# permPATH: Permutation Based Gene Expression Pathway Analysis

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#### 1 Introduction

This vignette describes the R extension package permPATH for performing permutation based gene expression pathway analysis. The package works by computing a score for each group (pathway) of genes. The score is a function of the individual gene test statistics involved in the pathway. Currently, the package computes as the score the mean of the test statistics, the mean of the absolute values of the test statistics and the so called maxmean score [1]. The individual test statistics that the package currently supports are the t-test statistic, the Wilcoxon, Pearson, the Spearman and the Jonckheere-Terpstra (JT) test statistics.

## 2 Adjusting for Multiple Comparisons

In addition to computing individual test statistics and scores, the package also computes raw permutation p-values, false discovery (FDR) adjusted p-values, Bonferroni corrected p-values, as well as family wise error (FWER) adjusted two sided permutation p-values.

#### 3 Data Format

The R package permPATH assumes that the gene expression data is in the form of a  $K \times n$  matrix, where K is the number of genes and n is the number of samples. The row names of the data frame should be the gene symbols. The phenotype data should be in the form of a vector of length n. The user also needs to provide a list of pre-defined pathways with each list element containing the gene symbols associated with the pathway. The name of each list element should be the pathway name.

## 4 Input Parameters

The code requires that the user also specifies the type of local test statistic for each gene, the global test statistic used to compute the score and the number of random permutations. The user can specify the minimum number of genes that a pathway should contain, thus filtering out pathways with smaller number of genes. Likewise, the user can specify the maximum number of genes that a pathway should contain, thus filtering out pathways with

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larger number of genes. In case of missing values, the user can specify a value that can be imputed in the gene expression data. The package also allows for the user to specify a transformation to be applied to the gene expression data prior to the analysis.

## 5 Output

The output of permPATH is in the form of a list with the following elements:

- res: Data frame consisting of the pathway names (Pathway), the genes involved in each pathway (Genes), the number of genes in each pathway (Size), the score for each pathway (Score), the permutation raw p-value (pval), the FWER-adjusted permutation p-value (pfwer), the FDR-adjusted permutation p-value, the Bonferroniadjusted permutation p-value (bonferroni). If specified by the user, annotation (anno) for each pathway.
- stats: The individual test statistic for each gene.
- scores: A matrix of scores. The matrix is of dimension (B+1)×M, where M is the number of pathways. The first column contains the unpermuted scores, the remaining B columns contain the scores computed after each permutation.

The results can be sorted according to decreasing order of absolute score values or according to increasing order of raw p-values. This can be specified by the user.

## 6 Examples

#### 6.1 Synthetic Data

In this section we demonstrate the use of permPATH on synthetically generated data.

```
# Generate toy phenotype and gene expression data sets
# This example consists of 40 genes grouped into 5 pathways and 100 patients
# grp is a binary trait (e.g., case vs control)
# bp is a continuous trait (e.g., blood pressure)
set.seed(1234)
library(permPATH)
## Loading required package: R2HTML
## Loading required package: xtable
grp = rep(1:0,each=n/2)
bp = rnorm(n)
g = rep(1:(n/20), rep(20,n/20))
pdat = data.frame(grp, bp, g)
rm(grp, bp)
expdat = matrix(rnorm(K*n),K,n)
## Assign marker names g1,\ldots,gK to the expression data set and ## patient ids id1,\ldots,idn to the expression and phenotype data
gnames = paste("g",1:K,sep="")
rownames(expdat) = gnames
patid = paste("id",1:n,sep="")
rownames(pdat) = patid
colnames(expdat) = patid
rownames(expdat)
# Group the K genes into M pathways of sizes {\it n1}, \ldots, {\it nM}
p = runif(M)
p = p/sum(p)
nM = rmultinom(1, size=K, prob=p)
gset = lapply(nM, function(x) {gnames[sample(x)]})
names(gset) = paste("pathway",1:M,sep="")
names(gset)
```

