Zebrafish Dataset Practical 1

Before you start, make sure you've read the document that describes the zebrafish dataset we're using in this practical. And make sure you've put the four required files (Amp.counts.tsv, Amp.samples.tsv, Oxy.counts.tsv and Oxy.samples.tsv) in your home directory.

To begin, here are a couple of exercises that require using the command line in Terminal:

- 1. Using the awk and wc commands, work out how many genes are significantly differentially expressed (adjusted p-value < 0.05) for the amphetamine and oxycodone treatments. How do these numbers change if you reduce the adjusted p-value threshold to 0.005 or even 0.0005?
- 2. Using awk, create two new files that just contain the subset of significantly differentially expressed genes (adjusted p-value < 0.05). Keep these two files as you'll need them later in the week. Also, using cut, create two new files that just contain the Ensembl IDs of the significantly differentially expressed genes. Again, keep these two files for later.

The rest of the practical uses R.

Open RStudio and load the tidyverse packages:

```
library(tidyverse)
```

Read in the DESeg2 results file:

Here are some functions for inspecting a data.frame.

head shows the top 6 rows. If the object is a tibble, only the columns that fit on the width of the page are shown.

glimpse shows the data frame transposed so that the columns become rows. This makes it possible to see all of the columns if they don't fit on one page width.

View opens up a new viewer window which display the data like a spreadsheet.

Try them out.

```
head(deseq_results)

glimpse(deseq_results)

View(deseq_results)
```

Volcano plot

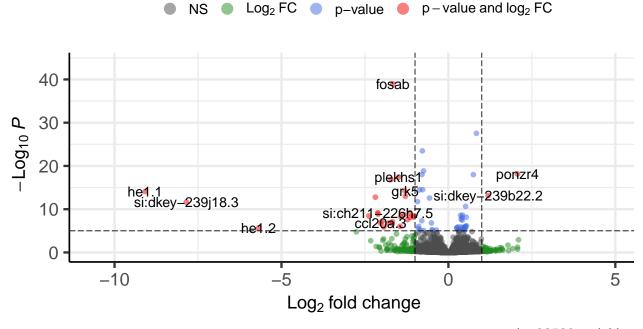
EnhancedVolcano is an R package for making volcano plots. The main function, Enhanced-Volcano(), expects a data frame with a column of \log_2 (fold change) and one for adjusted p value. The names of the genes are supplied as a separate vector.

```
library(EnhancedVolcano)

EnhancedVolcano(
   deseq_results, # results data frame
   lab = deseq_results$Name,
   x = 'log2fc', # column name of log2 fold change
   y = 'adjp' # column name of adjusted pvalue
)
```

Volcano plot

EnhancedVolcano



total = 32520 variables

Exercises

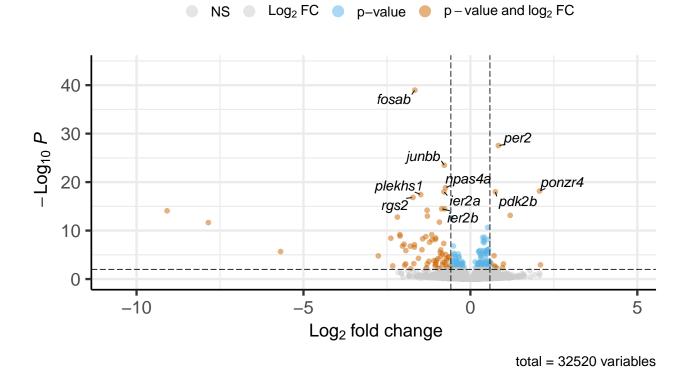
The EnhancedVolcano () function has many ways to customise the plot. Read the documentation (?EnhancedVolcano) and re-plot the volcano plot with these changes.

- 1. Change the colours of the different categories (NS, Log2FC etc.)
- 2. Change the p-value cut-off to 0.01
- 3. Change the log2[Fold Change] cut-off to log2(1.5).
- 4. Label the 10 genes with smallest p values and change the font face to italic.

