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# **PathwayForte Documentation**

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Python package for pathway database benchmarking.

A Python package for benchmarking pathway databases with functional enrichment and prediction methods tasks.



## COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

PathwayForte commands.

### 1.1 pathway\_forte

Run PathwayForte.

```
pathway_forte [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

#### 1.1.1 datasets

List the available cancer datasets.

```
pathway_forte datasets [OPTIONS]
```

#### 1.1.2 export

Generate gene set files using ComPath.

```
pathway_forte export [OPTIONS]
```

#### 1.1.3 fcs

List of FCS Analyses.

```
pathway_forte fcs [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

## gsea

Run GSEA on TCGA data.

```
pathway_forte fcs gsea [OPTIONS]
```

### Options

**-d, --data** <data>  
Required Name of the cancer dataset from TCGA  
Options prad | ov | kirc | brca | lihc

**-p, --permutations** <permutations>  
Number of permutations  
Default 100

## gsea-msig

Run GSEA on TCGA data using MSigDB gene sets.

```
pathway_forte fcs gsea-msig [OPTIONS]
```

### Options

**-d, --data** <data>  
Required Name of the cancer dataset from TCGA  
Options prad | ov | kirc | brca | lihc

## ssgsea

Run ssGSEA on TCGA data.

```
pathway_forte fcs ssgsea [OPTIONS]
```

### Options

**-d, --data** <data>  
Required Name of the cancer dataset from TCGA  
Options prad | ov | kirc | brca | lihc

### 1.1.4 ora

Perform ORA analysis.

```
pathway_forte ora [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

### hypergeometric

Perform one-tailed hypergeometric test enrichment.

```
pathway_forte ora hypergeometric [OPTIONS]
```

### Options

- d, --genesets <genesets>**  
Required Path to GMT file
- s, --fold-changes <fold\_changes>**  
Required Path to fold changes file
- no-threshold**  
Do not apply threshold
- o, --output <output>**  
Optional path for output JSON file

### 1.1.5 prediction

List of Prediction Methods.

```
pathway_forte prediction [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

### binary

Train elastic net for binary prediction.

```
pathway_forte prediction binary [OPTIONS]
```

### Options

- d, --data <data>**  
Required Name of the cancer dataset from TCGA  
**Options** prad | ov | kirc | brca | lihc
- outer-cv <outer\_cv>**  
Number of splits in outer cross-validation  
**Default** 10
- inner-cv <inner\_cv>**  
Number of splits in inner cross-validation

**Default** 10

**-i, --max\_iterations** <max\_iterations>  
Number of max iterations to converge

**Default** 1000

**--turn-off-warnings**  
Turns off warnings

## subtype

Train subtype analysis.

```
pathway_forte prediction subtype [OPTIONS]
```

## Options

**-d, --ssgsea** <ssgsea>  
**Required** Path to ssGSEA file

**-s, --subtypes** <subtypes>  
**Required** Path to the subtypes file

**--outer-cv** <outer\_cv>  
Number of splits in outer cross-validation

**Default** 10

**--inner-cv** <inner\_cv>  
Number of splits in inner cross-validation

**Default** 10

**--chain-pca**

**--explained-variance** <explained\_variance>  
Explained variance

**Default** 0.95

**--turn-off-warnings**  
Turns off warnings

## survival

Train survival model.

```
pathway_forte prediction survival [OPTIONS]
```

## Options

- d, --data** <data>  
Required Name of dataset
- outer-cv** <outer\_cv>  
Number of splits in outer cross-validation  
**Default** 10
- inner-cv** <inner\_cv>  
Number of splits in inner cross-validation  
**Default** 10
- turn-off-warnings**  
Turns off warnings

## test-stability-prediction

Test stability of prediction.

```
pathway_forte prediction test-stability-prediction [OPTIONS]
```

## Options

- s, --ssgsea-scores-path** <ssgsea\_scores\_path>  
Required ssGSEA scores file
- p, --phenotypes-path** <phenotypes\_path>  
Required Path to the phenotypes file
- outer-cv** <outer\_cv>  
Number of splits in outer cross-validation  
**Default** 10
- inner-cv** <inner\_cv>  
Number of splits in inner cross-validation  
**Default** 10
- i, --max\_iterations** <max\_iterations>  
Number of max iterations to converge  
**Default** 1000
- turn-off-warnings**  
Turns off warnings



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**PIPELINE**

Pipelines from Pathway Forte.



