Using QuACN to Analyze Complex Biological Networks

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1 Overview

This vignette provides an overview about the usage of QuACN.

Chapter 2 will give you an idea how to import already exiting networks. In Chapter 3 a brief description of the implemented measures is presented, and it demonstrates how to call the related method in R.

2 Networks

```
> library("QuACN")
Loading C code of R package 'Rmpfr': GMP using 64 bits per limb
> set.seed(666)
> g <- randomGraph(1:8, 1:5, 0.36)
> g
A graphNEL graph with undirected edges
Number of Nodes = 8
Number of Edges = 16
```

We generate a random graph with 8 nodes. This graph will be used to explain the implemented methods. To analyze a network the network has to be represented by a graphNEL-object, which is part of the Bioconductor graph package.

If you have already created networks that you want to analyze with QuACN, R offers several ways to import them. (It is important to know that networks have to be represented by graphNEL-objects.) Note that there is no general procedure to get your networks into an R-workspace. Some possibilities to import network data are listed below:

• Adjacency matrix: A representation of your network as an adjacency matrix can be easily imported and converted into a *graphNEL* object.

- Node- and Edge-List: With a list of nodes and Edges it is easy to create a graphNEL-object.
- read.graph(): The read.graph() method of the *graph*-package offers the possibility to import graphs that a represented in different formats. For details see the manual of the *graph*-package.
- System Biology Markup Language(SBML) [1]: With the RSBML-package it is possible to import SBML-Models.
- igrah-package: Networks created with the *igraph*-package can be converted into graphNEL objects.

2.1 Extract the Largest Connected Subgraph

Many of the topological network descriptors that are implemented in QuACN only work on connected graphs. Often this is not the case with biological networks, so that the largest connected component (LCC) has to be extracted first. For extracting the LCC we provide the method getLargestSubgraph(g), as shown in [2]:

```
> g2 <- randomGraph(paste("A", 1:100, sep = ""), 1:4, p = 0.03)
> lcc <- getLargestSubgraph(g2)

[1] "Subgraph distribution:"
cclens.g
    1    3    7
87    2    1

> lcc

A graphNEL graph with undirected edges
Number of Nodes = 7
Number of Edges = 12
```

3 Network Descriptors

This section provides a overview of the network descriptors that are included in the QuACN package. Here we describe the respective descriptor and how to call it in R.

Note that every descriptor has at least two parameters, the *graphNEL*-object and the distance matrix representing the network. It is not necessary to pass the distance matrix to a function. If the parameters stays empty or is set to *NULL* the distance matrix will be estimated within each function. But if you want to calculate more than one descriptor, it is recommended to calculate the distance matrix separately and pass it to each method. Some of the methods need the degree of each node or the adjacency matrix to calculate their results. If they were calculated once they should have kept for later use. Specially with large networks it saves a lot of time, not to calculate these parameters for each descriptor again, and will enhance the performance of your script.

```
> mat.adj <- adjacencyMatrix(g)
> mat.dist <- distanceMatrix(g)
> vec.degree <- graph::degree(g)
> ska.dia <- diameter(g)
> ska.dia <- diameter(g, mat.dist)</pre>
```

3.1 Descriptors Based on Distances in a Graph

This section describes network measures based on distances in the network.

Wiener Index [3]:

$$W(G) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} d(v_i, v_j). \tag{1}$$

where |N(G)| := |N| denotes the number of Nodes of the complex network. $d(v_i, v_j)$ stands for shortest distances between $v_i, v_j \in V$.

> wien <- wiener(g)</pre>

> wiener(g, mat.dist)

[1] 43

Hararay Index [4]:

$$H(G) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} (d(v_i, v_j))^{-1}, \quad i \neq j.$$
 (2)

> harary(g)

[1] 21.16667

> harary(g, mat.dist)

[1] 21.16667

Balaban J Index [5]:

$$J(G) := \frac{|E|}{\mu + 1} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} [DS_i DS_j]^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{3}$$

> balabanJ(g)

[1] 2.414364

> balabanJ(g, mat.dist)

[1] 2.414364

where |E(G)| := |E| denotes the number of edges of the complex network, DS_i denotes the distance sum (row sum) of v_i and $\mu := |E| + 1 - |N|$ denotes the cyclomatic number.