Solutions

```
# get the gene names of the top 10 genes by p value
genes to label <- deseq results %>%
  arrange(adjp) %>%
  pull(Name) %>%
  head(10)
EnhancedVolcano(
  deseq results,
  lab = deseq results$Name,
  selectLab = genes to label,
  drawConnectors = \overline{T}RU\overline{E},
  arrowheads = FALSE,
  min.segment.length = 0.1,
  x = 'log2fc',
  y = 'adjp',
  pCutoff = 1e-02,
  FCcutoff = log2(1.5),
 labFace = "italic",
col = c("grey80", "grey80", "#59B3E6", "#CC6600"),
  title = "Amphetamine-treated vs Control",
  subtitle = NULL
```

Amphetamine-treated vs Control



Arrangement of text labels

EnhancedVolcano adds text labels for genes, either ones above the log2fc and pvalue cut-offs, or labels supplied to the selectLab argument.

if the drawConnectors argument is set to FALSE, EnhancedVolcanouses geom_text/geom_label. This means that the labels are plotted directly on top of the points. Also, if geom_text is being used, the check_overlap argument is set to TRUE. This means that if any of the text labels overlap previously plotted labels they will not be plotted. This only applies to geom_text. If geom_label is used, the labels will just be plotted on top of each other.

check_overlap

If TRUE, text that overlaps previous text in the same layer will not be plotted. check_overlap happens at draw time and in the order of the data. Therefore data should be arranged by the label column before calling <code>geom_text()</code>. Note that this argument is not supported by <code>geom_label()</code>.

However, if drawConnectors is set to TRUE, the geom_text_repel/geom_label_repel functions are used. These try to arrange the labels so that they don't overlap points and don't overlap each other. They do this by adding random amounts of jitter to the labels and checking for overlaps.

This should mean that the labels avoid the points and each other. However, EnhancedVolcano subsets the data it gives to $geom_(text/label)_repel$ to just the points to be labelled. That means $geom_(text/label)_repel$ doesn't know about any of the other points and so can't avoid them.

For an example of using ggplot2 to create a volcano plot, see the **worked examples** section.

Heatmap

The pheatmap package can be used to create heatmaps.

```
library(pheatmap)
```

First you need to create a matrix of values to plot as a heatmap.

Using filter and select, subset the results to differentially expressed genes (adjp < 0.05) and select the normalised count columns. Save to an object called $sig\ counts$

```
sig_counts <- deseq_results %>%
  # filter to DE genes
filter(adjp < 0.05) %>%
  # select normalised count columns
select(contains(' normalised count'))
```

The column names all contain the string 'normalised count'. The column names get used as x-axis labels on the heatmap, so we need to remove it. We can set the column names of the data frame with the colnames function and use the $str_replace$ function from the stringr package to remove the ending.

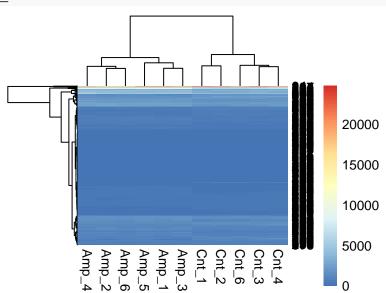
str replace takes 3 arguments.

- 1. A vector of strings to do the substitution on
- 2. A pattern to look for
- 3. A string to replace it with

```
# This substitutes the string " normalised count" with
# the empty string ""
colnames(sig_counts) <-
   str_replace(colnames(sig_counts), " normalised count", "")</pre>
```

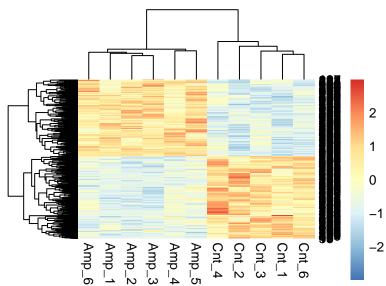
Plot a heatmap of the normalised counts using the pheatmap function

```
pheatmap(sig counts)
```



This initial plot has some issues. First, the counts need scaling. At the moment, the colour scale is dominated by the small number of very highly expressed genes. Scaling is done by mean centering and scaling the counts by the standard deviation for each row ($\frac{x-\overline{x}}{\sigma}$, Z-score).

pheatmap has an option scale, which can either scale the values by column or row or both



The rows and columns in the heatmap are automatically clustered and a tree for each is drawn.

The default colour scheme makes it difficult to see values in the middle of the range. Let's change the colour palette to one from the viridis package.

The inferno function, from the viridis package, returns a vector of n colours (10 in this case) from the inferno colour scale.

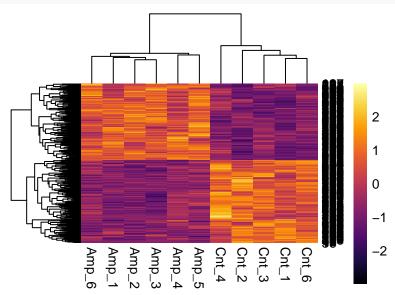
```
library(viridis)
scales::show_col(inferno(10), cex_label = 0.6)
```

#000004FF	#1B0C42FF	#4B0C6BFF	#781C6DFF
#A52C60FF	#CF4446FF	#ED6925FF	#FB9A06FF
#F7D03CFF	#FCFFA4FF		

The colorRampPalette function returns a function to interpolate more colours between those supplied to create a smooth colour gradient.

