

# A quick introduction to GRanges and GRangesList objects

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## The GRanges class is a container for...

... storing a set of *genomic ranges* (a.k.a. *genomic regions* or *genomic intervals*).

- ▶ Each genomic range is described by a chromosome name, a *start*, an *end*, and a strand.
- ▶ *start* and *end* are both **1-based** positions relative to the 5' end of the plus strand of the chromosome, even when the range is on the minus strand.
- ▶ *start* and *end* are both considered to be included in the interval (except when the range is empty).
- ▶ The *width* of the range is the number of genomic positions included in it. So  $\text{width} = \text{end} - \text{start} + 1$ .
- ▶ *end* is always  $\geq \text{start}$ , except for empty ranges (a.k.a. zero-width ranges) where  $\text{end} = \text{start} - 1$ .

Note that the *start* is always the leftmost position and the *end* the rightmost, even when the range is on the minus strand.

Gotcha: A TSS is at the *end* of the range associated with a transcript located on the minus strand.

## The GRanges() constructor

```
> library(GenomicRanges)
> gr1 <- GRanges(seqnames=Rle(c("ch1", "chMT"), c(2, 4)),
+                  ranges=IRanges(16:21, 20),
+                  strand=rep(c("+", "-", "*"), 2))
> gr1
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
[1]     ch1 [16, 20]    +
[2]     ch1 [17, 20]    -
[3]     chMT [18, 20]   *
[4]     chMT [19, 20]   +
[5]     chMT [20, 20]   -
[6]     chMT [21, 20]   *
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

## GRanges accessors

```
> length(gr1)
[1] 6
> seqnames(gr1)
factor-Rle of length 6 with 2 runs
  Lengths:    2     4
  Values : ch1 chMT
Levels(2): ch1 chMT
> ranges(gr1)
IRanges of length 6
  start end width
[1]    16   20     5
[2]    17   20     4
[3]    18   20     3
[4]    19   20     2
[5]    20   20     1
[6]    21   20     0
```

## GRanges accessors (continued)

```
> start(gr1)
[1] 16 17 18 19 20 21
> end(gr1)
[1] 20 20 20 20 20 20
> width(gr1)
[1] 5 4 3 2 1 0
> strand(gr1)
factor-Rle of length 6 with 6 runs
  Lengths: 1 1 1 1 1 1
  Values : + - * + - *
Levels(3): + - *
> strand(gr1) <- c("-", "-", "+")
> strand(gr1)
factor-Rle of length 6 with 4 runs
  Lengths: 2 1 2 1
  Values : - + - +
Levels(3): + - *
```

## GRanges accessors (continued)

```
> names(gr1) <- LETTERS[1:6]
> names(gr1)

[1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F"

> mcols(gr1) <- DataFrame(score=11:16, GC=seq(1, 0, length=6))
> mcols(gr1)

DataFrame with 6 rows and 2 columns
  score      GC
  <integer> <numeric>
1     11      1.0
2     12      0.8
3     13      0.6
4     14      0.4
5     15      0.2
6     16      0.0

> gr1

GRanges object with 6 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score      GC
  <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle> |  <integer> <numeric>
 A      ch1 [16, 20]   - |      11      1
 B      ch1 [17, 20]   - |      12      0.8
 C      chMT [18, 20]  + |      13      0.6
 D      chMT [19, 20]  - |      14      0.4
 E      chMT [20, 20]  - |      15      0.2
 F      chMT [21, 20]  + |      16      0
 -----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

## GRanges accessors (continued)

```
> seqinfo(gr1)

Seqinfo object with 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths:
  seqnames seqlengths isCircular genome
  ch1          NA      NA    <NA>
  chMT         NA      NA    <NA>

> seqlevels(gr1)
[1] "ch1"   "chMT"

> seqlengths(gr1)
  ch1  chMT
  NA    NA

> seqlengths(gr1) <- c(50000, 800)
> seqlengths(gr1)

  ch1  chMT
50000  800
```

## Vector operations on GRanges objects

What we call *vector operations* are operations that work on any ordinary vector:

- ▶ `length()`, `names()`
- ▶ Single-bracket subsetting: `[`
- ▶ Combining: `c()`
- ▶ `split()`, `relist()`
- ▶ Comparing: `==`, `!=`, `match()`, `%in%`, `duplicated()`, `unique()`
- ▶ Ordering: `<=`, `>=`, `<`, `>`, `order()`, `sort()`, `rank()`

GRanges objects support all these *vector operations* ==> They're considered *vector-like* objects.

