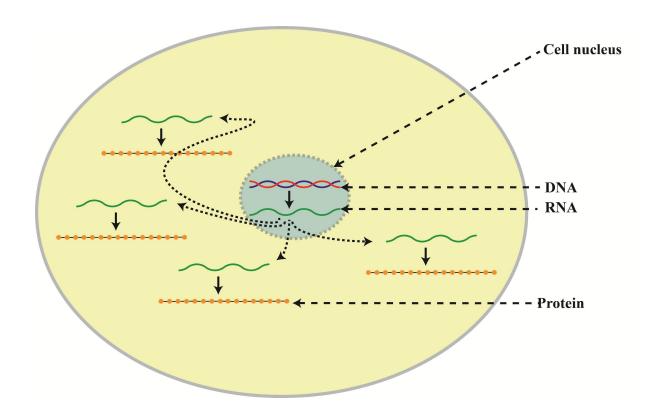


RNA-seq to study HIV Infection in cells

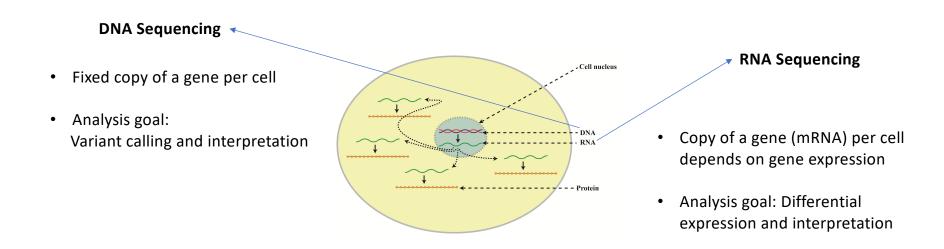
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DNA and RNA in a cell



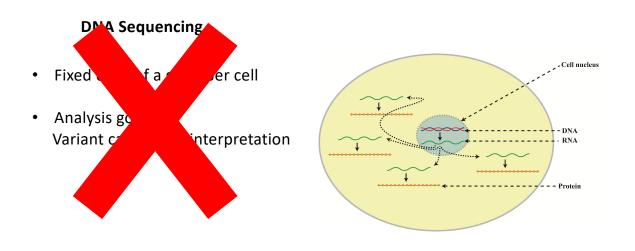
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Two common analysis goals



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Today we will cover RNA sequencing



RNA Sequencing

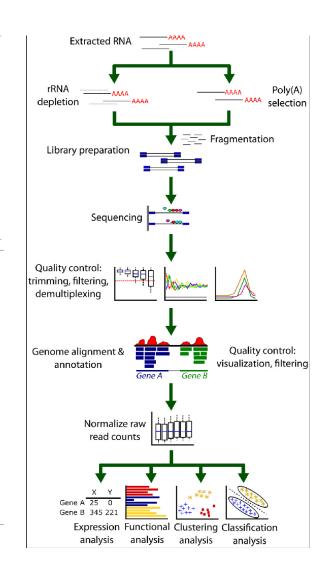
- Copy of a gene (mRNA) per cell depends on gene expression
- Analysis goal: Differential expression and interpretation

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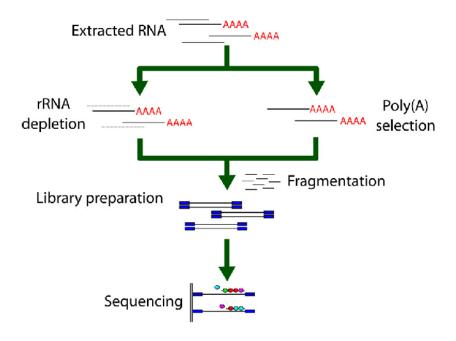
RNA seq workflow

Library prep and sequencing

Bioinformatics

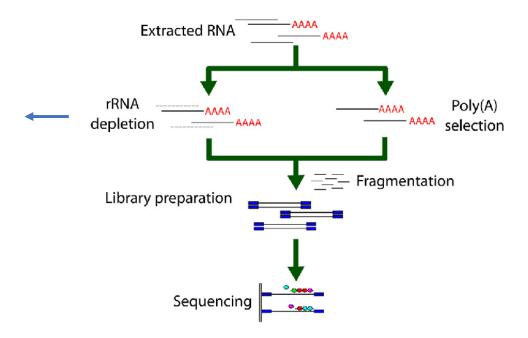


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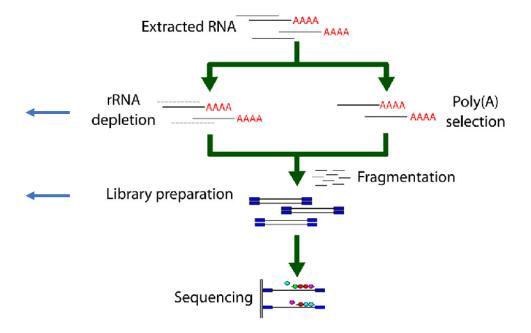
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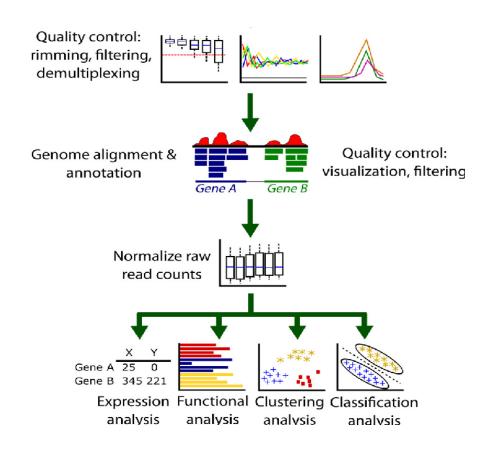


