Example of NetworkHub: Ovarian cancer analysis with mTor pathway

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Package requirement

```
# (for pre-processing)
library("plyr")
library("XML")
# (for analysis)
library("igraph")
library("org.Hs.eg.db")
library("annotate")
```

Function requirement

(for pre-processing)

KGML_to_Matrix, tran2undirected, sub_expression_data, remove_missing_node (for analysis)

NetworkHub, pathway_permute, rank_node

Global setting

Things need to be set up first!

- pathway name
- directory of KGML
 (The KGML file must be downloaded from the KEGG website into this folder!!!)
- directory of output files
- gene expression data: the data here are extracted from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) epithelial ovarian carcinoma. Only partial data are used in this document.
- column position of sample
- phenotype (ex: case & control)

```
# Pathway name
pathway name <- "mTor"
# Directory of KGML
KGML directory <- "D:/Ovarian cancer analysis (demo by mTor pathway)/hsa04150.xml"
# Directory for output files
save directory <- "D:/Ovarian cancer analysis (demo by mTor pathway)/"</pre>
setwd(save directory)
# Gene expression data
demo data <- read.csv("D:/Ovarian cancer analysis (demo by mTor pathway)/demo data (samp</pre>
le = 10).csv")
head(demo_data)
##
     EntrezGeneID control.1 control.2 control.3 control.4 control.5
                                                                      case.1
              10 2.840332 2.961529 3.141170 3.000209 3.105509 2.744687
## 1
## 2
              100 4.128707 4.427107 4.182850 5.392086 4.694693 5.004778
## 3
            1000 6.845821 8.196124 5.568838 5.833900 5.153876 7.129954
## 4
           10000 4.330266 4.943449 3.376370 4.273421 5.148195 4.669256
## 5
       100008586 3.084185 3.160772 3.238897 2.992744 3.062233 2.941759
## 6
            10001 5.041449 4.558348 4.350160 4.995861 4.345354 3.983882
##
      case.2
               case.3
                        case.4
                                 case.5
## 1 3.105175 2.898894 2.844884 2.966170
## 2 5.209021 5.547467 4.885651 5.763047
## 3 6.705560 5.666397 5.402597 6.366199
## 4 4.178147 3.945790 3.497507 5.092796
## 5 2.994407 5.405756 3.028235 3.077371
## 6 4.473347 4.319935 4.849457 5.718568
```

Data include genetic information (EntrezGeneID) and gene expression.

```
# Starting & ending column (sample) of the gene expression data.
sample_start_pos <- 2
sample_end_pos <- 11
# Case & control phenotype
case_control <- rep(c(0,1),each = 5)</pre>
```

Pre-processing (Part 1)

Transfer KGML to undirected adjacency matrix

```
(KGML \rightarrow directed\ adjacency\ matrix \rightarrow undirected\ adjacency\ matrix)
```

```
# KGML -> directed adjacency matrix
KGML_to_Matrix(pathway_name = pathway_name, KGML_file_path = KGML_directory, save_path =
save_directory)
## [1] "Success"
```

If the imported KGML file is suitable for analysis, the function returns "Success".

```
# Directed adjacency matrix -> undirected adjacency matrix
load(paste0(pathway_name, "(directed).RData"))
adj_matrix <- tran2undirected(adj_matrix)
save(adj_matrix, file = paste0(pathway_name, "(undirected).RData"))</pre>
```

Pre-processing (part 2)

Identify the genes within the target pathway to retrieve the gene expression data from the input & create subdataset for following analysis

The function "sub_expression_data" transforms the expression data from gene level to node level. The output of "sub_expression_data" is a list, called "subdata". The first member of "subdata" is the node expression (matrix form) which should be transformed here because the following analyses require the matrix whose column represents gene and row represents sample. The second member of "subdata" is the position of nodes whose expression are missing. These missing nodes would be removed in part 3.

