

# GeneAnswers, Integrated Interpretation of Genes

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## 1 Overview of GeneAnswers

Microarray techniques have been widely employed in genomic scale studies for more than one decade. The standard analysis of microarray data is to filter out a group of genes from thousands of probes by certain statistical criteria. These genes are usually called significantly differentially expressed genes. Recently, next generation sequencing (NGS) is gradually adopted to explore gene transcription, methylation, etc. Also a gene list can be obtained by NGS preliminary data analysis. However, this type of information is not enough to understand

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the potential linkage between identified genes and interested functions. The integrated functional and pathway analysis with gene expression data would be very helpful for researchers to interpret the relationship between the identified genes and proposed biological or medical functions and pathways.

The *GeneAnswers* package provides an integrated solution for a group of genes and specified categories (biological or medical functions, such as Gene Ontology, Disease Ontology, KEGG, etc) to reveal the potential relationship between them by means of statistical methods, and make user-friendly network visualization to interpret the results. Besides the package has a function to combine gene expression profile and category analysis together by outputting concept-gene cross tables, keywords query on NCBI Entrez Gene and application of human based Disease ontology analysis of given genes from other species can help people to understand or discover potential connection between genes and functions.

## 2 Citation

For the people using *GeneAnswers* package, please cite the following papers in your publications.

\* For DOLite:

Du, P., Feng, G., Flatow, J., Song, J., Holko, M., Kibbe, W.A. and Lin, S.M., (2009) 'From disease ontology to disease-ontology lite: statistical methods to adapt a general-purpose ontology for the test of gene-ontology associations', *Bioinformatics* 25(12):i63-8

\* For GeneAnswers:

Feng, G., Du, P., Krett, N.L., Tessel, M., Rosen, S., Kibbe, W.A., and Lin, S.M., (submitted) 'Bioconductor Methods to Visualize Gene-list Annotations',  
Thanks for your help!

## 3 Installation of GeneAnswers package

In order to install the *GeneAnswers* package, the user needs to first install R, some related Bioconductor packages. You can easily install them by the following codes.

```
source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite("GeneAnswers")
```

For the users want to install the latest developing version of *GeneAnswers*, which can be downloaded from the developing section of Bioconductor website. Some additional packages might be required to be installed because of the update the Bioconductor. These packages can also be found from the developing section of Bioconductor website. You can also directly install the source packages from the Bioconductor website by specify the developing version number, which can be found at the Bioconductor website. Suppose the developing version is 2.5, to install the latest *GeneAnswers* package in the Bioconductor developing version, you can use the following command:

```
install.packages("GeneAnswers", repos="http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.5/bioc", type=
```

## 4 Object models of major classes

The *GeneAnswers* package has one major class: **GeneAnswers**. It includes the following slots:

1. *geneInput*: a data frame containing gene Entrez IDs with or without any related values. The values could be foldChange, p value, or other values. These data can be used for concept-gene network. Genes with positive values will be represented as red nodes, while negative value genes are green nodes.
2. *testType*: statistical test method. Current version supports hypergeometric test to test relationship between genes and specified categories.
3. *pvalueT*: the cutoff of statistical test. Any categories will not be reported if the p value is more than the cutoff.
4. *genesInCategory*: a list containing genes belonging to categories. The names of the list are categories.
5. *geneExpProfile*: a data frame to store gene expression data. If not available, it could be NULL.
6. *annLib*: annotation database used for statistical test.
7. *categoryType*: functional or medical category used for statistical test.
8. *enrichmentInfo*: a data frame containing filtered categories with statistical results by specified pvalueT.

The figure, 'Flow chart of GeneAnswers', shows how *GeneAnswers* package works. A group of genes are essential. We use unique Entrez gene IDs to represent genes. Any relative feature values of these genes can also be optional input information, like fold changes, p values, etc. If the gene expression profile of these genes are available, it can be considered as input, too. Since we want to find the potential connections between genes and categories, category type is also need to be specified. *GeneAnswers* currently supports Gene Ontology (GO), Pathway (KEGG) and developing Disease Ontology (DOLite) in our team. Furthermore, *GeneAnswers* supports Entrez eUtils so that users can make customized annotation library based on interested keywords. If users have own annotation library, *GeneAnswers* can use it to build relationship between it and given genes.

Besides usual barplot and pie chart of top categories, *GeneAnswers* also provides four types of visualization. One is concepts-genes network, which show the concepts and genes on a network layout. The second one is concepts-genes cross table that integrated gene expression profile and corresponding categories together. The third one is a concepts-network shows connections between categories only. The last one is a table, which contains all of information of categories and genes. Combining all of these presentations can be helpful to find and explain the possible linkages between genes and categories.

## 5 Data preprocessing

First of all, load the *GeneAnswers* package.

```
> library(GeneAnswers)
```

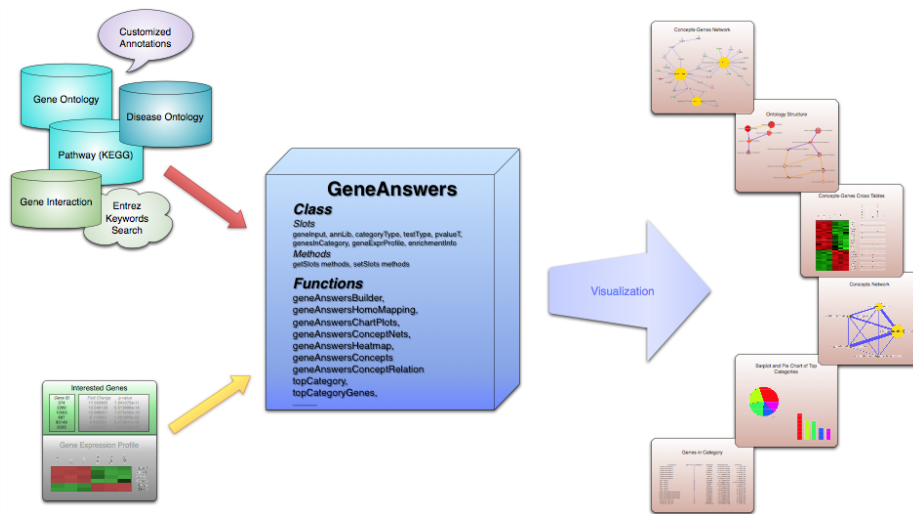


Figure 1: Flow chart of GeneAnswers

## 5.1 Build a GeneAnswers instance

The key point of *GeneAnswers* package is to build a GeneAnswers instance. The essential input for *GeneAnswers* is an Entrez gene IDs vector (a character vector). However, if users have any interested values associated with genes, these values can also be as optional inputs. In this case, the input, *geneInput*, could be a matrix or a dataframe. The first column is always for Entrez gene IDs. Other columns are used to store those interested values. Rownames for the matrix or dataframe are not necessary, but colnames are recommended for further usage. We use two internal datasets, one is from human and another is from mouse, as examples to show how to implement *GeneAnswers* package. The human and mouse datasets coming with the *GeneAnswers* package are from human and mouse Illumina beadarray experiments. Each dataset contains two dataframes. For example, *humanGeneInput* is a dataframe containing Entrez gene IDs with fold changes and p values, while the data frame, *humanExpr*, includes two types, control and treatment, of gene expression profile of the genes in *humanGeneInput*.

```
> data('humanGeneInput')
> data('humanExpr')
> ## build a GeneAnswers instance with statistical test based on biological process of GO
> x <- geneAnswersBuilder(humanGeneInput, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='GO.BP', testType='GO')

[1] "geneInput has built in ..."
[1] "annLib and categoryType have built in ..."
[1] "genesInCategory has built in ..."
[1] "testType, pvalueT and enrichmentInfo have built in ..."
[1] "geneExpressionProfile has been built in ..."
[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

> class(x)
```

```

[1] "GeneAnswers"
attr(,"package")
[1] "GeneAnswers"

> ## build a GeneAnswers instance with statistical test based on KEGG and saved example data
> y <- geneAnswersBuilder(humanGeneInput, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='KEGG', testType='hyperG')

[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

> ## build a GeneAnswers instance with statistical test based on DOLite and saved example data
> z <- geneAnswersBuilder(humanGeneInput, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='DOLite', testType='hyperG')

[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

> w <- geneAnswersBuilder(humanGeneInput, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='GO.BP', testType='hyperG')

[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

```

We have four GeneAnswers objects, x, y, z and w, containing the statistical test of biological process of GO, KEGG, DOLite and GO (The first two level nodes are removed), respectively. For Gene Ontology, sometimes, users think some nodes are too general and not very relative to their interests. So we provide parameter *level* to determine how many top levels of GO nodes are removed. The instances have included the relationship between given genes and specified categories.

