



## **pathfindR v2**

Enrichment Analysis Utilizing Active Subnetworks

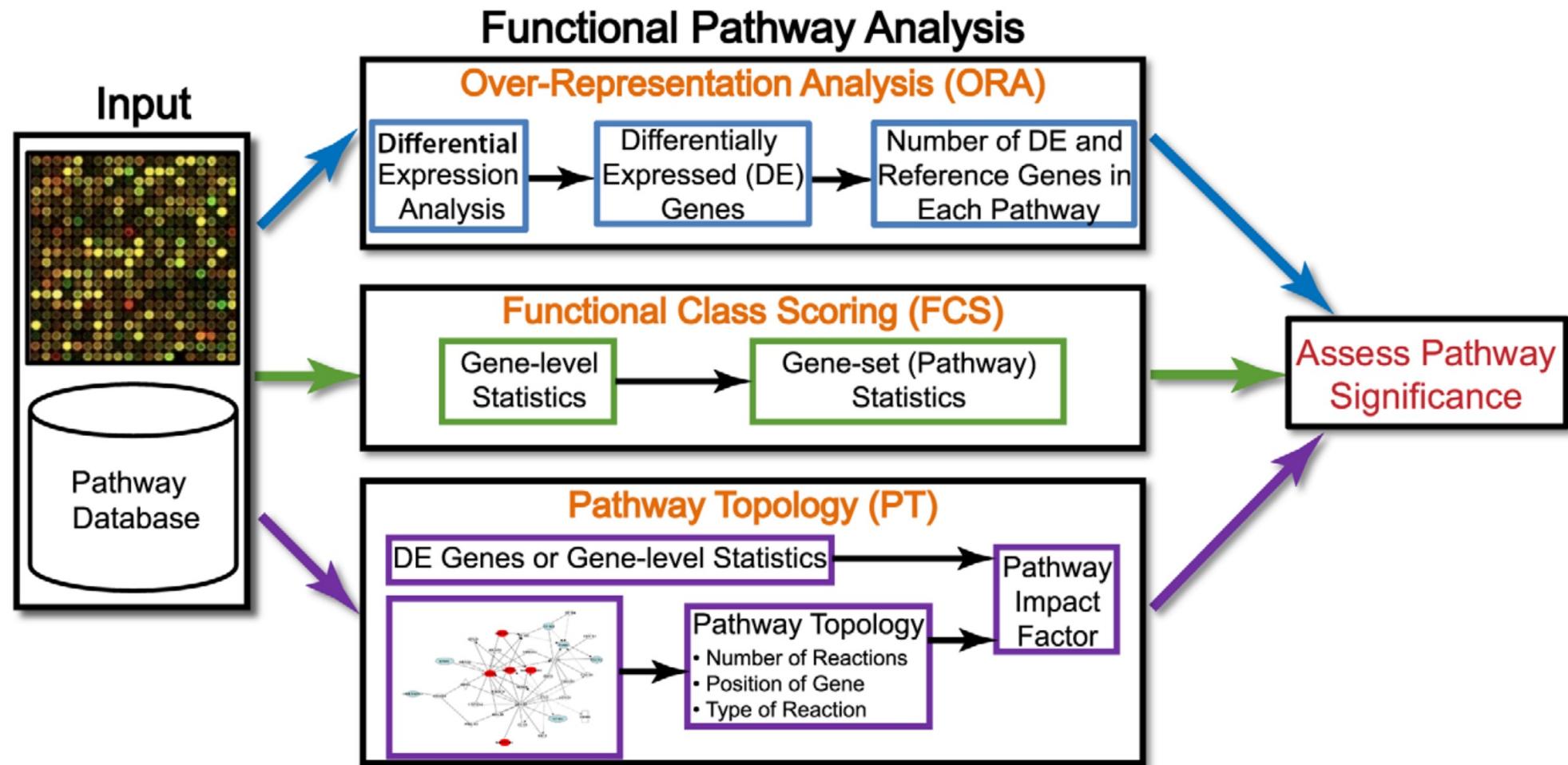
# New in Version 2

- updated the java active subnetwork search component and added the seedForRandom argument in active\_snw\_search() to ensure **reproducibility**
  - By default behavior, in run\_pathfindR(), a seed is set for each iteration to produce reproducible results
- visualization enriched term diagrams are now NOT part of run\_pathfindR()
- default behavior of run\_pathfindR() is now to run in a **temporary directory**
  - The user can still set output\_dir to run in a specified directory and also produce HTML reports
- added the disable\_parallel argument in active\_snw\_enrichment\_wrapper() to be able to **disable parallel runs** via foreach

# Background

- One of the most common use cases of NGS technologies is to perform experiments comparing two groups of samples (typically disease versus control) to identify **a list of significant (altered) genes**
- This list alone often falls short of providing mechanistic insights into the underlying biology of the disease being studied
- To **reduce the complexity of analysis while simultaneously providing great explanatory power**, one can investigate groups of genes that function in the same pathways/gene sets: **enrichment analysis**

# Background



# Motivation

- Utilizing protein-protein interaction information **enhances** enrichment results
  - Previous successful applications include GNEA, EnrichNet, NetPEA, PANOGA\*

*Liu M, Liberzon A, Kong SW, et al. Network-based analysis of affected biological processes in type 2 diabetes models. PLoS Genet. 2007;3(6):e96.*

*Glaab E, Baudot A, Krasnogor N, Schneider R, Valencia A. EnrichNet: network-based gene set enrichment analysis. Bioinformatics. 2012;28(18):i451-i457.*

*Liu L, Wei J, Ruan J. Pathway Enrichment Analysis with Networks. Genes (Basel). 2017;8(10)*

*Bakir-gungor B, Egemen E, Sezerman OU. PANOGA: a web server for identification of SNP-targeted pathways from genome-wide association study data. Bioinformatics. 2014;30(9):1287-9.*

- With pathfindR, our aim was likewise to **exploit interaction information** to extract the most relevant gene sets (of pathways/gene ontology terms/transcription factor target genes, miRNA target genes etc.)

\* pathfindR was developed based on PANOGA: a previous approach developed by our group for genome-wide association studies

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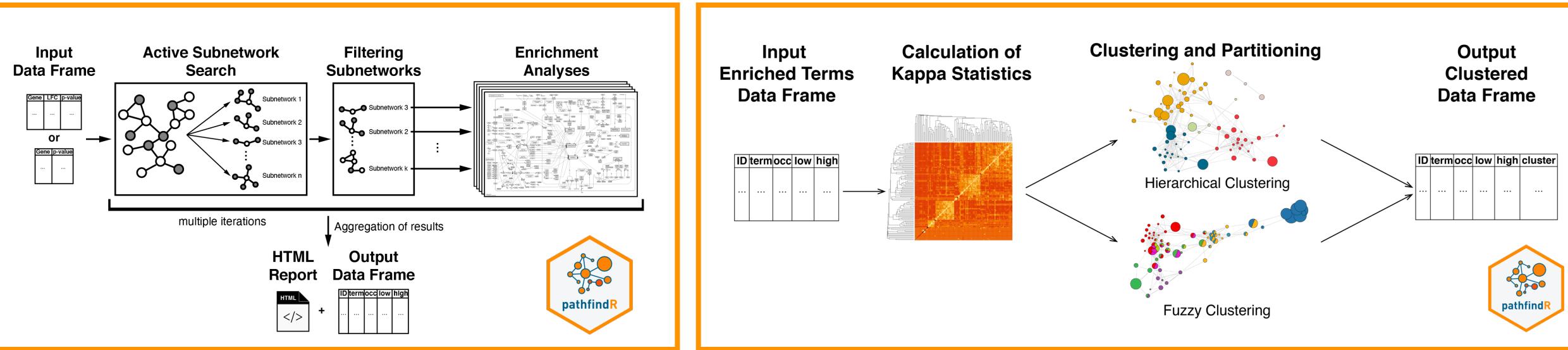
# pathfindR: An R Package for Comprehensive Identification of Enriched Pathways in Omics Data Through Active Subnetworks



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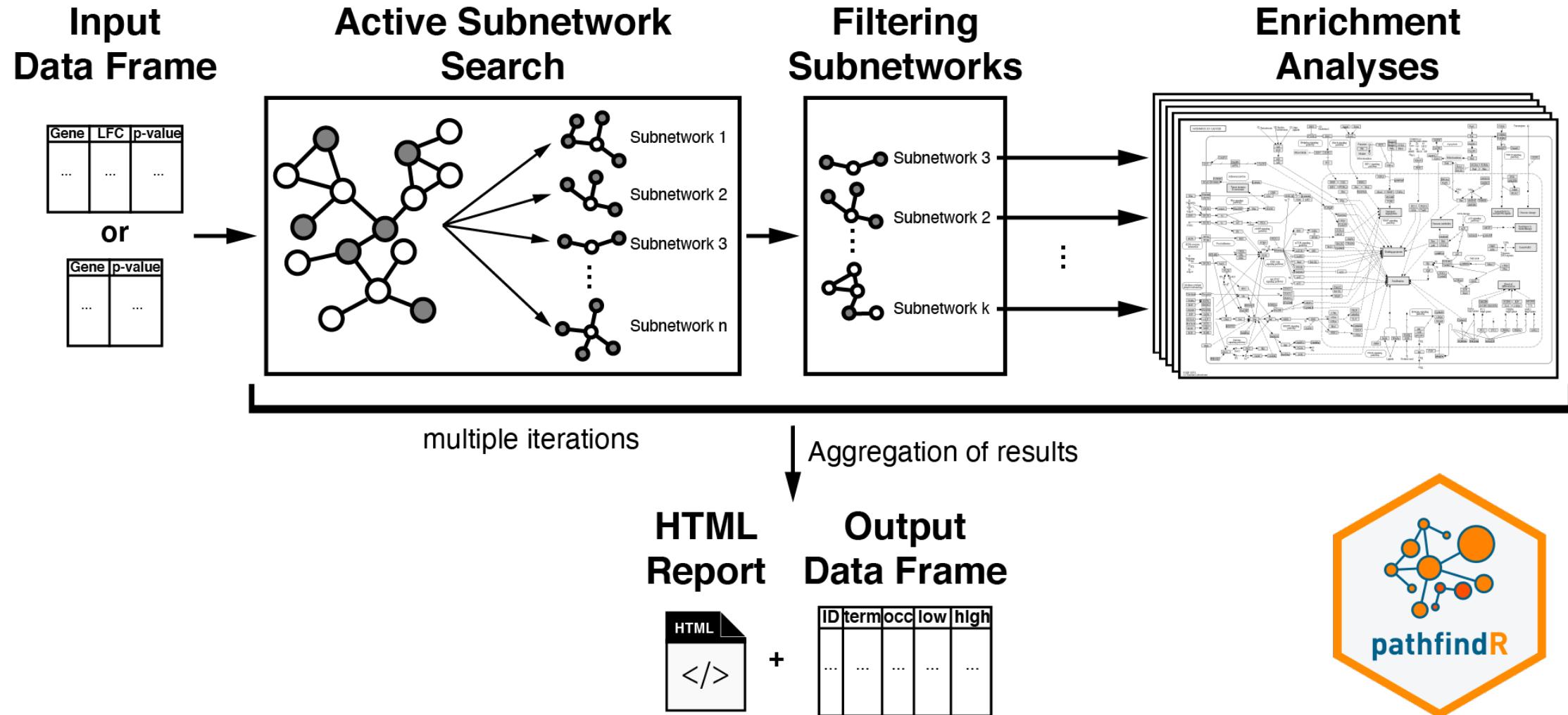


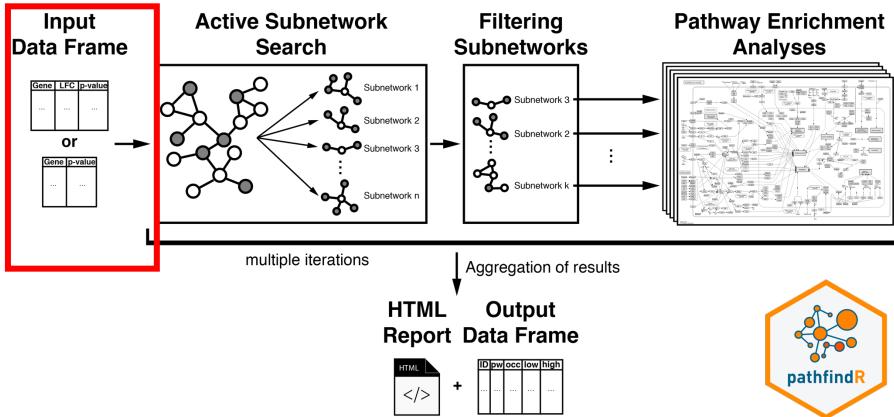
- Using input genes, pathfindR identifies sets of genes that form **active subnetworks** within a protein-protein interaction network

*An active subnetwork can be defined as a group of interconnected genes in a PIN that predominantly consists of significantly altered genes.*

