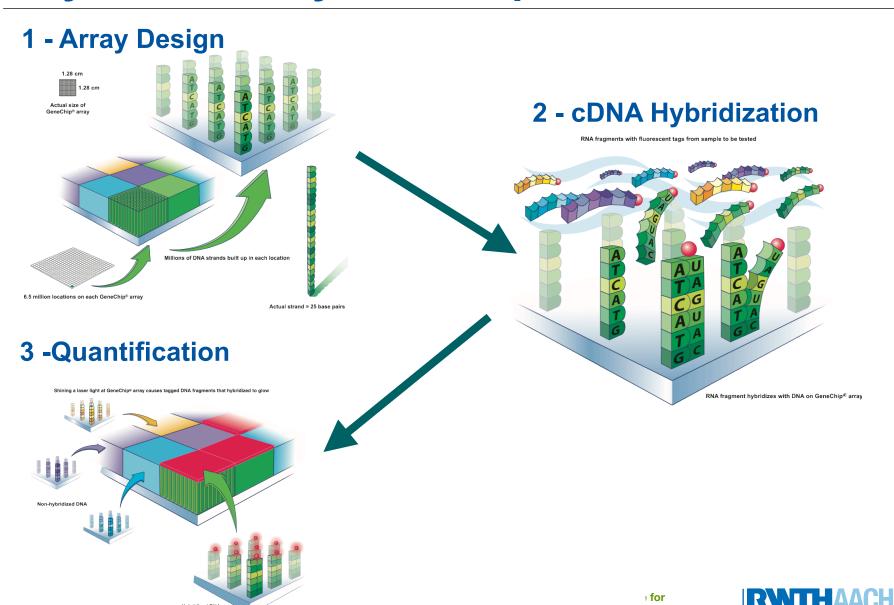


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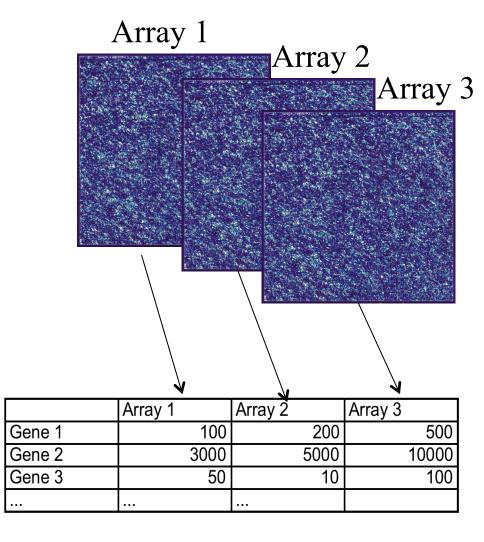




Affymetrix Arrays - Example



Quantification/Pre-processing



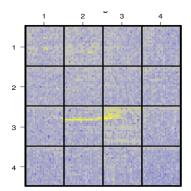
- 1 Quantify gene expression values
- 2 Quality Control
 - remove bad samples
- 3 Correct for Experimental artifacts
 - normalization

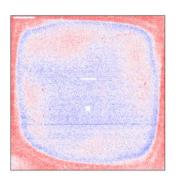


Why is QC / Normalization important?

- Systematic errors (array wise)
 - labeling efficiency, scanning parameters, reverse transcriptase, batch effects
- Stochastic errors
 - cross-hybridization, image processing failure, error on probe sequence (manufacturer defect) (gene wise)
 - dust in array, hybridization problems (array wise)

Example of Hybridization Problems

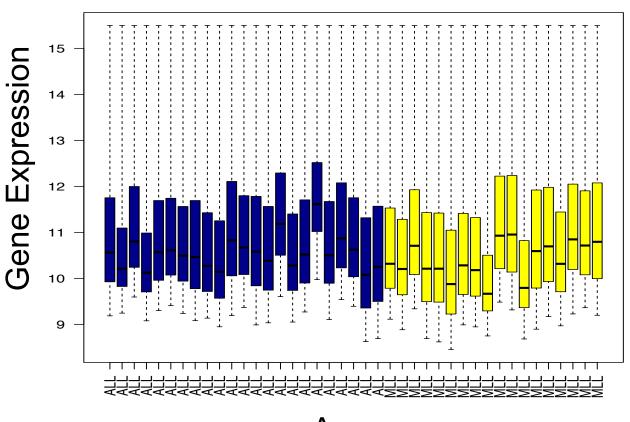


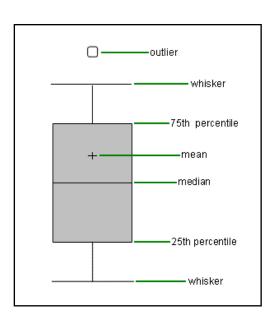




Normalization Principles

- 1 Most genes don't change expression -> small/same variance
- 2 Arrays are hybridized with the same amount of DNA -> same mean

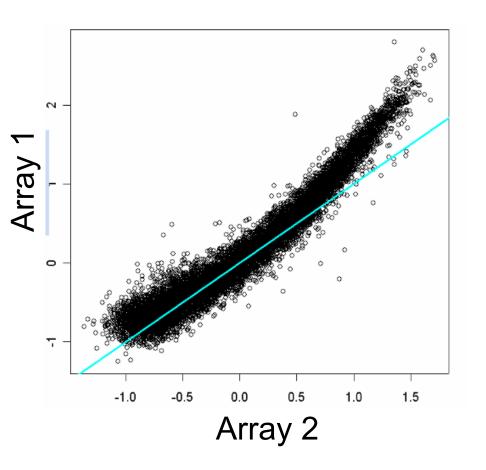




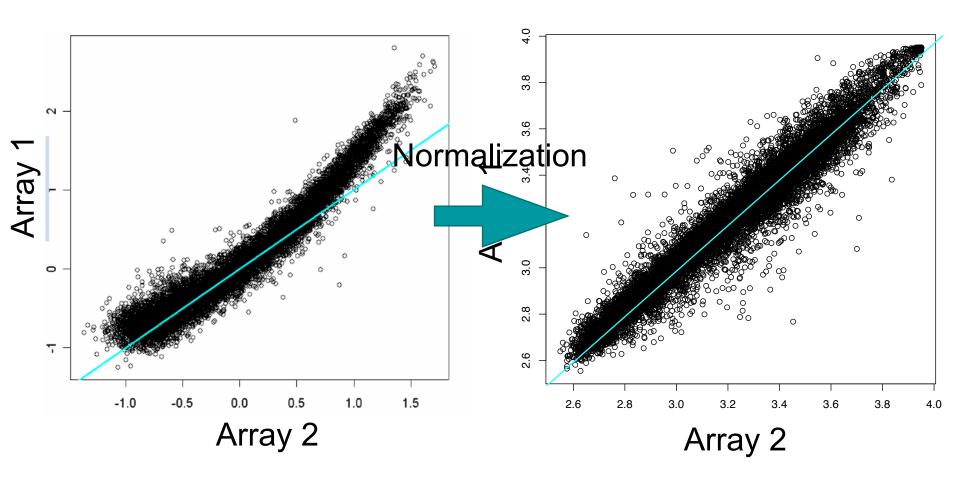
Arrays



Scatter Plots - Comparing 2 arrays



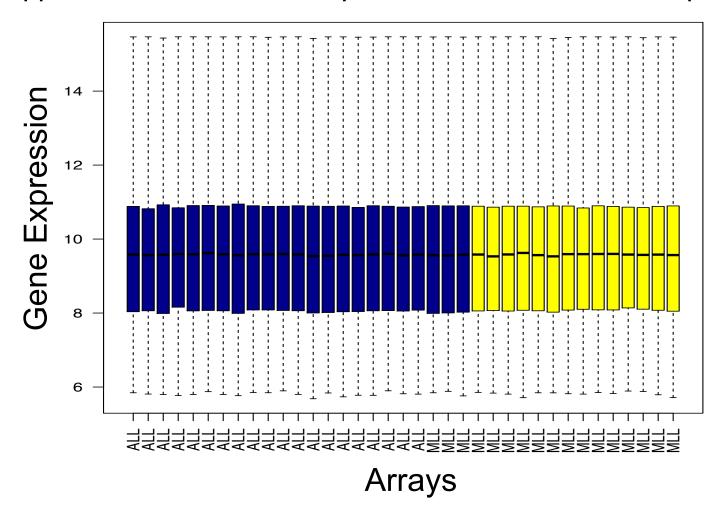
Scatter Plots - Comparing 2 arrays





Normalization Results

Application of BetweenArray normalization from limma package





MA Plots

Shows systematic dependence between fluorescence intensities between arrays.

