CBW pathways Workshops - example R ${\it notebooks}$

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CBW Workshop example R Notebooks

Do you want to run the pathways and network analysis from R instead of doing everything mannually as demonstrated in the workshop?

Everything (almost!) that was discussed in the lectures and practicals can be done computationally through R.

We are using the **bookdown** package (Xie 2023) in this Workshop R Notebooks book, which was built on top of R Markdown and **knitr** (Xie 2015).

Setup

3.1 Install R and RStudio

As with many open source projects, \mathbf{R} is a constantly evolving language with regular updates. There is a major release once a year with patch releases through out the year. Often scripts and packages will work from one release to the next (ignoring pesky warnings that a package was compiled on a previous version of \mathbf{R} is common) but there are exceptions. Some newer packages will only work on the latest version of \mathbf{R} so sometimes the choice of upgrading or not using a new package might present themselves. Often, the amount of packages and work that is need to upgrade is not realized until the process has begun. This is where docker demonstrates it most valuable features. You can create a new instance based on the latest release of \mathbf{R} and all your needed packages without having to change any of your current settings.

In order to use these notebooks supplied here you need to have:

- R installed on your computer and
- a list of packages. (including BiocManager, BiomaRt, gprofiler2, GSA)

Each notebook in this set will check for the required packages and install them if they are missing so at the base level you need to just have \mathbf{R} installed.

There are many different ways you can use and setup ${\bf R}.$

- 1. By simply installing \mathbf{R} you can use it directly but
- 2. it is highly recommended that you also install and use RStudio which is an Integrate development environment (IDE) for \mathbf{R} . You cannot just download RStudio and use it. It requires an installation of \mathbf{R} .

You don't need to install R and RStudio though. You can also use **R** and RStudio through docker. **I highly recommend using docker instead**

3.2 Docker [Optional]

Changing versions and environments are a continuing struggle with bioinformatics pipelines and computational pipelines in general. An analysis written and performed a year ago might not run or produce the same results when it is run today. Recording package and system versions or not updating certain packages rarely work in the long run.

One the best solutions to reproducibility issues is containing your workflow or pipeline in its own coding environment where everything from the operating system, programs and packages are defined and can be built from a set of given instructions. There are many systems that offer this type of control including:

- Docker.
- Singularity

"A container is a standard unit of software that packages up code and all its dependencies so the application runs quickly and reliably from one computing environment to another." ("What Is a Container?" n.d.)

Why are containers great for Bioiformatics?

- allows you to create environments to run bioinformatis pipelines.
- create a consistent environment to use for your pipelines.
- test modifications to the pipeline without disrupting your current set up.
- Coming back to an analysis years later and there is no need to install older versions of packages or programming languages. Simply create a container and re-run.

3.3 Install Docker

- 1. Download and install docker desktop.
- 2. Follow slightly different instructions for Windows or MacOS/Linux

3.3.1 Windows

- it might prompt you to install additional updates (for example https://docs.Microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install-win10#step-4---download-the-linux-kernel-update-package) and require multiple restarts of your system or docker.
- launch docker desktop app.
- Open windows Power shell

- navigate to directory on your system where you plan on keeping all your code. For example: C:\USERS\risserlin\cbw_workshop_code
- Run the following command: (the only difference with the windows command is the way the current directory is written. \${PWD} instead of "\$(pwd)")

```
docker run -e PASSWORD=changeit --rm \
  -v ${PWD}:/home/rstudio/projects -p 8787:8787 \
  risserlin/workshop_base_image
```

- Windows defender firewall might pop up with warning. Click on Allow access.
- $\bullet\,$ In docker desktop you see all containers you are running and easily manage them.

