

The QoRTs Analysis Pipeline

Example Walkthrough

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1 Overview

This package contains data produced by the QoRTs [4] software package, which is a fast, efficient, and portable multifunction toolkit designed to assist in the analysis, quality control, and data management of RNA-Seq datasets. Its primary function is to aid in the detection and identification of errors, biases, and artifacts produced by paired-end high-throughput RNA-Seq technology. In addition, it can produce count data designed for use with differential expression ¹ and differential exon usage tools ², as well as individual-sample and/or group-summary genome track files suitable for use with the UCSC genome browser (or any compatible browser).

¹Such as DESeq, DESeq2 [1] or edgeR [5]

²Such as DEXSeq [2] or JunctionSeq

The QoRTs package is composed of two parts: a java jar-file (for data processing) and a companion R package (for generating tables, figures, and plots). The java utility is written in the Scala programming language (v2.11.1), however, it has been compiled to java byte-code and does not require an installation of Scala (or any other external libraries) in order to function. The entire QoRTs toolkit can be used in almost any operating system that supports java and R.

The most recent release of QoRTs is available on the QoRTs [github page](#).

A complete and comprehensive walkthrough demonstrating a full set of analyses using DESeq2, edgeR, DEXSeq, and JunctionSeq, is [available online](#), along with a full [example dataset](#) (file is 200mb) with [example bam files](#) (file is 1.1gb).

2 Data Contained in this package

The example dataset is derived from a set of rat pineal gland samples, which were multiplexed and sequenced across six sequencer lanes. All samples are paired-end, 2x101 base-pair, strand-specific RNA-Seq. They were ribosome-depleted using the "Ribo-zero Gold" protocol and aligned via RNA-STAR.

For the sake of simplicity, the example dataset was limited to only six samples and three lanes. However, the bam files alone would still occupy 18 gigabytes of disk space, which would make it unsuitable for distribution as an example dataset. To further reduce the example bamfile sizes, only reads that mapped to chromosomes chr14, chr15, chrX, and chrM were included. Additionally, all the selected chromosomes EXCEPT for chromosome 14 were randomly downsampled to 30 percent of their original read counts. A few genes had additional fictional transcripts added, to test and demonstrate various tools' handling of certain edge cases. The original dataset from which these samples were derived is described elsewhere [3]. The original complete dataset is available on the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus, [series accession number GSE63309](#).

THIS DATASET IS INTENDED FOR DEMONSTRATION AND TESTING PURPOSES ONLY. Due to the various alterations that have been made to reduce file sizes and improve portability, it is really not suitable for any actual analyses.

2.1 Example Dataset

For simplicity, we renamed the samples SAMP1 through SAMP6, and renamed the conditions "CASE" and "CTRL" for night and day, respectively.

Thus: there are 6 samples: 3 "cases" and 3 "controls":

```
#Read the decoder:
decoder.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/decoder.bySample.txt",
                             package="JctSeqData");
decoder <- read.table(decoder.file,
                      header=TRUE,
                      stringsAsFactors=FALSE);
print(decoder);

##  sample.ID group.ID
## 1      SAMP1      CASE
## 2      SAMP2      CASE
## 3      SAMP3      CASE
## 4      SAMP4      CTRL
```

```
## 5      SAMP5      CTRL
## 6      SAMP6      CTRL
```