#000004	#020109	#04020F	#070314	#09041A	#0C0520	#0E0625	#11072B	#130831	#160936
#180A3C	#1B0C42	#1F0C45	#230C49	#280C4D	#2C0C50	#300C54	#350C58	#390C5C	#3D0C5F
#420C63	#460C67	#4B0C6B	#4F0D6B	#530E6B	#57106B	#5B116B	#5F136B	#63146C	#67166C
#6B176C	#6F196C	#731A6C	#781C6D	#7C1D6B	#801E6A	#842069	#882168	#8C2367	#902465
#942664	#982763	#9C2962	#A02A61	#A52C5F	#A82E5D	#AC305B	#B03258	#B43456	#B83654
#BB3951	#BF3B4F	#C33D4D	#C73F4A	#CB4148	#CF4446	#D14742	#D44A40	#D74E3D	#D95139
#DC5436	#DF5833	#E25B30	#E45E2D	#E7622A	#EA6527	#ED6924	#EE6D22	#EF711F	#F0761C
#F27A19	#F37F16	#F48314	#F58811	#F78C0E	#F8910B	#F99508	#FB9A06	#FA9E0A	#FAA30F
#F9A814	#F9AD19	#F9B21E	#F8B723	#F8BC28	#F8C12D	#F7C632	#F7CB37	#F7D03C	#F7D445
#F7D84E	#F8DC58	#F8E161	#F9E56B	#F9E974	#FAED7E	#FAF287	#FBF691	#FBFA9A	#FCFFA4

We can add this to the heatmap using the color argument.

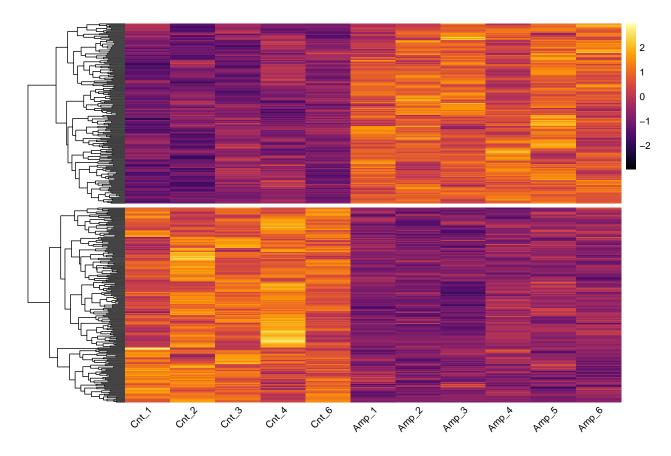


Exercises

Read the documentation for pheatmap and re-plot the heatmap with these changes.

- 1. Turn off plotting the gene names. There are too many genes in the heatmap to be able to read individual labels.
- 2. Rotate the column labels.
- 3. Turn off the column clustering
- 4. Split the heatmap in half based on the row clustering.
- 5. Give more room to the gene clustering tree.

Solutions



Count plot

To plot the normalised counts for each sample for a gene, we need a table of the sample info. The samples file has columns for the sample name and drug treatment for each sample.

To produce a count plot, we select the Gene and *normalised count columns, make the data tidy and join in the sample information. The inner_join function from dplyr joins two data frames together by matching values in common columns. In this case, we are going to join the two on the sample column.

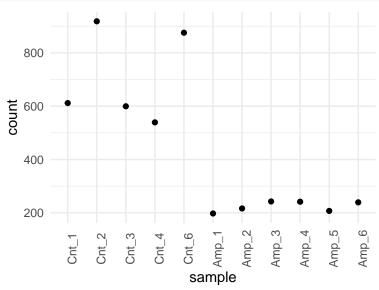
To make the sample names match those in the sample_info, we need to remove "normalised count" from the column names.

Then we filter to get the counts for a specific gene.

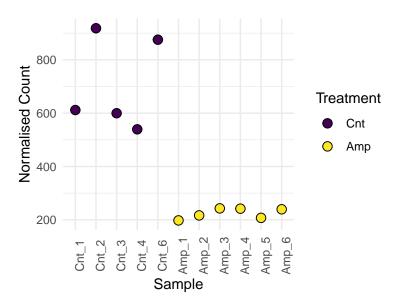
To see what the counts for gene object looks like, try head (counts for gene).