## Vector operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr1[c("F", "A")]
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
F      chMT [21, 20]      + |      16       0
A      ch1  [16, 20]      - |      11       1
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

> gr1[strand(gr1) == "+"]
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
C      chMT [18, 20]      + |      13       0.6
F      chMT [21, 20]      + |      16       0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Vector operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr1 <- gr1[-5]
> gr1

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score        GC
  <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A      ch1  [16, 20]     - |      11        1
B      ch1  [17, 20]     - |      12        0.8
C      chMT [18, 20]     + |      13        0.6
D      chMT [19, 20]     - |      14        0.4
F      chMT [21, 20]     + |      16        0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Vector operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr2 <- GRanges(seqnames="ch2",
+                  ranges=IRanges(start=c(2:1,2), width=6),
+                  score=15.13,
+                  GC=seq(0, 0.4, length=3))
> gr12 <- c(gr1, gr2)
> gr12

GRanges object with 8 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>   | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [16, 20]     -   |      11        1
  B      ch1 [17, 20]     -   |      12        0.8
  C      chMT [18, 20]    +   |      13        0.6
  ...
  ...      ...     ...   ... |      ...
  ch2     [2, 7]      *   |      15        0
  ch2     [1, 6]      *   |      14        0.2
  ch2     [2, 7]      *   |      13        0.4
  -----
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Vector operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr12[length(gr12)] == gr12
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE

> duplicated(gr12)
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE

> unique(gr12)

GRanges object with 7 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |   score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [16, 20] - |     11        1
  B      ch1 [17, 20] - |     12        0.8
  C      chMT [18, 20] + |     13        0.6
  ...
  F      chMT [21, 20] + |     16        0
          ch2 [ 2,  7] * |     15        0
          ch2 [ 1,  6] * |     14        0.2
  -----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Vector operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> sort(gr12)

GRanges object with 8 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle>   | <integer> <numeric>
  A        ch1  [16, 20]     -  |      11       1
  B        ch1  [17, 20]     -  |      12      0.8
  C        chMT [18, 20]    +  |      13      0.6
  ...
  ...      ...    ...  ...  |      ...
  ch2      [1, 6]      *  |      14      0.2
  ch2      [2, 7]      *  |      15       0
  ch2      [2, 7]      *  |      13      0.4
  -----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Splitting a GRanges object

```
> split(gr12, seqnames(gr12))

GRangesList object of length 3:
$ch1
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
    <Rle> <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A        ch1 [16, 20]      - |      11      1
  B        ch1 [17, 20]      - |      12     0.8

$chMT
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  C        chMT [18, 20]      + |      13  0.6
  D        chMT [19, 20]      - |      14  0.4
  F        chMT [21, 20]      + |      16     0

$ch2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
    ch2 [2, 7]      * |      15     0
    ch2 [1, 6]      * |      14  0.2
    ch2 [2, 7]      * |      13  0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

# An overview of *range-based* operations

## Intra range transformations

`shift()`, `narrow()`, `resize()`, `flank()`

## Inter range transformations

`range()`, `reduce()`, `gaps()`, `disjoin()`

## Range-based set operations

`union()`, `intersect()`, `setdiff()`,  
`punion()`, `pintersect()`, `psetdiff()`,  
`pgap()`

## Coverage and slicing

`coverage()`, `slice()`

## Finding/counting overlapping ranges

`findOverlaps()`, `countOverlaps()`

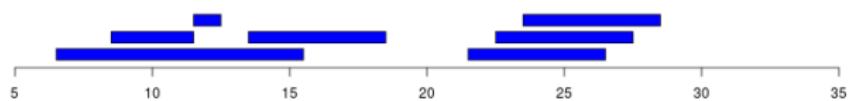
## Finding the nearest range neighbor

`nearest()`, `precede()`, `follow()`

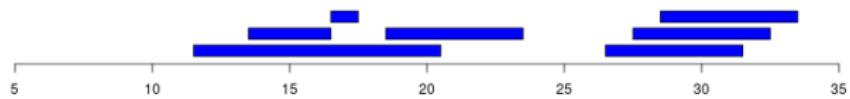
and more...

## Examples of some common *range-based* operations

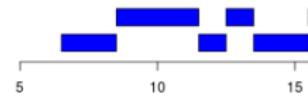
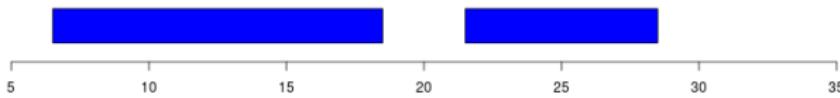
ir0



shift(ir0, 5)



reduce(ir0)



## Range-based operations on GRanges objects