*GeneAnswers* package also provides a function *searchEntrez* to retrieve Entrez genes for given keywords by Entrez XML query. National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) provides many powerful online query systems. One of them is Entrez Programming Utilities (eUtils). Users can query NCBI databases by simple keywords logical operations based on XML protocol. This is very helpful to find potential or interested biological functions or pathways. Hence, the retrieved information can be considered as a customized annotation library to test whether the given genes are relative to interested keywords. Here is a case to build a customized GeneAnswers instance.

```

> keywordsList <- list(Apoptosis=c('apoptosis'), CellAdhesion=c('cell adhesion'))
> entrezIDList <- searchEntrez(keywordsList)

[1] "search link: http://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/esearch.fcgi?db=gene&term=apoptosis"
[1] "search link: http://eutils.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/eutils/esearch.fcgi?db=gene&term=cell%20adhesion"

> q <- geneAnswersBuilder(humanGeneInput, entrezIDList, testType='hyperG', totalGeneNumber=10000)

[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

> class(q)

[1] "GeneAnswers"
attr(,"package")
[1] "GeneAnswers"

> getAnnLib(q)

```

```
NULL
```

```
> getCategoryType(q)
```

```
[1] "User defined"
```

Customized *GeneAnswers* instances have NULL at *annLib* slot and "User defiend" in *categoryType* slot.

## 5.2 Visulization

Besides barplot and pie chart, *GeneAnswers* package can generate a network (concept-gene network) show how genes are connected to specified categories as well as general barplot and piechart. Function *GeneAnswersConceptNet* can generate a common R canvas or tcl/tk interactive canvas to draw the network by calling *igraph*. Genes are presented as red nodes, if specified values are positive, and the gene nodes are green with negative values. The category nodes are yellow nodes, the sizes are relative to user-specified values. Currently, if function *GeneAnswersBuilder* successfully returns a *GeneAnswers* instance, the genes are represented as entrez IDs and categories are also category IDs. User can map them to gene symbols and categories terms by function *GeneAnswersReadable*. Function *GeneAnswersReadable* reads slot *annLib* to map Entrez IDs to gene symbols, so make sure slot *annLib* is correct before mapping.

```
> ## mapping gene IDs and category IDs to gene symbols and category terms
> xx <- geneAnswersReadable(x)
```

```
[1] "Mapping geneInput ..."
```

```
[1] "Mapping genesInCategory ..."
```

```
[1] "Mapping enrichmentInfo rownames ..."
```

```
[1] "Mapping geneExprProfile rownames ..."
```

```
> yy <- geneAnswersReadable(y, verbose=FALSE)
```

```
> zz <- geneAnswersReadable(z, verbose=FALSE)
```

```
> ww <- geneAnswersReadable(w, verbose=FALSE)
```

```
> q <- setAnnLib(q, 'org.Hs.eg.db')
```

```
> qq <- geneAnswersReadable(q, catTerm=FALSE)
```

```
[1] "Mapping geneInput ..."
```

```
[1] "Mapping genesInCategory ..."
```

```
[1] "Mapping geneExprProfile rownames ..."
```

Since function *geneAnswersReadable* implements mapping based on annotation database in slot *annLib*, we assign 'org.Hs.eg.db' to customized *GeneAnswers* instance *annLib* slot at first for make it readable.

```
> ## plot barplot and / or piechart
> geneAnswersChartPlots(xx, chartType='all')
```

The nodes could be represented by different colors for different specified values, like fold change. In this case, overexpressed genes are represented as red nodes while green dots stand for underexpressed genes. If the node is more red, which means its fold change is larger. It's same for green nodes, but different direction.



Figure 2: Screen shot of pie chart of top categories



Figure 3: Screen shot of barplot of top categories



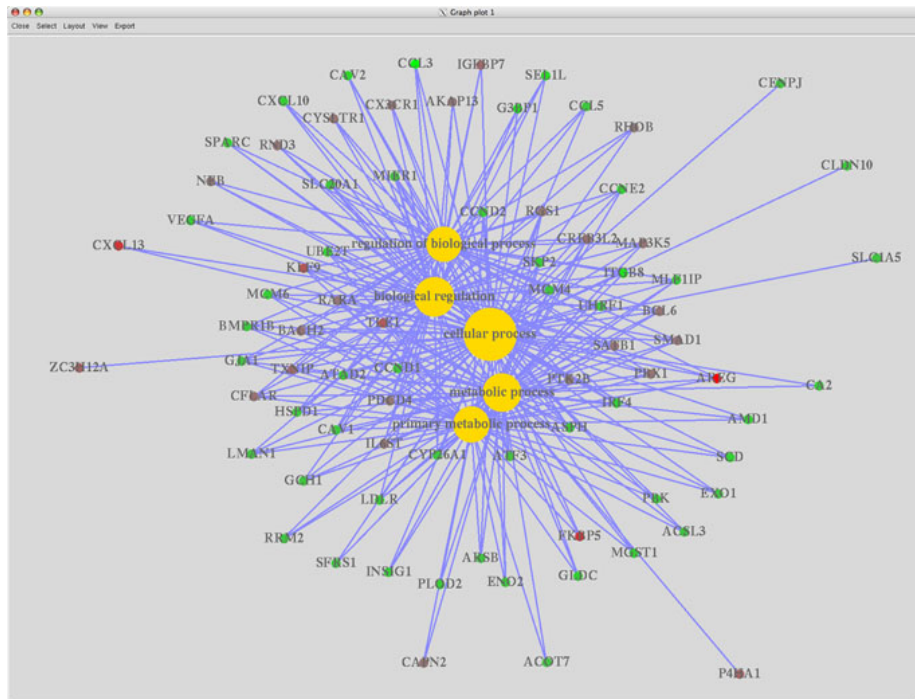


Figure 4: Screen shot of concept-gene network

```
> ## plot interactive concept-gene network
> geneAnswersConceptNet(xx, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='pvalue', output='
```

The top 5 categories might not be very specific. Users might get a tree view to see relative category terms by calling function `geneAnswersConceptRelation` if the category has an ontology structure. The size of nodes is proportional to number of genes in these GO categories. The color of nodes stand for how relative the given genes are to the GO categories. More red, more relative. The given GO categories are yellow framed dots with dark purple edges connetions.

```
> ## plot interactive go structure network
> geneAnswersConceptRelation(x, direction='both', netMode='connection', catTerm=TRUE, catI
```

Also the new version `GeneAnswers` integrates gene or protein interaction database from NCBI. The following case is a typical one to show interaction information could be included in basic concepts-genes network.

```
> ## plot interactive concept-gene network
> geneAnswersConceptNet(x, color='foldChange', geneLayer=5, output='interactive', showCats
```

This function can also be used to show how the given genes interact with each other. For example, for the given genes in the `GeneAnswers` instance, `x`, users can use the following command to show gene '444', '3638', '5087' and '55835' interact with each other and other genes in the given `geneInput` of `x`.

```
> ## plot the given gene interaction
> buildNet(c('444', '3638', '5087', '55835'), idType='GeneInteraction', layers=2, filterGrap
```

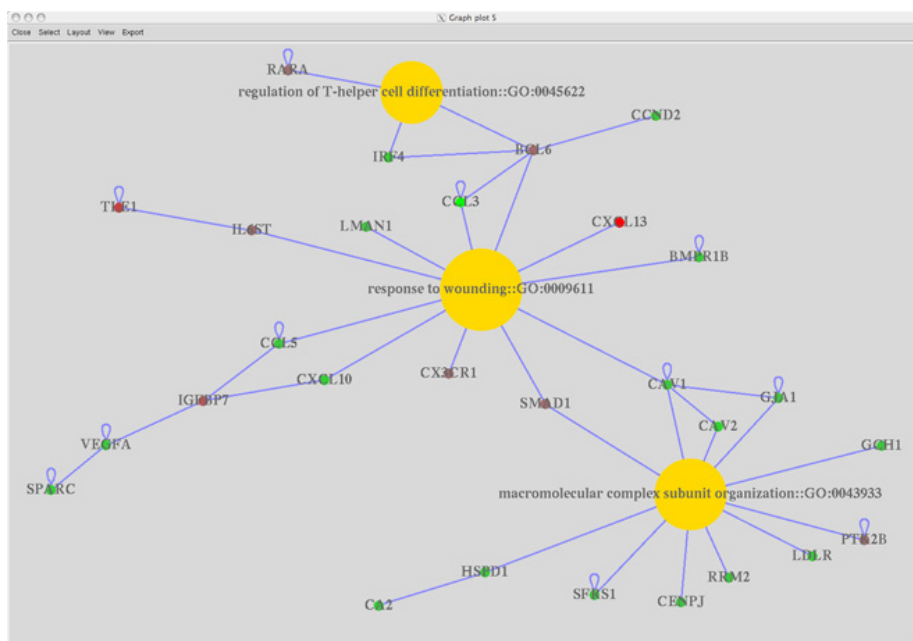
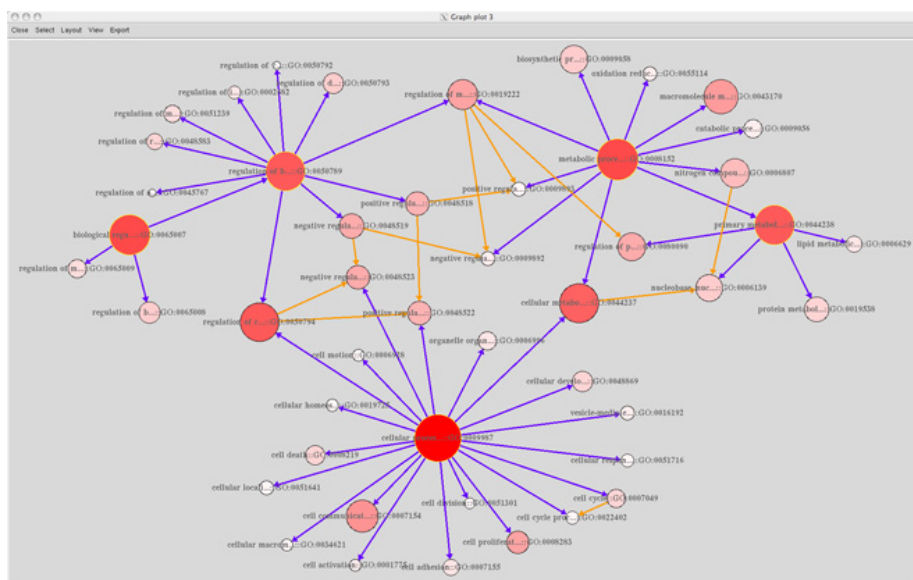




Figure 7: Screen shot of the given gene interaction network

In this case, large black dots with yellow frame stand for the 4 given genes. They also connect to other genes by dark-blue-purple edges. Small black dots represent the other genes from `getGeneInput(x)`. Small white dots are genes that are not in the genes from `getGeneInput(x)`, but interact with these genes.