## CONSTANTS

This module contains all the constants used in the PathwayForte repo.

```
pathway_forte.constants.BIO2BEL_DATA_DIR = '/home/docs/.bio2bel/pathwayforte'  
    Cancer Data Sets
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.make_classifier_results_directory()  
    Ensure that the result folder exists.
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.MSIG_GSEA = '/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/pathway_forte/conda-environments/MSIG-GSEA'  
    Output files with results for GSEA
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.make_gsea_export_directories()  
    Ensure that gsea export directories exist.
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.MSIG_SSGSEA = '/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/pathway_forte/conda-environments/MSIG-SSGSEA'  
    Pickles with results for ssGSEA
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.make_ssgsea_export_directories()  
    Ensure that gsea export directories exist.
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.check_gmt_files()  
    Check if GMT files exist and returns GMT files as constant variables.
```

```
pathway_forte.constants.GENESET_COLUMN_NAMES = {'kegg': 'KEGG Geneset', 'reactome': 'Reactome Geneset'}  
    Columns to read to perform ORA analysis.
```



## OVER REPRESENTATION METHODS

This module contains the functions to run Over Representation Analysis (ORA).

`pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.over_representation.read_fold_change_df(path)`  
Read csv with gene names, fold changes and their p-values.

**Return type** DataFrame

`pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.over_representation.filter_p_value(df,`  
`p_value=True,`  
`cut-`  
`off=0.05)`

Return significantly differentially expressed genes in fold change df.

`pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.over_representation.perform_hypergeometric_test(genes_to_test,`  
`path-`  
`way_dict,`  
`gene_universe`  
`ap-`  
`ply_threshold`  
`thresh-`  
`old=0.05)`

Perform hypergeometric tests.

### Parameters

- **genes\_to\_test** (Set[str]) – gene set to test against pathway
- **pathway\_dict** (Mapping[str, Set[str]]) – pathway name to gene set
- **gene\_universe** (int) – number of HGNC symbols
- **apply\_threshold** (bool) – return only significant pathways
- **threshold** (float) – significance threshold (by default 0.05)

**Return type** DataFrame



## FUNCTIONAL CLASS SCORING

This module contains the functional class methods implemented in PathwayForte.

Currently this includes GSEA and ssGSEA.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.create_cls_file(gene_expression_file,  
                                                                normal_sample_file,  
                                                                tumor_sample_file,  
                                                                data)
```

Create categorical (e.g. tumor vs sample) class file format (i.e., .cls) for input into GSEA.

### Parameters

- **gene\_expression\_file** (*str*) – Text file containing expression values for each gene from each sample.
- **normal\_sample\_file** (*str*) –
- **tumor\_sample\_file** (*str*) –
- **data** –

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.run_gsea(gene_exp, gene_set,  
                                                         phenotype_class, per-  
                                                         mutations=500, output_dir='/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org')
```

Run GSEA on a given dataset with a given gene set.

### Parameters

- **gene\_exp** (*str*) – file with gene expression data
- **gene\_set** (*str*) – gmt files containing pathway gene sets
- **phenotype\_class** (*str*) – cls file containing information on class labels
- **permutations** (*int*) – number of permutations
- **output\_dir** (*str*) – output directory

### Returns

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.filter_gsea_results(gsea_results_path,  
                                                                    source,  
                                                                    kegg_manager=None,  
                                                                    reactome_manager=None,  
                                                                    wikipathways_manager=None,  
                                                                    p_value=None,  
                                                                    absolute_nes_filter=None,  
                                                                    geneset_set_filter_minimum_size=None,  
                                                                    geneset_set_filter_maximum_size=None)
```

Get top and bottom rankings from GSEA results.

#### Parameters

- **gsea\_results\_path** (`str`) – path to GSEA results in .tsv file format
- **source** –
- **kegg\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – KEGG manager
- **reactome\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – Reactome manager
- **wikipathways\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – WikiPathways manager
- **p\_value** (`Optional[float]`) – maximum p value allowed
- **absolute\_nes\_filter** (`Optional[float]`) – filter by magnitude of normalized enrichment scores
- **geneset\_set\_filter\_minimum\_size** (`Optional[int]`) – filter to include a minimum number of genes in a gene set
- **geneset\_set\_filter\_maximum\_size** (`Optional[int]`) – filter to include a maximum number of genes in a gene set

**Return type** `DataFrame`

**Returns** list of pathways ranked as having the highest and lowest significant enrichment scores

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.merge_statistics(merged_pathways_df,  
                                                                    dataset)
```

