

Lecture 2: Introduction to R and the ped suite

Statistical methods in genetic relatedness and pedigree analysis

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What is R?



- A framework for statistical computing
 - calculator
 - data handling and numerical analysis
 - flexible plotting
 - programming language
 - external packages
 - anyone can make one
 - thousands!

Pros

- free!
- very widely used
- anything is possible (but not always easy)
- scripting --> reproducibility

Cons

- steep learning curve
- packages come and go





Time to get your hands dirty: Trying out R

Using R as a basic calculator

```
> 2 + 3
[1] 5
> 1+2
       * 3
[1] 7
> (1 + 2) * 3
[1] 9
> 4^2
[1] 16
   exp(1)
[1] 2.718282
   log(100)
[1] 4.60517
   log(100, base = 10)
[1] 2
   log10(100)
[1] 2
```



Variables



Two (mostly synonymous) ways to assign values: = or <-

Changing a variable:

> a = a+1
> a
[1] 6

Common beginners' mistake: forgetting to assign after change

Creating new variables from old:

> newVar = a^b
> newVar
[1] 36

Most programmers stick to either camelCase or snake_case when naming their variables



Vectors

```
> c(3, 2, 6, -1)
[1] 3 2 6 -1
> 4:20
[1] 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
[10] 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
> 5:7 - 4
[1] 1 2 3
> c(10,20,30,40) + c(1,3,8,0)
[1] 11 23 38 40
> seq(from = 2, to = 15, by = 3)
[1] 2 5 8 11 14
```

Character vectors:

> c("Alice", "Bob")

Logical vectors:

- > c(TRUE, FALSE, T, F)
- [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE

The c() operator!

The ':' operator (shortcut for consecutive numbers)

There is a help page for every function! > ?seq

Built-in logical constants:

TRUE short form: T FALSE short form: F



Matrix-like containers

```
Data frames: Collects vectors of the same length
```

Use \$ to refer to columns: x\$Name

Matrices:

Note: No \$ for matrices!

First column: x[, 1]First row: x[1,]

Faster, but less flexible. Good for all-numeric (or all-character) data





Lists

```
> a = list(good = 1:3, bad = 0)
> a
$good
[1] 1 2 3

$bad
[1] 0
> a$good
[1] 1 2 3
Alternative to $:
a[["good"]]
```

Easy to change lists:



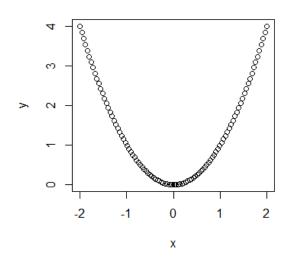


Basic plotting

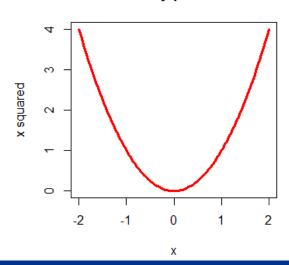
Let's plot the graph of $y = x^2$!

```
> x = seq(-2, 2, length = 100)
> y = x^2
> plot(x, y)
```

Many options to play with...



My plot





The pipe: |>

Enables function chaining. Often easier to read.

Introduced in R version 4.1

Consider this code:

```
> a = exp(2)
> b = log(a, base = 10)
> rep(b, times = 3)
[1] 0.868589 0.868589 0.868589
```

One-liner producing the same:

```
> rep(log(exp(2), base = 10), times = 3)
[1] 0.868589 0.868589 0.868589
```

With piping:

```
> exp(2) |> log(base = 10) |> rep(times = 3)
[1] 0.868589 0.868589 0.868589
```

Purists: Line break after each pipe
exp(2) |>
 log(base = 10) |>
 rep(times = 3)





R stuff skipped in this brief introduction

- User-defined functions
- Loops, apply(), lapply(), etc.
- Basic statistics, linear models + +
- Random numbers
- The "tidyverse" for data science



... and LOTS of other things...



