

LETTERS

HiVis: A portable, scalable tool for hierarchical visualization and analysis of biological networks

Jane E Doe^{1*} and John RS Smith^{1,2}

*Correspondence:

jane.e.doe@cambridge.co.uk

¹Department of Zoology,
Cambridge, Waterloo Road,
London, UK

Full list of author information is
available at the end of the article

[†]Equal contributor

Abstract

It is very important to analyze the network structure of interacting genes, proteins, RNAs, etc. in large scale biological networks which represent complex biological systems. Many tools have been made for this purpose. However, they are either unable to display the hierarchically structured view of the networks or not easy to build in cross-platforms. Here we present a navigation tool called HiVis for biological network visualization. HiVis provides a hierarchical view of the networks through a zoom-in or zoom-out function powered by k-means and fast approximate spectral clustering algorithms. It is a cross-platform, portable, fast desktop application to large scale networks.

Keywords: hierarchical visualization; cross-platform; clustering algorithms

Content

Text and results for this section, as per the individual journal's instructions for authors. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]

Section title

Text for this section ...

Sub-heading for section

Text for this sub-heading ...

If we assume that sensitive cells follow a deterministic decay $Z_0(t) = xe^{\lambda_0 t}$ and approximate their extinction time as $T_x \approx -\frac{1}{\lambda_0} \log x$, then we can heuristically estimate the expected value as

1 Availability of data and material

The installation package and source code can be accessed at <https://github.com/QLightman/HiVis>.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

2 Funding

Not applicable

3 Authors' contributions

The authors discussed the problem and the solutions were proposed all together. All authors participated in drafting and revising the final manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

Acknowledgements

Not applicable

Author details

¹Department of Zoology, Cambridge, Waterloo Road, London, UK. ²Marine Ecology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences Kiel, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel, Germany.

References

1. Koonin, E.V., Altschul, S.F., Bork, P.: Brca1 protein products: functional motifs. *Nat Genet* **13**, 266–267 (1996)
2. Orengo, C.A., Bray, J.E., Hubbard, T., LoConte, L., Sillitoe, I.: Analysis and assessment of ab initio three-dimensional prediction, secondary structure, and contacts prediction. *Proteins Suppl* **3**, 149–170 (1999)
3. Kharitonov, S.A., Barnes, P.J.: Clinical Aspects of Exhaled Nitric Oxide. in press
4. Zvaifler, N.J., Burger, J.A., Marinova-Mutafchieva, L., Taylor, P., Maini, R.N.: Mesenchymal cells, stromal derived factor-1 and rheumatoid arthritis [abstract]. *Arthritis Rheum* **42**, 250 (1999)
5. Jones, X.: Zeolites and synthetic mechanisms. In: Smith, Y. (ed.) *Proceedings of the First National Conference on Porous Sieves: 27-30 June 1996; Baltimore*, pp. 16–27 (1996). Stoneham: Butterworth-Heinemann
6. Schnepf, E.: From prey via endosymbiont to plastids: comparative studies in dinoflagellates. In: Lewin, R.A. (ed.) *Origins of Plastids vol. 2, 2nd edn.*, pp. 53–76. Chapman and Hall, New York (1993)
7. *Innovative Oncology*
8. Smith, Y. (ed.): *Proceedings of the First National Conference on Porous Sieves: 27-30 June 1996; Baltimore. Butterworth-Heinemann, Stoneham* (1996)
9. Margulis, L.: *Origin of Eukaryotic Cells*. Yale University Press, New Haven (1970)
10. Hunninghake, G.W., Gadek, J.E.: The alveolar macrophage. In: Harris, T.J.R. (ed.) *Cultured Human Cells and Tissues*, pp. 54–56. Academic Press, New York (1995). Stoner G (Series Editor): *Methods and Perspectives in Cell Biology*, vol 1
11. *Advisory Committee on Genetic Modification: Annual Report. London* (1999). *Advisory Committee on Genetic Modification*
12. Kohavi, R.: *Wrappers for performance enhancement and obvious decision graphs*. PhD thesis, Stanford University, Computer Science Department (1995)
13. The Mouse Tumor Biology Database. http://tumor.informatics.jax.org/cancer_links.html

Figures

Figure 1 Sample figure title. A short description of the figure content should go here.

Figure 2 Sample figure title. Figure legend text.