Get statistics for pathways included in the merged gene sets DataFrame.

These include the proportion of pathways from each of the other databases and the proportion of pathways deriving from 2 or more primary resources

**Parameters** **merged\_pathways\_df** (`DataFrame`) – DataFrame containing pathways from multiple databases

**Returns** statistics of contents in merged dataset

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.rearrange_df_columns(df)
```

Rearrange order of columns.

**Return type** `DataFrame`

```

pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_pathway_names(database,
                                                                    path-
                                                                    way_df,
                                                                    kegg_manager=None,
                                                                    reac-
                                                                    tome_manager=None,
                                                                    wikipath-
                                                                    ways_manager=None)

```

Get pathway names from database specific pathway IDs.

#### Parameters

- **database** (`str`) –
- **pathway\_df** (`DataFrame`) –
- **kegg\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) –
- **reactome\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) –
- **wikipathways\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) –

#### Returns

```

pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.pathway_names_to_df(filtered_gsea_results_df,
                                                                    all_pathway_ids,
                                                                    source,
                                                                    kegg_manager=None,
                                                                    reac-
                                                                    tome_manager=None,
                                                                    wikipath-
                                                                    ways_manager=None)

```

Get pathway names.

#### Parameters

- **filtered\_gsea\_results\_df** –
- **all\_pathway\_ids** – list of pathway IDs
- **source** – pathway source (i.e., database name or ‘MPath’)
- **kegg\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – KEGG manager
- **reactome\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – Reactome manager
- **wikipathways\_manager** (`Optional[Manager]`) – WikiPathways manager

**Return type** `DataFrame`

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.gsea_results_to_filtered_df(dataset,
                                                                              kegg_manager=None,
                                                                              re-
                                                                              ac-
                                                                              tome_manager=None,
                                                                              wikipath-
                                                                              ways_manager=None,
                                                                              p_value=None,
                                                                              ab-
                                                                              so-
                                                                              lute_nes_filter=None,
                                                                              gene-
                                                                              set_set_filter_min=
                                                                              gene-
                                                                              set_set_filter_max=
```

Get filtered GSEA results dataFrames.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_pathways_by_resource(pathways,
                                                                              re-
                                                                              source)
```

Return pathways by resource.

**Return type** `list`

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_analogs_comparison_numbers(kegg_reactome,
                                                                              re-
                                                                              ac-
                                                                              tome_wikipath-
                                                                              wikipath-
                                                                              ways_kegg_pa-
                                                                              *,
                                                                              path-
                                                                              way_column=
```

Get number of existing versus expected pairwise mappings.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_pairwise_mapping_numbers(kegg_pathway_df,
                                                                              re-
                                                                              ac-
                                                                              tome_pathway_d-
                                                                              wikipath-
                                                                              ways_pathway_d
```

Get number of existing versus expected pairwise mappings.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_pairwise_mappings(kegg_pathway_df,
                                                                              re-
                                                                              ac-
                                                                              tome_pathway_df,
                                                                              wikipath-
                                                                              ways_pathway_df)
```

Get pairwise mappings.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.compare_database_results(df_1,
                                                                           re-
                                                                           source_1,
                                                                           df_2,
                                                                           re-
                                                                           source_2,
                                                                           map-
                                                                           ping_dict,
                                                                           check_contradiction=F
```

Compare pathways in the dataframe from enrichment results to evaluate the concordance in similar pathways.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.get_matching_pairs(df_1,
                                                                      re-
                                                                      source_1,
                                                                      df_2,
                                                                      re-
                                                                      source_2,
                                                                      equiva-
                                                                      lent_mappings_dict)
```

Get equivalent pathways and their direction of change.

