1 An IPython Introduction to Using TEA for C. elegans researchers

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Please note: I have tried to make this tutorial as complete as possible, with a brief introduction to Pandas dataframes and showing how I typically prepare my dataframes for analysis. Experienced users will want to skip this and go straight to Calling TEA. However, this tutorial is by no means a complete introduction to Python or Pandas - in fact, it’s more like a super fast crash course. I apologize for this, and in the future I will consider improving the tutorial.

1.0.1 Best of Luck!
— David Angeles-Albores

2 Introduction

2.0.1 What is TEA meant for?

TEA is meant to provide straightforward analysis of large gene lists for C. elegans researchers. We hope that TEA will function as a hypothesis generator, or alternatively, as a way of understanding the biology behind a dataset.

2.0.2 How is TEA different from GO?

Great question. GO is primarily a molecular/cellular ontology, whereas TEA works from TO, the C. elegans tissue ontology. I believe tissues are, in some senses, fundamental units in biology. Often, it is the case that tissues, not cells, have been studied for considerably longer time, and as a result we have a better intuition for what the function of a tissue is, as compared to the molecular function of a list of genes. In other words, I think GO analysis and TEA are similar, but my guess is that the results from TEA will be easier to interpret, and as a result easier to use for hypothesis generation.

2.0.3 What TEA is not:

TEA is NOT meant to be used as a quantitative tool!
At best, TEA is a very good guess about what tissues are being affected in your dataset. At worst, TEA is a guess about what tissues are being affected in your dataset. TEA is working directly from the WormBase-curated expression dataset. As a result, we have the very best, most up to date annotations in the world. On the other hand, please remember these annotations suffer from bias. For example, the ASE, ASK and ASI neurons have been very well studied and are quite well annotated, but the individual intestinal
cells have not been generally well studied! Thus, our annotations are significantly biased by the research community’s interests.

Please use TEA carefully, and always use it as a guiding tool for your research, and never as the final say on anything.

2.0.4 What do you need to do to run this tool?

The gist of the algorithm is:
- Get your gene list into WBIDs
- Call our analysis function
- Call the plotting function
- Done.

2.1 Batch users:

This script runs on Python > 3.5.
- Dependencies: scipy (all), pandas, numpy, matplotlib and seaborn
- If you have pip, do

```
pip install tissue_enrichment_analysis
```

...to install the library in your computer.

- Import the module. You may find that the `numpy` and `pandas` modules are also often very useful.
- For the purposes of this journal, the file structure I’m working with is the following:
  - src - the folder this file lives in
  - input - a folder that contains all my input files.
  - Engelmann - folder containing the files i will be using

```
In [6]: import tissue_enrichment_analysis as tea
   #the main library for this tutorial
   import pandas as pd
   import os
   import importlib as imp
   import numpy as np
   import seaborn as sns
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

   #to make IPython plot inline, not req’d if you’re not working with an Ipython notebook
   %matplotlib inline
```

Now let’s import our dataset. Here, I will use a dataset I obtained from Engelmann et al, 2011 (PLOS One).

Specifically, this is data from an RNA-seq experiment they performed. Briefly, young adult worms were placed in \textit{D. coniospora} fungus for 24, cleaned and then RNA-seq’ed.

```
In [19]: dfDcon= pd.read_csv('../input/Engelmann/coniospora_Engelmann_2011.csv')  #Don’t forget to change the path in your script!
```

Let’s visualize the first five lines of the dataframe to see what’s in it.

```
In [20]: print('This dataframe has {0} columns and {1} rows'.format(dfDcon.shape[1], dfDcon.shape[0]))
   dfDcon.head()
```

This dataframe has 9 columns and 27322 rows

```
Ok. Clearly we can see the dataframe has a few different columns. Of particular interest to use are the columns ‘Infection_upregulated’ and ‘Infection_downregulated’, since these are the genes they identified as significantly altered by the treatment relative to an OP50 control. Let’s analyze the genes that are upregulated first and see what they can do.

Before we can analyze anything, notice that they don’t list WBIDs anywhere. We need to turn the names into WBIDs before we can continue.

To do this, I will load another file containing all the WBID-human readable relationships into a new dataframe called names

```python
In [21]: names= pd.read_csv('../input/Engelmann/c_elegans.PRJNA13758.WS241.livegeneIDs.unmaprm.txt',
sep= '	',comment= '#')
```

Let’s take a look at it:

