

# Advanced UNIX

Course: Work with genomic data in Unix  
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# This Session Tasks:

1. How many records in the file
2. Explore in detail the last 'group' column (column 9)
3. Get list of chromosomes (column 1)
4. Get list of features (column 3)
5. Get the number of genes mapping to the assembly in total
6. Get the number of protein coding genes mapping to the assembly
7. Get the number of protein coding genes on chromosomes X and Y
8. Get the number of transcripts of protein coding genes mapping to the assembly
9. Get the gene with the highest number of transcripts
10. Get the gene with the highest number of exons
11. Get the total size (in Mb) of coding sequences
12. Get the longest gene

# Task 1: revision of morning skills

- Task 1: Number of records in the GTF file

```
wc -l Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf  
cat Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf | wc -l
```



**Answer:**  
**1,277,861**

# Advanced build-in UNIX commands

cut

sort

uniq

grep

tr

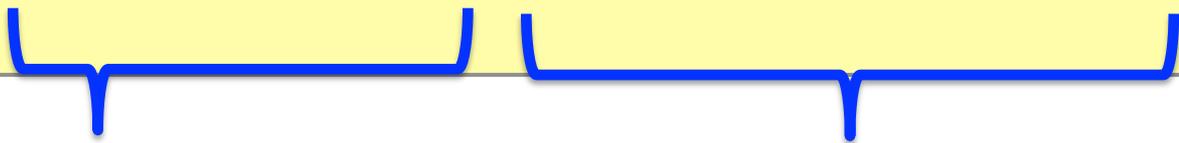
sed

awk

# cut

- selection specific portion of data
- use:

```
cut -d delimiter -f col1,col2,coln file
```



Column separator  
(TAB as default)

Column(s) aimed to be selected.  
Columns number from 1 to n.

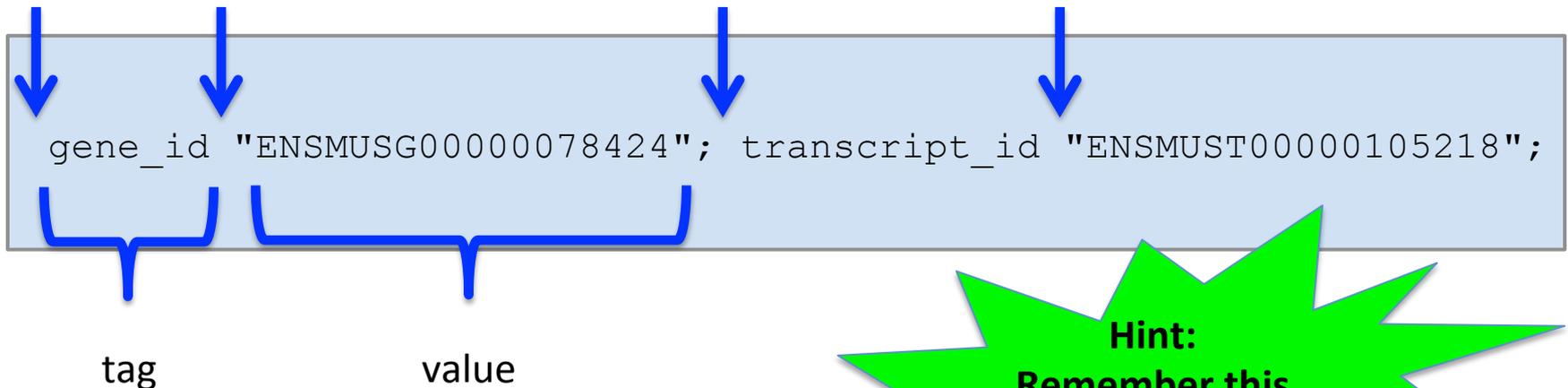
# cut

- Task 2: Explore 'group' column (column 9)

```
cut -f 9 Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf | less -S
```

# 'group/attribute' column in the GTF file

- composed of fields delimited by semicolon ';'
- each field composed of 'tag' and 'value' delimited by blank character ' '
- values surrounded by double quotes "value"



**Hint:**  
**Remember this**  
**- we will use it**  
**later!!!**

# sort

- sort data
- use:

```
sort -t delimiter -r -n -kn,n -km,m file
```

Column separator

Reverse order

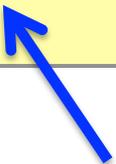
Numeric sort

Range of columns used to sort the data. Sorting criteria correspond to the number of -k flags.