Mean distance deviation [6]:

$$\Delta\mu(G) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\mu(v_i) - \bar{\mu}|,\tag{4}$$

where

$$\mu(v_i) := \sum_{j=1}^{N} d(v_i, v_j), \tag{5}$$

and

$$\bar{\mu} := \frac{2W}{N}.\tag{6}$$

> meanDistanceDeviation(g)

[1] 1.6875

> meanDistanceDeviation(g, mat.dist)

[1] 1.6875

Compactness [7]:

$$C(G) := \frac{4W}{|N|(|N|-1)}. (7)$$

> compactness(g)

[1] 3.071429

> compactness(g, mat.dist)

[1] 3.071429

> compactness(g, mat.dist, wiener(g, mat.dist))

[1] 3.071429

Product of Row Sums index [8]:

$$PRS(G) = \prod_{i=1}^{|N|} \mu(v_i) \quad \text{or} \quad \log \left(PRS(G)\right) = \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^{|N|} \mu(v_i)\right). \tag{8}$$

> productOfRowSums(g, log = FALSE)

[1] 157464000

> productOfRowSums(g, log = TRUE)

[1] 27.23045

> productOfRowSums(g, mat.dist, log = FALSE)

[1] 157464000

> productOfRowSums(g, mat.dist, log = TRUE)

[1] 27.23045

Hyper-distance-path index [9]

$$D_P(G) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} d(v_i, v_j) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} \binom{d(v_i, v_j)}{2}. \tag{9}$$

> hyperDistancePathIndex(g)

[1] 60

> hyperDistancePathIndex(g, mat.dist)

[1] 60

> hyperDistancePathIndex(g, mat.dist, wiener(g, mat.dist))

[1] 60

3.2 Descriptors Based on Other Graph-Invariants

This section describes network measures based on other invariants than distances.

Index of total adjacency [10]:

$$A(G) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} a_{ij}. \tag{10}$$

> totalAdjacency(g)

[1] 17

> totalAdjacency(g, mat.adj)

[1] 17

Zagreb group indices [11]:

$$Z_1(G) := \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} k_{v_i}, \tag{11}$$

where k_{v_i} is the degree of the node v_i .

$$Z_2(G) := \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} k_{v_i} k_{v_j}. \tag{12}$$

- > zagreb1(g)
- [1] 32
- > zagreb1(g, vec.degree)
- [1] 32
- > zagreb2(g)
- [1] 298
- > zagreb2(g, vec.degree)
- [1] 298

Randić connectivity index [12]:

$$R(G) := \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} [k_{v_i} k_{v_j}]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(13)

- > randic(g)
- [1] 3.602215
- > randic(g, vec.degree)
- [1] 3.602215

The complexity index B [10]:

$$B(G) := \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \frac{k_{v_i}}{\mu(v_i)}.$$
(14)

- > complexityIndexB(g)
- [1] 3.255556
- > complexityIndexB(g, mat.dist)
- [1] 3.255556
- > complexityIndexB(g, mat.dist, vec.degree)
- [1] 3.255556

Normalized edge complexity [10]:

$$E_N(G) := \frac{A(G)}{|N|^2}. (15)$$

- > normalizedEdgeComplexity(g)
- [1] 0.265625
- > normalizedEdgeComplexity(g, totalAdjacency(g, mat.adj))
- [1] 0.265625

3.3 Classical entropy based descriptors

These measures are based on grouping the elements of an arbitrary graph invariant (vertices, edges, and distances etc.) using an equivalence criterion.

