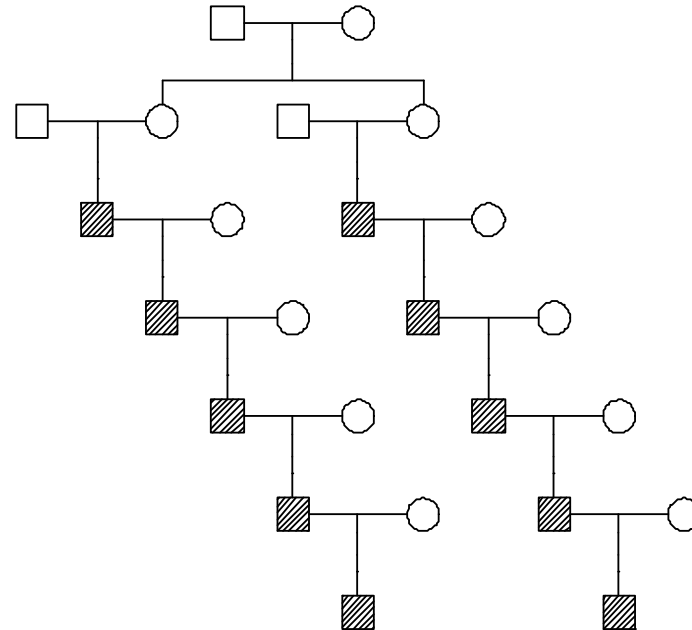


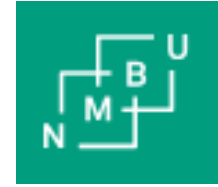
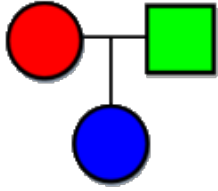
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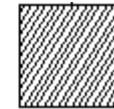
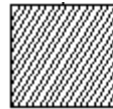
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What does it mean to be *unrelated*?

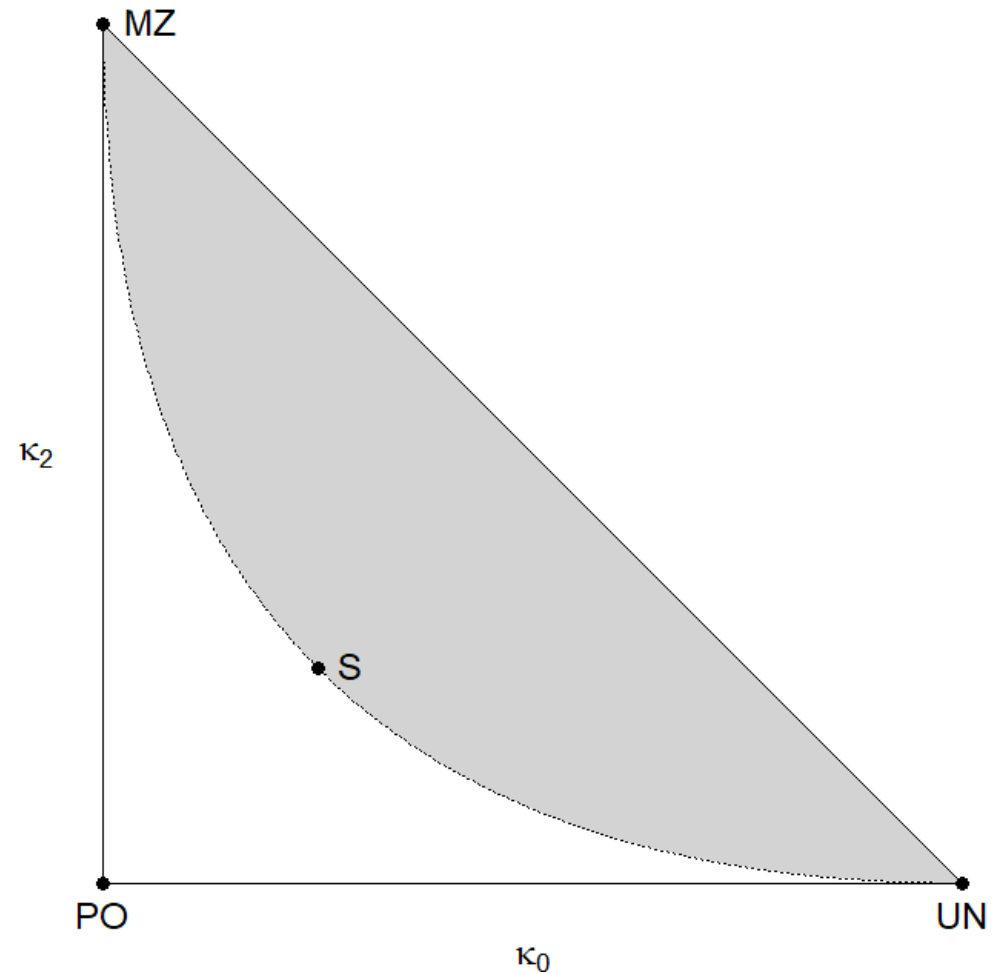


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***The relatedness triangle***