Installing packages

To access the functions of an external package, you must:

- install the package
 - downloads it to your computer
 - this is done only once
 - install.packages()
- load it into R
 - every new session
 - library()

To check if a package is installed, simply try to load it:

> library(pedsuite)

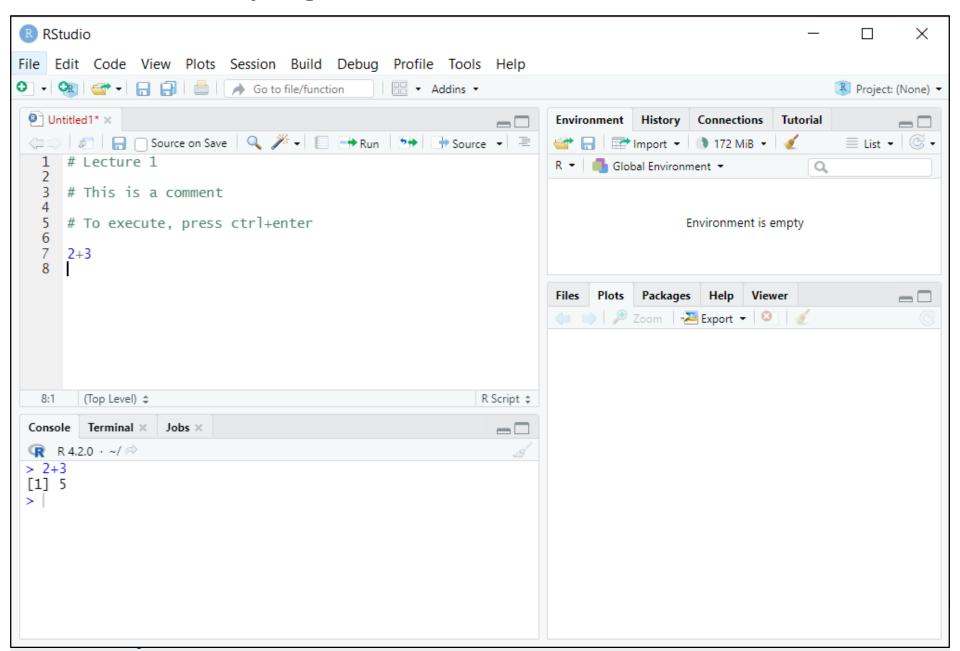
If you get an error, do:

> install.packages("pedsuite")

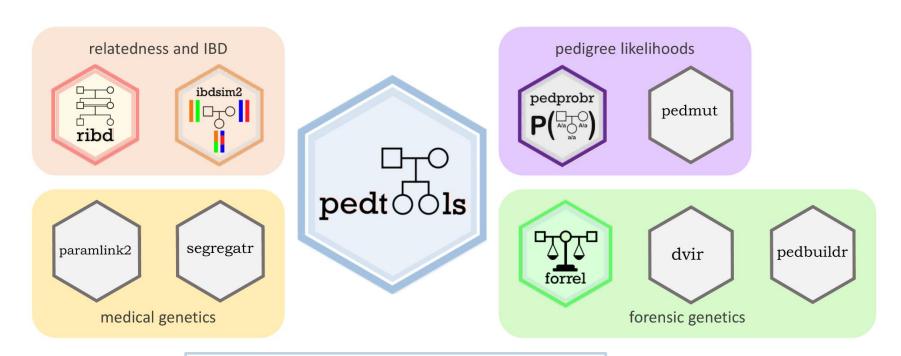




RStudio and scripting



The ped suite: A collection of packages for pedigree analysis in R



Home page:

https://magnusdv.github.io/pedsuite

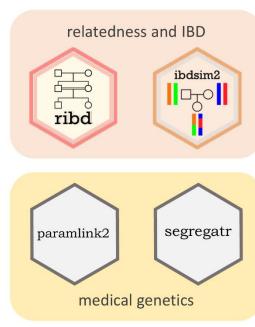
Source code available on GitHub:

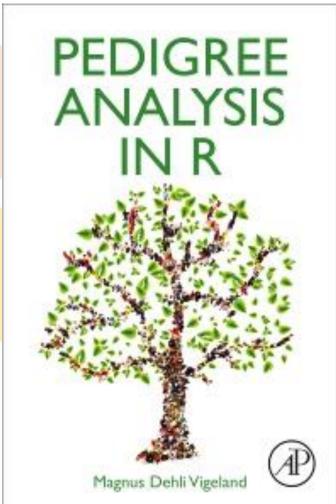
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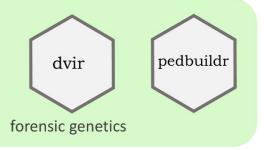


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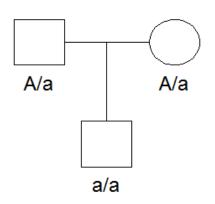


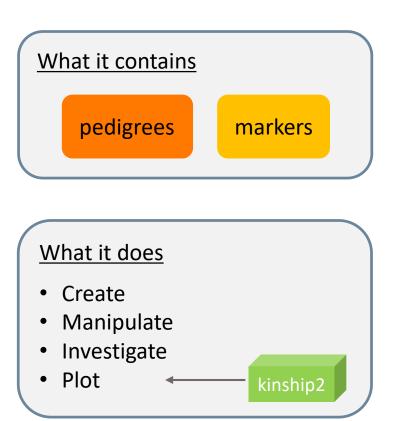




pedtools: Tools for working with pedigrees in R











How do I load my pedigree into R?