Pre-processing (part 3)

```
Remove the missing nodes in the "adjacency matrix" and "node_detail"
# Load "undirected adjacency matrix" & "node_detail" files
load(paste0(pathway_name, "(undirected).RData"))
load(paste0(pathway_name, "(node_detail).RData"))
remaining_node <- remove_missing_node(missing_pos = missing_pos, adjacency_matrix = adj_m
atrix, node_detail_file = node_detail)
adj_matrix <- remaining_node[[1]]
save(adj_matrix, file = paste0(pathway_name, "(undirected).RData"))
node_detail <- remaining_node[[2]]
save(node_detail, file = paste0(pathway_name, "(node_detail).RData"))</pre>
```

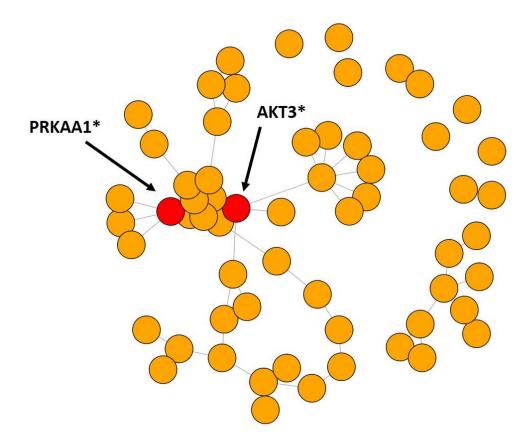
The function "remove_missing_node" will remove the missing nodes in the adjacency matrix & node_detail (the indices of the nodes are saved in the variable "missing_pos")

The "remaining_node" is also a list, just like "subdata". The first member is the undirected adjacency matrix (no missing node) and the second member is node_detail (no missing node).

Pathway network

```
node_degree <-rowSums(adj_matrix)
two_hub_node <- which(rank(-node_degree) <= 2)
graph_network <- graph_from_adjacency_matrix(adj_matrix, mode = "undirected")
V(graph_network)$color <- "orange"
V(graph_network)$color[10] <- "red"
V(graph_network)$color[22] <- "blue"
V(graph_network)$label <- NA
E(graph_network)$edge.color <- "gray80"
plot(graph_network, vertex.label.cex = 1.5, main = paste0(pathway_name, " pathway"))</pre>
```

mTor pathway



Analysis (Part 1)

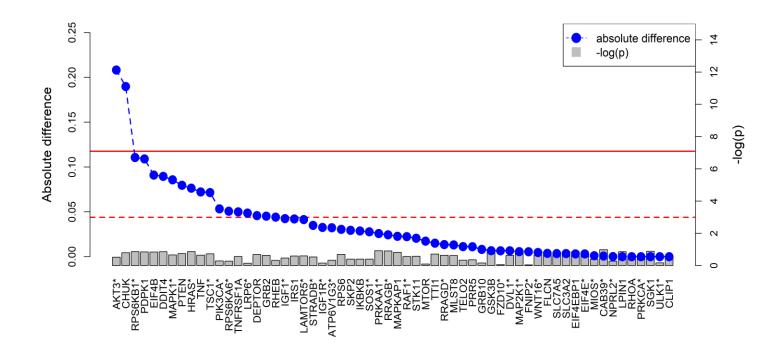
Table of ranked nodes

```
load(paste0(pathway_name, "(undirected).RData"))
load(paste0(pathway name, "(node expression).RData"))
node degree <- rowSums(adj matrix)</pre>
NetworkHub_stat <- rank_node(Node expression = pathway_node expression,</pre>
                              case control = case control,
                              adj matrix = adj matrix,
                              score_alpha = 1,
                              pvalue alpha = 0.05)
pvalue <- NULL</pre>
for(ii in 1:dim(pathway_node_expression)[2]){
  pvalue <- c(pvalue, t.test(pathway node expression[,ii] ~ case control)$p.value)
# Convert geneID into symbol
node name <- names(NetworkHub stat)</pre>
for(jj in 1:length(node_name)){
  temp split <- strsplit(node_name[jj], "")[[1]]</pre>
  if(sum(temp split == " ") > 0){
    start_pos <- which(temp_split == ":")[1] + 1</pre>
    end pos \leftarrow which(temp split == " ")[1] - 1
    ID <- paste(c(temp split[start pos:end pos]), collapse = '')</pre>
    gene_symbol <- getSYMBOL(ID, data='org.Hs.eg')</pre>
    node_name[jj] <- paste(c(gene_symbol, "*"), collapse = '')</pre>
  }else{
    start pos <- which(temp split == ":")[1] + 1
    ID <- paste(c(temp_split[start_pos:length(temp_split)]), collapse = '')</pre>
    gene symbol <- getSYMBOL(ID, data='org.Hs.eg')</pre>
    node_name[jj] <- paste(c(gene_symbol), collapse = '')</pre>
  }
}
rank by pvalue <- rank(pvalue)</pre>
result_table <- cbind(node_degree, NetworkHub_stat, pvalue, rank_by_pvalue)</pre>
rownames(result_table) <- node_name</pre>
colnames(result_table) <- c("node degree", "NetworkHub statistics", "t test", "rank by t</pre>
test")
node rank index <- order(-NetworkHub stat)</pre>
result table <- result table[node rank index,]
head(result table)
##
             node degree NetworkHub statistics
                                                    t test rank by t test
## AKT3*
                      11
                                      0.20820531 0.5251242
                                                                         23
                                                                         45
## CHUK
                       1
                                      0.18976401 0.7969329
                       3
                                      0.11065755 0.8645988
                                                                         52
## RPS6KB1*
                       3
## PDPK1
                                      0.10903068 0.8510450
                                                                         48
## EIF4B
                       1
                                      0.09101321 0.8404830
                                                                         47
## DDIT4
                                     0.08960545 0.8586135
                                                                         49
```