# uniq

- returns unique list of records
- data needs to be sorted – usually used along with sort
- use:

```
sort file | uniq -c
```



Returns a column with counts of unique records

```
cut | sort | uniq
```

- Task 3: Get list of chromosomes (column 1)

```
cut -f 1 Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf | sort  
| uniq
```

```
cut | sort | uniq
```

- Task 4: Get list of feature (column 3)

```
cut -f 3 Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf | sort  
| uniq
```

# grep

- pattern specification & matching
- use:

```
grep pattern file # match lines having a pattern
```

```
grep -v pattern file # match lines not having a  
pattern
```

# grep: Regular expressions

- matching string patterns according to certain rules

```
^A # match A at the beginning of line
A$ # match A at the end of line
[0-9] # match numerical characters
[A-Z] # match alphabetical characters
[ATGC] # match A or T or G or C
. # match any character
A* # match A letter 0 or more times
A\{2\} # match A letter exactly 2 times
A\{1,\} # match A letter 1 or more times
A\{1,3\} # match A letter at least 1 times but no
more than 3 times
AATT\|TTAA # match AATT or TTAA
```

```
grep | cut | cut | sort | uniq | wc
```

- Task 5: Get the number of genes mapping onto chromosomes

```
grep -v ^NT Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
cut -f 9 | cut -d ';' -f 1 | sort | uniq |  
wc -l
```

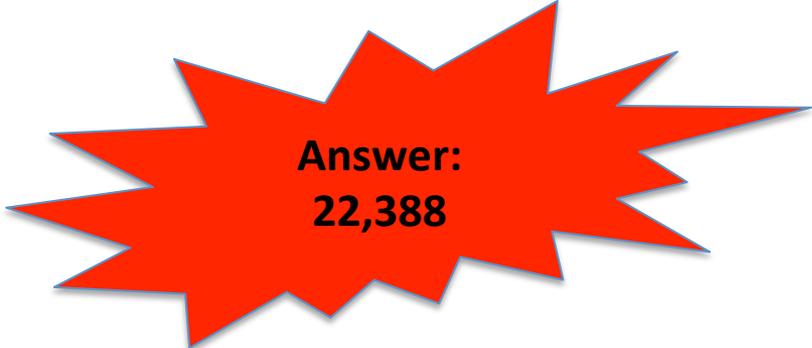
**Answer:**

**37,620**

```
grep | grep | cut | cut | sort | uniq | wc
```

- Task 6: Get the number of protein coding genes mapping onto chromosomes

```
grep -v ^NT Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep protein_coding |  
cut -f 9 | cut -d ';' -f 1 | sort | uniq |  
wc -l
```



**Answer:  
22,388**

```
grep | grep | cut | cut | sort | uniq | cut | sort | uniq
```

- Task 7: Get the number of protein coding genes on chromosomes X and Y

```
grep ^[XY] Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep protein_coding |  
cut -f 1,9 | cut -d ';' -f 1 | sort | uniq |  
cut -f 1 | sort | uniq -c
```

