

PW-pipeline

PathWay pipeline using GWAS summary statistics, named analogously after FM-pipeline I have implemented.

INTRODUCTION

Pathway analysis becomes an important element in GWAS. Broadly, it involves SNP annotation, such as Variant Effect Predictor (VEP), gene analysis such as VEGAS2, and gene set analysis. Visualisation of a particular region has been facilitated with LocusZoom, while network(s) from pathway analysis via [gephi](#) or [Cytoscape](#), which uses genes and a collection of edges, directed or undirected, to build a network. Aspects to consider include part or all databases, individual level genotype data vs GWAS summary statistics, computing speed, with and without tissue enrichment.



diagram from Cytoscape/GeneMANIA

INSTALLATION

This pipeline involves several software for pathway analysis using GWAS summary statistics, as shown below,

Full name

Meta-Analysis Gene-set Enrichment of variant Associations

Multi-marker Analysis of GenoMic Annotation

Abbreviation

MAGENTA

MAGMA

Reference

Segre, et al. (2010)

de Leeuw, et al. (2015)

Pathway SCoring ALgorithm	PASCAL	Lamparter, et al. (2016)
Data-Driven Expression Prioritized Integration for Complex Traits	DEPICT	Pers, et al.(2015)

The full functionality of the pipeline requires availability of individual software for pathway analysis, which should fulfil their requirements, e.g., [Matlab](#) for MAGENTA, PLINK. It is useful to install [xpdf](#) or [ImageMagick](#) to produce Excel workbook. By default [Sun grid engine](#) is used but this can be any other mechanism such as [GNU parallel](#) [note with its --env to pass environment variables]. As usual, [R](#) is required.

The pipeline itself can be installed from GitHub in the usual way.

```
git clone https://github.com/jinghuazhao/PW-pipeline
```

USAGE

The pipeline requires users to specify both software and database to be used. It is possible that a given database can be used for several software when appropriate.

The syntax is

```
bash pwp.sh <input file>
```

Input

The input will be GWAS summary statistics described at [SUMSTATS](#) **in that order without the header**,

Output

The output will be available from individual directories named after the software you choose, and optionally in case all software are used the output can also be an Excel workbook containing combined results.

In case of DEPICT database, it is possible to call [netowrk_plot.py](#) to generate network diagram and perform cluster analysis.

EXAMPLES

The `bmi.txt` and `ST4` from SUMSTATS can be called as follows,

```
pwp.sh bmi.txt
```

and

```
pwp.sh ST4 &
```

Features and databases are described at the repository's [wiki page](#).

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The work drives from comparison of software performances using our own GWAS data. The practicality of a common DEPICT database to all software here was due to PASCAL developer(s). At the end of our implementation it came to our attention that similar effort has been made, e.g., [DEPICT-pipeline](#) and other adaptations.

RELATED LINKS

- [BioGRID](#): an interaction repository with data compiled through comprehensive curation efforts.
- [Osprey](#): Network Visualization System.
- [GeneMANIA](#): Imports interaction networks from public databases from a list of genes with their annotations and putative functions.
- [rGREAT](#): Client for GREAT Analysis
- [VisANT](#): Visual analyses of metabolic networks in cells and ecosystems.

SOFTWARE AND REFERENCES

[DEPICT](#) ([GitHub](#))

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[MAGMA](#)

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[PASCAL](#) ([GitHub](#))

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