2.2 Annotation Files

There are several gtf or gff annotation files included in the data package:

```
#The original gtf file, from Ensembl
# (all but a few genes were removed, to save space):
anno.original.gtf.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/anno-original.gtf.gz",
                                     package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(anno.original.gtf.file, sep='\t'));

##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5 V6 V7 V8
## 1 chr14 ensembl      gene 182678 194072 . - .
## 2 chr14 ensembl transcript 182678 194072 . - .
## 3 chr14 ensembl      exon 194056 194072 . - .
## 4 chr14 ensembl      CDS 194056 194072 . - 0
## 5 chr14 ensembl      exon 192862 193068 . - .
## 6 chr14 ensembl      CDS 192862 193068 . - 1
##
## 1
## 2
## 3      gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; tr
## 4 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; transcri
## 5      gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; tr
## 6 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; transcri

#Modified gtf file, with a few genes
# changed to make them into a better test dataset:
anno.gtf.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/anno.gtf.gz",
                             package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(anno.gtf.file, sep='\t'));

##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5 V6 V7 V8
## 1 chr14 ensembl      gene 182678 194072 . - .
## 2 chr14 ensembl transcript 182678 194072 . - .
## 3 chr14 ensembl      exon 194056 194072 . - .
## 4 chr14 ensembl      CDS 194056 194072 . - 0
## 5 chr14 ensembl      exon 192862 193068 . - .
## 6 chr14 ensembl      CDS 192862 193068 . - 1
##
## 1
## 2
## 3      gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; tr
## 4 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; transcri
## 5      gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; tr
## 6 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; gene_version 2; transcript_id ENSRNOT00000073973; transcri
```

```
##"Flattened" gff file, for DEXSeq:
```

```
DEX.gff.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/DEXSeq.flat.gff.gz",
                             package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(DEX.gff.file,sep='\t'));
```

```
##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5 V6 V7 V8
## 1 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq aggregate_gene 182678 194072 . - .
## 2 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq      exonic_part 182678 183555 . - .
## 3 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq      exonic_part 184707 184830 . - .
## 4 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq      exonic_part 186229 186453 . - .
## 5 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq      exonic_part 189146 189973 . - .
## 6 chr14 QoRT_forDEXSeq      exonic_part 190013 190189 . - .
##
## 1 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; transcripts ENSRNOT00000073973; exonic_part_number 001
## 2 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; transcripts ENSRNOT00000073973; exonic_part_number 002
## 3 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; transcripts ENSRNOT00000073973; exonic_part_number 003
## 4 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; transcripts ENSRNOT00000073973; exonic_part_number 004
## 5 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; transcripts ENSRNOT00000073973; exonic_part_number 005
```

```
##"Flattened" gff file, for JunctionSeq
```

```
# (w/o novel splice junctions):
```

```
JS.gff.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/JunctionSeq.flat.gff.gz",
                             package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(JS.gff.file,sep='\t'));
```

```
##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5 V6 V7 V8
## 1 chr14 ScalaUtils aggregate_gene 182678 194072 . - .
## 2 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 182678 183555 . - .
## 3 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 184707 184830 . - .
## 4 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 186229 186453 . - .
## 5 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 189146 189973 . - .
## 6 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 190013 190189 . - .
##
```

```
## 1 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_set ENSRNOT00000073973; num 000; aggregateGeneStrand -;
## 2 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_
## 3 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_
## 4 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_
## 5 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_
## 6 gene_id ENSRNOG00000050954; tx_
```

```
##"Flattened" gff file, for JunctionSeq
```

```
# (w/ novel splice junctions):
```

```
JS.novel.gff.file <-
  system.file("extdata/annoFiles/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz",
               package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(JS.novel.gff.file,sep='\t'));
```

```
##      V1      V2      V3      V4      V5 V6 V7 V8
## 1 chr14 ScalaUtils aggregate_gene 182678 194072 . - .
## 2 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 182678 183555 . - .
## 3 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 184707 184830 . - .
## 4 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 186229 186453 . - .
## 5 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 189146 189973 . - .
## 6 chr14 ScalaUtils      exonic_part 190013 190189 . - .
##
## 1 gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_set ENSRNOT000000073973; num 000; aggregateGeneStrand -;
## 2                                     gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_
## 3                                     gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_
## 4                                     gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_
## 5                                     gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_
## 6                                     gene_id ENSRNOG000000050954; tx_
```

There are several other annotation files as well:

```
#rn6 chrom.sizes file, from UCSC:
rn6.chrom.sizes <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/rn6.chrom.sizes",
                               package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(rn6.chrom.sizes, sep='\t'));

##      V1      V2
## 1 chr1 282763074
## 2 chr2 266435125
## 3 chr4 184226339
## 4 chr3 177699992
## 5 chr5 173707219
## 6 chrX 159970021

#stripped-down chrom.sizes file
# only includes chr14, chrX, chrM, and loose chr14 contigs:
chrom.sizes <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/chrom.sizes",
                            package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(chrom.sizes, sep='\t'));

##      V1      V2
## 1      chr14 115493446
## 2 chr14_KL568057v1_random      35355
## 3 chr14_KL568053v1_random      33884
## 4 chr14_KL568054v1_random      31451
## 5 chr14_KL568059v1_random      27955
## 6 chr14_KL568052v1_random      23128

#mapping of ensembl id to gene symbol:
ensid.2.symbol.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/ensid.2.symbol.txt",
                                    package="JctSeqData");
head(read.table(ensid.2.symbol.file, sep='\t', header=TRUE));
```

```
##          ENS_GENEID geneSymbol
## 1 ENSRNOG000000002227      Kit
## 2 ENSRNOG000000002224      Yipf7
## 3 ENSRNOG000000002225      Scarb2
## 4 ENSRNOG0000000030149      Adgrl3
## 5 ENSRNOG0000000038572      Ncapg
## 6 ENSRNOG0000000054570      U4
```