Topological information content [13, 14]:

$$I_{orb}^{V}(G) := -\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{|N_i^{V}|}{|N|} \log \left(\frac{|N_i^{V}|}{|N|} \right).$$
 (16)

 $|N_i^V|$ denotes the number of vertices belonging to the *i*-th vertex orbit.

> topologicalInfoContent(g)

\$entropy

[1] 2.25

\$orbits

[1] 2 2 1 1 2

> topologicalInfoContent(g, mat.dist)

\$entropy

[1] 2.25

\$orbits

[1] 2 2 1 1 2

> topologicalInfoContent(g, mat.dist, vec.degree)

\$entropy

[1] 2.25

\$orbits

[1] 2 2 1 1 2

Bonchev - Trinajstić indices [15]:

$$I_D(G) := -\frac{1}{|N|} \log \left(\frac{1}{|N|}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{\rho(G)} \frac{2k_i}{|N|^2} \log \left(\frac{2k_i}{|N|^2}\right),\tag{17}$$

$$I_D^W(G) := W(G)\log(W(G)) - \sum_{i=1}^{\rho(G)} ik_i \log(i).$$
(18)

 k_i is the occurrence of a distance possessing value i in the distance matrix of G.

- $> \#I_D(G)$
- > bonchev1(g)
- [1] 1.208931
- > bonchev1(g,mat.dist)
- [1] 1.208931
- > #I^W_D(G)
- > bonchev2(g)
- [1] 170.3098
- > bonchev2(g,mat.dist)
- [1] 170.3098
- > bonchev2(g,mat.dist,wiener(g))
- [1] 170.3098

BERTZ complexity index [16]:

$$C(G) := 2N \log(|N|) - \sum_{i=1}^{k} |N_i| \log(|N_i|).$$
(19)

 $|N_i|$ are the cardinalities of the vertex orbits as defined in Eqn. (16).

> bertz(g)

[1] 42

> bertz(g, mat.dist)

[1] 42

> bertz(g, mat.dist, vec.degree)

[1] 42

Radial centric information index [17]:

$$I_{C,R}(G) := \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{|N_i^e|}{|N|} \log\left(\frac{|N_i^e|}{|N|}\right). \tag{20}$$

 $|N_i^e|$ is the number of vertices having the same eccentricity.

> radialCentric(g)

[1] 0.954434

> radialCentric(g, mat.dist)

[1] 0.954434

Vertex degree equality-based information index [17]:

$$I_{deg}(G) := \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{k}} \frac{|N_i^{k_v}|}{|N|} \log \left(\frac{|N_i^{k_v}|}{|N|} \right). \tag{21}$$

 $|N_i^{k_v}|$ is the number of vertices with degree equal to i and $\bar{k} := \max_{v \in V} k_v$.

> vertexDegree(g)

[1] 2.25

> vertexDegree(g, vec.degree)

[1] 2.25

Balaban-like information indices [18]:

Note, that this class of Descriptors return Inf if you have a graph with |V| < 3.

$$U(G) := \frac{|E|}{\mu + 1} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} [u(v_i)u(v_j)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{22}$$

$$X(G) := \frac{|E|}{\mu + 1} \sum_{(v_i, v_j) \in E} [x(v_i)x(v_j)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{23}$$

where

$$u(v_i) := -\sum_{j=1}^{\sigma(v_i)} \frac{j|S_j(v_i, G)|}{\mu(v_i)} \log\left(\frac{j}{\mu(v_i)}\right), \tag{24}$$

$$x(v_i) := -\mu(v_i)\log(d(v_i)) - y_i,$$
 (25)

$$y_i := \sum_{j=1}^{\sigma(v_i)} j |S_j(v_i, G)| \log(j),$$
 (26)

$$\mu(v_i) := \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} d(v_i, v_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} j |S_j(v_i, G)|.$$
(27)

- > #Balaban-like information index U(G)
- > balabanlike1(g)
- [1] 8.831362
- > balabanlike1(g,mat.dist)
- [1] 8.831362
- > #Balaban-like information index X(G)
- > balabanlike2(g)
- [1] 0.8436946
- > balabanlike2(g,mat.dist)
- [1] 0.8436946

Graph vertex complexity index [19]:

$$I_V(G) := \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^c,$$
 (28)

where v_i^c is the so-called vertex complexity expressed by

$$v_i^c := \sum_{i=0}^{\sigma(v_i)} \frac{k_j^{v_i}}{N} \log\left(\frac{k_j^{v_i}}{N}\right). \tag{29}$$

 $k_k^{v_i}$ is the number of distances starting from $V_i \in V$ equal to j.