RNA seq library prep and sequencing

- · Enrichment for mRNA
- In humans, ~95%–98% of all RNA molecules are rRNAs
- Random priming and reverse transcription
- Double stranded cDNA synthesis
- Sequencing adapter ligation



RNA seq bioinformatics



Goal of RNAseq

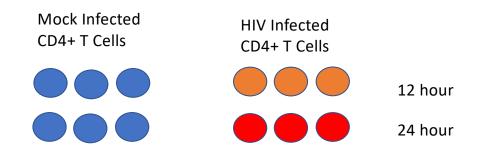
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Our dataset

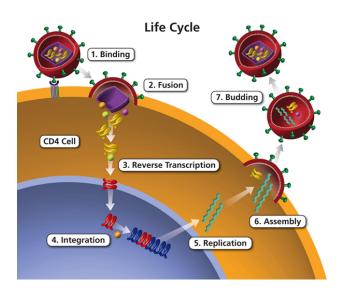
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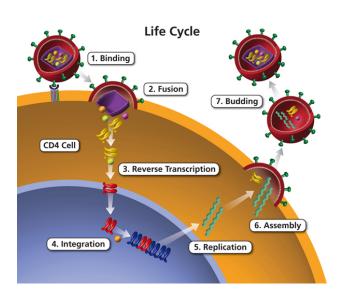
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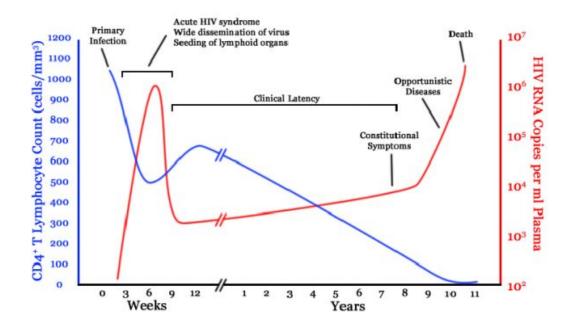


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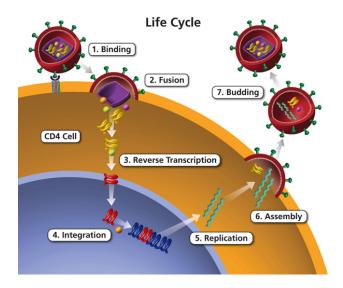
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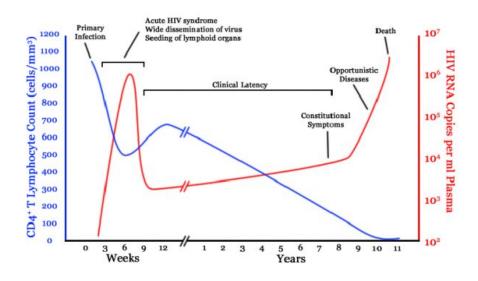


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The study question

What changes take place in the first 12-24 hours of HIV infection in terms of gene expression of host cell and viral replication levels?

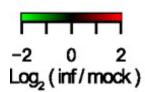


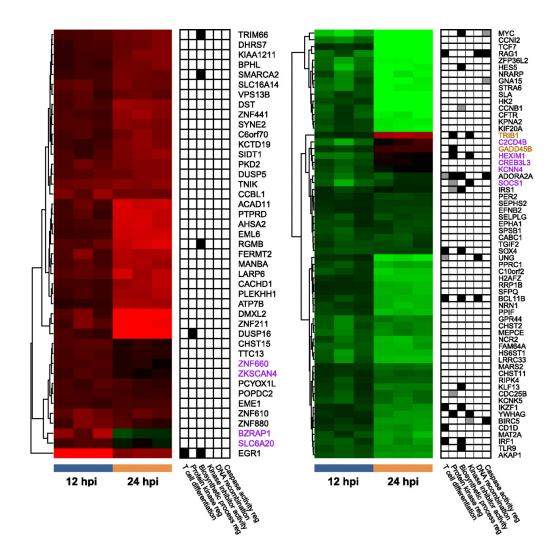


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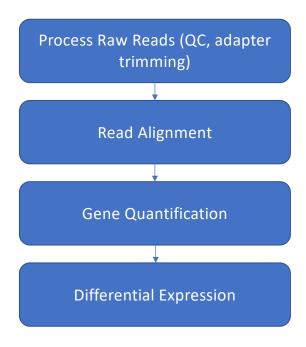
Study findings

- 20% of reads mapped to HIV at 12 hr,
 40% at 24 hr
- Downregulation of T cell activation genes at 12 hr
- 'Large-scale disruptions to host transcription' at 24 hr

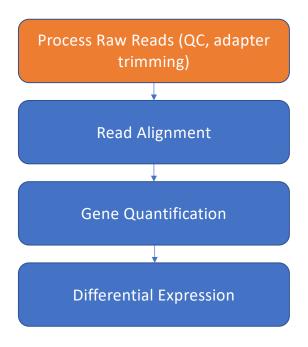




Workflow



Workflow



Raw reads in Fastq format

@SRR098401.109756285

GACTCACGTAACTTTAAACTCTAACAGAAATATACTA...

+

CAEFGDG?BCGGGEEDGGHGHGDFHEIEGGDDDD...

