Introduction: Metagenomics in Biology and Medicine

What is a microbiome?

- The totality of microbes in a defined environment, especially their genomes and interactions with each other and surrounding environment.
 - A population of a single species/strain is a culture, extremely rare outside of lab, some infections
 - A microbiome is a mixed population of different microbial species (microbial ecosystem)
- Joshua Lederberg (1925 2008): "the ecological community of commensal, symbiotic, and pathogenic microorganisms that literally share our body space" (Lederberg and McCray Scientist. 2001;15:8).







We are more microbes than we are humans? • Human shelter 10 trillion microbes (10¹³) in THE HUMAN **MICROBIOME** their gut alone, (we are made of 10 trillion 600 cells). • Only 1 in 10 cells in your body carries 'your' DNA. Recent evidence suggests as many bacterial cells as human. • It is estimated that there are 1000 species of bacteria living in the human gut. • Compare also the number of human genes (~25,000) to the number of genes and variants that bacterial communities may carry (~4,000,000, see e.g. doi:10.1038/ncomms3151). 6









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Discovery of *Culture Independent* Techniques

- 1980 rRNA as evolutionary explained C.Woese Science
- 1985 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) K. Mullis Science
- 1985 "Universal" Primers for rRNA sequencing N. Pace PNAS
- 1989 PCR amplification of 16S rRNA gene Böttger FEMS Microbiol.
- 1996 Large, curated rRNA database (RDP) Maidak Nuc. Acids Res
- 2001 term "microbiome" coined by Joshua Lederberg







Functional identification • Sequencing based • Whole metagenome sequencing • Whole meta-transcriptome sequencing • Custom: e.g. IgA-Seq • Mass spectrometry based • Metaproteomics • Metabolomics: • Small molecule • Glycomics

- Lipidomics
- Microbial gene expression
 - NanoString codesets

Some highlights of human microbiome research

- Pretreatment gut microbiome predicts chemotherapy-related bloodstream infection, *Genome Medicine*, **8**:49 (2016);
- Gut microbiome-derived metabolites modulate intestinal epithelial cell damage and mitigate graft-versus-host disease, *Nature Immunology* 17, 505–513 (2016);
- Cigarette smoking and the oral microbiome in a large study of American adults, ISME J. 2016;
- The maternal interleukin-17a pathway in mice promotes autism-like phenotypes in offspring, Science 2016, 351(6276):933-9;
- The dynamics of the human infant gut microbiome in development and in progression toward type 1 diabetes, Cell Host Microbe 2015.





A Summary of Meta'omics

Piles of short DNA/RNA reads from >1 organism

You can...

Ecologically profile them Taxonomically or phylogenetically profile them Functionally profile them – gene/pathway catalogs Assemble them

Prior knowledge is helpful Caution: Correlation ≠ Causation Most 'omics results require lab confirmation

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Sequence Processing (OTUs)

- •Denoising
- Chimera detection
- Construction of sequence clusters (OTUs)
- Comparing microbiomes
 - •Distances, Diversity
 - Exploratory Data Analysis
 - Ordination Methods
 - •hierarchical dendrogram
 - extract patterns from a plot
 - clusters gap statistic
 - •gradient regression, modeling, etc.

Identifying important microbes/taxa

- projected points, coinertia (plots)
- •inferential testing
- modeling

OTUs - Operational Taxonomic Unit



Motivation: Lingering problem with "OTUs"

Some lingering major problems with OTU approaches:

• False Positives - e.g. 1000s of OTUs when only 10s of strains present

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- Low Resolution defined by arbitrary similarity radius
- Scaling to large datasets, comparisons
 - scales ~ N^2 unique sequences in dataset (all libraries)
- Unstable OTU seq and count depends on input
 - must re-run clustering if any data added/removed, or
 - if you want to compare against an external dataset









DADA2 algorithm assumptions

DADA2 Abundance Model

DADA2 algorithm assumptions

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DADA2 Abundance Model

- Errors are independent across reads
- Abundance of reads w/ sequence i produced from more-abundant sequence j is poisson distributed
- Expectation of abundance equals error rate, $\lambda j \rightarrow i$, multiplied by the expected reads of sample sequence j
- i has count greater than or equal to one
- "Abundance p-value" for sequence i is thus:

$$p_A(j \to i) = \sum_{a=a_i}^{\infty} \rho_{pois}(n_j \lambda_{j \to i}, a) / (1 - \rho_{pois}(n_j \lambda_{j \to i}, 0))$$