If there are some certain values associate with genes in `geneInput` of `x`, like the example data, you can represent any one column by colors. For example, if users want to show how genes interaction with gene expression information, the following command can show this:

```
> ## plot the given gene interaction
> buildNet(c('444', '3638', '5087', '55835'), idType='GeneInteraction', layers=2, filterGrap
```

The following one is based on expression p-values, we often use  $-\log_2$  to transform p-values.

```
> ## plot the given gene interaction
> buildNet(c('444', '3638', '5087', '55835'), idType='GeneInteraction', layers=2, filterGrap
```

Users can also define customized color scheme and transfer it into 'buildNet' function by parameter 'colorMap'. Details are available in 'buildNet' manual page. If users want to have a overview for the interaction of all of the given genes from `getGeneInput(x)`, the following command could be used:

```
> ## plot the given gene interaction
> buildNet(getGeneInput(x)[,1], idType='GeneInteraction', layers=2, filterGraphIDs=getGene
```

If there are a lot of genes, the network could be very complicated. We strongly recommend to use 'interactive' mode to show the network since it's

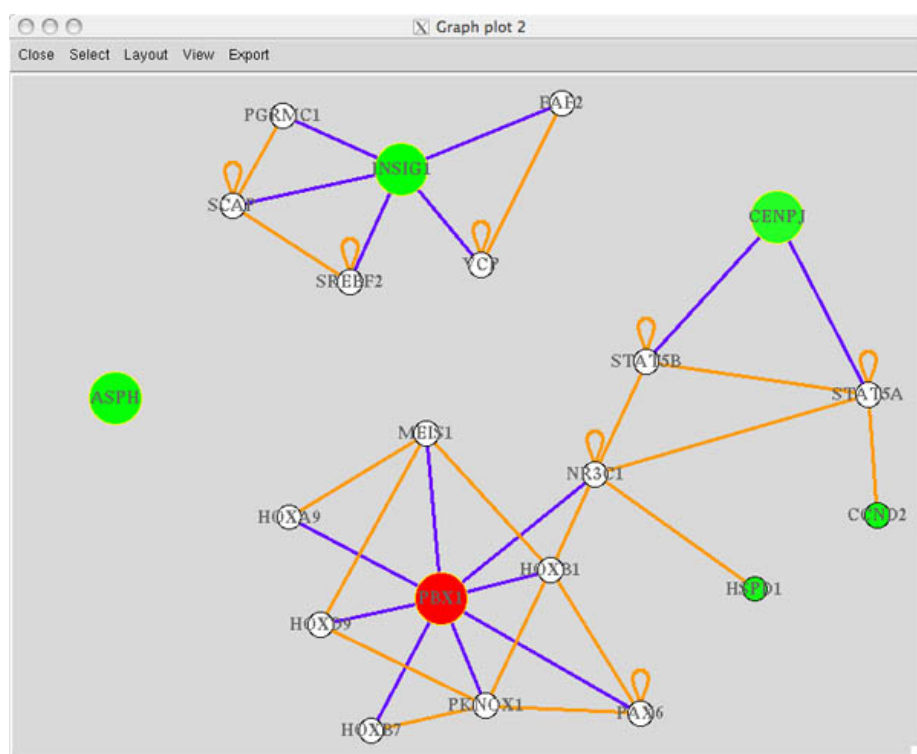
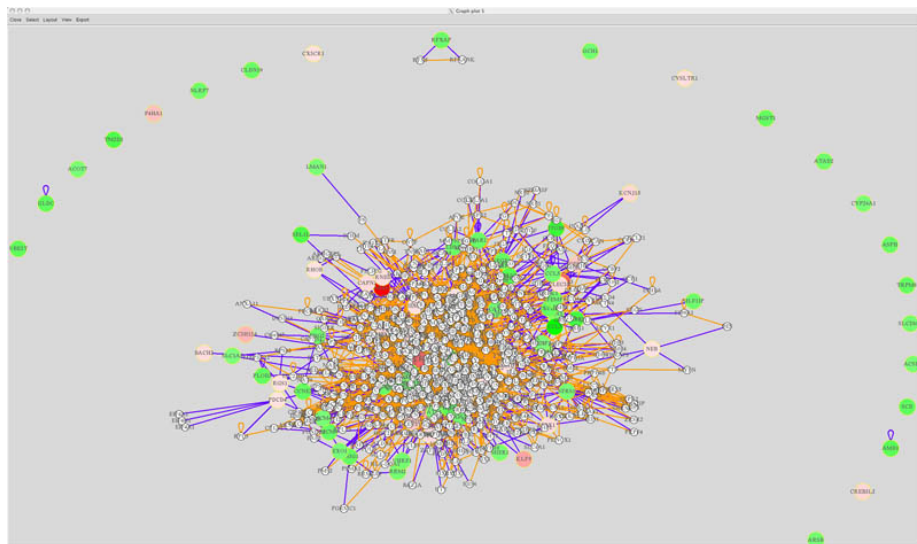
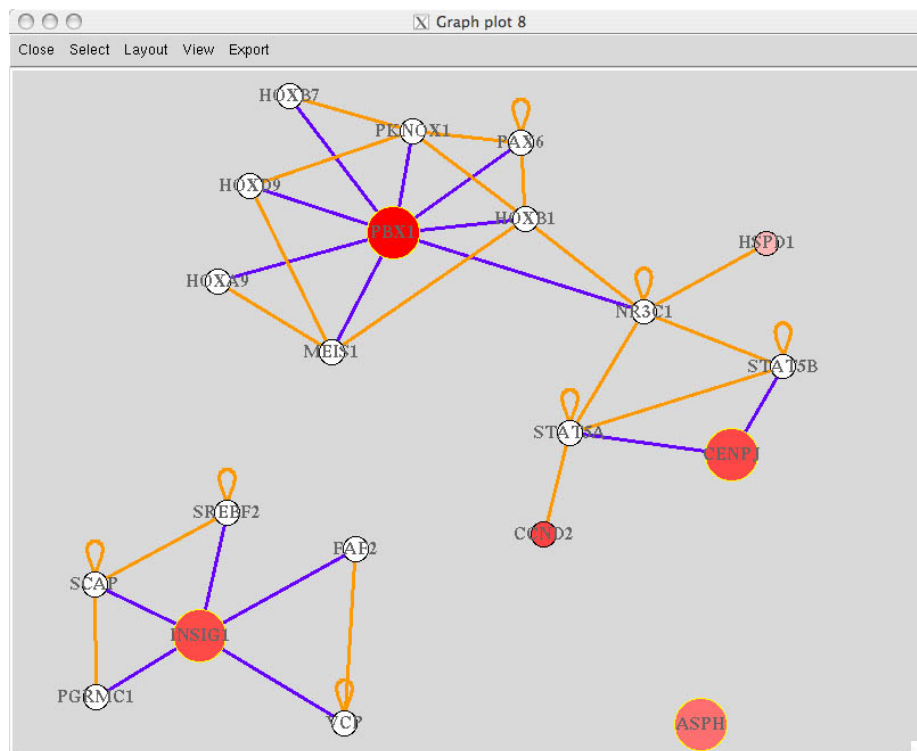


Figure 8: Screen shot of the given gene interaction network with expression information