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## [1] "pathway1" "pathway2" "pathway3" "pathway4" "pathway5"
# Carry out permutation analysis with grp as the outcome
# using the two-sample Wilcoxon test with B=100 random permutations.
# The score is the maxmean test statistic
res = perm.path(expdat, y=pdat[["grp"]], local.test="wilcoxon", global.test="maxmean", B=100, gset=gset, min.num=2, max.num=50, sort="score")
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
                                                                                  Genes Size
## pathway2 pathway2 g3;g9;g10;g2;g7;g6;g8;g5;g4;g1;g1
## pathway3 pathway3 g7;g1;g8;g5;g3;g6;g4;g2
## nathway5 nathway5 g7;g3;g6;g4;g2
                                                                                            11 -0.8134707 0.68
                                                                                            8 -0.6783519 0.85
8 -0.6783519 0.85
## pathway5 pathway5 g6;g5;g4;g8;g2;g3;g1;g7
## pfwer fdr bonferroni
## pathways pathways
## pfwer fdr l
## pathway4 0.65 0.85
## pathway1 0.83 0.85
## pathway2 0.83 0.85
## pathway3 0.95 0.85
## pathway5 0.95 0.85
# Output individual test statistics
res[["stats"]]
## g5 g3 g8 g4 g10 g6
## 0.28264661 -1.12369264 0.08961966 -0.30332807 1.06854208 -0.01378764
## g1 g9 g2 g7 g11
## -0.42741683 -1.46838363 -1.52353419 1.17884320 -0.83415220
# Carry out permutation analysis with bp as the outcome # using the Spearman test with B=100\ random\ permutations
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"The score is the maxmean test statistic

res = perm.path(expdat, y=pdat[["bp"]], local.test="spearman",

global.test="maxmean", B=100, gset=gset, min.num=2,

max.num=50, sort="score")
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
                                                                                  Genes Size
## pathway3 pathway3 g7;g1;g8;g5;g3;g6;g4;g2 8 8 -0.09945395 0.42 ## pathway5 pathway5 g6;g5;g4;g8;g2;g3;g1;g7 8 -0.09945395 0.42 ## pathway1 pathway1 g5;g3;g8;g4;g10;g6;g1;g9;g2;g7;g11 11 -0.07216322 0.78
## pathway2 pathway2 g3;g9;g10;g2;g7;g6;g8;g5;g4;g11;g1 11 -0.07216322 0.78 ## pathway4 pathway4 g2;g1 2 0.02052205 0.97
## pathway4 pathway4
## pfwer fdr bonferroni
## pathway3 0.62 0.97 1
## pathway5 0.62 0.97
## pathway1 0.84 0.97
## pathway2 0.84 0.97
## pathway4 1.00 0.97
# Output individual test statistics
res[["stats"]]
## g5 g3 g8 g4 g10 g6
## 0.10024602 0.02095410 0.06522652 -0.09945395 0.02682268 0.03545155
## g1 g9 g2 g7 g11
## 0.02653465 -0.04487249 0.01450945 0.06544254 0.11585959
# Carry out permutation analysis with g as the outcome # using the JT test with B=100 random permutations. # The score is the maxmean test statistic
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
## Pathway Pathway1 g5;g3;g8;g4;g10;g6;g1;g9;g2;g7;g11 11 0.6674101 0.87
## pathway2 pathway2 g3;g9;g10;g2;g7;g6;g8;g5;g4;g11;g1
## pathway4 pathway4 g2;g1
                                                                                              11 0.6674101 0.87
                                                    g2;g1
g7;g1;g8;g5;g3;g6;g4;g2
g6;g5;g4;g8;g2;g3;g1;g7
                                                                                              2 0.5410500 0...0
8 0.4944718 0.98
8 0.4944718 0.98
## pathway3 pathway3
## pathway5 pathway5
## pfwer fdr bonferroni
## pathway1 0.95 0.98 1
## pathway2 0.95 0.98
## pathway4 0.99 0.98
## pathway3 1.00 0.98
## pathway5 1.00 0.98
```

```
## Output individual test statistics
res[["stats"]]

## g5 g3 g8 g4 g10 g6

## 0.45643546 0.43817805 -0.31037612 -0.27386128 -0.06694387 -0.39557740

## g1 g9 g2 g7 g11

## 0.76681158 1.51536574 0.31646192 -0.35297676 0.51120772
```

#### 6.2 Incorporating Annotation

This subsection describes the use of permPATH with real gene symbols that can be mapped to a gene pathway data base supported by Broad Institute. The user can also create pathways on the bases of files from the Molecular Signatures Database[2].

