

# genomeIntervals

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c *Combine genome intervals objects*

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## Description

S3 methods for combining several genome intervals into a single one.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Genome\_intervals':  
c(...)  
## S3 method for class 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded':  
c(...)
```

## Arguments

... [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) objects.

## Details

If the arguments have mixed classes ( both [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#)), then they are coerced to [Genome\\_intervals](#) before combination. Otherwise, the common class is used.

## Value

A single [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) object. Input objects are combined in their order of appearance in the the argument list.

If any input argument is not a [Genome\\_intervals](#), `list(...)` is returned instead.

## Note

These methods will be converted to S4 once the necessary dispatch on ... is supported.

**Examples**

```
# load toy examples
data("gen_ints")

# combine i and j returns a Genome_intervals_stranded object
c( i, j )

# combine a not-stranded and a stranded returns a not-stranded object
c( as(i, "Genome_intervals"), j )
```

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core_annotated	<i>Genome intervals with minimal annotation</i>
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**Description**

returns a copy of the input (stranded) genome intervals object with annotations restricted to the minimally required ones.

**Usage**

```
core_annotated(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) object.

**Value**

A copy of `x` with the annotation slot restricted to `seq_name`, `inter_base` and `strand` (the latter only if `x` is a [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) object).

**Examples**

```
# load toy examples
data("gen_ints")

# add some non-core annotations to i
annotation(i)$comment = "some non-core annotation"

# i with all annotations
i

# core annotations only
core_annotated(i)

## Not run:
# with different annotation columns, i and j cannot be combined
c( i, j )

## End(Not run)

# core annotated versions can
c( core_annotated(i), core_annotated(j) )
```

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distance_to_nearest
```

*Distance in bases to the closest interval(s)*

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## Description

Given two objects, `from` and `to`, compute the distance in bases of each `from` interval to the nearest `to` interval(s). The distance between a base and the next inter-bases on either side values 0.5. Thus, base - base and inter-base - inter-base intervals distances are integer, whereas base - inter-base intervals distances are half-integers.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals,Genome\_intervals':
distance\_to\_nearest(from, to)
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded,Genome\_intervals\_stranded':
distance\_to\_nearest(from, to)
```

## Arguments

`from`            A [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) object.  
`to`                A [Genome\\_intervals](#) or [Genome\\_intervals](#) object.

## Details

A wrapper calling [intervals::distance\\_to\\_nearest](#) by `seq_name` and by `strand` (if both `from` and `to` are [Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) objects). Thus, if both are stranded, distances are computed over each strand separately. One object must be coerced to [Genome\\_intervals](#) if this is not wished.

## Value

A numeric vector of distances with one element for each row of `from`.

## See Also

[intervals::distance\\_to\\_nearest](#)

## Examples

```
## load toy examples
data(gen_ints)

## i in close_intervals notation
close_intervals(i)

## j in close_intervals notation
close_intervals(j)

## distances from i to j
dn = distance_to_nearest(i, j)
dn
```

```
## distance == 0 if and only if the interval overlaps another one:
io = interval_overlap(i,j)
if( any( ( sapply(io, length) >0 ) != (!is.na(dn) & dn ==0) ) )
  stop("The property 'distance == 0 if and only if the interval overlaps another one' is

## distances without strand-specificity
distance_to_nearest(
  as(i, "Genome_intervals"),
  as(j, "Genome_intervals")
)
```

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gen\_ints

*Genome Intervals examples*


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### Description

Toy examples for testing functions and running examples of the package genomeIntervals.

### Usage

```
data(gen_ints)
```

### Format

Two Genome\_intervals\_stranded objects, i and j, without inter-base intervals and a third one, k, with.

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Genome\_intervals-class

*Class "Genome\_intervals"*


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### Description

A set of genomic intervals without specified strand. Genomic intervals are intervals over the integers with two further annotations: seq\_name (a chromosome or more generally a sequence of origin) and inter\_base (logical) that states whether the interval is to be understood as an interval over bases (such as coding-sequence) or inter-bases (such as restriction sites or insertion positions).