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.run_ssgsea(filtered_expression_data,
                                                             gene_set,      out-
                                                             put_dir='/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs
                                                             processes=1,
                                                             max_size=3000,
                                                             min_size=15)
```

Run single sample GSEA (ssGSEA) on filtered gene expression data set.

#### Parameters

- **filtered\_expression\_data** (DataFrame) – filtered gene expression values for samples
- **gene\_set** (str) – .gmt file containing gene sets
- **output\_dir** (str) – output directory

**Return type** SingleSampleGSEA

**Returns** ssGSEA results in respective directory

```
pathway_forte.pathway_enrichment.functional_class.filter_gene_exp_data(expression_data,
                                                                           gmt_file)
```

Filter gene expression data file to include only gene names which are found in the gene set files.

#### Parameters

- **expression\_data** (DataFrame) – gene expression values for samples
- **gmt\_file** (str) – .gmt file containing gene sets

**Returns** Filtered gene expression data with genes with no correspondences in gene sets removed

**Return type** pandas.core.frame.DataFrame kegg\_xml\_parser.py



## **PATHWAY TOPOLOGY METHODS**

This module contain the topology-based topology methods implemented in PathwayForte used R wrappers and are located outside the main Python package in its corresponding R folder at <https://github.com/pathwayforte/results/tree/master/R>.



## BINARY PREDICTION

Prediction of binary classes such as tumor vs. normal patients.

Elastic Net regression with nested cross validation module.

This workflow trains an elastic net model for a binary classification task (e.g., tumor vs. normal patients). The training is conducted using a nested cross validation approach (the number of cross validation in both loops can be selected). The model used can be easily changed since most of the models in [scikit-learn](#) (the machine learning library used by this package) required the same input.

```
pathway_forte.prediction.binary.ssgsea_nes_to_df(ssgsea_scores_csv, classes_file, re-  
                                              moved_random=None)
```

Create DataFrame of Normalized Enrichment Scores (NES) from ssGSEA of TCGA expression data.

### Parameters

- **ssgsea\_scores\_csv** – Text file containing normalized ES for pathways from each sample
- **test\_size** – Default test size is 0.25
- **removed\_random** (*Optional[int]*) – Remove percentage of df

```
pathway_forte.prediction.binary.get_l1_ratios()
```

Return a list of values that are used by the elastic net as hyperparameters.

```
pathway_forte.prediction.binary.train_elastic_net_model(x, y, outer_cv_splits,  
                                                         inner_cv_splits,  
                                                         l1_ratio, model_name,  
                                                         max_iter=None, export=True)
```

Train elastic net model via a nested cross validation given expression data.

Uses a defined hyperparameter space for l1\_ratio.

### Parameters

- **x** (*numpy.array*) – 2D matrix of pathway scores and samples
- **y** (*list*) – class labels of samples
- **outer\_cv\_splits** (*int*) – number of folds for cross validation split in outer loop
- **inner\_cv\_splits** (*int*) – number of folds for cross validation split in inner loop
- **l1\_ratio** (*List[float]*) – list of hyper-parameters for l1 and l2 priors
- **model\_name** (*str*) – name of the model
- **max\_iter** (*Optional[int]*) – default to 1000 to ensure convergence
- **export** (*bool*) – Export the models using `joblib`

**Return type** `Tuple[List[float], List[float]]`

**Returns** A list of AUC-ROC scores

## MULTI-CLASS PREDICTION

Prediction of multi-class labels such as tumor subtypes.

```
pathway_forte.prediction.multiclass
```



## SURVIVAL PREDICTION

Prediction of survival based on clinical and pathway patient data.

