

Mixed Model Equations (MME) : Assume  $\text{var}(e) = R$   
 $= I \cdot \sigma_e^2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^T X & X^T Z \\ Z^T X & Z^T Z + \underbrace{G^{-1} \cdot \sigma_e^2}_{?} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ \hat{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X^T y \\ Z^T y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{var}(u) - G = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(u_1) & \text{cov}(u_1, u_2) & \dots \\ \text{cov}(u_2, u_1) & \text{var}(u_2) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{var}(u_1) = (1 + F_1) \cdot \sigma_u^2 \\ \text{var}(u_2) = (1 + F_2) \cdot \sigma_u^2 \\ \vdots \end{cases} \quad \text{where } F_n \text{ is the inbreeding coefficient of animal } n$$

if parents of animal are related

$\text{cov}(u_1, u_2) = ?$  ; if animal 1 and 2 are unrelated, then  
 $\text{cov}(u_1, u_2) = 0$

where relationship is defined by the pedigree  
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