How To Use LncPath

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1 Overview

This vignette illustrates how to easily use the LncPath package. The package can prioritize pathways coordinately regulated by lncRNAs based on a network diffusion strategy. We firstly constructed a lncRNA-mRNA relationship network by integrating the co-expression pairs between lncRNAs and mR-NAs with the protein-protein interaction pairs. The lncRNAs user inputted will be mapped into the lncRNA-mRNA relationship network to evaluate the extent of each gene influenced by the lncRNAs based on a network diffusion strategy. We then built a ranked gene list based on the extent of influence. Finally, we mapped the genes of each pathway into the rank gene list and calculated the pathway enrichment score(ES) using a weighted Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic. The permutation analysis was performed to selecting significant pathways.

2 Finding the differentially expressed genes from a expression profile

This section introduces how to find significantly differentially expressed genes from an expression profile. We provided two ways to find differentially expressed genes from an expression profile, student's t-test and fold change. For each strategy, a threshold is defined for selecting significant differentially expressed genes.

- > #obtain the expression profile data
- > Profile <- getExampleData("Profile")</pre>
- > Profile[1:10, 1:10]

```
A10U
                                   A14Y
                                              A14Y.1
                                                              A16R
                                                                         A14Y.2
MIR143HG
              4.817622e-05 2.714833e-05 3.938226e-05 1.583580e-05 4.759946e-06
NPY6R
              2.776750e-05 4.436461e-05 1.471648e-05 7.396511e-06 7.028282e-07
AL078621.4
              4.745406e-05 5.929525e-05 4.890773e-05 6.076707e-05 1.558605e-05
RP4-791K14.2
              1.298476e-05 4.597001e-06 8.998136e-06 4.714152e-06 5.665172e-07
RP11-399019.5 3.404506e-05 1.921294e-05 3.255811e-05 1.910943e-05 3.607389e-06
RP11-357C3.3 4.899702e-05 4.459881e-05 5.840064e-05 2.664671e-05 1.246263e-05
AL589743.1
              1.281410e-07 2.004831e-07 8.481405e-08 5.464789e-08 1.655219e-08
              1.720569e-06 1.892652e-06 1.807399e-06 2.654562e-06 4.858749e-07
RP11-175K6.1
PGM5-AS1
              1.953075e-04 2.153569e-04 1.682733e-04 3.074801e-04 7.435103e-05
CTC-228N24.3
              8.655112e-06 1.044819e-05 1.108406e-05 9.040964e-06 3.394420e-06
                    A14Y.3
                                 A10U.1
                                              A10U.2
                                                            A10U.3
MIR143HG
              3.587065e-06 4.103880e-05 3.444775e-05 2.057273e-06 1.200087e-06
NPY6R
              2.470614e-06 2.180325e-05 5.335282e-06 1.468536e-07 0.000000e+00
AL078621.4
              2.598227e-05 2.196803e-05 1.136785e-04 1.174064e-07 1.741630e-07
RP4-791K14.2 1.222805e-06 7.377760e-06 3.551054e-06 1.007499e-07 1.760444e-07
RP11-399019.5 6.122954e-06 3.500004e-05 2.828171e-05 1.354029e-06 1.137123e-06
RP11-357C3.3 1.738906e-05 5.062899e-05 3.225693e-05 1.828165e-05 1.404827e-05
AL589743.1
              2.047051e-07 2.418385e-08 4.843106e-07 2.112712e-05 6.100757e-06
RP11-175K6.1
              8.300081e-07 6.021785e-07 2.264556e-06 2.618080e-07 2.890107e-07
              1.005791e-04 8.785996e-05 4.693726e-04 2.389673e-07 0.000000e+00
PGM5-AS1
CTC-228N24.3 5.648797e-06 7.110228e-06 7.912642e-06 4.127547e-06 5.448670e-06
> #obtain the labels of the samples of the expression profile, the label vector is a vector of 0/1s,
> # 0 represents the case sample and 1 represents the control sample
> Labels <- getExampleData("Labels")</pre>
> Labels[1:10]
 [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
> ##find differentially expressed genes, using t-Test defautly
> options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
> SigGenes <- findSigGenes(Profile, Labels, Method = "tTest", FdrCut = 0.01)
> head(SigGenes)
$Up
[1] "RP11-166D19.1" "LINC00476"
                                    "LRFN5"
                                                     "MORF4L2"
[5] "MEIS1"
$Low
[1] "SFT2D1"
              "SRSF9"
                        "MRGBP"
                                  "MTHFD1L" "TICRR"
                                                       "ATP13A1"
```