- > graphVertexComplexity(g)
- [1] -12.08022
- > graphVertexComplexity(g, mat.dist)
- [1] -12.08022

3.4 Parametric Graph Entropy Measures

Measures of this group [20, 21] assign a probability value to each vertex of the network using a so-called information functional f which captures structural information of the network G. We yield [20],

$$I_f(G) := -\sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \frac{f(v_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|N|} f(v_j)} \log \left(\frac{f(v_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|N|} f(v_j)} \right), \tag{30}$$

where $I_f(G)$ represents a family of graph entropy [20] measures depending on the information functional. Further we implemented the following measurement [21]:

$$I_f^{\lambda}(G) := \lambda \left(\log(|N|) + \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} p(v_i) \log(p(v_i)) \right), \tag{31}$$

$$p(v_i) := \frac{f(v_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{|N|} f(v_j)},\tag{32}$$

where $p^{V}(v_i)$ are the vertex probabilities, $\lambda > 0$ a scaling constant. This measure can be interpreted as the distance between the entropy defined in equation 30 and maximum entropy $(\log(|N|))$.

We integrated 4 different information functionals:

1. An information functional using the j-spheres ("sphere"):

$$f^{V}(v_{i}) := c_{1}|S_{1}(v_{i},G)| + c_{2}|S_{2}(v_{i},G)| + \dots + c_{o(G)}|S_{o(G)}(v_{i},G)|, \tag{33}$$

where $c_k > 0$.

2. An information functional using path lengths ("pathlength"):

$$f^{P}(v_{i}) := c_{1}l(P(L_{G}(v_{i}, 1))) + c_{2}l(P(L_{G}(v_{i}, 2))) + \dots + c_{\rho(G)}l(P(L_{G}(v_{i}, \rho(G)))), \tag{34}$$

where $c_k > 0$.

3. An information functional using vertex centrality ("vertcent"):

$$f^{C}(v_{i}) := c_{1}\beta^{L_{G}(v_{i},1)}(v_{i}) + c_{2}\beta^{L_{G}(v_{i},2)}(v_{i}) + \dots + c_{\rho(G)}\beta^{L_{G}(v_{i},\rho(G))}(v_{i}), \tag{35}$$

where $c_k > 0$.

4. Calculates the degree degree association index("degree") [22]:

$$f^{\Delta}(v_i) := \alpha^{c_1 \Delta^G(v_i, 1) + c_2 \Delta^G(v_i, 2) + \dots + c_{\rho(G)} \Delta^G(v_i, \rho(G))}, \tag{36}$$

where $c_k > 0$, $1 \le k \le \rho(G)$ and $\alpha > 0$

We implemented 4 different settings (as example settings) of the weighting parameter c_i :

1. constant

$$c_1 := 1, c_2 := 1, \cdots, c_{\varrho(G)} := 1.$$
 (37)

2. linear

$$c_1 := \rho(G), c_2 := \rho(G) - 1, \dots, c_{\rho(G)} := 1.$$
 (38)

3. quadratic

$$c_1 := \rho(G)^2, c_2 := (\rho(G) - 1)^2, \cdots, c_{\rho(G)} := 1.$$
 (39)

4. exponential

$$c_1 := \rho(G), c_2 := \rho(G)e^1, \cdots, c_{\rho(G)} := \rho(G)e^{-\rho(G)+1}.$$
 (40)

 $\rho(G)$ represents the diameter of the network.