*Adapted from Thompson (1975)*

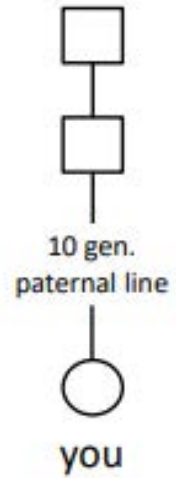
# Defining relatedness

- **Dictionary:**  
Connected by common ancestry or sometimes by marriage  
*Merriam-Webster*
- **Legal:**  
Associated through birth, adoption, marriage or common-law agreement  
*<https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/legally-related>*
- **Anthropology:**  
Those who see themselves as related  
*Anthropological perspectives on kinship, L Holy, University of Alberta*

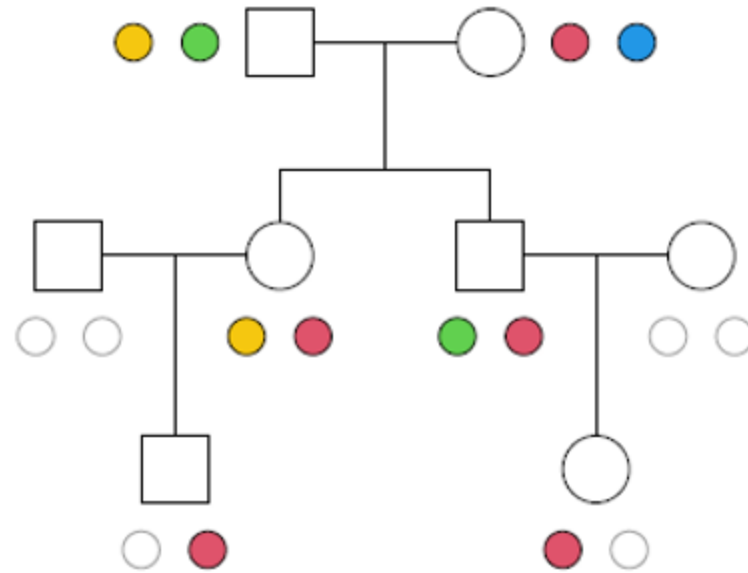
What does it mean to be *genetically* related?



**Napoleon Bonaparte (1769 - 1821)**



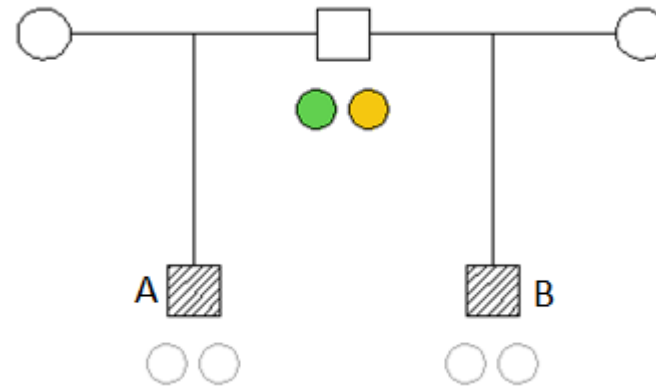
## Key concept: Identical By Descent (IBD)



- Red alleles are IBD, originate from grandmother
- Definitions are with respect to a given pedigree

# Kinship coefficient

- **Definition:**  
 $\varphi = P$  (Random allele from A and random allele from B are IBD)
- Half siblings A and B  
 $\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$ .