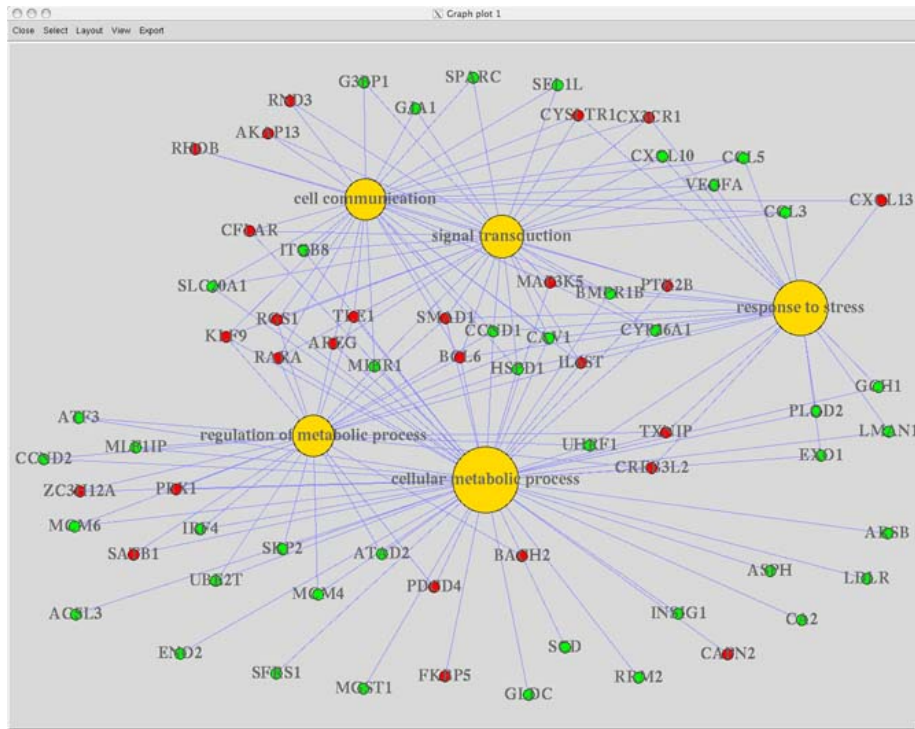


Figure 11: Screen shot of concept-gene network for top 2 GO level nodes removal

easy to manually change layout. The default setting is 'interactive', but users can change it to 'fixed' for a small or simple network.

The following example is to show top 5 GO-gene network for the first 2 level GO nodes removal.

```
> ## plot Go-concept network for 2 level nodes removal
> geneAnswersConceptNet(wv, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='pvalue', output='
Also, users can sort enrichment test information and plot it.

> ## sort enrichmentInfo dataframe by fdr adjusted p value
> xxx <- geneAnswersSort(xx, sortBy='correctedPvalue')
> yyy <- geneAnswersSort(yy, sortBy='pvalue')
> zzz <- geneAnswersSort(zz, sortBy='geneNum')

> geneAnswersConceptNet(yyy, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='geneNum', output=
> geneAnswersConceptNet(zzz, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='pvalue', output=
```

If users provide a gene expression profile, *GeneAnswers* package can generate a table or heatmap labeling relationship between genes and categories with a heatmap of these genes expression. We call this type of representation as concept-gene cross tabulation.

```
> ## generate GO-gene cross tabulation
> geneAnswersHeatmap(x, catTerm=TRUE, geneSymbol=TRUE)
```

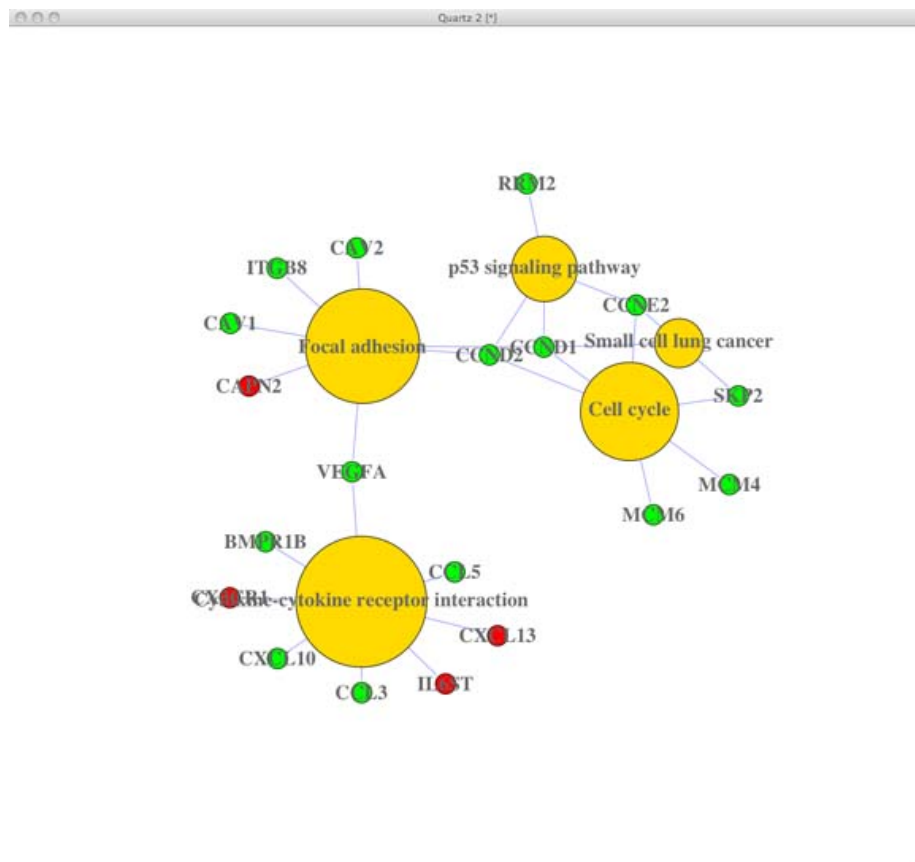


Figure 12: Screen shot of KEGG-gene network

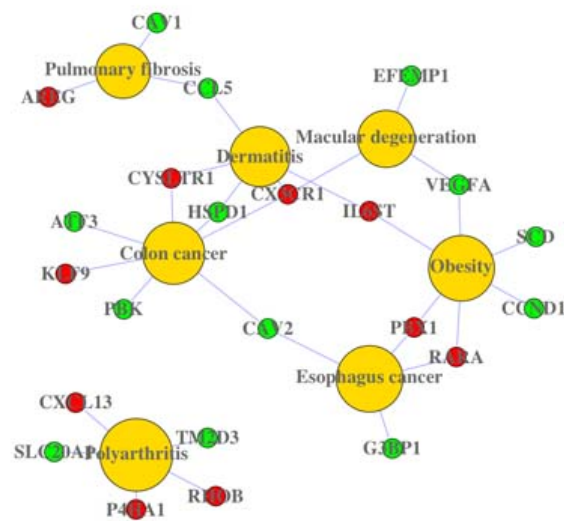


Figure 13: Screen shot of DOLite-gene network



```

initial    value 2.060891
iter      5 value 0.563404
iter     10 value 0.179183
iter     15 value 0.095165
iter     20 value 0.062150
iter     25 value 0.046441
iter     30 value 0.037490
iter     35 value 0.021600
iter     40 value 0.016805
iter     45 value 0.013431
iter     50 value 0.010041
final     value 0.010041
stopped after 50 iterations
initial    value 3.760019
iter      5 value 0.075511
final     value 0.005884
converged

```

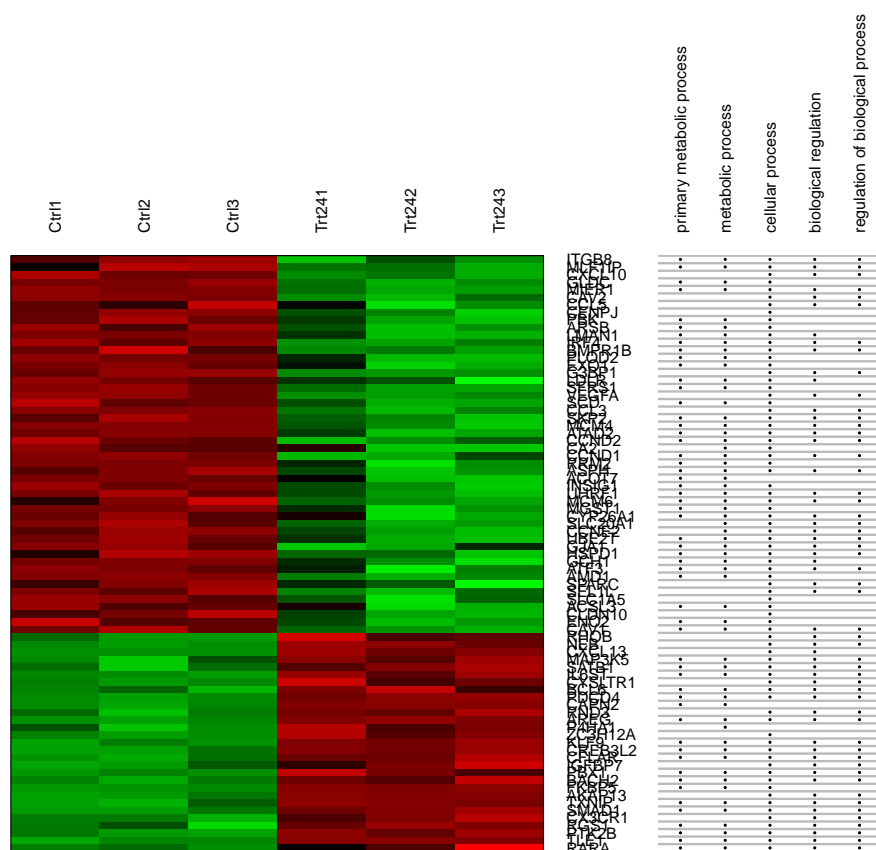


Figure 14: GO-gene cross tabulation

```
> geneAnswersHeatmap(yyy)
```

For cross table, there are two types of representations. One is a table, which is better for few genes, and another one is a two-color heatmap that is adopted for a lot of genes. In the latter, the default setting is that white bar stands for that a gene in that category.