To see the counts for each individual sample we can plot sample on the x-axis and count on the y, like this:

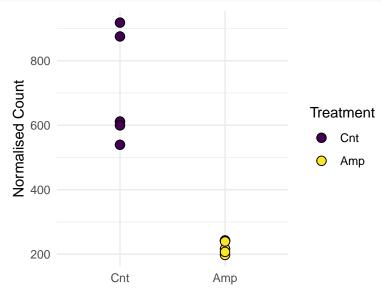
```
basic_count_plot <- ggplot(data = counts_for_gene) +
  geom_point( aes(x = sample, y = count) ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90))
print(basic_count_plot)</pre>
```



We can customise the plot to make it look nicer by colouring the points by the treatment variable.

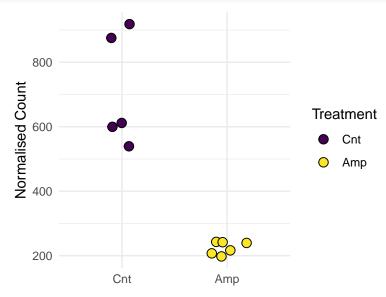


With this plot, we can see the normalised count value for each individual sample, but with lots of samples this will become unwieldy. Another option is to group the points by the treatment variable.



The points for each treatment group appear at the same x position and may plot on top of each other. To avoid this we can add a random shift left or right to spread the points out.

The position argument of geom_point is used to adjust the position of the points. The position_jitter function adds a small value to both the x and y values. Use the width and height arguments to control how large the spread of values is. The seed argument makes the jitter reproducible.



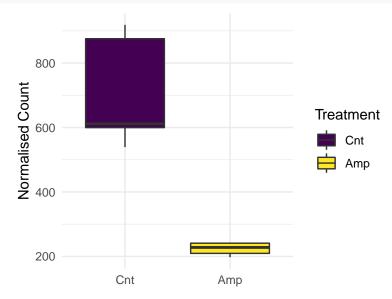
Exercises

1. Try plotting a boxplot grouped by treatment instead of points for each sample.

Solutions

```
# boxplot
basic_boxplot <- ggplot(data = counts_for_gene) +
  geom_boxplot( aes(x = treatment, y = count, fill = treatment)) +
  scale_fill_viridis_d() +
  labs(y = "Normalised Count", fill = "Treatment") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_blank())

print(basic_boxplot)</pre>
```



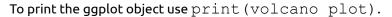
Worked Examples

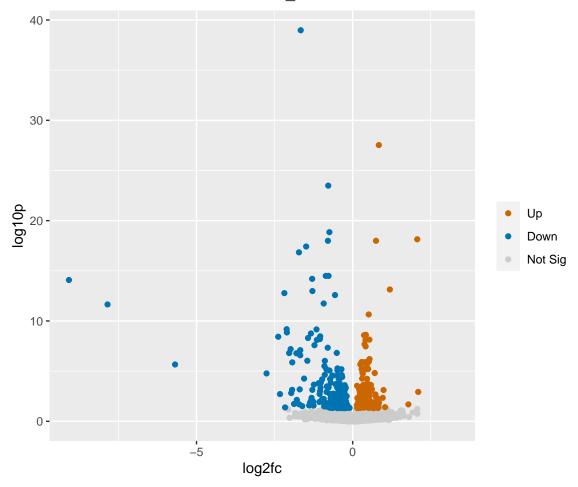
Volcano Plot

Prepare the data for making a volcano plot. We need to convert the adjusted p-values to $-\log_{10}(adjusted p-value)$. Also, we are going to make a new column that marks whether a gene is significantly different or not and another column that shows whether genes are up or down or not differentially expressed.

The basic volcano plot shows the $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value})$ against the $\log_2(\text{fold change})$ for each gene, with the genes coloured by whether the gene is up or down or not significant.