2.3 Count Files

There are numerous count files included in this data package, intended for use with various external analysis packages:

For use with DESeq, DESeq2, edgeR, limma-voom, or similar gene-level, count-based differential expression tools, we can use the gene-level counts:

```
#Recall the decoder:
print(decoder);

##   sample.ID group.ID
## 1   SAMP1     CASE
## 2   SAMP2     CASE
## 3   SAMP3     CASE
## 4   SAMP4     CTRL
## 5   SAMP5     CTRL
## 6   SAMP6     CTRL

#Gene level counts:
gene.count.files <- system.file(paste0("extdata/cts/",
                                         decoder$sample.ID,
                                         "/QC.geneCounts.formatted.for.DESeq.txt.gz"
                                         ),
                                package="JctSeqData");

#One of the count files:
read.table(gene.count.files[1])[1:10,]

##          V1    V2
## 1 ENSRNOG000000000035    0
## 2 ENSRNOG000000000041    1
## 3 ENSRNOG000000000043  103
## 4 ENSRNOG000000000044  417
## 5 ENSRNOG000000000048 2391
## 6 ENSRNOG000000000060    7
## 7 ENSRNOG000000000062  205
## 8 ENSRNOG000000000064 1224
## 9 ENSRNOG000000000065   31
## 10 ENSRNOG000000000070    1
```

For use with DEXSeq or similar exon-level, count-based differential exon usage tools, we can use the exon-level counts:

```
#Exon level counts:
exon.count.files <- system.file(paste0("extdata/cts/",
                                       decoder$sample.ID,
                                       "/QC.exonCounts.formatted.for.DEXSeq.txt.gz"
                                       ),
                               package="JctSeqData");

#Part of One of the count files:
read.table(exon.count.files[1])[110:130,]

##           V1 V2
## 110 ENSRNOG00000033073:003 0
## 111 ENSRNOG00000033073:004 0
## 112 ENSRNOG00000033073:005 0
## 113 ENSRNOG00000033073:006 0
## 114 ENSRNOG00000031928:001 0
## 115 ENSRNOG00000031928:002 0
## 116 ENSRNOG00000031928:003 0
## 117 ENSRNOG00000031928:004 0
## 118 ENSRNOG00000040213:001 20
## 119 ENSRNOG00000040213:002 11
## 120 ENSRNOG00000058018:001 1
## 121 ENSRNOG00000058018:002 0
## 122 ENSRNOG00000052352:001 5
## 123 ENSRNOG00000052352:002 1
## 124 ENSRNOG00000049828:001 30
## 125 ENSRNOG00000049828:002 10
## 126 ENSRNOG00000049828:003 6
## 127 ENSRNOG00000049828:004 10
## 128 ENSRNOG00000049828:005 18
## 129 ENSRNOG00000049828:006 17
## 130 ENSRNOG00000049828:007 8
```

For use with JunctionSeq, we can use a combined gene/exon/junction count file:

```
#JunctionSeq counts:
JS.count.files <- system.file(
  paste0("extdata/cts/",
         decoder$sample.ID,
         "/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz"
         ),
  package="JctSeqData");

#Part of one of the count files:
read.table(JS.count.files[1])[526:552,]
```