Besides top categories, users can also show interested categories.

```
> GOBPIDs <- c("GO:0007049", "GO:0042592", "GO:0006259", "GO:0016265", "GO:0007243")
> GOBPTerms <- c("cell cycle", "death", "protein kinase cascade", "homeostatic process", "

> ## generate concept-gene cross tabulation
> geneAnswersConceptNet(x, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='pvalue', output='f

> geneAnswersHeatmap(x, showCats=GOBPIDs, catTerm=TRUE, geneSymbol=TRUE)
```

Function *geneAnswersConcepts* shows the linkages of specified categories. The width of edge stands for how overlapping between two categories.

```
> ## generate concept-gene cross tabulation
> geneAnswersConcepts(xxx, centroidSize='geneNum', output='fixed', showCats=GOBPTerms)
```

Users can also print top categories and genes on screen and save them in files by specification as well as these two types of visualization. The default file names are "topCategory.txt" and "topCategoryGenes.txt" for top categories with or without corresponding genes, respectively.

```
> ## print top GO categories sorted by hypergeometric test p value
> topGOGenes(x, orderby='pvalue')

[1] "***** cellular process   p value : 7.33663213571693e-34 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
2181  ACSL3   -2.049592 5.282896e-04
11214 AKAP13    2.062521 2.373847e-08
262    AMD1   -2.538954 1.216657e-09
374    AREG   17.553825 1.241073e-11
411    ARSB   -2.122207 3.199329e-06
[1] "***** biological regulation p value : 2.59960788724242e-25 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
11214 AKAP13    2.062521 2.373847e-08
374    AREG   17.553825 1.241073e-11
444    ASPH   -2.337642 5.717355e-06
29028 ATAD2   -2.256887 6.002904e-06
467    ATF3   -2.014800 5.116121e-05
[1] "***** metabolic process   p value : 8.49173382581621e-25 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
11332 ACOT7   -2.022097 1.604253e-04
2181  ACSL3   -2.049592 5.282896e-04
262    AMD1   -2.538954 1.216657e-09
374    AREG   17.553825 1.241073e-11
411    ARSB   -2.122207 3.199329e-06
```

```
> geneAnswersHeatmap(yyy)
```

```
initial value 1.716305
iter 5 value 0.407656
iter 10 value 0.112360
iter 15 value 0.072109
iter 20 value 0.052017
iter 25 value 0.029419
final value 0.006019
converged
initial value 4.466884
final value 4.466884
converged
```

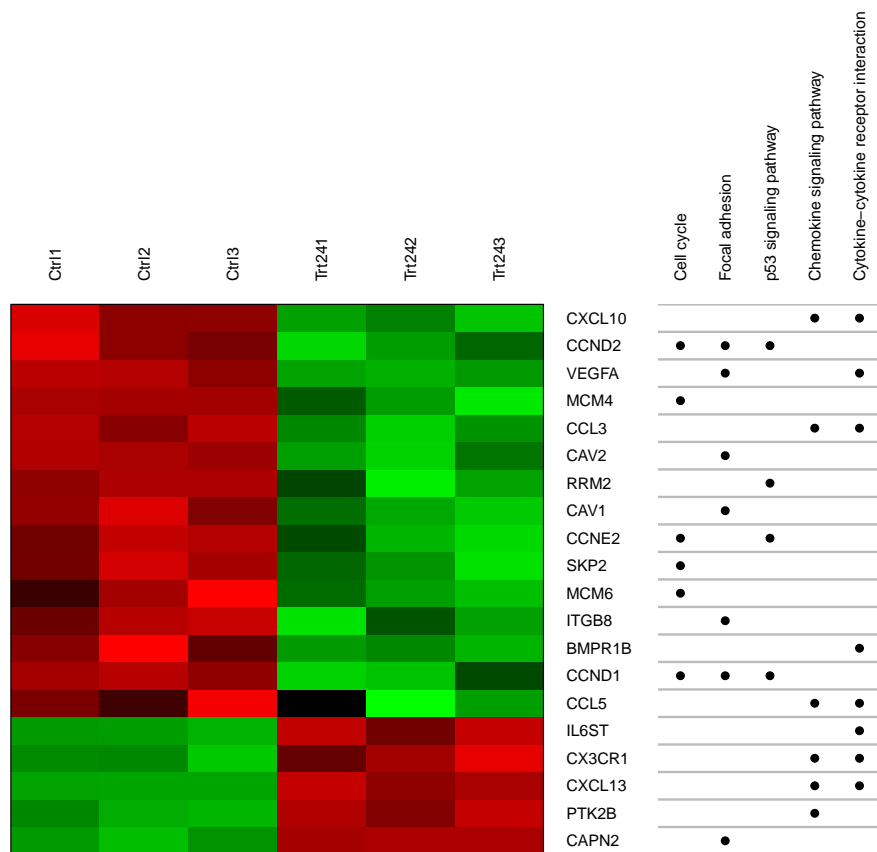


Figure 15: KEGG-gene cross tabulation

```

initial value 1.962151
iter 5 value 0.463019
iter 10 value 0.104994
iter 15 value 0.083234
iter 20 value 0.051796
iter 25 value 0.024339
iter 30 value 0.016949
iter 35 value 0.011347
final value 0.008069
converged
initial value 11.178377
iter 5 value 1.353466
iter 10 value 0.417364
iter 15 value 0.058407
final value 0.004365
converged

```

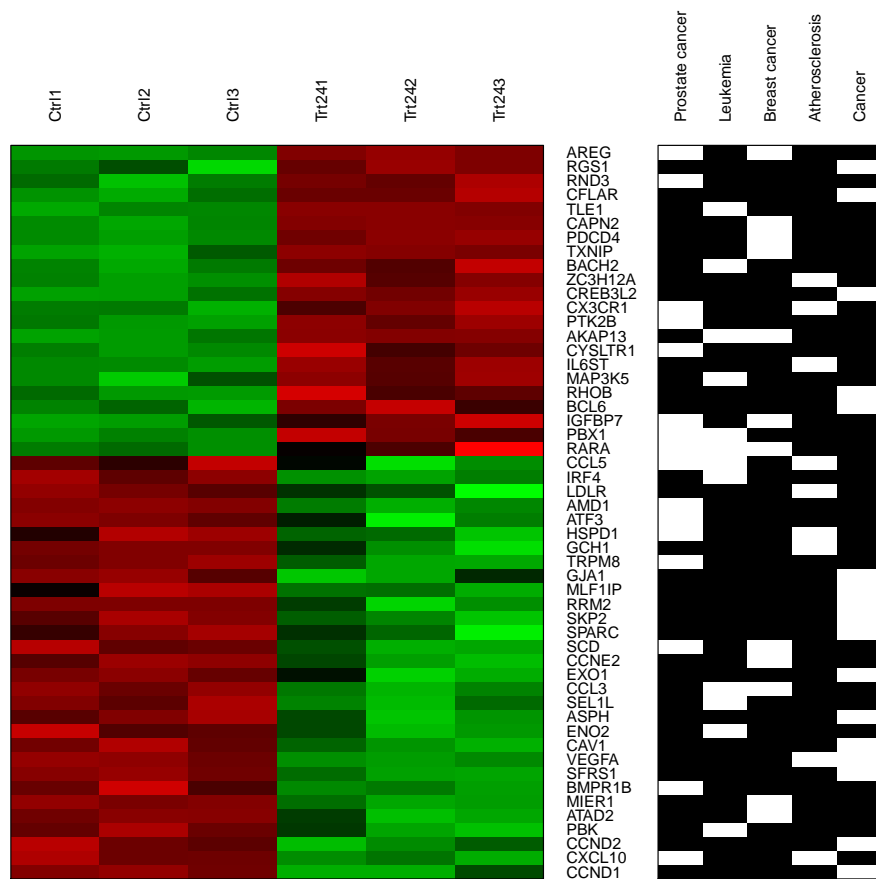


Figure 16: DOLite-gene cross tabulation

```

[1] "Some specified categories might not be statistical significant! Only show significant
initial value 1.955644
iter 5 value 0.250440
iter 10 value 0.129463
iter 15 value 0.075394
iter 20 value 0.040824
iter 25 value 0.016440
iter 30 value 0.013925
final value 0.006865
converged
initial value 0.000000
final value 0.000000
converged