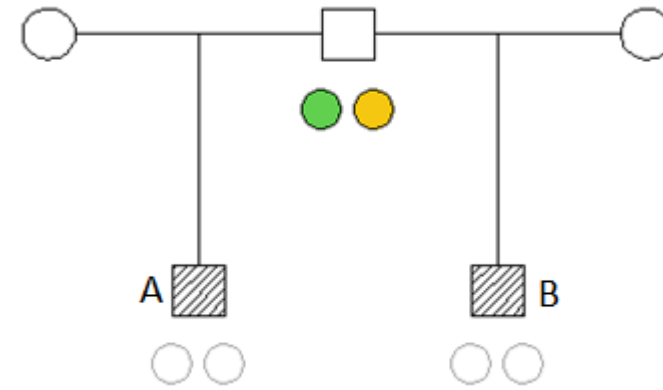
# IBD coefficients

- **Definition:**

$\kappa_0 = P(A \text{ and } B \text{ share } 0 \text{ alleles IBD}),$

$\kappa_1 = P(A \text{ and } B \text{ share } 1 \text{ allele IBD}),$

$\kappa_2 = P(A \text{ and } B \text{ share } 2 \text{ alleles IBD}).$



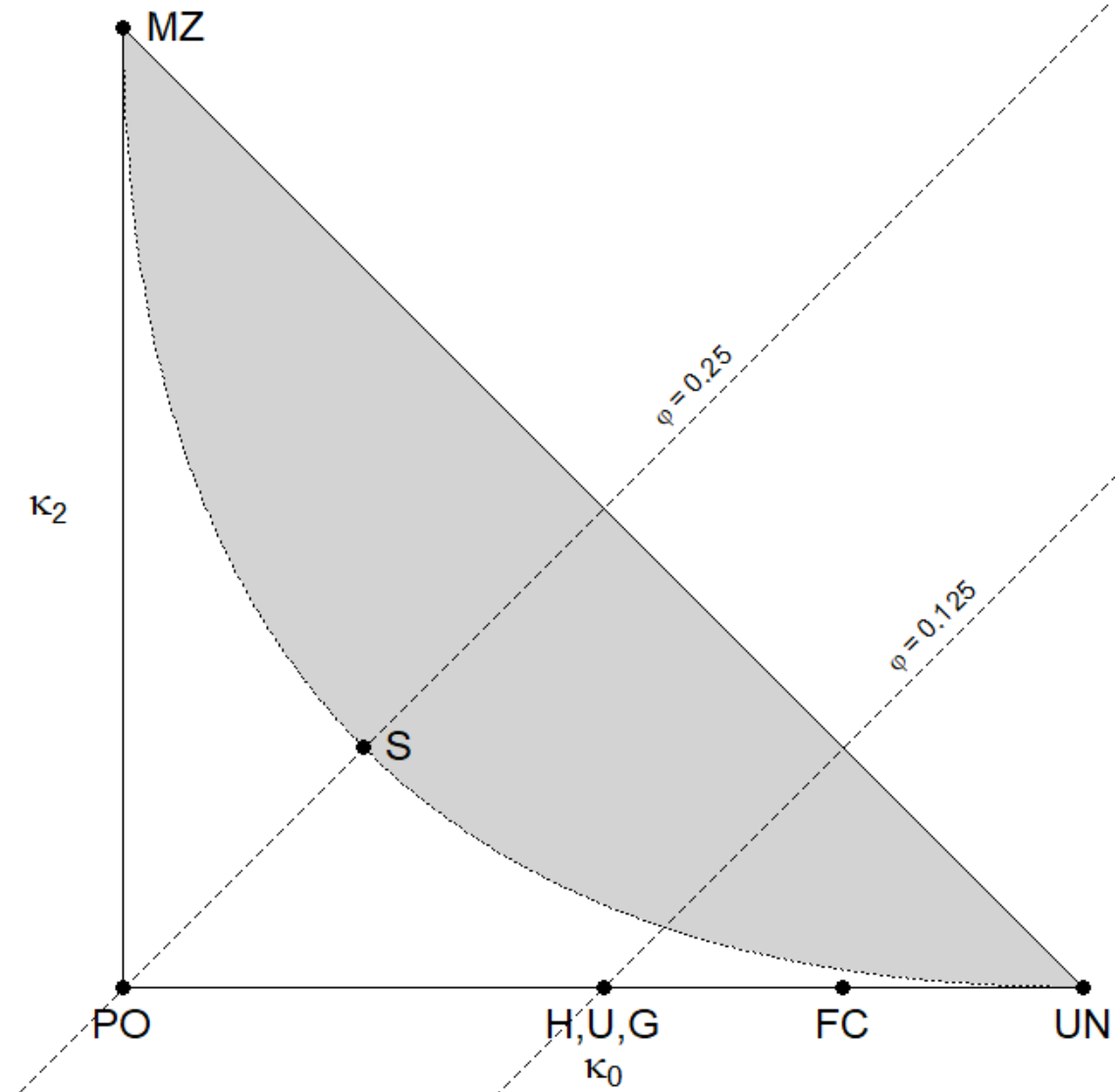
- **Half siblings A and B:**

$\kappa_0 = 0.5, \kappa_1 = 0.5, \kappa_2 = 0$

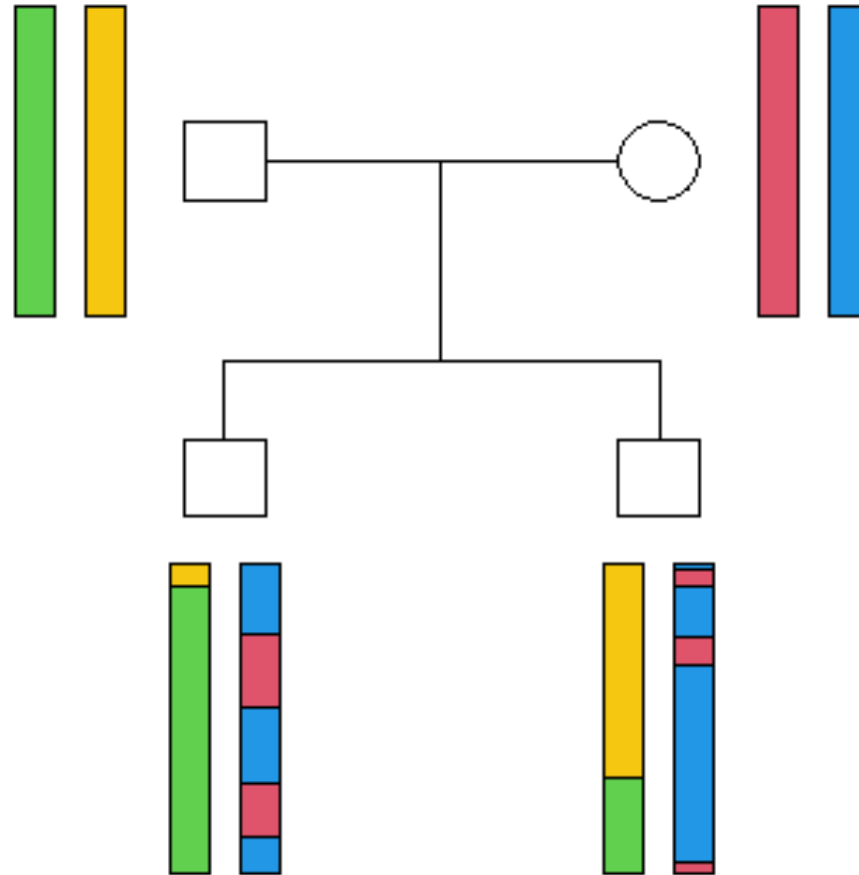


# The relatedness triangle

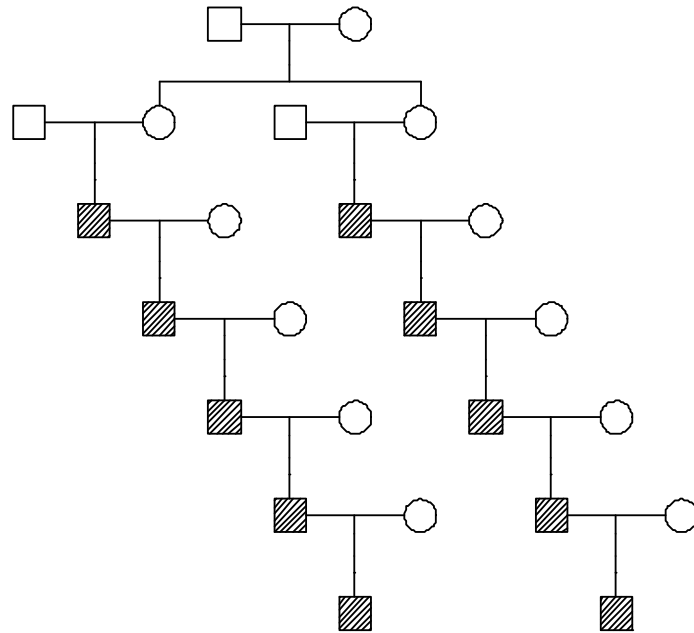
Label	Relationship	$\varphi$	$\kappa_0$	$\kappa_1$	$\kappa_2$