```python
In [22]: print('The length of this dataframe is:{0}'.format(len(names)))
```

The length of this dataframe is:46788

```python
Out[22]:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WBID</th>
<th>HumanReadable</th>
<th>GeneName</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WBGene000000001</td>
<td>aap-1</td>
<td>Y110A7A.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WBGene00000002</td>
<td>aat-1</td>
<td>F27C8.1</td>
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<td>aat-2</td>
<td>F07C3.7</td>
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<td>WBGene00000004</td>
<td>aat-3</td>
<td>F52H2.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WBGene00000005</td>
<td>aat-4</td>
<td>T13A10.10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Engelmann names look like they are GeneNames.

Next, I’m going to generate a lambda function. This function will take a single argument ‘x’. ‘x’ should be the column containing the names we want to convert into WBIDs. Once we provide ‘x’, this function will look in the GeneName column of the names dataframe to see whether a particular entry can be found in the GeneName column.

For every entry it can find, g returns True. Else, it returns False

```python
In [23]: g= lambda x: (names.GeneName.isin(x))
```

Let’s try our new function out!
In [24]: #Remember, dfLum is the dataframe. dfLum['SequenceNameGene'] is the column we want.  
#We store the result in a variable called 'translate'  
translate = g(dfDcon['SequenceNameGene'])  
#I only want to show the first 5 rows, so I’m going to add [0:5] after translate, since 'g' returns a Series object  
print(translate[0:5])

0   True
1   True
2   True
3   True
4   True
Name: GeneName, dtype: bool

Great! Now we can get the WBIDs by simple indexing:

In [25]: wbids = names[translate].WBID  
# names[translate] gets rows for every gene name that was found by 'translate'  
#The .WBID after names[] tells the computer to get the WBID column

In [26]: print('wbids has {} gene IDS. The original dataframe has {} genes'.format(len(wbids), dfLum.shape[0]))

wbids has 19702 gene IDS. The original dataframe has 27322 genes

Out[26]:  0  WBGene00000001
       1  WBGene00000002
       2  WBGene00000003
       3  WBGene00000004
       4  WBGene00000005
Name: WBID, dtype: object

Hmmm. We lost quite a few genes. Let’s quickly check to make sure those aren’t important

In [27]: not_found = dfDcon[~dfDcon.SequenceNameGene.isin(names[translate].GeneName)]

not_found.head()

Out[27]:  GenePublicName     SequenceNameGene  SequenceNameTranscript  DC   OP50  Ratio_DCvsOP50  log2_Ratio_DCvsOP50  Infection_upregulated  Infection_downregulated
       2               2RSSE.2          2RSSE.2          2RSSE.2  0.080266  0.081083  0.989921488245  -0.014614  NaN   NaN
       7               6R55.1          6R55.1          6R55.1a  1.6612   1.38576  1.198764576839   0.261548  NaN   NaN
       8               6R55.1          6R55.1          6R55.1b  1.66481  1.38919  1.198403386146   0.261114  NaN   NaN
      197              B0212.6        B0212.6        B0212.6  0.015785  0.007612  2.073554738456  1.052106   1.0   NaN
      416              B0310.4        B0310.4        B0310.4  0        0        0            0        NaN   NaN

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A quick search in WormBase shows that these genes have been merged into other genes. Hmmmm.. This could be a problem.
To figure out if it really is a problem, let’s look at how many of those genes are upregulated during infection.

In [28]: print('There are {0} upregulated genes, of which {1} can’t be found in the names dictionary'.format(dfDcon[dfDcon.Infection_upregulated == 1].shape[0], not_found[not_found.Infection_upregulated == 1].shape[0]))
print('{0:.2}% could not be found'.format(not_found[not_found.Infection_upregulated == 1].shape[0]/dfDcon[dfDcon.Infection_upregulated == 1].shape[0]))

There are 1692 upregulated genes, of which 31 can’t be found in the names dictionary
0.018% could not be found

Great! So there’s almost no loss in our gene name conversion. Now we can go ahead and extract all the IDs that we can find to use for our enrichment analysis

In [37]: translate= g(dfLum[dfLum.Infection_downregulated == 1]['SequenceNameGene'])
wbids= names[translate].WBID