- 1. Sequence identifier
- 2. Sequence
- 3. + (optionally lists the sequence identifier again)
- 4. Quality string

Base Quality Scores

The symbols we see in the read quality string are an encoding of the quality score:

A quality score is a prediction of the probability of an error in base calling:

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C -> Q = 34 -> Probability < 1/1000 of an error

https://www.illumina.com/science/education/sequencing-quality-scores.html

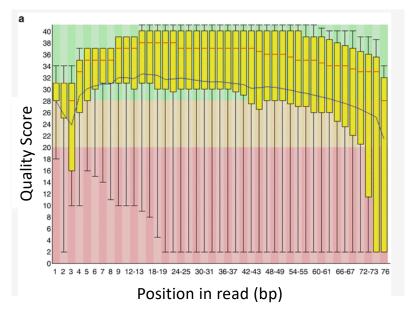
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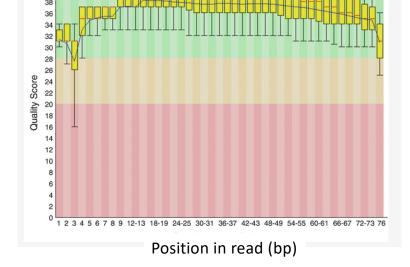
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            59
              64
                   73
                                 104
                                            126
    0.....9......40
                0.2.....41
S - Sanger
        Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 40)
X - Solexa
        Solexa+64, raw reads typically (-5, 40)
I - Illumina 1.3+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (0, 40)
J - Illumina 1.5+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (3, 41)
 with 0=unused, 1=unused, 2=Read Segment Quality Control Indicator (bold)
  (Note: See discussion above).
L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 41)
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Raw read quality control

- Quality distribution over the length of the read
- GC content
- Per base sequence content
- Adapters in Sequence

FastQC: Sequence Quality Histogram





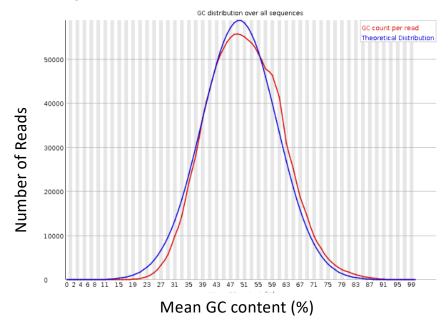
GOOD
High quality over the length of the read

BAD
Read quality drops at the beginning and end



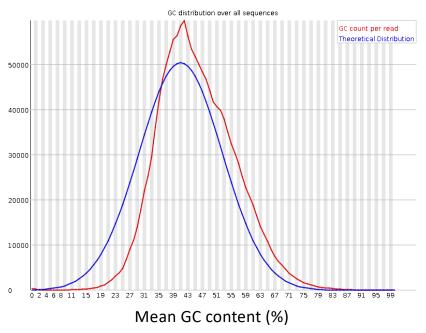
FastQC: Per sequence GC content

Per sequence GC content



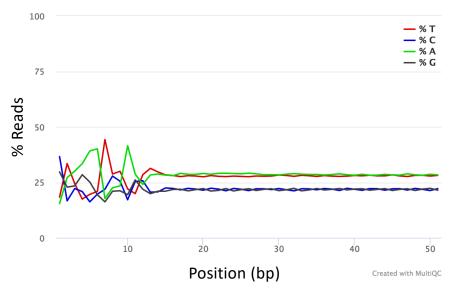
GOOD: follows normal distribution (sum of deviations is < 15% of reads)

Per sequence GC content



BAD: can indicate contamination with adapter dimers, or another species

FastQC: Per Base Sequence Content

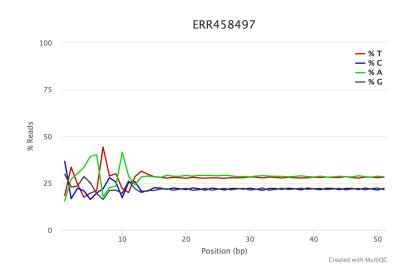


EXPECTED for RNAseq

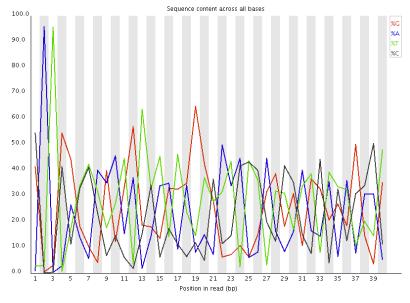
- Proportion of each position for which each DNA base has been called
- RNAseg data tends to show a positional sequence bias in the first ~12 bases
- The "random" priming step during library construction is not truly random and certain hexamers are more prevalent than others
- Studies have shown that this does NOT cause mis-called bases or drastic bias in sequenced fragments Read quality drops at the beginning and end

sequencing.qcfail.com

FastQC: Per Base Sequence Content



EXPECTED



BAD:

Shows a strong positional bias throughout the reads, which in this case is due to the library having a certain sequence that is overrepresented

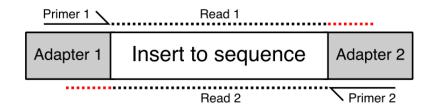
FastQC: Adapter content

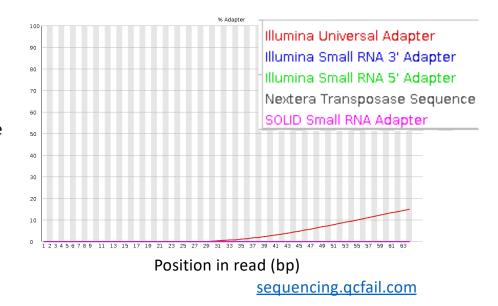
The cause: The "insert" sequence is shorter than the read, and the read contains part of the adapter sequence

FastQC will scan each read for the presence of known adapter sequences

The plot shows that the adapter content rises over the course of the read

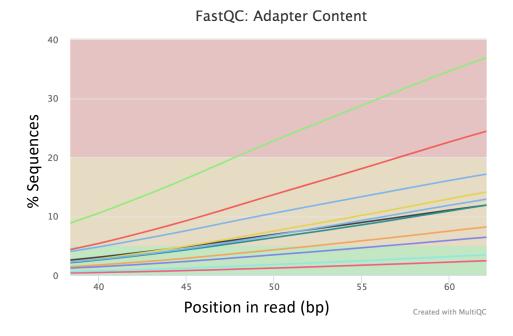
Solution – Adapter trimming!