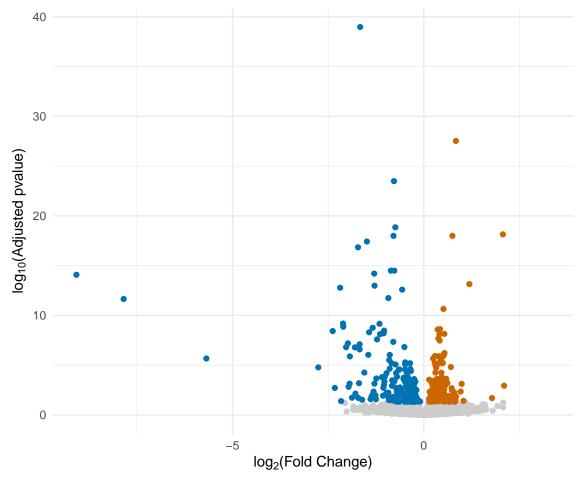
```
# plot adjusted pvalue against log2 fold change
# with up coloured in orange and down coloured in blue
volcano plot <-
  # This sets the data for the plot
  # and specifies we want to plot log10pval against log2fc
  # and colour it by the up down column
  # these aesthetics will apply to any other geoms added
  ggplot(data = deseg results,
         aes (x = log2\overline{f}c, y = log10p,
             colour = up down)) +
  # this says we want to plot the data as points
  geom point() +
  # and this explicitly sets the colours for the 3 categories
  # and removes the legend title
  scale colour manual (name = "",
    values = c(Up = '#cc6600', Down = '#0073b3',
                 Not Sig` = "grey80"))
```





Now that we have a basic plot we can add things to the same plot object using the + operator and save the new plot object

For example, we can take the volcano plot and remove the legend and make better axis titles. Lastly we can change the grey background.



The code above shows how ggplot objects can be built up by creating a basic object and then progressively adding more to it.

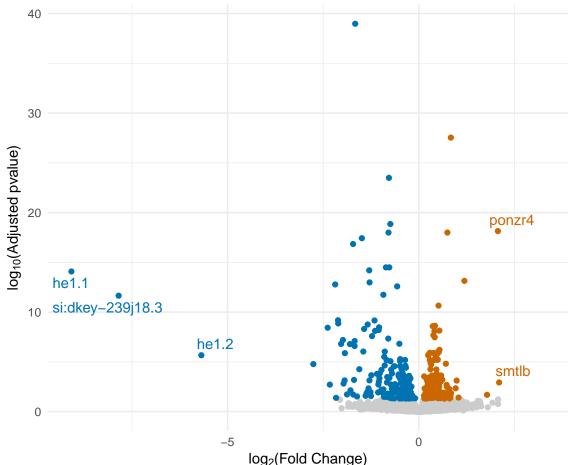
Next we can add labels to some of the points which meet certain criteria. Let's label the biggest changers.

We will add the labels using the ggrepel https://github.com/slowkow/ggrepel package. This is a package designed to position point labels on plots by avoiding the points and other labels, so that all the labels are legible.

So that ggrepel knows where all the points are we need to use the whole data frame. But, we only want a few labels, so we need to make a new column that is an empty string for any points we don't want to label and has the gene name for the ones we do want to label.

```
# create new column for names of genes we want to label
deseq_results <- deseq_results %>%
  mutate(gene_label = case_when(
    up_down == 'Down' & log2fc < -3 ~ Name,
    up_down == 'Up' & log2fc > 2 ~ Name,
    TRUE ~ ""
))
```

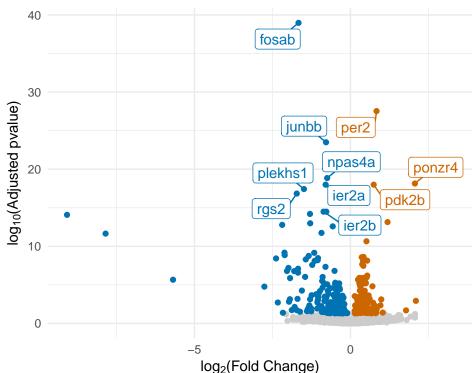
```
# load the ggrepel package
library(ggrepel)
# add geom text repel
# since the x, \overline{y} and colour aesthetics are defined in the
# ggplot call only one more aesthetic (label) is required
labelled plot <-
  ggplot(data = deseq results,
          aes (x = log2\overline{f}c, y = log10p,
              colour = up down)) +
  geom point() +
  geom text repel(aes(label = gene label)) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "",
  values = c(Up = '#cc6600', Down = '#0073b3',
                   Not Sig' = "grey80")) +
  quides(colour = "none") +
  labs(x = \exp(\log[2]*'(Fold Change)'),
       y = expr(log[10] * '(Adjusted pvalue) ')) +
  theme minimal()
print(labelled plot)
```



One thing to notice here is that I've had to recreate the entire plot object rather than adding to it. That's because the plot object saves a copy of the original data frame. So any changes you make to the data frame will not be reflected in the plot object.