- "Probability of seeing an abundance of sequence i that is equal to or greater than observed value, by chance, given sequence j."
- A low p_A indicates that there are more reads of sequence i than can be explained by errors introduced during the amplification and sequencing of n_j copies







Reject unlikely error under model. Recruit errors.

| | А | С | G | Т |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| A | 0.97 | 10-2 | 10-2 | 10-2 |
| С | 10-2 | 0.97 | 10-2 | 10-2 |
| G | 10-2 | 10-2 | 0.97 | 10-2 |
| Т | 10-2 | 10-2 | 10-2 | 0.97 |

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DADA2 algorithm cartoon



Update the model.

| | A | С | G | Т | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Α | 0.997 | 10-3 | 10-3 | 10-3 | | | | |
| С | 10-3 | 0.997 | 10-3 | 10-3 | | | | |
| G | 10-3 | 10-3 | 0.997 | 10-3 | | | | |
| Т | 10-3 | 10-3 | 10-3 | 0.997 | | | | |



DADA2 algorithm cartoon



Convergence: all errors are plausible

| | A | С | G | Т |
|---|----------|-----------|------------|---|
| A | 0.998 1 | x10-4 2x1 | 0-3 2x10- | 4 |
| С | 6x10-5 (| .999 3x1 | 0-6 1x10-3 | |
| G | 1x10-3 | x10-6 0.9 | 99 6x10 | 5 |
| Т | 2x10-4 | 2x10-3 1x | 10-4 0.99 | 8 |

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- selfConsist mode for DADA2 includes joint inference of error rates as function of quality score.
- red line is expected error rate if Q-scores were exactly correct
- black line is DADA2's empirical model (smooth)
- Notice especially overestimate of errors at high values, Q >30
- For illumina these differences are specific to sequencing run and read direction
 - for small lib sizes, can aggregate estimate across libraries from the same run/direction







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Open-Source Sequence Clustering Methods Improve the State Of the Art

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Four new open-source amplicon-clustering methods in last two years (since UPARSE):

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- Swarm very fast single-linkage clustering unsupervised
- SUMACLUST abundance-rank greedy clustering unsupervised
- OTUCLUST abundance-rank greedy clustering unsupervised
- SortMeRNA clustering after reference alignment supervised

compared mainly against UPARSE (not open-source)

Kopylova, et al (2016). Open-source sequence clustering methods improve the state of the art. *mSystems* <u>http://doi.org/10.1186/s12915-014-0069-1</u>

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DADA2

Divisive Amplicon Denoising Algorithm - ver.2

DADA2: High resolution sample inference from amplicon data

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Manuscript draft on bioRxiv (*Nature Methods*, in press)

http://benjjneb.github.io/dada2/

R package available on BioConductor

DADA1: Rosen MJ, Callahan BJ, Fisher DS, Holmes SP (2012) Denoising PCR-amplified metagenome data. BMC bioinformatics, 13(1), 283.

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Diversity

Diversity of diversity (diversity of greek letters used in ecology)

- α diversity within a community, # of species
- β diversity between communities (differentiation), species identity is taken into account
- γ (global) diversity of the site, $\gamma = \alpha \times \beta$, but only this simple if α and β are independent
- Probably others, but α and β are most common



Anderson, M. J., et al. (2011). Navigating the multiple meanings of β diversity: a roadmap for the practicing ecologist. Ecology Letters, 14(1), 19–28.

Beta-Diversity

 Microbial ecologists typically use beta diversity as a broad umbrella term that can refer to any of several indices related to compositional differences

(Differences in species content between samples)

- For some reason this is contentious, and there appears to be ongoing (and pointless?) argument over the possible definitions
- For our purposes, and microbiome research, when you hear "beta-diversity", you can probably think:
 "Diversity of species composition"

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beta_diversity

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Distances between microbiomes



Community Distance Properties

- Range from 0 to 1
- · Distance to self is 0
- If no shared taxa, distance is 1
- Triangle inequality (metric)
- · Joint absences do not affect distance (biology)
- Independent of absolute counts (metagenomics)







- · Are there clusters? How many?
- Are there gradients?
- Are the patterns consistent with covariates
- (e.g. sample observations)
- How might we test this?