FastQC -> MultiQC

Should view all samples at once to notice abnormalities for our dataset.

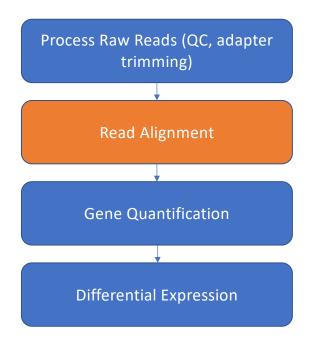


Adapter trimming

Trim Galore! is a tool that:

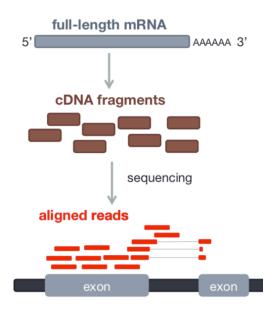
- Scans and removes known Illumina or custom adapters
- Performs read trimming for low quality regions at the end of reads
- Removes reads that become too short in the trimming process

Workflow



Read Alignment

- RNAseq data originates from spliced mRNA (no introns)
- When aligning to the genome, our aligner must find a spliced alignment for reads



Reference sequence

Reference-based vs Reference-free RNAseq

RNAseq can be roughly divided into two "types":

- **Reference genome-based** an assembled genome exists for a species for which an RNAseq experiment is performed. It allows reads to be aligned against the reference genome and significantly improves our ability to reconstruct transcripts. This category would obviously include humans and most model organisms
- Reference genome-free no genome assembly for the species of interest is available. In this case one would need to assemble the reads into transcripts using *de novo* approaches. This type of RNAseq is as much of an art as well as science because assembly is heavily parameter-dependent and difficult to do well.

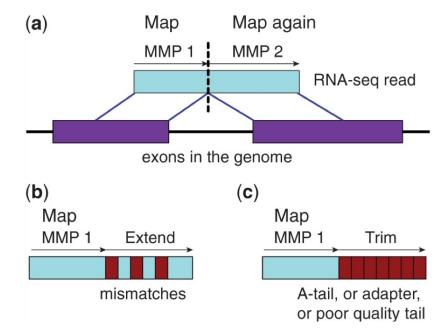
In this lesson we will focus on the **Reference genome-based** type of RNA seq.

https://galaxyproject.org/tutorials/rb rnaseq/

STAR Aligner (Spliced Transcripts Alignment to a Reference)

Highly accurate, memory intensive aligner Two phase mapping process

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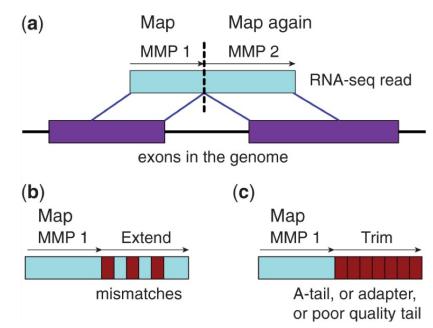


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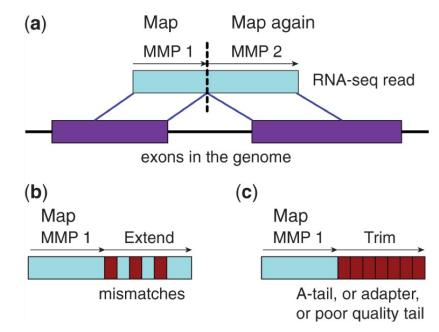
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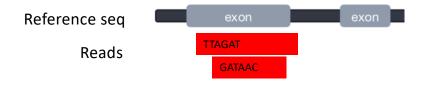
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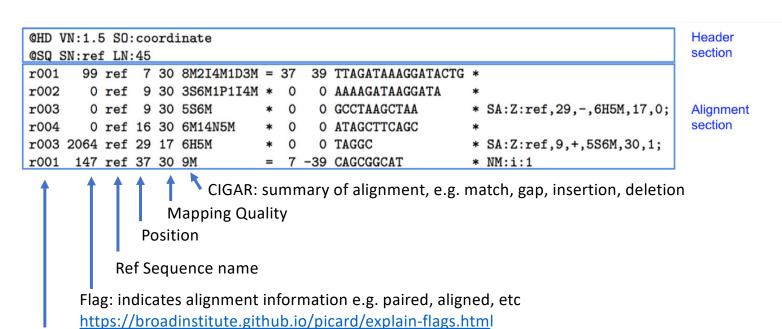
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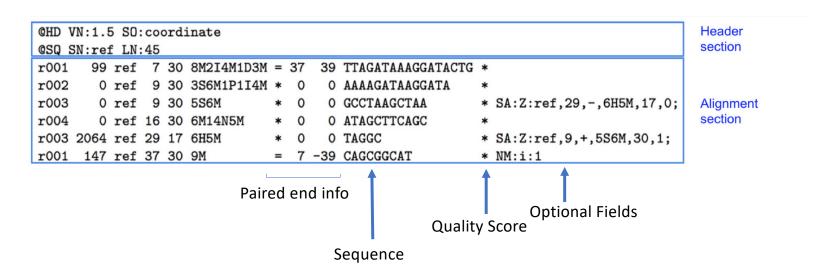




Read ID www.samformat.info

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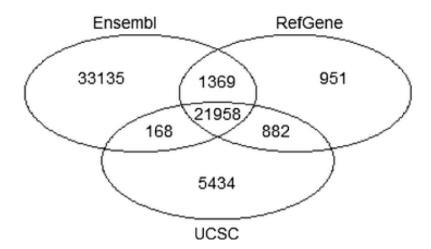




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Genome Annotation Standards

- STAR can use an annotation file gives the location and structure of genes in order to improve alignment in known splice junctions
- Annotation is dynamic and there are at least three major sources of annotation
- The intersection among RefGene, UCSC, and Ensembl annotations shows high overlap. RefGene has the fewest unique genes, while more than 50% of genes in Ensembl are unique
- Be consistent with your choice of annotation source!



