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**Description** Routines for identifying metabolic subpathways mediated by microRNAs (miRNAs) through topologically locating miRNAs and genes within reconstructed Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) metabolic pathway graphs embedded by miRNAs. (1) This package can obtain the reconstructed KEGG metabolic pathway graphs with genes and miRNAs as nodes, through converting KEGG metabolic pathways to graphs with genes as nodes and compounds as edges, and then integrating miRNA-target interactions verified by low-throughput experiments from four databases (TarBase, miRecords, miTarBase and miR2Disease) into converted pathway graphs. (2) This package can locate metabolic subpathways mediated by miRNAs by topologically analyzing the ``leistant distance'' of miRNAs and genes within reconstructed KEGG metabolic pathway graphs. (3) This package can identify significantly enriched miRNA-mediated metabolic subpathways based on located subpathways by hypergenomic test. (4) This package can support six species for metabolic subpathway identification, such as *caenorhabditis elegans*, *drosophila melanogaster*, *danio rerio*, *homo sapiens*, *mus musculus* and *rattus norvegicus*, and user only need to update interested organism-specific environment variables.

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### SubpathwayGMir-package

*The SubpathwayGMir package*

## Description

SubpathwayGMir is an R package for identifying metabolic subpathways mediated by microRNAs (miRNAs).

## Introduction

SubpathwayGMir is an R package for identifying miRNA-mediated metabolic subpathways by topologically analyzing miRNAs and genes within reconstructed Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathway graphs, which integrated miRNA-target interactions verified by low-throughput experiments.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[getInteGraphList](#), [getLocSubGraph](#), [identifyGraph](#), [initializeK2ri](#), [updateOrgEnvir](#)

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getBackground	<i>Get the background of molecules</i>
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## Description

getBackground attempts to get the background of user-specified molecules.

## Usage

```
getBackground(type = "gene_miRNA")
```

## Arguments

type            A character string. Should be one of "gene", "miRNA" or "gene\_miRNA".

## Details

The default background is obtained from the environment variable. For human, the reference gene background is all human genes in KEGG pathways. The reference miRNA background is collected from miRBase database.

## Value

A character vector.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[identifyGraph](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
## get all background of genes  
bgGene <- getBackground(type="gene")  
  
## get all background of miRNAs  
bgMir <- getBackground(type="miRNA")  
  
## get all background of miRNAs and genes  
bgGMir <- getBackground(type="gene_miRNA")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**getInteGraphList**      *Get the reconstructed metabolic pathway graphs*

## Description

Get the reconstructed KEGG metabolic pathway graphs embedded by miRNAs through integrating experimentally verified miRNA-target interactions.

## Usage

```
getInteGraphList(graphList,relations)
```

## Arguments

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>graphList</code> | A graphList. There nodes must be represented by genes.  |
| <code>relations</code> | A data frame. It contains two columns, the first is miRNA names and the second is its target names. |

## Details

The argument "relations" represents user-interested miRNA-target interactions, which can be returned from the `GetK2riData`.

## Value

A graph list.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[plotGraph](#), [getLocSubGraph](#), [GetK2riData](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:

### Integrate miRNAs into KEGG pathway graphs ###

## get hsa-specificd miRNA-target interactions ##
expMir2Tar <- GetK2riData(K2riData="expMir2Tar")
row1 <- which(expMir2Tar[["LowTHExps"]]== "YES")
row2 <- which(expMir2Tar[["Species"]]== "hsa")
relations <- unique(expMir2Tar[intersect(row1, row2), c(2:3)])

## get direct KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEDEEMGraph")
```

```
# get reconstructed pathway graph list #
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# visualize the reconstructed pathways #
plotGraph(InteGraphList[[1]], layout=layout.random)

## get undirect KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEDEUEMGraph")
# get reconstructed pathway graph list #
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# visualize the reconstructed pathways #
plotGraph(InteGraphList[[1]], layout=layout.random)

## End(Not run)
```

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**GetK2riData***Get the environment data*

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**Description**

Get variables in current environment.

**Usage**

