Getting The Data

The zebrafish embryogenesis data (38,731 cells, 12 developmental time points from 3.3–12 hours post fertilization) can be obtained in two forms:

- The processed counts matrix can be downloaded and used as a starting point for your own analysis: (https://singlecell.broadinstitute.org/single_cell/data/public/SCP162/single-cellreconstruction-of-developmental-trajectories-during-zebrafishembryogenesis?filename=URD_Dropseq_Expression_Log2TPM.txt.gz — requires logging into the Broad Single-cell Portal).
- 2. **BAM files** are deposited in NCBI GEO under accession number GSE106587.

Getting URD

URD is an R package designed for reconstructing transcriptional trajectories underlying specification or differentiation processes in the form of a branching tree, using single cell RNA-sequencing data. URD is hosted in Github (https://github.com/farrellja/URD). Detailed installation instructions and tutorials are located in the repository.

Browsing the Processed Data

The URD reconstructed developmental trajectories of zebrafish embryogenesis can be browsed in two forms:

- 1. **Easiest/Quickest:** The Broad Single-cell Portal (https://portals.broadinstitute.org/single_cell/study/single-cell-reconstruction-of-developmental-trajectories-during-zebrafish-embryogenesis). This allows plotting the expression of genes of interest on the 3D force-directed layout, tSNE projection, or spatially assigned 50% epiboly cells.
- 2. Best: The pre-processed URD object (https://singlecell.broadinstitute.org/single_cell/data/public/SCP162/single-cell-reconstruction-of-developmental-trajectories-during-zebrafish-embryogenesis?filename=URD_Zebrafish_Object.rds requires logging into the Broad Single-cell Portal). This allows more responsive plotting on the 3D force-directed layout, the dendrogram layout, or the tSNE projections (including dual-color plotting of multiple genes), as well as isolation of particular cell populations, differential expression, and more.