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### 1 Introduction

In the context of an RNA-seq experiment, encoding the overlaps between the aligned reads and the transcripts can be used for detecting those overlaps that are "splice compatible", that is, compatible with the splicing of the transcript.

Various tools are provided in the *GenomicAlignments* package for working with *overlap encodings*. In this vignette, we illustrate the use of these tools on the single-end and paired-end reads of an RNA-seq experiment.

# 2 Load reads from a BAM file

# 2.1 Load single-end reads from a BAM file

BAM file untreated1\_chr4.bam (located in the *pasillaBamSubset* data package) contains single-end reads from the "Pasilla" experiment and aligned against the dm3 genome (see ?untreated1\_chr4 in the *pasillaBamSubset* package for more information about those reads):

- > library(pasillaBamSubset)
- > untreated1\_chr4()
- [1] "/home/biocbuild/bbs-3.18-bioc/R/site-library/pasillaBamSubset/extdata/untreated1\_chr4.bam"

We use the readGAlignments function defined in the *GenomicAlignments* package to load the reads into a *GAlignments* object. It's probably a good idea to get rid of the PCR or optical duplicates (flag bit 0x400 in the SAM format, see the SAM Spec <sup>1</sup> for the details), as well as reads not passing quality controls (flag bit 0x200 in the SAM format). We do this by creating a *ScanBamParam* object that we pass to readGAlignments (see ?ScanBamParam

<sup>1</sup>http://samtools. sourceforge.net/

in the Rsamtools package for the details). Note that we also use use .names=TRUE in order to load the query names (aka query template names, see QNAME field in the SAM Spec) from the BAM file (readGAlignments will use them to set the names of the returned object):

- > library(GenomicAlignments)
- > flag0 <- scanBamFlag(isDuplicate=FALSE, isNotPassingQualityControls=FALSE)</pre>
- > param0 <- ScanBamParam(flag=flag0)</pre>
- > U1.GAL <- readGAlignments(untreated1\_chr4(), use.names=TRUE, param=param0)
- > head(U1.GAL)

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:

|                   | seqnames    | strand      | cigar                   | qwidth              | start               | end                      | width               | njunc               |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                   | <rle></rle> | <rle></rle> | <character></character> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer> &lt;</integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> |
| SRR031729.3941844 | chr4        | -           | 75M                     | 75                  | 892                 | 966                      | 75                  | Θ                   |
| SRR031728.3674563 | chr4        | -           | 75M                     | 75                  | 919                 | 993                      | 75                  | 0                   |
| SRR031729.8532600 | chr4        | +           | 75M                     | 75                  | 924                 | 998                      | 75                  | 0                   |
| SRR031729.2779333 | chr4        | +           | 75M                     | 75                  | 936                 | 1010                     | 75                  | 0                   |
| SRR031728.2826481 | chr4        | +           | 75M                     | 75                  | 949                 | 1023                     | 75                  | 0                   |
| SRR031728.2919098 | chr4        | -           | 75M                     | 75                  | 967                 | 1041                     | 75                  | 0                   |
|                   |             |             |                         |                     |                     |                          |                     |                     |

seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome

Because the aligner used to align those reads can report more than 1 alignment per original query (i.e. per read stored in the input file, typically a FASTQ file), we shouldn't expect the names of U1.GAL to be unique:

```
> U1.GAL_names_is_dup <- duplicated(names(U1.GAL))</pre>
> table(U1.GAL_names_is_dup)
U1.GAL_names_is_dup
 FALSE
         TRUE
190770 13585
```

Storing the query names in a factor will be useful as we will see later in this document:

```
> U1.uqnames <- unique(names(U1.GAL))</pre>
> U1.GAL_qnames <- factor(names(U1.GAL), levels=U1.uqnames)</pre>
```

Note that we explicitely provide the levels of the factor to enforce their order. Otherwise factor() would put them in lexicographic order which is not advisable because it depends on the locale in use.

Another object that will be useful to keep near at hand is the mapping between each query name and its first occurence in U1.GAL\_qnames:

```
> U1.GAL_dup2ung <- match(U1.GAL_gnames, U1.GAL_gnames)</pre>
```

Our reads can have up to 2 skipped regions (a skipped region corresponds to an N operation in the CIGAR):

```
> head(unique(cigar(U1.GAL)))
                   "35M6727N40M" "22M6727N53M" "13M6727N62M"
                                                                                "62M21227N13M"
[1] "75M"
                                                               "26M292N49M"
> table(njunc(U1.GAL))
```

```
0 1 2
184039 20169 147
```

Also, the following table indicates that indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment process (no I or D CIGAR operations):

```
> colSums(cigar0pTable(cigar(U1.GAL))) M I D N S H P = X 15326625 0 0 21682582 0 0 0 0 0
```

# 2.2 Load paired-end reads from a BAM file

BAM file untreated3\_chr4.bam (located in the *pasillaBamSubset* data package) contains paired-end reads from the "Pasilla" experiment and aligned against the dm3 genome (see ?untreated3\_chr4 in the *pasillaBamSubset* package for more information about those reads). We use the readGAlignmentPairs function to load them into a *GAlignmentPairs* object:

```
> U3.galp <- readGAlignmentPairs(untreated3_chr4(), use.names=TRUE, param=param0)
> head(U3.galp)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 0 metadata columns:
                                                        ranges
                    seqnames strand :
                                          ranges --
                             <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges>
                       <Rle>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                         169-205 --
                                                      326-362
                                   + :
                                         943-979 -- 1086-1122
   SRR031714.756385
                        chr4
                                   + :
  SRR031714.2355189
                        chr4
                                         944-980 -- 1119-1155
  SRR031714.5054563
                        chr4
                                         946-982 -- 986-1022
                                   + :
                                        966-1002 -- 1108-1144
  SRR031715.1722593
                        chr4
  SRR031715.2202469
                        chr4
                                        966-1002 -- 1114-1150
                                   + :
  - - - - - - -
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

The show method for *GAlignmentPairs* objects displays two ranges columns, one for the *first* alignment in the pair (the left column), and one for the *last* alignment in the pair (the right column). The strand column corresponds to the strand of the *first* alignment.

```
> head(first(U3.galp))
GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:
                     segnames strand
                                             cigar
                                                      qwidth
                                                                  start
                                                                               end
                                                                                        width
                                                                                                   njunc
                        <Rle>
                                <Rle> <character> <integer> <integer> <integer> <integer> <integer><</pre>
  SRR031715.1138209
                         chr4
                                    +
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    169
                                                                               205
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    943
                                                                               979
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
   SRR031714.756385
                         chr4
  SRR031714.2355189
                         chr4
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    944
                                                                               980
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
                                    +
  SRR031714.5054563
                         chr4
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    946
                                                                               982
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
  SRR031715.1722593
                         chr4
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    966
                                                                              1002
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
                                    +
  SRR031715.2202469
                         chr4
                                               37M
                                                           37
                                                                    966
                                                                              1002
                                                                                           37
                                                                                                       0
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

> head(last(U3.galp))

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:

|                   | seqnames  | strand      | cigar                   | qwidth              | start               | end                      | width    | njunc               |  |  |
|-------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------|--|--|
|                   | <rle></rle>                                     | <rle></rle> | <character></character> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer> &lt;</integer> | integer> | <integer></integer> |  |  |
| SRR031715.1138209 | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 326                 | 362                      | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
| SRR031714.756385  | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 1086                | 1122                     | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
| SRR031714.2355189 | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 1119                | 1155                     | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
| SRR031714.5054563 | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 986                 | 1022                     | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
| SRR031715.1722593 | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 1108                | 1144                     | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
| SRR031715.2202469 | chr4  | -           | 37M                     | 37                  | 1114                | 1150                     | 37       | Θ                   |  |  |
|                   |   |             |                         |                     |                     |                          |          |                     |  |  |
| seqinfo: 8 sequen | seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome |             |                         |                     |                     |                          |          |                     |  |  |

According to the SAM format specifications, the aligner is expected to mark each alignment pair as *proper* or not (flag bit 0x2 in the SAM format). The SAM Spec only says that a pair is *proper* if the *first* and *last* alignments in the pair are "properly aligned according to the aligner". So the exact criteria used for setting this flag is left to the aligner.

