

# Package ‘simPATHy’

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chimera	<i>Chimera data</i>
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## Description

A matrix containing the expression values of 3405 genes deriving from Affimetrix single channel technology, consisting of 41 observations from one experimental condition (absence of BCR/ABL gene arrangement, class 1), and 37 observations from another experimental condition (presence of BCR/ABL gene arrangement, class 2).

## Usage

```
chimera
```

## Format

A matrix with 8405 genes (rows) and 78 samples (columns).

## Source

Sabina Chiaretti, Xiaochun Li, Robert Gentleman, Antonella Vitale, Marco Vignetti, Franco Mandelli, Jerome Ritz, and Robin Foa Gene expression profile of adult T-cell acute lymphocytic leukemia identifies distinct subsets of patients with different response to therapy and survival. *Blood*, 1 April 2004, Vol. 103, No. 7.

## Examples

```
data(chimera)
```

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easyLookDys	<i>Dysregulation summary</i>
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**Description**

Summary of the result for a quick look of simPATHy function.

**Usage**

```
easyLookDys(resObj, digits = 4)
```

**Arguments**

resObj	The output of simPATHy function (simPATHy class object).
digits	Integer indicating the number of decimal places to be used.

**Value**

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easyLookShiny	<i>Visual dysregulation summary</i>
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**Description**

A Shiny application for visual summary of dysregulation.

**Usage**

```
easyLookShiny(resObj, graph, heightGraph = NULL, heightMatrix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

resObj	The output of simPATHy function
graph	The graphNEL object given to the simPATHy function to obtain resObj.
heightGraph, heightMatrix	The height of the graph and correlation matrix plots in pixels. Must be a number, which will be coerced to a string and have 'px' append.

**Value**

Interactive plots for exploring the output of simPATHy.

**See Also**

[simPATHy](#), [plotGraphNELD3](#), [plotCorGraph](#), [easyLookDys](#)

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`fitSgraph`*Estimate covariance matrix of a graphical model*

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### Description

Fit a Gaussian Graphical Model or a Gaussian Bayesian Network by maximum likelihood.

### Usage

```
fitSgraph(graph, S)
```

### Arguments

<code>graph</code>	A directed or undirected graph represented as a <code>graphNEL</code> object.
<code>S</code>	A sample covariance matrix

### Details

If `graph` is undirected it uses the Iterative Proportional Fitting algorithm (**qpgraph** package). If `graph` is directed it uses Iterative Conditional Fitting (**ggm** package).

### Value

A covariance matrix with the independence constraints entailed by the graph.

### References

Drton, M. & Richardson, T. S. (2003). A new algorithm for maximum likelihood estimation in Gaussian graphical models for marginal independence. Proceedings of the Nineteen Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, 184-191.

Whittaker, J. Graphical models in applied multivariate statistics. Wiley, 1990.

### See Also

[icfmag](#), [qpIPF](#)

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generatePath	<i>Find one path in a graph</i>
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**Description**

Find one shortest path in the graph between two given nodes.

**Usage**

```
generatePath(graph, from = NULL, to = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

graph	A directed or undirected graph represented as a graphNEL object.
from, to	The nodes (character node id) giving the first and the last nodes of the path to be calculated. If NULL then the from and to nodes are randomly chosen.

**Value**

A list of edges in edgesList format (see **gRbase**).

**See Also**

[get.all.shortest.paths](#)

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getPathShiny	<i>Choose a path in a graph from an interactive shiny app</i>
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**Description**

Choose a path in a graph from an interactive shiny app with the right format for simPATHy function.

**Usage**

```
getPathShiny(graph)
```

**Arguments**

graph	A graphNEL object.
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**Value**

Selected path with the right format for simPATHy function.

**See Also**

[simPATHy](#)

**Examples**

```

if(require(gRbase)){
  graph <- gRbase::dag(~c:a, ~c:b, ~d:c, ~e:d)

  # Launch the interactive plot
  # path <- getPathShiny(graph)
}

```

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graphNELD3-shiny

*Shiny bindings for plotGraphNELD3*


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**Description**

Output and render functions for using plotGraphNELD3 within Shiny applications and interactive Rmd documents.