3.3.2 MacOS / Linux

- Open Terminal
- navigate to directory on your system where you plan on keeping all your code. For example: /Users/risserlin/bcb420_code
- Run the following command: (the only difference with the windows command is the way the current directory is written. \${PWD} instead of "\$(pwd)")

```
docker run -e PASSWORD=changeit --rm \
  -v "$(pwd)":/home/rstudio/projects -p 8787:8787 \
  --add-host "localhost:My.IP.address"
  risserlin/workshop_base_image
```

Run g:profiler from R

Detailed instructions on how to run g:Profiler programmatically from R

The parameters are set in the params option on this notebook but you can also manually set them here.

```
# for example - working_dir <- "./genereated_data"</pre>
working_dir <- params$working_dir</pre>
data_dir <- params$data_dir</pre>
# for example - species <- "horse"
genelist_file <- params$genelist_file</pre>
# max size of the genesets for example - 350
max_gs_size <- params$max_gs_size</pre>
# max size of the genesets for example - 3
min_gs_size <- params$min_gs_size</pre>
#min intersection between your genelist and the geneset - for example 3
min_intersection <- params$min_intersection</pre>
# organism parameter used for g:profiler. First letter of first word in species name followed by
# the second word
# for example - hsapiens
organism <- params$organism
#use library
```

```
install.packages("gprofiler2")},
  finally = library("gprofiler2"))

tryCatch(expr = { library("GSA")},
  error = function(e) {
    install.packages("GSA")},
  finally = library("GSA"))
```

Create or set a directory to store all the generatd results

```
if(!dir.exists(params$working_dir)){
  dir.create(params$working_dir)
}
```

Load in the set of genes that we will be running g:profiler with

With regards to pathway sets there are two options when using g:Profiler -

- Use the genesets that are supplied by g:Profiler
- Upload your own genesets.

The most common reasons for supplying your own genesets is the ability to use up to date annotations or in-house annotations that might not be available in the public sphere yet. One of the greatest features of g:Profiler is that it is updated on a regular basis and most of the previous versions are available online ont the gprofiler archive.

The gprofielr 2-g:Profiler R implementation is a wrapper for the web version. You require an internet connection to get enrichment results.

4.1 Run g:profiler with supplied genesets

For detailed descriptions of all the parameters that can be specified for the gost g:profiler function see -here

For this query we are specifying -

- query the set of genes of interest, as loaded in from the Supplementary Table1 Cancer drivers.txt file.
- significant set to FALSE because we want g:Profiler to return all the results not just the ones that it deems significant by its perdetermined threshold.
- ordered_query set to TRUE because for this set of genes they are ordered in order of their significance
- correction_method set to fdr. by default g:Profiler uses g:Scs
- organism set to "hsapiens" for homo sapiens. Organism names are constructed by concatenating the first letter of the name and the family name (according to gprofiler2 documentation)
- source the geneset source databases to use for the analysis. We recommend using GO biological process (GO:BP), WikiPathways (WP) and Reactome (Reac) but there are additional sources you can add (GO molecular function or cellular component(GO:MF, GO:CC), KEGG, transcription factors (TF), microRNA targets (MIRNA), corum complexes (CORUM), Human protein atlas (HPA), Human phenotype ontology (HP))

```
#get the gprofiler results table
enrichment_results <- gprofiler_results$result
enrichment_results[1:5,]</pre>
```

```
##
       query significant
                              p_value term_size query_size intersection_size
## 1 query_1
                    TRUE 1.426353e-37
                                           5653
                                                        121
                                                                          103
## 2 query_1
                    TRUE 3.391992e-36
                                            5882
                                                        121
                                                                          103
## 3 query_1
                                            3097
                                                        121
                    TRUE 7.172333e-36
                                                                           81
## 4 query_1
                    TRUE 2.511953e-35
                                           5724
                                                        121
                                                                          101
## 5 query_1
                    TRUE 7.298888e-35
                                           3540
                                                        121
                                                                           84
    precision
                             term id source
                   recall
## 1 0.8512397 0.01822041 GO:0031323 GO:BP
## 2 0.8512397 0.01751105 GO:0080090 GO:BP
## 3 0.6694215 0.02615434 GO:0031325 GO:BP
## 4 0.8347107 0.01764500 GD:0051171
                                      GO: BP
## 5 0.6942149 0.02372881 GO:0010604 GO:BP
##
                                                  term name effective domain size
## 1
                   regulation of cellular metabolic process
                                                                             21128
```

```
## 2
                    regulation of primary metabolic process
                                                                              21128
## 3
          positive regulation of cellular metabolic process
                                                                              21128
## 4
          regulation of nitrogen compound metabolic process
                                                                              21128
## 5 positive regulation of macromolecule metabolic process
                                                                              21128
##
     source order
                                                          parents
                              GO:0019222, GO:0044237, GO:0050794
## 1
             7549
## 2
            18924
                                           GO:0019222, GO:0044238
## 3
             7551 GO:0009893, GO:0031323, GO:0044237, GO:0048522
## 4
                                           GO:0006807, GO:0019222
            14399
## 5
             4369
                              GD:0009893, GD:0043170, GD:0060255
```

