# 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 width = end start + 1.
- end is always >= start, except for empty ranges (a.k.a. zero-width ranges) where end = 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(GenomicRangesGHA)
> 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:
     segnames ranges strand
       <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
 [1]
         ch1 16-20
 [2] ch1 17-20
 [3] chMT 18-20
    chMT 19-20 +
 [4]
 [5] chMT
                   20
 [6]
     chMT
                21-20
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

```
> 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 object with 6 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
          start
                      end
                              width
      <integer> <integer> <integer>
  [1]
             16
                       20
                                  5
  [2]
             17
                       20
  [3]
             18
                       20
                                  3
  [4]
             19
                       20
  [5]
             20
                       20
  [6]
             21
                       20
                                  0
```

```
> 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): + - *
```

```
> names(gr1) <- LETTERS[1:6]
> gr1
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
   seqnames
           ranges strand
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
       ch1 16-20
      ch1 17-20
    chMT 18-20 +
   chMT 19-20 -
    chMT 20
    chMT 21-20 +
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
> names(gr1)
[1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F"
```

#### GRanges accessors: mcols()

Like with most Bioconductor vector-like objects,  $metadata\ columns$  can be added to a GRanges object:

```
> mcols(gr1) <- DataFrame(score=11:16, GC=seg(1, 0, length=6))
> gr1
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   seanames
             ranges strand |
                                          GC
                               score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
             16-20
       ch1
                                 11
                                         1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                                 12
                                         0.8
    chMT 18-20 + | 13
                                        0.6
    chMT 19-20
                       - 1
                              14
                                        0.4
 Ε
     chMT
                 20
                        - 1
                                15
                                        0.2
     chMT 21-20
                        + |
                                16
                                         0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
> mcols(gr1)
DataFrame with 6 rows and 2 columns
     score
                GC
 <integer> <numeric>
Α
       11
               1.0
В
       12
               0.8
       13
            0.6
D
       14
             0.4
Ε
       15
               0.2
       16
               0.0
```

```
> seqinfo(gr1)
Sequinfo object with 2 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths:
 segnames seglengths isCircular genome
 ch1
                   NA
                              NA
                                   <NA>
 chMT
                   NΑ
                              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: Single-bracket subsetting

```
> gr1[c("F", "A")]
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
             ranges strand |
                                 score
                                             GC
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       chMT
               21-20
                          + |
                                    16
                                              0
        ch1 16-20 - |
                                    11
 seginfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
> gr1[strand(gr1) == "+"]
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames ranges strand
                                 score
                                             GC
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       chMT 18-20 + |
                                    13
                                            0.6
       chMT 21-20
                          + |
                                    16
                                            0.0
 seginfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

# Vector operations on GRanges objects: Single-bracket subsetting

```
> gr1 <- gr1[-5]
> gr1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   seqnames
            ranges strand |
                                      GC
                            score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
             16-20
       ch1
                              11
                                      1.0
      ch1 17-20 - | 12
                                      0.8
      chMT 18-20 + | 13
                                     0.6
    chMT 19-20 - | 14
                                     0.4
      chMT 21-20 + |
                            16
                                     0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

# Vector operations on GRanges objects: Combining

```
> 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:
   segnames
             ranges strand |
                                        GC
                             score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1
           16-20
                               11
                                       1.0
          17-20 - |
 В
      ch1
                               12
                                       0.8
      chMT 18-20 + |
                                      0.6
                               13
      chMT 19-20 - | 14
                                      0.4
                                      0.0
      chMT 21-20 + |
                           16
          2-7 * 1
       ch2
                             15
                                      0.0
       ch2
             1-6
                       * |
                               14
                                      0.2
                                       0.4
       ch2
               2-7
                               13
```

seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome

## Vector operations on GRanges objects: Comparing

