

# Escherichia Coli Network

*Example for GeneNet 1.2.13 (August 2015) or later*

This note reproduces the “Escherichia coli” network example from J. Schäfer and K. Strimmer. 2005. *A shrinkage approach to large-scale covariance estimation and implications for functional genomics*. *Statist. Appl. Genet. Mol. Biol.* 4: 32 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.2202/1544-6115.1175>)

## Load GeneNet package

```
library("GeneNet")
```

```
## Loading required package: corpcor  
## Loading required package: longitudinal  
## Loading required package: fdrtool
```

E. Coli data set (9 time points for 102 genes):

```
data(ecoli)  
dim(ecoli)
```

```
## [1] 9 102
```

## Estimation of partial correlations

Estimate matrix of partial correlation using a shrinkage estimator:

```
pc = ggm.estimate.pcor(ecoli)
```

```
## Estimating optimal shrinkage intensity lambda (correlation matrix): 0.1804
```

```
dim(pc)
```

```
## [1] 102 102
```

Assign p-values, q-values and empirical posterior probabilities to all 5151 potential edges in the network:

```
ecoli.edges = network.test.edges(pc, direct=TRUE, fdr=TRUE)
```

```
## Estimate (local) false discovery rates (partial correlations):  
## Step 1... determine cutoff point  
## Step 2... estimate parameters of null distribution and eta0  
## Step 3... compute p-values and estimate empirical PDF/CDF  
## Step 4... compute q-values and local fdr  
## Step 5... prepare for plotting
```

```
##
## Estimate (local) false discovery rates (log ratio of spvars):
## Step 1... determine cutoff point
## Step 2... estimate parameters of null distribution and eta0
## Step 3... compute p-values and estimate empirical PDF/CDF
## Step 4... compute q-values and local fdr
## Step 5... prepare for plotting
```

```
dim(ecoli.edges)
```

```
## [1] 5151 10
```

The table lists all edges in the order strength of partial correlations:

```
ecoli.edges[1:5,]
```

```
##          pcor node1 node2          pval          qval          prob          log.spvar
## 1  0.2318566    51    53  2.220446e-16  3.612205e-13  1.0000000  -0.043537019
## 2  0.2240555    52    53  2.220446e-16  3.612205e-13  1.0000000  -0.040249854
## 3  0.2150782    51    52  2.220446e-16  3.612205e-13  1.0000000  -0.003287165
## 4  0.1732886     7    93  3.108624e-15  3.792816e-12  0.9999945  -0.025293430
## 5 -0.1341889    29    86  1.120811e-09  1.093997e-06  0.9999516   0.022305368
##          pval.dir  qval.dir  prob.dir
## 1  0.3803869  0.7557272  2.220446e-16
## 2  0.4173922  0.7724561  2.220446e-16
## 3  0.9471949  0.8851073  2.220446e-16
## 4  0.6103234  0.8323249  2.220446e-16
## 5  0.6531371  0.8415749  2.220446e-16
```

## Decide which edges to include in the network

To obtain a graph you need to select top ranking edges according to a suitable criterion. Here are some suggestions:

1. Use local fdr cutoff 0.2, i.e. include all edges with posterior probability of at least 0.8.

```
ecoli.net = extract.network(ecoli.edges)
```

```
##
## Significant edges: 125
##   Corresponding to 2.43 % of possible edges
##
## Significant directions: 377
##   Corresponding to 7.32 % of possible directions
## Significant directions in the network: 17
##   Corresponding to 13.6 % of possible directions in the network
```

```
dim(ecoli.net)
```

```
## [1] 125 11
```

2. Use local fdr cutoff 0.1, i.e. i.e. include all edges with posterior probability of at least 0.9.

```
ecoli.net = extract.network(ecoli.edges, cutoff.ggm=0.9, cutoff.dir=0.9)
```

```
##  
## Significant edges: 65  
##   Corresponding to 1.26 % of possible edges  
##  
## Significant directions: 269  
##   Corresponding to 5.22 % of possible directions  
## Significant directions in the network: 6  
##   Corresponding to 9.23 % of possible directions in the network
```

```
dim(ecoli.net)
```

```
## [1] 65 11
```

3. Include a fixed number of edges, say the 70 strongest edges

```
ecoli.net = extract.network(ecoli.edges, method.ggm="number", cutoff.ggm=70)
```

```
##  
## Significant edges: 70  
##   Corresponding to 1.36 % of possible edges  
##  
## Significant directions: 377  
##   Corresponding to 7.32 % of possible directions  
## Significant directions in the network: 9  
##   Corresponding to 12.86 % of possible directions in the network
```

```
dim(ecoli.net)
```

```
## [1] 70 11
```

Plot network For plotting we use the graph and Rgraphviz packages from Bioconductor.

```
library("Rgraphviz")
```

```
## Loading required package: graph  
## Loading required package: grid
```

Create graph object from the list of edges:

```
node.labels = colnames(ecoli)  
gr = network.make.graph(ecoli.net, node.labels, drop.singles=TRUE)  
table( edge.info(gr)$dir )
```

```
##  
## forward   none  
##      9      61
```

```
sort( node.degree(gr), decreasing=TRUE)
```

```
## sucA cspG fixC yheI lacA lacY lacZ asnA eutG yceP yedE ygcE
## 11 8 7 7 6 6 6 5 5 5 5 5
## pspA atpD b1191 b1583 cspA icdA mopB pspB tnaA yaeM ycgX yfaD
## 4 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
## dnaG dnaK hupB ibpB yfiA aceB atpG b1963 cchB dnaJ flgD folK
## 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## ftsJ gltA lpdA nmpC nuoM sucD yecO ygbD yhdM yjbO
## 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Set node and edge attributes for more beautiful graph plotting:

```
globalAttrs = list()
globalAttrs$edge = list(color = "black", lty = "solid", lwd = 1, arrowsize=1)
globalAttrs$node = list(fillcolor = "lightblue", shape = "ellipse", fixedsize = FALSE)

nodeAttrs = list()
nodeAttrs$fillcolor = c('sucA' = "yellow")

edi = edge.info(gr)
edgeAttrs = list()
edgeAttrs$dir = edi$dir # set edge directions
edgeAttrs$lty = ifelse(edi$weight < 0, "dotted", "solid") # negative correlation -> dotted
edgeAttrs$color = ifelse(edi$dir == "none", "black", "red")
edgeAttrs$label = round(edi$weight, 2) # use partial correlation as edge labels

plot(gr, attrs = globalAttrs, nodeAttrs = nodeAttrs, edgeAttrs = edgeAttrs, "fdp")
```