Filter the table to include just the columns that are required for the generic enrichment map file results GEM. Restrict the results to just the ones that have at least min_gs_size and less than max_gs_size terms and min_intersection size include only the term_id, term_name, p_value (and p_value again because the p_value is actually the corrected p-value. The output file does not contain the nominal p_value. For down stream analysis though it is expected to have both a p-value and a q-value so just duplicate the q-value as both p-value and q-value)

In order to create a proper Generic enrichment results file we will need a copy of the gmt file used by g:Profiler. (also to create an Enrichment map).

Download the gmt file used for this analysis from g:profiler

```
capt_output <- capture.output(genesets_gprofiler <- GSA.read.gmt(filename = gprofiler_gmt_filename)
names(genesets_gprofiler$genesets) <- genesets_gprofiler$geneset.names</pre>
```

```
# Given:
# query_genes - genes used for enrichment analysis (or as query)
#
# returns - the genes that overlap with the query set and part of the given
# genesets
getGenesetGenes <- function(query_genes, subset_genesets){
    genes <- lapply(subset_genesets,FUN=function(x){intersect(x,query_genes)})

# For each of the genes collapse to the comma separate text
genes_collapsed <- unlist(lapply(genes,FUN=function(x){paste(x,collapse = ",")}))
genes_collapsed_df <- data.frame(term_id = names(genes), genes = genes_collapsed,stringsAsFactoreturn(genes_collapsed_df)
}</pre>
```

4.2 Create an output file of the results - Generic enrichment Map file from g:profiler gmt

The file requires -

- name
- description
- p-value
- q-value
- phenotyp
- list of genes (overlap of query set and original geneset)

The list of genes needs to be calculated using the gmt file and original query set. For each geneset found in the result find the overlap between the set of genes that are a part of the geneset and the query set.

```
if(nrow(enrichment_results) >0){
    #add phenotype to the results
    enrichment_results <- cbind(enrichment_results,1)

# Add the genes to the genesets
    subset_genesets <- genesets_gprofiler$genesets[which(genesets_gprofiler$geneset.names %</pre>
```

```
genes <- getGenesetGenes(query_set, subset_genesets)

enrichment_results <- merge(enrichment_results,genes,by.x=1, by.y=1)

colnames(enrichment_results) <- c("name","description","p-value","q-value","]

}

#output the enrichment map file
write.table(enrichment_results, file = file.path(working_dir, "gprofiler_GEM_using_gprofiler_tow.names = FALSE, col.names = TRUE,q</pre>
```

4.3 Run g:profiler with your own genesets

Download the latest Bader lab genesets

For this query we are specifying -

4.4 Upload the gmt file to gprofiler

In order to use your own genesets with g:Profiler you need to upload the the file to their server first. The function will return an ID that you need to specify in the organism parameter of the g:Profiler gost function call.

```
custom_gmt <- upload_GMT_file(gmtfile=dest_gmt_file)

## Your custom annotations ID is gp__a6ma_oV5h_onA
## You can use this ID as an 'organism' name in all the related enrichment tests again
## Just use: gost(my_genes, organism = 'gp__a6ma_oV5h_onA')</pre>
```

- query the set of genes of interest, as loaded in from the Supplementary_Table1_Cancer_drivers.txt file.
- significant set to FALSE because we want g:Profiler to return all the results not just the ones that it deems significant by its perdetermined threshold
- ordered_query set to TRUE because for this set of genes they are ordered in order of their significance
- correction_method set to fdr. by default g:Profiler uses g:Scs
- organism set to the custom_gmt ID (for this run it is gp__a6ma_oV5h_onA) that we received when we uploaded our genetset file.