We use isProperPair to extract this flag from the GAlignmentPairs object:

```
> table(isProperPair(U3.galp))
FALSE TRUE
29581 45828
```

Even though we could do *overlap encodings* with the full object, we keep only the *proper* pairs for our downstream analysis:

```
> U3.GALP <- U3.galp[isProperPair(U3.galp)]</pre>
```

Because the aligner used to align those reads can report more than 1 alignment per *original query template* (i.e. per pair of sequences stored in the input files, typically 1 FASTQ file for the *first* ends and 1 FASTQ file for the *last* ends), we shouldn't expect the names of U3.GALP to be unique:

```
> U3.GALP_names_is_dup <- duplicated(names(U3.GALP))
> table(U3.GALP_names_is_dup)

U3.GALP_names_is_dup

FALSE TRUE
43659 2169
```

Storing the *query template names* in a factor will be useful:

```
> U3.uqnames <- unique(names(U3.GALP))
> U3.GALP_qnames <- factor(names(U3.GALP), levels=U3.uqnames)</pre>
```

as well as having the mapping between each *query template name* and its first occurence in U3.GALP\_qnames:

```
> U3.GALP_dup2unq <- match(U3.GALP_qnames, U3.GALP_qnames)</pre>
```

Our reads can have up to 1 skipped region per end:

```
> head(unique(cigar(first(U3.GALP))))
[1] "37M" "6M58N31M" "25M56N12M" "19M62N18M" "29M222N8M" "9M222N28M"
```

Like for our single-end reads, the following tables indicate that indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment process:

```
> colSums(cigarOpTable(cigar(first(U3.GALP))))
                                                Н
                                                                          Χ
                                                         0
                                                                  0
                                                                          0
1695636
               0
                       0
                         673919
                                        0
                                                 0
> colSums(cigarOpTable(cigar(last(U3.GALP))))
                                        S
                                                                          Χ
      М
                       D
                                                 Н
1695636
                          630395
```

# Find all the overlaps between the reads and transcripts

# 3.1 Load the transcripts from a *TxDb* object

In order to compute overlaps between reads and transcripts, we need access to the genomic positions of a set of known transcripts and their exons. It is essential that the reference genome of this set of transcripts and exons be **exactly** the same as the reference genome used to align the reads.

We could use the makeTxDbFromUCSC function defined in the *GenomicFeatures* package to make a TxDb object containing the dm3 transcripts and their exons retrieved from the UCSC Genome Browser<sup>2</sup>. The Bioconductor project however provides a few annotation packages containing TxDb objects for the most commonly studied organisms (those data packages are sometimes called the TxDb packages). One of them is the TxDb. Dmelanogaster. UCSC. dm3.ensGene package. It contains a TxDb object that was made by pointing the makeTxDbFromUCSC function to the dm3 genome and Ensembl Genes track  $^3$ . We can use it here:

```
<sup>2</sup>http://genome.ucsc.
edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway
```

<sup>3</sup>See http://genome. ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/ hgTrackUi?hgsid= 276880911&g=ensGene for a description of this track.

```
> library(TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene)
> TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene

TxDb object:
# Db type: TxDb
# Supporting package: GenomicFeatures
# Data source: UCSC
```

# Genome: dm3

# Organism: Drosophila melanogaster

# Taxonomy ID: 7227
# UCSC Table: ensGene

# Resource URL: http://genome.ucsc.edu/

```
# Type of Gene ID: Ensembl gene ID
# Full dataset: yes
# mirBase build ID: NA
# transcript_nrow: 29173
# exon_nrow: 76920
# cds_nrow: 62135
# Db created by: GenomicFeatures package from Bioconductor
# Creation time: 2015-10-07 18:15:53 +0000 (Wed, 07 Oct 2015)
# GenomicFeatures version at creation time: 1.21.30
# RSQLite version at creation time: 1.0.0
# DBSCHEMAVERSION: 1.1
> txdb <- TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene</pre>
```

We extract the exons grouped by transcript in a GRangesList object:

```
> exbytx <- exonsBy(txdb, by="tx", use.names=TRUE)
> length(exbytx) # nb of transcripts
[1] 29173
```

We check that all the exons in any given transcript belong to the same chromosome and strand. Knowing that our set of transcripts is free of this sort of trans-splicing events typically allows some significant simplifications during the downstream analysis  $^4$ . A quick and easy way to check this is to take advantage of the fact that seqnames and strand return RleList objects. So we can extract the number of Rle runs for each transcript and make sure it's always 1:

<sup>4</sup>Dealing with transsplicing events is not covered in this document.

```
> table(elementNROWS(runLength(seqnames(exbytx))))
    1
29173
> table(elementNROWS(runLength(strand(exbytx))))
    1
29173
```

Therefore the strand of any given transcript is unambiguously defined and can be extracted with:

```
> exbytx_strand <- unlist(runValue(strand(exbytx)), use.names=FALSE)</pre>
```

We will also need the mapping between the transcripts and their gene. We start by using transcripts to extract this information from our *TxDb* object txdb, and then we construct a named factor that represents the mapping:

```
> tx <- transcripts(txdb, columns=c("tx_name", "gene_id"))</pre>
> head(tx)
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
      segnames
                    ranges strand |
                                        tx_name
                                                        gene_id
                <IRanges> <Rle> | <character> <CharacterList>
         <Rle>
         chr2L
  [1]
                7529-9484
                              + | FBtr0300689
                                                    FBgn0031208
  [2]
         chr2L
               7529-9484
                                + | FBtr0300690
                                                    FBgn0031208
```

```
7529-9484
                                 + | FBtr0330654
                                                       FBgn0031208
  [3]
         chr2L
  [4]
         chr2L 21952-24237
                                 + | FBtr0309810
                                                       FBgn0263584
  [5]
         chr2L 66584-71390
                                 + | FBtr0306539
                                                       FBgn0067779
                                 + | FBtr0306536
  [6]
         chr2L 67043-71081
                                                       FBgn0067779
  seqinfo: 15 sequences (1 circular) from dm3 genome
> df <- mcols(tx)</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- as.character(df$gene_id)</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- factor(exbytx2gene, levels=unique(exbytx2gene))</pre>
> names(exbytx2gene) <- df$tx_name</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- exbytx2gene[names(exbytx)]</pre>
> head(exbytx2gene)
FBtr0300689 FBtr0300690 FBtr0330654 FBtr0309810 FBtr0306539 FBtr0306536
FBgn0031208 FBgn0031208 FBgn0031208 FBgn0263584 FBgn0067779 FBgn0067779
15682 Levels: FBgn0031208 FBgn0263584 FBgn0067779 FBgn0031213 FBgn0031214 FBgn0031216 ... FBgn0264003
> nlevels(exbytx2gene) # nb of genes
[1] 15682
```

# 3.2 Single-end overlaps

#### 3.2.1 Find the single-end overlaps

We are ready to compute the overlaps with the <u>findOverlaps</u> function. Note that the strand of the queries produced by the RNA-seq experiment is typically unknown so we use <u>ignore.strand=TRUE</u>:

```
> U1.0V00 <- findOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
```

U1.0V00 is a *Hits* object that contains 1 element per overlap. Its length gives the number of overlaps:

```
> length(U1.0V00)
[1] 563552
```

#### 3.2.2 Tabulate the single-end overlaps

We will repeatedly use the 2 following little helper functions to "tabulate" the overlaps in a given *Hits* object (e.g. U1.0V00), i.e. to count the number of overlaps for each element in the query or for each element in the subject:

Number of transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

```
966
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031729.3941844
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   892
                                                                                         75
  SRR031728.3674563
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                         75
                                                                   919
                                                                              993
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
                                                                              998
                                                                                         75
  SRR031729.8532600
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   924
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031729.2779333
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                         75
                                                                   936
                                                                             1010
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031728.2826481
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   949
                                                                             1023
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031728.2919098
                                                         75
                                                                            1041
                                                                                         75
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                                   967
                           ntx
                     <integer>
  SRR031729.3941844
  SRR031728.3674563
                             0
  SRR031729.8532600
                             0
                             0
  SRR031729.2779333
  SRR031728.2826481
                             0
  SRR031728.2919098
                             0
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U1.GAL_ntx)
U1.GAL_ntx
    0
                       3
                             4
                                   5
                                          6
                                                7
                                                      8
                                                             9
                                                                  10
                                                                        11
                                                                               12
47076 9493 26146 82427 5291 14530 8158
                                              610 1952 2099
                                                                 492 4945 1136
> mean(U1.GAL_ntx >= 1)
[1] 0.7696362
```

76% of the alignments in U1.GAL have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that countOverlaps can be used directly on U1.GAL and exbytx for computing U1.GAL\_ntx:

```
> U1.GAL_ntx_again <- countOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(unname(U1.GAL_ntx_again), U1.GAL_ntx))
```

Because U1.GAL can (and actually does) contain more than 1 alignment per *original query* (aka read), we also count the number of transcripts for each read:

```
> U1.0V10 <- remapHits(U1.0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U1.GAL_qnames)</pre>
> U1.uqnames_ntx <- countQueryHits(U1.0V10)</pre>
> names(U1.ugnames_ntx) <- U1.ugnames</pre>
> table(U1.ugnames_ntx)
U1.uqnames_ntx
    0
                                    5
                                                 7
                       3
                              4
                                           6
                                                       8
                                                              9
                                                                   10
                                                                          11
                                                                                12
39503 9298 18394 82346 5278 14536 9208
                                               610 2930 2099
                                                                  488
                                                                      4944
                                                                             1136
> mean(U1.uqnames_ntx >= 1)
[1] 0.7929287
```

78.4% of the reads have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_n0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U1.0V10)
> names(U1.exbytx_n0V10) <- names(exbytx)
```

