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Description

Generates a Walk Matrix (Transition Matrix) from Gene and Phenotype networks for RWR.

Usage

```
CreateWalkMatrix(
  inputFileName,
  numCores = 1,
  delta = 0.5,
  zeta = 0.5,
  lambda = 0.5
)
```

Arguments

inputFileName The na	ame of the text file t	that contains the	e names of gene and	phenotype network
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files. For more information on the file formatting, please refer the vignette.

numCores This is the number of cores used for parallel processing.

delta This is the probability of jumping between gene layers. High delta means RWR

is high likely to jump to other layers in gene multiplex network. It has a default

value of 0.5.

zeta This is the probability of jumping between phenotype layers. High zeta means

RWR is high likely to jump to other layers in phenotype multiplex network. It

has a default value of 0.5.

1ambda This is the probability of jumping between gene and phenotype multiplex net-

works. High lambda means RWR is more likely to exploit the bipartite relation.

It has a default value of 0.5.

Value

This returns a list containing the walk matrix, a sorted list of gene ids, a sorted list of phenotype ids, the connectivity degree of the genes, the connectivity degree of the phenotypes, the number of gene layers, the number of phenotype layers, the number of genes and the number of phenotypes in the final complex network.

Examples

```
wm <- CreateWalkMatrix('input_file.txt')
customWm <- CreateWalkMatrix('input_file.txt', numCores=1, delta=0.7, zeta=0.7, lambda=0.7)</pre>
```

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RandomWalkRestart

Random Walk Restart (RWR)

Description

This method runs the random walk with restart on the provided walk matrix. It returns a data frame including ranked genes and phenotypes, and RWR scores of the genes and phenotypes. If generatePvalue is TRUE then it generates p-values along with the ranks.

Usage

```
RandomWalkRestart(
  walkMatrix,
  geneSeeds,
  phenoSeeds,
  generatePValue = TRUE,
  numCores = 1,
  r = 0.7,
  eta = 0.5,
  tau = NULL,
  phi = NULL,
  S = 1000
)
```

Arguments

geneSeeds This is a vector for storing the ids of the genes that RWR starts its walk. The

final ranks show the proximity of the genes/phenotypes to the seed genes.

phenoSeeds This is a vector for storing the ids of the phenotypes that RWR starts its walk.

The final ranks show the proximity of the genes/phenotypes to the seed pheno-

types.

generatePValue If this is TRUE, it will generate the probability values for each of the gene/phenotype

rankings. If it is FALSE then the function will only return the ranks of genes/phenotype.

numCores This is the number of cores used for parallel processing.

r This parameter controls the global restart probability of RWR, and it has a de-

fault value of 0.7.

eta This parameter controls restarting of RWR either to a gene seed or phenotype

seeds, higher eta means utilizing gene seeds more than phenotype seeds, and it

has a default value of 0.5.

This is a vector that stores weights for each of the 'gene' layer in the complex

gene and phenotype network. Each value of the vector corresponds to the order of the network files in the input file of CreateWalkMatrix function. The weights must sum up to the same number of gene layers. Default value gives equal

weight to gene layers.

phi This is a vector that stores weights for each of the 'phenotype' layer in the

complex gene and phenotype network. Each value of the vector corresponds to the order of the network files in the input file of CreateWalkMatrix function. The weights must sum up to the same number of phenotype layers. Default

value gives equal weight to phenotype layers.

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S This is the number of random samples to be used for p-value calculation It is highly recommended to use S=1000.

Value

If the parameter generatePValue is TRUE, then this function returns a data frame of ranked genes/phenotypes with p-values with three columns; Gene/Phenotype ID, score, p-value. If generatePValue is FALSE, then it returns a data frame of ranked genes/phenotypes with two columns; Gene/Phenotype ID, score.

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