Zhao et al Bioinformatics 2015

Gene Annotation Format (GTF)

In order to count genes, we need to know where they are located in the reference sequence STAR uses a Gene Transfer Format (GTF) file for gene annotation

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chr5	hg38_refGene	CDS	138465762	138466068		+	0	gene_id "EGR1";
chr5	hg38_refGene	start_codon	138465762	138465764		+		gene_id "EGR1";
chr5	hg38_refGene	CDS	138466757	138468078		+	2	gene_id "EGR1";
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chr5	hg38_refGene	stop_codon	138468079	138468081		+		gene_id "EGR1";

https://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/upload/gff.html

A note on standards

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.

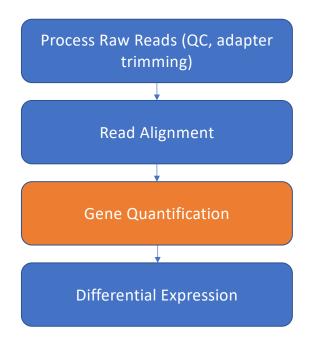


SOON: SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

Visualizing reads with JBrowse



Workflow

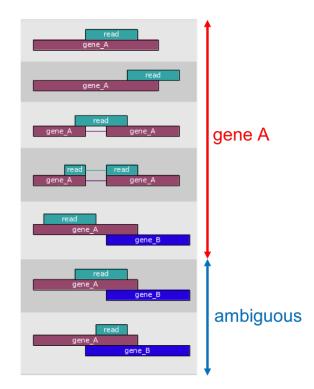


Counting reads for each gene



Counting reads: featurecounts

- The mapped coordinates of each read are compared with the features in the GTF file
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- Output will be a matrix of genes and samples

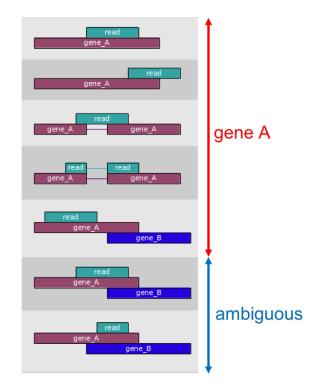


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Result is a gene count matrix:

Gene	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4
Α	1000	1000	100	10
В	10	1	5	6
С	10	1	10	20

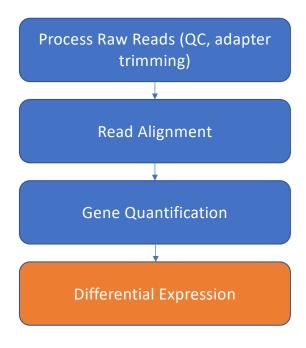


Tracking read numbers

Revisit quality control after each processing step!

Number of Reads	Source	Result
Raw reads	FastQC run 1	8 M
After Trimming	FastQC run 2	7.1 M
Aligned to genome	STAR log	6 M
Associated with genes	FeatureCounts log	5.4 M

Workflow

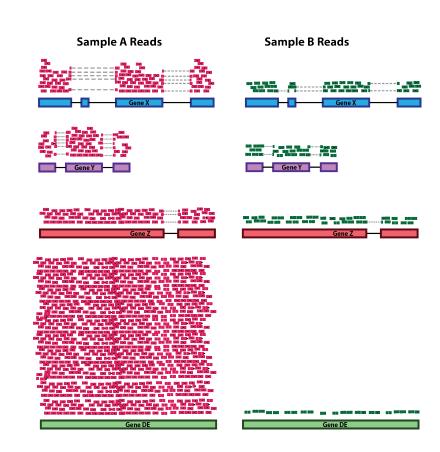


Testing for Differential Expression

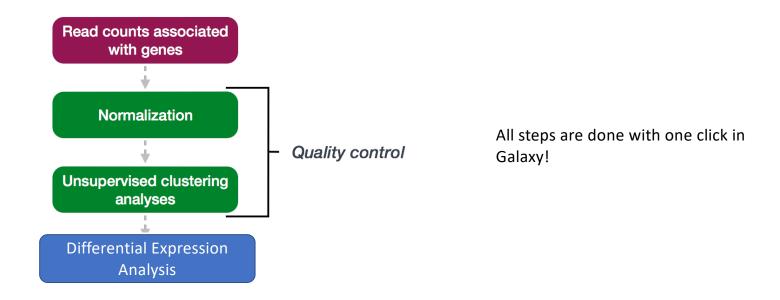
The goal of differential expression analysis (DE) is to find gene (DGE) differences between conditions, developmental stages, treatments etc.

In particular DE has two goals:

- Estimate the *magnitude* of expression differences;
- Estimate the *significance* of expression differences.