```

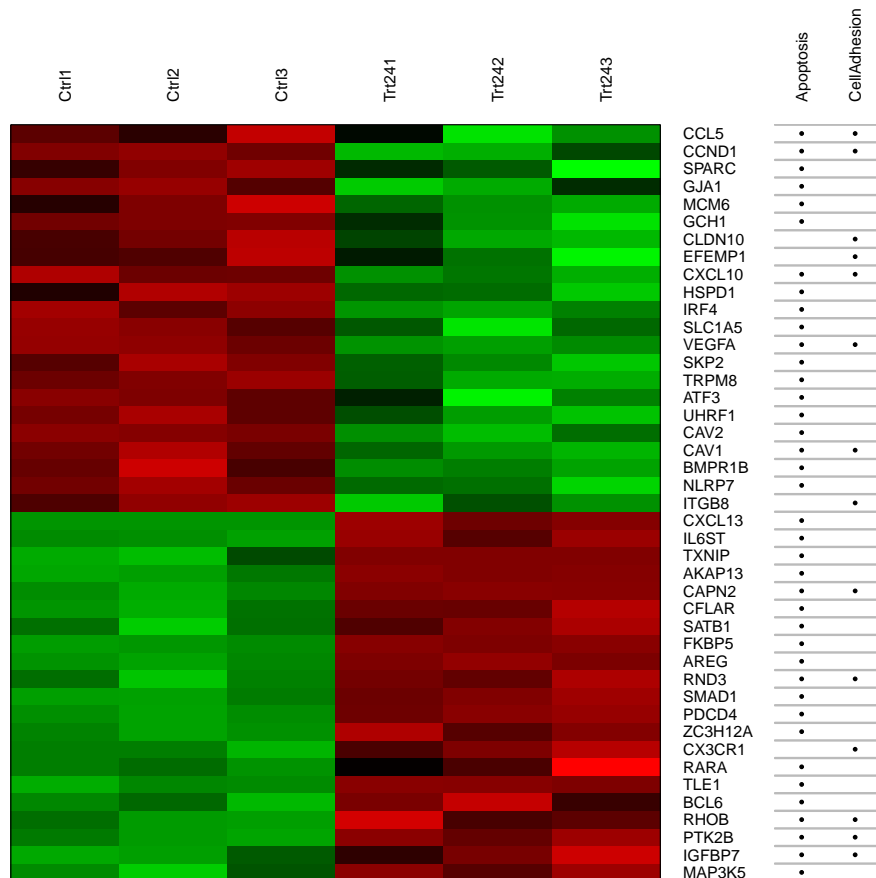


Figure 17: Customized GO-gene cross tabulation

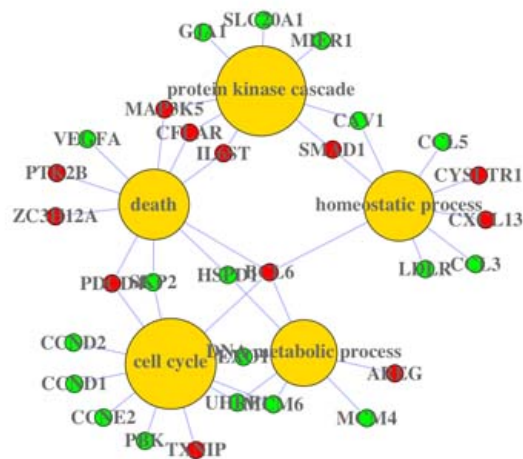


Figure 18: Screen shot of customized GO-gene network

```
[1] "***** primary metabolic process    p value : 3.51338773490462e-23 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
11332  ACOT7    -2.022097 1.604253e-04
2181   ACSL3    -2.049592 5.282896e-04
262    AMD1     -2.538954 1.216657e-09
374    AREG     17.553825 1.241073e-11
411    ARSB     -2.122207 3.199329e-06
[1] "***** regulation of biological process    p value : 1.49775054208275e-22 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
11214  AKAP13     2.062521 2.373847e-08
374    AREG     17.553825 1.241073e-11
444    ASPH     -2.337642 5.717355e-06
29028  ATAD2     -2.256887 6.002904e-06
467    ATF3     -2.014800 5.116121e-05

> ## print top KEGG categories sorted by gene numbers and sort genes by fold changes
> topPATHGenes(y, orderby='geneNum', top=4, topGenes=8, genesOrderBy='foldChange')

[1] "***** Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction    genes in Category : 8 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
6348   CCL3    -4.031781 1.147014e-07
7422   VEGFA    -2.391115 7.147830e-09
3627   CXCL10    -2.376811 1.315856e-07
658    BMPR1B    -2.161504 1.308048e-04
```

```

initial value 2.112746
iter 5 value 0.414001
iter 10 value 0.208048
iter 15 value 0.156443
iter 20 value 0.091677
iter 25 value 0.056662
iter 30 value 0.047910
iter 35 value 0.035337
iter 40 value 0.017015
final value 0.008870
converged
initial value 29.195285
iter 5 value 23.647405
iter 5 value 23.633610
iter 5 value 23.633610
final value 23.633610
converged

```

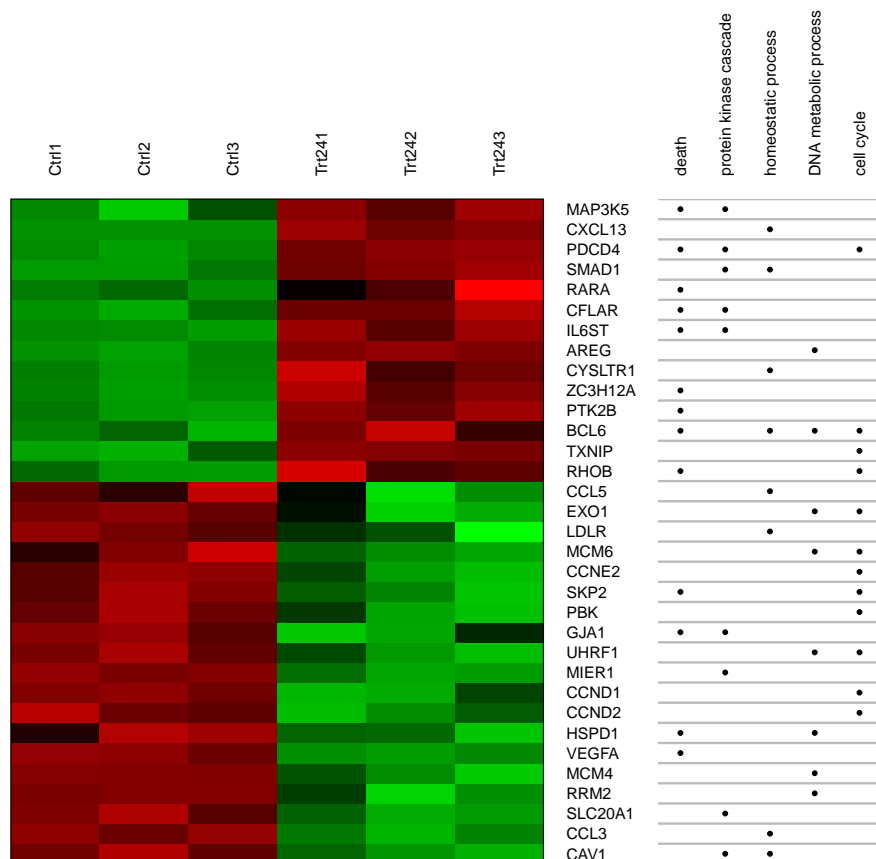


Figure 19: Customized concept-gene cross tabulation



Figure 20: Screen shot of customized GO category linkage



|       |        |           |              |
|-------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| 6352  | CCL5   | -2.154827 | 1.092361e-03 |
| 1524  | CX3CR1 | 2.127494  | 4.412558e-06 |
| 3572  | IL6ST  | 2.213384  | 8.018338e-08 |
| 10563 | CXCL13 | 10.688601 | 1.073456e-10 |

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Metabolic pathways genes in Category : 8 \*\*\*\*\*"

|      | Symbol | foldChange | pValue       |
|------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 262  | AMD1   | -2.538954  | 1.216657e-09 |
| 2731 | GLDC   | -2.454289  | 1.695089e-07 |
| 2026 | ENO2   | -2.207372  | 7.396045e-06 |
| 2643 | GCH1   | -2.151831  | 1.066956e-05 |
| 411  | ARSB   | -2.122207  | 3.199329e-06 |
| 6241 | RRM2   | -2.102265  | 2.339306e-06 |
| 2181 | ACSL3  | -2.049592  | 5.282896e-04 |
| 5033 | P4HA1  | 4.265287   | 1.341238e-06 |

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Focal adhesion genes in Category : 7 \*\*\*\*\*"

|      | Symbol | foldChange | pValue       |
|------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 3696 | ITGB8  | -3.097913  | 1.178489e-06 |
| 858  | CAV2   | -2.643498  | 2.625770e-08 |
| 7422 | VEGFA  | -2.391115  | 7.147830e-09 |
| 595  | CCND1  | -2.257123  | 5.932920e-07 |
| 894  | CCND2  | -2.239806  | 1.208734e-06 |
| 857  | CAV1   | -2.122246  | 3.842276e-06 |
| 824  | CAPN2  | 2.568772   | 1.890638e-08 |

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Cell cycle genes in Category : 6 \*\*\*\*\*"

|      | Symbol | foldChange | pValue       |
|------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 9134 | CCNE2  | -2.379943  | 3.326011e-06 |
| 4175 | MCM6   | -2.356668  | 2.080808e-04 |
| 6502 | SKP2   | -2.276824  | 1.013445e-05 |
| 595  | CCND1  | -2.257123  | 5.932920e-07 |
| 894  | CCND2  | -2.239806  | 1.208734e-06 |
| 4173 | MCM4   | -2.082429  | 8.413734e-06 |

> ## print and save top 10 DOLites information

> topDOLiteGenes(z, orderby='pvalue', top=5, topGenes='ALL', genesOrderBy='pValue', file=T