```
> mean(U1.exbytx_n0V10 >= 50)
[1] 0.009015185
Only 0.869% of the transcripts in exbytx have an overlap with at least 50 reads.
Top 10 transcripts:
> head(sort(U1.exbytx_n0V10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)
FBtr0308296 FBtr0089175 FBtr0089176 FBtr0112904 FBtr0289951 FBtr0089243 FBtr0333672 FBtr0089186
      40654
                   40529
                               40529
                                            11735
                                                         11661
                                                                      11656
                                                                                  10087
                                                                                               10084
FBtr0089187 FBtr0089172
      10084
                    6749
```

# 3.3 Paired-end overlaps

### 3.3.1 Find the paired-end overlaps

Like with our single-end overlaps, we call findOverlaps with ignore.strand=TRUE:

```
> U3.0V00 <- find0verlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
```

Like U1.0V00, U3.0V00 is a Hits object. Its length gives the number of paired-end overlaps:

```
> length(U3.0V00)
```

[1] 113827

#### 3.3.2 Tabulate the paired-end overlaps

Number of transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_ntx <- countQueryHits(U3.0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$ntx <- U3.GALP_ntx
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 1 metadata column:
                    segnames strand :
                                         ranges --
                                                       ranges |
                       <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                  + :
                                        169-205 --
                                                      326-362 |
   SRR031714.756385
                        chr4
                                        943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                        0
                                  + :
  SRR031714.5054563
                        chr4
                                        946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                  + :
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
  SRR031715.1722593
                                                                        0
                        chr4
  SRR031715.2202469
                        chr4
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
  SRR031714.3544437
                        chr4
                                  - : 1087-1123 --
                                                     963-999 |
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U3.GALP_ntx)
U3.GALP_ntx
                                  5
                                              7
                                                           9
    0
                2
                      3
                            4
                                         6
                                                    8
                                                                10
                                                                      11
                                                                            12
12950 2080 5854 17025 1078 3083 2021
                                              70
                                                   338
                                                         370
                                                                59
                                                                     803
                                                                            97
```

```
> mean(U3.GALP_ntx >= 1)
[1] 0.7174217
71% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.
Note that countOverlaps can be used directly on U3. GALP and exbytx for computing U3. GALP_ntx:
> U3.GALP_ntx_again <- countOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(unname(U3.GALP_ntx_again), U3.GALP_ntx))
Because U3.GALP can (and actually does) contain more than 1 alignment pair per original
query template, we also count the number of transcripts for each template:
> U3.0V10 <- remapHits(U3.0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U3.GALP_qnames)</pre>
> U3.uqnames_ntx <- countQueryHits(U3.0V10)</pre>
> names(U3.uqnames_ntx) <- U3.uqnames</pre>
> table(U3.uqnames_ntx)
U3.uqnames_ntx
                       3
                                    5
                                           6
                                                 7
                                                                    10
                                                                          11
                                                                                 12
11851 2061 4289 17025 1193 3084 2271
                                                                                 97
                                                 70
                                                      486
                                                            370
                                                                    59
                                                                         803
> mean(U3.uqnames_ntx >= 1)
[1] 0.7285554
72.3% of the templates have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.
Number of templates for each transcript:
> U3.exbytx_n0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U3.0V10)</pre>
> names(U3.exbytx_n0V10) <- names(exbytx)</pre>
> mean(U3.exbytx_n0V10 >= 50)
[1] 0.00712988
Only 0.756% of the transcripts in exbytx have an overlap with at least 50 templates.
Top 10 transcripts:
> head(sort(U3.exbytx_n0V10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)
FBtr0308296 FBtr0089175 FBtr0089176 FBtr0112904 FBtr0089243 FBtr0289951 FBtr0333672 FBtr0089186
       7574
                                 7572
                                              2750
                                                           2732
                                                                         2732
                                                                                      2260
                    7573
                                                                                                  2260
FBtr0089187 FBtr0310542
```

1698

2260

# 4 Encode the overlaps between the reads and transcripts

# 4.1 Single-end encodings

The *overlap encodings* are strand sensitive so we will compute them twice, once for the "original alignments" (i.e. the alignments of the *original queries*), and once again for the "flipped alignments" (i.e. the alignments of the "flipped *original queries*"). We extract the ranges of the "original" and "flipped" alignments in 2 *GRangesList* objects with:

```
> U1.grl <- grglist(U1.GAL, order.as.in.query=TRUE)
> U1.grlf <- flipQuery(U1.grl)  # flipped
```

and encode their overlaps with the transcripts:

```
> U1.ovencA <- encodeOverlaps(U1.grl, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00)
> U1.ovencB <- encodeOverlaps(U1.grlf, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00)</pre>
```

U1.ovencA and U1.ovencB are 2 *OverlapsEncodings* objects of the same length as *Hits* object U1.0V00. For each hit in U1.0V00, we have 2 corresponding encodings, one in U1.ovencA and one in U1.ovencB, but only one of them encodes a hit between alignment ranges and exon ranges that are on the same strand. We use the selectEncodingWithCompatibleStrand function to merge them into a single *OverlapsEncodings* of the same length. For each hit in U1.0V00, this selects the encoding corresponding to alignment ranges and exon ranges with compatible strand:

```
> U1.grl_strand <- unlist(runValue(strand(U1.grl)), use.names=FALSE)
> U1.ovenc <- selectEncodingWithCompatibleStrand(U1.ovencA, U1.ovencB,
                                                     U1.grl_strand, exbytx_strand,
                                                     hits=U1.0V00)
> U1.ovenc
OverlapEncodings object of length 563552 with 0 metadata columns:
              Loffset
                        Roffset encoding flippedQuery
            <integer> <integer> <factor>
                                              <logical>
                    0
                               3
                                                   TRUE
                                      1:i:
       [1]
                    4
                               0
                                      1:k:
                                                   FALSE
       [2]
                    4
                               0
                                                   TRUE
       [3]
                                     1:k:
       [4]
                               0
                                      1:k:
                                                   TRUE
       [5]
                    4
                               0
                                      1:k:
                                                    TRUE
                                      . . .
                                                     . . .
       . . .
                  . . .
  [563548]
                               0
                                      1:i:
                                                    TRUE
                   22
  [563549]
                   23
                               0
                                      1:i:
                                                    TRUE
  [563550]
                   24
                               0
                                      1:i:
                                                    TRUE
  [563551]
                   24
                               0
                                      1:i:
                                                    TRUE
                   23
                                      1:i:
                                                    TRUE
  [563552]
```

As a convenience, the 2 above calls to encodeOverlaps + merging step can be replaced by a single call to encodeOverlaps on U1.grl (or U1.grlf) with flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE:

```
> U1.ovenc_again <- encode0verlaps(U1.grl, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00, flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(U1.ovenc_again, U1.ovenc))
```

Unique encodings in U1.ovenc:

```
> U1.unique_encodings <- levels(U1.ovenc)</pre>
> length(U1.unique_encodings)
[1] 120
> head(U1.unique_encodings)
[1] "1:c:" "1:e:" "1:f:" "1:h:" "1:i:" "1:j:"
> U1.ovenc_table <- table(encoding(U1.ovenc))</pre>
> tail(sort(U1.ovenc_table))
    1:f:
           1:k:c:
                       1:k:
                                 1:c: 2:jm:af:
                                                    1:i:
    1555
              1889
                       8800
                                 9523
                                         72929
                                                  455176
```

Encodings are sort of cryptic but utilities are provided to extract specific meaning from them. Use of these utilities is covered later in this document.

# 4.2 Paired-end encodings

Let's encode the overlaps in U3.0V00:

```
> U3.grl <- grglist(U3.GALP)</pre>
> U3.ovenc <- encodeOverlaps(U3.grl, exbytx, hits=U3.0V00, flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE)
OverlapEncodings object of length 113827 with 0 metadata columns:
             Loffset
                       Roffset encoding flippedQuery
           <integer> <integer>
                                <factor>
                                             <logical>
                  4
                            0 1--1:i--k:
                                                  TRUE
       [1]
                             0 1--1:i--i:
                                                  TRUE
       [2]
                             0 1--1:i--k:
                                                 FALSE
       [3]
                   4
                   4
                             0 1--1:i--k:
       [4]
                                                 FALSE
       [5]
                  4
                             0 1--1:a--c:
                                                  TRUE
                  22
                             0 1--1:i--i:
                                                  TRUE
  [113823]
  [113824]
                  23
                             0 1--1:i--i:
                                                  TRUE
                             0 1--1:i--i:
  [113825]
                  24
                                                  TRUE
  [113826]
                  24
                             0 1--1:i--i:
                                                  TRUE
  [113827]
                  23
                             0 1--1:i--i:
                                                  TRUE
```

Unique encodings in U3.ovenc:

```
> U3.unique_encodings <- levels(U3.ovenc)
> length(U3.unique_encodings)
[1] 123
> head(U3.unique_encodings)
[1] "1--1:a--c:" "1--1:a--i:" "1--1:a--j:" "1--1:a--k:" "1--1:b--i:" "1--1:b--k:"
> U3.ovenc_table <- table(encoding(U3.ovenc))
> tail(sort(U3.ovenc_table))
```

```
1--1:i--m: 1--1:i--k: 1--1:c--i: 1--2:i--jm:a--af: 2--1:jm--m:af--i:
852 1485 1714 2480 2700
1--1:i--i:
100084
```

# 5 Detect "splice compatible" overlaps

We are interested in a particular type of overlap where the read overlaps the transcript in a "splice compatible" way, that is, in a way that is compatible with the splicing of the transcript. The <code>isCompatibleWithSplicing</code> function can be used on an <code>OverlapEncodings</code> object to detect this type of overlap. Note that <code>isCompatibleWithSplicing</code> can also be used on a character vector or factor.