```
GetK2riData(K2riData)
```

**Arguments**

K2riData	A character string. It must be one of them, including "expMir2Tar", "miRNA2Org", "BGMiRNA", "BGGene", "gene2symbol", "gene2path", "MetabolicGEDEUEM-Graph" and "MetabolicGEDEEMGraph".
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**Details**

The parameter K2riData is "expMir2Tar", which represents to obtain all miRNA-target interactions verified by experiments.

The parameter K2riData is "miRNA2Org", which represents to obtain miRNA-organism data.

The parameter K2riData is "BGMiRNA", which represents to obtain miRNA background data.

The parameter K2riData is "BGGene", which represents to obtain gene background data.

The parameter K2riData is "gene2symbol", which represents to obtain gene-symbol data.

The parameter K2riData is "gene2path", which represents to obtain gene-pathway data.

The parameter K2riData is "MetabolicGEDEUEMGraph", which represents to obtain undirect KEGG metabolic pathway graphs with genes as nodes.

The parameter K2riData is "MetabolicGEDEEMGraph", which represents to obtain direct KEGG metabolic pathway graphs with genes as nodes.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[updateOrgEnvir](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# obtain all miRNA-target interactions #
expMir2Tar <- GetK2riData(K2riData="expMir2Tar")
expMir2Tar[1:6,]

# obtain miRNA background #
BGMiRNA <- GetK2riData(K2riData="BGMiRNA")
BGMiRNA[1:10]

## End(Not run)
```

**getLocSubGraph**      *Get the located metabolic subpathways*

**Description**

Locate metabolic subpathways mediated by miRNAs.

**Usage**

```
getLocSubGraph(moleculeList, graphList, type="gene_miRNA",
               n=1, s=10, method = "shortestPaths")
```

**Arguments**

<code>moleculeList</code>	A character vector. Such as differentially expressed miRNAs and/or genes under disease phenotypes.
<code>graphList</code>	A graph list. There nodes must be represented by genes.
<code>type</code>	A character string. Should be one of "gene", "miRNA" or "gene_miRNA".
<code>n</code>	An integer. The maximum acceptable quantities of non-signature node at the shortest path between each two differential molecules.
<code>s</code>	An integer. The minimum acceptable quantities of nodes in located subpathways.
<code>method</code>	A character string. In which the shortest path algorithms will be used. See the function <a href="#">get.shortest.paths</a> .

## Details

We apply lenient distance similarity method to locate metabolic subpathways mediated by miRNAs. We first map user interested differentially expressed miRNAs and/or genes to pathways as signatures. For a given pathway, we compute the shortest path between any two signatures. In shortest path, if the number of non-signature nodes between two signatures is no more than n, then these two signature nodes and other nodes at the shortest path are added into the same node set. We extract the corresponding subgraph in the pathway graph according to each node set. We finally define these subgraphs with node number  $\geq s$  as the subpathway regions of the pathway. The argument n is maximum number of permitted non-signature nodes at the shortest path between signature nodes. The default parameter n=1. The argument s is used to filter subpathways in which the number of nodes are less than the parameter s. The default parameter s=10. The argument method determines which shortest path algorithms will be used. We set the default value as "get.shortest.paths".

## Value

A list of graphs.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[identifyGraph](#), [get.shortest.paths](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:

### Integrate miRNAs to KEGG pathway graphs ###

## get hsa-specificd miRNA-target interactions ##
expMir2Tar <- GetK2riData(K2riData="expMir2Tar")
row1 <- which(expMir2Tar[["LowTHExps"]]=="YES")
row2 <- which(expMir2Tar[["Species"]]=="hsa")
relations <- unique(expMir2Tar[intersect(row1, row2), c(2:3)])

# get user-interested miRNAs and genes sets.
moleculeList <- c(getBackground(type="gene")[1:1000],
                  getBackground(type="miRNA")[1:2000])

## get direct KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEEMGraph")
# get reconstructed pathway graph list.
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# get locate subpathways.
subGraphList <- getLocSubGraph(moleculeList, InteGraphList,
                                type="gene_miRNA", n=1, s=10)
# visualize the located subpathways.
plotGraph(subGraphList[[1]], layout=layout.random)
```