```
> gr2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
[1]     ch2     [2, 7]     * |      15       0
[2]     ch2     [1, 6]     * |      14      0.2
[3]     ch2     [2, 7]     * |      13      0.4
-----
seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths

> shift(gr2, 50)
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
[1]     ch2    [52, 57]     * |      15       0
[2]     ch2    [51, 56]     * |      14      0.2
[3]     ch2    [52, 57]     * |      13      0.4
-----
seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr1
```

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

| seqnames | ranges | strand    |       | score | GC                  |
|----------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|---------------------|
|          | <Rle>  | <IRanges> | <Rle> |       | <integer> <numeric> |
| A        | ch1    | [16, 20]  | -     | 11    | 1                   |
| B        | ch1    | [17, 20]  | -     | 12    | 0.8                 |
| C        | chMT   | [18, 20]  | +     | 13    | 0.6                 |
| D        | chMT   | [19, 20]  | -     | 14    | 0.4                 |
| F        | chMT   | [21, 20]  | +     | 16    | 0                   |

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seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

```
> resize(gr1, 12)
```

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

| seqnames | ranges | strand    |       | score | GC                  |
|----------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|---------------------|
|          | <Rle>  | <IRanges> | <Rle> |       | <integer> <numeric> |
| A        | ch1    | [ 9, 20]  | -     | 11    | 1                   |
| B        | ch1    | [ 9, 20]  | -     | 12    | 0.8                 |
| C        | chMT   | [18, 29]  | +     | 13    | 0.6                 |
| D        | chMT   | [ 9, 20]  | -     | 14    | 0.4                 |
| F        | chMT   | [21, 32]  | +     | 16    | 0                   |

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seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr1
```

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

|   | seqnames | ranges    | strand |  | score     | GC        |
|---|----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|-----------|
|   | <Rle>    | <IRanges> | <Rle>  |  | <integer> | <numeric> |
| A | ch1      | [16, 20]  | -      |  | 11        | 1         |
| B | ch1      | [17, 20]  | -      |  | 12        | 0.8       |
| C | chMT     | [18, 20]  | +      |  | 13        | 0.6       |
| D | chMT     | [19, 20]  | -      |  | 14        | 0.4       |
| F | chMT     | [21, 20]  | +      |  | 16        | 0         |

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seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

```
> flank(gr1, 3)
```

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:

|   | seqnames | ranges    | strand |  | score     | GC        |
|---|----------|-----------|--------|--|-----------|-----------|
|   | <Rle>    | <IRanges> | <Rle>  |  | <integer> | <numeric> |
| A | ch1      | [21, 23]  | -      |  | 11        | 1         |
| B | ch1      | [21, 23]  | -      |  | 12        | 0.8       |
| C | chMT     | [15, 17]  | +      |  | 13        | 0.6       |
| D | chMT     | [21, 23]  | -      |  | 14        | 0.4       |
| F | chMT     | [18, 20]  | +      |  | 16        | 0         |

-----

seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr3 <- shift(gr1, c(35000, rep(0, 3), 100))
> width(gr3)[c(3,5)] <- 117
> gr3

GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35016, 35020]    - |      11       1
B     ch1 [  17,    20]    - |      12      0.8
C     chMT [  18,   134]    + |      13      0.6
D     chMT [  19,    20]    - |      14      0.4
F     chMT [ 121,   237]    + |      16       0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

> range(gr3)

GRanges object with 3 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle>
[1]     ch1 [17, 35020]    -
[2]     chMT [18,   237]    +
[3]     chMT [19,    20]    -
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A      ch1 [35016, 35020]     - |      11       1
B      ch1 [  17,    20]     - |      12      0.8
C      chMT [  18,   134]    + |      13      0.6
D      chMT [  19,    20]     - |      14      0.4
F      chMT [ 121,   237]    + |      16       0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