# 5.1 Detect "splice compatible" single-end overlaps

#### 5.1.1 "Splice compatible" single-end encodings

U1. ovenc contains 7 unique encodings compatible with the splicing of the transcript:

Encodings "1:i:" (455176 occurences in U1.ovenc), "2:jm:af:" (72929 occurences in U1.ovenc), and "3:jmm:agm:aaf:" (488 occurences in U1.ovenc), correspond to the following overlaps:

For clarity, only the exons involved in the overlap are represented. The transcript can of course have more upstream and downstream exons, which is denoted by the ... on the left side (5' end) and right side (3' end) of each drawing. Note that the exons represented in the 2nd and 3rd drawings are consecutive and adjacent in the processed transcript.

Encodings "1:f:" and "1:j:" are variations of the situation described by encoding "1:i:". For "1:f:", the first aligned base of the read (or "flipped" read) is aligned with the first base of the exon. For "1:j:", the last aligned base of the read (or "flipped" read) is aligned with the last base of the exon:

"1:f:"

Finally, let's extract the "splice compatible" overlaps from U1.0V00:

```
> U1.comp0V00 <- U1.0V00[U1.0V00_is_comp]
```

Note that high-level convenience wrapper **findCompatibleOverlaps** can be used for computing the "splice compatible" overlaps directly between a *GAlignments* object (containing reads) and a *GRangesList* object (containing transcripts):

```
> U1.comp0V00_again <- findCompatibleOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx)
> stopifnot(identical(U1.comp0V00_again, U1.comp0V00))
```

#### 5.1.2 Tabulate the "splice compatible" single-end overlaps

> table(U1.GAL\_ncomptx)

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

```
> U1.GAL_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.compOV00)</pre>
> mcols(U1.GAL)$ncomptx <- U1.GAL_ncomptx
> head(U1.GAL)
GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 2 metadata columns:
                     segnames strand
                                            cigar
                                                     gwidth
                                                                 start
                                                                             end
                                                                                      width
                                                                                                njunc |
                        <Rle> <Rle> <character> <integer> <integer> <integer> <integer> <integer> 
  SRR031729.3941844
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   892
                                                                             966
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031728.3674563
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   919
                                                                             993
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
                                                                                         75
  SRR031729.8532600
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                         75
                                                                   924
                                                                             998
                                                                                                     0 |
                                   +
  SRR031729.2779333
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                         75
                                                                   936
                                                                            1010
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
  SRR031728.2826481
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                         75
                                                                   949
                                                                            1023
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
                                   +
  SRR031728.2919098
                         chr4
                                              75M
                                                          75
                                                                   967
                                                                            1041
                                                                                         75
                                                                                                     0 |
                                 ncomptx
                           ntx
                     <integer> <integer>
  SRR031729.3941844
                             0
  SRR031728.3674563
                             0
                                        0
                             0
                                        0
  SRR031729.8532600
  SRR031729.2779333
                             0
                                        0
                             0
                                        0
  SRR031728.2826481
  SRR031728.2919098
                             0
                                        0
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
U1.GAL_ncomptx
                 2
                                    5
                                                 7
                                                        8
                                                                          11
                                                                                12
    0
          1
                       3
                              4
                                           6
                                                              9
                                                                   10
51101 9848 33697 72987 5034 14021 7516
                                               581 1789
                                                           2015
                                                                  530
                                                                        4389
                                                                               847
> mean(U1.GAL_ncomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.7499401
75% of the alignments in U1.GAL are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.
Note that high-level convenience wrapper countCompatibleOverlaps can be used directly on
U1.GAL and exbytx for computing U1.GAL_ncomptx:
> U1.GAL_ncomptx_again <- countCompatibleOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx)</pre>
> stopifnot(identical(U1.GAL_ncomptx_again, U1.GAL_ncomptx))
Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each read:
> U1.comp0V10 <- remapHits(U1.comp0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U1.GAL_gnames)
> U1.uqnames_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.compOV10)</pre>
> names(U1.uqnames_ncomptx) <- U1.uqnames</pre>
> table(U1.ugnames_ncomptx)
U1.uqnames_ncomptx
                 2
                                           6
                                                 7
                                                        8
                                                                   10
                                                                          11
                                                                                12
42886 9711 26075 72989 5413 14044 8584
                                               581 2706 2015
                                                                  530 4389
                                                                               847
> mean(U1.uqnames_ncomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.7751953
77.5% of the reads are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.
```

Number of "splice compatible" reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_ncomp0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U1.comp0V10)</pre>
> names(U1.exbytx_ncomp0V10) <- names(exbytx)</pre>
> mean(U1.exbytx_ncomp0V10 >= 50)
[1] 0.008706681
```

Only 0.87% of the transcripts in exbytx are "splice compatible" with at least 50 reads.

Top 10 transcripts:

```
> head(sort(U1.exbytx_ncompOV10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)
FBtr0308296 FBtr0089175 FBtr0089176 FBtr0089243 FBtr0289951 FBtr0112904 FBtr0089186 FBtr0089187
      40309
                               33490
                                           11365
                                                        11332
                                                                    11284
                                                                                 10018
                  40158
                                                                                              9627
FBtr0333672 FBtr0089172
       9568
                   6599
```

Note that this "top 10" is slightly different from the "top 10" we obtained earlier when we counted all the overlaps.

# 5.2 Detect "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

### 5.2.1 "Splice compatible" paired-end encodings

WARNING: For paired-end encodings, isCompatibleWithSplicing considers that the encoding is "splice compatible" if its 2 halves are "splice compatible". This can produce false positives if for example the right end of the alignment is located upstream of the left end in transcript space. The paired-end read could not come from this transcript. To eliminate these false positives, one would need to look at the position of the left and right ends in transcript space. This can be done with <a href="mailto:extractQueryStartInTranscript">extractQueryStartInTranscript</a>.

U3.ovenc contains 13 unique paired-end encodings compatible with the splicing of the transcript:

```
> sort(U3.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSplicing(U3.unique_encodings)])
        1--2:f--jm:a--af:
                                         1--1:f--j:
                                                             2--1:jm--m:af--j:
                                                12
        2--1:jm--m:af--f:
                                    1--1:j--m:a--i:
                                                           2--2:jm--jm:af--af:
2--2:jm--mm:af--jm:aa--af:
                                    1--1:i--m:a--i:
                                                                   1--1:i--j:
                      153
                                                287
                                                                           403
               1--1:f--i:
                                   1--2:i--jm:a--af:
                                                             2--1:jm--m:af--i:
                                               2480
                                                                          2700
                      617
               1--1:i--i:
                   100084
```

Paired-end encodings "1--1:i- (100084 occurences in U3.ovenc), "2--1:jm--m:a (2700 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--2:i--jm:a (2480 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--1:i--m: (287 occurences in U3.ovenc), and "2--2:jm--mm:af--jm: (153 occurences in U3.ovenc), correspond to the following paired-end overlaps:

- "1--1:i-
  - paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end):
  - transcript: ... >>>>>> ...
- "2--1:jm--m:a
  - paired-end read (1 skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end):
     000---0
     0000
  - transcript: ... >>>>>> ...
- "1--2:i--jm:a
  - paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, 1 skipped region on the last end): 0000 00---00
  - transcript: ... >>>>>> ...
- "1--1:i--m:
  - paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 0000 0000
  - transcript: ... >>>>>> ...
- "2--2:jm--mm:af--jm:

Note: switch use of "first" and "last" above if the read was "flipped".