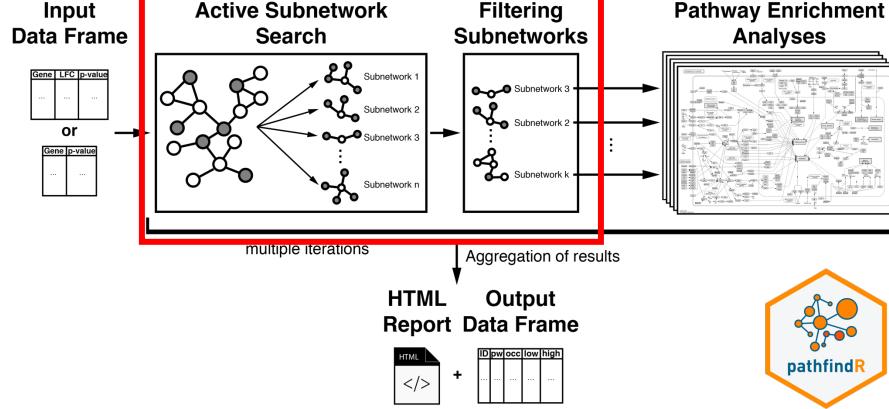
- It then performs **enrichment analyses** on the identified active subnetworks (see above diagram)
- Additionally, pathfindR provides functionality to:
  - Cluster enriched terms** (see above diagram)
  - Calculate **agglomerated score per term activity per subject**
  - Combine and **compare** 2 pathfindR enrichment results
  - Create various **visualizations** of the analysis

# Active Subnetwork-oriented Enrichment Workflow





Gene Symbol	Change Value (OPTIONAL)	p-value
FAM110A	-0.6939359	0.0000034
RNASE2	1.3535040	0.0000101
S100A8	1.5448338	0.0000347
S100A9	1.0280904	0.0002263
TEX261	-0.3235994	0.0002263
ARHGAP17	-0.6919330	0.0002708
⋮		



## Scoring of Subnetworks

In pathfindR, we followed the scoring scheme that was proposed by Ideker et al., 2002). The p value of each gene is converted to a z score using equation (1), and the score of a subnetwork is calculated using equation (2). In equation (1)  $\Phi^{-1}$  is the inverse normal cumulative distribution function. In equation (2), A is the set of genes in the subnetwork and k is its cardinality.

$$z_i = \Phi^{-1}(1 - p_i) \quad (1)$$

$$z_A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{i \in A} z_i \quad (2)$$

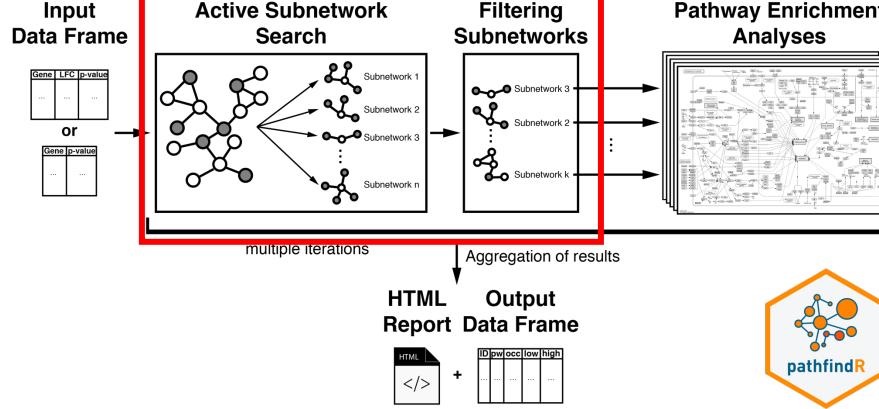
In the same scoring scheme, a Monte Carlo approach is used for the calibration of the scores of subnetworks against a background distribution. Using randomly selected genes, 2,000 subnetworks of each possible size are constructed, and for each possible size, the mean and standard deviation of the score is calculated. These values are used to calibrate the subnetwork score using equation (3).

$$s_A = \frac{(z_A - \mu_k)}{\sigma_k} \quad (3)$$

# Active Subnetwork Search

- Available Protein Interaction Networks (PINs):
  - Biogrid\*
  - STRING
  - GeneMania
  - IntAct
  - KEGG PIN
  - mmu\_STRING (M.musculus)
  - Custom PIN ([path/to/PIN](#))
- *The user may also use [get\\_pin\\_file\(\)](#) for obtaining organism-specific PIN data*

\*default options for pathfindR



# Active Subnetwork Search



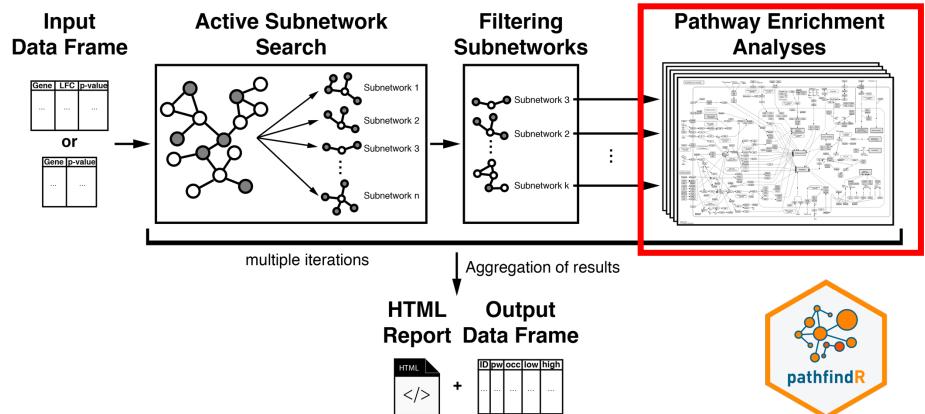
## Subnetwork filtering

An active subnetwork passes the filter if it:

1. has a score larger than the given quantile threshold (default is 0.80) **and**
2. contains at least a specified proportion of input genes (default is 0.02).

# Choice of Active Subnetwork Search Method

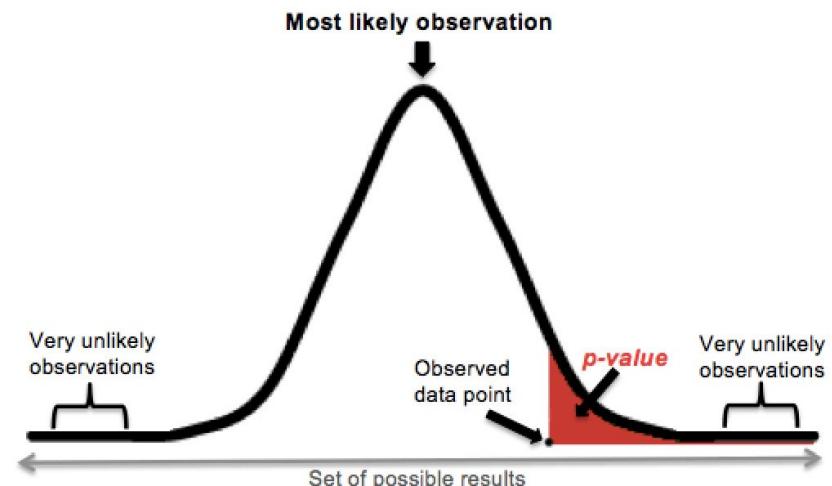
- In pathfindR, we use multiple subnetworks obtained via the chosen active subnetwork search algorithm
- We then filter the subnetworks and perform enrichment on the genes of each of these subnetworks separately and the enrichment results are aggregated later
- For this approach, the **default greedy algorithm** is sufficient and fast
- If the user decides to use the single highest scoring active subnetwork for the enrichment process, they are encouraged to consider greedy algorithm with greater depth, simulated annealing or genetic algorithm



## One-sided Hypergeometric Testing

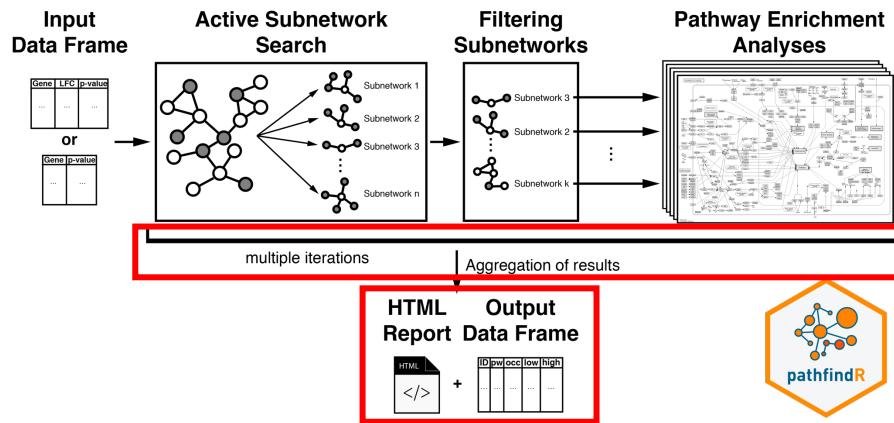
$$P(X = k) = \frac{\binom{K}{k} \binom{N-K}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

- Available gene sets/pathways:
  - KEGG\*
  - Reactome
  - BioCarta
  - Gene Ontology gene sets
    - GO – All (i.e., GO-BP + GO-CC + GO-MF)
    - GO – BP
    - GO – CC
    - GO – MF
  - mmu\_KEGG (M.musculus KEGG)
  - Custom gene sets/pathways
  - The user may also use `get_gene_sets_list()` for obtaining organism-specific gene sets list from KEGG, Reactome and MSigDB



A **p-value** (shaded red area) is the probability of an observed (or more extreme) result arising by chance

\*default gene sets for pathfindR

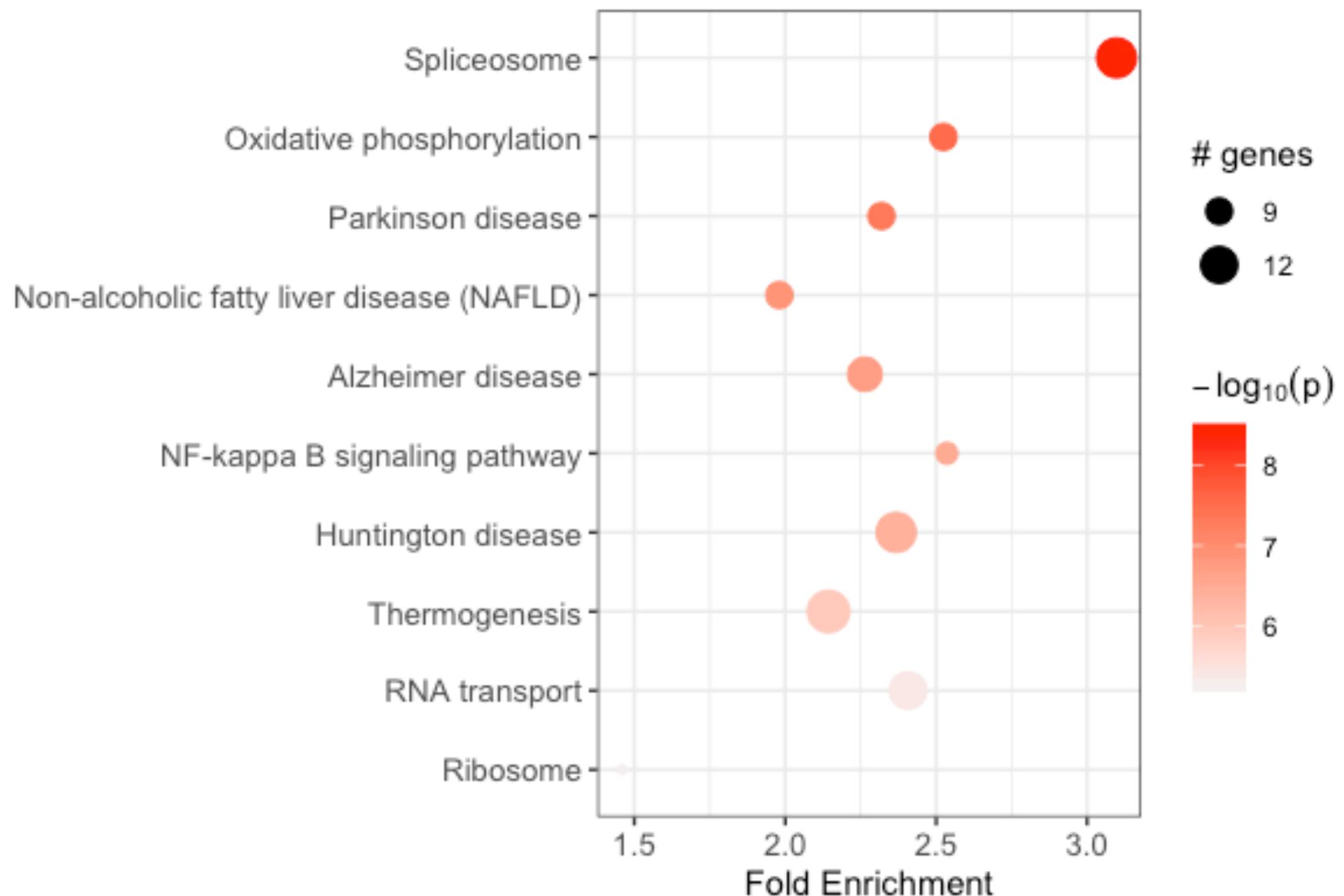


ID	Term_Description	Fold_Enrichment	occurrence	lowest_p	highest_p	Up_regulated	Down_regulated
hsa00190	Oxidative phosphorylation	71.86252	10	3e-07	3e-07	NDUFB3, NDUFA1, COX7C, COX7A2, UQCRC, COX6A1, ATP6V0E1, ATP6V1D	ATP6V0E2
hsa05012	Parkinson's disease	63.72714	10	4e-07	4e-07	NDUFA1, NDUFB3, UQCRC, COX6A1, COX7A2, COX7C	SLC25A5, VDAC1, UBE2G1

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# pathfindR - Results

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pathfindR-Enrichment results are presented below:

## All terms found to be enriched

A table that lists all terms found to be enriched as well as lists of up- or down-regulated genes for each term. If it was requested, the term descriptions are linked to the visualizations of these terms, where affected color genes are colored by change values (if provided).