```

## get undirect KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEUEMGraph")
# get reconstructed pathway graph list.
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# get locate subpathways.
subGraphList <- getLocSubGraph(moleculeList,InteGraphList,
                                type="gene_miRNA",n=1,s=10)
# visualize the located subpathways.
plotGraph(subGraphList[[1]],layout=layout.random)

## End(Not run)

```

**identifyGraph***Annotate and identify subpathways***Description**

Annotate user-interested molecules to pathways and identify significantly enriched subpathways.

**Usage**

```
identifyGraph(moleculeList,graphList,type="gene_miRNA",
              background=getBackground(type),
              order="pvalue",decreasing=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>moleculeList</code>	A character vector. Such as differentially expressed miRNAs and/or genes under disease phenotypes.
<code>graphList</code>	A graph list. There nodes must be represented by genes or miRNAs and genes.
<code>type</code>	A character string. Should be one of "gene", "miRNA" or "gene_miRNA".
<code>background</code>	A character vector of molecules.
<code>order</code>	A character string. Should be one of "pvalue", "fdr".
<code>decreasing</code>	A logical. Should the sort be ordered by increasing or decreasing?

**Details**

The function can support the annotation and identification of metabolic subpathways based on genes, miRNAs or gene\_miRNAs sets. The argument `moleculeList` supports three kinds of molecular sets: "genes", "miRNAs" or "gene\_miRNAs".

The argument `type` represent the type of input molecules, including one of "genes", "miRNAs" or "gene\_miRNA".

Detailed background information is provided in the function [getBackground](#).

When many correlated subpathways are considered, the parameter `order` is used to order the pathways on the basis of "pvalue" or "fdr".

The parameter `decreasing` is set TRUE that represent the order would be performed by decreasing.

**Value**

A list. It include: 'pathwayId', 'pathwayName', 'annMoleculeList', 'annMoleculeNumber', 'annBgMoleculeList', 'annBgNumber', 'MoleculeNumber', 'bgNumber', 'pvalue', and 'fdr', corresponding to pathway identifier, pathway name, the submitted molecules annotated to a pathway, the number of submitted molecules annotated to a pathway, the background molecules annotated to a pathway, the number of background molecules annotated to a pathway, the number of submitted molecules, the number of background molecules, p-value of the hypergeometric test, and Benjamini-Hochberg fdr values.

The background molecules annotated to a pathway are equal to all molecules in the pathway. For example, if the submitted molecules are human genes, the background molecules annotated to a pathway are equal to all human genes in the pathway.

The number of background molecules is the number of all molecules. For example, if the submitted molecules are human genes, the number of background molecules is equal to all human genes.

To visualize and save the results, the list can be converted to the `data.frame` by the function `printGraph`.

Note that `moleculeList` must be a 'character' vector. The genes must be represented by NCBI gene ids, and miRNAs must be represented by mature miRNA name in miRBase.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[printGraph](#), [getBackground](#), [GetK2riData](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

### Annotate and identify subpathways ###

## get hsa-specificd miRNA-target interactions ##
expMir2Tar <- GetK2riData(K2riData="expMir2Tar")
row1 <- which(expMir2Tar[["LowTHExps"]]== "YES")
row2 <- which(expMir2Tar[["Species"]]== "hsa")
relations <- unique(expMir2Tar[intersect(row1, row2), c(2:3)]) 

# get user-interested miRNAs and genes sets.
moleculeList <- c(getBackground(type="gene")[1:1000],
                   getBackground(type="miRNA")[1:2000])

## get direct KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEEMGraph")
# get reconstructed pathway graph list.
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# get locate subpathways.
subGraphList <- getLocSubGraph(moleculeList, InteGraphList,
```

```

        type="gene_miRNA",n=1,s=10)
# annotate and identify subpathways.
ann <- identifyGraph(moleculeList,subGraphList,type="gene_miRNA")
# convert ann to a data frame.
result <- printGraph(ann,detail=TRUE)