```
> U3.0V00_is_comp <- isCompatibleWithSplicing(U3.ovenc)
> table(U3.0V00_is_comp) # 106835 "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

U3.0V00_is_comp

FALSE TRUE
6928 106899
```

Finally, let's extract the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps from U3.0V00:

```
> U3.comp0V00 <- U3.0V00[U3.0V00_is_comp]
```

Note that, like with our single-end reads, high-level convenience wrapper findCompatibleOver laps can be used for computing the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps directly between a GAlignmentPairs object (containing paired-end reads) and a GRangesList object (containing transcripts):

```
> U3.comp0V00_again <- findCompatibleOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx)
> stopifnot(identical(U3.comp0V00_again, U3.comp0V00))
```

#### 5.2.2 Tabulate the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.comp0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$ncomptx <- U3.GALP_ncomptx
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 2 metadata columns:
                    segnames strand :
                                         ranges --
                                                      ranges |
                                                                           ncomptx
                       <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer> <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                 + : 169-205 --
                                                     326-362 |
  SRR031714.756385
                                  + : 943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                                 0
                        chr4
                                                                       0
  SRR031714.5054563
                        chr4
                                        946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                                                       0
                                                                                 0
                                  + :
                                 + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
                                                                                 0
  SRR031715.1722593
                        chr4
                                                                       0
  SRR031715.2202469
                        chr4
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
  SRR031714.3544437
                                  - : 1087-1123 -- 963-999 |
                                                                                 0
                        chr4
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U3.GALP_ncomptx)
U3.GALP_ncomptx
         1
                      3
                            4
                                  5
                                        6
                                              7
                                                    8
                                                          9
                                                               10
                                                                     11
                                                                           12
13884 2029 8094 14337 1099 2954 1865
                                             84
                                                  296
                                                        332
                                                               89
                                                                    699
                                                                           66
> mean(U3.GALP_ncomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.6970411
```

69.7% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that high-level convenience wrapper countCompatibleOverlaps can be used directly on U3.GALP and exbytx for computing U3.GALP\_ncomptx:

```
> U3.GALP_ncomptx_again <- countCompatibleOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx)
> stopifnot(identical(U3.GALP_ncomptx_again, U3.GALP_ncomptx))
```

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each template:

```
> U3.comp0V10 <- remapHits(U3.comp0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U3.GALP_gnames)
> U3.uqnames_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.comp0V10)</pre>
> names(U3.uqnames_ncomptx) <- U3.uqnames</pre>
> table(U3.uqnames_ncomptx)
U3.uqnames_ncomptx
                                                7
                                                      8
                                                                  10
                                                                        11
                                                                              12
                2
12769 2027 6534 14337 1210 2954 2114
                                                    444
                                                                  89
                                                                       699
                                                                              66
                                               84
                                                           332
> mean(U3.uqnames_ncomptx >= 1)
```

[1] 0.7075288

70.7% of the templates are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "splice compatible" templates for each transcript:

```
> U3.exbytx_ncomp0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U3.comp0V10)
> names(U3.exbytx_ncomp0V10) <- names(exbytx)
> mean(U3.exbytx_ncomp0V10 >= 50)
[1] 0.007061324
```

Only 0.7% of the transcripts in exbytx are "splice compatible" with at least 50 templates.

Top 10 transcripts:

```
> head(sort(U3.exbytx_ncomp0V10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)

FBtr0308296 FBtr0089175 FBtr0089176 FBtr0289951 FBtr0089243 FBtr0112904 FBtr0089187 FBtr0089186
    7425    7419    5227    2686    2684    2640    2257    2250

FBtr0333672 FBtr0310542
    2206    1650
```

Note that this "top 10" is slightly different from the "top 10" we obtained earlier when we counted **all** the paired-end overlaps.

### Compute the reference query sequences and project 6 them on the transcriptome

#### Compute the reference query sequences 6.1

> library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)

- organism: Drosophila melanogaster

chr2R

chr3L

chr2RHet chr3LHet chr3RHet chrXHet

> Dmelanogaster

| BSgenome object for Fly

- release date: Apr. 2006

- provider: UCSC - genome: dm3

- 15 sequence(s): chr2L

| more information.

The reference query sequences are the query sequences after alignment, by opposition to the original query sequences (aka "true" or "real" query sequences) which are the query sequences before alignment.

The reference query sequences can easily be computed by extracting the nucleotides mapped to each read from the reference genome. This of course requires that we have access to the reference genome used by the aligner. In Bioconductor, the full genome sequence for the dm3 assembly is stored in the BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 data package 5:

```
bioconductor.org/
                                                                                                  packages/release/data/
                                                                                                  annotation/ for the
                                                                                                  full list of annotation
                                                                                                  packages available in
                                                                                                  the current release of
                                                                                                  Bioconductor.
                                                                                                      chr2LHet
                                                                                          chrM
| Tips: call 'seqnames()' on the object to get all the sequence names, call 'seqinfo()' to get the
```

<sup>5</sup>See http://

To extract the portions of the reference genome corresponding to the ranges in U1.grl, we can use the extractTranscriptSeqs function defined in the GenomicFeatures package:

chr3R

chr4

chrYHet

| full sequence info, use the '\$' or '[[' operator to access a given sequence, see '?BSgenome' for

chrU

chrX

chrUextra

```
> library(GenomicFeatures)
> U1.GAL_rqseq <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U1.grl)</pre>
> head(U1.GAL_rqseq)
DNAStringSet object of length 6:
    width sea
                                                                                  names
       75 GGACAACCTAGCCAGGAAAGGGGCAGAGAACCC...GCCCGAACCATTCTGTGGTGTTGGTCACCACAG SRR031729.3941844
[1]
       75 CAACAACATCCCGGGAAATGAGCTAGCGGACAA...GAAAGGGGCAGAGAACCCTCTAATTGGGCCCGA SRR031728.3674563
[2]
       75 CCCAATTAGAGGGTTCTCTGCCCCTTTCCTGGC...CGCTAGCTCATTTCCCGGGATGTTGTTGTCC SRR031729.8532600
[3]
       75 GTTCTCTGCCCCTTTCCTGGCTAGGTTGTCCGC...TCCCGGGATGTTGTTGTTGTCCCGGGACCCACCT SRR031729.2779333
[4]
       75 TTCCTGGCTAGGTTGTCCGCTAGCTCATTTCCC...TTGTGTCCCGGGACCCACCTTATTGTGAGTTTG SRR031728.2826481
[5]
       75 CAAACTTGGAGCTGTCAACAACTCACAATAAG...GGGACACAACAACATCCCGGGAAATGAGCTAGC SRR031728.2919098
[6]
```

When reads are paired-end, we need to extract separately the ranges corresponding to their first ends (aka first segments in BAM jargon) and those corresponding to their last ends (aka last segments in BAM jargon):

```
> U3.grl_first <- grglist(first(U3.GALP, real.strand=TRUE), order.as.in.query=TRUE)
> U3.grl_last <- grglist(last(U3.GALP, real.strand=TRUE), order.as.in.query=TRUE)
```

Then we extract the portions of the reference genome corresponding to the ranges in *GRanges-List* objects U3.grl\_first and U3.grl\_last:

```
> U3.GALP_rqseq1 <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U3.grl_first)
> U3.GALP_rqseq2 <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U3.grl_last)</pre>
```

# 6.2 Project the single-end alignments on the transcriptome

The <a href="extractQueryStartInTranscript">extractQueryStartInTranscript</a> function computes for each overlap the position of the <a href="query start">query start</a> in the transcript:

```
> U1.0V00_gstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U1.grl, exbytx,
                                                    hits=U1.0V00, ovenc=U1.ovenc)
> head(subset(U1.0V00_qstart, U1.0V00_is_comp))
   startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon
1
8
                 4229
                                          5
                                                                 137
                                          5
9
                 4229
                                                                 137
10
                 4207
                                          5
                                                                 115
11
                 4207
                                          5
                                                                 115
                                          5
12
                 4187
                                                                  95
```

U1.0V00\_qstart is a data frame with 1 row per overlap and 3 columns:

- 1. startInTranscript: the 1-based start position of the read with respect to the transcript. Position 1 always corresponds to the first base on the 5' end of the transcript sequence.
- 2. firstSpannedExonRank: the rank of the first exon spanned by the read, that is, the rank of the exon found at position startInTranscript in the transcript.
- 3. startInFirstSpannedExon: the 1-based start position of the read with respect to the first exon spanned by the read.

Having this information allows us for example to compare the read and transcript nucleotide sequences for each "splice compatible" overlap. If we use the *reference query sequence* instead of the *original query sequence* for this comparison, then it should match **exactly** the sequence found at the *query start* in the transcript.

Let's start by using <a href="extractTranscriptSeqs">extractTranscriptSeqs</a> again to extract the transcript sequences (aka transcriptome) from the dm3 reference genome:

```
> txseq <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, exbytx)</pre>
```

For each "splice compatible" overlap, the read sequence in U1.GAL\_rqseq must be an *exact* substring of the transcript sequence in <code>exbytx\_seq</code>:

```
+ width=width(U1.0V00_rqseq)[U1.0V00_is_comp])
+ ))
```

Because of this relationship between the *reference query sequence* and the transcript sequence of a "splice compatible" overlap, and because of the relationship between the *original query sequences* and the *reference query sequences*, then the edit distance reported in the NM tag is actually the edit distance between the *original query* and the transcript of a "splice compatible" overlap.