**Usage**

```

graphNELD3Output(outputId, width = "100%", height = "400px")

renderGraphNELD3(expr, env = parent.frame(), quoted = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

outputId	Output variable to read from
width, height	Must be a valid CSS unit (like '100%', '400px', 'auto') or a number, which will be coerced to a string and have 'px' appended.
expr	An expression that generates a graphNELD3
env	The environment in which to evaluate expr.
quoted	Is expr a quoted expression (with quote())? This is useful if you want to save an expression in a variable.

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makePositiveDefinite

*Positive definite matrix*


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**Description**

Adjust the diagonal of a symmetric square matrix, by the smallest eigenvalue method, in order to make it positive definite.

**Usage**

```

makePositiveDefinite(M1, M2 = NULL, threshold = 0.1)

```

**Arguments**

M1, M2	A squared numeric matrix, typically a correlation or a covariance matrix. It must be symmetric.
threshold	A correction factor.

**Details**

Finds the smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of M1 (or M1 and M2 if supplied) and adds (threshold- $\lambda$ ) to the diagonal to make it positive definite.

**Value**

A list with the corrected input matrices and the correction threshold- $\lambda$ .

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plotCorGraph	<i>Plot correlation or partial correlation matrix</i>
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**Description**

Plot a correlation or partial correlation matrix with the possibility to emphasize the graphical structure.

**Usage**

```
plotCorGraph(
  S1,
  type = "cor",
  S2 = NULL,
  graph = NULL,
  path = NULL,
  main = "",
  collim = c(-1, 1),
  legendColor = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

S1, S2	Sample covariance matrix. If S2 supplied, the difference between the two corresponding correlation or partial correlation matrices is plotted.
type	Character string specifying which matrix is to be plotted. Either cor for correlation matrix, or pcor for partial correlation matrix.
graph	A graphNEL object.
path	A list of edges in edgesList format (see <b>gRbase</b> ).
main	The main title.
collim	Numeric vector of length two specifying the lower and upper bound of the color range (see Details).
legendColor	Logical value indicating whether the color legend should be added to the plot.

## Details

If the graph is supplied, the zero elements of the adjacency matrix are represented as shaded squares, whereas non-zero elements are represented as squares with grey borderline.

Admissible values for `colLim` are contained in the interval  $[-1, 1]$  when `S2=NULL`, otherwise the admissible interval is  $[-2, 2]$ . When an element is outside of the `colLim` interval, it is colored gray.

## Value

Correlation or partial correlation matrix plot.

## Examples

```
if( require(gRbase) & require(graph)){
  graph <- gRbase::ug(~a:b, ~a:c, ~c:d, ~b:d, ~b:c)

  S <- matrix(c(2, 0.8,0.5,-0.3,
               0.8,1.5,0.6,-0.7,
               0.5,0.6,1, 0.7,
               -0.3,-0.7,0.7,3), ncol=4,nrow=4)
  colnames(S) <- rownames(S) <- graph::nodes(graph)

  # Plot the correlation matrix of S
  plotCorGraph(S)

  S<-fitSgraph(graph = graph,S = S)
  # Change the color range
  plotCorGraph(S, colLim=c(-0.5,0.5))

  # Visualize the adjacency matrix
  plotCorGraph(S, type="cor", graph = graph)

  # Show the partial correlation matrix
  plotCorGraph(S, type="pcor", graph = graph)

  # Plot the difference between two matrices
  S2 <- S
  # Change the element c~a
  S2["a","c"] <- S2["c","a"]<- -0.1
  plotCorGraph(S1=S, S2=S2)
  plotCorGraph(S1=S, S2=S2, type="pcor")

  S2<-fitSgraph(graph = graph,S = S2)
  # Highlight the graphical structure
  plotCorGraph(S1=S, S2=S2, type="pcor",graph = graph)
  # Highlight the element c~a
  plotCorGraph(S1=S, S2=S2, type="pcor",graph = graph,path = list(c("a","c")))
}
```



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plotGraphNELD3      *Dynamic plot of a graph*

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### Description

Dynamic plot of a graphNEL object with the possibility to emphasize the strength of relations between nodes, represented by either a pairwise correlation or a partial correlation coefficient.