## get undirect KEGG metabolic pathway graphs ##
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEUEMGraph")
# get reconstructed pathway graph list.
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)
# get locate subpathways.
subGraphList <- getLocSubGraph(moleculeList,InteGraphList,
                               type="gene_miRNA",n=1,s=10)
# annotate and identify subpathways.
ann <- identifyGraph(moleculeList,subGraphList,type="gene_miRNA")
result <- printGraph(ann,detail=TRUE)

# save the result.
write.table(head(result),"result.txt",sep="\t",col.names=TRUE,row.names=FALSE)

## End(Not run)

```

**initializeK2ri***Initialize environment variable k2ri***Description**

Initialize environment variable k2ri.

**Usage**

```
initializeK2ri()
```

**Details**

We can use the `initializeK2ri` to initialize the environment variable k2ri in current environment. The environment variable k2ri contains many informations. We can use the function `ls` to see all variables and use `ls(k2ri)` to see all informations in current environment, which include BGGene, BGmiRNA, expMir2Tar, gene2path, gene2symbol, miRNA20rg, MetabolicGEGEUEMGraph, and MetabolicGEGEEMGraph. We can use the function `get` to obtain one of them.

**Author(s)**

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
# initialize environment k2ri.
initializeK2ri()

# see whether k2ri is exist in R or not.
ls()

# see all environment variable contained in k2ri.
ls(k2ri)

## End(Not run)
```

plotGraph

*Visualize a pathway graph*

## Description

Visualize a pathway graph.

## Usage

```
plotGraph(graph,margin=0,vertex.label.cex=0.6,vertex.label.font=1,
          vertex.size=8,vertex.size2=6,edge.arrow.size=0.2,
          edge.arrow.width=3,vertex.label=V(graph)$graphics_name,
          vertex.shape=V(graph)$graphics_type,layout=getLayout(graph),
          vertex.label.color="black",vertex.color=V(graph)$graphics_bgcolor,
          vertex.frame.color="dimgray",edge.color="dimgray",
          edge.label=getEdgeLabel(graph),edge.label.cex=0.6,
          edge.label.color="dimgray",edge.lty=getEdgeLty(graph),
          axes=FALSE,xlab="",ylab="",sub=NULL,main=NULL,...)
```

## Arguments

- graph** The igraph object of a pathway graph.
- margin** A numeric. The value is usually between -0.5 and 0.5, which is able to zoom in or out a pathway graph. The default is 0.
- vertex.label.cex** A numeric vector of node label size.
- vertex.label.font** A numeric vector of label font.
- vertex.size** A numeric vector of Node size. See [plot.igraph](#)
- vertex.size2** A numeric vector of Node size.
- edge.arrow.size** Edge arrow size.The default is 0.2.

<code>edge.arrow.width</code>	Edge arrow width. The default is 3.
<code>vertex.label</code>	A vector of node label. The default is <code>graphics_name</code> .
<code>vertex.shape</code>	A vector of node shape. The default is <code>graphics_type</code> .
<code>layout</code>	A matrix of x-y coordinates with two dims. Determine the placement of the nodes for drawing a graph. The default is the KEGG node coordinates that are originally obtained from the KGML file.
<code>vertex.label.color</code>	A vector of node label colors. The default is black.
<code>vertex.color</code>	A vector of node colors. The default is the KEGG node color.
<code>vertex.frame.color</code>	A vector of node frame color. The default is dimgray.
<code>edge.color</code>	A vector of edge color. The default is dimgray.
<code>edge.label</code>	A vector of edge label.
<code>edge.label.cex</code>	Edge label size.
<code>edge.label.color</code>	A vector of edge label color. The default is dimgray.
<code>edge.lty</code>	A vector of line type for the edges.
<code>axes</code>	A logical. whether to plot axes. The default is FALSE.
<code>xlab</code>	A character string. The label of the horizontal axis. The default is the empty string.
<code>ylab</code>	A character string. The label of the vertical axis. The default is the empty string.
<code>sub</code>	A character string of subtitle.
<code>main</code>	A character string of main title.
<code>...</code>	The arguments passed to or from methods. See <a href="#">plot</a> .