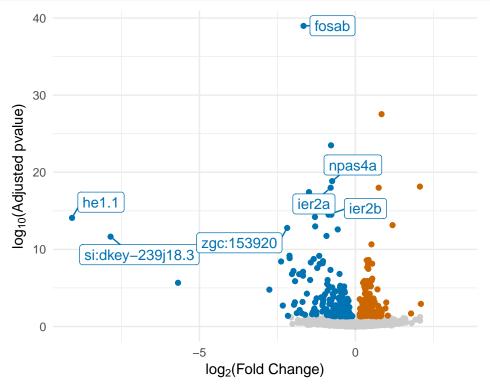
Or we could do just the top 10 genes by adjusted p-value.

```
# get the top 10 genes by adjusted pvalue
top 10 genes <-
  arrange (deseq results, adjp) %>%
  # sort by adjusted pvalue and get Gene ID
  head(10) %>% pull('Gene')
# remake the gene label column
deseq results <- deseq results %>%
  mutate(gene label = \overline{case} when(
    # this tests whether the Gene ID exists
    # in the top_10_genes vector
    Gene %in% top 10 genes ~ Name,
    TRUE ~ ""
  ) )
# this uses geom label repel() which draws boxes behind the text
top 10 plot <- ggplot(data = deseq results,
  \overline{aes}(\overline{x} = \log 2fc, y = \log 10p, colour = up down)) +
  geom point() +
  geom label repel(aes(label = gene label), seed = 765,
                    min.segment.leng\overline{t}h = 0) +
  scale colour manual (values = c(Up = '\#cc6600', Down = '\#0073b3',
                                     Not Sig^ = "grey80")) +
  quides(colour = "none") +
  labs (x = \exp(\log[2] *' (Fold Change)'),
       y = expr(log[10] * '(Adjusted pvalue) ')) +
  theme minimal()
print(top 10 plot)
```



Or an arbitrary vector of gene ids.

```
# start with a vector of gene ids
gene ids <- c("ENSDARG00000031683",</pre>
                                         "ENSDARG00000055752",
                                         "ENSDARG00000086881",
                "ENSDARG00000099195",
                "ENSDARG00000023656",
                                         "ENSDARG00000070041",
                "ENSDARG00000089806")
# remake the gene label column
deseq_results <- deseq results %>%
  \overline{\text{mutate}}(\underline{\text{gene label}} = \overline{\text{case when}})
    Gene %in% gene ids ~ Name,
    TRUE ~ ""
  ) )
specific genes volcano plot <- ggplot(data = deseq results,
    aes (\bar{x} = \log 2fc, y = \log 10p, colour = up down))^+
  geom point() +
  geom label repel(aes(label = gene label), seed = 765,
                     min.segment.length = 0) +
  scale colour manual (values = c(Up = '#cc6600',
                \overline{Down} = '#0073b3', `Not Sig` = "grey80")) +
  quides(colour = "none") +
  labs(x = expr(log[2]*'(Fold Change)'),
        y = expr(log[10] * '(Adjusted pvalue) ')) +
  theme minimal()
print(specific genes volcano plot)
```



Heatmap

For this we're going to use a subset of the data so that it is easy to see what is going on.

```
# filter to DE genes and take the first 5 genes and 6 sample columns
sig_counts <- deseq_results %>%
  filter(adjp < 0.05) %>%
  arrange(adjp) %>%
  slice_head(n = 5) %>%
  select(Gene, contains(' normalised count')) %>%
  rename_with(.fn = function(x){
    sub(" normalised count", "", x) }) %>%
  select(Gene, Cnt_1, Cnt_2, Cnt_3, Amp_1, Amp_2, Amp_3)
kable(sig_counts)
```

Gene	Cnt_1	Cnt_2	Cnt_3	Amp_1	Amp_2	Amp_3
ENSDARG00000031683	611.66318	918.44271	599.64194	197.61987	216.40538	242.72234
ENSDARG00000034503	633.70510	715.18080	597.14343	1079.09638	1330.19823	1266.16969
ENSDARG00000104773	B 75.06409	1003.13517	787.86288	512.89249	457.62790	545.64747
ENSDARG00000055752	751.62935	703.88847	687.08972	397.99722	402.03753	442.44269
ENSDARG00000087440	17.63353	11.29233	16.65672	68.93716	57.57574	74.53678

First we need to mean centre and scale the counts for each gene. The scale function will do this, but it works on columns rather than rows.

Scaling and Centering of Matrix-like Objects

Description

scale is generic function whose default method centers and/or scales the columns of a numeric matrix.