```
> gr12[length(gr12)] == gr12
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
> duplicated(gr12)
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
> unique(gr12)
GRanges object with 7 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
              ranges strand |
   segnames
                                 score
                                             GC
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch1
               16-20
                                    11
                                            1.0
        ch1
           17-20
                                    12
                                            0.8
       chMT
           18-20 + I
                                   13
                                            0.6
     chMT 19-20 - |
chMT 21-20 + |
                                  14
                                           0.4
                                  16
                                           0.0
        ch2
                 2-7
                                   15
                                           0.0
        ch2
                1-6
                                   14
                                            0.2
```

seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome

## Vector operations on GRanges objects: Ordering

```
> sort(gr12)
GRanges object with 8 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   seqnames
             ranges strand |
                                        GC
                              score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1
              16-20
                                11
                                        1.0
       ch1
          17-20
                                12
                                        0.8
      chMT 18-20 + |
                                13
                                        0.6
          21-20 + |
      chMT
                               16
                                       0.0
          19-20 - |
      chMT
                               14
                                       0.4
       ch2
              1-6
                               14
                                       0.2
               2-7
       ch2
                               15
                                       0.0
               2-7
                                13
       ch2
                                        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>
       ch1 16-20 - | 11
       ch1 17-20 - 1 12
                                        0.8
 seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
$chMT
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
             ranges strand |
                              score
                                         GC
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      chMT 18-20 + 1 13
                                        0.6
     chMT 19-20 - | 14
                                       0.4
    chMT 21-20 + | 16
                                       0.0
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$ch2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  segnames
            ranges strand
                                        GC
                             score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      ch2
             2-7 * |
                             15
                                       0.0
      ch2 1-6
                              14
                                     0.2
      ch2
           2-7
                               1.3
                                       0.4
 -----
```

#### Exercise 1

- a. Load the GenomicRangesGHA package.
- b. Open the man page for the GRanges class and run the examples in it.
- c. Extract from GRanges object gr the elements (i.e. ranges) with a score between 4 and 8.
- d. Split gr by strand.

## 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

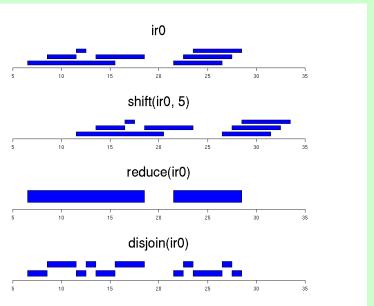
findOverlaps(), countOverlaps()

#### Finding the nearest range neighbor

nearest(), precede(), follow()

and more...

# Examples of some common range-based operations



## Range-based operations on GRanges objects