**Answer:**

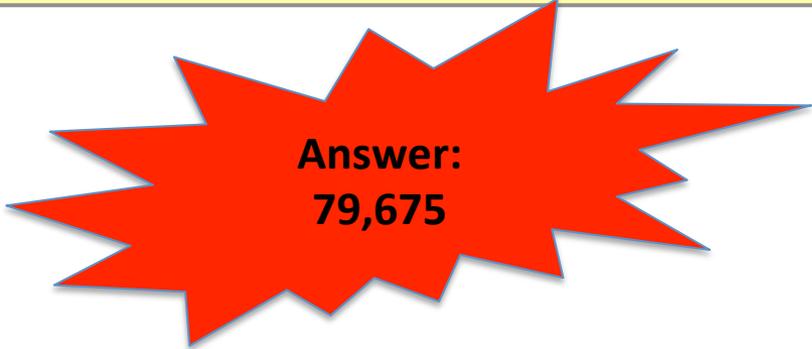
**X: 930**

**Y: 17**

```
grep | grep | cut | cut | sort | uniq | wc
```

- Task 8: Get the number of transcripts of protein coding genes mapping onto chromosomes

```
grep -v ^NT Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep protein_coding |  
cut -f 9 | cut -d ';' -f 2 | sort | uniq |  
wc -l
```



**Answer:  
79,675**

# tr

- replaces/removes individual characters
- use:

```
tr pattern1 pattern2 file # replace
```

```
tr -d pattern file # remove
```

# sed: Text stream editor

- rich functionality
- matching and replacing more complex patterns
- using regular expressions
- use:

```
sed 's/pattern1/pattern2/g' file
```

```
grep|grep|cut|cut|tr|sort|uniq|cut|uniq|sed|tr|sort|head
```

- Task 9: Get the gene with the highest number of transcripts

```
grep -v ^NT Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep protein_coding |  
cut -f 9 | cut -d " " -f 3,5,9 |  
tr -d '"';' | sort -k1,1 | uniq |  
cut -d ' ' -f 1,3 | uniq -c | sed 's/^ *//' |  
tr ' ' "\t" | sort -nr -k1,1 | head
```

# Crem gene

- cAMP responsive element modulator
- 41 transcripts



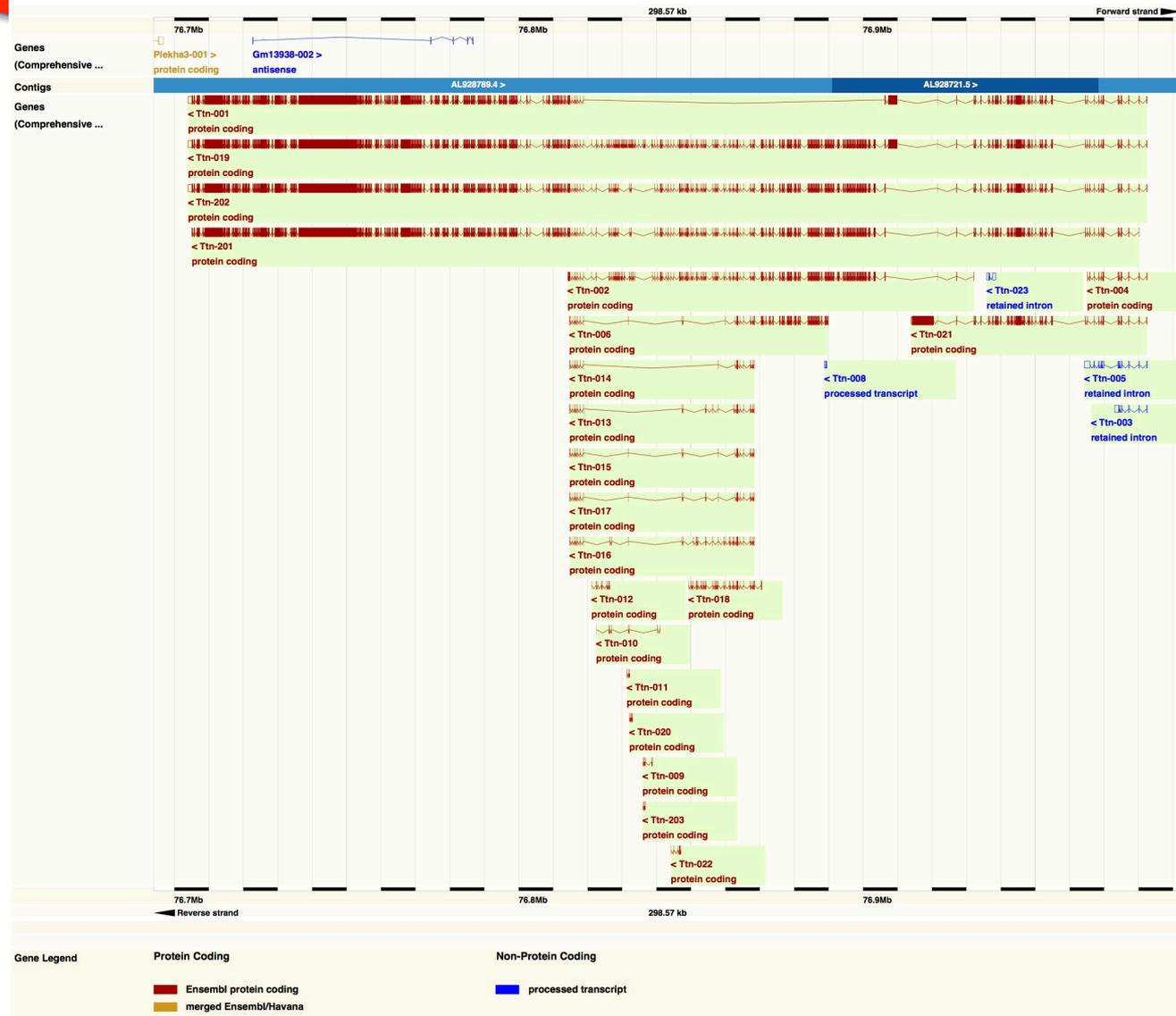
```
grep|grep|cut|cut|tr|sort|uniq|cut|uniq|sed|tr|sort|head
```

