

Seminar III: R/Bioconductor GeneR

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- ▶ I think that Y. d'Aubenton-Carafa, entered the project at the end :)

GeneR is a very useful package which contains some functions for the manipulation of genetic data. It's similar to Biostrings¹, However, GeneR contains more functions and it used for different things. In addition, it is related to GeneRfold² package that allows the use of Vienna RNA library within R, meaning, tools for the prediction and comparison of RNA secondary structures.³ You can install the GeneR package in R using:

```
> source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")  
> biocLite("GeneR")
```

¹Biostrings was showed in the previous class by Isaac

²A package created by Y. d'Aubenton-Carafa, A. Lucas; C. Thermes, the same creator as the GeneR package XD

³It's an excellent package to talk about, and it is also interesting and easy to use.

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- ▶ Manipulation of regions on a chromosome
Tools to easily compute any subregions (intergenic regions, exons or more sophisticated regions), without an exhaustive texture on a whole chromosome.

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Functions related to genetic and structural aspects of the sequences : ORF localization, translation, or RNA secondary structure determination⁴.

⁴with extension of GeneR: GeneRfold package

Working with sequences I

⁵ I create a random sequence for the samples

```
> library(GeneR)
> seq <- randomSeq(prob = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 0.3), letters =
+ c("T", "C", "A", "G"), n = 30)
```

Insert a poly A into the end of the sequence

```
> seq <- insertSeq(seq, "AAAAAAAAAA", 30)
> seq
```

```
[1] "GAAACAGAGGCTCCTCTGGCTTCGTTTACAAAAAAAAAAC"
```

⁵So sorry my friends, but this is a brief drescription of the GeneR, so im not going to explain each function. ; p

Compute the reverse complementary

```
> strComp(seq)
```

```
[1] "GTTTTTTTTTTGTAAACGAAGCCAGAGGAGCCTCTGTTTC"
```

Count di-nucleotides⁶

```
> strCompoSeq(seq, wsize = 2)
```

```
      TT   TC   TA   TG TX   CT   CC   CA   CG CX AT   AC  
[1,] 0.1 0.05 0.05 0.05 0 0.05 0.05 0.1 0.05 0 0 0.05 0  
      GG GX XT XC XA XG XX  
[1,] 0.05 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

Translate the sequence string to a protein

```
> strTranslate(seq)
```

```
[1] "ETEAPLASFTKKK"
```

⁶It can be in groups from 1 to 15

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- ▶ In addition, you can buffer fasta sequences from Ncbi

Buffering the complete genome of *Nanoarchaeum equitans*⁷ from Ncbi.

```
> seqNcbi("NC_005213", file = "toto.seq", submotif = TRUE  
+ , type = "fasta")
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> readFasta("toto.seq")
```

```
[1] 0
```

Size of the genome.

```
> sizeSeq()
```


```
[1] 490885
```

Looking for motifs⁸.

```
> exactWord("ACTGA", seqno = 0, case.sensitive = TRUE)
```

```
[[1]]
 [1] 4925 6632 8764 12958 13693 18925 18940 1964
[11] 26758 31518 32702 33170 44284 44344 45825 4757
[21] 60992 69216 78148 97864 101865 107694 113767 12416
[31] 161255 165544 167140 167199 168805 172205 172462 17872
[41] 194550 201175 209660 216070 219809 227793 246409 24759
[51] 257148 262271 269888 273945 282269 294376 297681 30163
[61] 325389 330027 331853 332483 336450 355967 360722 36446
[71] 375564 384219 384256 384869 387519 389579 390623 39423
[81] 411202 411597 414553 419521 421865 422699 432651 44732
[91] 468659 478141 478817 490088 490136
```

⁷One of the most little genomes, i don't wanna break my computer

⁸Also, there is a function named `getOrfs`, that is supposed used to know where find Open Reading Frames, however, is not working :(

DNA TO RNA

```
> dnaToRna()
```

```
[1] 0
```

Or writing our new RNA file

```
> writeFasta(seqno = 0, file = "Nan_rna.fa", name =  
+ "MyRNA", comment = "RNA generated by DNA  
+ of Nanoarchaeum equitans", append = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 1
```

You must remember, any function that uses the buffer, changes the content of the buffer.

We changed our DNA, so that if we use a `getSeq` you will see RNA

```
> getSeq(seqno = 0, from = 1, to = 30)
```

```
[1] "UCUCGCAGAGUUCUUUUUUGUAUUAACAAA"
```

You might prefer to change the number of the buffer for anything that you might do.

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- ▶ A GC Skew of the genome

Buffering the sequence

```
> seqNcbi("NC_007761", file = "Retli.seq", submotif =  
+ TRUE, type = "fasta")
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> readFasta("Retli.seq")
```

```
[1] 0
```

The size

```
> sizeSeq()
```

```
[1] 4381608
```

The GC content

```
> GCcontent()
```

```
      pgc N
```

```
G 0.6127221 0
```


For the GC skew, i create a object with the size for sectionate the genome

```
> size <- sizeSeq()
```

And now we use the function densityProfile

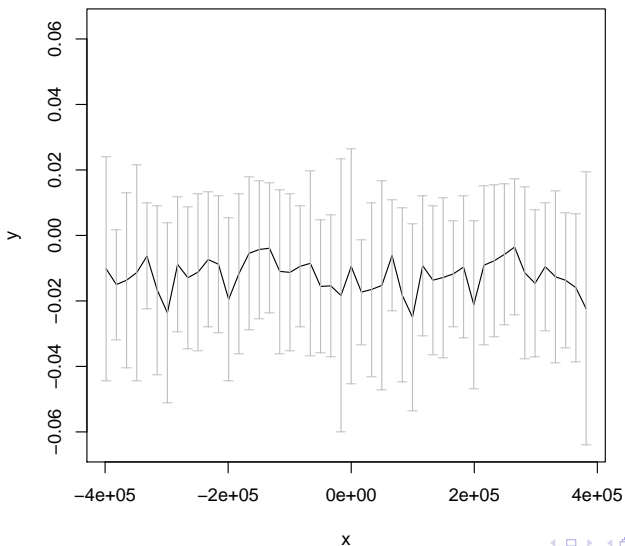
```
> dens <- densityProfile(ori = 398328 * (1:11), from = 1,  
+ to = size, seqno = 0, fun = seqSkew, nbinL = 24, nbinR  
+ = 24, sizeBin = 16597)
```

At last, we plot :)

```
> plot(dens$skgc, main = "GC skew")
```

```
[1] 1
```

GC skew



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- ▶ To do large jobs

As we see Gene R has the potential to be an excellent tool for conducting bioinformatics.

That's All Folks

I encourage you to explore the Help Options of this package and to use them, they're user - friendly and fun XD .