UN	Unrelated	0	1	0	0
PO	Parent-offspring	1/4	0	1	0
MZ	Monozygotic twins	1/2	0	0	1
S	Full siblings	1/4	1/4	1/2	1/4
H	Half siblings	1/8	1/2	1/2	0
U	Uncle-niece, etc.	1/8	1/2	1/2	0
G	Grandparent-grandchild	1/8	1/2	1/2	0
FC	First cousins	1/16	3/4	1/4	0



# Realised sharing between siblings



# The probability of zero IBD



<i>k</i> 'th cousins	P(no IBD)
1	0.000
2	0.000
3	0.029
4	0.332
5	0.724

May have common ancestor without IBD sharing

5<sup>th</sup> cousins:  
Usually no sharing!

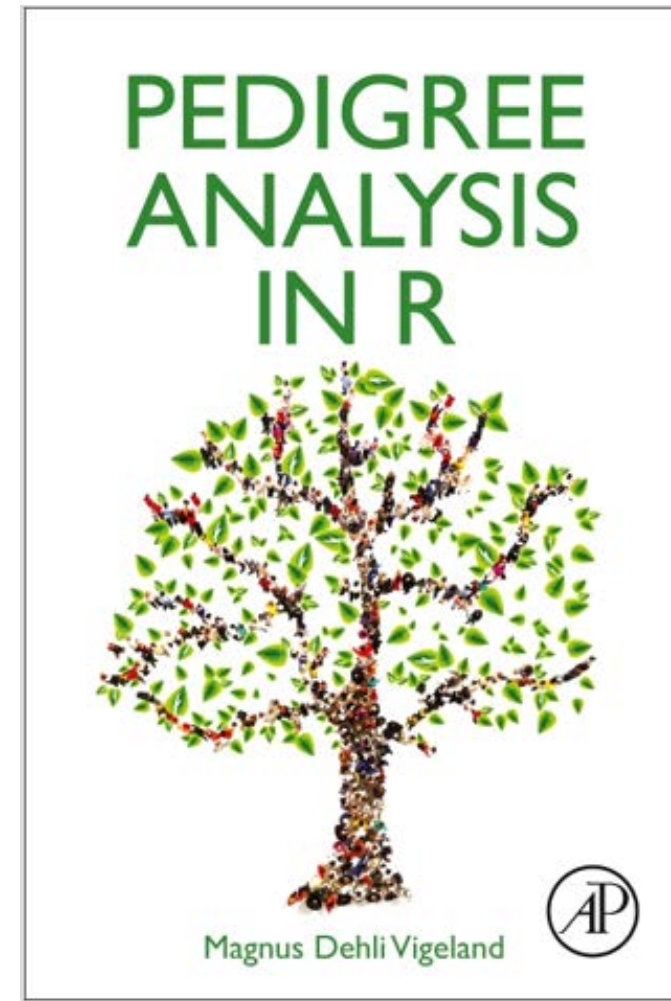
# Simulations in R (package: ibdsim2)