Usage

```
scale(x, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
```

So, we have to transpose the matrix of counts, so that the columns represent the genes and the rows are samples. We can do this using the t function.

The scale function expects a matrix where all the columns are numeric, so we have to remove the Gene column. I've added the gene ids to the rownames of the matrix with set rownames

```
sig_counts %>%
  select(-Gene) %>% # remove Gene column
  as.matrix() %>% # turn into a matrix
  # set the rownames to Gene
  magrittr::set_rownames(sig_counts$Gene) %>%
  t()
```

	ENSDARG00000031683	ENSDARG00000034503	ENSDARG00000104773	ENSDARG00000055752
Cnt_1	611.6632	633.7051	875.0641	751.6294
Cnt_2	918.4427	715.1808	1003.1352	703.8885
Cnt_3	599.6419	597.1434	787.8629	687.0897
Amp_1	197.6199	1079.0964	512.8925	397.9972
Amp_2	216.4054	1330.1982	457.6279	402.0375
Amp_3	242.7223	1266.1697	545.6475	442.4427

Once the matrix is transposed we can apply the scale function.

```
sig_counts %>%
  select(-Gene) %>%
  as.matrix() %>%
  magrittr::set_rownames(sig_counts$Gene) %>%
  t() %>% scale()
```

	ENSDARG00000031683	ENSDARG00000034503	ENSDARG00000104773	ENSDARG00000055752
Cnt_1	0.5033128	-0.9227744	0.7997079	1.1263122
Cnt_2	1.5519304	-0.6748157	1.3750149	0.8394540
Cnt_3	0.4622225	-1.0340442	0.4079922	0.7385163
Amp_1	-0.9119481	0.4327053	-0.8271999	-0.9985388
Amp_2	-0.8477364	1.1968950	-1.0754535	-0.9742620
Amp_3	-0.7577812	1.0020340	-0.6800616	-0.7314816

And transpose back using t again.

```
sig_counts %>%
  select(-Gene) %>%
  as.matrix() %>%
  magrittr::set_rownames(sig_counts$Gene) %>%
  t() %>% scale() %>% t()
```

	Cnt_1	Cnt_2	Cnt_3	Amp_1	Amp_2
ENSDARG00000031683	0.5033128	1.5519304	0.4622225	-0.9119481	-0.8477364
ENSDARG00000034503	-0.9227744	-0.6748157	-1.0340442	0.4327053	1.1968950
ENSDARG00000104773	0.7997079	1.3750149	0.4079922	-0.8271999	-1.0754535
ENSDARG00000055752	1.1263122	0.8394540	0.7385163	-0.9985388	-0.9742620
ENSDARG00000087440	-0.8097571	-1.0285228	-0.8434562	0.9601709	0.5682125

To cluster the matrix I have written a small function that takes a matrix and clusters the rows using the holiust function.

```
# function to cluster the rows of a data frame
cluster <- function(mat) {
    # create a distance matrix of pairwise distances between each gene
    distance_matrix <- dist(mat)
    # cluster based on the distance matrix
    clustering <- hclust(distance_matrix)
    # reorder the original matrix based on the clustering
    mat_ordered <- mat[ clustering$order, ]
    return(mat_ordered)
}
sig_counts %>%
    select(-Gene) %>%
    as.matrix() %>%
    magrittr::set_rownames(sig_counts$Gene) %>%
    t() %>% scale() %>% t() %>%
    cluster()
```

	Cnt_1	Cnt_2	Cnt_3	Amp_1	Amp_2
ENSDARG00000034503	-0.9227744	-0.6748157	-1.0340442	0.4327053	1.1968950
ENSDARG00000087440	-0.8097571	-1.0285228	-0.8434562	0.9601709	0.5682125
ENSDARG00000055752	1.1263122	0.8394540	0.7385163	-0.9985388	-0.9742620
ENSDARG00000031683	0.5033128	1.5519304	0.4622225	-0.9119481	-0.8477364
ENSDARG00000104773	0.7997079	1.3750149	0.4079922	-0.8271999	-1.0754535

After clustering the matrix, we can make the matrix back into a tibble and pivot it to make it compatible with ggplot. To set the order of the Genes and samples we can use the fct_inorder function from the forcats package.