```
> gr2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
     segnames
               ranges strand |
                                 score
                                            GC
        <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 [1]
         ch2
                  2-7
                          * |
                                   15
                                            0.0
       ch2 1-6 * |
 [2]
                                   14
                                           0.2
         ch2 2-7 * I
 [3]
                                  1.3
                                           0.4
 seginfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seglengths
> shift(gr2, 50)
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
     segnames ranges strand
                                 score
                                            GC
        <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
 [1]
             52-57
         ch2
                                   15
                                            0.0
 [2]
      ch2 51-56 * |
                                14
                                           0.2
         ch2 52-57 * I
 [3]
                                   13
                                           0.4
 seqinfo: 1 sequence from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

```
> gr1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
             ranges strand |
                             score
                                        GC
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1
              16-20
                                11
                                        1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                                        0.8
                               12
      chMT 18-20 + |
                               13
                                       0.6
     chMT 19-20 - |
                                14
                                       0.4
          21-20
      chMT
                               16
                                        0.0
 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>
       ch1
               9-20
                                11
                                        1.0
       ch1 9-20 - I
                               12
                                        0.8
      chMT 18-29 + |
                               13
                                       0.6
     chMT 9-20 - |
                               14
                                       0.4
      chMT 21-32
                               16
                                        0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> gr1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
             ranges strand |
                             score
                                        GC
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1
             16-20
                                11
                                       1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                                       0.8
                               12
      chMT 18-20 + |
                               13
                                       0.6
     chMT 19-20 - |
                                14
                                       0.4
          21-20
      chMT
                               16
                                       0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
> flank(gr1, 3)
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
             ranges strand |
   segnames
                              score
                                        GC
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1
             21-23
                                11
                                       1.0
       ch1 21-23 - I
                               12
                                       0.8
      chMT 15-17 + |
                               13
                                       0.6
     chMT 21-23 - |
                               14
                                       0.4
      chMT 18-20
                               16
                                       0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> 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:
   segnames
              ranges strand |
                              score
            <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
     <Rle>
       ch1 35016-35020 - | 11
                                        1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                              12
                                        0.8
    chMT 18-134 + | 13
                                        0.6
   chMT 19-20 - |
                           14
                                        0.4
   chMT 121-237 + I
                             16
                                        0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
> range(gr3)
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
            ranges strand
    segnames
       <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
 [1]
       ch1 17-35020
 [2] chMT 18-237 +
 [3] chMT 19-20 -
 seginfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
              ranges strand |
                                          GC
   segnames
                               score
            <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
     <Rle>
       ch1 35016-35020
                                 11
                                         1.0
      ch1
               17-20
                              12
                                         0.8
    chMT 18-134 + |
                              13
                                         0.6
     chMT 19-20 - |
                                14
                                         0.4
    chMT 121-237
                        + 1
                                16
                                         0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
> reduce(gr3)
GRanges object with 4 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
            ranges strand
     seqnames
       <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
```

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                  ranges strand |
    segnames
                                       score
       <R1e>
               <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                         11
         ch1
                   17-20
                                         12
                                                  0.8
  C
        chMT
                18-134
                              + |
                                         13
                                                  0.6
  D
        chMT
                 19-20
                              - 1
                                         14
                                                  0.4
        chMT
                 121-237
                              + 1
                                         16
                                                  0.0
  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
   Γ21
            ch1
                       1-16
   [3]
            ch1
                   21-35015
   Γ41
            ch1 35021-50000
   ſ51
            ch1
                    1-50000
   Γ61
           chMT
                       1-17
   [7]
           chMT
                    238-800
   [8]
           chMT
                       1-18
   [9]
           chMT
                     21-800
  [10]
           chMT
                      1-800
  seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> gr3
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
                 ranges strand |
                                      score
       <Rle>
               <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                              - 1
                                         11
                                                  1.0
         ch1
                   17-20
                              - 1
                                         12
                                                 0.8
 С
       chMT
                18-134
                              + 1
                                         13
                                                 0.6
        chMT
                 19-20
                                         14
                                                 0.4
        chMT
                121-237
                              + 1
                                         16
                                                 0.0
 seqinfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
> disjoin(gr3)
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
     seqnames
                   ranges strand
         <Rle>
                <IRanges> <Rle>
  [1]
           ch1
                    17-20
  Γ21
         ch1 35016-35020
  [3]
         chMT
                  18-120
  Γ41
        chMT
                  121-134
  [5]
         chMT
                  135-237
  [6]
         chMT
                   19-20
 seginfo: 2 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

#### Exercise 2

#### Using GRanges object gr created at Exercise 1:

- a. Shift the ranges in gr by 1000 positions to the right.
- b. What method is called when doing shift() on a GRanges object? Find the man page for this method.

#### 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)

# Slicing the coverage

```
> sl12 <- slice(cvg12, lower=1)
> sl12
RleViewsList object of length 3:
$ch1
Views on a 50000-length Rle subject
views:
   start end width
[1] 16 20 5 [1 2 2 2 2]
$chMT
Views on a 800-length Rle subject
views:
   start end width
[1] 18 20 3 [1 2 2]
$ch2
Views on a 7-length Rle subject
views:
   start end width
[1] 1 7 7 [1 3 3 3 3 3 2]
> elementNROWS(s112)
ch1 chMT ch2
  1 1 1
> s112$chMT
```