**Example:**  $P(\text{No IBD between 3rd cousins})$

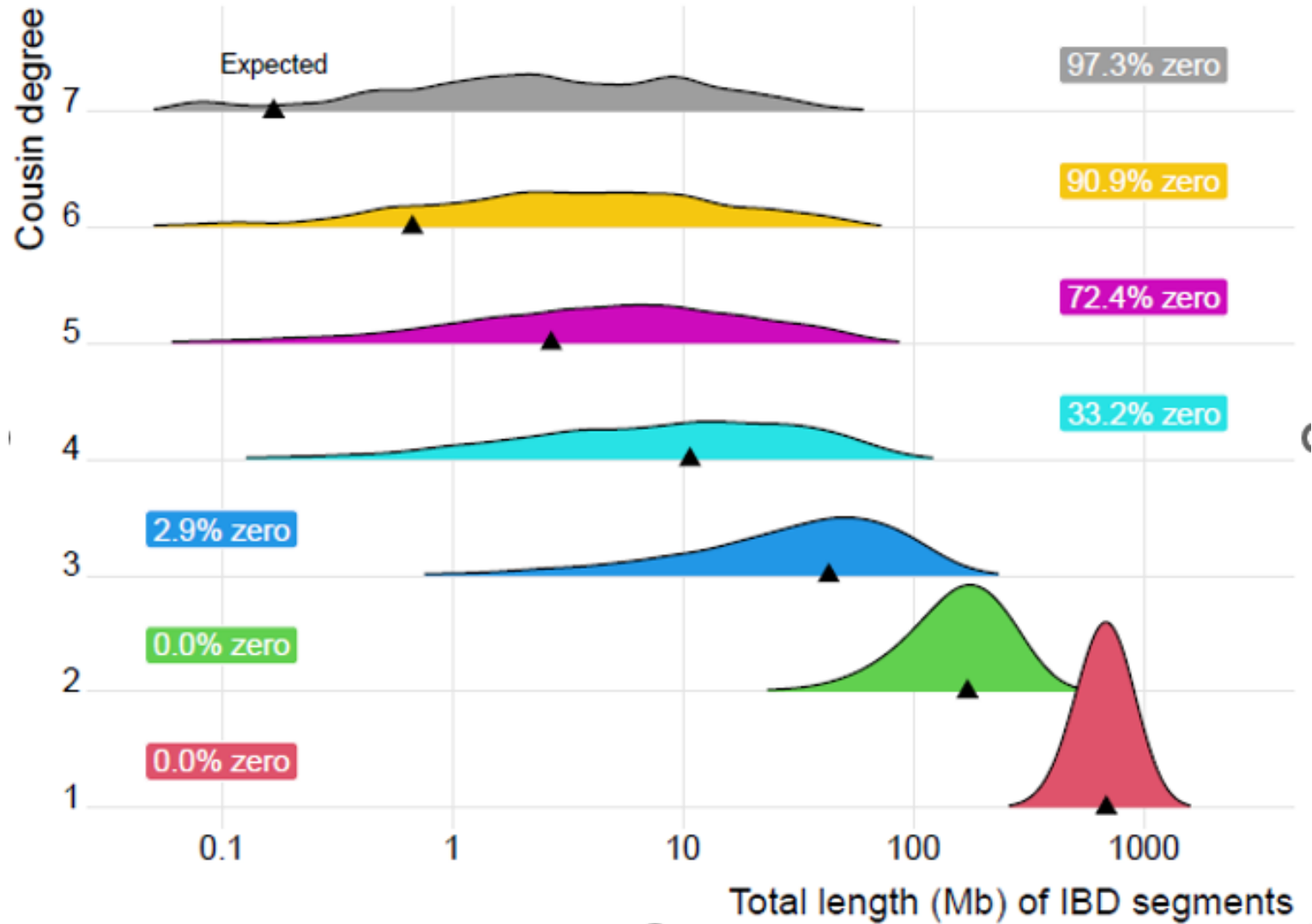
```
library(ibdsim2)
x = cousinPed(3)
s = ibdsim(x, N = 1000,
           map = "decode",
           model = "chi")
zeroIBD(s, ids = leaves(x))
```

**Result:**  $P = 0.029$  ( $se = 0.005$ )

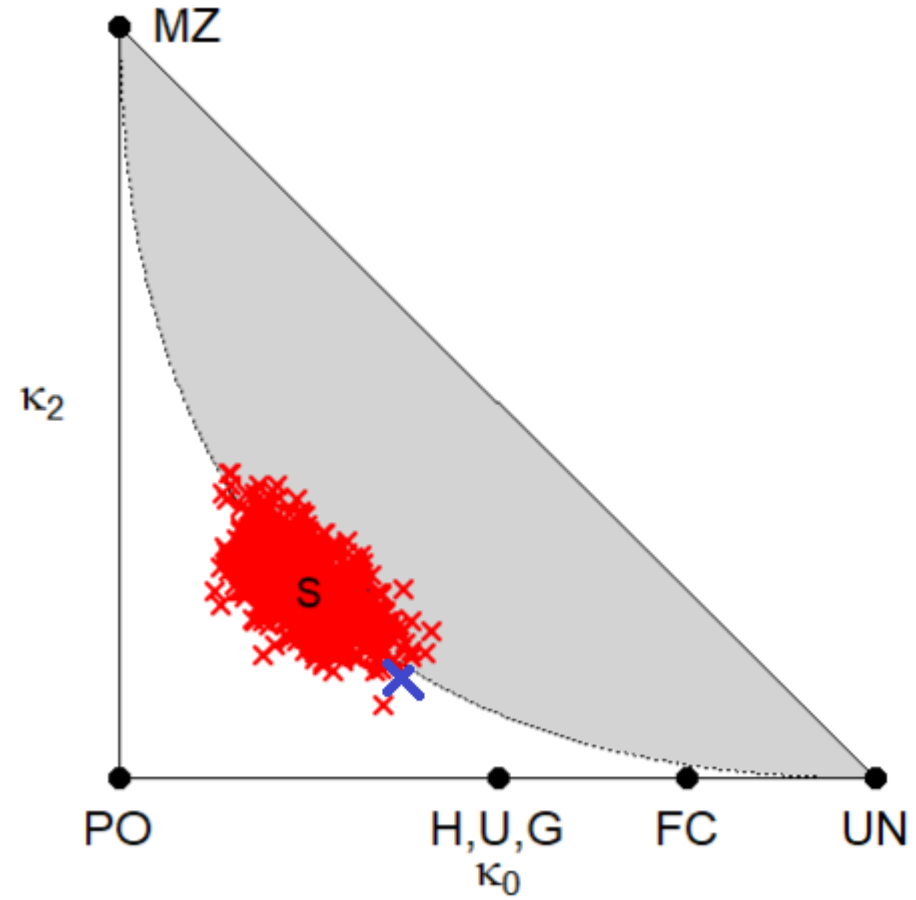
- Genetic map
  - Decode (2019): Fine-scale recombination map
- Recombination model
  - $\chi^2$  waiting times between crossovers