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Prostate cancer p value : 1.45588138562694e-17 \*\*\*\*\*"

|      | Symbol | foldChange | pValue       |
|------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 374  | AREG   | 17.553825  | 1.241073e-11 |
| 262  | AMD1   | -2.538954  | 1.216657e-09 |
| 3490 | IGFBP7 | 3.787547   | 2.688423e-08 |
| 5087 | PBX1   | 2.552036   | 1.120693e-07 |
| 3627 | CXCL10 | -2.376811  | 1.315856e-07 |

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Cancer p value : 4.34960215018646e-14 \*\*\*\*\*"

|       | Symbol  | foldChange | pValue       |
|-------|---------|------------|--------------|
| 7422  | VEGFA   | -2.391115  | 7.147830e-09 |
| 64764 | CREB3L2 | 2.909868   | 1.162846e-08 |
| 8837  | CFLAR   | 2.850424   | 2.960108e-08 |
| 6426  | SFRS1   | -2.088303  | 4.706379e-08 |
| 595   | CCND1   | -2.257123  | 5.932920e-07 |

[1] "\*\*\*\*\* Leukemia p value : 1.01712450654578e-12 \*\*\*\*\*"

```

      Symbol foldChange      pValue
7088    TLE1    5.427252 1.993568e-11
11214 AKAP13    2.062521 2.373847e-08
3662    IRF4   -2.573029 2.583465e-08
6400    SEL1L  -2.722062 9.822205e-08
5087    PBX1    2.552036 1.120693e-07
[1] "***** Breast cancer    p value : 4.28183925721002e-11 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
374    AREG    17.553825 1.241073e-11
10628 TXNIP    3.899457 4.296784e-09
824    CAPN2    2.568772 1.890638e-08
11214 AKAP13    2.062521 2.373847e-08
3490    IGFBP7   3.787547 2.688423e-08
[1] "***** Atherosclerosis    p value : 2.23421982569154e-10 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
80149 ZC3H12A    4.939585 6.473841e-09
7422    VEGFA   -2.391115 7.147830e-09
3572    IL6ST    2.213384 8.018338e-08
3627    CXCL10  -2.376811 1.315856e-07
1524    CX3CR1   2.127494 4.412558e-06
[1] "File topCategoryGenes.txt is successfully generated!"

```

### 5.3 Multigroup Genes Analysis

Several groups of genes are used to dynamically study biological processes by different treatment or time points. In this case, *GeneAnswers* provide a solution to integrate enrichment test information of different groups of genes.

```

> ##load multigroup genes sample data
> data(sampleGroupsData)
> ##Build a GeneAnswers List
> gAKEGGL <- lapply(sampleGroupsData, geneAnswersBuilder, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='KE

[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"
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> ##Output integrated text table
> output<- getConceptTable(gAKEGGL, items='geneNum')

```

Function groupReport can generate a html file including all information.

### 5.4 Homologous Gene Mapping

Since DOLite is developed for human, any gene from other species can not take advantage of this novel annotation database. Therefore, *GeneAnswers* package provides two functions for this type of data interpretation. *getHomoGeneIDs* can map other species gene Entrez IDs to human homologous gene Entrez IDs

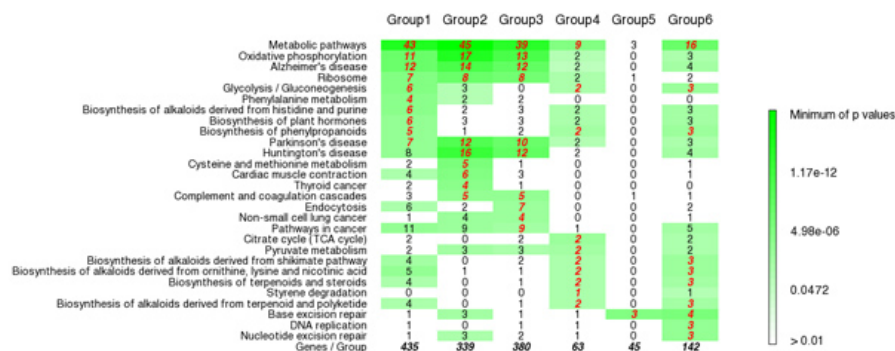


Figure 21: Screen shot of multigroup genes KEGG analysis

at first. Then users can perform normal GeneAnswers functions. Finally, function *geneAnswersHomoMapping* maps back to original species gene Entrez IDs. Current version supports two types of homologous gene mapping. One is called "direct", which is simple and only works between mouse and human. Since all of human gene symbols are capitalized, while only first letter of mouse homologous gene symbols is uppercase, this method simply maps homologous genes by capitalized mouse gene symbols. Another method adopts *biomaRt* to do mapping. *biomaRt* contacts its online server to mapping homologous genes. Its database include more accurate information, but it might take longer to do that, while 'direct' method can rapidly do conversation though it is possible to miss some information.

```
> ## load mouse example data
> data('mouseExpr')
> data('mouseGeneInput')
> mouseExpr[1:10,]
```

|    | GeneID | S11       | S12       | S13       | S21      | S22      | S23      |
|----|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1  | 93695  | 11.140745 | 11.555394 | 11.199022 | 13.53989 | 13.68489 | 13.52166 |
| 2  | 20750  | 10.378364 | 10.780340 | 10.280152 | 12.51370 | 12.77777 | 12.72755 |
| 3  | 16854  | 10.576541 | 10.823445 | 10.539105 | 12.52568 | 12.94808 | 12.75282 |
| 4  | 20210  | 10.417790 | 10.503403 | 10.603501 | 12.38010 | 12.64376 | 12.45370 |
| 5  | 14282  | 9.392208  | 9.574147  | 9.456061  | 11.47399 | 11.24749 | 11.42666 |
| 6  | 17105  | 10.599174 | 11.078450 | 10.565310 | 12.47790 | 12.79757 | 12.50897 |
| 7  | 17110  | 12.674773 | 13.153840 | 12.672851 | 14.56094 | 14.89131 | 14.57835 |
| 8  | 16002  | 11.766943 | 12.268368 | 11.557304 | 13.42105 | 13.62164 | 13.60838 |
| 9  | 21924  | 8.874513  | 9.096380  | 8.860733  | 10.46360 | 10.66965 | 10.62615 |
| 10 | 269994 | 10.913894 | 10.330857 | 10.853911 | 9.07294  | 9.07630  | 9.04366  |

```
> mouseGeneInput[1:10,]
```

|       | Symbol | foldChange | pValue       |
|-------|--------|------------|--------------|
| 93695 | 93695  | 4.869452   | 1.864011e-08 |
| 20750 | 20750  | 4.573777   | 1.224957e-07 |
| 16854 | 16854  | 4.274721   | 6.526113e-08 |

```

20210    20210    3.956676 4.098411e-09
14282    14282    3.754383 3.190981e-09
17105    17105    3.597932 1.088294e-06
17110    17110    3.587662 1.035619e-06
16002    16002    3.217968 5.465650e-06
21924    21924    3.122260 2.337725e-08
269994   269994   -3.106423 1.962161e-06

> ## only keep first one for one to more mapping
> pickHomo <- function(element, inputV) {return(names(inputV[inputV == element])[1])}
> ## mapping geneInput to homo entrez IDs.
> homoLL <- getHomoGeneIDs(mouseGeneInput[,1], species='mouse', speciesL='human', mappingM

[1] "Warning: homogenes of some input genes can not be found and are removed!!!"

> newGeneInput <- mouseGeneInput[mouseGeneInput[,1] %in% unlist(lapply(unique(homoLL), pic
> dim(mouseGeneInput)

[1] 71  3

> dim(newGeneInput)

[1] 66  3

> newGeneInput[,1] <- homoLL[newGeneInput[,1]]
> ## mapping geneExpr to homo entrez IDs.
> homoLLExpr <- getHomoGeneIDs(as.character(mouseExpr[,1]), species='mouse', speciesL='hum

[1] "Warning: homogenes of some input genes can not be found and are removed!!!"

> newExpr <- mouseExpr[as.character(mouseExpr[,1]) %in% unlist(lapply(unique(homoLLExpr) ,
> newExpr[,1] <- homoLLExpr[as.character(newExpr[,1])]
> dim(mouseExpr)

[1] 71  7

> dim(newExpr)

[1] 66  7

> ## build a GeneAnswers instance based on mapped data
> v <- geneAnswersBuilder(newGeneInput, 'org.Hs.eg.db', categoryType='DOLite', testType='h

[1] "geneInput has built in ..."
[1] "annLib and categoryType have built in ..."
[1] "genesInCategory has built in ..."
[1] "testType, pvalueT and enrichmentInfo have built in ..."
[1] "geneExpressionProfile has been built in ..."
[1] "GeneAnswers instance has been successfully generated!"

> ## make the GeneAnswers instance readable, only map DOLite IDs to terms
> vv <- geneAnswersReadable(v, geneSymbol=F)

