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**Description**

Default run of CHRONOS

**Usage**

```r
CHRONOSrun(mRNAexp, mRNAlabel, miRNAexp, pathType, subType, measures,
thresholds, org, export, verbose, miRNAinteractions)
```

**Arguments**

- `mRNAexp` mRNA expressions filename located in CHRONOS/extdata/Input
- `mRNAlabel` mRNA nomenclature (for supported types see `convertNomenclature`)
- `miRNAexp` miRNA expressions filename located in CHRONOS/extdata/Input
- `pathType` Pathway type ('Metabolic', 'Non-Metabolic', 'All' or vector of pathway ids)
- `subType` Subpathway type ('Linear', 'Non-Linear', 'All')
- `measures` Include subpathway structural and functional aspects ('TRUE', 'FALSE')
- `thresholds` Subscore, mirscore and p-value thresholds
c('pvalue'=pvalue, 'subscore'=subscore, 'mirscore'=mirscore)
- `org` KEGG organism identifier
- `export` Export file type ('.xlsx', '.txt')
- `verbose` Show informative messages (TRUE/FALSE).
- `miRNAinteractions` Edgelist of miRNA-mRNA interactions.
Details

- Imports gene and miRNA expressions from CHRONOS/extdata/Input/<mRNAexpFile>.txt and CHRONOS/extdata/Input/<miRNAexpFile>.txt
- Downloads all available pathways for the specified organism from KEGG.
- Creates pathway graphs from downloaded KGML files.
- Extracts linear subpathways from metabolic and non metabolic graphs.
- Extracts non linear subpathways from metabolic and non metabolic graphs.
- Downloads miRecords miRNA-mRNA interactions.
- Scores and evaluates (linear and non linear) subpathways to extract significant results.
- Organism identifier.
- Visualizes most the significant results (’.xlsx’ or ‘.txt’).
- Display informative messages (TRUE/FALSE).
- User-defined miRNA-mRNA interactions can be supplied in the form of an edgelist with two columns. If no such information is available, a missing or a NULL argument forces the use of default interactions by using `downloadMiRecords`.

Value

Examples

# Default run

```r
classpath = system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS')
res <- CHRONOSrun(mRNAexp=mRNAexpr,
                  mRNAlabel='entrezgene',
                  miRNAexp=miRNAexpr,
                  pathType=c('04915', '04917', '04930', '05031'),
                  org='hsa',
                  subType='Linear',
                  thresholds=c('subScore'=0.4, 'mirScore'=0.4),
                  miRNAinteractions=miRNAinteractions)
```

convertMiRNAtrNomenclature

Conform miRNA annotations to the ones currently used by miRecords.

Description

Conform miRNA annotations to the ones currently used by miRecords.

Usage

```r
convertMiRNAtrNomenclature(org, miRNAs, update)
```
convertNomenclature

Arguments

org KEGG organism identifier.
miRNAs Vector of miRNAs identifiers.
update Update annotation mapper with latest annotation changes.

details

Determine which miRNAs are incompatible with miRecords annotations and retrieve the suitable ones from www.mirbase.org.

Value

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Examples

data <- c('hsa-let-7g-5p', 'hsa-miR-154-5p', 'hsa-miR-376b-3p')

convertMiRNA(mirbase.org, org='hsa', miRNAs=data)

convertNomenclature  Convert genes identifier nomenclature.

Description

Convert genes identifier nomenclature.

Usage

convertNomenclature(ids, org, from, to)

Arguments

ids Vector of gene identifiers
org KEGG organism identifier
from Initial identifier type
to A vector of final identifier types
createPathwayGraphs

Convert KEGG Pathways to Gene-Gene Network Graphs.

Description

Convert KEGG Pathways to Gene-Gene Network Graphs.

Usage

createPathwayGraphs(org, pathways, edgeTypes, doubleEdges, choice, groupMode)

Details

- EntrezGene ID
- Ensembl Gene ID
- Ensemble Transcript ID
- Ensemble Protein ID
- HGNC ID
- HGNC Symbol
- HGNC Transcript name
- Refseq mRNA ID
- Refseq Protein ID
- UniProt/Swissprot Accession
- UniProt/Swissprot ID
- UniGene ID
- UniProt Genename ID

Value

Vector of converted gene identifiers

Examples

# Identifiers to be converted
ids <- c('5091', '5105')

# Convert to HGNC ID, Ensembl Gene ID and UniProt Genename ID
from <- 'entrezgene'
to <- c('hgnc_symbol', 'ensembl_gene_id', 'uniprot_genename')
## Not run: res <- convertNomenclature(ids=ids, org='hsa', from=from, to=to)
Arguments