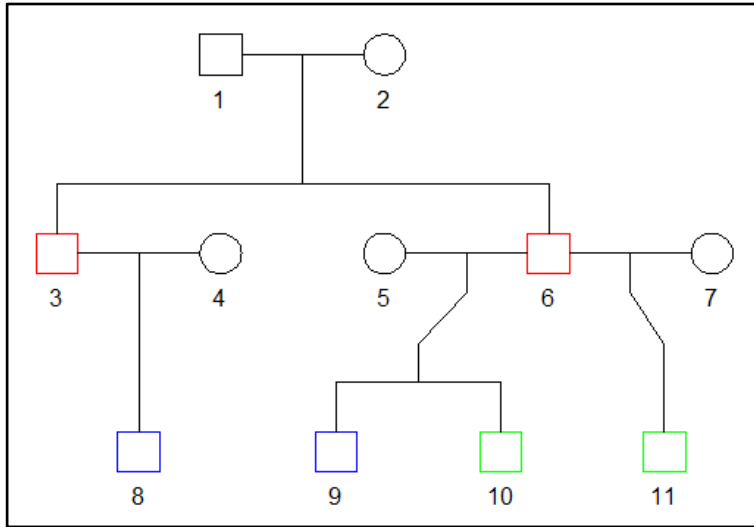
# Distant cousins share either nothing or quite a bit



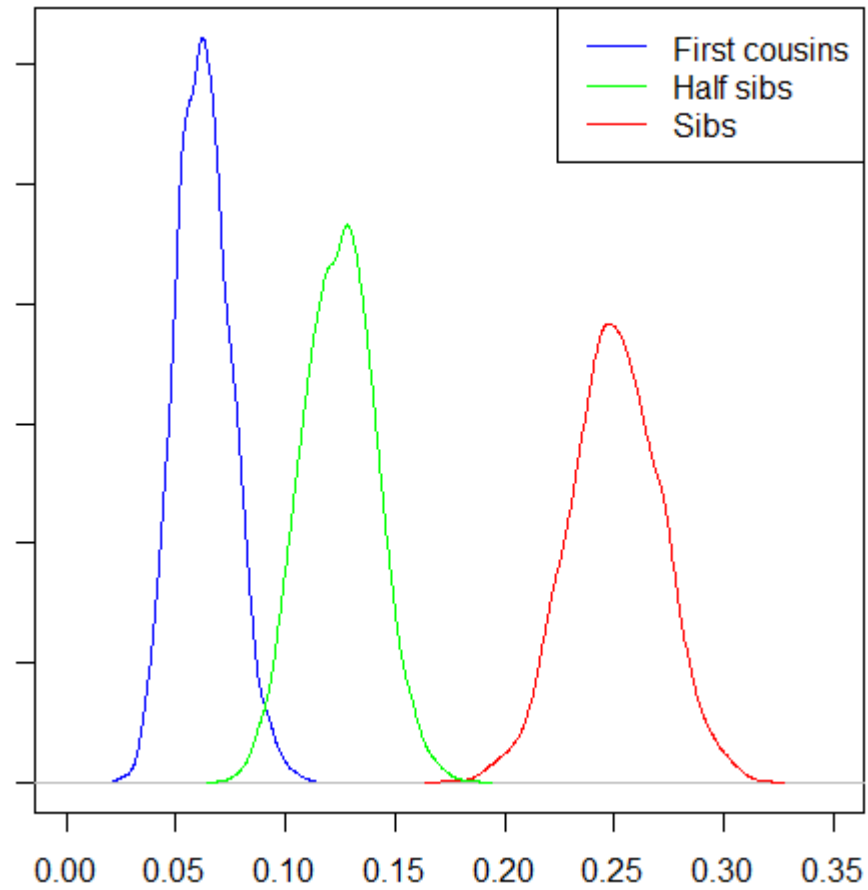
# Realised relatedness, full siblings



# Realised kinship coefficients



```
> sims = ibdsim(pedigree, N = 4000)
Simulation parameters:
Simulations : 4000
Chromosomes : 1-22
Genome length: 2753.93 Mb
                2602.29 cM (male)
                4180.42 cM (female)
Recomb model : chi
> FC = realisedKinship(sims, ids = c(8,9))
```