> reduce(gr3)
GRanges object with 4 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle>
[1]      ch1 [  17,    20]     -
[2]      ch1 [35016, 35020]    -
[3]      chMT [  18,   237]    +
[4]      chMT [  19,    20]     -
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35016, 35020]    - |      11       1
B     ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |      12      0.8
C     chMT [ 18,  134]    + |      13      0.6
D     chMT [ 19,   20]    - |      14      0.4
F     chMT [ 121,  237]    + |      16       0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

> gaps(gr3)
GRanges object with 10 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle>
[1]     ch1 [ 1, 50000]    +
[2]     ch1 [ 1,    16]    -
[3]     ch1 [21, 35015]    -
...
[8]     chMT [ 1,   18]    -
[9]     chMT [21,  800]    -
[10]    chMT [ 1,  800]    *
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Range-based operations on GRanges objects (continued)

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35016, 35020]   - |      11      1
B     ch1 [ 17,   20]       - |      12      0.8
C     chMT [ 18,   134]     + |      13      0.6
D     chMT [ 19,   20]       - |      14      0.4
F     chMT [ 121,  237]     + |      16      0
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome

> disjoint(gr3)
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle>
[1]     ch1 [ 17,   20]   -
[2]     ch1 [35016, 35020]   -
[3]     chMT [ 18,   120]   +
[4]     chMT [ 121,  134]   +
[5]     chMT [ 135,  237]   +
[6]     chMT [ 19,   20]   -
-----
seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Coverage

```
> cvg12 <- coverage(gr12)
> cvg12

RleList of length 3
$ch1
integer-Rle of length 50000 with 4 runs
  Lengths:    15      1      4 49980
  Values :    0      1      2      0

$chMT
integer-Rle of length 800 with 4 runs
  Lengths:   17     1     2 780
  Values :   0     1     2     0

$ch2
integer-Rle of length 7 with 3 runs
  Lengths: 1 5 1
  Values : 1 3 2
```

## Coverage (continued)

```
> mean(cvg12)
      ch1      chMT      ch2
0.000180 0.006250 2.571429

> max(cvg12)
     ch1  chMT  ch2
      2      2      3
```

## Slicing the coverage

```
> sl12 <- slice(cvg12, lower=1)
> sl12
RleViewsList of length 3
names(3): ch1 chMT ch2

> elementLengths(sl12)

  ch1  chMT  ch2
  1      1      1

> sl12$chMT

Views on a 800-length Rle subject

views:
  start end width
[1]    18   20     3 [1 2 2]

> mean(sl12$chMT)

[1] 1.666667

> max(sl12$chMT)

[1] 2
```

## findOverlaps()

Load aligned reads from a BAM file:

```
> library(pasillaBamSubset)
> untreated1_chr4()

[1] "/home/hpages/R/R-3.2.r67440/library/pasillaBamSubset/extdata/untreated1_chr4.bam"

> library(GenomicAlignments)
> reads <- readGAlignments(untreated1_chr4())
```

and store them in a GRanges object:

```
> reads <- as(reads, "GRanges")
> reads[1:4]

GRanges object with 4 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>    <IRanges>  <Rle>
 [1]     chr4 [892,   966]     -
 [2]     chr4 [919,   993]     -
 [3]     chr4 [924,   998]     +
 [4]     chr4 [936,  1010]     +
 -----
seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```



## findOverlaps() (continued)

Load the gene ranges from a *TxDb* package:

```
> library(TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene)
> txdb <- TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene
> dm3_genes <- genes(txdb)
```

and find the overlaps between the reads and the genes:

```
> hits <- findOverlaps(reads, dm3_genes)
> head(hits)

Hits object with 6 hits and 0 metadata columns:
  queryHits subjectHits
  <integer>   <integer>
[1]      6296      11499
[2]      6304      11499
[3]      6305      11499
[4]      6310      11499
[5]      6311      11499
[6]      6312      11499
-----
queryLength: 204355
subjectLength: 15682
```

## The GRangesList class is a container for...

storing a list of *compatible* GRanges objects.

*compatible* means:

- ▶ they are relative to the same genome,
- ▶ AND they have the same metadata columns (accessible with the `mcols()` accessor).

## The GRangesList() constructor