- **org**: KEGG organism identifier.
- **pathways**: Vector of KEGG pathway identifiers.
- **edgeTypes**: Vector of edge types mappings.
- **doubleEdges**: Specify which edgeTypes should be considered bidirectional.
- **choice**: Create metabolic graph either by using relations or reactions from KGML file ('reactions', 'relations')
- **groupMode**: 'expand' to consider each group member a node, or 'collapse' to consider all components' genes as a node

Details

KEGG pathways consist of nodes each one containing one or more genes. Thus, two kinds of adjacency matrices are created. The compact adjacency matrix retains the groupings and stores edge types between genes and genes, genes and groups of genes or between group of genes. The expanded adjacency matrix stores edge type information between individual genes.

Value

A list containing a list of compact adjacency matrices, a list of expanded adjacency matrices, and list detailing all nodes, edges and interaction types.

References


Examples

```r
# Download Insulin Signaling Pathway
pathways <- c('04915', '04917', '04930', '05031')
paths <- downloadPathways(org='hsa', pathways=pathways)

# Create pathway graph
graphs <- createPathwayGraphs(org='hsa', pathways=paths)
```
**downloadKEGGPathwayList**

*Retrieve all available pathways for an organism.*

Description

Retrieve all available pathways for an organism.

Usage

```
downloadKEGGPathwayList(org)
```

Arguments

- `org` KEGG organism identifier.

Details

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Value

Data frame of pathway ids and names.

References


Examples

```
# Load extracted linear subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Retrieve all available hsa pathways
## Not run: pathways <- downloadKEGGPathwayList(org='hsa')
```
downloadMiRecords  

*Download miRNA-mRNA interactions for an organism.*

**Description**

Download miRNA-mRNA interactions for an organism.

**Usage**

```r
downloadMiRecords(org, pn, update, databases)
```

**Arguments**

- `org`  
  KEGG organism identifier.

- `pn`  
  Number of databases that verify miRNA-mRNA interactions.

- `update`  
  Download preprocessed data (update=FALSE) or new data from miRecords (update=TRUE).

- `databases`  
  Specify which miRNA-mRNA interaction databases will be used.

**Details**

miRecords is a resource for animal miRNA-target interactions. The Predicted Targets component of miRecords is an integration of predicted miRNA targets produced by 11 established miRNA target prediction tools, namely DIANA-microT, MicroInspector, miRanda, MirTarget2, miTarget, NBmiRTar, PicTar, PITA, RNA22, RNAhybrid, and TargetScan/TargertScanS.

**Value**

Downloaded data is stored in CHRONOS/extdata/Downloads/miRecords/<org>/miRNATargets.RData

**References**

- [http://c1.accurascience.com/miRecords](http://c1.accurascience.com/miRecords)

**Examples**

```r
# Load extracted linear subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

## Not run: downloadMiRecords(org='hsa', pn=5, update=FALSE, databases='All')
```
**downloadPathways**

Download KEGG pathways in KGML format.

**Description**

Download KEGG pathways in KGML format.

**Usage**

```r
downloadPathways(org, pathways)
```

**Arguments**

- `org`  
  KEGG organism identifier
- `pathways`  
  Download pathways for specified organism:
  - 'All'  
    All organism pathways
  - 'Metabolic'  
    Metabolic pathways
  - 'Non-Metabolic'  
    Non metabolic pathways
  - `<vector of indexes>`  
    Using indexes from `downloadKEGGPathwayList`
  - `<vector of names>`  
    Using pathway identifiers (i.e. c('00010', '00020'))

**Details**

KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) is a database resource for understanding high-level functions and utilities of the biological, system such as the cell, the organism and the ecosystem, from molecular-level information, especially large-scale molecular datasets generated by genome sequencing and other high-throughput experimental technologies.

Files are downloaded in CHRONOS/extdata/Downloads/KEGG/<org> folder. Downloading is skipped for existing files.

**Value**

Downloaded data is stored in CHRONOS/extdata/Downloads/KEGG/<org>

**References**

extractLinearSubpathways

Linear subpathway extraction from pathway graphs

Description

Linear subpathway extraction from pathway graphs

Usage

extractLinearSubpathways(graphs, pathways, a, b, filter, export, groupMode, verbose)

Arguments

graphs Pathway graphs as returned from createPathwayGraphs.
pathways The subset of pathways from whom subpathways are to be extracted. If missing, all pathway graphs are used.
a Minimum subpathway length.
b Maximum subpathway length.
filter Filter the subpaths with user genes (TRUE).
export Exports subpaths in CHRONOS/extdata/Output/Subpaths/Linear/<org> folder. Available formats are `.txt` and/or `.RData`.
groupMode Expand paralogues (`expand`) or collapse them to a single entry (`collapse`).
verbose Display informative messages (TRUE)
Requires previous execution of importExpressions.
Details

Subpath filtering supports the removal of subpaths that have at least one member not belonging to the set of user supplied genes. These genes are extracted from the user’s mRNA expressions matrix. Thus, the execution of \texttt{importExpressions} is a prerequisite.