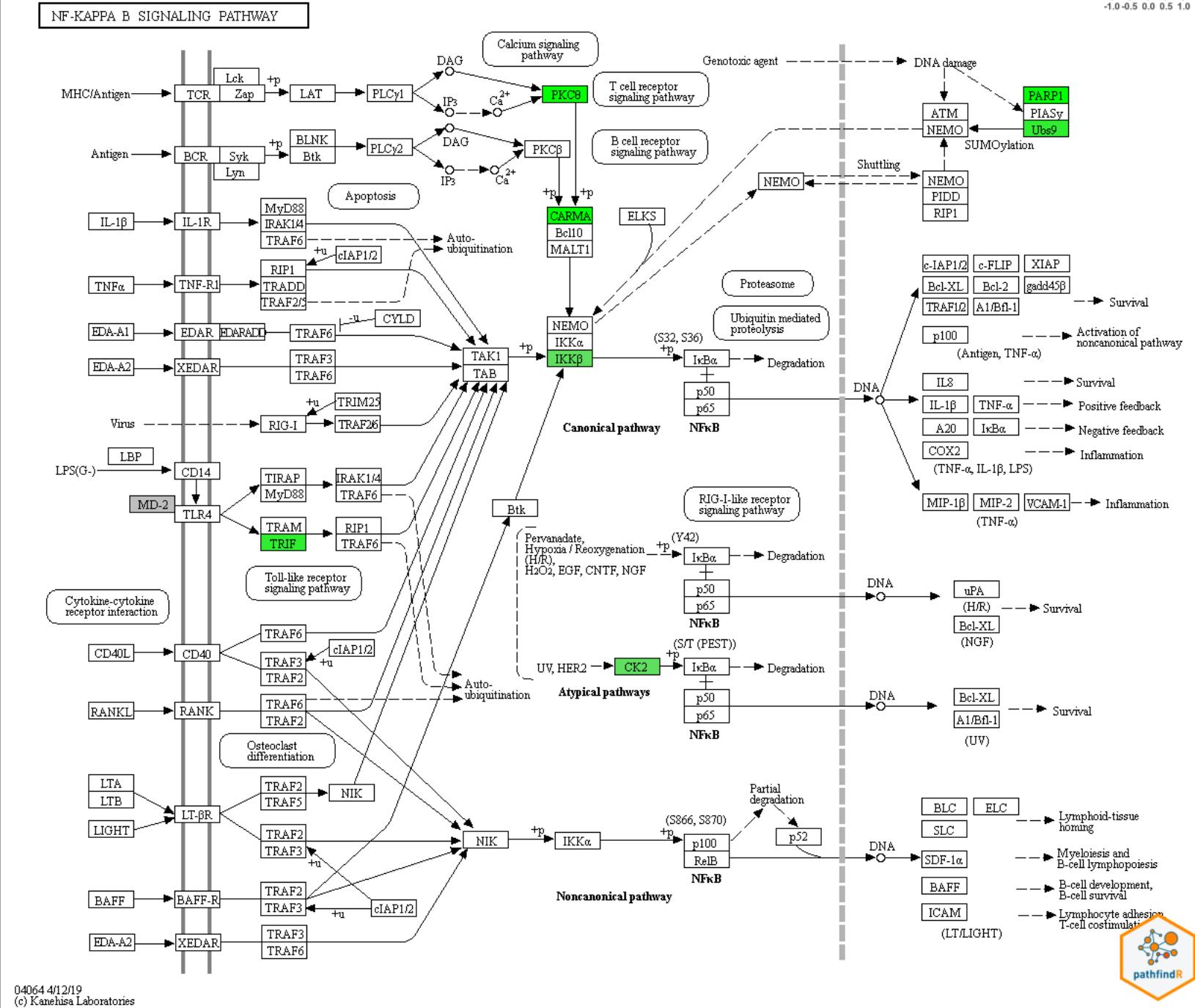
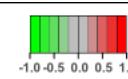
## Tables of genes with converted gene symbols and genes without interactions

- A table listing the genes whose symbols (Old Symbol) were converted to aliases (Converted Symbol) that were in the protein-protein interaction network.
- A table listing the input genes for which no interactions in the PIN were found (after the aliases were also checked).



# pathfindR - All Enriched Terms - KEGG

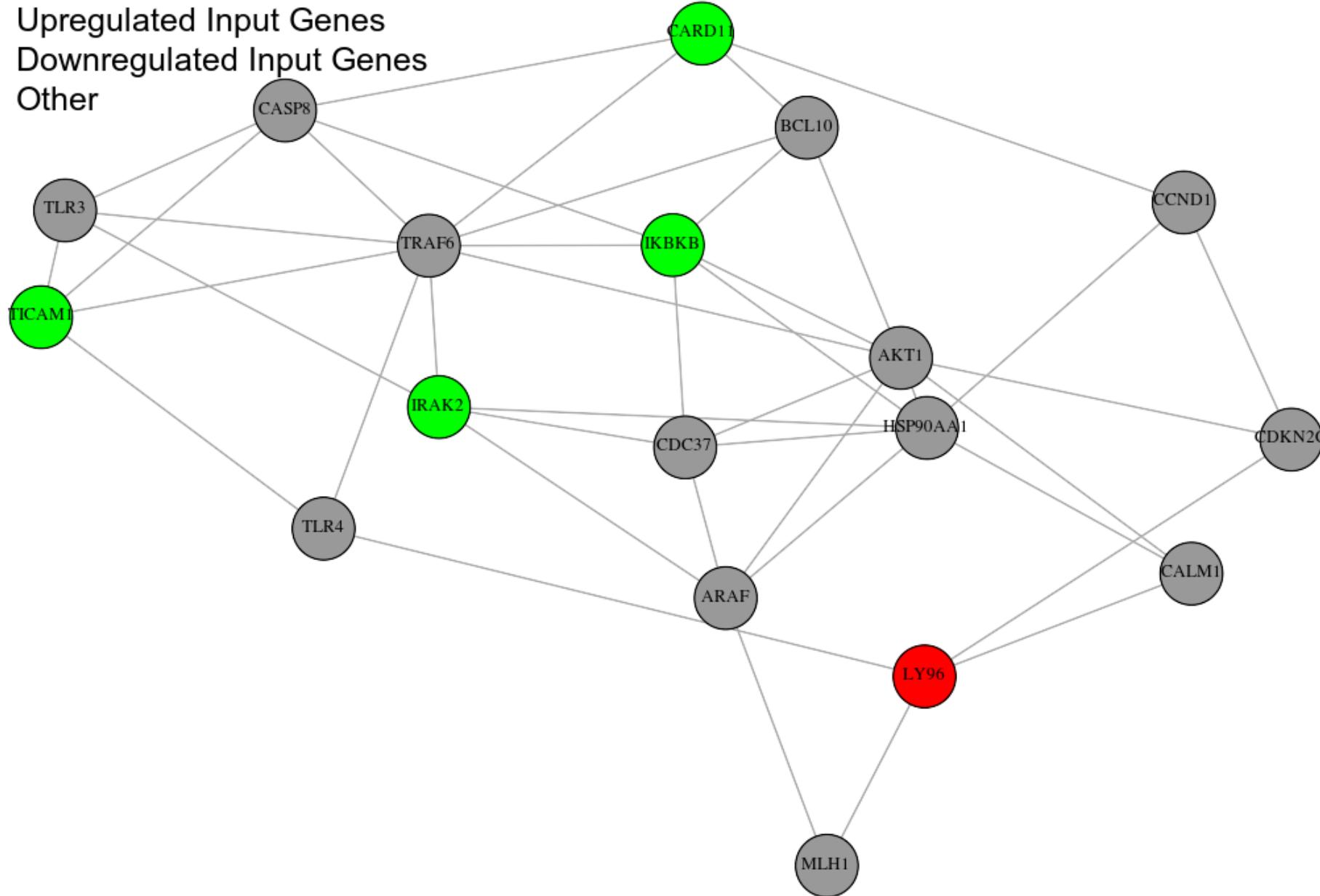
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hsa03040	Spliceosome	3.09750	1	1.1e-09	1.1e-09	SF3B6, LSM3, BUD31	SNRPB, SF3B2, U2AF2, PUF60, DDX23, EIF4A3, HNRNPA1, PCBP1, SRSF8, SRSF5
hsa00190	Oxidative phosphorylation	2.52397	1	2.9e-08	2.9e-08	NDUFA1, NDUFB3, UQCRRQ, COX6A1, COX7A2, COX7C, ATP6V1D, ATP6V0E1	ATP6V0E2
hsa05012	Parkinson disease	2.31877	1	4.9e-08	4.9e-08	NDUFA1, NDUFB3, UQCRRQ, COX6A1, COX7A2, COX7C	UBE2G1, VDAC1, SLC25A5
hsa04932	Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)	1.98061	1	1.3e-07	1.3e-07	DDIT3, NDUFA1, NDUFB3, UQCRRQ, COX6A1, COX7A2, COX7C	IKBKB, FASLG
hsa03410	Base excision repair	4.80149	1	1.6e-07	1.6e-07	POLE4	MUTYH, APEX2, POLD2, PARP1
hsa05010	Alzheimer disease	2.26356	1	1.9e-07	1.9e-07	GAPDH, RTN3, NDUFA1, NDUFB3, UQCRRQ, COX6A1, COX7A2, COX7C	CALM3, CALM1, ATP2A2
hsa04064	NF-kappa B signaling pathway	2.53519	1	3.0e-07	3.0e-07	LY96	PRKCQ, CARD11, TICAM1, IKBKB, UBE2I, CSNK2A2, PARP1



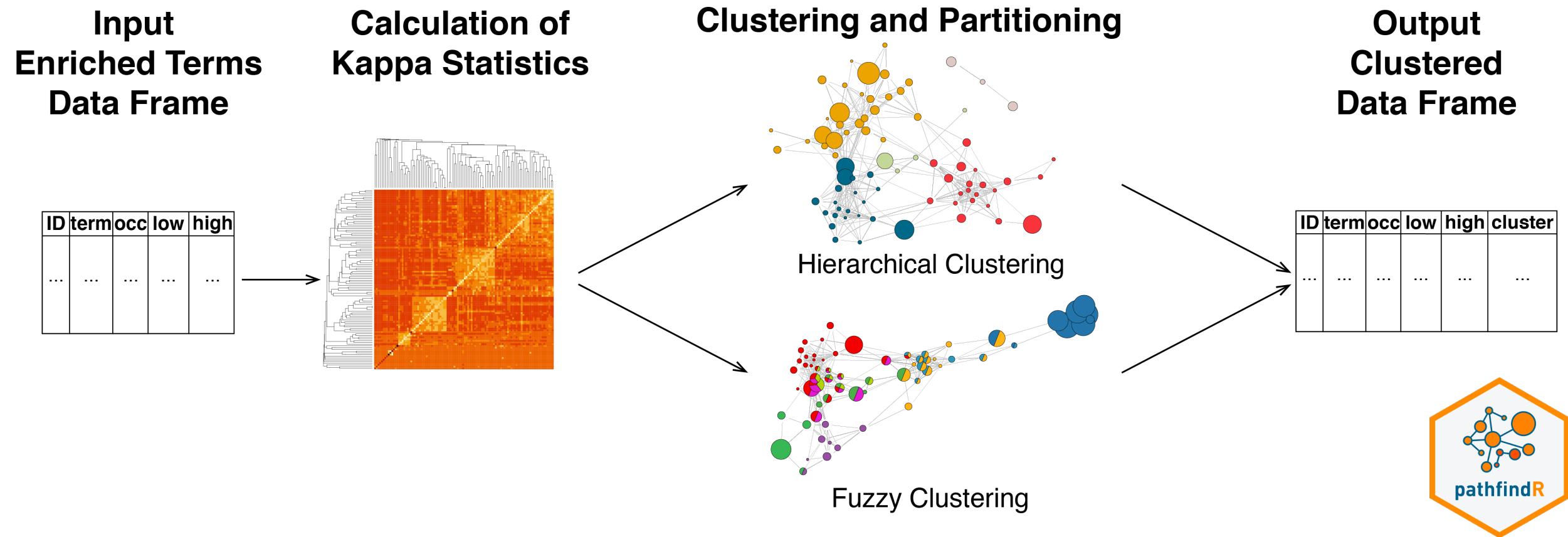
# I-kappaB kinase-NF-kappaB signaling Involved Gene Interactions in Biogrid