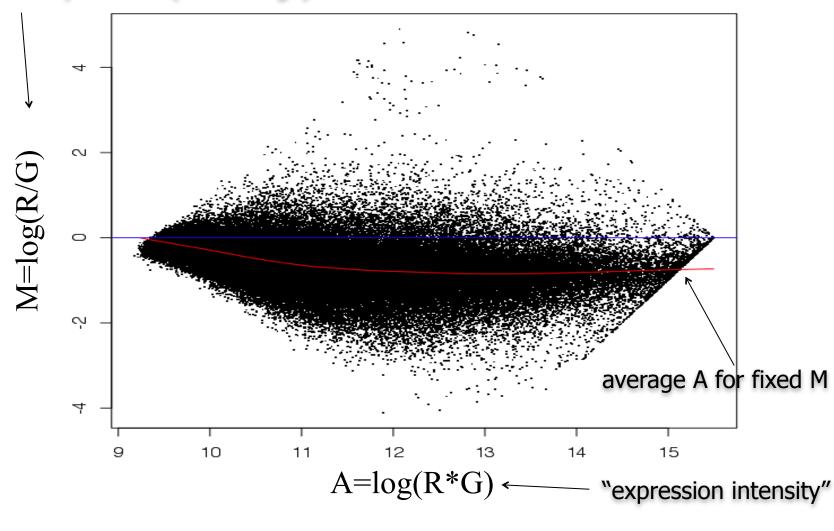
- M = log R/G
- $A = \log \operatorname{sqrt}(R*G) (= 1/2 [\log(R) + \log(G)])$

For Affymetrix/single channel arrays, R is the intensity of the microarray experiment of interest and the G is the intensity of median values of all the arrays



MA Plots

"relative expression" (fold change)



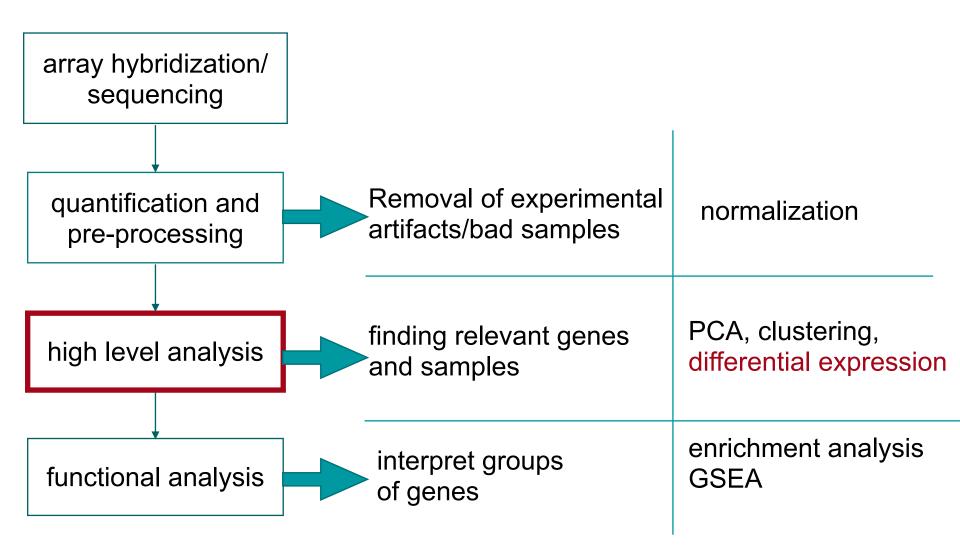


Quantification/Pre-processing - Resume

- Normalization is important to confirm the quality and consistency of data
- Boxplots should also be performed after all steps to assure data standards
- Exclusion of "bad samples" has positive effect on downstream analysis
- In doubt, consult a bioinformatician!



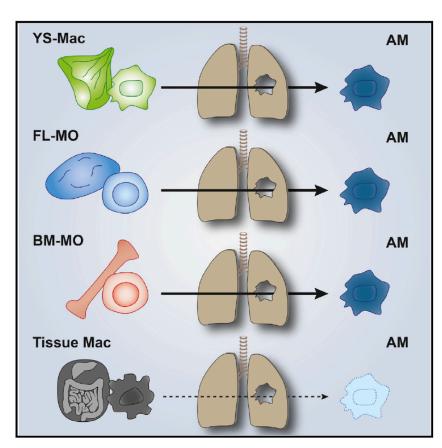
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Differential Expression Analysis

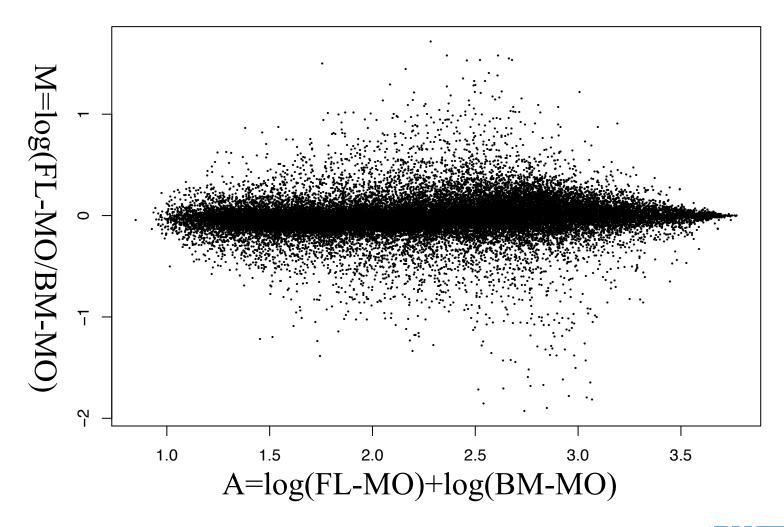
- Identify genes related to a particular condition
 - example van de Laar, et al. 2016, Immunity, 2016.
- We will consider:
 - You Sac Macrophages (YS-Mac)
 - Fetal Liver Monocytes (FL-MO)
 - Bone Marrow Monocytes (BM-MO)
 - 4 replicates per condition



Source: van de Laar, et al. 2016, Immunity, 2016.