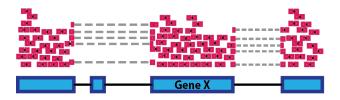
Differential Expression with DESeq2

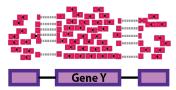


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• Gene Length

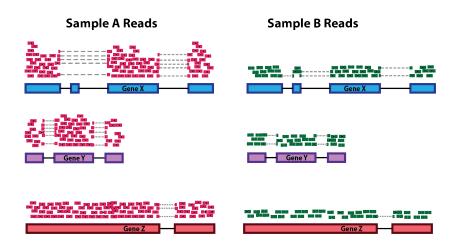
Sample A Reads





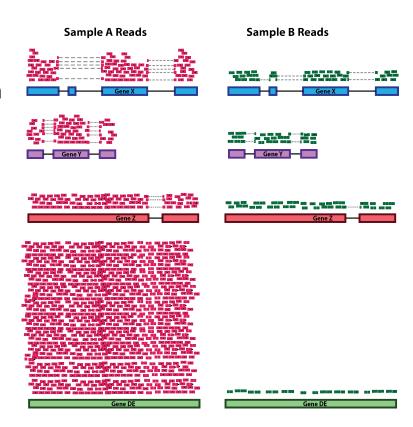
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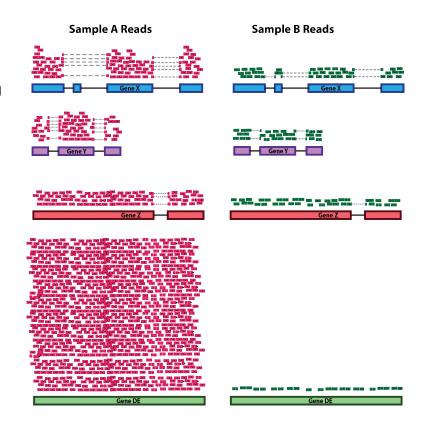
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- It's own expression level



Normalization eliminates the factors that are not of interest!

Normalization methods

Normalization method	Description	Accounted factors	For Differential Expression?
CPM (counts per million)	counts scaled by total number of reads in a sample	sequencing depth	NO
TPM (transcripts per kilobase million)	counts per length of transcript (kb) per million reads mapped	sequencing depth and gene length	NO
RPKM/FPKM (reads/fragments per kilobase of exon per million reads/fragments mapped)	similar to TPM	sequencing depth and gene length	NO
DESeq2's median of ratios [1]	counts divided by sample-specific size factors determined by median ratio of gene counts relative to geometric mean per gene	sequencing depth and RNA composition	YES

https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_workshop

Accounts for both sequencing depth and composition

Step 1: creates a pseudo-reference sample (row-wise geometric mean)

For each gene, a pseudo-reference sample is created that is equal to the geometric mean across all samples.

gene	sampleA	sampleB	pseudo-reference sample
1	1000	1000	$\sqrt{(1000*1000)}$ = 1000
2	10	1	$\sqrt{(10*1)}$ = 3.16
	•••	•••	

Step 2: calculates ratio of each sample to the reference

Calculate the ratio of each sample to the pseudo-reference. Since most genes aren't differentially expressed, ratios should be similar.

gene	sampleA	sampleB	pseudo-reference sample	ratio of sampleA/ref	ratio of sampleB/ref
1	1000	1000	1000	1000/1000 = 1.00	1000/1000 = 1.00
2	10	1	3.16	10/3.16 = 3.16	1/3.16 = 0.32

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	•••	•••			
				Median = 2.08	Median = 0.66

Step 3: calculate the normalization factor for each sample (size factor)

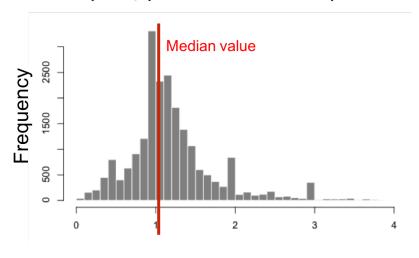
The median value of all ratios for a given sample is taken as the normalization factor (size factor) for that sample:

Visualization of normalization factor for a sample:

- Median should be ~1 for each sample, otherwise data should be examined for the presence of large outliers
- This method is robust to imbalance in up-/down- regulation and large numbers of differentially expressed genes

Assumptions of this method: Not all genes are differentially expressed

sample 1 / pseudo-reference sample



Step 4: calculate the normalized count values using the normalization factor

This is performed by dividing each raw count value in a given sample by that sample's size factor to generate normalized count values.

SampleA normalization factor = 2.08

SampleB normalization factor = 0.66

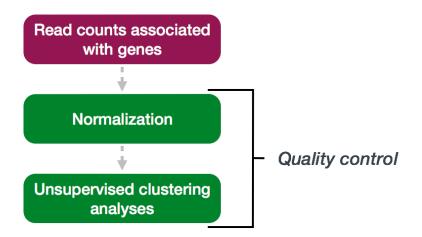
Raw Counts

gene	sampleA	sampleB
1	1000	1000
2	10	1

Normalized Counts

gene	sampleA	sampleB
1	1000/2.08 = 480. 77	1000 / 0.66 = 1515.16
2	10/2.08 = 4.81	1 / 0.66 = 1.52

Unsupervised Clustering



Principle Component Analysis

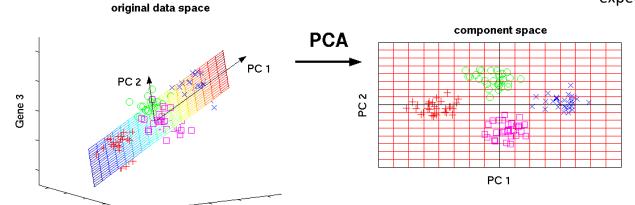
Here is an example with three genes measured in many samples:

Gene 1

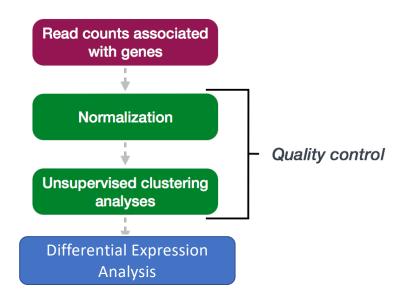
Gene 2

Gene	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4
Gene 1	1000	1000	100	10
Gene 2	10	1	5	6
Gene 3	10	1	10	20

- Each gene that we measure is a "dimension" and we can visualize up to 3
- PCA can help us visualize relationships in out data in a lower number of dimensions
- PCA is an important QC step!
 Do your samples cluster as expected?