```
> gr1 <- GRangesList(gr3, gr2)
> gr1

GRangesList object of length 2:
[[1]]
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [35016, 35020] - |     11       1
  B      ch1 [  17,    20] - |     12       0.8
  C      chMT [   18,   134] + |     13       0.6
  D      chMT [   19,    20] - |     14       0.4
  F      chMT [  121,   237] + |     16       0

[[2]]
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score  GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |     15   0
  ch2 [1, 6]    * |     14  0.2
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |     13  0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## GRangesList accessors

```
> length(grl)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
> seqnames(grl)
```

```
RleList of length 2
```

```
[[1]]
```

```
factor-Rle of length 5 with 2 runs
```

```
Lengths: 2 3
```

```
Values : ch1 chMT
```

```
Levels(3): ch1 chMT ch2
```

```
[[2]]
```

```
factor-Rle of length 3 with 1 run
```

```
Lengths: 3
```

```
Values : ch2
```

```
Levels(3): ch1 chMT ch2
```

```
> strand(grl)
```

```
RleList of length 2
```

```
[[1]]
```

```
factor-Rle of length 5 with 4 runs
```

```
Lengths: 2 1 1 1
```

```
Values : - + - +
```

```
Levels(3): + - *
```

```
[[2]]
```

```
factor-Rle of length 3 with 1 run
```

```
Lengths: 3
```

```
Values : *
```

```
Levels(3): + - *
```

## GRangesList accessors (continued)

```
> ranges(gr1)

IRangesList of length 2
[[1]]
IRanges of length 5
  start   end width names
[1] 35016 35020      5     A
[2]    17     20      4     B
[3]    18    134     117     C
[4]    19     20      2     D
[5]   121    237     117     F

[[2]]
IRanges of length 3
  start   end width names
[1]     2     7      6
[2]     1     6      6
[3]     2     7      6
```

```
> start(gr1)

IntegerList of length 2
[[1]] 35016 17 18 19 121
[[2]] 2 1 2

> end(gr1)

IntegerList of length 2
[[1]] 35020 20 134 20 237
[[2]] 7 6 7

> width(gr1)

IntegerList of length 2
[[1]] 5 4 117 2 117
[[2]] 6 6 6
```

## GRangesList accessors (continued)

```
> names(grl) <- c("TX1", "TX2")
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 A     ch1 [35016, 35020] - |    11       1
 B     ch1 [ 17,    20]   - |    12       0.8
 C     chMT [ 18,   134]  + |    13       0.6
 D     chMT [ 19,    20]  - |    14       0.4
 F     chMT [ 121,   237] + |    16       0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 ch2 [2, 7]    * |    15       0
 ch2 [1, 6]    * |    14     0.2
 ch2 [2, 7]    * |    13     0.4
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## GRangesList accessors (continued)

```
> mcols(gr1)$geneid <- c("GENE1", "GENE2")
> mcols(gr1)

DataFrame with 2 rows and 1 column
  geneid
  <character>
1      GENE1
2      GENE2

> gr1

GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |   score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A       ch1 [35016, 35020] - |      11      1
  B       ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |      12      0.8
  C     chMT [ 18,  134]    + |      13      0.6
  D     chMT [ 19,   20]    - |      14      0.4
  F     chMT [ 121,  237]   + |      16      0

$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand |   score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |      15      0
  ch2 [1, 6]    * |      14      0.2
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |      13      0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## GRangesList accessors (continued)

```
> seqinfo(gr1)

Seqinfo object with 3 sequences from an unspecified genome:
  seqnames seqlengths isCircular genome
    ch1        50000      NA    <NA>
    chMT       800       NA    <NA>
    ch2         NA       NA    <NA>
```

## Vector operations on GRangesList objects

Only the following *vector operations* are supported on GRangesList objects:

- ▶ `length()`, `names()`
- ▶ Single-bracket subsetting: `[`
- ▶ Combining: `c()`