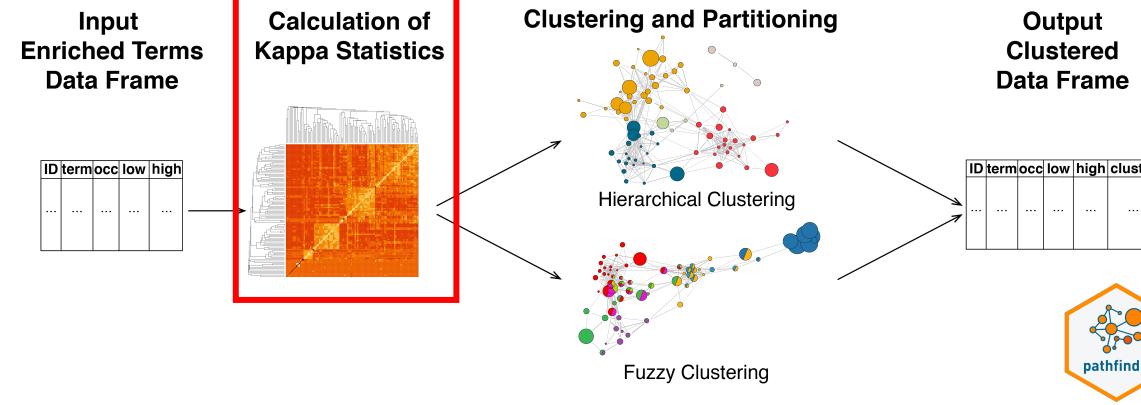


- Upregulated Input Genes
- Downregulated Input Genes
- Other



# Enriched Term Clustering





Using  
1 – kappa similarity  
as distance metric for clustering

(a) (b)

	Cell death	Apoptosis	Ph domain	Sh2 domain	Apoptosis pathway	Membrane
Gene a	1	1	0	0	1	0
Gene b	1	1	0	1	1	0
Gene c	1	0	0	1	1	1
Gene d	1	1	0	0	1	1
Gene e	0	1	1	1	1	1
Gene f	0	0	1	1	0	1
Gene g	0	0	1	1	0	1

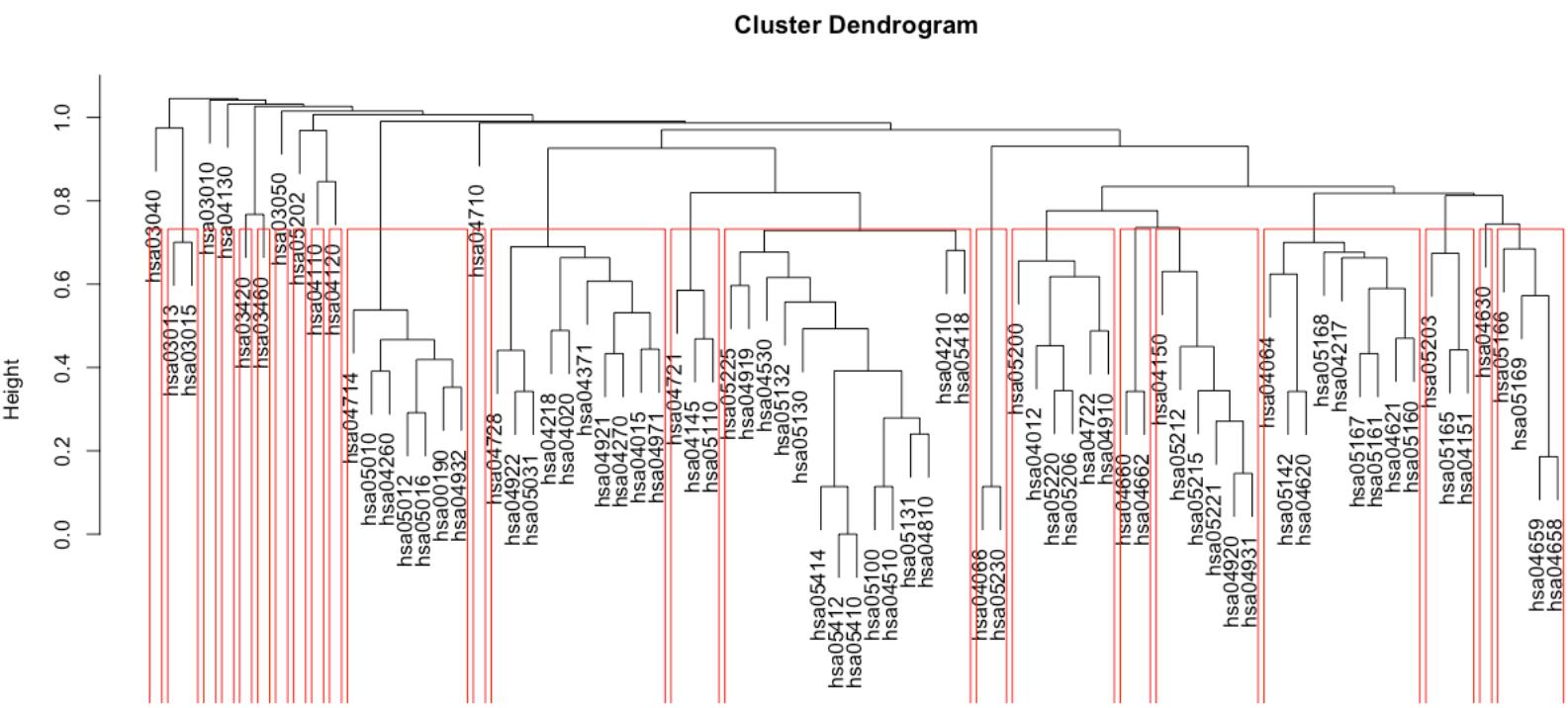
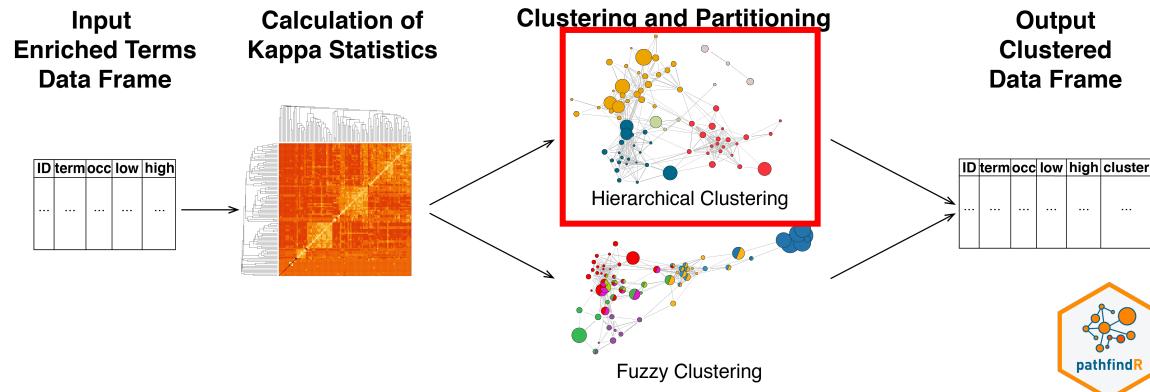
		Gene a		Row total
		1	0	
Gene b	1	3 ( $C_{1,1}$ )	1 ( $C_{0,1}$ )	4 ( $C_{1,\cdot}$ )
	0	0 ( $C_{0,1}$ )	2 ( $C_{0,0}$ )	2 ( $C_{0,\cdot}$ )
Column total		3 ( $C_{\cdot,1}$ )	3 ( $C_{\cdot,0}$ )	6 ( $T_{ab}$ )

$$O_{ab} = \frac{C_{1,1} + C_{0,0}}{T_{ab}} = \frac{3 + 2}{6} = 0.83$$

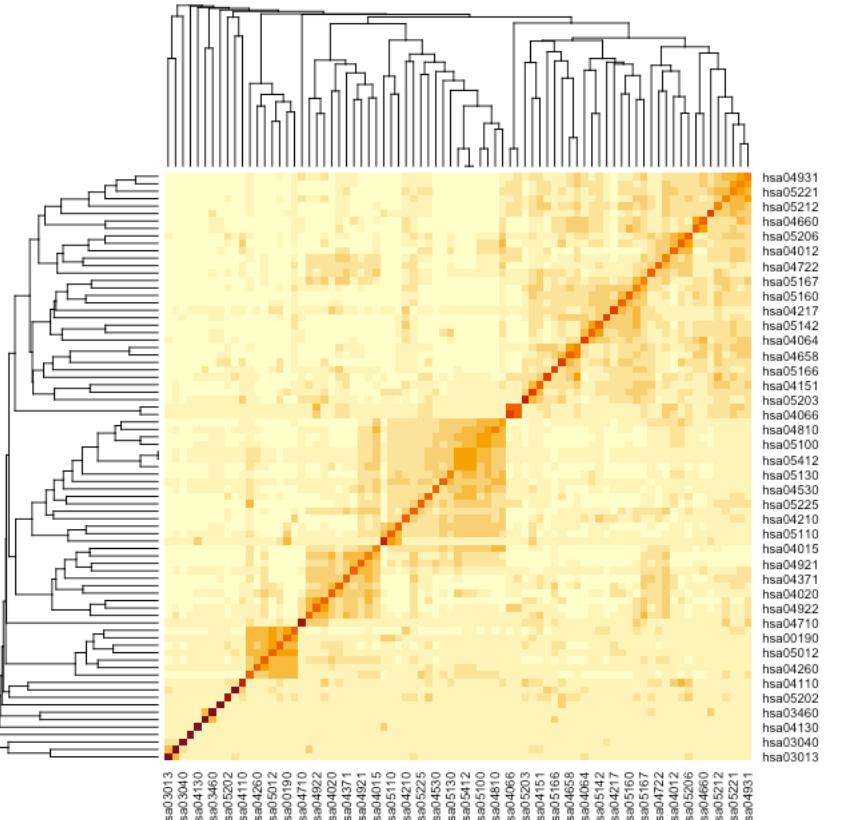
$$A_{ab} = \frac{C_{\cdot,1} \cdot C_{1,\cdot} + C_{\cdot,0} \cdot C_{0,\cdot}}{T_{ab} \cdot T_{ab}} = \frac{3 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 2}{6 \cdot 6} = 0.5$$

$$K_{ab} = \frac{O_{ab} - A_{ab}}{1 - A_{ab}} = \frac{0.83 - 0.5}{1 - 0.5} = 0.66$$

Huang DW, Sherman BT, Tan Q, et al.  
The DAVID Gene Functional  
Classification Tool: a novel biological  
module-centric algorithm to functionally  
analyze large gene lists. *Genome Biol.*  
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stats::as.dist(1 - kappa_mat2)  
  stats::hclust (*, "average")
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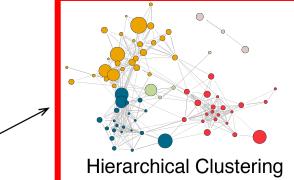
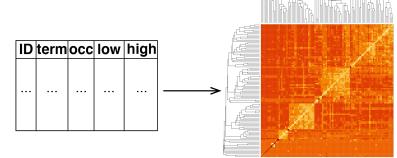
The optimal number of clusters is automatically determined by maximizing the average silhouette width