Either:

- ✓ Build with pedtools
- ✓ Read from file:
 - readPed()
 - readFam()





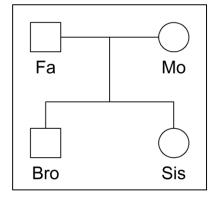
Building pedigrees

```
> library(pedtools)
> x = nuclearPed()
> plot(x)
```

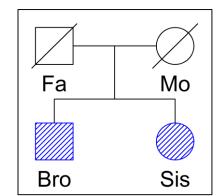
```
1 2
```



Names and sex:



Many ways to tweak the plot!







Some useful functions



Create: basic

- singleton
- nuclearPed
- linearPed
- halfSibPed
- avuncularPed
- cousinPed

Member subsets

- founders
- nonfounders
- leaves
- males
- females
- typedMembers
- untypedMembers

Create: complex

- ancestralPed
- doubleCousins
- quadHalfFirstCousins
- fullSibMating
- randomPed

Relatives

- father
- mother
- children
- siblings
- grandparents
- spouses
- ancestors
- descendants
- unrelated

Manipulate

- addSon
- addDaugher
- addParents
- addChildren
- swapSex
- relabel
- removeIndividuals
- branch
- subset
- mergePed
- breakLoops





Another example



```
> x = cousinPed(2)
```

> plot(x)

Change gender:

- > x = swapSex(x, 12)
- > plot(x)

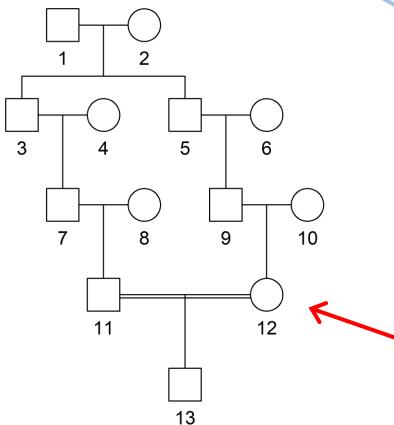
Add inbred child

- > x = addSon(x, parents = 11:12)
- > plot(x)

Remember

or pipe!

- Store the result after each change!
- It is OK to use the same name (if you don't need the previous object)



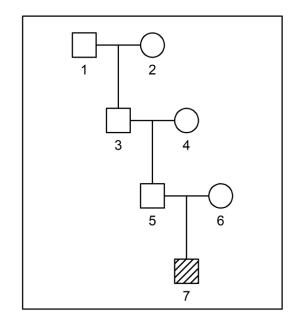
Shortcut command for this pedigree

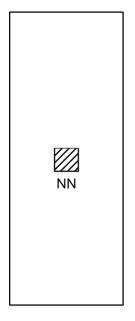
> x = cousinPed(2, child = TRUE)

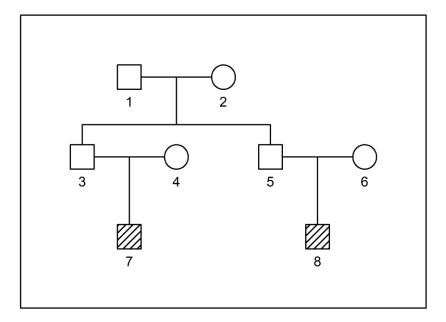




List of pedigrees



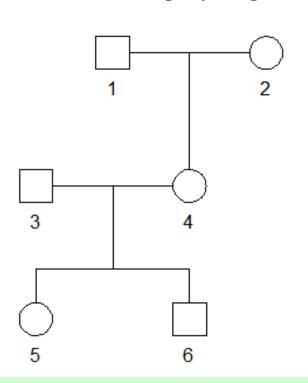






Alternative pedigree creation: ped file

A text file describing a pedigree structure.



