

# Using Iterators in SeqVarTools

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## 1 Introduction

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Iterators can be used to apply a user function to a *SeqVarData* object. Creating the iterator defines the sets of variants returned on every subsequent call to `iterateFilter`. `iterateFilter` returns TRUE if there are more variants remaining, and FALSE when all variants have been returned.

## 2 Block iterators

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The simplest type of iterator, a *SeqVarBlockIterator*, returns variants in consecutive blocks.

```
> library(SeqVarTools)
> gds <- seqOpen(seqExampleFileName("gds"))
> seqData <- SeqVarData(gds)
> iterator <- SeqVarBlockIterator(seqData, variantBlock=500)

# of selected variants: 500

> var.info <- list(variantInfo(iterator))
> i <- 2
> while(iterateFilter(iterator)) {
+   var.info[[i]] <- variantInfo(iterator)
```

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```
+     i <- i + 1
+ }

# of selected variants: 500
# of selected variants: 348
# of selected variants: 0

> lapply(var.info, head)

[[1]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1          1   1 1105366   T   C
2          2   1 1105411   G   A
3          3   1 1110294   G   A
4          4   1 3537996   T   C
5          5   1 3538692   G   C
6          6   1 3541597   C   T

[[2]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1         501   7 48109509   C   T
2         502   7 72486435   G   C
3         503   7 72487157   A   C
4         504   7 72487452   G   A
5         505   7 94872711   G   C
6         506   7 94878932   G   A

[[3]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1        1001  17 30793147   G   A
2        1002  17 30793151   C   A
3        1003  17 30795794   G   A
4        1004  17 30796109   G   A
5        1005  17 30796359   C   T
6        1006  17 30796663   C   T

> seqResetFilter(seqData)

# of selected samples: 90
# of selected variants: 1,348
```

A filter can be applied before the iterator is created, and only variants included in the filter will be returned by the iterator.

```
> seqSetFilter(seqData, variant.sel=1:100)

# of selected variants: 100
```

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```
> iterator <- SeqVarBlockIterator(seqData, variantBlock=500)
# of selected variants: 100
> var.info <- variantInfo(iterator)
> nrow(var.info)
[1] 100
> iterateFilter(iterator)
# of selected variants: 0
[1] FALSE
> seqResetFilter(seqData)
# of selected samples: 90
# of selected variants: 1,348
```

### 3 Range iterators

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A *GRanges* object can be used to create a *SeqVarRangeIterator*, where every iteration returns the next range.

```
> library(GenomicRanges)
> gr <- GRanges(seqnames=rep(1,3),
+               ranges=IRanges(start=c(1e6, 2e6, 3e6), width=1e6))
> iterator <- SeqVarRangeIterator(seqData, variantRanges=gr)
# of selected variants: 3
> var.info <- list(variantInfo(iterator))
> i <- 2
> while(iterateFilter(iterator)) {
+   var.info[[i]] <- variantInfo(iterator)
+   i <- i + 1
+ }
# of selected variants: 0
# of selected variants: 4
# of selected variants: 0
> lapply(var.info, head)
[[1]]
  variant.id chr    pos ref alt
1          1  1 1105366   T   C
2          2  1 1105411   G   A
3          3  1 1110294   G   A
```

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```
[[2]]
[1] variant.id chr      pos
<0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)

[[3]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1          4  1 3537996   T    C
2          5  1 3538692   G    C
3          6  1 3541597   C    T
4          7  1 3541652   G    A

> seqResetFilter(seqData)

# of selected samples: 90
# of selected variants: 1,348
```

## 4 Window iterators

Window iterators (*SeqVarWindowIterator*) are a special class of range iterators. When the object is created, the ranges are generated automatically with a specified width and step size, covering the entire genome.

```
> seqSetFilterChrom(seqData, include="22")

# of selected variants: 23

> iterator <- SeqVarWindowIterator(seqData, windowSize=10000,
+                                 windowShift=5000)

# of selected variants: 2

> var.info <- list(variantInfo(iterator))
> i <- 2
> while(iterateFilter(iterator)) {
+   var.info[[i]] <- variantInfo(iterator)
+   i <- i + 1
+ }

# of selected variants: 3
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 2
# of selected variants: 4
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 2
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 2
```

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```
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 4
# of selected variants: 1
# of selected variants: 0

> lapply(var.info, head)

[[1]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1326  22 16042444   C   G
2      1327  22 16042793   A   G

[[2]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1326  22 16042444   C   G
2      1327  22 16042793   A   G
3      1328  22 16049306   T   C

[[3]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1328  22 16049306   T   C

[[4]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1329  22 17729354   G   A

[[5]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1330  22 18338811   C   T
2      1331  22 18338829   G   A

[[6]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1332  22 18348971   G   A
2      1333  22 18349075   A   G
3      1334  22 18349106   A   G
4      1335  22 18349495   G   T

[[7]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1336  22 20328280   G   A

[[8]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1337  22 32000584   G   A
```

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```
2      1338  22 32003125   C T,AT

[[9]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1339  22 32330460   G   A

[[10]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1340  22 38747766   A   G
2      1341  22 38747889   G   A

[[11]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1342  22 43657667   G   A

[[12]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1343  22 43670607   C   A

[[13]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1344  22 43690908   G   A
2      1345  22 43690970   C   T
3      1346  22 43691009   C   T
4      1347  22 43691073   G   A

[[14]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1348  22 48958933   A   G

> seqResetFilter(seqData)

# of selected samples: 90
# of selected variants: 1,348
```

## 5 List iterators

A *SeqVarListIterator* can be used to specify particular variants to include in each iteration. The input is a *GRangesList*, and each list element defines an iteration set.

```
> gr <- GRangesList(
+   GRanges(seqnames=rep(22,2),
+           ranges=IRanges(start=c(16e6, 17e6), width=1e6)),
+   GRanges(seqnames=rep(22,2),
+           ranges=IRanges(start=c(18e6, 20e6), width=1e6)))
```

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```
> iterator <- SeqVarListIterator(seqData, variantRanges=gr)
# of selected variants: 4
> var.info <- list(variantInfo(iterator))
> i <- 2
> while(iterateFilter(iterator)) {
+   var.info[[i]] <- variantInfo(iterator)
+   i <- i + 1
+ }
# of selected variants: 7
# of selected variants: 0
> lapply(var.info, head)
[[1]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1326  22 16042444   C   G
2      1327  22 16042793   A   G
3      1328  22 16049306   T   C
4      1329  22 17729354   G   A

[[2]]
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1330  22 18338811   C   T
2      1331  22 18338829   G   A
3      1332  22 18348971   G   A
4      1333  22 18349075   A   G
5      1334  22 18349106   A   G
6      1335  22 18349495   G   T
```

After the last iteration, any methods used on the iterator object will return 0 variants. The `resetIterator` method can be used to reset an iterator back to the beginning.

```
> variantInfo(iterator)
[1] variant.id chr      pos
<0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
> resetIterator(iterator)
# of selected variants: 4
> variantInfo(iterator)
  variant.id chr      pos ref alt
1      1326  22 16042444   C   G
2      1327  22 16042793   A   G
3      1328  22 16049306   T   C
```

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```
4      1329  22 17729354   G   A
```

```
> seqClose(gds)
```