Input  
Enriched Terms  
Data Frame

Calculation of  
Kappa Statistics

Clustering and Partitioning

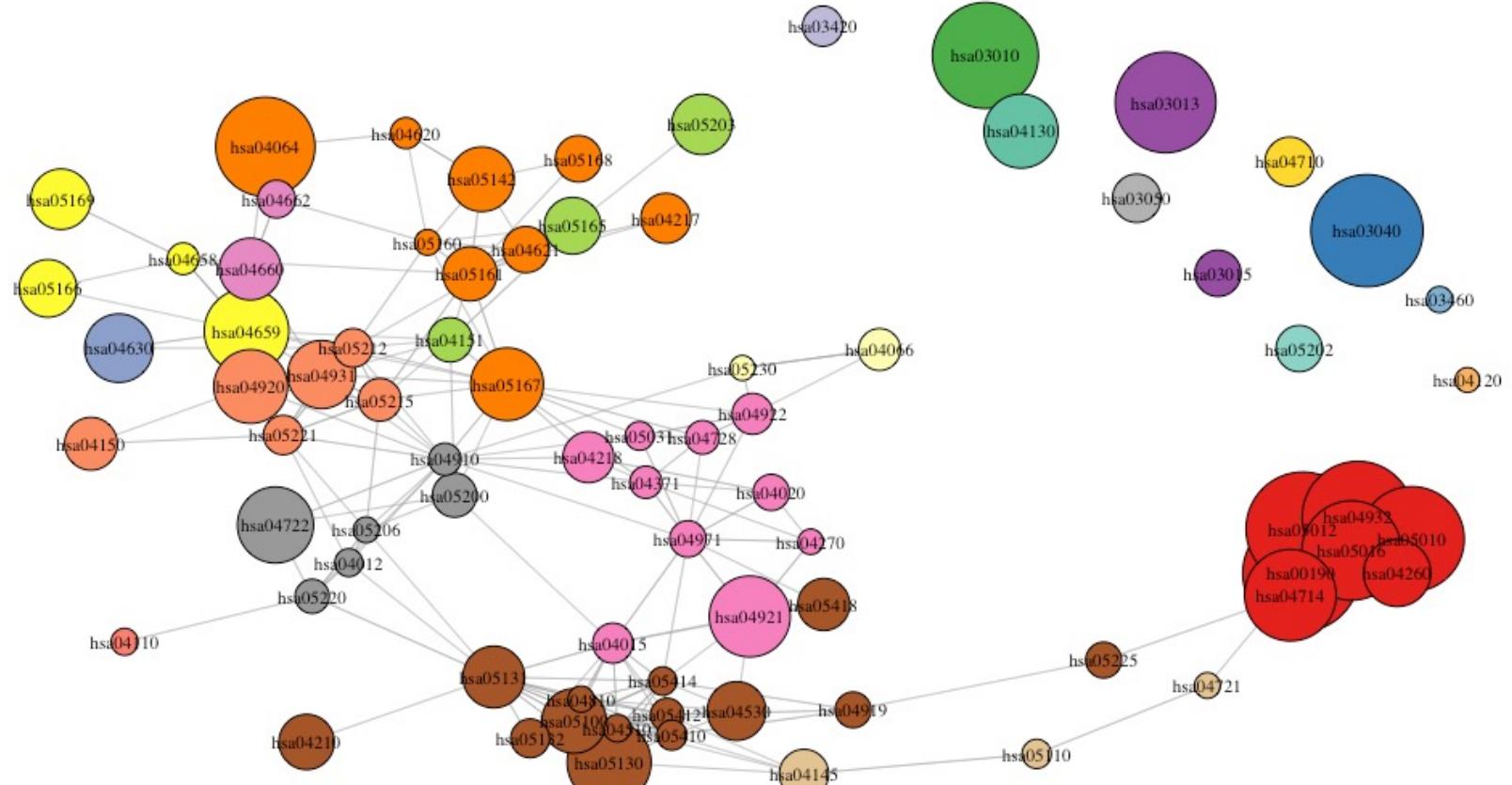
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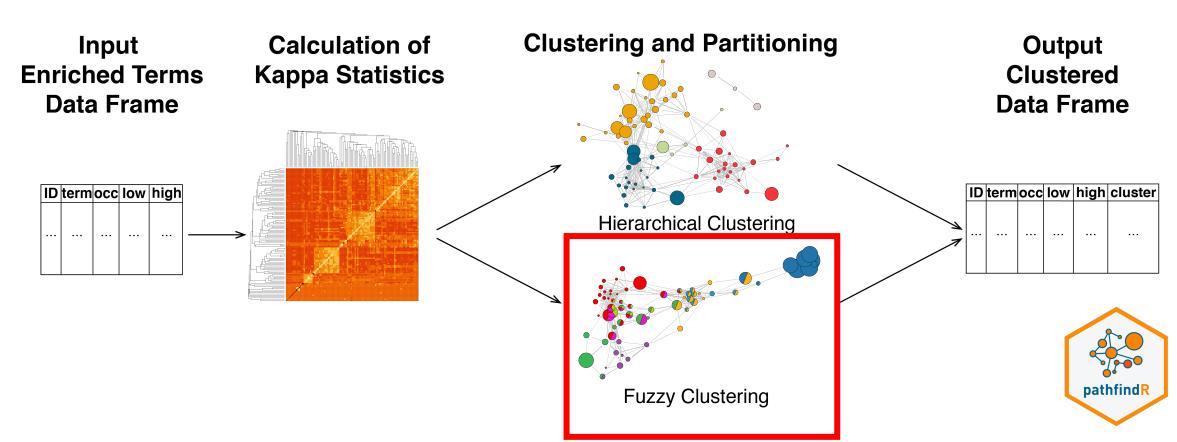


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kappa < 0.35 (default)

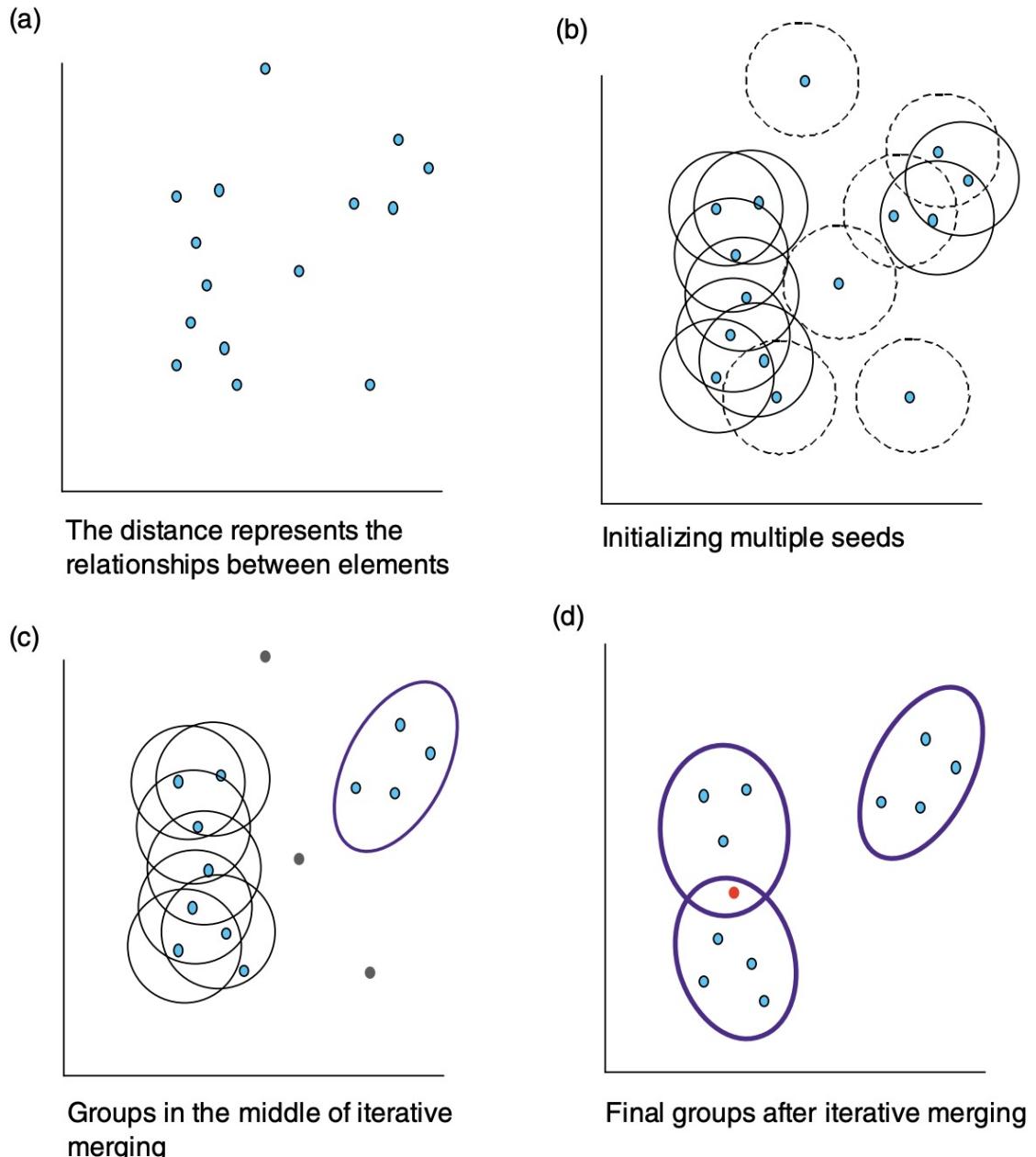




Using  
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# The heuristic fuzzy partition algorithm



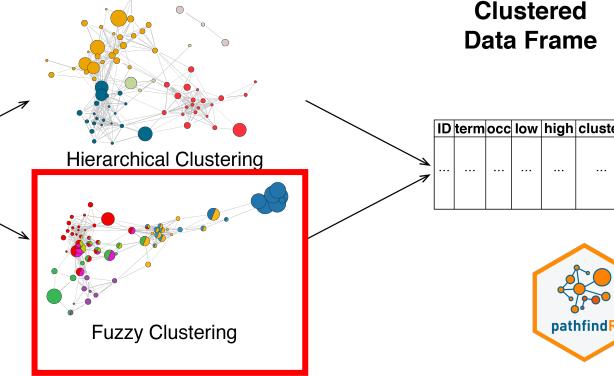
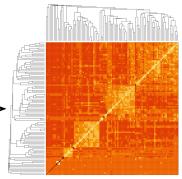
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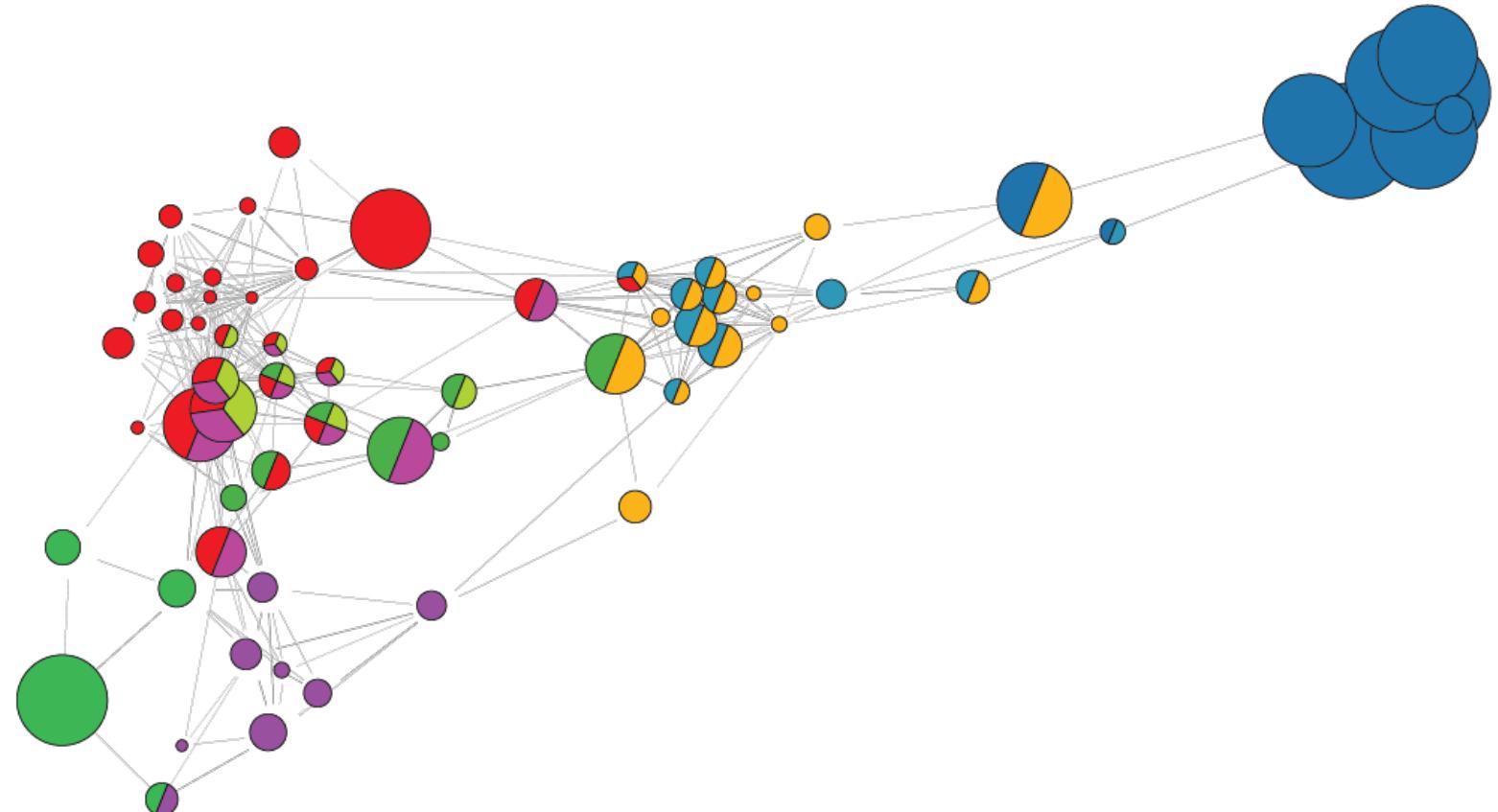
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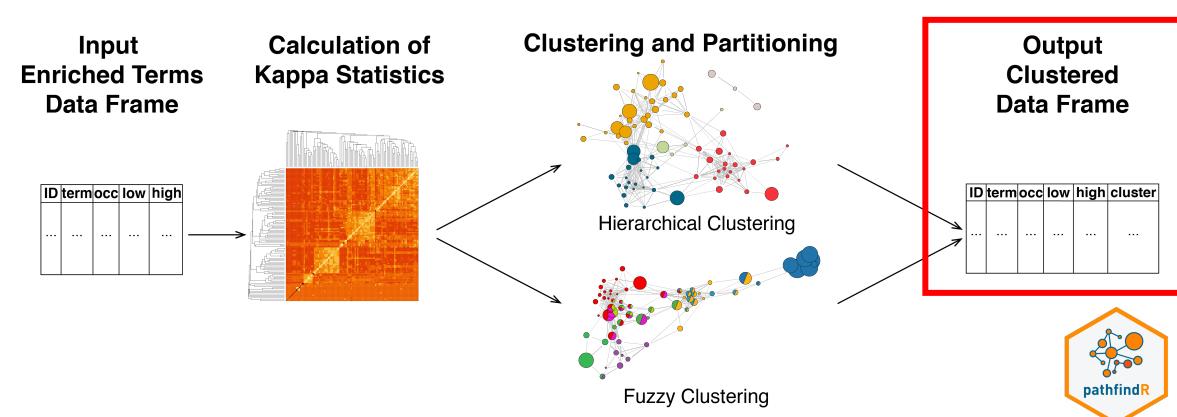
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## Representative term selection