### Slots

.Data: See [Intervals\\_full](#)

annotation: A "data.frame" with the same number of rows as .Data. It has a column named seq\_name that is a factor and does not contain missing values. seq\_name is used to represent the chromosome or more generally the sequence of origin of the intervals. annotation has a column named inter\_base that is logical and does not contain missing values. inter\_base is FALSE if the interval is to be understood as an interval over bases (such as coding-sequence) and TRUE if it is over inter-bases (such as restriction site or an insertion position). Like base intervals, inter-base interval are encoded over the integers. An inter-base at position n indicates the space between base n and n+1.

closed: See [Intervals\\_full](#)

type: See [Intervals\\_full](#)

**Extends**

Class "[Intervals\\_full](#)", directly. Class "[Intervals\\_virtual](#)", by class "Intervals\_full", distance 2. Class "[matrix](#)", by class "Intervals\_full", distance 3. Class "[array](#)", by class "Intervals\_full", distance 4. Class "[structure](#)", by class "Intervals\_full", distance 5. Class "[vector](#)", by class "Intervals\_full", distance 6, with explicit coerce.

**Methods**

```
[ signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
[[ signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
[[<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
\$$ signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
\$$<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
annotation signature(object = "Genome_intervals"):...
annotation<- signature(object = "Genome_intervals"):...
coerce signature(from = "Genome_intervals", to = "Intervals_full"):...
coerce signature(from = "Genome_intervals", to = "character"):...
distance\to\nearest signature(from = "Genome_intervals", to = "Genome_intervals"):
  ...
inter\base signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
inter\base<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
interval\complement signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
interval\intersection signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
interval\overlap signature(from = "Genome_intervals", to = "Genome_intervals"):
  ...
interval\union signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
seq\name signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
seq\name<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
size signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
type<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals"):...
```

**Note**

A `Genome_intervals` is a "[Intervals\\_full](#)" of type Z (i.e. a set of intervals over the integers). The annotation slot can carry further columns that can serve as annotations.

**See Also**

[Genome\\_intervals\\_stranded](#) for a derived class that allows stranded genomic intervals.

**Examples**

```

# The "Genome_intervals" class

i <- new(
  "Genome_intervals",
  matrix(
    c(1,2,
      3,5,
      4,6,
      8,9
    ),
    byrow = TRUE,
                                ncol = 2
  ),
  closed = matrix(
    c(
      TRUE, FALSE,
      TRUE, FALSE,
      TRUE, TRUE,
      TRUE, FALSE
    ),
    byrow = TRUE,
      ncol = 2
    ),
  annotation = data.frame(
    seq_name = factor(c("chr01", "chr01", "chr02", "chr02")),
    inter_base = c(FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)
  )
)

colnames(i) <- c("start", "end" )

# print
print(i)

# size (number of bases per interval)
size(i)

```

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genomeIntervals-package

*Operations on genomic intervals*

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**Description**

Tools for operation on genomic intervals.

**Details**

Package:	genomeIntervals
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Type:	Package
Depends:	R (>= 2.8.0), intervals (>= 0.10.3), Biobase, methods

Suggests:  
License: Artistic 2.0  
BioViews: DataImport, Infrastructure, Genetics  
LazyLoad: yes

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**See Also**

[intervals](#)

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Genome\_intervals\_stranded-class  
*Class "Genome\_intervals\_stranded"*

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**Description**

A set of genomic intervals with a specified strand.

**Slots**

**.Data:** See [Genome\\_intervals](#)  
**annotation:** A data.frame (see [Genome\\_intervals](#) for basic requirements). The annotation moreover has a strand column that is a factor with exactly two levels (typically "+" and "-").  
**closed:** See [Genome\\_intervals](#)  
**type:** See [Genome\\_intervals](#)

**Extends**

Class "[Genome\\_intervals](#)", directly. Class "[Intervals\\_full](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 2. Class "[Intervals\\_virtual](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 3. Class "[matrix](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 4. Class "[array](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 5. Class "[structure](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 6. Class "[vector](#)", by class "Genome\intervals", distance 7, with explicit coerce.