##		V1	V2
## 526	ENSRNOG000000024112:J043		8
## 527	ENSRNOG000000024112:J044		3
## 528	ENSRNOG000000024112:J045		1
## 529	ENSRNOG000000000044:A000		417
## 530	ENSRNOG000000000044:E001		188
## 531	ENSRNOG000000000044:E002		43
## 532	ENSRNOG000000000044:E003		52
## 533	ENSRNOG000000000044:E004		59
## 534	ENSRNOG000000000044:E005		39
## 535	ENSRNOG000000000044:E006		46
## 536	ENSRNOG000000000044:E007		37
## 537	ENSRNOG000000000044:E008		53
## 538	ENSRNOG000000000044:E009		35
## 539	ENSRNOG000000000044:E010		44
## 540	ENSRNOG000000000044:E011		30
## 541	ENSRNOG000000000044:J012		15
## 542	ENSRNOG000000000044:J013		23
## 543	ENSRNOG000000000044:J014		21
## 544	ENSRNOG000000000044:J015		20
## 545	ENSRNOG000000000044:J016		18
## 546	ENSRNOG000000000044:J017		30
## 547	ENSRNOG000000000044:J018		27
## 548	ENSRNOG000000000044:J019		19
## 549	ENSRNOG000000000044:J020		14
## 550	ENSRNOG000000000044:J021		0
## 551	ENSRNOG000000000048:A000		2391
## 552	ENSRNOG000000000048:E001		38

A similar file is available with novel splice junctions included:

```
#JunctionSeq counts:
JS.novel.count.files <- system.file(
  paste0("extdata/cts/",
    decoder$sample.ID,
    "/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.withNovel.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz"
  ),
  package="JctSeqData");

#Part of one of the count files:
read.table(JS.novel.count.files[1])[526:553,]
```

##		V1	V2
## 526	ENSRNOG000000024112:J043		8
## 527	ENSRNOG000000024112:J044		3
## 528	ENSRNOG000000024112:J045		1
## 529	ENSRNOG000000000044:A000		417


```
## 530 ENSRNOG000000000044:E001 188
## 531 ENSRNOG000000000044:E002 43
## 532 ENSRNOG000000000044:E003 52
## 533 ENSRNOG000000000044:E004 59
## 534 ENSRNOG000000000044:E005 39
## 535 ENSRNOG000000000044:E006 46
## 536 ENSRNOG000000000044:E007 37
## 537 ENSRNOG000000000044:E008 53
## 538 ENSRNOG000000000044:E009 35
## 539 ENSRNOG000000000044:E010 44
## 540 ENSRNOG000000000044:E011 30
## 541 ENSRNOG000000000044:J012 15
## 542 ENSRNOG000000000044:J013 23
## 543 ENSRNOG000000000044:J014 21
## 544 ENSRNOG000000000044:J015 20
## 545 ENSRNOG000000000044:J016 18
## 546 ENSRNOG000000000044:J017 30
## 547 ENSRNOG000000000044:J018 27
## 548 ENSRNOG000000000044:J019 19
## 549 ENSRNOG000000000044:J020 14
## 550 ENSRNOG000000000044:J021 0
## 551 ENSRNOG000000000044:N022 9
## 552 ENSRNOG000000000048:A000 2391
## 553 ENSRNOG000000000048:E001 38
```

2.4 Even smaller dataset

A similar set of count files are available for an even smaller, cut-down dataset. This dataset may be useful for running quick and easy tests.

All the count files are available in the "extdata/tiny/" directory instead of the "extdata/cts/" directory. The annotation files are also available in the "extdata/tiny" directory.

2.5 R Data Objects

This package comes with a few R data objects as well, generated by JunctionSeq for running the JunctionSeq examples. You can load these using the commands:

To load the full dataset:

```
data(fullExampleDataSet,package="JctSeqData");
```

To load the "tiny" dataset:

```
data(exampleDataSet,package="JctSeqData");
```

3 Recreating this data package

Only a small selection of the data generated and used in [the pipeline walkthrough](#) has been packaged and distributed in the JctSeqData R package. The data had to be reorganized in order to fit with the R package format. This section describes exactly how the JctSeqData package was generated.

First you must download the [full example output](#) (file is 200mb). Optionally, you can also download the [example bam files](#) (file is 1.1gb).

Now we copy over the template and add in the data generated in this walkthrough:

```
#make sure JctSeqData doesn't already exist:
rm -rf outputData/JctSeqData
#Copy over the template
cp -R inputData/JctSeqData-template outputData/JctSeqData
#Copy original annotation files:
cp inputData/annoFiles/*.gff outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/annoFiles/
#Copy additional generated annotation files:
cp outputData/forJunctionSeq.gff.gz \
  outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/annoFiles/JunctionSeq.flat.gff.gz
cp outputData/forDEXSeq.gff.gz \
  outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/annoFiles/DEXSeq.flat.gff.gz
cp outputData/countTables/orphanSplices.gff.gz \
  outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/annoFiles/
cp outputData/countTables/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz \
  outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/annoFiles/
#Copy count tables:
cp -R outputData/countTables/* outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/cts/
```