3 Identifying pathways coordinately regulated by user interested lncRNAs

This section introduces how to identify pathways coordinately regulated by user interested lncRNAs. A vector of lncRNAs should be inputted, and they will be mapped into the lncRNA-mRNA relationship network as seed nodes to perform a network diffusion strategy. Here we constructed a huge lncRNA-mRNA network constructed by ingergrating a lncRNA-mRNA co-expression network and the protein-protein interaction network. Considering the huge network may be time consuming, we provided a litte example network for little trial. A weighted Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic is used to prioritize

the pathways regulated by the user inputted lncRNAs. Now three pathway databases are surpported: KEGG, Reactome and Biocarta. The pathways with the number of genes between the user defined limit will be kept for further analysis to avoid potential bias. The permutation analysis was performed to filter significant pathways and the times of permutations can be set by the user.

```
> #get lncRNA-mRNA interaction network
> NetLncPath <- getNet();</pre>
> dim(NetLncPath);
[1] 295698
> print(head(NetLncPath), row.names = FALSE)
      ۷1
 PLEKHF2 SCYL3
 PLEKHF2 STT3B
 PLEKHF2 RAD21
 PLEKHF2 GOLPH3
 PLEKHF2 UBE2D3
 PLEKHF2
           NME3
> #get example lncRNA sets
> SigLncs <- getExampleData("SigLncs")</pre>
> print(head(SigLncs), row.names = FALSE)
[1] "ENSG00000262117" "ENSG00000236824" "ENSG00000240498" "ENSG00000235123"
[5] "ENSG00000234741" "ENSG00000130600"
> #get the example lncRNA-mRNA interaction network
> ExampleNet <- getExampleData("ExampleNet")</pre>
> print(head(ExampleNet), row.names = FALSE)
     ۷1
             V2
  SPRY2 C6orf48
 GNB2L1
          RPS18
 GNB2L1
          TPT1
 GNB2L1 IMPDH2
 GNB2L1
         RPS19
 GNB2L1 POLR1D
> #evaluate the rate of pathways regulated by lncRNA sets
> Result <- lncPath(SigLncs, ExampleNet, Weighted = TRUE, PathwayDataSet = "KEGG", nperm = 100,
+ minPathSize = 0, maxPathSize = 500)
Now start the random walking...
[1] "ENSG00000234741" "ENSG00000251562" "ENSG00000214548" "ENSG00000236824"
[5] "ENSG00000229807" "ENSG00000130600" "ENSG00000228630" "ENSG00000281560"
[9] "ENSG00000235123"
9 of 14 were mapped to the huge net with 267 Nodes.
Now, calculating running scores of each pathway...Now, do the purtabationsions...
> ## Generate a table of the summary of each pathway
> PathwaySummaryTable <- lncPath2Table(Result)</pre>
> print(head(PathwaySummaryTable), row.names = FALSE)
```

```
Gene Set Name Gene Set Size
                         KEGG_PURINE_METABOLISM
                     KEGG_PYRIMIDINE_METABOLISM
                                                             2
                                  KEGG_RIBOSOME
                                                            11
KEGG_ALANINE_ASPARTATE_AND_GLUTAMATE_METABOLISM
                                                             1
                    KEGG_GLUTATHIONE_METABOLISM
                                                             1
                       KEGG_NITROGEN_METABOLISM
                                                             1
Enrichment Scores Normalized Enrichment Scores P Value False Discovery Rate
         -0.62222
                            -0.838196386522472
                                                   0.92
                                                                         0.92
         -0.65217
                            -0.878542215612421
                                                   0.88
                                                                         0.92
                                                   0.32
                                                                         0.92
          0.57517
                                              1
         -0.70213
                            -0.945843638695355
                                                   <NA>
                                                                         <NA>
                             -1.23245394244085
                                                   <NA>
                                                                         <NA>
         -0.91489
         -0.70213
                            -0.945843638695355
                                                   <NA>
                                                                         <NA>
```

4 Gain insight into the details of each pathway

4.1 Plot the running erichment score of a pathway

The function plotRunningES can plot global cumulative running enrichment scores of each gene of a certain pathway.

```
> #get an example result data
> Result <- getExampleData("Result")

> #plot the running score of the KEGG RIBOSOME pathway
> plotRunningES(Result, Name = "KEGG_RIBOSOME")
```

Figure 1 shows the running scores of each gene in the KEGG RIBOSOME pathway.