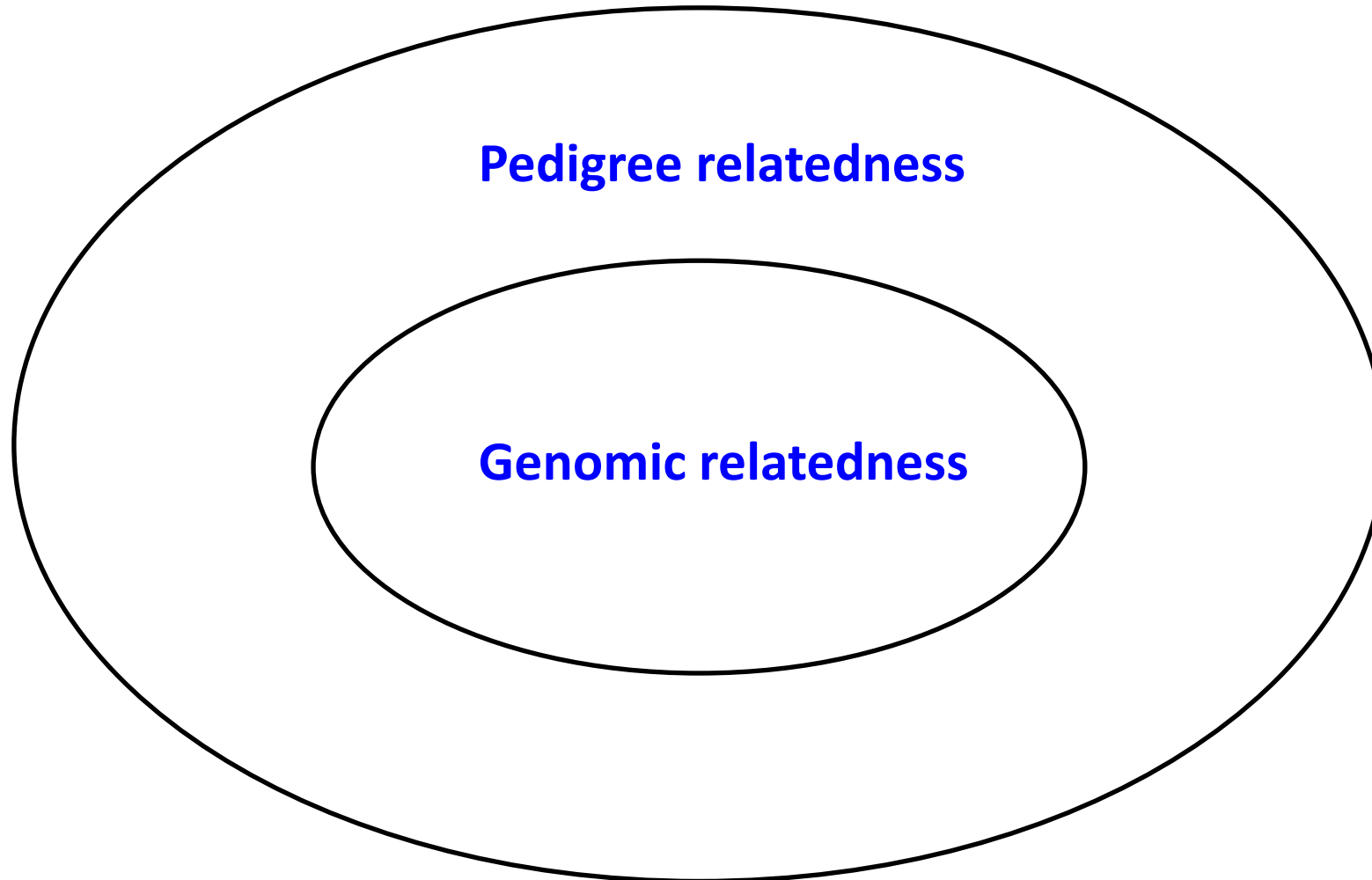


## So... what does it mean to be *related*?

- Pedigree relatedness: Kinship coefficient  $\varphi > 0$ 
  - Potentially having alleles IBD
  - Relevance
    - Forensics
    - Pedigree based comparisons
    - Expected relatedness
- Genomic relatedness: Realised kinship coefficient  $\varphi_R > 0$ 
  - Actually having alleles IBD
  - Relevance
    - Animal genetics, breeding
    - Clinical genetics
    - Observed relatedness