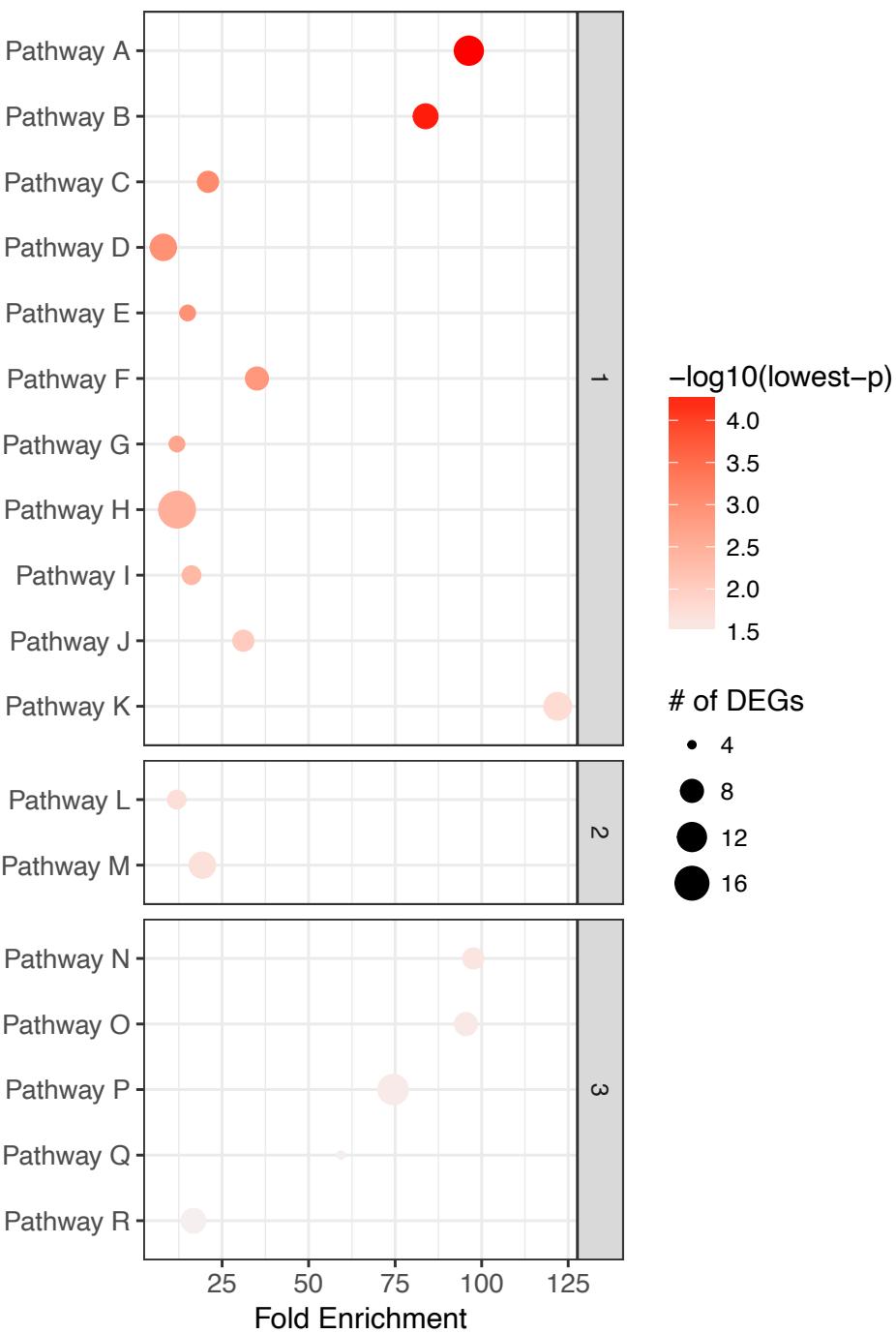
For each cluster, the representative term is chosen as the one with the lowest p value (default)

Note that this is an **ad hoc** decision and different approaches may be used:

- Highest fold enrichment
- The most biologically meaningful, etc.

ID	Term_Description	Fold_Enrichment	occurrence	lowest_p	highest_p	Up_regulated	Down_regulated	Cluster	Status
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hsa05012	Parkinson's disease	63.727	10	3.88E-07	3.88E-07	UQCRCQ, COX6A1, COX7A2	VDAC1, UBE2G1	1	Member
hsa04932	Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)	50.79	10	5.19E-07	5.19E-07	DDIT3, COX6A1 , COX7A2	FASLG, IKBKB	2	Representative

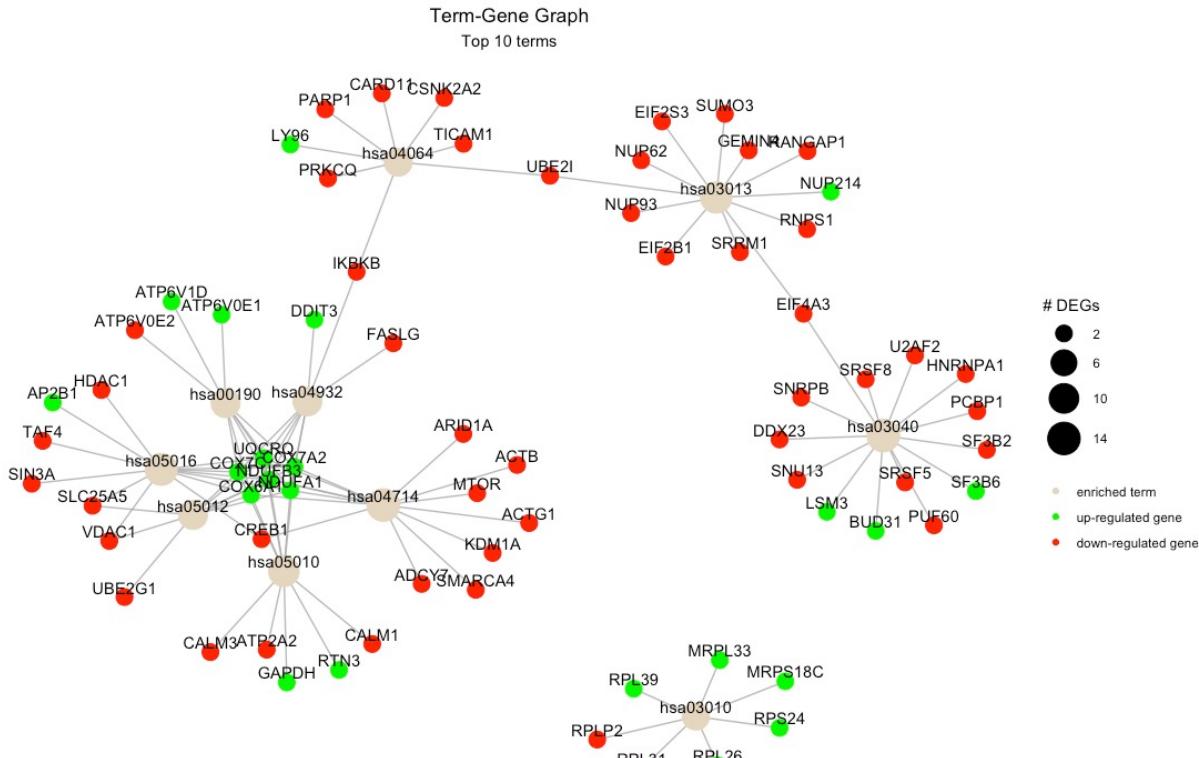
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# Term-Gene Graph

`term_gene_graph()`

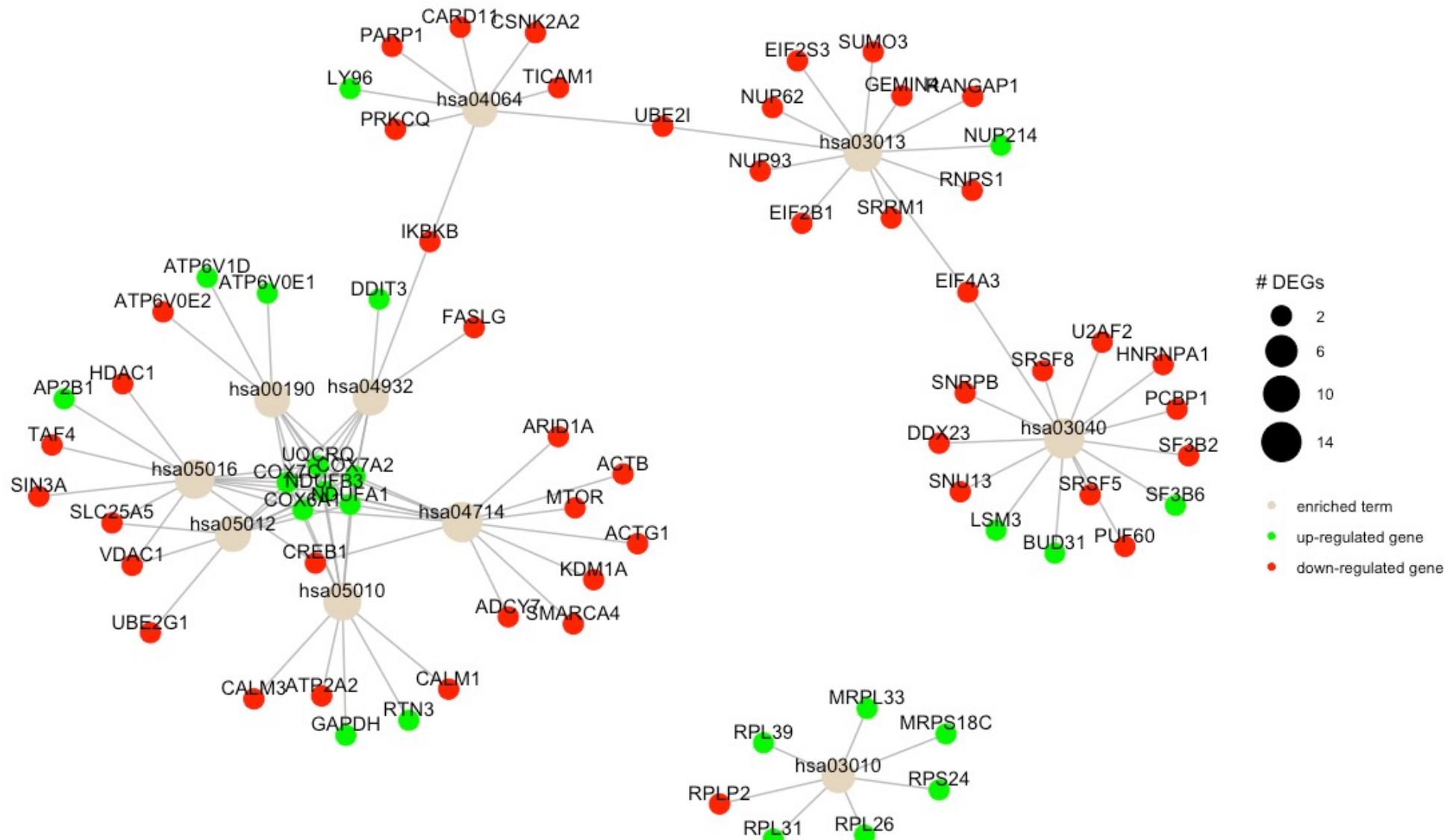
- Graph representation of enriched terms and related genes
  - Do different terms share common genes?
  - Is there a distinct set of genes that are related to a given term?