4.2 Check the detail of genes of each pathway.

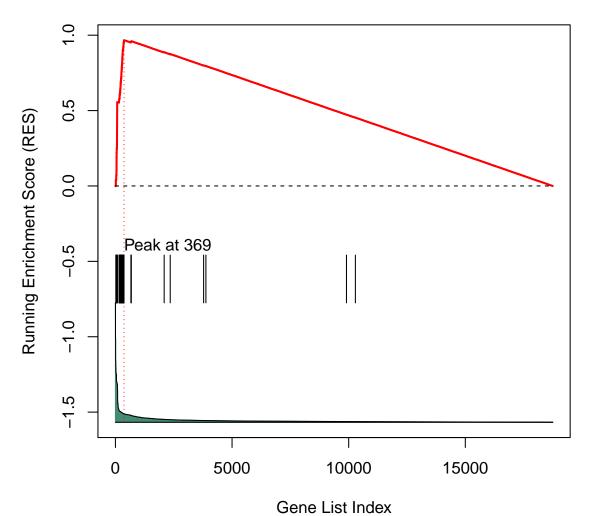
The function geneSetDetail can show the detail of each gene in a certain pathway.

```
> #get an example result data
> Result <- getExampleData("Result")</pre>
> #get the details of genes in the KEGG_RIBOSOME pathway
> Detail <- geneSetDetail(Result, Name = "KEGG_RIBOSOME")
> head(Detail)
   GENE LIST LOC
                      S2N
                             RES CORE_ENRICHMENT
1 1 RPS19
                18 0.0401 0.0392
                                             YES
2 2 RPL37
                36 0.0349 0.0732
                                             YES
3 3 RPS17
                45 0.0298 0.103
                                             YES
4 4 RPS11
                48 0.0295 0.132
                                             YES
5 5 RPL29
                49 0.0295 0.161
                                             YES
                50 0.0294 0.191
                                             YES
6 6 RPL7
```

4.3 Draw the heat map of genes in a certain pathway.

The function drawAHeatMap can draw a heatmap of the genes in a certain pathway based on the expression profile user specified.

KEGG_RIBOSOME



Number of genes: 18745 (in list), KEGG_RIBOSOME (in gene set)

Figure 1: The running scores of each gene in the KEGG RIBOSOME pathway.

```
> #get an example result data
> Result <- getExampleData("Result")
> #get example data
> Profile <- getExampleData("Profile")
> Labels <- getExampleData("Labels")

> #Draw the heatmap of genes in KEGG_RIBOSOME pathway
> drawAHeatMap(Result, Name = "KEGG_RIBOSOME", PCExpr = Profile, Labels = Labels)
```

NULL

Figure 2 shows the heatmap of genes in KEGG RIBOSOME pathway based on the example expression profile.

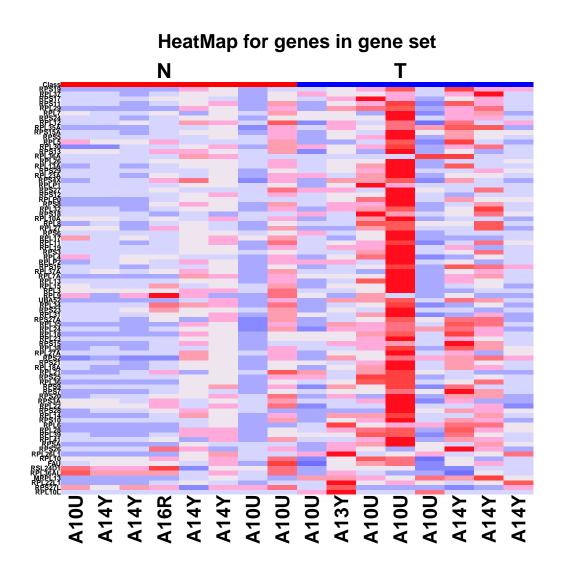


Figure 2: The heatmap of genes in KEGG RIBOSOME pathway based on the example expression profile.

5 Session Info

The script runs within the following session:

R version 3.2.3 (2015-12-10)

Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)

Running under: Windows 7 x64 (build 7601) Service Pack 1

locale:

- [1] LC_COLLATE=C
- [2] LC_CTYPE=Chinese (Simplified)_People's Republic of China.936
- [3] LC_MONETARY=Chinese (Simplified)_People's Republic of China.936
- [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
- [5] LC_TIME=Chinese (Simplified)_People's Republic of China.936

attached base packages:

[1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base

other attached packages:

[1] LncPath_1.1 igraph_1.0.1

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):

- [1] Matrix_1.2-8 magrittr_1.5 tools_3.2.3 grid_3.2.3
- [5] lattice_0.20-35

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