Differential Expression - Example

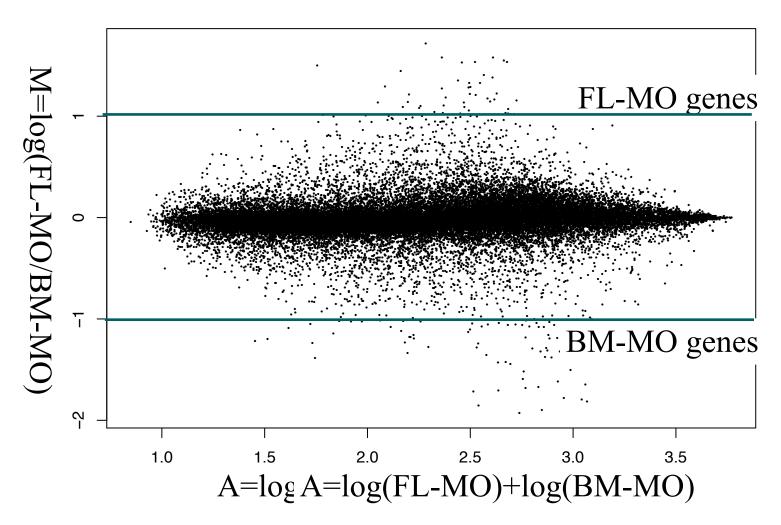






Differential Expression - Example

Fold change analysis - change > |log2(2)|





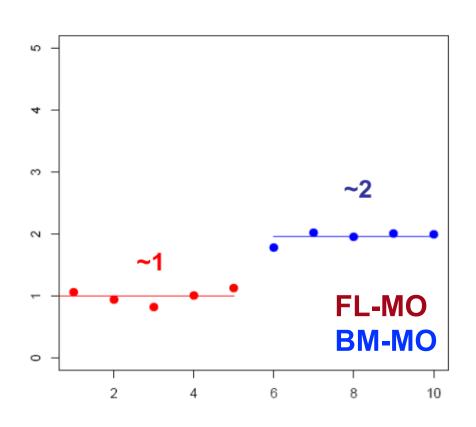
Problems - Fold change

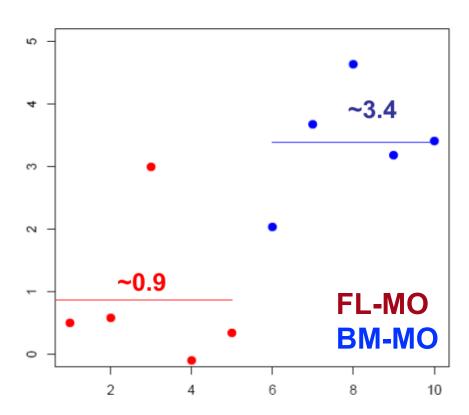
- Low expression genes are treated equally as high expression genes
- We lose information about the variance from genes
- No statistical significance
- Is the only alternative when no replicate samples are available (not recommended!)



Basic Concepts

Mean vs. variability







T-test

We can use the t-statistic as an indication of differential expression

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\text{SE}}$$
, difference between means

SE =
$$\sqrt{\frac{s_X^2}{n_X} + \frac{x_Y^2}{n_Y}}$$
 and $s_X^2 = \frac{1}{n_X - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_X} (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.

where \overline{X} and Y are the mean (log) expression values of a gene in each group sample and n_x and n_y are the number of samples on these groups



Student T-test

Test the hypothesis

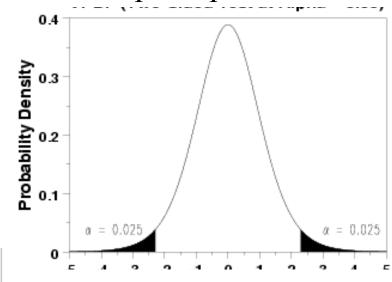
$$H_0: X - Y = 0$$

$$H_1: X - Y \neq 0$$

We can use the t-student distribution to estimate for which t-statistic values the null hypothesis is rejected.

P-value = $Pr(t \text{ as extreme or more}|H_0)$,

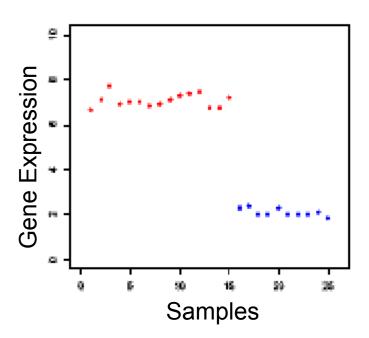
t student pdf - p-value =0.05





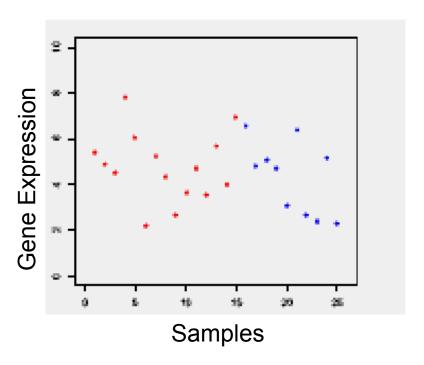
Examples

Change: HIGH Variance: SMALL



T huge

Change: SMALL Variance: HIGH

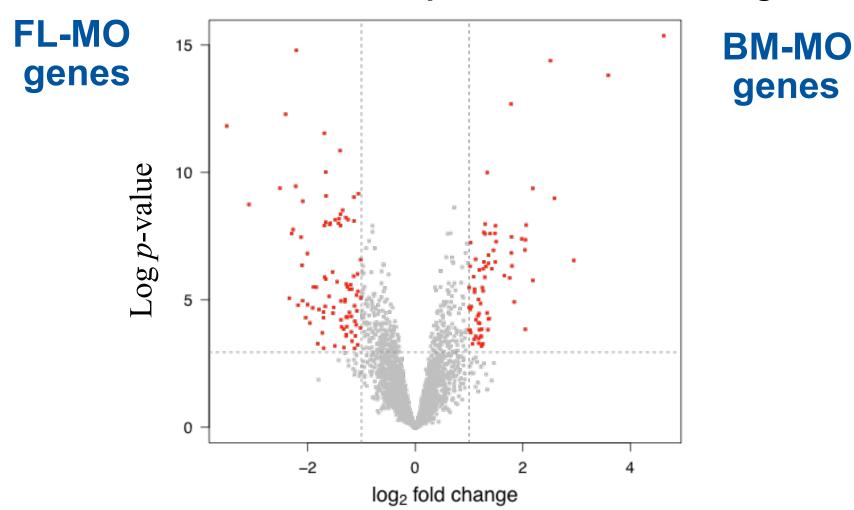


 $T \sim 0$



Results - FL-MO vs. BM-MO

Volcano Plot - combine p-value and fold change





Multiple Test Correction

- With a p-value of 0.01, we expect to make one mistake every 100 tests
- We have 12.626 genes, therefore 126 mistaken from 1046 DE genes.
- To solve this, a multiple test correction method is necessary (i.e. Benjamini-Hochberg)
 - It is based on the false discovery rate, i.e. the proportion of false DE genes in your list of DE genes

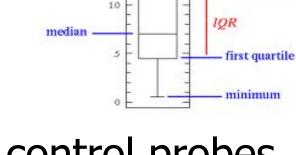


Filtering

 Higher level analysis are eased by filtering of non-specific genes

genes that show no expression changes between arrays

i.e. filter genes with low IQR (interquantile range)



third quartile

1.5

- Affymetrix chips has spike-in control probes
 - Should be removed after normalization



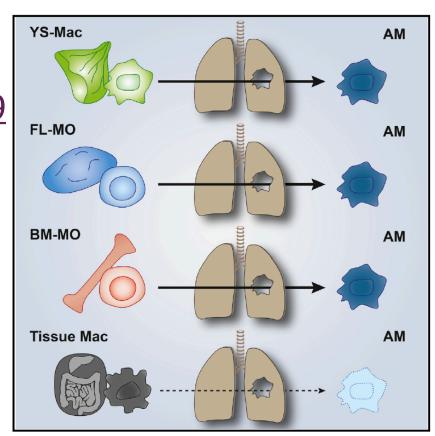
Differential Analysis - Conclusions

- Fold-change (alone) -> should be avoided
- For patient samples
 - high number of replicates are necessary (>30)
 - otherwise low DE genes replicability
- For model (mouse) experiments
 - at least 3 samples (and moderated t-test)
 - we can not tell the variance without measuring it!
- All correct for multiple testing! Also, non-specific filtering can help if low number of DE genes is found.



Practical Example

- This data is deposited in the public repository GEO under accession <u>GSE76999</u>
- This can be found at the materials and methods of papers.
- GEO public database with raw, pre-processed data and experimental details of expression (and other omics) experiments.