To extract linear subpathways from a pathway graph, all possible start and end nodes are considered. A start node has only outgoing edges while an end node only has incoming edges. For each such pair, all linear subpathways are found by traversing the corresponding graph. Since the initial pathway graph’s nodes contain one or more genes, resulting subpathways consist of bins of one or more genes. These subpaths are expanded to subpathways with one gene per bin in order to obtain usable subpathways.

Value

Returns a list consisting of

- A matrix of linear subpathways (subpaths)
- A list of processed pathway graphs adjacency matrices (adjMats)
- A list of processed pathway genes and interactions between them (lexicon)

Examples

```r
# Load pathway graphs from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples', package='CHRONOS'))

# Extract linear subpathways
linSubs <- extractLinearSubpathways(graphs)
```

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**extractNonLinearSubpathways**

Non linear subpathway extraction from pathway graphs

Description

Non linear subpathway extraction from pathway graphs

Usage

```r
extractNonLinearSubpathways(graphs, pathways, a, b, k, filter, groupMode, export, verbose)
```
extractNonLinearSubpathways

Arguments

graphs         Pathway graphs as returned from `createPathwayGraphs`.
pathways       The subset of pathways from whom subpathways are to be extracted.
               If missing, all pathway graphs are used.
a             Minimum subpathway length.
b             Maximum subpathway length.
k             Clique size.
filter         Filter the subpaths with user genes (TRUE).
groupMode      Expand paralogues (`expand`) or collapse them to a single entry (`collapse`).
export         Exports subpaths in CHRONOS/extdata/Output/Subpaths/Non-Linear/<org> folder.
               Available formats are `.txt` and/or `.RData`.
verbose        Display informative messages (TRUE)
               Requires previous execution of `importExpressions`.

Value

Returns a list consisting of

- A matrix of linear subpathways (subpaths)
- A list of processed pathway graphs adjacency matrices (adjMats)
- A list of processed pathway genes and interactions between them (lexicon)

To extract non linear subpaths from a pathway graph, all interactions between nodes of belonging to k-cliques are found. The ones that correspond to actual interactions between genes make up the non linear subpath.

Examples

```r
# Load pathway graphs from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Extract linear subpathways
nliSubs <- extractNonLinearSubpathways(graphs=graphs)
```
**getEdgeTypes**

*Map various types of gene-gene interactions in KGML files to edge types in corresponding pathway graphs.*

**Description**

Map various types of gene-gene interactions in KGML files to edge types in corresponding pathway graphs.

**Usage**

`getEdgeTypes(type)`

**Arguments**

- **type**: A vector of interaction types.

**Details**

Edge types

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<th>Apathetic</th>
<th>No Interaction</th>
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Default interaction - edge type mapping

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importExpressions

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<tr>
<td>If an interaction type has been supplied, the corresponding edge types are returned. If not, the complete mapping is returned.</td>
<td><strong>importExpressions</strong> <strong>Import gene and miRNA expressions from</strong></td>
<td><strong>importExpressions(data, type, sep, org, mRNAomenclature)</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Examples

# Example 1

# Retreive edge types for phosphorylation and dephosphorylation.
gEdgeTypes(c(7,8))

# Example 2

# Returns a data frame containing the interaction - edge type mapper.
types <- getEdgeTypes()

# Set phosphorylation to inhibition.
types[8,2] <- 2
pathwayMeasures

Arguments

data  Expressions data filename or matrix.
type  Expressions data type. (or mRNA expressions, type=<nomenType>. Available gene expression nomenclature can be found in convertNomenclature. For miRNA expressions, type='miRNA'.
sep  File delimiter.
org  KEGG organism identifier
mRNAnomenclature  Nomenclature of user's mRNA expressions

Details

- Import gene expressions data from CHRONOS/extdata/Input/<userFile>.txt or a supplied matrix.
- Import miRNA expressions data from CHRONOS/extdata/Input/<userFile>.txt or a supplied matrix.