```
pathway_forte.prediction.survival
```



Complementary methods for prediction analysis.

Utilities for prediction.

`pathway_forte.prediction.utils.pca_chaining(train, test, n_components)`

Chain PCA with logistic regression.

**Parameters**

- **train** (*pandas.core.frame.DataFrame*) – Training set to apply dimensionality reduction to
- **test** (*pandas.core.series.Series*) – Test set to apply dimensionality reduction to
- **n\_components** – Amount of variance retained

**Return type** `Tuple`

**Returns** array-like, shape (n\_samples, n\_components)



## MAPPINGS METHODS

Methods related to ComPath mappings.

Function to deal with ComPath mappings.

`pathway_forte.mappings.get_mapping_dict(df, mapping_type)`

Create a dictionary with ComPath mappings for each pathway.

**Return type** `Mapping[Tuple[str, str], List[Tuple[str, str]]]`

`pathway_forte.mappings.get_equivalent_pairs(df)`

Get equivalent pairs of pathways from 2 databases.

**Parameters** `df` (DataFrame) – pairwise mappings dataframe

**Returns** equivalent pathway pairs dictionary {(SOURCE\_RESOURCE,SOURCE\_ID):[(TARGET\_RESOURCE,TARGET\_ID)]}

**Return type** `dict[list]`

`pathway_forte.mappings.load_compath_mapping_dfs()`

Load ComPath mappings data frames.

**Return type** `Tuple[DataFrame, DataFrame, DataFrame, DataFrame]`

`pathway_forte.mappings.get_equivalent_mappings_dict()`

Get mapping dictionary of all equivalent pairs of pathways.

Special mappings are not included in the overall mappings as some of the WP pathways possess identical IDs.

**Return type** `Mapping[Tuple[str, str], List[Tuple[str, str]]]`



## INSTALLATION

pathway\_forte can be installed from [PyPI](#) with the following command in your terminal:

```
$ python3 -m pip install pathway_forte
```

The latest code can be installed from [GitHub](#) with:

```
$ python3 -m pip install git+https://github.com/pathwayforte/pathway-forte.git
```

For developers, the code can be installed with:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/pathwayforte/pathway-forte.git
$ cd pathway-forte
$ python3 -m pip install -e .
```



## MAIN COMMANDS

The table below lists the main commands of PathwayForte.

| Command    | Action                         |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| datasets   | Lists of Cancer Datasets       |
| export     | Export Gene Sets using ComPath |
| ora        | List of ORA Analyses           |
| fcs        | List of FCS Analyses           |
| prediction | List of Prediction Methods     |



## FUNCTIONAL ENRICHMENT METHODS

- **ora.** Lists Over-Representation Analyses (e.g., one-tailed hyper-geometric test).
- **fcs.** Lists Functional Class Score Analyses such as GSEA and ssGSEA using [GSEAPy](#).



## PREDICTION METHODS

`pathway_forte` enables three classification methods (i.e., binary classification, training SVMs for multi-classification tasks, or survival analysis) using individualized pathway activity scores. The scores can be calculated from any pathway with a variety of tools (see<sup>1</sup>) using any pathway database that enables to export its gene sets.

- **binary.** Trains an elastic net model for a binary classification task (e.g., tumor vs. normal patients). The training is conducted using a nested cross validation approach (the number of cross validation in both loops can be selected). The model used can be easily changed since most of the models in `scikit-learn` (the machine learning library used by this package) required the same input.
- **subtype.** Trains a SVM model for a multi-class classification task (e.g., predict tumor subtypes). The training is conducted using a nested cross validation approach (the number of cross validation in both loops can be selected). Similarly as the previous classification task, other models can quickly be implemented.
- **survival.** Trains a Cox's proportional hazard's model with elastic net penalty. The training is conducted using a nested cross validation approach with a grid search in the inner loop. This analysis requires pathway activity scores, patient classes and lifetime patient information.

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<sup>1</sup> Lim, S., *et al.* (2018). Comprehensive and critical evaluation of individualized pathway activity measurement tools on pan-cancer data. *Briefings in bioinformatics*, bby125.



## OTHER

- **export.** Export GMT files with current gene sets for the pathway databases included in ComPath<sup>2</sup>.
- **datasets.** Lists the TCGA data sets<sup>3</sup> that are ready to run in `pathway_forte`.

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<sup>2</sup> Domingo-Fernández, D., *et al.* (2018). ComPath: An ecosystem for exploring, analyzing, and curating mappings across pathway databases. *npj Syst Biol Appl.*, 4(1):43.

<sup>3</sup> Weinstein, J. N., *et al.* (2013). The cancer genome atlas pan-cancer analysis project. *Nature genetics*, 45(10), 1113.



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