

Package “JePhCort”

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Title : JePhCort - A genotype-phenotype correlation tool based on phylogenetic analysis.

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Description : A purely Unix-based bioinformatics tool to locate phenotype associated genotypic markers (SNPs) by taking into account the phylogenetic relationship among the species. JePhCort has been built using R and python.

Dependencies:

python 2.7 (not 3.0)	R (>=2.14.0)
ete (2.1 alpha)	ape (<=2.8)
python-tk	igraph
numpy (1.6.1)	matrix (1.0)
scipy (0.9)	quadprog (1.5)
rpy (2.25)	phangorn (1.5)

Package Compilation: *JePhCort* do not require package compilation. It mainly uses 2 standalone scripts (resurrect.R and reanimate.py) :

- resurrect.R (Performs ancestral sequence reconstruction)
- reanimate.py (Performs phenotype reconstruction and permutation test)

Keep all the scripts under single location, make sure all the dependancies are satisfied

Running *JePhCort*

Step 1. Perform ancestral sequence reconstruction

resurrect.R <alignemnt_sequence_file> <newick_tree_file> <fasta/phylip>

Step 2. Perform ancestral phenotype reconstruction and correlation

reanimate.py -s <alignemnt_sequence_file> -t <newick_tree_file> -f <fasta/phylip> -i <No.iterations_for_permutation_test>
-p <phenotype_file> -o <output_file>

Files and formats : *JePhCort* obligatorily requires three user input text files. The proper formats are discussed below :

- i) **Sequence file** – Nucleotide sequences (SNPs) can be submitted in the standard *fasta* or *phylip* format.
- ii) **Phylogeny/Tree file** – In the standard *newick* format (with branch lengths) as shown in the adjacent figure.

Figure 1: *Newick* file format

- iii) **Phenotype file** – This is a simple tab-separated text file in a customized format. Depending upon the availability of the phenotypic data, user can choose between two-column or the three-column file format (as shown in Figure 3).

The first column in Two-column file format represents ‘name of the species’ and other represents the ‘mean phenotypic value’. On other hand, Three-column file format possesses an extra column of ‘standard-deviation in the phenotypic values’ (as shown in Figure 4).

Result Interpretation : *JePhCort* generates a tab-separated text file once the operation is successfully completed. The file consists of five entities, which are explained below.

1. **SNP serial ID** – Every row in the result file represents a genotypic marker *i.e.* an SNP. They are allotted serial numbers (starting from *Zero*) as per their position in the original sequence file. Thus, the n^{th} SNP serial ID in the result represents the $(n+1)^{th}$ SNP in the original file.
2. **p-value** – Lower the p-value, higher is the significance of association between a given SNP and the phenotype.

phen_mn (~/Desktop/CD/JePhCort/file formats) - gedit

Species name	Mean phenotypic value
129S1/SvIm	1.82
A/J	2.1
BALB/cByJ	1.45
BTBR_T+tf	0.941
BUB/BnJ	1.14
C3H/HeJ	0.886
C57BL/10J	1.17
C57BL/6J	0.952
C57BR/cdJ	0.887
C57L/J	1.42
C58/J	1.7
CAST/EiJ	1.12
CBA/J	0.83
CZECHII/Ei	1.1
DBA/1J	1.07
DBA/2J	1.5
FVB/NJ	1.1
JF1/Ms	1.64
KK/HlJ	1.11
LP/J	3.67
MOLF/EiJ	1.2
MSM/Ms	1.38
NOD/ShiLtJ	2.55

Figure 2: Two-column phenotype file format

phen_mn+sd (~/Desktop/CD/JePhCort/file formats) - gedit

Species name	Mean phenotypic value	Standard deviation
129S1/SvIm	1.82	0.318
A/J	2.1	1.06
BALB/cByJ	1.45	0.368
BTBR_T+tf	0.941	0.306
BUB/BnJ	1.14	0.572
C3H/HeJ	0.886	0.113
C57BL/10J	1.17	0.287
C57BL/6J	0.952	0.128
C57BR/cdJ	0.887	0.205
C57L/J	1.42	0.402
C58/J	1.7	0.377
CAST/EiJ	1.12	0.353
CBA/J	0.83	0.505
CZECHII/Ei	1.1	0.171
DBA/1J	1.07	0.335
DBA/2J	1.5	0.389
FVB/NJ	1.1	0.337
JF1/Ms	1.64	0.378
KK/HlJ	1.11	0.249
LP/J	3.67	2.77
MOLF/EiJ	1.2	0.494
MSM/Ms	1.38	0.427
NOD/ShiLtJ	2.55	0.425

Figure 3: Three-column phenotype file format