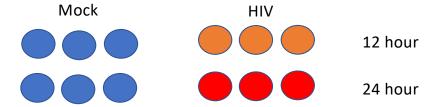


Differential Expression with DESeq2



Multi-factor design

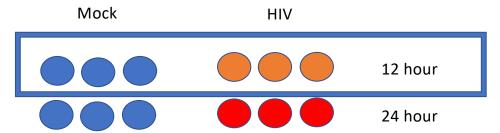
CD4+ T cell infected with either Mock or HIV



Sample	Condition	Time
1	Mock	12
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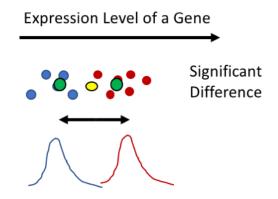
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We choose a primary "factor" for comparison, but can optionally include other factors to be controlled for.

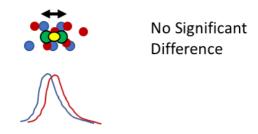
DESeq2 Test for Differential Expression

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Condition A Condition B Condition mean Global mean



Deviation from global mean



DESeq2 Outputs

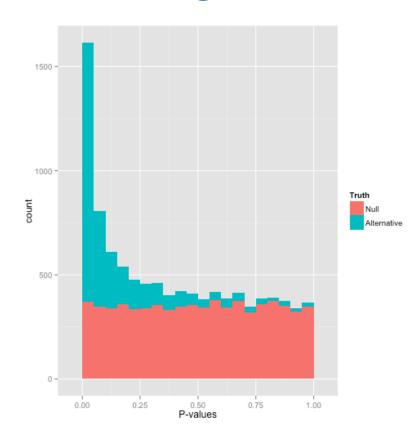
- Tables:
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Results table

GenelD	Base mean	log2(FC)	StdErr	Wald-Stats	P-value	P-adj
EGR1	1273.65	-2.22	0.12	-18.65	1.25E-77	1.44E-73
MYC	5226.12	1.41	0.11	12.53	4.95E-36	2.87E-32
OPRK1	78.35	-1.83	0.17	-10.57	4.11E-26	1.59E-22
CCNI2	7427.12	0.93	0.10	9.43	4.27E-21	1.24E-17
STRA6	785.78	0.97	0.11	8.61	7.29E-18	1.69E-14

- Mean of normalized counts averaged over all samples from two conditions
- Log of the fold change between two conditions
- Standard Error of Log FC estimate will reflect the "noisiness" of the gene
- P-value the probability that the log2FoldChange is not zero
- Adjusted P value accounting for multiple testing correction

P-value histogram



- Plot of raw p-values
- P-value: Probability of getting a logFC as extreme as observed if the true logFC = 0 for that gene (null hypothesis)

How to interpret:

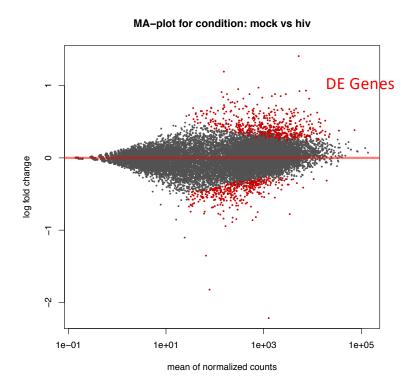
 Random P-values are expected to be uniform, if you have true positives you should see a peak close to zero

http://varianceexplained.org/statistics/interpreting-pvalue-histogram/

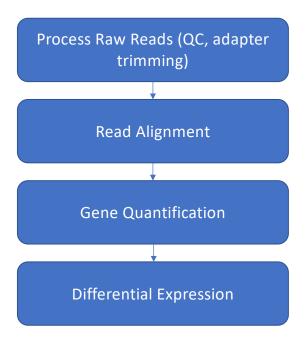
MA plot

Shows the relationship between

- M: The difference in expression Log(HIV) – Log(Mock) = Log(HIV/Mock)
- A: Average expression strength Average(Mock, HIV)
- Genes with adjusted p-value < 0.1 are in red
- Can be used as an overview or to diagnose problems



Conclusions



References

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https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_workshop

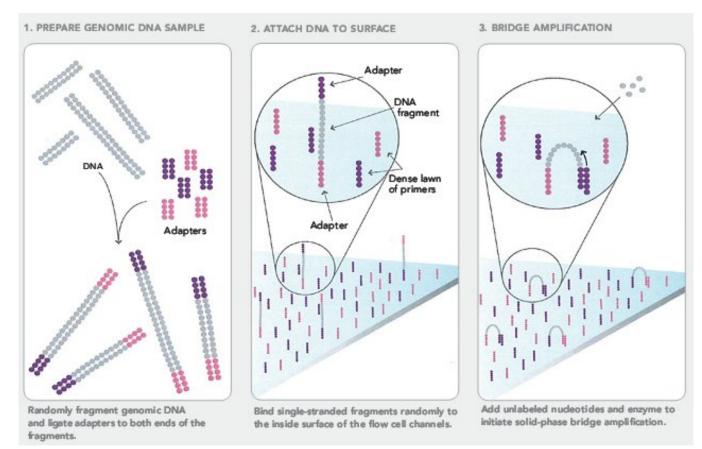
https://galaxyproject.org/tutorials/rb_rnaseq/

Extra Slides

RNA extraction mRNA enrichment **~~~~ ~~~** Fragmentation ~200 bp Random priming + reverse transcription Double stranded cDNA synthesis Sequencing adapter ligation PCR

