Mito-AssemblyVis: Mitochondrial Genome Assembly Assessment Visualization

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Mitochondrial Genome (Mitogenome)



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Next-Generation DNA Sequencing



Genome Assembly and Annotation



Motivation



- There is currently a lack of tools designed specifically for mitogenome assembly visualizations
- Aimed to develop a visualization tool applicable to several assembly evaluation stages including fine tuning, annotation and genome similarity analysis

Task Abstraction



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Related Work

• Images created with Circos software, illustrating the relationships between different objects and regions



Image source: http://circos.ca/

Related Work



• Mitogenome Visualization using MitoZ



(Meng et al., 2019)

Data and Data Abstraction



Input Data

Fasta files	
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>Query sequence ATGCCGT.....

>Reference sequence ATGCGCT.....

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Datasets containing quality metrics resulted from different assembly parameters, genome coverages

- Similarity between query and reference sequences (quantitative)
- Parameter(s) for assembler pipeline softwares and their corresponding quality metrics (quantitative)
- Gene location (continuous)
- Gene orientation (categorical)
- Genome coverage across the given genome (quantitative)

Annotation files

>Sequence 1; 1-79; +; Gene 1 CCGT.....

Solution



Implementation of Mito-AssemblyVis



Mito-AssemblyVis: Mitochondrial Genome Assembly Assessment Visualization



GGisy-Based Circos Plot HiPlots for Hyperparameter Tuning PyGenomeViz Annotation Visualization



Visualization 1: GGisy-Based Circos Plot

Providentical is an assembly compared to a reference genomic sequence?

Provide the results of different assembly pipelines?

Input: a set of contigs relative to the reference genome

⇒ Output: Circos-based genome assembly consistency plot

Quick qualitative view of the misassemblies and gaps in a genome assembly



Visualization 2: HiPlot Parameter Tuning

- What is the best assembly parameter?
- Parallel coordinate plot facilitates the evaluation of multiple assembly quality metrics



Visualization 3: PyGenomeViz Parallel Annotation Comparison

- Ore the expected set of genes found on the assembled genomes?
- Parallel annotation plot allows users to compare the gene annotation results of different assemblies



Application Demo

Conclusions

- We propose a multi-purpose visualization interface specifically for mitogenome assembly assessment to facilitate the **assembly parameter tunings**, **sequence comparisons** and **annotation analysis**
- Users are able to generate customized visualizations by providing their generated assembly data files to Mito-AssemblyVis
- Interactive features of HiPlot and pyGenomeViz allow users to highlight the important attributes and navigate through the data in details

Limitations and Future Work



- A web-based application may not be ideal when working with larger genomic datasets. For such cases, a desktop application may be preferred.
- Host the application on the internet instead of the local machine
- The proposed tool has only been tested on one set of assembly data generated from a single whole genome sequencing (WGS) library due to time constraints.
- In the future, the generalizability of the tool will be investigated by visualizing different sets of mitogenome assembly results from other WGS libraries.
- Improvements in each module:
 - GGisy-based plot can be improved to also show more details such as small misassemblies, possibly mediated by repeats.

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