Detected custom GMT source request

```
#get the gprofiler results table
enrichment_results_customgmt <- gprofiler_results_custom$result
enrichment_results_customgmt[1:5,]</pre>
```

```
##
       query significant
                              p_value term_size query_size intersection_size
                    TRUE 6.730012e-37
## 1 query_1
                                           4645
                                                       110
## 2 query_1
                    TRUE 2.579228e-35
                                           4747
                                                       110
                                                                           93
## 3 query_1
                    TRUE 2.579228e-35
                                           4881
                                                       110
                                                                           94
## 4 query_1
                    TRUE 4.280880e-34
                                           5230
                                                       110
                                                                           95
## 5 query_1
                    TRUE 2.069151e-33
                                           3435
                                                       110
    precision
                   recall
## 1 0.8545455 0.02023681
## 2 0.8454545 0.01959132
## 3 0.8545455 0.01925835
## 4 0.8636364 0.01816444
## 5 0.7363636 0.02358079
##
                                                                             term_id
## 1
                           REGULATION OF CELLULAR METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0031323
## 2
                  REGULATION OF NITROGEN COMPOUND METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0051171
## 3
                            REGULATION OF PRIMARY METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0080090
## 4
                      REGULATION OF MACROMOLECULE METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0060255
## 5 REGULATION OF NUCLEOBASE-CONTAINING COMPOUND METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0019219
                                                    source
## 1 Human_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iea_April_02_2023_symbol
## 2 Human_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iea_April_02_2023_symbol
## 3 Human_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iea_April_02_2023_symbol
## 4 Human_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iea_April_02_2023_symbol
## 5 Human_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iea_April_02_2023_symbol
##
                                                          term_name
## 1
                           regulation of cellular metabolic process
## 2
                  regulation of nitrogen compound metabolic process
## 3
                            regulation of primary metabolic process
## 4
                      regulation of macromolecule metabolic process
```

```
## 5 regulation of nucleobase-containing compound metabolic process
     effective_domain_size source_order parents
## 1
                      18525
                                   18677
                                             NULL
## 2
                     18525
                                   11634
                                             NULL
## 3
                      18525
                                   11073
                                             NULL
## 4
                      18525
                                   10657
                                             NULL
## 5
                      18525
                                    5967
                                             NULL
```

Filter the table to include just the columns that are required for the generic enrichment map file results GEM. Restrict the results to just the ones that have at least min_gs_size and less than max_gs_size terms and min_intersection size include only the term_id, term_name, p_value (and p_value again because the p_value is actually the corrected p-value. The output file does not contain the nominal p_value. For down stream analysis though it is expected to have both a p-value and a q-value so just duplicate the q-value as both p-value and q-value)

4.5 Create enrichment Results files

In order to use our results down stream in the Enrichment map we need to generate results files that we can pass to Enrichment Map.

Load in the GMT file

4.6 Create an output file of the results - Generic enrichment Map file from Baderlab gmt

The file requires -

- name
- description
- p-value
- q-value
- phenotyp
- list of genes (overlap of query set and original geneset)

4.6. CREATE AN OUTPUT FILE OF THE RESULTS - GENERIC ENRICHMENT MAP FILE FROM BADERLA.

The list of genes needs to be calculated using the gmt file and original query set. For each geneset found in the result find the overlap between the set of genes that are a part of the geneset and the query set.

Applications

Some significant applications are demonstrated in this chapter.

- 5.1 Example one
- 5.2 Example two

Create GMT file from Ensembl

The Baderlab geneset download site is an updated resource for geneset files from GO, Reactome, WikiPathways, Pathbank, NetPath, HumanCyc, IOB, ... many others that can be used in g:Profiler or GSEA and many other enrichment tools that support the gmt format.

Unfortunately genesets are only supplied for:

- Human
- Mouse
- Rat
- Woodchuck

If you are working in a different species you will need to generate your own gmt file. The best way to do this is through ensembl. Ensembl doesn't have annotations for all the pathway databases listed above but it has annotations for most species from GO.