Views on a 800-length Rle subject

# findOverlaps()

#### Load aligned reads from a BAM file:

```
> library(pasillaBamSubset)
> untreated1_chr4()
[1] "/home/stvjc/R-4-0-dist/lib/R/library/pasillaBamSubset/extdata/untreated1_chr4.bam"
> library(GenomicAlignments)
> reads <- readGAlignments(untreated1_chr4())</pre>
```

#### and store them in a GRanges object:

# 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)</pre>
```

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
         6310 11499
  [4]
       6311
  [5]
                11499
  [6]
         6312 11499
 queryLength: 204355 / subjectLength: 15682
```

#### Exercise 3

- a. Recreate GRanges objects reads and dm3\_genes from previous slides.
- b. What method is called when calling findOverlaps() on them? Open the man page for this method.
- c. Find the overlaps between the 2 objects but this time the strand should be ignored.

#### Exercise 4

In this exercise we want to get the exon sequences for the dm3 genome.

- a. Extract the exon ranges from txdb.
- b. Load the BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 package.
- c. Use getSeq() to extract the exon sequences from the BSgenome object in BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.

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

```
> grl <- GRangesList(gr3, gr2)
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
[[1]]
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
              ranges strand |
   segnames
                              score
                                        GC
     <R1e>
           <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1 35016-35020
                       - l 11
                                       1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                              12
                                       0.8
    chMT 18-134 + |
                            13
                                       0.6
   chMT 19-20 - I
                             14
                                       0.4
      chMT 121-237
                              16
                                       0.0
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
[[2]]
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  segnames ranges strand |
                                      GC
                           score
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      ch2
           2-7 * |
                           15
                                     0.0
      ch2 1-6 * |
                         14 0.2
      ch2 2-7 * I
                            13 0.4
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

#### GRangesList accessors

```
> length(grl)
[1] 2
```

```
> seqnames(gr1)

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(gr1)
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): + - *
```

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```
> ranges(grl)
                                             > start(grl)
IRangesList object of length 2:
                                             IntegerList of length 2
[[1]]
                                             [[1]] 35016 17 18 19 121
IRanges object with 5 ranges and 0 metadata [[2]] 2 1 2
                    end
                            width
        start
                                             > end(grl)
    <integer> <integer> <integer>
                                             IntegerList of length 2
        35016
                  35020
                                             [[1]] 35020 20 134 20 237
           17
                     20
                                             [[2]] 7 6 7
          18
                  134
                              117
 D
          19
                    20
                                             > width(grl)
          121
                    237
                              117
                                             IntegerList of length 2
                                             [[1]] 5 4 117 2 117
[[2]]
                                             [[2]] 6 6 6
IRanges object with 3 ranges and 0 metadata
       start
                   end
                           width
   <integer> <integer> <integer>
```

```
> names(grl) <- c("TX1", "TX2")
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
              ranges strand |
                              score
                                        GC
     <R1e>
            <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1 35016-35020
                        - l 11
                                        1.0
      ch1 17-20 - |
                              12
                                       0.8
    chMT 18-134 + |
                             13
                                       0.6
   chMT 19-20 - I
                              14
                                       0.4
      chMT 121-237 + |
                              16
                                       0.0
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  segnames ranges strand |
                                      GC
                           score
    <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      ch2
            2-7
                           15
      ch2 1-6 * |
                          14
                                     0.2
      ch2 2-7 * I
                            13
                                  0.4
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> mcols(grl)$geneid <- c("GENE1", "GENE2")
> mcols(grl)
DataFrame with 2 rows and 1 column
         geneid
   <character>
TX1
         GENE1
TX2
         GENE2
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                 ranges strand |
    segnames
                                      score
       <Rle>
              <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                              - 1
                                         11
                                                  1.0
         ch1
                  17-20
                                         12
                                                  0.8
 C
       chMT
               18-134
                                         13
                                                  0.6
       chMT
                19-20
                              - 1
                                         14
                                                  0.4
       chMT
                121-237
                             + 1
                                         16
                                                  0.0
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                   score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                  2-7
                                               0.0
        ch2
                  1-6
                                      14
                                               0.2
        ch2
                  2-7
                                      13
                                               0.4
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

NΑ

ch2

NΑ

<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:
  seanames
           ranges strand |
                             score
                                         GC
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      ch2
            2-7 * |
                             15
                                        0.0
      ch2 1-6
                               14
                                      0.2
      ch2 2-7 * |
                               13
                                        0.4
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
               ranges strand |
   seqnames
                                score
      <Rle>
            <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch1 35016-35020
                                  11
                                           1.0
           17-20 - |
      ch1
                                 12
                                          0.8
     chMT 18-134 + |
                                 13
                                          0.6
     chMT 19-20 - I
                                  14
                                          0.4
      chMT 121-237
                                  16
                                          0.0
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

# Vector operations on GRangesList objects (continued)