```
et.seed(1234)
 library(permPATH)
\#\ extract\ pathways\ available\ at\ "http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/resources/msigdb/4.0/c2.cp.reactome.v4.0.symbols.gmt"
# extract pathways available at "http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/resources/msigdb/
xx = readLines("c2.cp.reactome.v4.0.symbols.gmt")
pnames = as.character(sapply(xx, function(x){unlist(strsplit(x, "\t", fixed=TRUE))[1]}))
anno = as.character(sapply(xx, function(x){unlist(strsplit(x, "\t", fixed=TRUE))[2]}))
gset = lapply(xx, function(x){unlist(strsplit(x, "\t", fixed=TRUE))[-c(1,2)]})
armon(grat) = nearch
                    = pnames
 gset = list(gset, pnames, anno)
#intersect gene nsymbols with gene symbols from pathways
ind = unlist(lapply(gset[[1]], function(x){ifelse(length(intersect(x,gnames))>1, TRUE, FALSE)}))
gset[[1]] = gset[[1]][ind]
gset[[2]] = gset[[2]][ind]
gset[[2]] - gset[[2]][ind]
gset[[3]] = gset[[3]][ind]
gset[[1]] = lapply(gset[[1]], function(x){intersect(x, gnames)})
names(gset[[1]]) = gset[[2]]
names(gset[[3]]) = gset[[2]]
#create gene expression data
n = 220
K = length(gnames)
K = length(gnames)
expdat = matrix(abs(rnorm(K*n)), K, n)
rownames(expdat) = gnames
patid = paste("id",1:n,sep="")
colnames(expdat) = patid
 grp = rep(1:0, each=n/2)
 bp = abs(rnorm(n))
 g = rep(1:(n/20), rep(20,n/20))
 pdat = data.frame(grp, bp, g)
 rm(grp, bp)
 # Carry out permutation analysis with grp as the outcome
# using the two-sample Wilcoxon test with B=10000 random permutations. # The score is the maxmean test statistic
max.num=50, sort="score", anno=gset[[3]])
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
 ## REACTOME_DEFENSINS
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## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
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REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
                                                                                    Genes Size
 ## REACTOME DEFENSINS
                                                                     CCR2; TLR1; TLR2 3 -1.806970
```

```
CCR2; TLR1; TLR2 3 -1.806970
## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION
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IL8;CCL2
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2 -1.652329
## REACTOME ACTIVATION OF GENES BY ATF4
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## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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                                                                                                                                                       2 -1.652329
                                                                                                           pval pfwer fdr bonferroni
0.082 0.834 0.73 1
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## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
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## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
 ## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
# Carry out permutation analysis with bp as the outcome # using the Spearman test with B=10000 random permutations \,
 # The
               score is the maxmean test statistic
res = perm.path(expdat, y=pdat[["grp"]], local.test="spearman", global.test="maxmean", B=10^4, gset-gset[[1]], min.num=2, max.num=50, sort="score", anno=gset[[3]])
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
## REACTOME DEFENSINS
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 ## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
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## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
##
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 ## REACTOME_DEFENSINS
                                                                                                           CCR2; TLR1; TLR2
## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
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IL8;CCL2
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        REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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                                                                                                                                                       2 -0.1116540
                                                                                                          pval pfwer fdr
0.072 0.825 0.689
                                                                                                                                             fdr bonferroni
## REACTOME DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
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## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION 0.107 0.927 0.689
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## REACTOME ACTIVATION OF GENES BY ATF4
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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## REACTOME_DEFENSINS http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/cards/REACTOME_DEFENSINS
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## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/cards/REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/cards/REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
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## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
## REACTOME_DEFENSINS
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## REACTOME BETA DEFENSINS
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 ## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
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## REACTOME PERK REGULATED GENE EXPRESSION REACTOME PERK REGULATED GENE EXPRESSION
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
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Genes Size Score

