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:

R (>=2.14.0)
ape ($<=2.8$)
igraph
matrix (1.0)
quadprog (1.5)
${\rm phangorn}\ (1.5)$

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

- ressurect.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 \(\text{alignemnt_sequence_file} \) -t \(\text{newick_tree_file} \) -f \(\text{fasta/phylip} \) -i \(\text{No_iterations_for_permutation_test} \)
-p \(\text{phenotype_file} \) -o \(\text{output_file} \)

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.

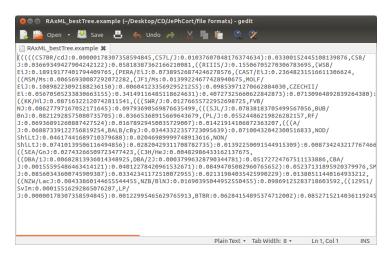


Figure 1: Newick file format

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 alloted 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.

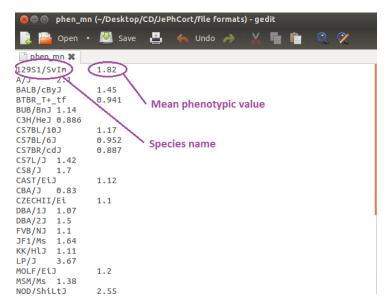


Figure 2: Two-column phenotype file format

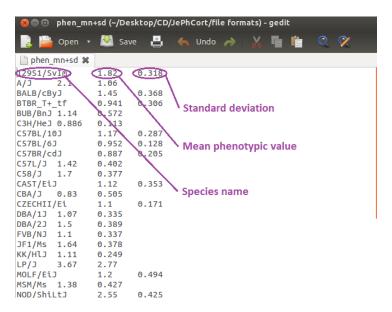


Figure 3: Three-column phenotype file format