```
> c(grl, GRangesList(gr3))
GRangesList object of length 3:
$TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                       score
       <Rle>
               <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                              - 1
                                          11
                                                   1.0
         ch1
                   17-20
                                          12
                                                   0.8
  С
        chMT
                  18-134
                              + 1
                                          13
                                                   0.6
        chMT
                 19-20
                              - 1
                                          14
                                                   0.4
        chMT
                 121-237
                                          16
                                                   0.0
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                   score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                  2-7
                           * I
                                      15
                                                0.0
        ch2
                  1-6
                                      14
                                                0.2
        ch2
                  2-7
                           * I
                                      13
                                                0.4
  seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
[[3]]
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                       score
                                                    GC
               <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       <R1e>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                          11
                                                   1.0
  В
                   17-20
                                          12
                                                   0.8
         ch1
  C
        chMT
                  18-134
                              + 1
                                          13
                                                   0.6
  D
        chMT
                  19-20
                                          14
                                                   0.4
        chMT
                 121-237
                                          16
                                                   0.0
  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: [[
- ▶ elementNROWS(), unlist()
- lapply(), sapply(), endoapply()
- mendoapply() (not covered in this presentation)

 ${\tt GRangesList\ objects\ support\ all\ these\ \it list\ operations} ==> {\tt They're\ considered\ \it list-like\ objects}.$ 

# elementNROWS() and unlist()

```
> gr1[[2]]
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
              ranges strand |
                                  score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                 2-7
                          * |
                                              0.0
        ch2
                 1-6
                          * I
                                     14
                                              0.2
        ch2
                 2-7
                          * |
                                     13
                                              0.4
 -----
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
> elementNROWS(grl)
TX1 TX2
 5 3
> unlisted <- unlist(grl, use.names=FALSE) # same as c(grl[[1]], grl[[2]])
> unlisted
GRanges object with 8 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   seqnames
                 ranges strand |
                                     score
       <Rle>
             <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch1 35016-35020
                                        11
                                                 1.0
  В
        ch1
                  17-20
                             - 1
                                        12
                                                 0.8
 C
       chMT
                18-134
                                        13
                             + 1
                                                 0.6
 D
       chMT
                19-20
                           - 1
                                        14
                                                 0.4
       chMT
               121-237
                           + 1
                                        16
                                                 0.0
        ch2
                    2-7
                           * |
                                        15
                                                 0.0
        ch2
                   1-6
                             * I
                                        14
                                                 0.2
        ch2
                    2-7
                             * I
                                        13
                                                 0.4
 seginfo: 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:
              ranges strand |
   segnames
                               score
                                         GC
            <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
     <R1e>
       ch1 35116-35120
                            11
                                         1.0
      ch1 117-120 - |
                               12
                                         0.8
    chMT 118-234 + |
                             13
                                         0.6
   chMT 119-120 - |
                             14
                                         0.4
      chMT 221-337
                              16
                                         0.0
 seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
  segnames ranges strand |
                                       GC
                            score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
      ch2
           102-107
                            15
                                      0.0
      ch2 101-106 * | 14
                                      0.2
      ch2 102-107 * |
                             13
                                      0.4
 seginfo: 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:
                 ranges strand |
   segnames
                                     score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch1 35116-35120
                             - 1
                                        11
        ch1
               117-120
                             - 1
                                        12
                                                0.8
 C
       chMT 118-234
                         + 1
                                       13
                                                0.6
 D
       chMT 119-120
                             - 1
                                        14
                                                0.4
       chMT 221-337
                             + 1
                                        16
                                                0.0
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
              ranges strand |
                                  score
     <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       ch2 102-107
                          * I
                                     15
                                             0.0
       ch2 101-106
                          * I
                                    14
                                             0.2
       ch2 102-107
                          * I
                                     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>
TX1
         CENE1
TX2
         GENE2
```