## Vector operations on GRangesList objects

```
> grl[c("TX2", "TX1")]

GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC
  <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
    ch2      [2, 7]     * |      15        0
    ch2      [1, 6]     * |      14        0.2
    ch2      [2, 7]     * |      13        0.4

$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand | score  GC
  <character> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
    A      ch1 [35016, 35020]     - |      11    1
    B      ch1 [  17,    20]     - |      12  0.8
    C      chMT [   18,   134]    + |      13  0.6
    D      chMT [   19,    20]    - |      14  0.4
    F      chMT [  121,   237]    + |      16    0

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## Vector operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> c(gr1, GRangesList(gr3))

GRangesList object of length 3:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35016, 35020]    - |      11      1
B     ch1 [ 17,   20]       - |      12      0.8
C     chMT [ 18,  134]      + |      13      0.6
D     chMT [ 19,   20]       - |      14      0.4
F     chMT [ 121,  237]      + |      16      0

$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
ch2 [2, 7]      * |      15      0
ch2 [1, 6]      * |      14      0.2
ch2 [2, 7]      * |      13      0.4

[[3]]
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35016, 35020]    - |      11      1
B     ch1 [ 17,   20]       - |      12      0.8
C     chMT [ 18,  134]      + |      13      0.6
D     chMT [ 19,   20]       - |      14      0.4
F     chMT [ 121,  237]      + |      16      0

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## List operations on GRangesList objects

What we call *list operations* are operations that work on an ordinary list:

- ▶ Double-bracket subsetting: [[
- ▶ `elementLengths()`, `unlist()`
- ▶ `lapply()`, `sapply()`, `endoapply()`
- ▶ `mendoapply()` (not covered in this presentation)

GRangesList objects support all these *list operations* ==> They're considered *list-like* objects.

## elementLengths() and unlist()

```
> gr1[[2]]  
  
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:  
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC  
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>  
      ch2      [2, 7]     * |      15       0  
      ch2      [1, 6]     * |      14      0.2  
      ch2      [2, 7]     * |      13      0.4  
-----  
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome  
  
> elementLengths(gr1)  
  
TX1 TX2  
 5   3  
  
> unlisted <- unlist(gr1, use.names=FALSE) # same as c(gr1[[1]], gr1[[2]])  
> unlisted  
  
GRanges object with 8 ranges and 2 metadata columns:  
  seqnames      ranges strand |      score       GC  
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>  
      A      ch1 [35016, 35020]     - |      11       1  
      B      ch1 [ 17,   20]     - |      12      0.8  
      C     chMT [ 18, 134]     + |      13      0.6  
...  
      ...  
      ch2      [2, 7]     * |      15       0  
      ch2      [1, 6]     * |      14      0.2  
      ch2      [2, 7]     * |      13      0.4  
-----  
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

## relist()

```
> grl100 <- relist(shift(unlisted, 100), grl)
> grl100

GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 A    ch1 [35116, 35120] - |     11      1
 B    ch1 [ 117,   120] - |     12      0.8
 C    chMT [ 118,   234] + |     13      0.6
 D    chMT [ 119,   120] - |     14      0.4
 F    chMT [ 221,   337] + |     16      0

$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand | score  GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 ch2 [102, 107] * |     15  0
 ch2 [101, 106] * |     14  0.2
 ch2 [102, 107] * |     13  0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

# endoapply()

```
> grl100b <- endoapply(grl, shift, 100)
> grl100b

GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A     ch1 [35116, 35120]   - |    11      1
B     ch1 [ 117, 120]      - |    12      0.8
C     chMT [ 118, 234]     + |    13      0.6
D     chMT [ 119, 120]     - |    14      0.4
F     chMT [ 221, 337]     + |    16      0

$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
ch2 [102, 107]      * |    15      0
ch2 [101, 106]      * |    14      0.2
ch2 [102, 107]      * |    13      0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome

> mcols(grl100)

DataFrame with 2 rows and 0 columns

> mcols(grl100b)

DataFrame with 2 rows and 1 column
  geneid
  <character>
1   GENE1
2   GENE2
```

# Range-based operations on GRangesList objects

```
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [35016, 35020] - |    11      1
  B      ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |    12      0.8
  C      chMT [ 18,  134]   + |    13      0.6
  D      chMT [ 19,  20]    - |    14      0.4
  F      chMT [ 121, 237]   + |    16      0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  ch2 [2, 7]   * |   15  0
  ch2 [1, 6]   * |   14 0.2
  ch2 [2, 7]   * |   13 0.4
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> shift(grl, 100)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [35116, 35120] - |    11      1
  B      ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |    12      0.8
  C      chMT [ 118,  234]  + |    13      0.6
  D      chMT [ 119,  120]  - |    14      0.4
  F      chMT [ 221, 337]  + |    16      0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  ch2 [102, 107]  * |   15  0
  ch2 [101, 106]  * |   14 0.2
  ch2 [102, 107]  * |   13 0.4
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

shift(grl, 100) is equivalent to endoapply(grl, shift, 100)