The interactive graph is an implementation of the javascript D3.js package (force-layout) for undirected and directed graphNEL objects (see references).

### Usage

```
plotGraphNELD3(
  graph,
  type = "cor",
  S1 = NULL,
  S2 = NULL,
  colLim = c(-1, 1),
  legendColor = TRUE,
  colNode = "#c0c0c0"
)
```

### Arguments

graph	A graphNEL object.
type	Character string specifying which matrix is to be used. Either cor for correlation matrix, or pcor for partial correlation matrix.
S1, S2	Sample covariance matrix. If S1 is supplied edges between nodes are colored in accordance with pairwise correlation or partial correlation coefficients. If S2 supplied, the difference between the two corresponding correlation or partial correlation matrices is plotted.
colLim	Numeric vector of length two specifying the lower and upper bound of the color range (see Details).
legendColor	logical value indicating whether the color legend should be added to the plot.
colNode	A character string specifying the colour of the nodes. The colour node is common for all nodes.

### Details

Admissible values for colLim are contained in the interval  $[-1, 1]$  when  $S2=NULL$ , otherwise the admissible interval is  $[-2, 2]$ . When an element is outside of the colLim interval, it is colored gray and represented as a dashed link.

### Value

Dynamic plot of a graphNEL object.

## References

<https://d3js.org> (Micheal Bostock).

<http://www.htmlwidgets.org> (Ramnath Vaidyanathan, Kenton Russell, and RStudio).

<https://christophergandrud.github.io/networkD3/> (Christopher Gandrud, JJ Allaire, & Kent Russell)

## Examples

```
if(require(gRbase) & require(graph)){
  graph <- gRbase::ug(~a:b, ~a:c, ~c:d, ~b:d, ~b:c)
  # Plot a graphNEL
  plotGraphNELD3(graph)

  # Plot a graphNEL coloring edges in correspondance with pairwise correlation coefficients
  S <- matrix(c(2, 0.8,0.5,-0.3,
               0.8,1.5,0.6,-0.7,
               0.5,0.6,1, 0.7,
               -0.3,-0.7,0.7,3), ncol=4,nrow=4)
  colnames(S) <- rownames(S) <- graph::nodes(graph)
  plotGraphNELD3(graph, S1=S)

  # Plot a graphNEL coloring edges in correspondance with partial correlation coefficients
  plotGraphNELD3(graph, S1=S, type="pcor")

  # Change the color range
  plotGraphNELD3(graph, S1=S, type="cor", colLim=c(-0.7,0.8))
  # Change nodes color
  plotGraphNELD3(graph, S1=S, type="cor", colNode = "pink")

  # Plot the difference between two graphical models
  S2 <- S
  S2[1,3] <- S2[3,1]<- -0.1
  plotGraphNELD3(graph,S1=S, S2=S2)
}
```

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simPATHy

*Simulate data from a graphical model*

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## Description

Simulate data in two different conditions with a common structure of dependences. The two different conditions are characterized by different strengths of the links between nodes (dysregulation).