#### Range-based operations on GRangesList objects

```
> grl
                                                                  > shift(grl, 100)
GRangesList object of length 2:
                                                                 GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
                                                                  $TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                  GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                      score
                                                                      segnames
                                                                                    ranges strand |
                                                                                                        score
       <R1e>
              <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                                   1.0
                                                                           ch1 35116-35120
                                                                                                                     1.0
         ch1
                   17-20
                                                  0.8
                                                                           ch1
                                                                                   117-120
                                                                                                           12
                                                                                                                     0.8
        chMT
                  18-134
                                                  0.6
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                   118-234
                                                                                                + 1
                                                                                                           13
                                                                                                                     0.6
        chMT
                   19-20
                                                  0.4
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                   119-120
                                                                                                                     0.4
        chMT
                 121-237
                                         16
                                                  0 0
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                   221-337
                                                                                                + 1
                                                                                                           16
                                                                                                                     0 0
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
                                                                    seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
                                                                  $TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                  GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                                                     segnames
                                                                                 ranges strand |
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                        <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                  2-7
                                                0 0
                                                                          ch2
                                                                                102-107
                                                                                                                 0 0
                                                                                             * I
        ch2
                  1-6
                                               0.2
                                                                          ch2
                                                                                101-106
                                                                                                        14
                                                                                                                 0.2
        ch2
                  2-7
                                      13
                                               0.4
                                                                                102-107
                                                                                                        13
                                                                                                                 0.4
  seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
                                                                    seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

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

```
> grl
                                                                  > flank(grl, 10)
GRangesList object of length 2:
                                                                  GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
                                                                  $TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                  GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                      score
                                                                      segnames
                                                                                    ranges strand |
                                                                                                         score
       <R1e>
              <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                                   1.0
                                                                           ch1 35021-35030
                                                                                                                     1.0
         ch1
                   17-20
                                                   0.8
                                                                           ch1
                                                                                     21-30
                                                                                                            12
                                                                                                                     0.8
        chMT
                  18-134
                                                   0.6
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                      8-17
                                                                                                 + 1
                                                                                                            13
                                                                                                                     0.6
        chMT
                   19-20
                                                   0.4
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                     21-30
                                                                                                                     0.4
        chMT
                 121-237
                                          16
                                                   0 0
                                                                          chMT
                                                                                   111-120
                                                                                                 + 1
                                                                                                            16
                                                                                                                     0 0
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
                                                                    seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
                                                                  $TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                  GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                                                     segnames
                                                                                 ranges strand |
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                        <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                  2-7
                                                0 0
                                                                          ch2
                                                                                   -8-1
                                                                                              * I
                                                                                                                  0 0
        ch2
                  1-6
                                                0.2
                                                                          ch2
                                                                                   -9-0
                                                                                                         14
                                                                                                                  0.2
        ch2
                  2-7
                                      13
                                                0.4
                                                                                   -8-1
                                                                                                         13
                                                                                                                  0.4
  seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
                                                                    seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