To call this type of network measure we provide the method *infoTheoreticGCM*. It has following input parameters:

- g: the network as a graphNEL object it is the only mandatory parameter
- dist: the distance matrix of g
- coeff: specifies the weighting parameter: "const", "lin", "quad", "exp", "const" or "cust" are available constants. If it is set to "cust" you have to specify your customized weighting schema with the parameter custCoeff.

- infofunct: specifies the information functional: "sphere", "pathlength", "vertcent" or "degree" are available settings.
- lambda: scaling constant for the distance, default set to 1000.
- custCoeff: specifies the customized weighting schema. To use it you need to set coeff="const".

Note that some combinations of these settings can cause the descriptor to retrun NaN. In that case you have to check for warnings.

The method returns a list with following entries:

• entropy: contains the entropy, see formula 30

2.106446e-17 2.106446e-17

- distance: contains the distance described in formula 31
- pis: contains the probability distribution, see formula 32
- fvi: contains the values of the used information functional for each vertex v_i

```
> 11 <- infoTheoreticGCM(g)
 12 <- infoTheoreticGCM(g, mat.dist, coeff = "lin", infofunct = "sphere",
      lambda = 1000)
> 13 <- infoTheoreticGCM(g, mat.dist, coeff = "const", infofunct = "pathlength",
      lambda = 4000)
 14 <- infoTheoreticGCM(g, mat.dist, coeff = "quad", infofunct = "vertcent",
      lambda = 1000)
> 15 <- infoTheoreticGCM(g, mat.dist, coeff = "exp", infofunct = "degree",
      lambda = 1000)
> 11
$entropy
[1] 2.990011
$distance
[1] 9.9892
$pis
                  2
                            3
                                                5
0.1376812 0.1304348 0.1304348 0.1376812 0.1376812 0.0942029 0.1159420 0.1159420
$fvis
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
19 18 18 19 19 13 16 16
> 15
$entropy
[1] 1.546569
$distance
[1] 1453.431
$pis
4.474312e-01 2.658896e-02 2.658896e-02 4.474312e-01 5.075579e-02 1.196450e-03
3.710288e-06 3.710288e-06
$fvis
                        2
                                                                5
           1
                                     3
                                                  4
2.540206e-12 1.509538e-13 1.509538e-13 2.540206e-12 2.881564e-13 6.792618e-15
```

3.5 Eigenvalue-based Descriptors

This class contains Eigenvalue-based Descriptors proposed in Dehmer et. al [23].

$$H_{M_s(G)} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{|\lambda_i|^{\frac{1}{s}}}{\sum_{j=1}^k |\lambda_j|^{\frac{1}{s}}} \log\left(\frac{|\lambda_i|^{\frac{1}{s}}}{\sum_{j=1}^k |\lambda_j|^{\frac{1}{s}}}\right),\tag{41}$$

$$S_{M_s(G)} = |\lambda_1|^{\frac{1}{s}} + |\lambda_2|^{\frac{1}{s}} + \dots + |\lambda_k|^{\frac{1}{s}}, \tag{42}$$

$$IS_{M_s(G)} = \frac{1}{|\lambda_1|^{\frac{1}{s}} + |\lambda_2|^{\frac{1}{s}} + \dots + |\lambda_k|^{\frac{1}{s}}},\tag{43}$$

$$P_{M_s(G)} = |\lambda_1|^{\frac{1}{s}} \cdot |\lambda_2|^{\frac{1}{s}} \dots |\lambda_k|^{\frac{1}{s}}, \tag{44}$$

$$IP_{M_s(G)} = \frac{1}{|\lambda_1|^{\frac{1}{s}} \cdot |\lambda_2|^{\frac{1}{s}} \dots |\lambda_k|^{\frac{1}{s}}},\tag{45}$$

With this function it is possible to calculate 5 descriptors $(H_{M_s(G)}, S_{M_s(G)}, IS_{M_s(G)}, P_{M_s(G)}, IP_{M_s(G)})$ for 10 different matrices:

- 1. Adjacency matrix
 - > eigenvalueBased(g, adjacencyMatrix, 2)

\$HMs

[1] 2.91436

\$SMs

[1] 9.912979

\$TSMs

[1] 0.1008779

\$PMs

[1] 3.464102

\$IPMs

- [1] 0.2886751
- 2. Laplacian matrix
 - > eigenvalueBased(g, laplaceMatrix, 2)

\$HMs

[1] 2.731375

\$SMs

[1] 14.73375

\$ISMs

[1] 0.06787137

\$PMs

[1] 1.465232e-06

\$IPMs

- [1] 682485.6
- 3. Distance matrix
 - > eigenvalueBased(g, distanceMatrix, 2)

```
$HMs
  [1] 2.800874
  $SMs
  [1] 11.81693
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.08462436
  $PMs
  [1] 7.745967
  $IPMs
  [1] 0.1290994
4. Distance path Matrix
  > eigenvalueBased(g, distancePathMatrix, 2)
  $HMs
  [1] 2.776074
  $SMs
  [1] 14.61724
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.06841237
  $PMs
  [1] 36.29049
  $IPMs
  [1] 0.02755542
5. Augmented vertex degree matrix
  > eigenvalueBased(g, augmentedMatrix, 2)
  $HMs
  [1] 2.805871
  $SMs
  [1] 13.9841
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.07150979
  $PMs
  [1] 31.11596
  $IPMs
  [1] 0.03213785
6. Extended adjacency matrix
  > eigenvalueBased(g, extendedAdjacencyMatrix, 2)
  $HMs
```

[1] 2.926072

```
$SMs
  [1] 10.9429
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.09138349
  $PMs
  [1] 8.199051
  $IPMs
  [1] 0.1219653
7. Vertex Connectivity matrix
  > eigenvalueBased(g, vertConnectMatrix, 2)
  $HMs
  [1] 2.942791
  $SMs
  [1] 4.976892
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.2009286
  $PMs
  [1] 0.01643355
  $IPMs
  [1] 60.85111
8. Random Walk Markov matrix
  > eigenvalueBased(g, randomWalkMatrix, 2)
  $HMs
  [1] 2.942791
  $SMs
  [1] 4.976892
  $ISMs
  [1] 0.2009286
  $PMs
  [1] 0.01643355
  $IPMs
  [1] 60.85111
9. Weighted structure function matrix IM_1
  > eigenvalueBased(g, weightStrucFuncMatrix_lin, 2)
  $HMs
  [1] 0.8482934
  $SMs
```

[1] 3.277543

```
$ISMs
     [1] 0.3051066
     $PMs
     [1] 4.932483e-31
     $TPMs
     [1] 2.027376e+30
 10. Weighted structure function matrix IM_2
    > eigenvalueBased(g, weightStrucFuncMatrix_exp, 2)
     $HMs
     [1] 1.02449
     $SMs
     [1] 3.432103
     $ISMs
     [1] 0.2913665
    $PMs
     [1] 4.507051e-35
    $IPMs
     [1] 2.218746e+34
  For a detailed descripton of this classs see Dehmer et. al [23].
    Session Info
4
> sessionInfo()
R version 2.13.0 (2011-04-13)
Platform: x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu (64-bit)
locale:
                                 LC_NUMERIC=C
 [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
 [3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC_COLLATE=C
 [5] LC_MONETARY=C
                                 LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
 [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC_NAME=C
 [9] LC_ADDRESS=C
                                 LC_TELEPHONE=C
[11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
attached base packages:
[1] stats
              graphics
                        grDevices utils
                                              datasets methods
other attached packages:
                                   combinat_0.0-8 igraph_0.5.5-2 RBGL_1.26.0
[1] QuACN_1.3.2
                   Rmpfr_0.2-6
[6] graph_1.28.0
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] tools_2.13.0
```

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