## Usage

```
simPATHy(
  graph,
```

```

    path = NULL,
    S = NULL,
    min = 2,
    max = 3,
    prob = 1,
    n1 = 500,
    n2 = n1,
    digits = 5,
    mu1 = 0,
    mu2 = mu1,
    muRandom = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

graph	A graphNEL object.
path	A list of edges in edgesList format (see <b>gRbase</b> ).
S	The sample covariance matrix.
min, max	Vectors of length 1 or of the same length as path containing the lower and upper limits of a uniform distribution. The strength of dysregulation is sampled uniformly from the interval [min, max]: a value smaller than 1 represents deactivation, a value greater than 1 represents activation. If path=NULL only the first element is used.
prob	A vector of size 1 or of the same length as path, giving the probability to change the sign of the correlation coefficient for each edge. prob=0 implying that the sign of the dysregulation should be changed, and prob=1 implying that the sign should be left unaltered (default). Values between these two extremes allow for random sign switch: the sign is changed with probability 1-prob.
n1, n2	Number of observations to generate from the two conditions.
digits	Integer indicating the number of decimal places to be used.
mu1, mu2	A vector of size 1 or of the length equal to the number of nodes in the graph. Means of the multivariate normal distributions from which observations are generated. If mu1 (and/or mu2) is a vector it has to be named in accordance with the names of the nodes of the graph.
muRandom	Logical. If muRandom=TRUE the means of the variables are randomly generated.

### Details

If the matrix S does not reflect conditional independence constraints imposed by the graph simPATHy uses the maximum likelihood estimation of covariance matrices for graphical models via internal function [fitSgraph](#).

When the dysregulation of the initial (reference condition) covariance matrix leads to a matrix that is no longer positive definite, the resulting matrix is corrected via internal function [makePositiveDefinite](#).

To avoid excessively strong dysregulations, the upper limit for the absolute value of the dysregulated correlation coefficient is set to:

$$\min(0.9, 1.25 * \max(\text{abs}(C[\text{upper.tri}(C)])))$$

where C is the correlation matrix of the reference condition.

## Value

It returns a list containing:

- data random samples generated from multivariate normal distributions with covariance matrices S1 (reference condition) and S2 (dysregulated condition);
- S1, S2 two covariance matrices;
- path the dysregulated path;
- strength the dysregulation strength for each edge in the path;
- mu1, mu2 two mean vectors;
- correction correction details.

## See Also

[easyLookDys](#), [easyLookShiny](#), [plotCorGraph](#), [plotGraphNELD3](#)

## Examples

```
if(require(gRbase) & require(graph)){

  ## Directed graph
  ## sub-graph Acute Myel... Leukemia
  graph<-gRbase::dag(~867:25+867:613+5295:867+5294:867+
    + 207:5295+207:5294+4193:207+3551:207+
    + 4792:3551+7157:4193+3265:6654+
    + 3845:6654+6654:2885+2885:25+2885:613)
  genes<-graph::nodes(graph)

  # covariance matrix of the reference condition
  data<-t(chimera[genes,colnames(chimera)==1])
  S<-cov(data)
  S<-fitSgraph(graph,S)

  # select path to dysregulate
  path<-list(c("613","867"),c("867","5295"),c("5295","207"),
    c("207","4193"),c("4193","7157"))
  ## ..or select the path in an interactive plot
  # path<-getPathShiny(graph)

  # select parameters of the dysregulation
  min<-c(2,8,2,0.1,0.5)
  max<-c(2,10,2,4,0.5)
  prob<-c(1,0,0,0.5,1)
```

```

# activation, switch, switch, random, deactivation
dys<-cbind(min,max,prob)
rownames(dys)<-sapply(path,paste,collapse = "~")
dys

set.seed(123)
# main function
Result<-simPATHy(graph,path,S,min,max,prob)
class(Result)
names(Result)

# simulated data from two conditions
round(Result$dataset[c(1:3,501:503),1:5],3)

# Summary
easyLookDys(Result)
# ..or interactive summary
# easyLookShiny(resObj=Result,graph=graph)

# Visualization
plotCorGraph(S1=Result$S1,S2 = Result$S2,graph = graph,path = path,colLim = c(-0.3,0.3))
plotGraphNELD3(S1=Result$S1,S2 = Result$S2,graph = graph,colLim = c(-0.3,0.3))

## Undirected graph
graph <- gRbase::ug(~a:b, ~a:c, ~c:d, ~b:d, ~b:c)
# when reference condition covariance matrix is not supplied simPATHy generate a random one
Result_ug<-simPATHy(graph)
easyLookDys(Result_ug)
plotGraphNELD3(S1=Result_ug$S1,S2 = Result_ug$S2,graph = graph,colLim = c(-0.5,0.5))
}

```

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SMLEdecomposable

*Local Maximum Likelihood Estimation*


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## Description

Compute a maximum likelihood estimate of a covariance matrix in a decomposable Gaussian graphical model.

## Usage

```
SMLEdecomposable(S, graph)
```

## Arguments

S                    a covariance matrix.  
graph                a decomposable graph represented as a graphNEL object.

**Value**

The MLE of a covariance matrix.

**References**

Lauritzen, S. L. (1996). Graphical Models. Clarendon Press, Oxford.

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