# 6.3 Project the paired-end alignments on the transcriptome

For a paired-end read, the query start is the start of its "left end".

```
> U3.0V00_Lqstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U3.grl, exbytx,</pre>
                                                       hits=U3.0V00, ovenc=U3.ovenc)
> head(subset(U3.0V00_Lqstart, U3.0V00_is_comp))
   startInTranscript\ firstSpannedExonRank\ startInFirstSpannedExon
2
                 4118
7
                 3940
                                           4
                                                                    31
8
                 3940
                                           4
                                                                    31
9
                                           3
                                                                   320
                 3692
                                           3
10
                 3692
                                                                   320
                 3690
                                           3
11
                                                                   318
```

Note that extractQueryStartInTranscript can be called with for.query.right.end=TRUE
if we want this information for the "right ends" of the reads:

```
> U3.0V00_Rqstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U3.grl, exbytx,
+
                                                       hits=U3.0V00, ovenc=U3.ovenc,
+
                                                       for.query.right.end=TRUE)
> head(subset(U3.0V00_Rqstart, U3.0V00_is_comp))
   \verb|startInTranscript| firstSpannedExonRank| startInFirstSpannedExon|
2
                 4267
                                           5
7
                 3948
                                           4
                                                                    39
8
                                           4
                                                                    39
                 3948
9
                 3849
                                           3
                                                                   477
                                           3
10
                 3849
                                                                   477
11
                 3831
                                                                   459
```

Like with single-end reads, having this information allows us for example to compare the read and transcript nucleotide sequences for each "splice compatible" overlap. If we use the reference query sequence instead of the original query sequence for this comparison, then it should match **exactly** the sequences of the "left" and "right" ends of the read in the transcript.

Let's assign the "left and right reference query sequences" to each overlap:

```
> U3.0V00_Lrqseq <- U3.GALP_rqseq1[queryHits(U3.0V00)]
> U3.0V00_Rrqseq <- U3.GALP_rqseq2[queryHits(U3.0V00)]</pre>
```

For the single-end reads, the sequence associated with a "flipped query" just needed to be "reverse complemented". For paired-end reads, we also need to swap the 2 sequences in the pair:

```
> flip_idx <- which(flippedQuery(U3.ovenc))
> tmp <- U3.0V00_Lrqseq[flip_idx]
> U3.0V00_Lrqseq[flip_idx] <- reverseComplement(U3.0V00_Rrqseq[flip_idx])
> U3.0V00_Rrqseq[flip_idx] <- reverseComplement(tmp)</pre>
```

Let's assign the transcript sequence to each overlap:

```
> U3.0V00_txseq <- txseq[subjectHits(U3.0V00)]</pre>
```

For each "splice compatible" overlap, we expect the "left and right reference query sequences" of the read to be *exact* substrings of the transcript sequence. Let's check the "left reference query sequences":

and the "right reference query sequences":

# 7 Align the reads to the transcriptome

Aligning the reads to the reference genome is not the most efficient nor accurate way to count the number of "splice compatible" overlaps per *original query*. Supporting junction reads (i.e. reads that align with at least 1 skipped region in their CIGAR) introduces a significant computational cost during the alignment process. Then, as we've seen in the previous sections, each alignment produced by the aligner needs to be broken into a set of ranges (based on its CIGAR) and those ranges compared to the ranges of the exons grouped by transcript.

A more straightforward and accurate approach is to align the reads directly to the transcriptome, and without allowing the typical skipped region that the aligner needs to introduce when aligning a junction read to the reference genome. With this approach, a "hit" between a read and a transcript is necessarily compatible with the splicing of the transcript. In case of a "hit", we'll say that the read and the transcript are "string-based compatible" (to differentiate from our previous notion of "splice compatible" overlaps that we will call "encoding-based compatible" in this section).

# 7.1 Align the single-end reads to the transcriptome

#### 7.1.1 Find the "hits"

The single-end reads are in U1.oqseq, the transcriptome is in exbytx\_seq.

Since indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment of the reads to the reference genome, we don't need to allow/support them either for aligning the reads to the transcriptome. Also since our goal is to find (and count) "splice compatible" overlaps between reads and transcripts, we don't need to keep track of the details of the alignments between the reads and the transcripts. Finally, since BAM file untreated1\_chr4.bam is not the full output of the aligner but the subset obtained by keeping only the alignments located on chr4, we don't need to align U1.oqseq to the full transcriptome, but only to the subset of exbytx\_seq made of the transcripts located on chr4.

With those simplifications in mind, we write the following function that we will use to find the "hits" between the reads and the transcriptome:

```
> ### A wrapper to vwhichPDict() that supports IUPAC ambiguity codes in 'qseq'
> ### and 'txseq', and treats them as such.
> findSequenceHits <- function(qseq, txseq, which.txseq=NULL, max.mismatch=0)
+ {
      .asHits <- function(x, pattern_length)</pre>
+
+
          query_hits <- unlist(x)</pre>
          if (is.null(query_hits))
               query_hits <- integer(0)</pre>
           subject_hits <- rep.int(seq_len(length(x)), elementNROWS(x))</pre>
          Hits(query_hits, subject_hits, pattern_length, length(x),
                sort.by.query=TRUE)
+
      }
+
      .isHitInTranscriptBounds <- function(hits, qseq, txseq)</pre>
      {
          sapply(seq_len(length(hits)),
               function(i) {
                   pattern <- qseq[[queryHits(hits)[i]]]</pre>
                   subject <- txseq[[subjectHits(hits)[i]]]</pre>
                   v <- matchPattern(pattern, subject,</pre>
                                      max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed=FALSE)
                   any(1L <= start(v) & end(v) <= length(subject))</pre>
               })
      }
      if (!is.null(which.txseq)) {
           txseq0 <- txseq
          txseq <- txseq[which.txseq]</pre>
      }
      names(qseq) <- NULL</pre>
      other <- alphabetFrequency(qseq, baseOnly=TRUE)[ , "other"]
      is_clean <- other == OL # "clean" means "no IUPAC ambiguity code"
```

```
## Find hits for "clean" original queries.
      qseq0 <- qseq[is_clean]</pre>
      pdict0 <- PDict(qseq0, max.mismatch=max.mismatch)</pre>
      m0 <- vwhichPDict(pdict0, txseq,</pre>
                          max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed="pattern")
      hits0 <- .asHits(m0, length(qseq0))</pre>
      hits0@nLnode <- length(gseg)</pre>
      hits0@from <- which(is_clean)[hits0@from]</pre>
      ## Find hits for non "clean" original queries.
      qseq1 <- qseq[!is_clean]</pre>
      m1 <- vwhichPDict(qseq1, txseq,</pre>
                          max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed=FALSE)
      hits1 <- .asHits(m1, length(qseq1))</pre>
      hits1@nLnode <- length(qseq)</pre>
      hits1@from <- which(!is_clean)[hits1@from]</pre>
      ## Combine the hits.
      query_hits <- c(queryHits(hits0), queryHits(hits1))</pre>
      subject_hits <- c(subjectHits(hits0), subjectHits(hits1))</pre>
      if (!is.null(which.txseq)) {
           ## Remap the hits.
           txseq <- txseq0
           subject_hits <- which.txseq[subject_hits]</pre>
          hits0@nRnode <- length(txseq)</pre>
      }
      ## Order the hits.
      oo <- orderIntegerPairs(query_hits, subject_hits)</pre>
      hits0@from <- query_hits[oo]</pre>
      hits0@to <- subject_hits[oo]</pre>
      if (max.mismatch != 0L) {
           ## Keep only "in bounds" hits.
          is_in_bounds <- .isHitInTranscriptBounds(hits0, qseq, txseq)</pre>
           hits0 <- hits0[is_in_bounds]</pre>
      }
      hits0
+ }
```

Let's compute the index of the transcripts in exbytx\_seq located on chr4 (findSequenceHits will restrict the search to those transcripts):

```
> chr4tx <- transcripts(txdb, vals=list(tx_chrom="chr4"))
> chr4txnames <- mcols(chr4tx)$tx_name
> which.txseq <- match(chr4txnames, names(txseq))</pre>
```

We know that the aligner tolerated up to 6 mismatches per read. The 3 following commands find the "hits" for each *original query*, then find the "hits" for each "flipped *original query*", and finally merge all the "hits" (note that the 3 commands take about 1 hour to complete on a modern laptop):

#### 7.1.2 Tabulate the "hits"

Number of "string-based compatible" transcripts for each read:

```
> U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.sbcompHITS)</pre>
> names(U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx) <- U1.uqnames</pre>
> table(U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx)
U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx
          1
    0
                 2
                       3
                                    5
                                          6
                                                 7
                                                       8
                                                                   10
                                                                         11
                                                                                12
40555 10080 25299 74609 5207 14265 8643
                                               610 3410
                                                         2056
                                                                  534
                                                                       4588
                                                                               914
> mean(U1.ugnames_nsbcomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.7874142
```

77.7% of the reads are "string-based compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "string-based compatible" reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS <- countSubjectHits(U1.sbcompHITS)
> names(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS) <- names(exbytx)
> mean(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS >= 50)
[1] 0.008809516
```

Only 0.865% of the transcripts in <code>exbytx</code> are "string-based compatible" with at least 50 reads.

Top 10 transcripts:

```
> head(sort(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)

FBtr0308296 FBtr0089175 FBtr0089176 FBtr0089243 FBtr0289951 FBtr0112904 FBtr0089186 FBtr0333672

40548 40389 34275 11605 11579 11548 10059 9742

FBtr0089187 FBtr0089172

9666 6704
```

#### 7.1.3 A closer look at the "hits"

[WORK IN PROGRESS, might be removed or replaced soon...]

Any "encoding-based compatible" overlap is of course "string-based compatible":

```
> stopifnot(length(setdiff(U1.compOV10, U1.sbcompHITS)) == 0)
```

but the reverse is not true:

```
> length(setdiff(U1.sbcompHITS, U1.compOV10))
[1] 13549
```

# 7.2 Align the paired-end reads to the transcriptome

[COMING SOON...]

# 8 Detect "almost splice compatible" overlaps

In many aspects, "splice compatible" overlaps can be seen as perfect. We are now insterested in a less perfect type of overlap where the read overlaps the transcript in a way that *would* be "splice compatible" if 1 or more exons were removed from the transcript. In that case we say that the overlap is "almost splice compatible" with the transcript. The <code>isCompatibleWithSkippedExons</code> function can be used on an *OverlapEncodings* object to detect this type of overlap. Note that <code>isCompatibleWithSkippedExons</code> can also be used on a character vector of factor.

# 8.1 Detect "almost splice compatible" single-end overlaps

#### 8.1.1 "Almost splice compatible" single-end encodings

U1. ovenc contains 7 unique encodings "almost splice compatible" with the splicing of the transcript:

```
> sort(U1.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U1.unique_encodings)])

2:jm:am:am:am:am:af: 2:jm:am:am:am:af: 2:jm:am:am:am:af: 7

3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf: 3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf: 2:jm:am:am:af: 2:jm:am:af: 9

21

144

1015
```

Encodings "2:jm:am:af:" (1015 occurences in U1.ovenc), "2:jm:am:am:af:" (144 occurences in U1.ovenc), and "3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf:" (21 occurences in U1.ovenc), correspond to the following overlaps:

```
"2:jm:am:af:"
       - read (1 skipped region):
                                       00000------000
       - transcript:
                                     >>>>>
                                                      >>>>>>
   "2:jm:am:am:af:"
       - read (1 skipped region):
                                        00000-
                                                          ----000
       - transcript:
                                      >>>>>
  "3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf:"
       - read (2 skipped regions):
                                           00---0000-----00
       - transcript:
                                               >>>>
                                     >>>>>
                                                      >>>>
                                                              >>>>>>
> U1.0V00_is_acomp <- isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U1.ovenc)</pre>
> table(U1.0V00_is_acomp) # 1202 "almost splice compatible" overlaps
```

```
U1.0V00_is_acomp
FALSE TRUE
562350 1202
```

Finally, let's extract the "almost splice compatible" overlaps from U1.0V00:

> U1.acomp0V00 <- U1.0V00[U1.0V00\_is\_acomp]</pre>

### 8.1.2 Tabulate the "almost splice compatible" single-end overlaps

Number of "almost splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

```
> U1.GAL_nacomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.acomp0V00)</pre>
```

- > mcols(U1.GAL)\$nacomptx <- U1.GAL\_nacomptx</pre>
- > head(U1.GAL)

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 3 metadata columns:

|                   |  | 3   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
|-------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|                   | seqnames   | strand  | cigar  | qwidth              | start               | end                 | width               | njunc               |  |
|                   | <rle></rle>  | <rle> <ch< td=""><td>naracter&gt;</td><td><integer></integer></td><td><integer></integer></td><td><integer></integer></td><td><integer></integer></td><td><integer></integer></td><td></td></ch<></rle> | naracter>  | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> | <integer></integer> |  |
| SRR031729.39418   | 44 chr4  | -   | 75M  | 75                  | 892                 | 966                 | 75                  | 0                   |  |
| SRR031728.36745   | 63 chr4  | -   | 75M  | 75                  | 919                 | 993                 | 75                  | Θ                   |  |
| SRR031729.85326   | 00 chr4  | +   | 75M  | 75                  | 924                 | 998                 | 75                  | 0                   |  |
| SRR031729.27793   | 33 chr4  | +   | 75M  | 75                  | 936                 | 1010                | 75                  | 0                   |  |
| SRR031728.28264   | 81 chr4  | +   | 75M  | 75                  | 949                 | 1023                | 75                  | 0                   |  |
| SRR031728.29190   | 98 chr4  | -   | 75M  | 75                  | 967                 | 1041                | 75                  | Θ                   |  |
|                   | nt   | ( ncompt)   | c nacomp   | tx                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
|                   | <integer< td=""><td>&gt; <integer< td=""><td>&gt; <intege< td=""><td>r&gt;</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></intege<></td></integer<></td></integer<> | > <integer< td=""><td>&gt; <intege< td=""><td>r&gt;</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></intege<></td></integer<>   | > <intege< td=""><td>r&gt;</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></intege<> | r>                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031729.39418   | 44 (   | ) (   | )  | Θ                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031728.36745   | 63 (   | ) (   | )  | Θ                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031729.85326   | 00 (   | ) (   | 9  | 0                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031729.27793   | 33 (   | ) (   | 9  | 0                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031728.28264   | 81 (   | ) (   | )  | Θ                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| SRR031728.29190   | 98 (   | 9 (   | )  | 0                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
|                   |  |   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| seqinfo: 8 sequ   | ences from a   | an unspeci  | fied geno  | me                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| . +abla/U1 CAL ma | +\   |   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| > table(U1.GAL_na | comptx)  |   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| U1.GAL_nacomptx   |  |   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |
| 0 1               | 2 3  | 4   | 5  | 6 7                 | 8                   | 9 10                | 11                  | 12                  |  |
| 203800 283        | 101 107  | 19  | 24   | 2 3                 | 1                   | 3 4                 | 4                   | 4                   |  |
| > mean(U1.GAL_nac |  |   |  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |  |

Only 0.27% of the alignments in U1.GAL are "almost splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "almost splice compatible" alignments for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_nacomp0V00 <- countSubjectHits(U1.acomp0V00)</pre>
```

[1] 0.002715862

<sup>&</sup>gt; names(U1.exbytx\_nacomp0V00) <- names(exbytx)</pre>

<sup>&</sup>gt; table(U1.exbytx\_nacomp0V00)

```
U1.exbytx_nacomp0V00
    0
           1
                 2
                        3
                               4
                                     5
                                            6
                                                   7
                                                          8
                                                                      10
                                                                             12
                                                                                   13
                                                                                          14
                                                                                                 17
                                                                                                       18
                                     2
                                                   7
                                                          5
                                                                7
                                                                              2
29039
         50
                 8
                              12
                                            3
                                                                       3
                                                                                    1
                                                                                                         2
                       15
                                                                                           1
                                                                                                  1
   20
         21
                32
                       34
                              44
                                    55
                                           59
                                                  77
                                                       170
                 2
                               3
    1
           3
                        1
                                            1
                                                   1
                                                          1
> mean(U1.exbytx_nacomp0V00 >= 50)
[1] 0.0001713914
```

Only 0.017% of the transcripts in exbytx are "almost splice compatible" with at least 50 alignments in U1.GAL.

Finally note that the "query start in transcript" values returned by <a href="extractQueryStartInTranscript">extractQueryStartInTranscript</a> are also defined for "almost splice compatible" overlaps:

```
> head(subset(U1.0V00_qstart, U1.0V00_is_acomp))
       \verb|startInTranscript| firstSpannedExonRank| startInFirstSpannedExon|
144226
                       133
                                                                          133
144227
                       133
                                                 1
                                                                         133
144240
                       151
                                                 1
                                                                         151
144241
                       151
                                                                         151
                                                 1
146615
                       757
                                                 7
                                                                          39
                                                 8
                                                                          39
146616
                       689
```

### 8.2 Detect "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

#### 8.2.1 "Almost splice compatible" paired-end encodings

U3. ovenc contains 5 unique paired-end encodings "almost splice compatible" with the splicing of the transcript:

Paired-end encodings "2--1:jm--m:am--m (73 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--2:i--jm:a--am (53 occurences in U3.ovenc), and "2--2:jm--mm:am--mm:af--j (9 occurences in U3.ovenc), correspond to the following paired-end overlaps:

- "2--1:jm--m:am--m
  - paired-end read (1 skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 000-----0 0000
  - transcript: ... >>>> >>> ...
- "1--2:i--jm:a--am
  - paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, 1 skipped region on the last end):
     oooo oo-----oo

```
- transcript:
                                   >>>>>>>
   "2--2:jm--mm:am--mm:af--j
        - paired-end read (1 skipped region on the first end, 1 skipped region
         on the last end):
                                       0-----000
                                                         00 - - - 00
        - transcript:
                                                              >>>>>
Note: switch use of "first" and "last" above if the read was "flipped".
> U3.0V00_is_acomp <- isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U3.ovenc)</pre>
> table(U3.0V00_is_acomp) # 141 "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps
U3.0V00_is_acomp
 FALSE
         TRUE
113686
Finally, let's extract the "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps from U3.0V00:
> U3.acomp0V00 <- U3.0V00[U3.0V00_is_acomp]</pre>
```