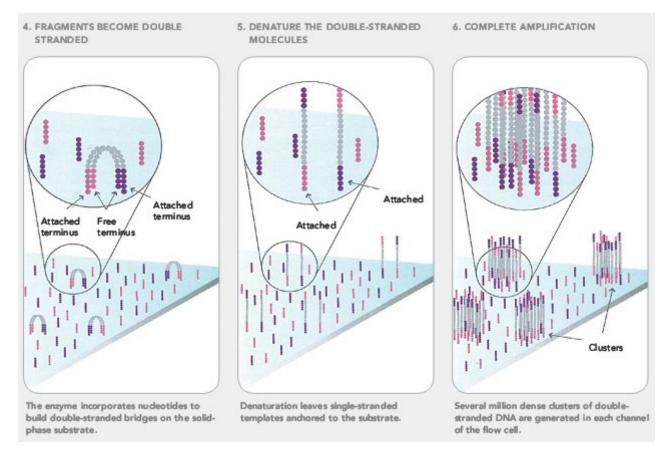
Good resource: Griffiths et al Plos Comp Bio 2015

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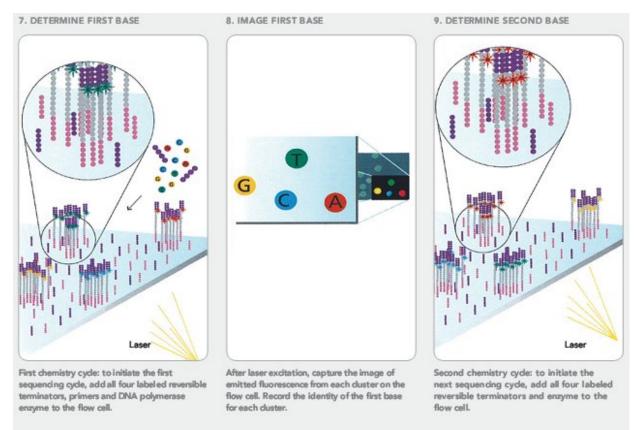
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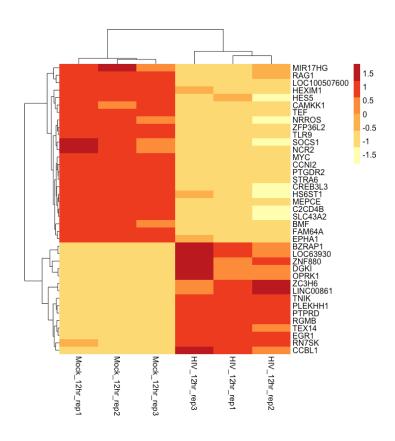
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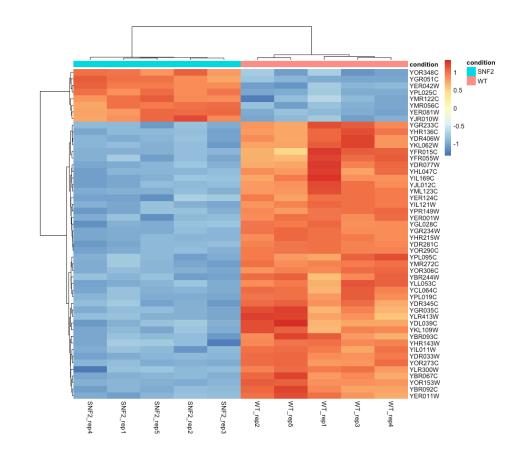
Final Heatmap – not part of DESeq2 output



Common RNAseq analysis goals

- Novel transcript discovery
- Transcriptome assembly
- Single cell analysis
- Quantify alternative splicing
- Differential Expression

Replace with actual heatmap



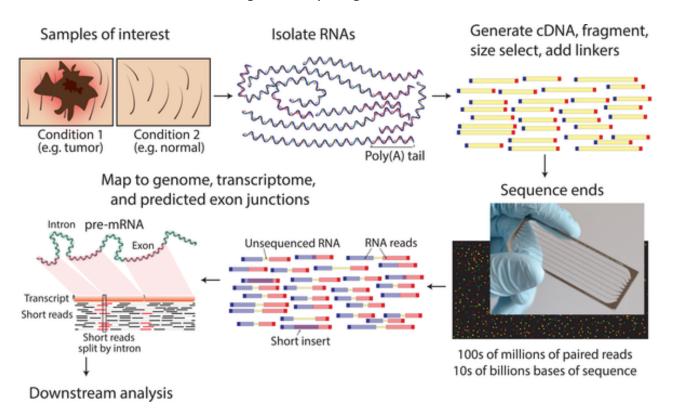
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Fig 1. An overview of the central dogma of molecular biology.

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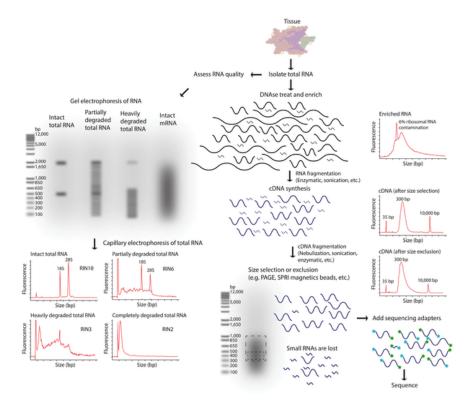
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Fig 3. RNA-seq library fragmentation and size selection strategies that influence interpretation and analysis.



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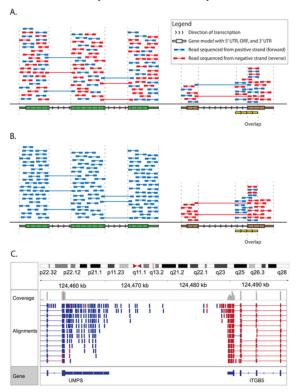
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Fig 4. RNA-seq library enrichment strategies that influence interpretation and analysis.

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Fig 6. Comparison of stranded and unstranded RNA-seq library methods and their influence on interpretation and analysis.



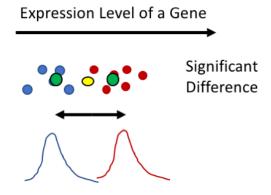
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