Good software: simple, tidy, rich

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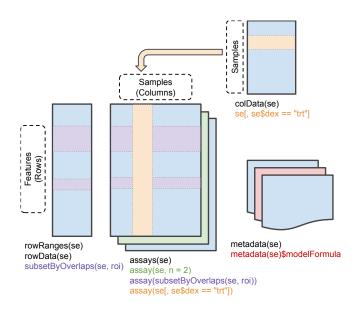
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- Statistical analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data.
- Open public version control
- Reproducibile research vignettes, 'experiment data' packages, release / devel branches, . . .
- Interoperable package re-use, data structures, . . .
- Usable documentation, support, . . .



Simple, tidy, rich: RNA-seq count data

Vocabulary

- Simple: extensive
- Tidy: restricted endomorphisms
- Rich: extensive, meaningful

Constraints (e.g., probes & samples)

- Tidy: implicit
- Simple, Rich: explicit

Flexibility

- Simple, tidy: general-purpose
- Rich: specialized

Programming contract

- Simple, tidy: limited
- Rich: strict

Lessons learned / best practices

- Considerable value in semantically rich structures
- Current implementations trade-off user and developer convenience
- Endomorphism, simple vocabulary, consistent paradigm aid use

Pretty big data

- E.g., single-cell RNA-seq, 30,000 genes by 1.3 million samples.
- On-disk representation in hdf5.
- Convenient in-memory 'matrix' abstraction for subsetting, etc.; easy input of manageable subset.
- https://github.com/mtmorgan/TENxGenomics

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> basename(f1)
[1] "1M_neurons_filtered_gene_bc_matrices_h5.h5"
> (tenx <- TENxGenomics(f1))
class: TENxGenomics
h5path: ./1M_neurons_filtered_gene_bc_matrices_h5.h5
dim(): 27998 x 1306127
> tenk <- tenx[, sample(ncol(tenx), 10000)] ## fast
> m <- as.matrix(tenk) ## manageable
> se = SummarizedExperiment(list(tenx)) ## rich
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Opportunities

Programmer analysts

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- Boston, July 26 (D-day) 28.
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