#### 8.2.2 Tabulate the "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

Number of "almost splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_nacomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.acomp0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$nacomptx <- U3.GALP_nacomptx
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 3 metadata columns:
                    segnames strand :
                                         ranges --
                                                      ranges |
                                                                           ncomptx nacomptx
                       <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer> <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                 + :
                                       169-205 --
                                                    326-362
   SRR031714.756385
                        chr4
                                 + : 943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                      0
                                                                                 0
                                                                                           0
  SRR031714.5054563
                       chr4
                                 + : 946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                                                                 0
                                                                                           0
                                 + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
                                                                                 0
                                                                                           0
  SRR031715.1722593
                                                                      0
                       chr4
  SRR031715.2202469
                                 + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
                                                                                 0
                                                                                           0
                        chr4
                                 - : 1087-1123 --
  SRR031714.3544437
                       chr4
                                                    963-999 |
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U3.GALP_nacomptx)
U3.GALP_nacomptx
          1
                     3
                                       11
45734
        74
                     13
> mean(U3.GALP_nacomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.002051148
```

Only 0.2% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP are "almost splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "almost splice compatible" alignment pairs for each transcript:

Only 0.0034% of the transcripts in exbytx are "almost splice compatible" with at least 50 alignment pairs in U3.6ALP.

Finally note that the "query start in transcript" values returned by <a href="extractQueryStartInTranscript">extractQueryStartInTranscript</a> are also defined for "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps:

```
> head(subset(U3.0V00_Lqstart, U3.0V00_is_acomp))
      startInTranscript\ firstSpannedExonRank\ startInFirstSpannedExon
27617
                    1549
                                             12
                                                                      45
27629
                    1562
                                             12
                                                                      58
27641
                                             12
                    1562
                                                                      58
27690
                    1567
                                             12
                                                                      63
27812
                    1549
                                             12
                                                                      45
42870
                     659
                                                                     101
> head(subset(U3.0V00_Rqstart, U3.0V00_is_acomp))
      startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon
27617
                    2135
                                             14
                                                                     115
27629
                    2135
                                             14
                                                                     115
27641
                    2141
                                             14
                                                                     121
27690
                    2048
                                             14
                                                                      28
                    2136
                                                                     116
27812
                                             14
42870
                                                                      19
                     866
                                              6
```

# 9 Detect novel splice junctions

# 9.1 By looking at single-end overlaps

An alignment in U1.GAL with "almost splice compatible" overlaps but no "splice compatible" overlaps suggests the presence of one or more transcripts that are not in our annotations.

First we extract the index of those alignments (nsj here stands for "novel splice junction"):

```
> U1.GAL_is_nsj <- U1.GAL_nacomptx != 0L & U1.GAL_ncomptx == 0L
> head(which(U1.GAL_is_nsj))
[1] 57972 57974 58321 67251 67266 67267
```

We make this an index into U1.0V00:

```
> U1.0V00_is_nsj <- queryHits(U1.0V00) %in% which(U1.GAL_is_nsj)
```

We intersect with U1.0V00\_is\_acomp and then subset U1.0V00 to keep only the overlaps that suggest novel splicing:

```
> U1.0V00_is_nsj <- U1.0V00_is_nsj & U1.0V00_is_acomp
> U1.nsj0V00 <- U1.0V00[U1.0V00_is_nsj]
```

For each overlap in U1.nsj0V00, we extract the ranks of the skipped exons (we use a list for this as there might be more than 1 skipped exon per overlap):

Finally, we split U1.nsj0V00\_skippedex by transcript names:

```
> f <- factor(names(exbytx)[subjectHits(U1.nsj0V00)], levels=names(exbytx))
> U1.exbytx_skippedex <- split(U1.nsj0V00_skippedex, f)</pre>
```

U1.exbytx\_skippedex is a named list of named lists of integer vectors. The first level of names (outer names) are transcript names and the second level of names (inner names) are alignment indices into U1.GAL:

```
> head(names(U1.exbytx_skippedex)) # transcript names
[1] "FBtr0300689" "FBtr0300690" "FBtr0330654" "FBtr0309810" "FBtr0306539" "FBtr0306536"
```

Transcript FBtr0089124 receives 7 hits. All of them skip exons 9 and 10:

```
> U1.exbytx_skippedex$FBtr0089124

$`104549`
[1] 9 10

$`104550`
[1] 9 10

$`104553`
[1] 9 10

$`104557`
[1] 9 10

$`104560`
[1] 9 10

$`104572`
[1] 9 10
```

```
[1] 9 10
```

Transcript FBtr0089147 receives 4 hits. Two of them skip exon 2, one of them skips exons 2 to 6, and one of them skips exon 10:

```
> U1.exbytx_skippedex$FBtr0089147

$`72828`

[1] 10

$`74018`

[1] 2 3 4 5 6

$`74664`

[1] 2

$`74670`

[1] 2
```

A few words about the interpretation of U1.exbytx\_skippedex: Because of how we've conducted this analysis, the aligments reported in U1.exbytx\_skippedex are guaranteed to not have any "splice compatible" overlaps with other known transcripts. All we can say, for example in the case of transcript FBtr0089124, is that the 7 reported hits that skip exons 9 and 10 show evidence of one or more unknown transcripts with a splice junction that corresponds to the gap between exons 8 and 11. But without further analysis, we can't make any assumption about the exons structure of those unknown transcripts. In particular, we cannot assume the existence of an unknown transcript made of the same exons as transcript FBtr0089124 minus exons 9 and 10!

# 9.2 By looking at paired-end overlaps

[COMING SOON...]

# 10 sessionInfo()

```
> sessionInfo()
R version 4.3.2 Patched (2023-11-13 r85521)
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
Running under: Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS
Matrix products: default
BLAS: /home/biocbuild/bbs-3.18-bioc/R/lib/libRblas.so
LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-qnu/lapack/liblapack.so.3.10.0
locale:
 [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_NUMERIC=C
                                                            LC_TIME=en_GB
 [4] LC_COLLATE=C
                                LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8
                                                            LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
 [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8
                                LC_NAME=C
                                                            LC_ADDRESS=C
[10] LC_TELEPHONE=C
                                LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
```

```
time zone: America/New_York
tzcode source: system (glibc)
attached base packages:
                                                       datasets methods
[1] stats4
              stats
                        graphics grDevices utils
                                                                            base
other attached packages:
[1] BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3_1.4.0
                                                BSgenome_1.70.1
[3] rtracklayer_1.62.0
                                                BiocI0_1.12.0
[5] TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene_3.2.2 GenomicFeatures_1.54.1
                                                pasillaBamSubset_0.40.0
[7] AnnotationDbi_1.64.1
[9] GenomicAlignments_1.38.2
                                                Rsamtools_2.18.0
[11] Biostrings_2.70.1
                                                XVector_0.42.0
[13] SummarizedExperiment_1.32.0
                                                Biobase_2.62.0
[15] MatrixGenerics_1.14.0
                                                matrixStats_1.2.0
[17] GenomicRanges_1.54.1
                                                GenomeInfoDb_1.38.5
[19] IRanges_2.36.0
                                                S4Vectors_0.40.2
[21] BiocGenerics_0.48.1
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
                                                                               filelock_1.0.3
[1] tidyselect_1.2.0
                             dplyr_1.1.4
                                                      blob_1.2.4
[5] bitops_1.0-7
                             fastmap_1.1.1
                                                      RCurl_1.98-1.14
                                                                               BiocFileCache_2.10.1
[9] XML_3.99-0.16
                             digest_0.6.34
                                                      lifecycle_1.0.4
                                                                               KEGGREST_1.42.0
                                                                               rlang_1.1.3
[13] RSQLite_2.3.4
                             magrittr_2.0.3
                                                      compiler_4.3.2
[17] progress_1.2.3
                             tools_4.3.2
                                                      utf8_1.2.4
                                                                               yaml_2.3.8
[21] knitr_1.45
                             prettyunits_1.2.0
                                                      S4Arrays_1.2.0
                                                                               bit_4.0.5
[25] curl_5.2.0
                             DelayedArray_0.28.0
                                                      xml2_1.3.6
                                                                               abind_1.4-5
[29] BiocParallel_1.36.0
                             grid_4.3.2
                                                      fansi_1.0.6
                                                                               biomaRt_2.58.0
[33] cli_3.6.2
                             rmarkdown_2.25
                                                      crayon_1.5.2
                                                                               generics_0.1.3
[37] httr_1.4.7
                             rjson_0.2.21
                                                      DBI_1.2.1
                                                                               cachem_1.0.8
[41] stringr_1.5.1
                             zlibbioc_1.48.0
                                                      parallel_4.3.2
                                                                               BiocManager_1.30.22
[45] restfulr_0.0.15
                             vctrs_0.6.5
                                                      Matrix_1.6-5
                                                                               hms_1.1.3
[49] bit64_4.0.5
                             glue_1.7.0
                                                      codetools_0.2-19
                                                                               stringi_1.8.3
[53] tibble_3.2.1
                                                                               htmltools_0.5.7
                             pillar_1.9.0
                                                      rappdirs_0.3.3
[57] GenomeInfoDbData_1.2.11 R6_2.5.1
                                                      dbplyr_2.4.0
                                                                               evaluate_0.23
[61] lattice_0.22-5
                             png_0.1-8
                                                      memoise_2.0.1
                                                                               BiocStyle_2.30.0
[65] SparseArray_1.2.3
                             xfun_0.41
                                                      pkgconfig_2.0.3
```