Value

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Examples

# Example

load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

importExpressions(data=mRNAexpr, type='mRNA',
  mRNAnomenclature='entrezgene', sep='\t', org='hsa')
importExpressions(data=miRNAexpr, type='miRNA', sep='\t', org='hsa')

pathwayMeasures  Pathway structural and functional aspects

Description

Pathway structural and functional aspects

Usage

pathwayMeasures(graphs)

Arguments

graphs  Pathway graphs as returned from createPathwayGraphs.
scoreSubpathways

Details

Structural and functional aspects of a pathway are calculated in respect to all organism pathways.

Value

Matrix with pathness, betweenness centrality and degree values for each gene in the pathway graphs at it’s columns.

Examples

```r
# Load pathway graphs from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Calculate pathway structural and functional aspects
measures <- pathwayMeasures(graphs)
```

scoreSubpathways

Evaluate subpathways using an interacting scorng scheme (IS) for each time point.

Description

Evaluate subpathways using an interacting scorng scheme (IS) for each time point.

Usage

```r
scoreSubpathways(subpathways, filters, measures, parameters, miRNAinteractions)
```

Arguments

- **subpathways**: Subpaths as returned from `extractLinearSubpathways` and `extractNonLinearSubpathways`.
- **filters**: Named vector of filters used for subpathway evaluation. Values denote corresponding thresholds.
  - `pvalue`: Statistical evaluation
  - `measures`: Structural and functional evaluation
  - `subScore`: mRNA-mRNA interaction scoring
  - `mirScore`: miRNA-mRNA interaction scoring
- **measures**: Subpathway structural and functional aspects as returned from `pathwayMeasures`.
- **parameters**: C,K,T parameters of scoring scheme.
- **miRNAinteractions**: An edgelist of miRNA-mRNA interactions used to override downloaded interactions from miRecords.
subpathwayKEGGmap

Details
...

Value

- subpathways: High ranking subpathways
- subScores: miRNA-subpathway scores
- mRNAScores: mRNA-mRNA scores for each subpathway and for each time point
- miRNAsOverSubpathway: High ranking miRNAs hitting each subpathway
- pValues: P-value of each subpathway
- filters: Filters used for the evaluation

References


Examples

# Load extracted subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Import mRNA expressions
mRNAexpr <- importExpressions(data=mRNAexpr, type='mRNA', org='hsa')

# Score extracted linear subpathways
filters <- c('subScore'=0.4)
linSubsScored <- scoreSubpathways(subpathways=linSubs, filters=filters)

subpathwayKEGGmap Create links to KEGG pathway map with highlighted subpathways.

Description

Create links to KEGG pathway map with highlighted subpathways.

Usage

subpathwayKEGGmap(subpathways, type, openInBrowser)
subpathwayMiRNAs

Arguments

subpathways Subpathways as returned by extractLinearSubpathways or extractNonLinearSubpathways
type Subpathway type (Linear, Non-Linear)
onInBrowser Open link in default browser.

Value

Vector of links of KEGG pathway maps.

Examples

# Load extracted linear subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples/data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Opening selected subpathways in default browser
subs <- linSubs$subpaths[1:3,]
subpathwayKEGGmap(subpathways=subs, type='Linear', openInBrowser=FALSE)

subpathwayMiRNAs Create a circulat plot of a subpathway and the miRNAs that target it.

Description

Create a circulat plot of a subpathway and the miRNAs that target it.

Usage

subpathwayMiRNAs(summary, subIdx, timePoints)

Arguments

summary Output from scoreSubpathways
subIdx Subpathway index
timePoints Time points to include in visualization, default to all.

Value

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Examples

# Load scored subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples/data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

# Visualize one or more subpathways.
subpathwayMiRNAs(summary=linSubsScored, subIdx=2)
visualizeResults

**Description**
Visualize results in tabular form (txt, xlsx)

**Usage**
visualizeResults(summary, export, expand, colors, from, to)

**Arguments**
- **summary**: Evaluation results as returned from `scoreSubpathways`
- **export**: `.xlsx` exports a xlsx file and `.txt` a .txt file.
- **expand**: TRUE if each subpathway member and miRNA belongs to a single cell, FALSE if all subpathway members belong to one cell and miRNAs to another cell.
- **colors**: The color scheme used in subScores heatmap.
- **from**: Primary annotation `convertNomenclature`. Defaults to EntrezGene ID.
- **to**: Secondary annotation `convertNomenclature`

**Value**
A txt or a xlsx file in CHRONOS/extdata/Output/Scores/Linear/<org>
or CHRONOS/extdata/Output/Scores/Non-Linear/<org>

**Examples**
# Load scored subpathways from toy data
load(system.file('extdata', 'Examples//data.RData', package='CHRONOS'))

visualizeResults(linSubsScored, export='txt')
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