PipeRat: A high-throughput python package to perform and visualize large-scale genetic association analysis

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We present **PipeRat**, a versatile End-2-End Python package designed to facilitate large-scale genetic analyses, specifically tailored for genome-wide association studies (GWAS). The primary goal of the **PipeRat** is to integrate a multitude of genetic analysis tools to perform GWAS and subsequent ad-hoc analysis and provide an in-depth report of the findings with publication quality figures.

PipeRat can provide the following analysis: **1)** filtering SNPs for quality **2)** regressing out covariates, with the default of linear regression but also allowing GAMs for timeseries traits and mixed-models for traits that originate from distinct sources **3)** Estimate SNP heritability and genetic correlation between traits **4)** Perform GWAS analysis **5)** Estimate P-value thresholds for the genotypes provided **6)** Identify QTLs of interest, performing conditional analysis and Bayesian posterior probabilities of inclusion (PPI) **7)** Generate Q-Qplots and volcano plots **8)** Perform PheWAS, eQTL, sQTL analysis for all the QTLs identified and generate a regional association plot **9)** Unify all the results into a single report.

PipeRat can be downloaded on GitHub https://github.com/sanchestm/GWAS-pipeline. All necessary installations are managed via conda for interoperability and it runs efficiently both in local computers and High-Performance Computing Clusters. We provide both a command-line interface and a Python class for experienced users. In sum, **PipeRat** represents a step forward in lowering the complexity of using genetic analysis.

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