In [38]: print(wbids.head())

2 WBGene00000003
4 WBGene00000005
5 WBGene00000006
19 WBGene00000021
36 WBGene00000038
Name: WBID, dtype: object

See how the list changed from before? Great! Now we can put this into TEA

3 Calling TEA

TEA works by comparing your gene-list to a reference tissue expression “dictionary”. In order for us to run TEA, we first need to fetch the dictionary. That’s done easily enough:

In [33]: tissue_df= tea.fetch_dictionary()
#this downloads the tissue dictionary we want
In [35]: tissue_df.head()

Out[35]:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>wbid</th>
<th>ray</th>
<th>WBBt:0006945</th>
<th>Cpapa WBBt:0005962</th>
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<td>WBGene00003681</td>
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<td>WBGene00022837</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

       ABarappa WBBt:0006005    ABprpppap WBBt:0006237    Cpaaa WBBt:0006212  
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       pm6 WBBt:0003724    ventral nerve cord WBBt:0005829    ABalpaap WBBt:0005934  

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Quick technical note: We could have placed the dictionary inside the other functions and call them from the inside, but we want you to be able to access the dictionary. Why? Well, you might imagine that you want to get all the genes that are specifically expressed in a tissue, or you may want to take a look at what tissues are included, etc...
In other words, we want you to be able to get your hands on this data! It’s up to date, it’s easy and it works beautifully.

Now that we have the dictionary, we can run the enrichment analysis. Just so you know what’s going on when you call it, the function has the following args:

```
enrichment_analysis(gene_list, tissue_df, alpha= 0.05, aname= ”, save= False, show= True)
```

Most of these you can ignore. Mainly, you’ll want to assign:

- `gene_list` = your gene list
- `tissue_df` = the result from fetch_dictionary()
- `alpha` = your desired q-value threshold
- `aname` = if you want to save the result to your python interpret, give it a name and complete path
- `save` = if you want to save your file, you must set this to True

This function returns 2 things:

- `df_res` – a dataframe with all the results
- `unused` – a list of all the genes that were discarded from the analysis

For now, let’s just run the analysis and show it here:

```
In [39]: df_res, unused= tea.enrichment_analysis(wbids, tissue_df, show= True, save= False)
```

```
Executing script
```

```
Tissue Expected  Observed
posterior lateral ganglion WBBt:0005465 20.460474 37.0
PDE WBBt:0006747 5.416008 14.0
AIY WBBt:0005413 9.267391 21.0
lateral ganglion WBBt:0005105 61.140711 88.0
NSM WBBt:0003666 5.897431 15.0
postdeirid sensillum WBBt:0005471 5.897431 14.0
SDQL WBBt:0004993 4.332806 11.0
SDQR WBBt:0004991 4.453162 11.0
cephalic sensillum WBBt:0006920 5.656719 13.0
AQR WBBt:0003927 3.971739 10.0
AWB WBBt:0005671 8.906324 18.0
PQR WBBt:0004096 6.739921 14.0
AWA WBBt:0005670 5.536364 12.0
anal sphincter muscle WBBt:0005798 15.525889 26.0

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<td>3</td>
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<td>0.046300</td>
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</table>

Voila! We got our results. Great! But what if we didn’t want to show them?'
In [40]: df_res, unused = tea.enrichment_analysis(wbids, tissue_df, show= False, save= False)

Executing script

We could still look at the results by typing df_res.head():

In [41]: df_res.head()

Out[41]:
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Enrichment Fold Change  Q value
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What about the unused genes? Let’s see how many of those there are:

In [42]: print('{0} were discarded from the analysis'.format(len(unused)))

4451 were discarded from the analysis

Ouch! That’s a lot! Don’t like it? Make GFP reporters and let WormBase know where they are expressed. Seriously. Do it! You’d be helping the whole community a lot!

Now let’s plot the results

In [43]: tea.plot_enrichment_results(df_res, title= 'Exercise', save= False)

Out[43]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x11ab54160>
Voila! We’ve analyzed our data! Yay! :D
If we wanted to save our plot, we would type:

```python
In []: tea.plot_enrichment_results(df_res, title='Exercise', save=True, dirGraphs='example_graph_dir/)
#This will save the graph in the corresponding directory. If no directory is specified, the graph
#will be saved to the current working directory.
```