- Task 10: Get the gene with the highest number of exons

```
grep -v ^NT Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep protein_coding | grep exon | cut -f 9 |  
cut -d " " -f 3,5,9 | tr -d '"' | sort |  
uniq -c | sed 's/^ *//g' | tr " " "\t" |  
sort -rn -k1,1 | head
```

# Tnt gene

- Titin
- 695 exons



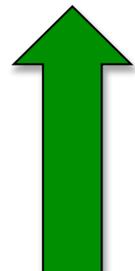
# awk: Scripting in one line

- simple programming language to do a complex data manipulation

```
awk 'BEGIN{ ... }{ ... }END{ ... }' f1.txt > f2.txt
```



Do something before  
going through the data



Do something while going  
through the data => for each  
line/record separately



Do something at the  
very end

# awk: Exercise

- Task 11: Get the total size (in Mb) of coding sequences

```
# BEGIN part
grep CDS Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |
awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS;t=0}{...}END{...}'
```

AWK Built-in variables:

FS = Field Separator

OFS = Output Field Separator

# awk: Exercise

- Task 11: Get the total size (in Mb) of coding sequences

```
# MIDDLE part
grep CDS Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |
awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS;t=0}
{s=$5-$4+1;t+=s}END{...}'
```

# awk: Exercise

- Task 11: Get the total size (in Mb) of coding sequences

```
# END part
grep CDS Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |
awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS;t=0}{s=$5-$4+1;t+=s}
END{print t/1000000" Mb"}'
```

# awk: Exercise

- Task 11: Get the total size (in Mb) of coding sequences

```
# END part  
grep CDS Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS;t=0}{s=$5-$4+1;t+=s}  
END{print t/1000000" Mb"}'
```