```

```

[1] "Mapping genesInCategory ..."
[1] "Mapping enrichmentInfo rownames ..."

> getAnnLib(vv)

[1] "org.Hs.eg.db"

> ## mapping back to mouse genes
> uu <- geneAnswersHomoMapping(vv, species='human', speciesL='mouse', mappingMethod='direct')

[1] "Change annLib ..."
[1] "Mapping geneInput ..."
[1] "Mapping genesInCategory ..."
[1] "Mapping geneExprProfile ..."

> getAnnLib(uu)

[1] "org.Mm.eg.db"

> ## make mapped genes readable, DOLite terms are not mapped
> u <- geneAnswersReadable(uu, catTerm=FALSE)

[1] "Mapping geneInput ..."
[1] "Mapping genesInCategory ..."
[1] "Mapping geneExprProfile rownames ..."

> ## sort new GeneAnswers instance
> u1 <- geneAnswersSort(u, sortBy='pvalue')

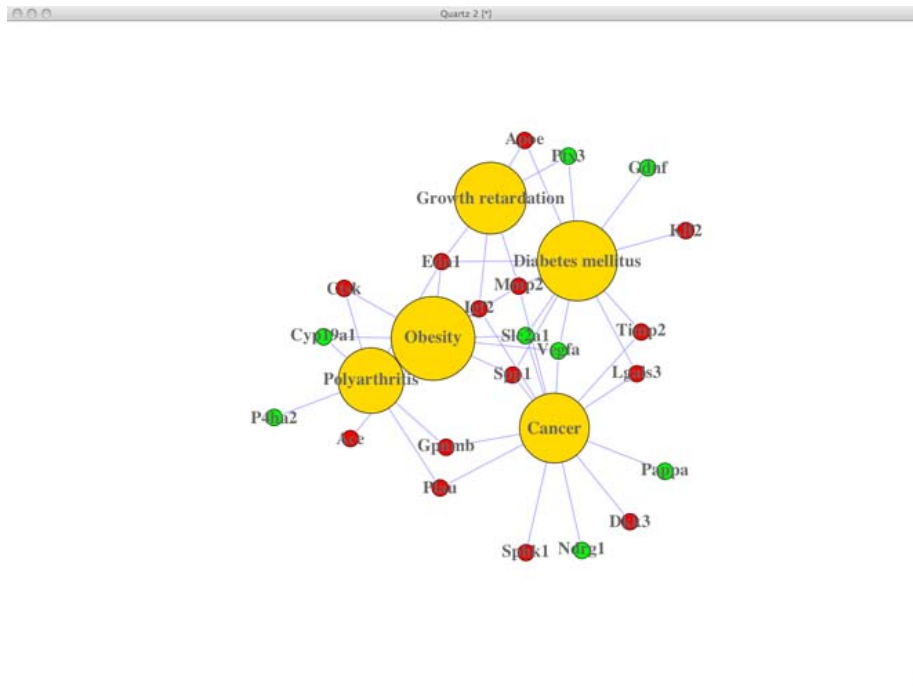
> ## plot concept-gene network
> geneAnswersConceptNet(u, colorValueColumn='foldChange', centroidSize='pvalue', output='file')

> ## plot homogeneous DOLite-gene cross tabulation
> geneAnswersHeatmap(u1)

> ## output top information
> topDOLiteGenes(u, geneSymbol=FALSE, catTerm=FALSE, orderby='pvalue', top=6, topGenes='ALL')

[1] "***** Obesity p value : 3.61357450643102e-12 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
11421 Ace      2.897884 4.811431e-10
20525 Slc2a1  -2.590159 6.290580e-09
13614 Edn1     2.504625 1.536084e-08
22339 Vegfa   -2.535157 3.651889e-08
17390 Mmp2     2.932919 5.771626e-08
[1] "***** Diabetes mellitus p value : 5.18742071898125e-12 *****"
      Symbol foldChange      pValue
16598 Klf2      2.913280 1.863840e-10
20525 Slc2a1  -2.590159 6.290580e-09
13614 Edn1     2.504625 1.536084e-08
22339 Vegfa   -2.535157 3.651889e-08

```



```

21858 Timp2 2.195299 4.638384e-08
[1] "***** Cancer p value : 4.48947063154371e-11 *****"
Symbol foldChange pValue
20525 Slc2a1 -2.590159 6.290580e-09
93695 Gpnmb 4.869452 1.864011e-08
22339 Vegfa -2.535157 3.651889e-08
21858 Timp2 2.195299 4.638384e-08
17390 Mmp2 2.932919 5.771626e-08
[1] "***** Growth retardation p value : 4.38812418292752e-10 *****"
Symbol foldChange pValue
13614 Edn1 2.504625 1.536084e-08
17390 Mmp2 2.932919 5.771626e-08
11816 Apoe 2.465045 4.135459e-06
16002 Igf2 3.217968 5.465650e-06
19288 Ptx3 -2.100947 4.364358e-05
[1] "***** Polyarthritis p value : 1.63827115569347e-09 *****"
Symbol foldChange pValue
13614 Edn1 2.504625 1.536084e-08
93695 Gpnmb 4.869452 1.864011e-08
18452 P4ha2 -2.584996 3.363470e-07
18792 Plau 2.456354 4.029683e-07
13038 Ctsk 2.220556 1.394015e-06
[1] "***** Rheumatoid arthritis p value : 5.68914871872988e-09 *****"
Symbol foldChange pValue
13614 Edn1 2.504625 1.536084e-08

```

```

initial value 0.495569
iter 5 value 0.151207
iter 10 value 0.127116
iter 15 value 0.097958
iter 20 value 0.066870
iter 25 value 0.055071
iter 30 value 0.011353
iter 30 value 0.009738
iter 30 value 0.009291
final value 0.009291
converged
initial value 17.277129
iter 5 value 12.546623
final value 11.897194
converged

```

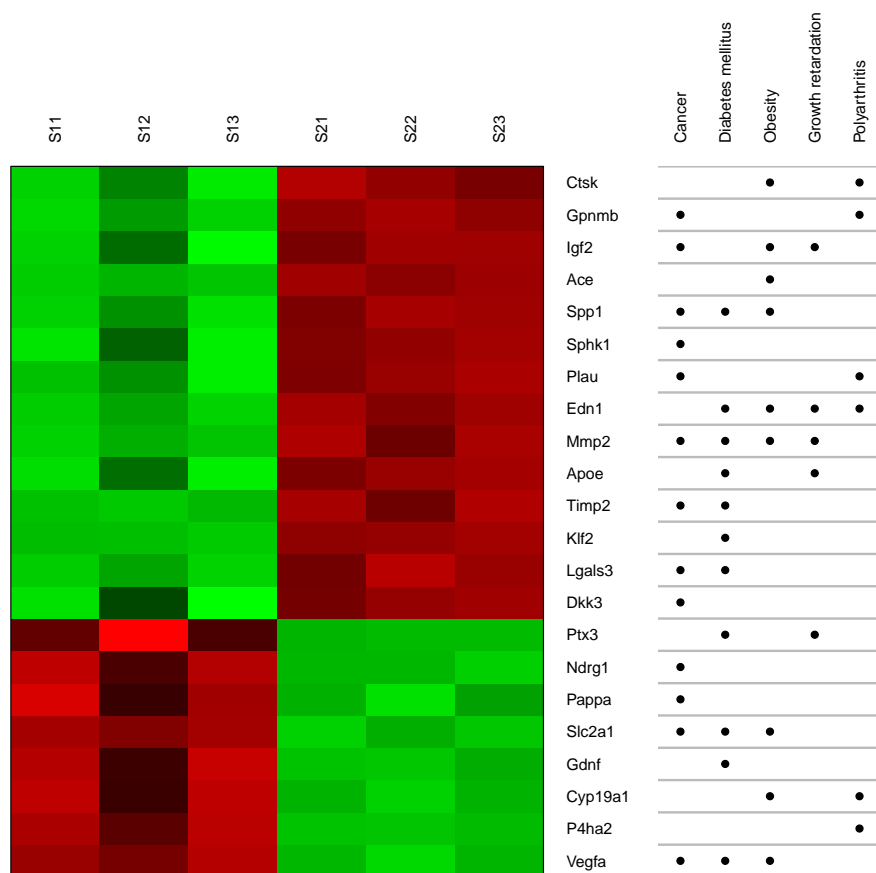


Figure 23: homogeneous DOLite-gene cross tabulation

```

14955    H19    2.904115 2.570580e-08
17390    Mmp2    2.932919 5.771626e-08
20750    Spp1    4.573777 1.224957e-07
18792    Plau    2.456354 4.029683e-07
[1] "File topCategoryGenes.txt is successfully generated!"

```

## 6 Session Info

```
> toLatex(sessionInfo())
```

- R version 2.10.1 Patched (2010-03-27 r51591), i386-apple-darwin9.8.0
- Locale: en\_US.UTF-8/en\_US.UTF-8/C/C/en\_US.UTF-8/en\_US.UTF-8
- Base packages: base, datasets, graphics, grDevices, methods, stats, tools, utils
- Other packages: annotate 1.24.1, AnnotationDbi 1.8.2, Biobase 2.6.1, bitops 1.0-4.1, DBI 0.2-5, GeneAnswers 1.3.9, GO.db 2.3.5, Heatplus 1.16.0, igraph 0.5.3, KEGG.db 2.3.5, MASS 7.3-5, org.Hs.eg.db 2.3.6, org.Mm.eg.db 2.3.6, RColorBrewer 1.0-2, RCurl 1.3-1, rgl 0.90, RSQLite 0.8-4, XML 2.8-1
- Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): xtable 1.5-6

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