## Range-based operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> gr1
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [35016, 35020] - |    11      1
  B      ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |    12      0.8
  C      chMT [ 18,  134]   + |    13      0.6
  D      chMT [ 19,  20]    - |    14      0.4
  F      chMT [ 121, 237]   + |    16      0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  ch2 [2, 7]   * | 15 0
  ch2 [1, 6]   * | 14 0.2
  ch2 [2, 7]   * | 13 0.4
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> flank(gr1, 10)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A      ch1 [35021, 35030] - |    11      1
  B      ch1 [ 21,   30]    - |    12      0.8
  C      chMT [  8,  17]    + |    13      0.6
  D      chMT [ 21,  30]    - |    14      0.4
  F      chMT [ 111, 120]   + |    16      0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  ch2 [-8, 1]   * | 15 0
  ch2 [-9, 0]   * | 14 0.2
  ch2 [-8, 1]   * | 13 0.4
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

flank(gr1, 10) is equivalent to endoapply(gr1, flank, 10)

## Range-based operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> gr1
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
    <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  A       ch1 [35016, 35020] - |     11      1
  B       ch1 [ 17,   20]    - |     12      0.8
  C      chMT [ 18,  134]   + |     13      0.6
  D      chMT [ 19,   20]   - |     14      0.4
  F      chMT [ 121, 237]  + |     16      0
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
    <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle>
  [1]       ch1 [17, 35020]   -
  [2]      chMT [18,  237]   +
  [3]      chMT [19,   20]   -
-----  
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> range(gr1)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
    <Rle>      <IRanges>  <Rle>
  [1]       ch1 [17, 35020]   -
  [2]      chMT [18,  237]   +
  [3]      chMT [19,   20]   -
$TX2
GRanges object with 1 range and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  [1]       ch2 [1, 7]      *
-----  
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

range(gr1) is equivalent to endoapply(gr1, range)

## Range-based operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> gr1
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand |  score      GC
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
A   ch1 [35016, 35020]     - |    11       1
B   ch1 [ 17,   20]        - |    12       0.8
C   chMT [ 18,  134]       + |    13       0.6
D   chMT [ 19,   20]       - |    14       0.4
F   chMT [ 121,  237]      + |    16       0

$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |   15  0
  ch2 [1, 6]    * |   14 0.2
  ch2 [2, 7]    * |   13 0.4

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> reduce(gr1)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 4 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames      ranges strand
  <Rle>      <IRanges> <Rle>
[1]   ch1 [ 17,   20]     -
[2]   ch1 [35016, 35020]   -
[3]   chMT [ 18,  237]     +
[4]   chMT [ 19,   20]     -

$TX2
GRanges object with 1 range and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand
  [1]      ch2 [1, 7]      *
-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

reduce(gr1) is equivalent to endoapply(gr1, reduce)

## Range-based operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> grl2
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score      GC
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
  C       chMT [18, 134]     + |      13      0.6

$TX2
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
    ch2 [2, 7]      * |    15   0

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome

> grl3
GRangesList object of length 2:
[[1]]
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score      GC
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
    chMT [22, 130]     + |      13      0.6

[[2]]
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand | score GC
    ch2 [2, 7]      * |    15   0

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> psetdiff(grl2, grl3)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames ranges strand
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
  [1]     chMT [ 18,  21]     +
  [2]     chMT [131, 134]     +
$TX2
GRanges object with 0 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
  seqnames strand

-----
seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

psetdiff(grl2, grl3) is equivalent to mendoapply(setdiff, grl2, grl3)

## Other resources

Vignettes in the *GenomicRanges* package (`browseVignettes("GenomicRanges")`).

`GRanges` and `GRangesList` man pages in the *GenomicRanges* package.

Vignettes and `GAlignments` man page in the *GenomicAlignments* package.

*Bioconductor* support site: <http://support.bioconductor.org/>