Source: van de Laar, et al. 2016, Immunity, 2016.



GEO - van de Laar, et al. 2016

Series GSE76999

Query DataSets for GSE76999

Status

Public on Mar 01, 2016

Title

Capacity of yolk sac macrophages, fetal liver and adult monocytes to colonize an empty niche and develop into functional tissue resident macrophages

Organism

Mus musculus

Experiment type

Expression profiling by array

Summary

Tissue-resident macrophages can derive from yolk sac macrophages, fetal liver monocytes or adult bone marrow monocytes. Whether these precursors can give rise to transcriptionally identical alveolar macrophages is unknown. Here, we transferred traceable yolk sac macrophages, fetal liver monocytes, adult bone marrow monocytes or adult alveolar macrophages as a control, into the empty alveolar macrophage niche of neonatal Csf2rb-/- mice. All precursors efficiently colonized the alveolar niche and generated alveolar macrophages that were transcriptionally almost identical, with only 22 genes that could be linked to their origin. Underlining the physiological relevance of our findings, all transfer-derived alveolar macrophages self-maintained within the lungs for up to 1 year and durably prevented alveolar proteinosis. Thus, precursor origin does not affect the development of functional self-maintaining tissue-resident

macrophages.

Overall design

CD45.1+CD45.2+ yolk sac macrophages, fetal liver monocytes, adult bone marrow monocytes or adult alveolar macrophages from the bronchoalveolar lavage were sorted from wild type CD45.1+CD45.2+ mice of indicated ages. From part of these samples RNA was isolated. The other part was transferred intranasally into the lungs of neonate Csf2rb-/- mice. 6 weeks post-transfer, transfer-derived CD45.1+CD45.2+ alveolar macrophages were sorted from the bronchoalveolar lavage. Wild type CD45.1+CD45.2 alveolar macrophages from the bronchoalveolar lavage of 6 week old mice were sorted as control. 36 samples (arrays) in total. RNA was isolated, amplified with Nugene pico kit, converted to cDNA and then hybridised on Affymetrix GeneChip Mouse Gene 1.0 ST Arrays.

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GEO ID

Information about the study





GEO - van de Laar, et al. 2016

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Platforms (1) GPL6246 [MoGene-1_0-st] Affymetrix Mouse Gene 1.0 ST Array [transcript

(gene) version]

Samples (36) GSM2042244 Monocyte extracted from adult (wk6-12) Bone Marrow,

■ More... biological replicate 1

GSM2042245 Monocyte extracted from adult (wk6-12) Bone Marrow,

biological replicate 2

GSM2042246 Monocyte extracted from adult (wk6-12) Bone Marrow,

biological replicate 3

Relations

BioProject PRJNA309234

Analyze with GEO2R

Download family

SOFT formatted family file(s)

SOFT 2

MINIML formatted family file(s)

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Series Matrix File(s) TXT 2

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array used

single experiments

raw data



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Sample GSM2042244

Query DataSets for GSM2042244

Status Public on Mar 01, 2016

Title Monocyte extracted from adult (wk6-12) Bone Marrow, biological replicate 1

Sample type RNA

Source name Monocyte, extracted from Bone Marrow (BM)

Organism Mus musculus
Characteristics strain: C57BL/6

tissue: Bone Marrow

age: wk6-12

Treatment protocol not applicable

Growth protocol Tissues were isolated from the mice at the indicated ages.

Extracted molecule total RNA

Extraction protocol Single cell suspensions were prepared by organ digestion (yolk sac and fetal

liver) with 1 mg/ml collagenase A and 10 U/ml DNA (30 and 5 minutes at 37oC), crushing (bones) or flushing of the lungs (broncholaveolar lavage). 2x104 cells were FACS purified into RLT buffer (Qiagen) containing 10 ml/ml 2-mercaptoethanol. RNA was isolated using the RNA isolation kit

micro (Qiagen no74034).

Label biotin

Label protocol Affymetrix WT Terminal Labeling Kit

Hybridization protocol Standard Affymetrix protocol. cDNA was hybrised on Affymetrix GeneChip

Mouse Gene 1.0 ST Arrays (GPL6246).

Scan protocol Affymetrix Gene ChIP Scanner 3000 7G
Description Monocyte extracted from Bone Marrow

Data processing Data were processed using Bioconductor. Normalisation was done by RMA.

MoGene-1_0-st-v1.r4.pgf MoGene-1 0-st-v1.r4.mps name of condition

ID of array

details





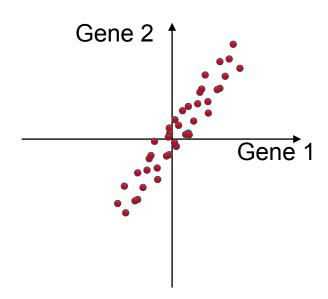
Hands on!

Handout Steps 1,2 and 3



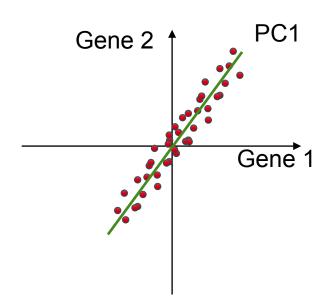
Principal Component Analysis

- method for dimension reduction
 - find combination of genes explaining cells with distinct expression
- finding directions with highest variance



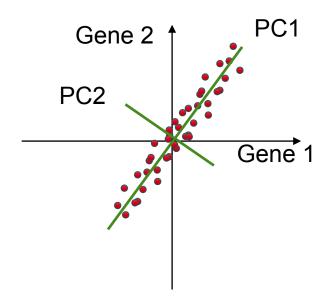
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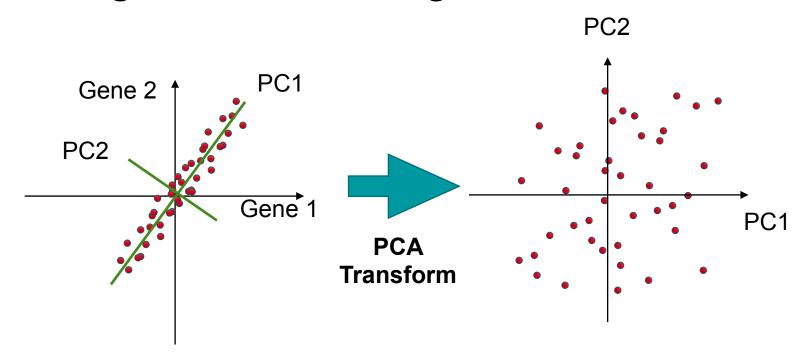
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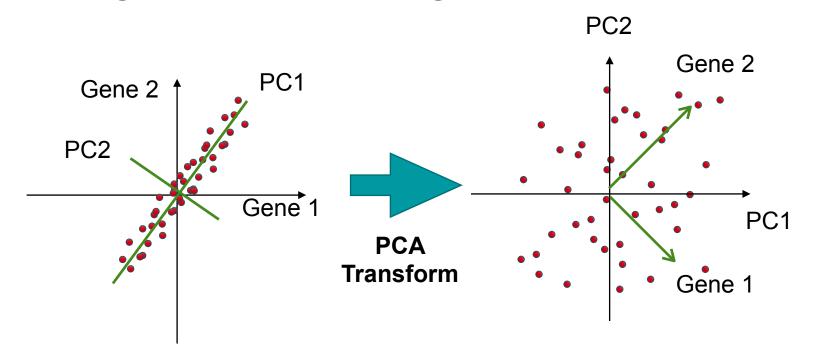
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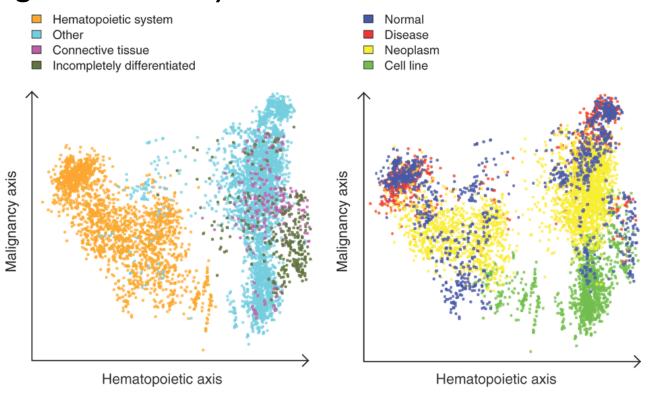
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Gene Expression - PCA Example 1

