

# Package ‘gsean’

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gsean-package	<i>Gene Set Enrichment Analysis with Networks</i>
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Description

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centrality_gsea	<i>Gene Set Enrichment Analysis with centrality measure</i>
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Description

GSEA is performed with centrality measure

Usage

```
centrality_gsea(geneset, x, adjacency, pseudo = 1, nperm = 1000,  
               centrality = function(x) rowSums(abs(x)),  
               weightParam = 1, minSize = 1, maxSize = Inf,  
               gseaParam = 1, nproc = 0, BPPARAM = NULL)
```

## Arguments

geneset	list of gene sets
x	Named vector of gene-level statistics. Names should be the same as in gene sets.
adjacency	adjacency matrix
pseudo	pseudo number for log2 transformation (default: 1)
nperm	number of permutations (default: 1000)
centrality	centrality measure, degree centrality or node strength is default
weightParam	weight parameter value for the centrality measure, equally weight if weightParam = 0 (default: 1)
minSize	minimal size of a gene set (default: 1)
maxSize	maximal size of a gene set (default: Inf)
gseaParam	GSEA parameter value (default: 1)
nproc	see fgsea::fgsea
BPPARAM	see fgsea::fgsea

## Value

GSEA result

## Author(s)

Dongmin Jung

## See Also

fgsea::fgsea

## Examples

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
exampleRanks <- exampleRanks[1:100]
adjacency <- diag(length(exampleRanks))
rownames(adjacency) <- names(exampleRanks)
set.seed(1)
result.GSEA <- centrality_gsea(examplePathways, exampleRanks, adjacency)
```

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exprs2adj	<i>Convert gene expression data to adjacency matrix by using correlation coefficients</i>
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## Description

A biological network is constructed from gene expression data and it is used for Gene Set Enrichment Analysis.

## Usage

```
exprs2adj(x, pseudo = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    gene expression data  
pseudo            pseudo number for log2 transformation (default: 1)  
...                additional parameters for correlation; see WGCNA::cor

**Value**

adjacency matrix

**Author(s)**

Dongmin Jung

**See Also**

fgsea::fgsea, WGCNA::cor

**Examples**

```
data(exampleRanks)
Names <- names(exampleRanks)
exprs <- matrix(rnorm(10*length(exampleRanks)), ncol = 10)
adjacency <- exprs2adj(exprs)
```

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GO\_dme

*Gene Ontology terms with gene ID for Drosophila melanogaster*

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**Description**

The data set contains all Gene Ontology terms for Drosophila melanogaster and genes are identified by gene ID. There are 2823 categories.

**Usage**

GO\_dme

**Format**

a list of gene sets

**Value**

GO gene sets

**Author(s)**

Dongmin Jung

**Source**

<http://www.go2msig.org/cgi-bin/prebuilt.cgi?taxid=7227>

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("data", "GO_dme.rda", package = "gsean"))
```

gsean

*Gene Set Enrichment Analysis with Networks***Description**

GSEA or ORA is performed with networks from gene expression data

**Usage**

```
gsean(geneset, x, exprs, pseudo = 1, threshold = 0.99, nperm = 1000,
      centrality = function(x) rowSums(abs(x)), weightParam = 1,
      minSize = 1, maxSize = Inf, gseaParam = 1, nproc = 0,
      BPPARAM = NULL, corParam = list(), tmax = 10, ...)
```

**Arguments**

geneset	list of gene sets
x	Named vector of gene-level statistics for GSEA or set of genes for ORA. Names should be the same as in gene sets.
exprs	gene expression data
pseudo	pseudo number for log2 transformation (default: 1)
threshold	threshold of correlation for nodes to be considered neighbors for ORA (default: 0.99)
nperm	number of permutations (default: 1000)
centrality	centrality measure, degree centrality or node strength is default
weightParam	weight parameter value for the centrality measure, equally weight if weightParam = 0 (default: 1)
minSize	minimal size of a gene set (default: 1)
maxSize	maximal size of a gene set (default: Inf)
gseaParam	GSEA parameter value (default: 1)
nproc	see fgsea::fgsea
BPPARAM	see fgsea::fgsea
corParam	additional parameters for correlation; see WGCNA::cor
tmax	maximum number of iterations for label propagation (default: 10)
...	additional parameters for label propagation; see RANKS::label.prop

**Value**

GSEA result

**Author(s)**

Dongmin Jung

**See Also**

exprs2adj, label\_prop\_gsea, centrality\_gsea

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
exampleRanks <- exampleRanks[1:100]
Names <- names(exampleRanks)
exprs <- matrix(rnorm(10*length(exampleRanks)), ncol = 10)
rownames(exprs) <- names(exampleRanks)
set.seed(1)
result.GSEA <- gsean(examplePathways, exampleRanks, exprs)
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KEGG\_hsa

*KEGG pathways with gene symbol for human*

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**Description**

The data set contains 186 KEGG pathways for Drosophila melanogaster and genes are identified by gene symbol.

**Usage**

KEGG\_hsa

**Format**

a list of gene sets

**Value**

KEGG gene sets

**Author(s)**

Dongmin Jung

**Source**

<http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/collections.jsp>

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("data", "KEGG_hsa.rda", package = "gsean"))
```

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label_prop_gsea	<i>Over-representaion analysis with the label propagation algorithm</i>
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**Description**

ORA is performed by GSEA with the label propagation algorithm

**Usage**

```
label_prop_gsea(geneset, x, adjacency, threshold = 0.99, nperm = 1000,
               minSize = 1, maxSize = Inf, gseaParam = 1, nproc = 0,
               BPPARAM = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

geneset	list of gene sets
x	set of genes
adjacency	adjacency matrix
threshold	threshold of correlation for nodes to be considered neighbors (default: 0.99)
nperm	number of permutations (default: 1000)
minSize	minimal size of a gene set (default: 1)
maxSize	maximal size of a gene set (default: Inf)
gseaParam	GSEA parameter value (default: 1)
nproc	see fgsea::fgsea
BPPARAM	see fgsea::fgsea
...	additional parameters for label propagation; see RANKS::label.prop

**Value**

GSEA result

**Author(s)**

Dongmin Jung

**See Also**

fgsea::fgsea

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
exampleRanks <- exampleRanks[1:100]
geneNames <- names(exampleRanks)
set.seed(1)
x <- sample(geneNames, 10)
adjacency <- diag(length(exampleRanks))
rownames(adjacency) <- geneNames
result.GSEA <- label_prop_gsea(examplePathways, x, adjacency)
```

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