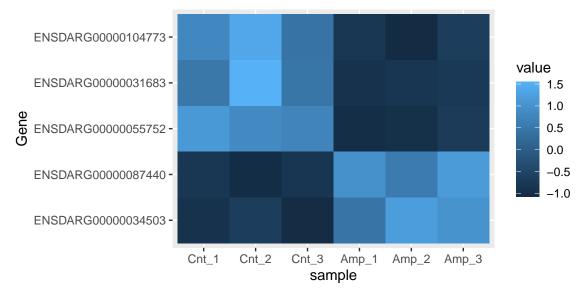
Now we have the data in the right format. To make a heatmap, we use the samples as the x-axis values, the genes as the y-axis values and the scaled counts as the fill value mapped to colour.

Each level of samples gets an integer value based on it's position in the factor and the same with Gene. Something to remember is that the first level of Gene is assigned the value 1, so it is plotted at the bottom of the y-axis, whereas the last level is plotted at the top.

Gene	Gene_num	sample	sample_num
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Cnt_1	1
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Cnt_2	2
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Cnt_3	3
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Amp_1	4
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Amp_2	5
ENSDARG00000034503	1	Amp_3	6
ENSDARG00000087440	2	Cnt_1	1
ENSDARG00000087440	2	Cnt_2	2
ENSDARG00000087440	2	Cnt_3	3
ENSDARG00000087440	2	Amp_1	4

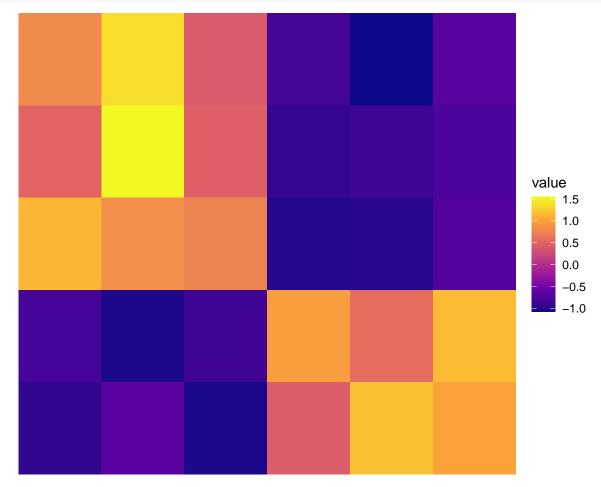
To plot coloured squares/rectangles we can use geom_tile.

```
ggplot(data = counts_scaled_clustered,
    aes(x = sample, y = Gene)) +
geom_tile(aes(fill = value))
```



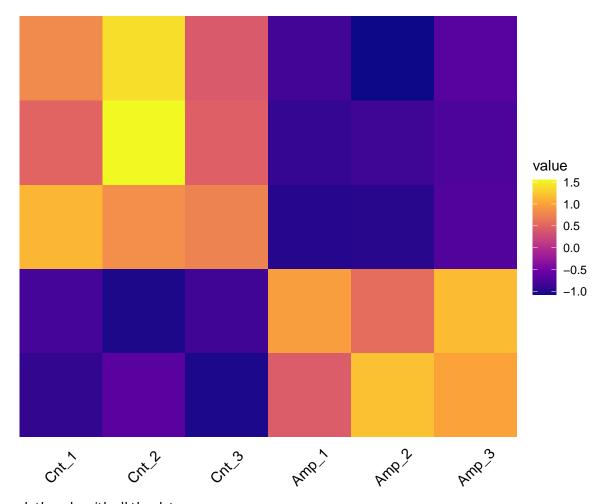
To make this look better, ggplot provides the viridis colour scales which we use here with scale fill viridis c.

theme void gets rid of all gridlines and axis ticks, text and titles.



If you have a very large heatmap to plot, it may be worth using geom_raster which runs faster by making all the tiles the same size.

If you want individual sample names on the x-axis, you can override just that bit of theme _void by adding + theme (axis.text.x = element_text(colour = "black")) after theme void.



Now, let's redo with all the data.

```
# get DE genes
sig counts <- deseq results %>%
  filter(adjp < 0.0\overline{5}) %>%
  select(Gene, contains(' normalised count')) %>%
  select(Gene, contains('Cnt'), contains('Amp')) %>%
rename_with(.fn = function(x){
    sub(" normalised count", "", x) })
# scale, cluster and pivot
counts scaled clustered <- sig counts %>%
  select(-Gene) %>%
  as.matrix() %>%
  magrittr::set rownames(sig counts$Gene) %>%
  t() %>% scale() %>% t() %>%
  cluster() %>%
  as tibble(rownames = 'Gene') %>%
  pivot longer(-Gene, names to = 'sample') %>%
  mutate(Gene = fct inorder(Gene))
         sample = fct inorder(sample))
```