Analysis (Part 2)

```
Plot of the ranked nodes
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```
par(mar=c(7, 5, 4, 5) + 0.1)
single marker pvalue <- result table[,3]</pre>
names(single marker pvalue) <- rownames(result table)</pre>
# First plot
df.bar <- barplot(single_marker_pvalue, col = "grey", ylim = c(0, 15), las = 2,
                  ylab = "", cex.lab = 1.25, axes = F)
abline(h = -log(0.05/dim(result_table)[1]), col = "red", lwd = 2)
abline(h = -\log(0.05), col = "red", lwd = 2, lty = 2)
axis(side = 4)
mtext(side = 4, line = 3, "-log(p)", cex = 1.25)
# Second plot
xlim0 <- par()$usr[1:2]</pre>
par(new = T)
plot.new()
rank_stat <- result_table[,2]</pre>
plot.window(xlim = xlim0, ylim = c(0, max(rank_stat)*1.2), xaxs = "i")
lines(rank_stat ~ df.bar, lty = 2, lwd = 2, col = "blue")
points(rank_stat ~ df.bar, pch = 19, cex = 1.8, col = "blue", xaxt = "n")
axis(side = 2)
mtext(side = 2, line = 3, "Absolute difference", cex = 1.25)
legend("topright",
       legend=c("absolute difference", "-log(p)"),
       pch = c(19, 15), lty = c(2, NA), pt.cex = 2, ncol = 1, cex = 1.1,
       col=c("blue", "grey"))
```



Pathway test

This part is not important.

```
# Distance matrix (check symmetric)
diag(adj matrix) <- 0</pre>
gg <- graph_from_adjacency_matrix(adj_matrix)</pre>
Distance_mat <- distances(gg)</pre>
pathway_stat <- NetworkHub(Node_expression = pathway_node_expression,</pre>
                                  case_control = case_control,
                                  Distance_mat = Distance_mat,
                                  score_alpha = 1,
                                  pvalue alpha = 0.05)
pathway_test <- pathway_permute(replication = 1000,</pre>
                                  Node_expression = pathway_node_expression,
                                  case_control = case_control,
                                  Distance_mat = Distance_mat,
                                  score_alpha = 1,
                                  pvalue alpha = 0.05)
sum(pathway_test > pathway_stat)/1000 # p-value for pathway test
## [1] 0.854
```