In pedtools:

- > x = readPed("example.ped")
- > plot(x)

famid	id	fid	\ mid	sex
1	1	0 "	0	1
1	2	0	0	2
1	3	0	0	1
1	4	1	2	2
1	5	3	4	2
1	6	3	4	1

0 if founder

Contents of example.ped

Columns

famid = family ID (optional)

id = individual ID

fid = ID of father

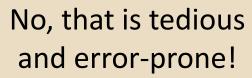
mid = ID of mother

sex = 1 (male), 2 (female) or 0 (unknown)





Oh my! Do I have to write these pedfiles by hand?



Better: QuickPed





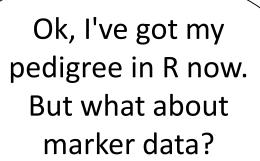


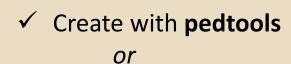
Quick **QuickPed** ped demo

https://magnusdv.shinyapps.io/quickped









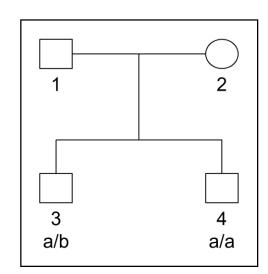
- ✓ Include in
 - ped file
 - fam file





Marker data 1

```
> x = nuclearPed(2)
> m = marker(x, geno = c(NA, NA, "a/b", "a/a"))
> plot(x, marker = m)
```



Print information about m:

```
> m
```

Position: NA

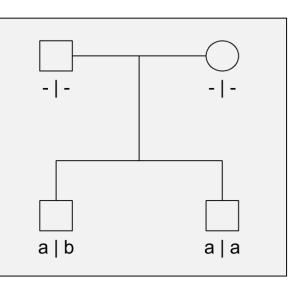
Mutation: none

Frequencies:

a b

0.5 0.5

Plot options for markers:







Marker data 2: Attaching to pedigree

```
> x = nuclearPed(2)
> x = addMarker(x, geno = c(NA, NA, "a/b", "a/a"))
> plot(x, marker = 1)
```

```
1 2 2 3 4 a/a
```

```
Or with pipe:
```

```
> x = nuclearPed(2) |>
    addMarker(geno = ...)
```

The genotypes are shown in a new column

```
> x
```

id fid mid sex <1>

new column!

Changing allele frequencies

```
> fr = c(a = 0.1, b = 0.9)
```

Inspect the result

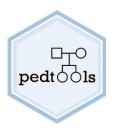
```
> afreq(x, marker = 1)
```

```
a b
```





Functions for manipulating marker data



Get/set attributes

- afreq / setAfreq
- genotype / setGenotype
- chrom / setChrom
- posMb / setPosition
- name / setMarkername
- getMap / setMap

Attach/remove

- setMarkers
- addMarkers
- selectMarkers
- removeMarkers
- transferMarkers

Frequency database

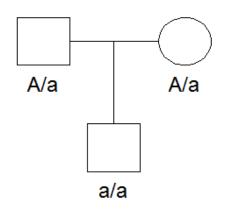
- getFreqDatabase
- setFreqDatabase
- readFreqDatabase
- writeFreqDatase





pedprobr: Pedigree probabilities in R





What it does
Compute the probability

 $\mathcal{P}(genotypes \mid pedigree; params)$

Features

- arbitrary inbreeding
- autosomal & X-linked
- linked markers
- mutation models
- Elston-Stewart algorithm





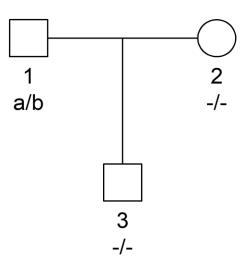
A simple likelihood

```
> library(pedprobr) # or library(pedsuite)

Create a pedigree with a SNP marker
> x = nuclearPed(1)
> x = addMarker(x, geno = c("a/b", NA, NA))
> plot(x, marker = 1)

Compute the pedigree likelihood
> likelihood(x, marker = 1)

[1] 0.5
```



Control

- By default, P(a) = P(b) = 0.5
- Thus HWE implies

$$P(a/b) = 2pq = 2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.5 = 0.5$$

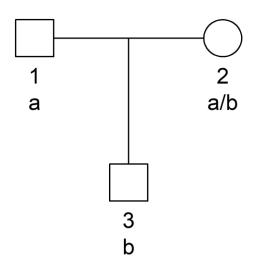


An example on X

```
Add X-marker to the pedigree
```

Compute the pedigree likelihood

> likelihood(x)



By default, **likelihood**(x) returns the likelihood for each attached markers.



oneMarkerDistribution



Computes the genotype distribution for one or several pedigree members, conditional on the observed genotypes



A/B 0.1 0.1 0.2



Now: Exercises!