Can be interpreted as a computational FACs sorting (without knowing the markers)

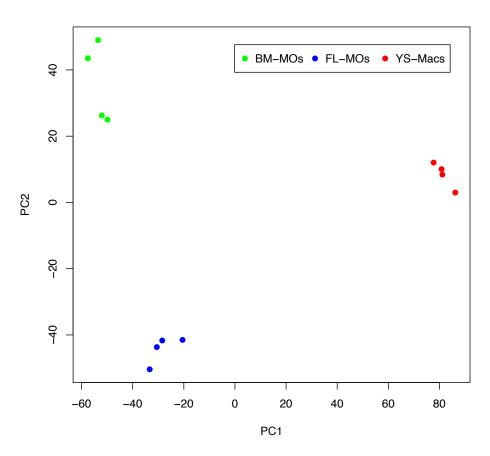


First 2 PCs on the analysis of 5000 samples from Array Express/EBI



Gene Expression - PCA Example 2

PCA Analysis of van de Leer, 2016 data



First 2 PCs van de Leer, 2016 data



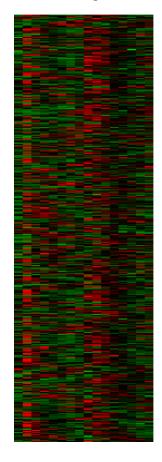
PCA Analysis - Conclusions

- PCA allows an "blind" cell sorting
 - only works if variant directions split the groups
 - is complementary to clustering
- Weights allow interpretation of relevant variables
- Can also be used for quality check
 - samples not fitting to groups
- Alternatives to PCA:
 - tSNE very commonly used in single cell RNAseq

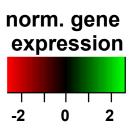


Clustering / Heatmaps

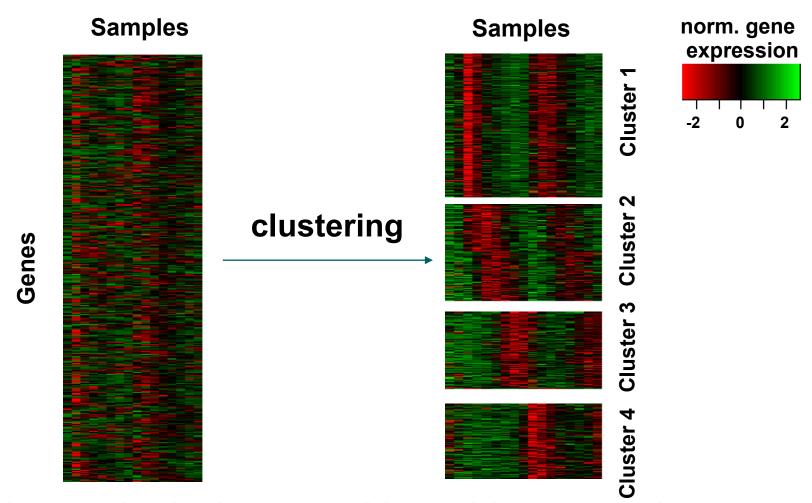
Samples



Genes



Clustering / Heatmaps



clustering methods: k-means, hierarchical clustering, ...



Distance

For a expression matrix X (genes vs. arrays), measure the distance between expression values of two genes (x_i e x_i)

Euclidean distance (sensitive to scale)

$$d(x_i, x_j) = \sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^{L} (x_{il} - x_{jl})^2}$$

 Pearson correlation (not sensitive to scale / similarity measure)

$$d(x_i, x_j) = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{L} (x_{il} - \overline{x}_i)(x_{jl} - \overline{x}_j)}{\sigma_i^2 \sigma_j^2}$$

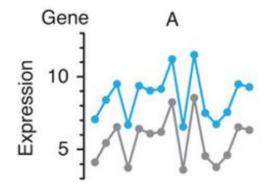


Distance

Which distance for gene expression?

- example of two genes for 15 cancer patients

absolute expression

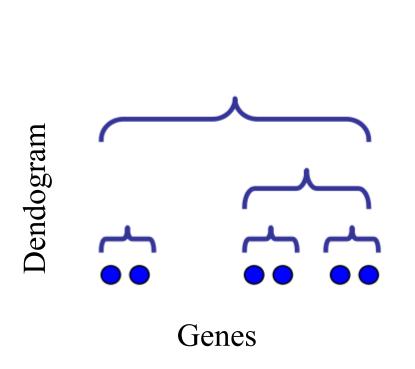


Euclidean - not similar Correlation - similar z-score normalised expression



Euclidean - similar Correlation - similar

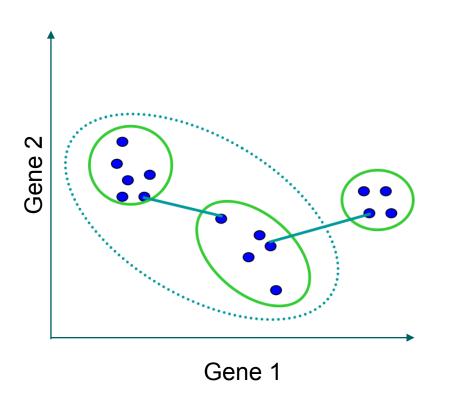




- Botton up method
- Starting with a distance (similarity) matrix and each object as a group

Repeat:

- Joint two most similar groups
- Until the dendrogram has only one group



Single-Linkage

- Join two groups where two examples are close
- Find groups with linear shapes



Distance Matrix





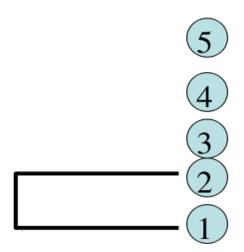








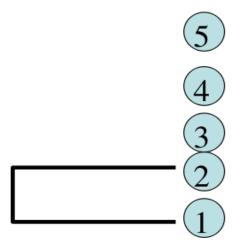
Distance Matrix





Distance Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} d_{(1,2),3} &= \min\{d_{1,3}, d_{2,3}\} = \min\{6,3\} = 3\\ d_{(1,2),4} &= \min\{d_{1,4}, d_{2,4}\} = \min\{10,9\} = 9\\ d_{(1,2),5} &= \min\{d_{1,5}, d_{2,5}\} = \min\{9,8\} = 8 \end{aligned}$$