- Nodes:
  - Enriched terms (beige)
  - Up-regulated genes (green) or
  - Down-regulated genes (red)
- Edges:
  - Term-gene: the given term (pathway or gene set) involves the gene
- Sizes of term nodes are proportional to either:
  - the number of genes (default)
  - the  $-\log_{10}(p \text{ value})$

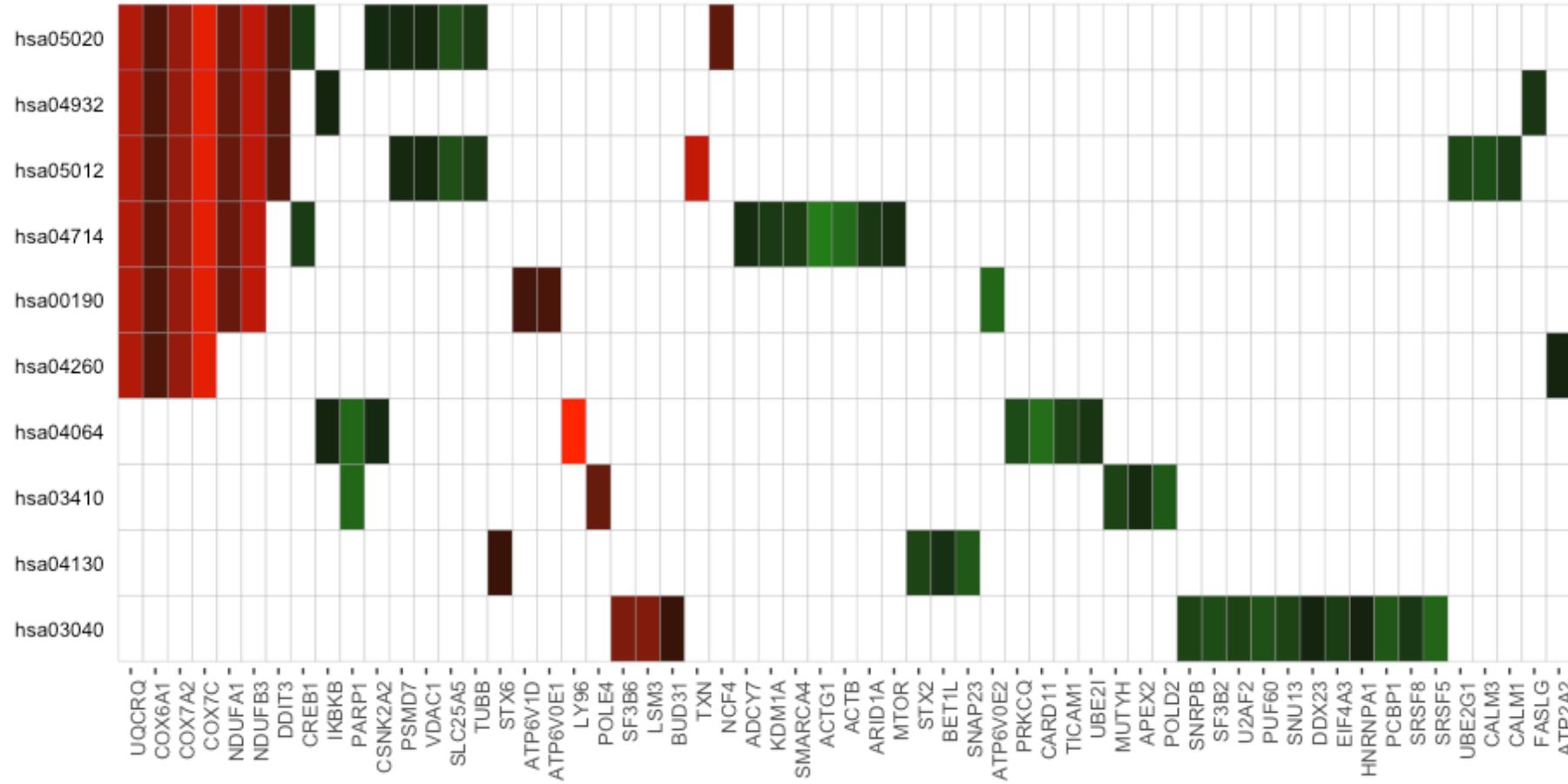
Term-Gene Graph

Top 10 terms



# Term - Gene Heatmap

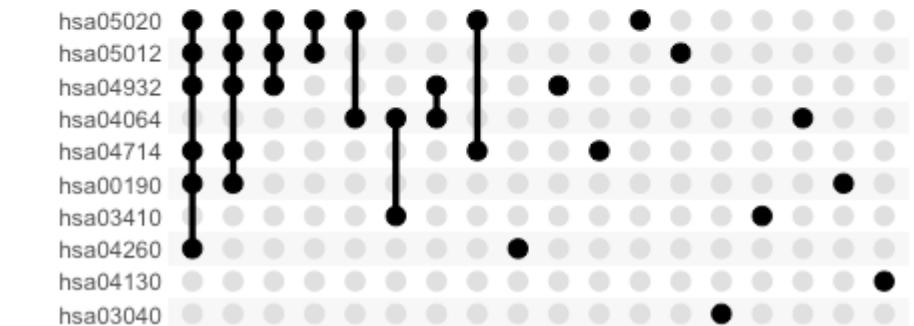
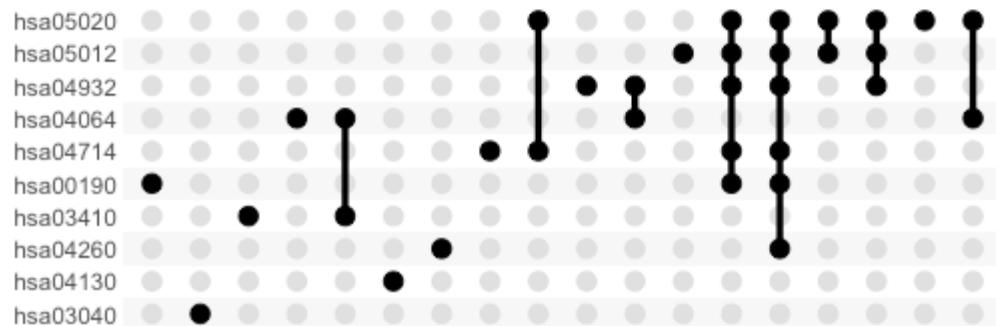
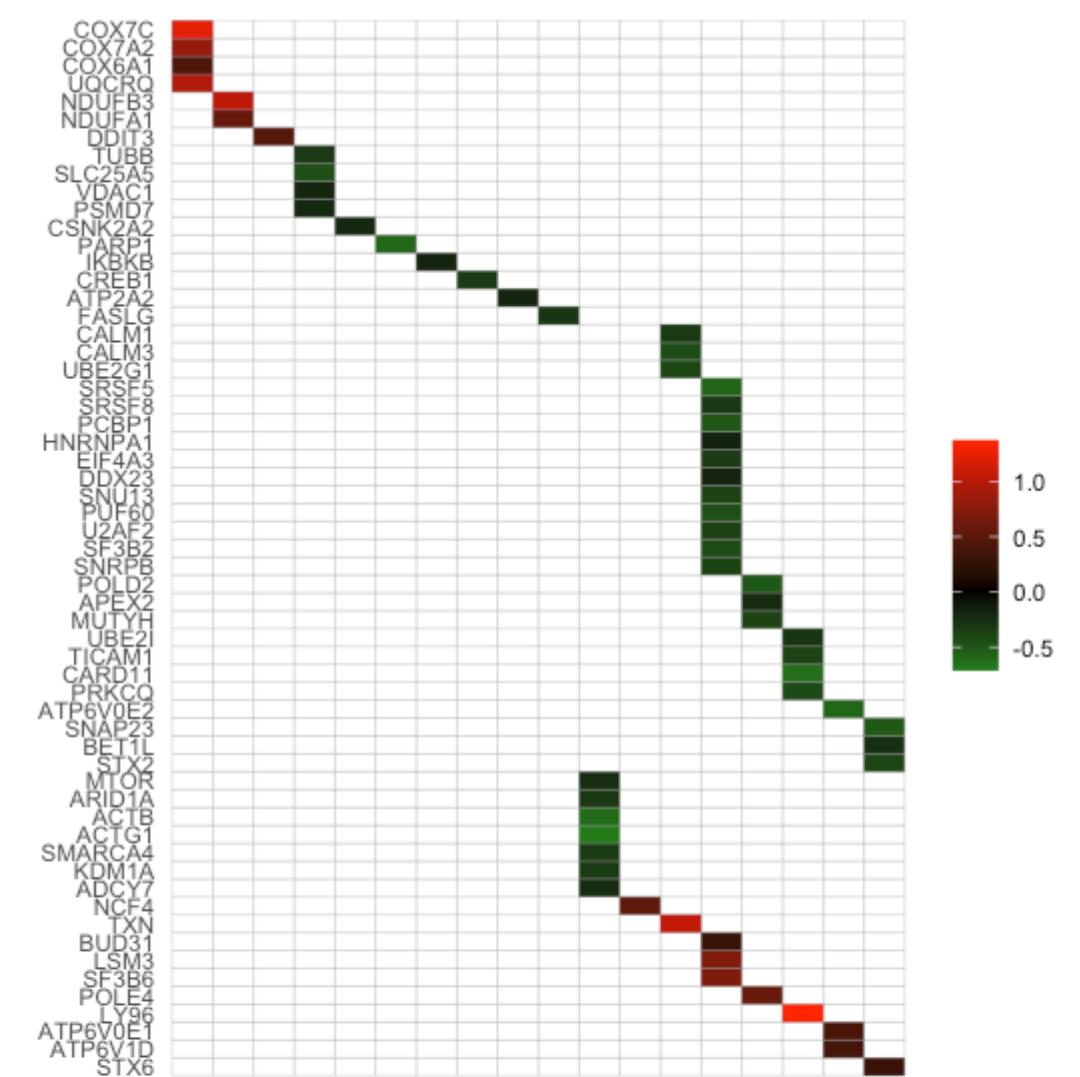
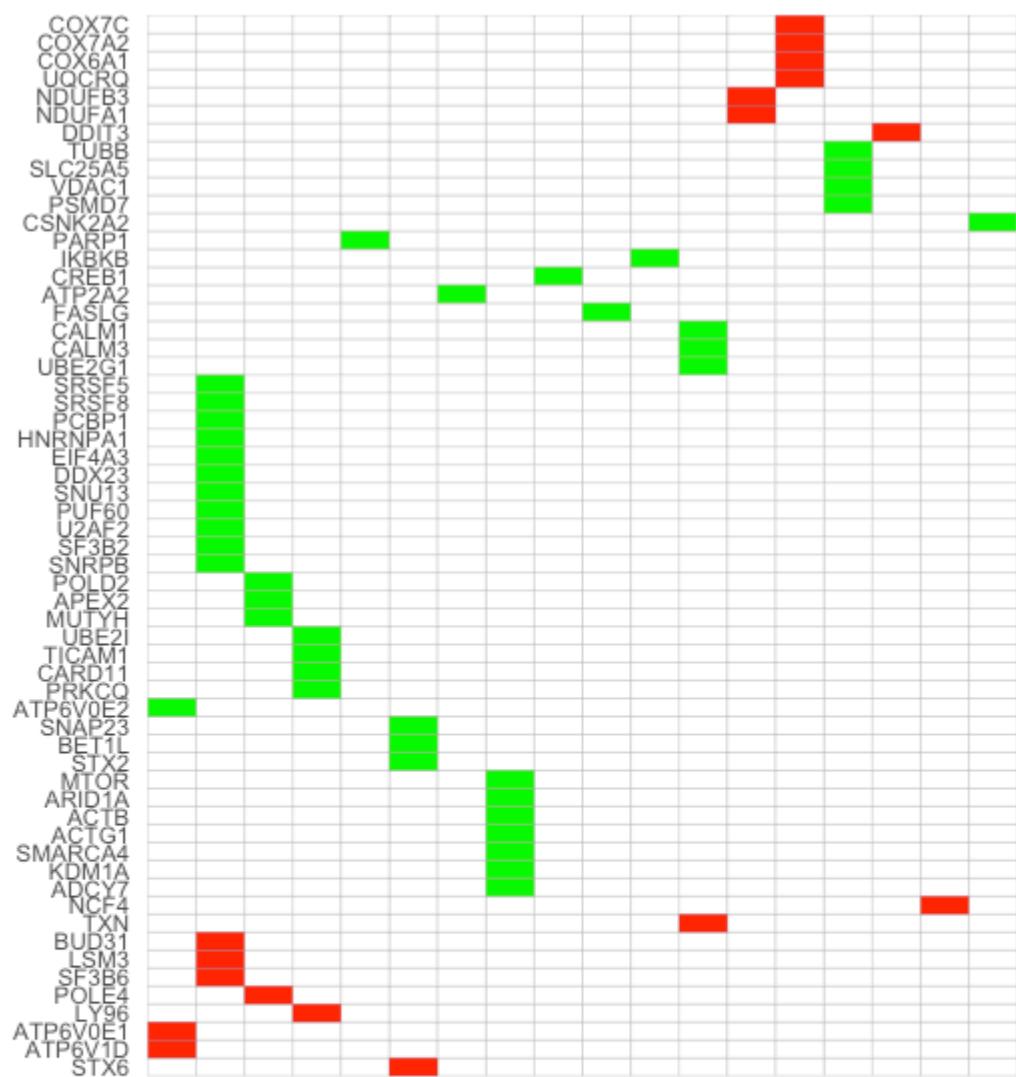
*term\_gene\_heatmap()*



# UpSet Plot

*UpSet\_plot()*

- UpSet plots are plots of the intersections of sets as a matrix
- This function creates a ggplot object of an UpSet plot where the x-axis is the UpSet plot of intersections of enriched terms



# Agglomerated Scoring of Terms per Subject

## Conceptual Background

For an experiment matrix (containing expression, methylation, etc. values), the rows of which are genes and the columns of which are samples, we denote:

- E as a matrix of size  $m \times n$
- G as the set of all genes in the experiment  $G = E_{i..}, i \in [1, m]$
- S as the set of all samples in the experiment  $S = E_{.j}, j \in [1, n]$

We next define the gene score matrix GS (the standardized experiment matrix, also of size  $m \times n$ ) as:

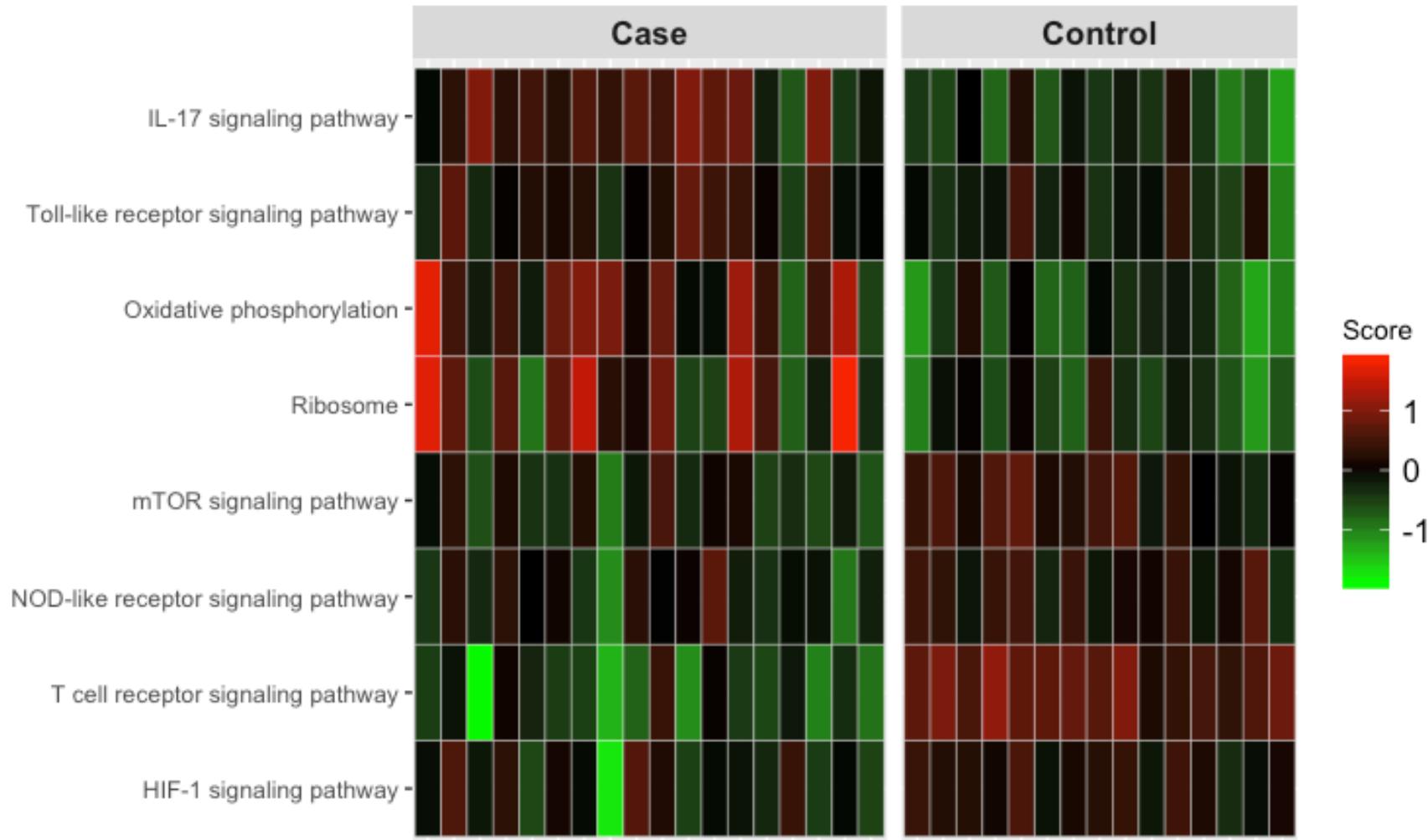
$$GS_{gs} = \frac{E_{gs} - \bar{e}_g}{s_g}$$

where  $g \in G, s \in S, \bar{e}_g$  is the mean of all values for gene g and  $s_g$  is the standard deviation of all values for gene g.

We next denote T to be a set of terms (where each  $t \in T$  is a set of term-related genes, i.e.,  $t = \{g_x, \dots, g_y\} \subset G$ ) and finally define the agglomerated term scores matrix TS (where rows correspond to genes and columns corresponds to samples s.t. the matrix has size  $|T| \times n$ ) as:

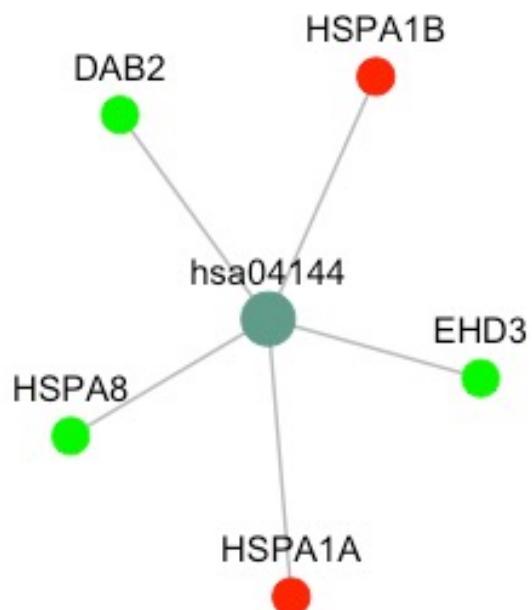
$$TS_{ts} = \frac{1}{|t|} \sum_{g \in t} GS_{gs}, \text{ where } t \in T \text{ and } s \in S.$$

# Heatmap of Agglomerated Scores grouped by Case/Control



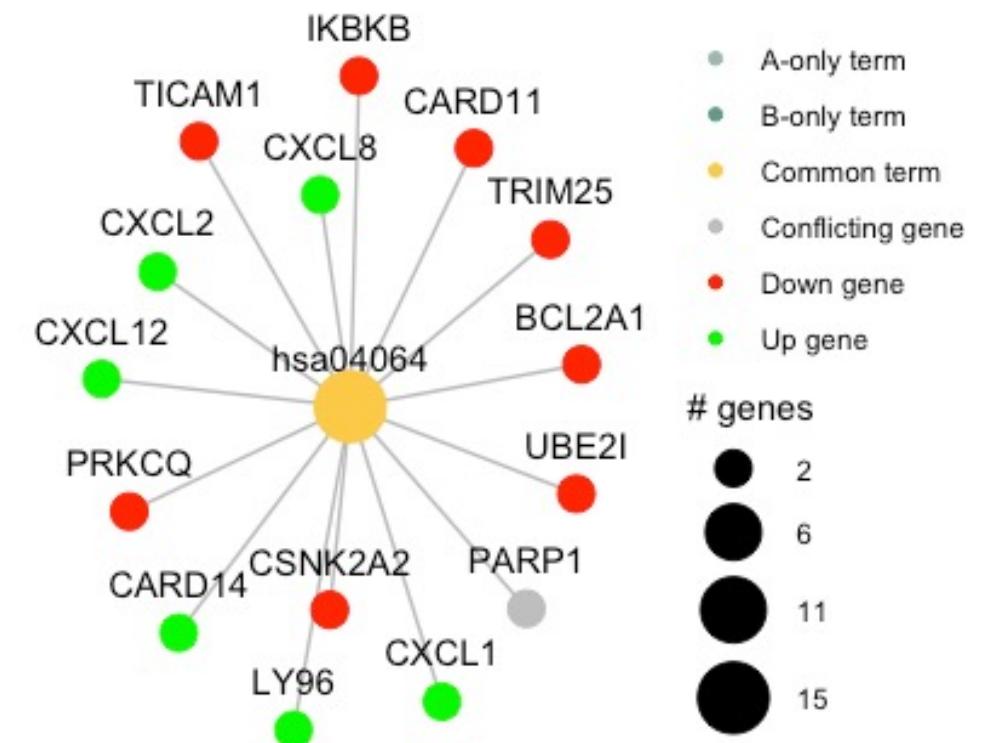
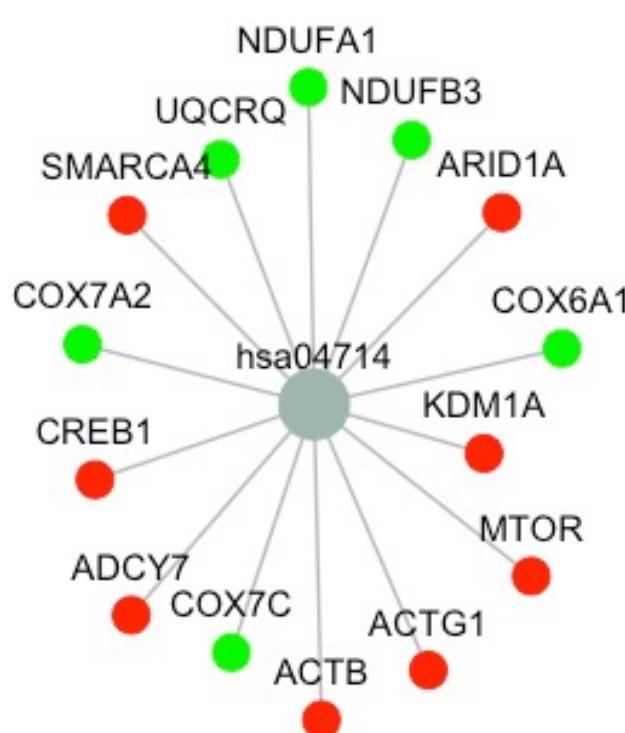
# Comparing 2 pathfindR Results

`combine_pathfindR_results()`



`combined_results_graph()`

Combined Terms Graph



# Installation (CRAN release version)

## Installation – Bioconductor Dependencies

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if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE))
  install.packages("BiocManager")
BiocManager::install("KEGGREST")
BiocManager::install("KEGGgraph")
BiocManager::install("AnnotationDbi")
BiocManager::install("org.Hs.eg.db")
```

## Installation – pathfindR

```
install.packages("pathfindR")
```



or from DockerHub

```
# pull image for latest release
docker pull egeulgen/pathfindr:latest
# pull image for specific version (e.g.
1.3.0)
docker pull egeulgen/pathfindr:1.3.0
```

# Installation (Development version)

## From GitHub

```
install.packages("devtools") # if you have not installed the "devtools" package  
devtools::install_github("egeulgen/pathfindR")
```



## pathfindR: Enrichment Analysis Utilizing Active Subnetworks

Enrichment analysis enables researchers to uncover mechanisms underlying a phenotype. However, conventional methods for enrichment analysis do not take into account protein-protein interaction information, resulting in incomplete conclusions. pathfindR is a tool for enrichment analysis utilizing active subnetworks. The main function identifies active subnetworks in a protein-protein interaction network using a user-provided list of genes and associated p values. It then performs enrichment analyses on the identified subnetworks, identifying enriched terms (i.e. pathways or, more broadly, gene sets) that possibly underlie the phenotype of interest. pathfindR also offers functionalities to cluster the enriched terms and identify representative terms in each cluster, to score the enriched terms per sample and to visualize analysis results. The enrichment, clustering and other methods implemented in pathfindR are described in detail in Ulgen E, Ozisik O, Sezerman OU. 2019. pathfindR: An R Package for Comprehensive Identification of Enriched Pathways in Omics Data Through Active Subnetworks. *Front. Genet.* <[doi:10.3389/fgene.2019.00858](https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2019.00858)>.



CRAN release 2.3.0

Version:	2.3.0
Depends:	R ( $\geq$ 4.0), <a href="#">pathfindR.data</a> ( $\geq$ 2.0)
Imports:	<a href="#">DBI</a> , <a href="#">AnnotationDbi</a> , <a href="#">doParallel</a> , <a href="#">foreach</a> , <a href="#">rmarkdown</a> , <a href="#">org.Hs.eg.db</a> , <a href="#">ggplot2</a> , <a href="#">ggraph</a> , <a href="#">ggupset</a> , <a href="#">fpc</a> , <a href="#">grDevices</a> , <a href="#">igraph</a> , <a href="#">R.utils</a> , <a href="#">magick</a> , <a href="#">msigdbi</a> , <a href="#">KEGGREST</a> , <a href="#">KEGGgraph</a> , <a href="#">knitr</a>
Suggests:	<a href="#">testthat</a> ( $\geq$ 2.3.2), <a href="#">covr</a> , <a href="#">mockery</a>
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BugReports:	<a href="https://github.com/egeulgen/pathfindR/issues">https://github.com/egeulgen/pathfindR/issues</a>
License:	<a href="#">MIT</a> + file <a href="#">LICENSE</a>
URL:	<a href="https://egeulgen.github.io/pathfindR/">https://egeulgen.github.io/pathfindR/</a> , <a href="https://github.com/egeulgen/pathfindR">https://github.com/egeulgen/pathfindR</a>
NeedsCompilation:	no
SystemRequirements:	Java ( $\geq$ 8.0)
Citation:	<a href="#">pathfindR citation info</a>
Materials:	<a href="#">NEWS</a>
In views:	<a href="#">Omics</a>
CRAN checks:	<a href="#">pathfindR results</a>

### Documentation:

Reference manual: [pathfindR.pdf](#)

Vignettes:	<a href="#">Comparing Two pathfindR Results</a> <a href="#">Introduction to pathfindR</a> <a href="#">Step-by-Step Execution of the pathfindR Enrichment Workflow</a> <a href="#">pathfindR Analysis for non-Homo-sapiens organisms</a> <a href="#">Obtaining PIN and Gene Sets Data</a> <a href="#">Visualization of pathfindR Enrichment Results</a>
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# Resources



Articles

<https://egeulgen.github.io/pathfindR/articles/>



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To report any issues:

<https://github.com/egeulgen/pathfindR/issues>



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