## Details

The function `plotGraph` is able to display a pathway graph.

The argument `layout` is used to determine the placement of the nodes for drawing a graph. There are mainly two preprocessed methods to determine the placement of the nodes for drawing a pathway graph: the KEGG pathway layout and `layout` provided in the function `plot.igraph` of the `igraph` package. The default layout is the KEGG layout, for which the coordinates of nodes in KEGG is used to determine the placement of the nodes for drawing a graph. Therefore, the returned figure by the function may be very similar to the KEGG pathway graph when information in the pathway graph is complete relatively. The layouts provided in `igraph` include `layout.reingold.tilford`, `layout.random`, `layout.circle`, `layout.sphere`, ... .

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[plot](#), [layout.random](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
#### get metabolic pathway graphs ####  
  
g<- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEEMGraph")  
  
# visualize the graph  
plotGraph(g[[1]],layout=layout.random)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

**printGraph***Print the results of graph annotation and identification*

---

## Description

Print the results of graph annotation and identification.

## Usage

```
printGraph(ann,detail=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| ann    | A list. The value was returned from the function <a href="#">identifyGraph</a> .   |
| detail | A logical. If true, gene lists from the function <a href="#">identifyGraph</a> are converted into strings, which are used to display and write results with genes. |

## Value

A data.frame. Columns include pathwayId, pathwayName, annMoleculeRatio, annBgRatio, pvalue, 'fdr', annMoleculeList, annBgMoleculeList. Detailed information is provided in [identifyGraph](#).

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[identifyGraph](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# get hsa-specificd miRNA-target interactions
expMir2Tar <- GetK2riData(K2riData="expMir2Tar")
row1 <- which(expMir2Tar[["LowTHExps"]]== "YES")
row2 <- which(expMir2Tar[["Species"]]== "hsa")
relations <- unique(expMir2Tar[intersect(row1, row2), c(2:3)])

# get direct KEGG metabolic pathway graphs
graphList <- GetK2riData(K2riData="MetabolicGEGEEMGraph")

# get reconstructed pathway graph list.
InteGraphList <- getInteGraphList(graphList, relations)

# get user-interested miRNAs and genes sets.
moleculeList <- c(getBackground(type="gene")[1:1000],
                  getBackground(type="miRNA")[1:2000])

# get locate subpathways.
subGraphList <- getLocSubGraph(moleculeList, InteGraphList,
                                 type="gene_miRNA", n=1, s=10)

# annotate and identify subpathways.
ann <- identifyGraph(moleculeList, subGraphList, type="gene_miRNA")

# convert ann to a data frame.
result <- printGraph(ann, detail=TRUE)

# save the result.
write.table(head(result), "result.txt", sep="\t", col.names=TRUE, row.names=FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

updateOrgEnvir

*Update the organism-specific environment variables*

## Description

Update the organism-specific environment variables that user interested.

## Usage

```
updateOrgEnvir(org = "hsa", path = "http://rest.kegg.jp", verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

org	A character string. It supports six species and must be the abbreviation of a genome name, such as cel(caenorhabditis elegans), dme(drosophila melanogaster), dre(danio rerio), hsa(homo sapiens), mmu(mus musculus) and rno(rattus norvegicus).
path	A character string. The reference path for downloading organism-specific data.
verbose	A logical. If TRUE, the additional diagnostics are printed.

## Details

This package supports to identify metabolic subpathways among six organisms. We only need to update the organism-specific environment variables before subpathway identification. The six organisms contain cel(caenorhabditis elegans), dme(drosophila melanogaster), dre(danio rerio), hsa(homo sapiens), mmu(mus musculus) and rno(rattus norvegicus). The defalut value of the argument org is "hsa" (human).

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
## update organism and the type of gene identifiers ##  
  
updateOrgEnvir("mmu")  
  
# show the current environment variables  
ls(k2ri)  
  
# show the background of miRNAs  
k2ri$BGMiRNA[1:3]  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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