**Methods**

```
coerce signature(from = "Genome_intervals_stranded", to = "character"):
  ...
distance\to\nearest signature(from = "Genome_intervals_stranded", to = "Genome_inter
  ...
interval\complement signature(x = "Genome_intervals_stranded"):...
interval\intersection signature(x = "Genome_intervals_stranded"):...
interval\overlap signature(to = "Genome_intervals_stranded", from = "Genome_interval
  ...
interval\union signature(x = "Genome_intervals_stranded"):...
strand signature(x = "Genome_intervals_stranded"):...
strand<- signature(x = "Genome_intervals_stranded"):...
```

**See Also**

[Genome\\_intervals](#) the parent class without strand.

**Examples**

```
# The "Genome_intervals_stranded" class
j <- new(
  "Genome_intervals_stranded",
  matrix(
    c(1,2,
      3,5,
      4,6,
      8,9
    ),
    byrow = TRUE,
      ncol = 2
  ),
  closed = matrix(
    c(
      FALSE, FALSE,
      TRUE, FALSE,
      TRUE, TRUE,
      TRUE, FALSE
    ),
    byrow = TRUE,
      ncol = 2
  ),
  annotation = data.frame(
    seq_name = factor( c("chr01", "chr01", "chr02", "chr02") ),
    strand = factor( c("+", "+", "+", "-") ),
```



```

    inter_base = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
  )
)

## print
print(j)

## size of each interval as count of included bases
size(j)

## close intervals left and right (canonical representation)
close_intervals(j)

```

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getGffAttribute     *Pull one or more key/value pairs from gffAttributes strings*

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### Description

GFF files contain a string, with key/value pairs separated by “;”, and the key and value separated by “=”. This function quickly extracts one or more key/value pairs.

### Usage

```
getGffAttribute(gi, attribute)
```

### Arguments

gi                    A [Genome\\_intervals](#) object.  
attribute            A vector of key names.

### Value

A matrix with the same number of rows as `gi`, and one column per element of `attribute`.

### See Also

See [parseGffAttributes](#) for more complete parsing. See the function [readGff3](#) for loading a GFF file.

### Examples

```

# Get file path
libPath <- installed.packages()["genomeIntervals", "LibPath"]
filePath <- file.path(
  libPath,
  "genomeIntervals",
  "example_files"
)

# Load gff
gff <- readGff3( file.path( filePath, "sgd_simple.gff"), isRightOpen=FALSE)

```

```
## head of full gff annotations
head(annotation(gff))

# extract ID and Parent attributes
idpa = getGffAttribute( gff, c( "ID", "Parent" ) )

head(idpa)
```

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interval\_overlap    *Assess overlap from one set of genomic intervals to another*

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## Description

Given two objects, a 'from' and a 'to', assess which intervals in 'to' overlap which of 'from'.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals,Genome\_intervals':
interval\_overlap(
  from, to,
  check_valid = TRUE
)
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded,Genome\_intervals\_stranded':
interval\_overlap(
  from, to,
  check_valid = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

from            A Genome\_intervals or Genome\_intervals\_stranded object.  
to                A Genome\_intervals or Genome\_intervals\_stranded object.  
check\\_valid    Should [validObject](#) be called before passing to compiled code?

## Details

A wrapper calling [intervals:interval\\_overlap](#) by seq\_name and by strand (if both to and from are "Genome\_intervals\_stranded" objects).

## Value

A list, with one element for each row of from. The elements are vectors of indices, indicating which to rows overlap each from. A list element of length 0 indicates a from with no overlapping to intervals.

**Examples**

```

data(gen_ints)
# i as entered
i

# i in close_intervals notation
close_intervals(i)

# j in close_intervals notation
close_intervals(j)

# list of intervals of j overlapping intervals of i
interval_overlap(i, j)

```

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interval\_union      *Genome interval set operations*

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**Description**

Compute interval set operations on "Genome\_intervals" or "Genome\_intervals\_stranded" objects.