**Answer:  
78.2556 Mb**

```
grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head
```

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
grep protein coding Mus musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf | grep  
exon | cut -f 1,4,5,9 | cut -d " " -f 1,3 |  
sed 's/[";]//g' | sort -k4,4 -k2,2n > exons.bed
```

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{ OFS=FS } (NR>1)  
{ gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3  
else{ if(gene==$4){if(gene_end<=$3){  
else{ print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end  
gene_start; gene=$4;chrom=$1;gene_end=$3; }  
$3; }}}END{print gene, chrom, gene_end-  
gene_start }' | sort
```

**Hint:**

Find the start of  
the first exon and  
the end of the last  
exon of a gene  
and get them on  
the same line...

```
grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head
```

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
grep protein_coding Mus_musculus.NCBIM37.67.gtf |  
grep exon | cut -f 1,4,5,9 | cut -d " " -f 1,3 |  
tr -d '"';' | sort -k4,4 -k2,2n > exons.bed
```

```
grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head
```

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}...'
```

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
  if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
  }else{
    if(gene==$4){
      if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3}
    }else{
      print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
      gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
  }
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}'
```

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
→ if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
} else{
→ if(gene==$4){
    if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3}
    } else{
        print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
        gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
}
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}'
```

**Assign the first gene**

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
  if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
  }else{
    if(gene==$4){
      if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3} ←
    }else{
      print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
      gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
  }
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}'
```

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
  if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
  }else{
    if(gene==$4){
      if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3} Next gene; print the previous one
    }else{
      print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
      gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
  }
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}'
```

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
  if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
  }else{
    if(gene==$4){
      if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3}
    }else{
      print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
      gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
  }
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}'
```

**Assign the next gene**

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

**AWK Built-in variables:**  
**NR = Number Record**

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{
  if(NR==1){
    gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3
  }else{
    if(gene==$4){
      if(gene_end<=$3){gene_end=$3}
    }else{
      print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-
gene_start;
      gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3;
    }
  }
}
END{print gene,chrom,gene_start,gene_end,gene_end-gene_start}
```

**Print the last gene**

```
grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head
```

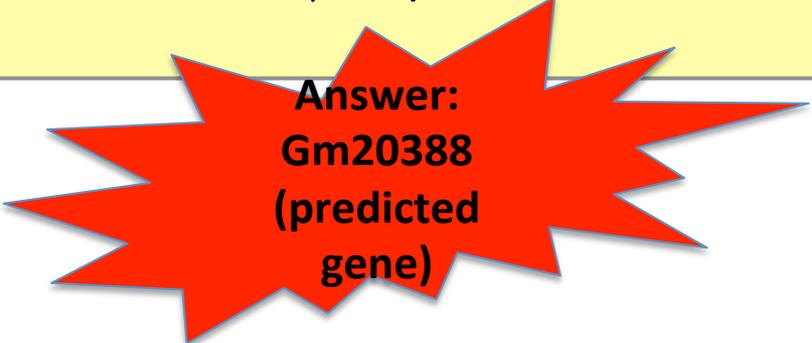
- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{if (NR==1)
{gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3}
else{if (gene==$4) {if (gene_end<=$3) {gene_end=$3}}
else{print gene, chrom, gene_start, gene_end, gene_end-
gene_start; gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=
$3;}}}}END{print gene, chrom, gene_start, gene_end,
gene_end-gene_start}' | sort -rn -k5,5 | head
```

grep|grep|cut|cut|sed|sort + awk|sort|head

- Task 12: Get the longest gene

```
< exons.bed awk -F $'\t' 'BEGIN{OFS=FS}{if (NR==1)
{gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=$3}
else{if (gene==$4) {if (gene_end<=$3) {gene_end=$3}}
else{print gene, chrom, gene_start, gene_end, gene_end-
gene_start; gene=$4; chrom=$1; gene_start=$2; gene_end=
$3;}}}}END{print gene, chrom, gene_start, gene_end,
gene_end-gene_start}' | sort -rn -k5,5 | head
```



**Answer:  
Gm20388  
(predicted  
gene)**

That's all for today...