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

```
> grl
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
                                                                  $TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                      score
       <R1e>
              <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                                   1.0
                                                                    [1]
         ch1
                   17-20
                                                  0.8
                                                                    Γ21
        chMT
                  18-134
                                                  0.6
                                                                    [3]
        chMT
                 19-20
                                                  0.4
                                                                    -----
        chMT
                 121-237
                                         16
                                                  0 0
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
                                                                  $TX2
$TX2
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                                                    [1]
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                  2-7
                                                0 0
        ch2
                  1-6
                                                0.2
        ch2
                  2-7
                                      13
                                                0.4
  seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> range(grl)
GRangesList object of length 2:
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
      segnames
                  ranges strand
         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
           ch1 17-35020
          chMT
                  18-237
          chMT
                   19-20
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
GRanges object with 1 range and 0 metadata columns:
      segnames
                  ranges strand
         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
           ch2
                     1-7
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

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

```
> grl
                                                                  > reduce(grl)
GRangesList object of length 2:
                                                                 GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
                                                                  $TX1
GRanges object with 5 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                 GRanges object with 4 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
    segnames
                  ranges strand |
                                      score
                                                                        segnames
                                                                                      ranges strand
                                                                           <R1e>
       <R1e>
              <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                                   <IRanges> <Rle>
         ch1 35016-35020
                                                   1.0
                                                                             ch1
                                                                                       17-20
         ch1
                   17-20
                                                  0.8
                                                                    Γ21
                                                                             ch1 35016-35020
        chMT
                  18-134
                                                  0.6
                                                                    [3]
                                                                            chMT
                                                                                      18-237
        chMT
                 19-20
                                                  0.4
                                                                            chMT
                                                                                       19-20
        chMT
                 121-237
                                         16
                                                  0 0
                                                                    seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
                                                                  $TX2
$TX2
                                                                  GRanges object with 1 range and 0 metadata columns:
GRanges object with 3 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
                                                                        segnames
                                                                                    ranges strand
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                                                           <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                                                                             ch2
                                                                                       1-7
        ch2
                  2-7
                                                0 0
                                                                    -----
        ch2
                  1-6
                                                0.2
                                                                    seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
        ch2
                  2-7
                                      13
                                                0.4
  seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
```

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

```
> gr12
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
    segnames
               ranges strand |
                                    score
       <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       chMT
             18-134
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand |
                                   score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
                 2-7
       ch2
                           * |
                                     15
 seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
> gr13
GRangesList object of length 2:
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
             ranges strand |
   segnames
                                   score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
       chMT
               22-130
                                      13
                                               0.6
 seginfo: 3 seguences from an unspecified genome
[[2]]
GRanges object with 1 range and 2 metadata columns:
   segnames
              ranges strand |
                                   score
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <integer> <numeric>
        ch2
                 2-7
                          * I
                                      15
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> setdiff(gr12, gr13)
GRangesList object of length 2:
$TX1
GRanges object with 2 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
      segnames
                  ranges strand
         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
          chMT
                   18-21
  [2]
          chMT 131-134
  seginfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
$TX2
GRanges object with 0 ranges and 0 metadata columns:
   segnames
               ranges strand
      <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle>
  seqinfo: 3 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

#### Other resources

- Great slides from Michael on ranges sequences and alignments: http://bioconductor.org/help/course-materials/2014/CSAMA2014/2\_ Tuesday/lectures/Ranges\_Sequences\_and\_Alignments-Lawrence.pdf
- Vignettes in the GenomicRangesGHA package (browseVignettes("GenomicRangesGHA")).
- GRanges and GRangesList man pages in the GenomicRangesGHA package.
- ▶ Vignettes and GAlignments man page in the *GenomicAlignments* package.
- ▶ Bioconductor support site: http://support.bioconductor.org/
- The genomic ranges paper: Michael Lawrence, Wolfgang Huber, Hervé Pagès, Patrick Aboyoun, Marc Carlson, Robert Gentleman, Martin T. Morgan, Vincent J. Carey. Software for Computing and Annotating Genomic Ranges. PLOS Computational Biology, 4(3), 2013.