The parameters are set in the params option on this notebook but you can also manually set them here.

```
# for example - working_dir <- "./genereated_data"
working_dir <- params$working_dir

# for example - species <- "horse"
species <- params$species

# for example - ensembl_dataset <- "ecaballus_gene_ensembl"
ensembl_dataset <- params$ensembl_dataset</pre>
```

6.1 Load Libraries

Create or set a directory to store all the generatd results

```
if(!dir.exists(params$working_dir)){
  dir.create(params$working_dir)
}
```

6.2 Set up Biomart connection

Connect to Biomart

```
ensembl <- useMart("ensembl",host = "https://asia.ensembl.org")</pre>
```

Figure out which dataset you want to use - for some species there might be a few datasets to choose from. Not all of the datasets have common namesa associated with them. For example, if you search for 'yeast' nothing will be returned but if you look for Saccharomyces or cerevisiae you will be able to find it.

```
##
                           dataset
                                                                    description
## 60
                                                        Horse genes (EquCab3.0)
            ecaballus_gene_ensembl
## 76
                                   Tiger tail seahorse genes (H_comes_QL1_v1)
               hcomes_gene_ensembl
## 164 rferrumequinum_gene_ensembl Greater horseshoe bat genes (mRhiFer1_v1.p)
              version
##
## 60
            EquCab3.0
## 76 H_comes_QL1_v1
## 164 mRhiFer1_v1.p
```

If you know the ensembl dataset that you want to use you can specify it in the parameters above or grab from the above table the dataset of the species that you are interested in.

```
ensembl = useDataset(ensembl_dataset, mart=ensembl)
```

6.3 Get species GO annotations

Get the GO annotations for our species

```
go_annotation <- getBM(attributes = c("external_gene_name",</pre>
                                        "ensembl gene id",
                                        "ensembl_transcript_id",
                                        "go_id",
                                        "name_1006",
                                        "namespace 1003",
                                        "go linkage type"),
                        filters=list(biotype='protein_coding'), mart=ensembl);
#get just the go biological process subset
#####
# Get rid of this line if you want to include all of go and not just biological process
go_annotation_bp <- go_annotation[which(</pre>
  go_annotation$namespace_1003 == "biological_process"),]
#compute the unique pathway sets
go_pathway_sets <- aggregate(go_annotation_bp[,1:5],</pre>
                              by = list(go_annotation_bp$go_id),
                              FUN = function(x){list(unique(x))})
#unlist the go descriptions
go_pathway_sets$name_1006 <- apply(go_pathway_sets,1,FUN=function(x){</pre>
   paste(gsub(unlist(x$name_1006),pattern= "\"",
              replacement = ""),collapse = "")})
```

There are two identifiers that you can choose from in the above table * external symbols * ensembl ids

Each of these is stored as a list in the dataframe. In order to convert it to the right format for the gmt file we need to convert the list to string of tab delimited strings. (unfortunately there is no streaightforward way to write out a dataframe's column of lists.)

```
go_pathway_sets[1:3,"external_gene_name"]
## [[1]]
## [1] "MEF2A"
                  "SLC25A36" "OPA1"
                                        "MGME1"
                                                   "SLC25A33" "TYMP"
                                                                          "AKT3"
## [8] "PIF1"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "GNRH1" "GNRH2" "LIN9"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] "ERCC6" "ERCC8" "LIG4" "APLF" "APTX" "XRCC1" "SIRT1" "XNDC1"
go_pathway_sets[1:3,"ensembl_gene_id"]
## [[1]]
## [1] "ENSECAG00000011593" "ENSECAG00000010094" "ENSECAG00000024248"
## [4] "ENSECAG00000012675" "ENSECAG00000016862" "ENSECAG00000001072"
## [7] "ENSECAG00000019722" "ENSECAG00000005316"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "ENSECAGO0000010664" "ENSECAG00000039220" "ENSECAG00000014325"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] "ENSECAG00000014160" "ENSECAG00000018335" "ENSECAG00000003257"
## [4] "ENSECAG00000013246" "ENSECAG00000012674" "ENSECAG00000014127"
## [7] "ENSECAGO0000013909" "ENSECAG00000042118"
```

6.4 Format results into GMT file

Convert column of lists to a tab delimited string of gene names

Convert column of lists to a tab delimited string of gene names

The format of the GMT file is described https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/gsea/wiki/index.php/Da and consists of rows with the following

- Name
- Description
- tab delimited list of genes a part of this geneset

Write out the gmt file with genenames

Write out the gmt file with ensembl ids

"What Is a Container?" n.d. *Docker*. https://www.docker.com/resources/what-container.

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