Next we generate the "tiny" dataset used in the JunctionSeq examples and for rapid testing. This is done simply by using "egrep" to extract a subset of the genes from the various files:

```
cd outputData/JctSeqData/inst/extdata/
#Make a "egrep" regex string to extract the desired genes:
FILTER="ENSRNOG00000048600|ENSRNOG00000045591|etc. etc.";
#Note: this is only the start of the full regex string.
#     see file inputData/JctSeqData-template/inst/extdata/tinyGeneList.txt
#     for a full list of the extracted genes.

#Subsample annotation files:
zcat annoFiles/anno.gtf.gz | \
    egrep $FILTER - | \
    gzip -c - > tiny/anno.gtf.gz
zcat annoFiles/JunctionSeq.flat.gff.gz | \
    egrep $FILTER - | \
    gzip -c - > tiny/JunctionSeq.flat.gff.gz
zcat cts/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz | \
    egrep $FILTER - | \
    gzip -c - > tiny/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz
zcat cts/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz | \
    egrep $FILTER - | \
    gzip -c - > tiny/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz
#Subsample count files:
while read line
do
    mkdir ./tiny/$line
    echo $line
    zcat cts/$line/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.withNovel.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz | \
        egrep $FILTER - | \
        gzip -c - > tiny/$line/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.withNovel.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz
    zcat cts/$line/QC.exonCounts.formatted.for.DEXSeq.txt.gz | \
        egrep $FILTER - | \
        gzip -c - > tiny/$line/QC.exonCounts.formatted.for.DEXSeq.txt.gz
    zcat cts/$line/QC.geneCounts.formatted.for.DEXSeq.txt.gz | \
        egrep $FILTER - | \
        gzip -c - > tiny/$line/QC.geneCounts.formatted.for.DEXSeq.txt.gz
    zcat cts/$line/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz | \
        egrep $FILTER - | \
        gzip -c - > tiny/$line/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz
    zcat cts/$line/QC.spliceJunctionCounts.knownSplices.txt.gz | \
        egrep $FILTER - | \
        gzip -c - > tiny/$line/QC.spliceJunctionCounts.knownSplices.txt.gz
done < annoFiles/sampleID.list.txt
cd ../../../../
```

We can install this almost-finished version of the package using the command:

```
R CMD INSTALL outputData/JctSeqData
```

Next, we build the serialized "Rdata" files in R. To do this, first we load the datasets:

```
#Read the decoder:
decoder.file <- system.file("extdata/annoFiles/decoder.bySample.txt",
                             package="JctSeqData");
decoder <- read.table(decoder.file,
                      header=TRUE,
                      stringsAsFactors=FALSE);
#Here are the full-size count and gff files:
gff.file.FULL <- system.file("extdata/cts/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz",
                              package="JctSeqData");
countFiles.FULL <- system.file(paste0("extdata/cts/",
                                       decoder$sample.ID,
                                       "/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.withNovel.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz"),
                              package="JctSeqData");
#Here are the "tiny" subset count and gff files:
gff.file.TINY <- system.file("extdata/tiny/withNovel.forJunctionSeq.gff.gz",
                              package="JctSeqData");
countFiles.TINY <- system.file(paste0("extdata/tiny/",
                                       decoder$sample.ID,
                                       "/QC.spliceJunctionAndExonCounts.withNovel.forJunctionSeq.txt.gz"),
                              package="JctSeqData");
```

Next, we generate the full dataset:

```
jscs2 <- runJunctionSeqAnalyses(sample.files = countFiles,  
                                sample.names = decoder$sample.ID,  
                                condition=factor(decoder$group.ID),  
                                flat.gff.file = gff.file);
```

And save it:

```
save(jscs2, file = "outputData/JctSeqData/data/fullExampleDataSet.RData");
```

And then generate the "tiny" dataset:

```
jscs <- runJunctionSeqAnalyses(sample.files = countFiles.TINY,  
                                sample.names = decoder$sample.ID,  
                                condition=factor(decoder$group.ID),  
                                flat.gff.file = gff.file.TINY);
```

And save it:

```
save(jscs, file = "outputData/JctSeqData/data/tinyExampleDataSet.RData");
```

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