CCR2;TLR1;TLR2 3 -1.806970

CCR2;TLR1;TLR2 3 -1.852329

IL8;CCL2 2 -1.652329
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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## REACTOME DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION
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## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
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 ## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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                                                                                                         pval pfwer fdr bonferroni
0.074 0.83 0.726 1
0.074 0.83 0.726 1
##
## REACTOME_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_BETA_DEFENSINS
## REACTOME_DIABETES_PATHWAYS 0.106 0.93 0.726 ## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION 0.106 0.93 0.726
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4 0.106 0.93 0.726
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## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE 0.106 0.93 0.726
## REACTOME_DEFENSINS
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## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
                                                              http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/cards/REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
# Carry out permutation analysis with g as the outcome # using the JT test with B=10000 random permutations.
# The score is the maxmean test statistic
# Output results for top pathways
head(res[["res"]])
## REACTOME DIABETES PATHWAYS
                                                                         REACTOME DIABETES PATHWAYS
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4 REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4
## REACTOME INFOLDED PROTEIN RESPONSE
                                                           REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
## REACTOME IL RECEPTOR SHC SIGNALING
                                                              REACTOME_IL_RECEPTOR_SHC_SIGNALING
## REACTOME_IL_2_SIGNALING
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4 IL8;CCL2
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE IL8;CCL2
                                                                      2 1.671291 0.104 0.917
2 1.671291 0.104 0.917
                                                        IL8;CCL2
                                                                      2 1.599507 0.119 0.950
## REACTOME_IL_RECEPTOR_SHC_SIGNALING
                                                        CSF2;IL2
                                                                        2 1.599507 0.119 0.950
## REACTOME_IL_2_SIGNALING
                                                        CSF2;IL2
                                                           fdr bonferroni
## REACTOME DIABETES PATHWAYS
                                                        0.521
## REACTOME_PERK_REGULATED_GENE_EXPRESSION 0.521
## REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_GENES_BY_ATF4 0.521
## REACTOME_UNFOLDED_PROTEIN_RESPONSE
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## REACTOME_IL_RECEPTOR_SHC_SIGNALING
## REACTOME_IL_2_SIGNALING
```

## 7 Exporting Results to HTML File

The user has the option to export the results of permPATH to an HTML file via the function permPATH2HTML. This option is useful when pathways have large number of genes and allows for improved readability of the results.

```
library(permPATH)
set.seed(1234)
n = 100
K = 40
grp = rep(1:0,each=n/2)
bp = rnorm(n)

pdat = data.frame(grp, bp)
rm(grp, bp)
expdat = matrix(rnorm(K*n),K,n)

## Assign marker names g1,...,gK to the expression data set and
## patient ids id1,...,idn to the expression and phenotype data
gnames = paste("g",1:K,sep="")
rownames(expdat) = gnames
patid = paste("id",1:n,sep="")
rownames(expdat) = patid

#Group the K genes into M pathways of sizes n1,...,nM
M = 5
p = runif(M)
p = p/sum(p)
nM = rmultinom(n, size=K, prob=p)
gset = lapply(nM, function(x){gnames[sample(x)]})
names(get) = paste("pathway",1:M,sep="")
```

```
# create an html file #epermPATH2HTML(rstab, dir="/dir/", fname="tophits")
sessionInfo()
## R version 3.4.0 (2017-04-21)
## Platform: i686-pc-linux-gnu (32-bit)
## Running under: Ubuntu 16.04.2 LTS
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /usr/lib/libblas/libblas.so.3.6.0
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/lapack/liblapack.so.3.6.0
## locale:
## [1] LO
    [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
   [3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8 LC_NOMERIC=C
[5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8 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 base
## other attached packages:
## [1] permPATH_1.1 xtable_1.8-2 R2HTML_2.3.2
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] compiler_3.4.0 magrittr_1.5 tools_3.4.0 stringi_1.1.5
## [5] highr_0.6 knitr_1.16 stringr_1.2.0 evaluate_0.10
```

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