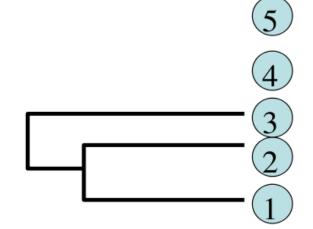




$$d_{(1,2,3),4} = \min\{d_{(1,2),4}, d_{3,4}\} = \min\{9,7\} = 7$$

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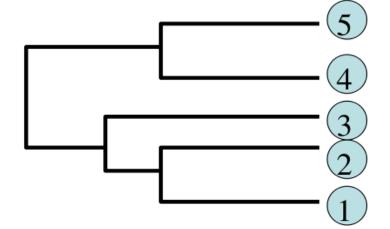
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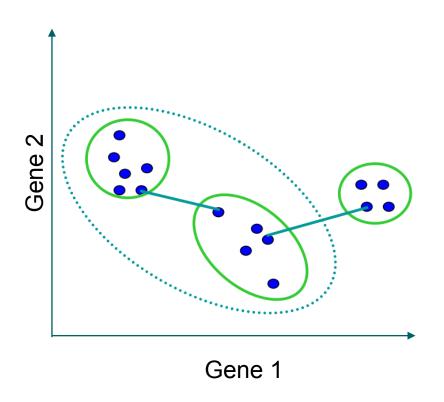




$$d_{(1,2,3),(4,5)} = \min\{d_{(1,2,3),4}, d_{(1,2,3),5}\} = 5$$







Single-Linkage

- Groups with closest genes
- linear shapes

Complete-Linkage

- Closest groups with more far genes
- Compact clusters

Average Linkage

- Groups with closest centroids (middle)
- Outlier robust

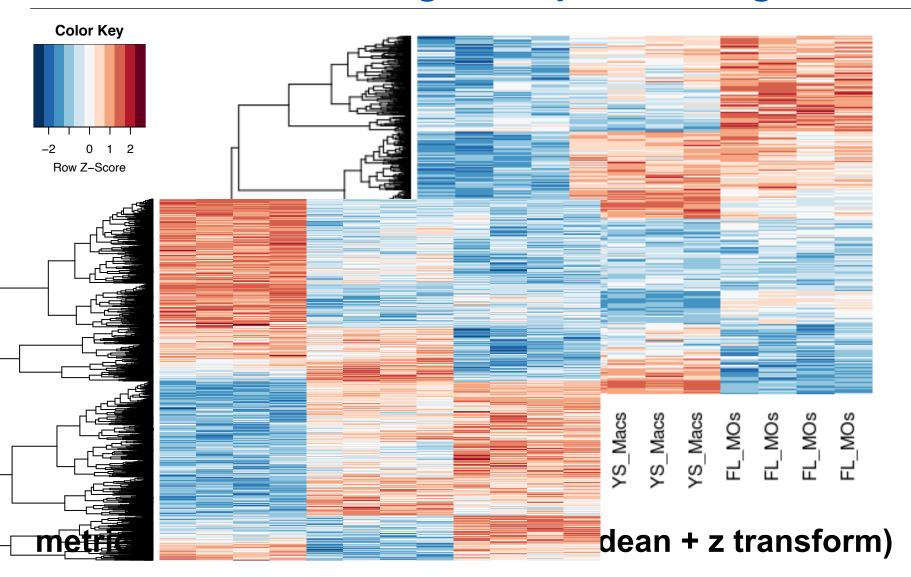


Which linkage?

Which distance?

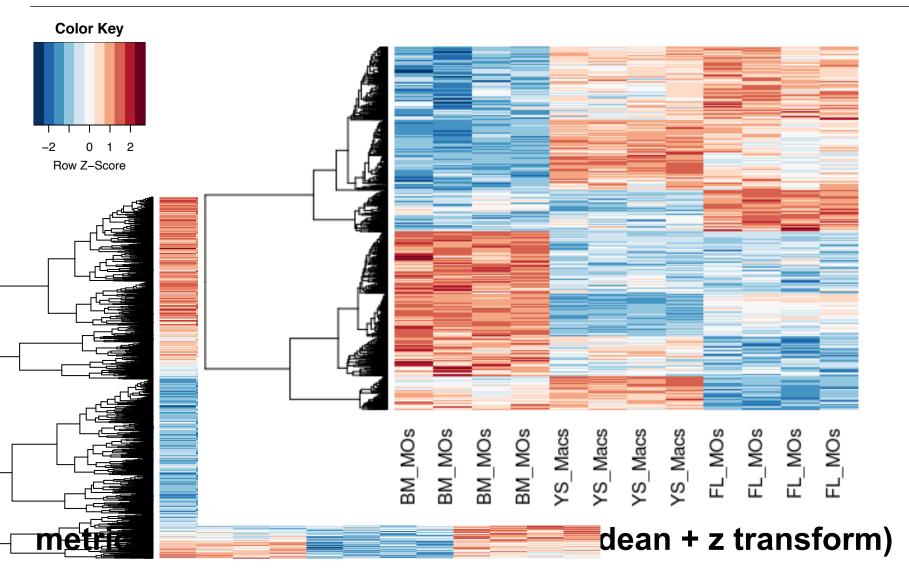


Hierarchical Clustering - Complete Linkage



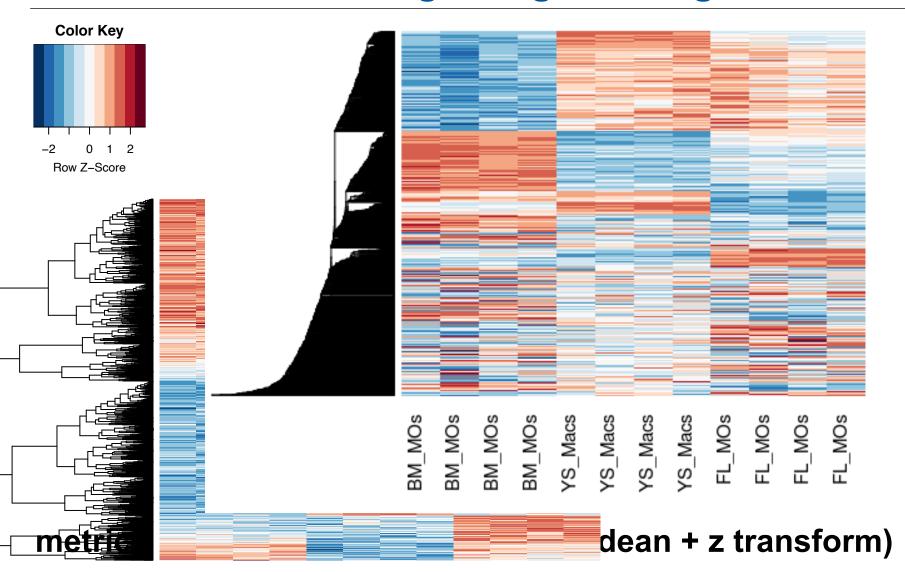


Hierarchical Clustering - Average Linkage





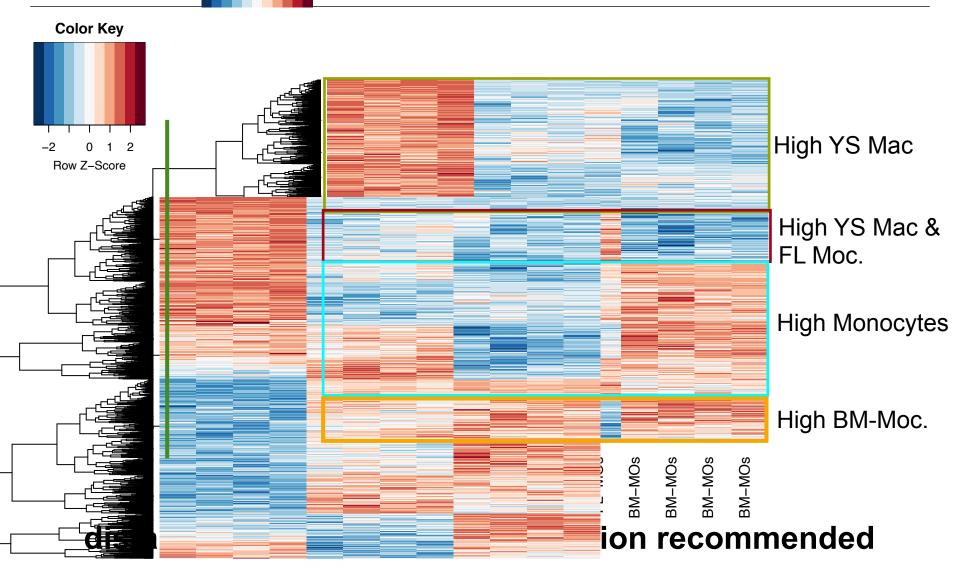
Hierarchical Clustering - Single Linkage





Hierarchic

stering - Final Results





Clustering - Resume

- Clustering allow detection of unknown groups in the data
- Classical methods (hierarchical or k-mean) work well in general
- How to choose distance and linkage?
 - Pearson or Euclidean (followed by z-transform)
 - Heatmaps usually only like nice with ztransform
- How to find number of groups?
 - No simple solution!