**Usage**

```

## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals':
interval\_union(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded':
interval\_union(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals':
interval\_complement(x)
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded':
interval\_complement(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals':
interval\_intersection(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Genome\_intervals\_stranded':
interval\_intersection(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x                    A "Genome\_intervals" or "Genome\_intervals\_stranded" object.  
...                    Optionally, additional objects of the same class as x.

**Details**

Wrappers calling the corresponding functions of the package `intervals` by same `seq_name`, `inter_base` and if needed `strand`. Note that the union of single input object `x` returns the reduced form of `x`, i.e. the interval representation of the covered set.

**Value**

A single object of appropriate class, representing the union, complement or intersection of intervals computed over entries with same `seq_name`, `inter_base` and also `strand` if all passed objects are of the class "Genome\_intervals\_stranded".

**See Also**

[interval\\_union](#), [interval\\_complement](#), [interval\\_intersection](#) and [reduce](#) from the package `intervals`.

**Examples**

```
## load toy examples
data(gen_ints)
## content of i object
i

## complement
interval_complement(i)

## reduced form (non-overlapping interval representation of the covered set)
interval_union(i)

## union
interval_union(i[1:2,], i[1:4,])

# map to genome intervals and union again
i.nostrand = as(i, "Genome_intervals")
interval_union(i.nostrand)

## intersection with a second object
# print i and j in closed interval notation
close_intervals(i)
close_intervals(j)

# interval_intersection
interval_intersection(i, j)

# interval intersection non-stranded
interval_intersection(i.nostrand, as(j, "Genome_intervals"))
```

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`parseGffAttributes` *Parse out the `gffAttributes` column of a `Genome_intervals` object*

---

**Description**

GFF files contain a string, with key/value pairs separated by “;”, and the key and value separated by “=”. This function parses such strings into a list of vectors with named elements.

**Usage**

```
parseGffAttributes(gi)
```

**Arguments**

`gi` A `Genome_intervals` object.

**Value**

A list, with one element per row of `gi`. Each element is a character vector with named components. Names correspond to keys, and components correspond to values.

**Note**

Key/value pairs which are missing the “=” symbol, or which have nothing between it and the “;” delimiter or end of line, will generate a NA value, with a warning. Any key/value “pairs” with more than one “=” cause an error.

**See Also**

In many cases, `getGffAttribute`, in this package, is easier and faster. See the function `readGff3` for loading a GFF file.

**Examples**

```
# Get file path
libPath <- installed.packages()["genomeIntervals", "LibPath"]
filePath <- file.path(
  libPath,
  "genomeIntervals",
  "example_files"
)

# Load gff and parse attributes
gff <- readGff3( file.path( filePath, "sgd_simple.gff"), isRightOpen = FALSE )
gfatt <- parseGffAttributes(gff)

head( gfatt )
```

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readGff3

*Make a `Genome_intervals_stranded` object from a GFF file*

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**Description**

Make a `Genome_intervals_stranded` object from a gff file in gff3 format.

**Usage**

```
readGff3(file, isRightOpen=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`file` The name of the gff file to read.

`isRightOpen` Although a proper GFF3 file follows the convention of right-open intervals, improper GFF files following the right-closed convention are frequently found. Set `isRightOpen = FALSE` in this case.

## Details

The file must follow gff3 format specifications as in <http://www.sequenceontology.org/gff3.shtml>. The file is read as a table. Meta-information (lines starting with `\#\#\#`) are not parsed. A “.” in, for example, the gff file’s *score* or *frame* field will be converted to NA. When the GFF file follows the right-open interval convention (`isRightOpen` is TRUE), then GFF entries for which end base equals first base are recognized as zero-length features and loaded as `inter_base` intervals. It can be that `readGff3` is able to construct a `Genome_intervals_stranded` object from the input file, although not valid. A warning message is then generated and the constructed object is returned to allow inspection of it.

## Value

A `Genome_intervals_stranded` object image of the gff file. The GFF3 fields `seqid`, `source`, `type`, `score`, `strand`, `phase` and `attributes` are stored in the annotation slot and renamed as `seq_name`, `source`, `type`, `score`, `strand`, `phase` and `gffAttributes` respectively.

## Note

Potential FASTA entries at the end of the file are ignored.

## See Also

The functions `getGffAttribute` and `parseGffAttributes` for parsing GFF attributes.

## Examples

```
# Get file path
libPath <- installed.packages()["genomeIntervals", "LibPath"]
filePath <- file.path(
  libPath,
  "genomeIntervals",
  "example_files"
)

# Load SGD gff
# SGD does not comply to the GFF3 right-open interval convention
gff <- readGff3( file.path( filePath, "sgd_simple.gff"), isRightOpen = FALSE)

head(gff, 10)

head(annotation(gff), 10)
```

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