Hands on!

Handout Step 4 and 5



Functional Analysis

Clustering/Differential Expression (DE) returns lists of hundreds of genes How to functionally characterize these?

Solution 1 - Look at each gene individually

Solution 2 - Relate these genes to annotations from databases

- Gene Ontology, pathways, gene sets, disease ontology, ...



Databases

Manually or automatic curated annotation of genes

Pathways







Experimental



Ontologies









Gene Ontology

Controlled vocabulary to describe gene and gene product attributes in any organism

Formed by three ontologies

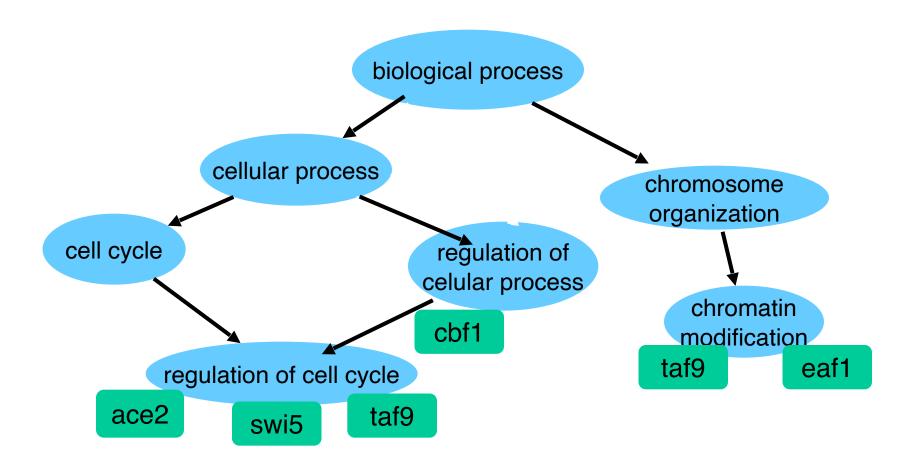
- 1. Biological Process (BP)
- 2. Molecular Function (MF)
- 3. Celular Component (CC)

Annotation (Organism depend)

- genes are associated to terms manually (literature) or automatically (sequence homology)

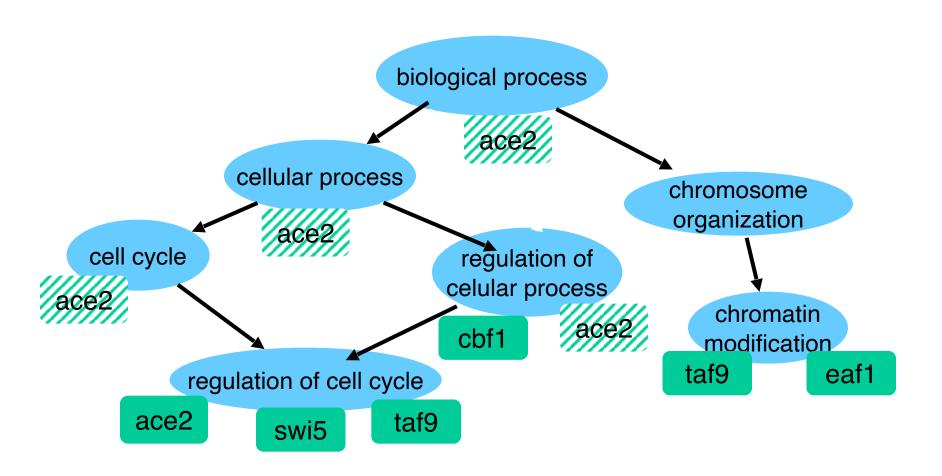


Gene Ontology





Gene Ontology



inheritance property



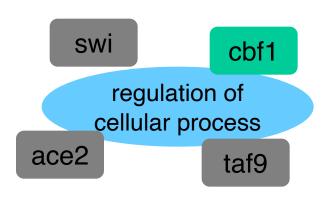
GO Enrichment Analysis

DE analysis results

swi ACE2 CBF1 YJL099W YDL198C YCR085W YCR043C YDR825C



GO Term



How probable is that 3 up regulated genes are annotated to the GO term?



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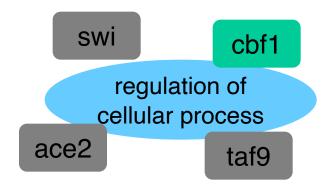
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YCR085W
YBR043C
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...

Up-regulated

Statistics:

Fisher's Exact Test

GO Term



GO Term Annotation

	YES.	NO
YES	3	1
NO	8	6421





Enrichment Analysis Tools

For a given gene list:

- 1. evaluate the the overlap of the list vs. all gene sets i.e. GO terms, pathways, ...
- 2. Estimate p-value (corrected by multiple testing)
- 3. Rank gene sets by lowest p-value



G:Profiler

We interface for enrichment analysis with: Gene Ontology, KEGG Pathway and TF binding

http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/index.cgi

Check the results for my favorite genes:

Irf8 Id2 Spi1 Klf4 Runx2 Egr1



Perform a functional evaluation of ranking of genes

- i.e all genes ranked by fold change cond. A vs. B

Advantages over "Normal" enrichment analysis:

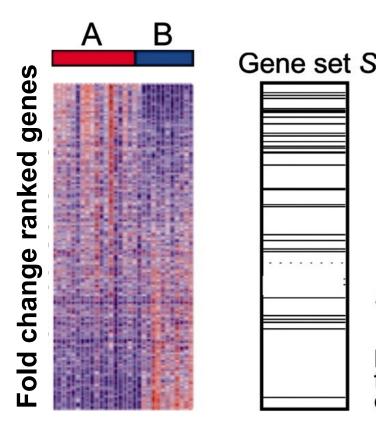
- do not require previous DE analysis
- works when effects of the experiment are low

GSEA Gene Sets

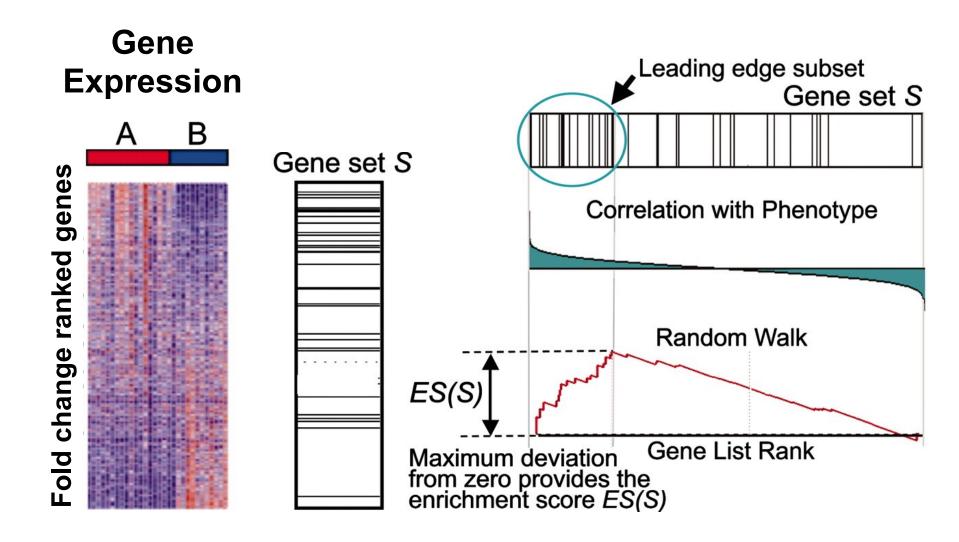
- GO Terms, KEGG Pathways
- experimentally derived Gene Sets
 - DE genes from microarray studies from GEO
 - Can be obtained at mysigdb (software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/)







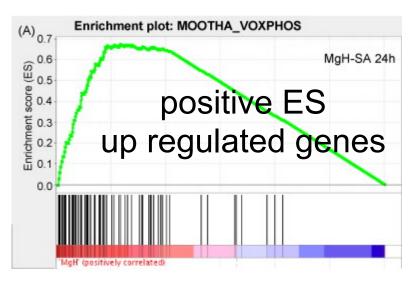


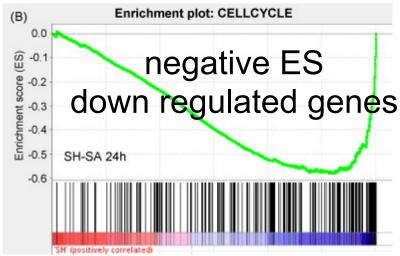




For a given gene ranking:

- evaluate ES score for all gene sets
- 2. estimate p-value(corrected)
- 3. rank gene sets by lowest p-value







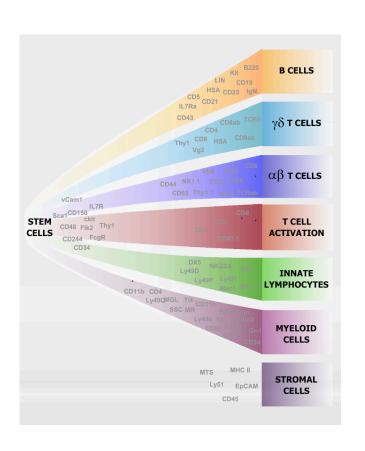
Hands on!

Handout Step 6 and 7



Integrative Analysis - ImmGen

 ImmGen - expression data of immune cells under standardized conditions

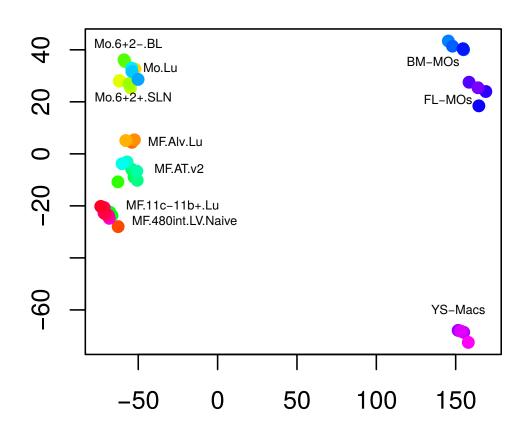


- How do cells from van de Leer, 2016 compares to monocyte/macrophages from ImmGenn?
- we obtained/pre-processed ImmGen data (v1) from GEO (GSE15907)



Integrative Analysis - Problem

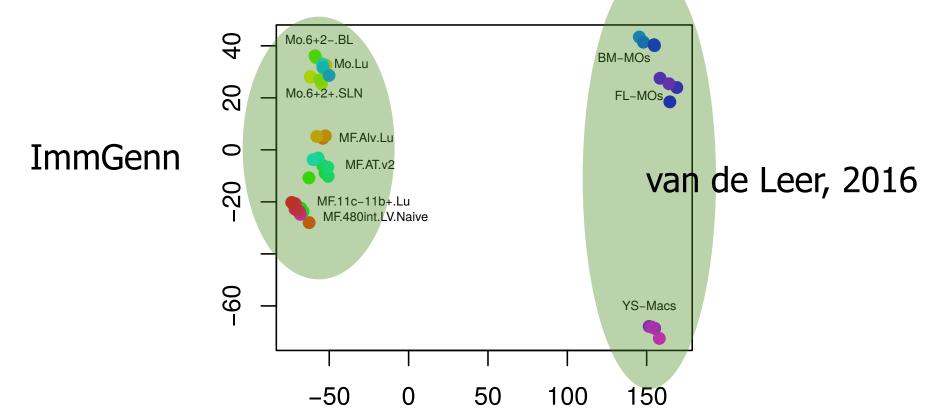
 Batch Effects - Arrays from distinct lab tends to cluster together





Integrative Analysis - Problem

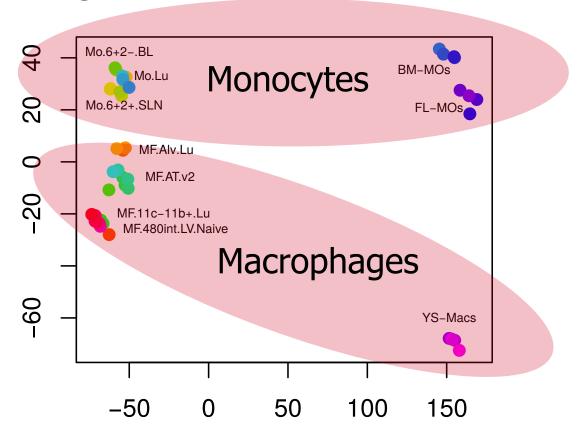
 Batch Effects - Arrays from distinct lab tends to cluster together





Integrative Analysis - Problem

 Batch Effects - Arrays from distinct lab tends to cluster together





Integrative Analysis - PCA After Combat

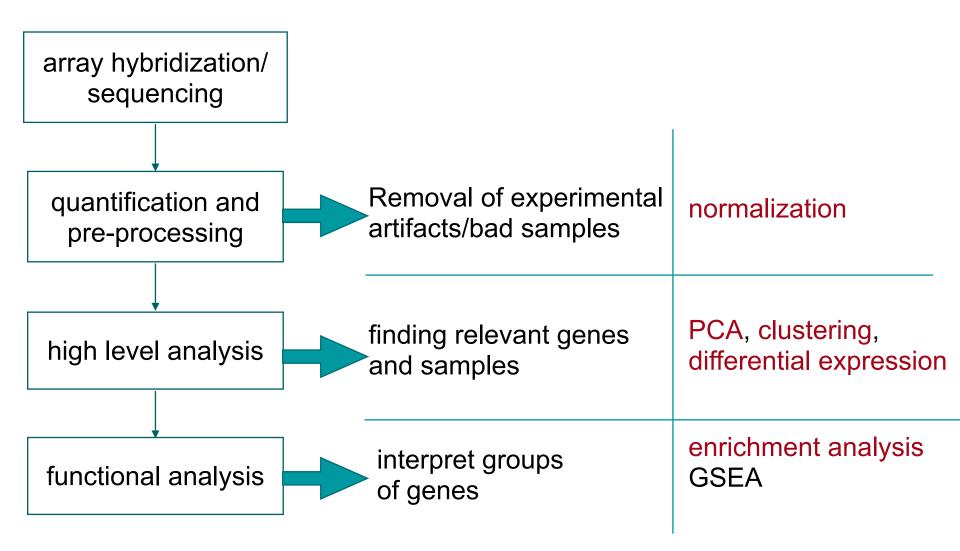
- Solution Batch effect removal with COMBAT
 - annotation of your data: tissue of origin, cell type, experimental batches

Hands on!

Handout Step 7



Bioinformatics - Gene Expression Analysis





Afternoon Exercise

- Analyse gene expression data (steps 1-7 of handout) of the following paper:
 - Spence JR, Mayhew CN, Rankin SA, Kuhar MF et al. Directed differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells into intestinal tissue in vitro. Nature 2011 Feb 3;470(7332):105-9.
 - Try to get answers to the following questions with your analysis:
 - Are the stem cells and induced pluripotent cells the same?
 - If not, what are the reasons?