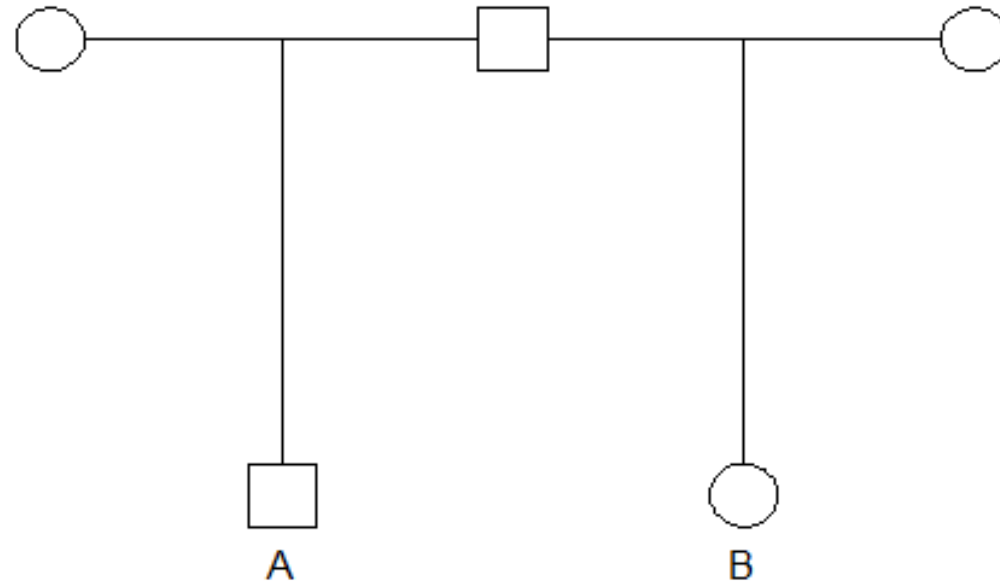
Genomic relatedness implies Pedigree relatedness



# And what does it mean to be *inbred*?

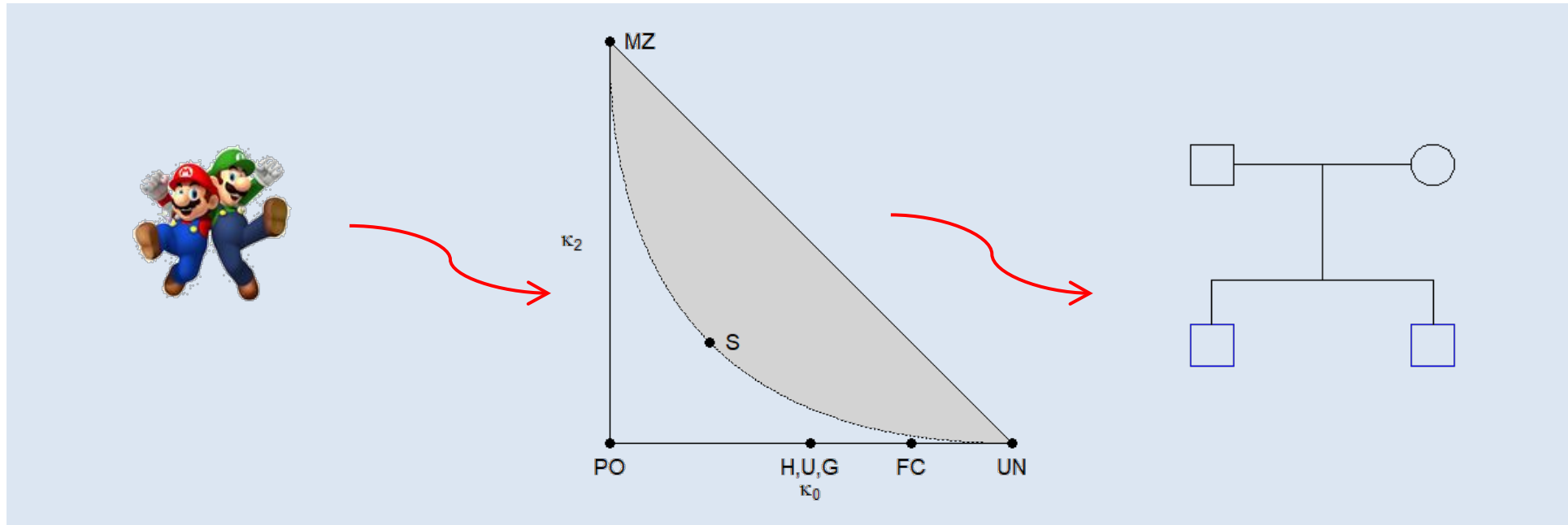
- Pedigree inbreeding: Inbreeding coefficient  $f > 0$ 
  - Individual potentially having alleles IBD
  - Relevance:
    - Legal contexts
    - Define incest
    - Expected inbreeding
- Genomic inbreeding: Realised inbreeding coefficient  $f_R > 0$ 
  - Individual actually having alleles IBD
  - Relevance:
    - Clinical genetics, e.g., recessive diseases
    - Breeding programs
    - Observed inbreeding

# Genomic relatedness vs mode of inheritance



Paternal half sibs **genomically unrelated** for X, Y and mtDNA!

# Inferring relatedness



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## Let's not forget – Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are actually (very distant) cousins

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## Stammbaum erforscht: Prinz Harry und Meghan Markle sind Cousins!

f G+ P ✉

1.1K shares



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## Ou, Awkward... Meghan Markle and Prince Harry are Apparently Related

By Meghan McKenna Date November 2, 2017

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### Cousins!



STJERNENR: Meghan Markle og prins Harry viser endelig kjærligheten sin offentlig, etter å ha holdt forholdet svært privat i lang tid. Nå kommer det frem at paret, som er fra to forskjellige kontinenter, faktisk er i slekt. Foto: NTB scanpix

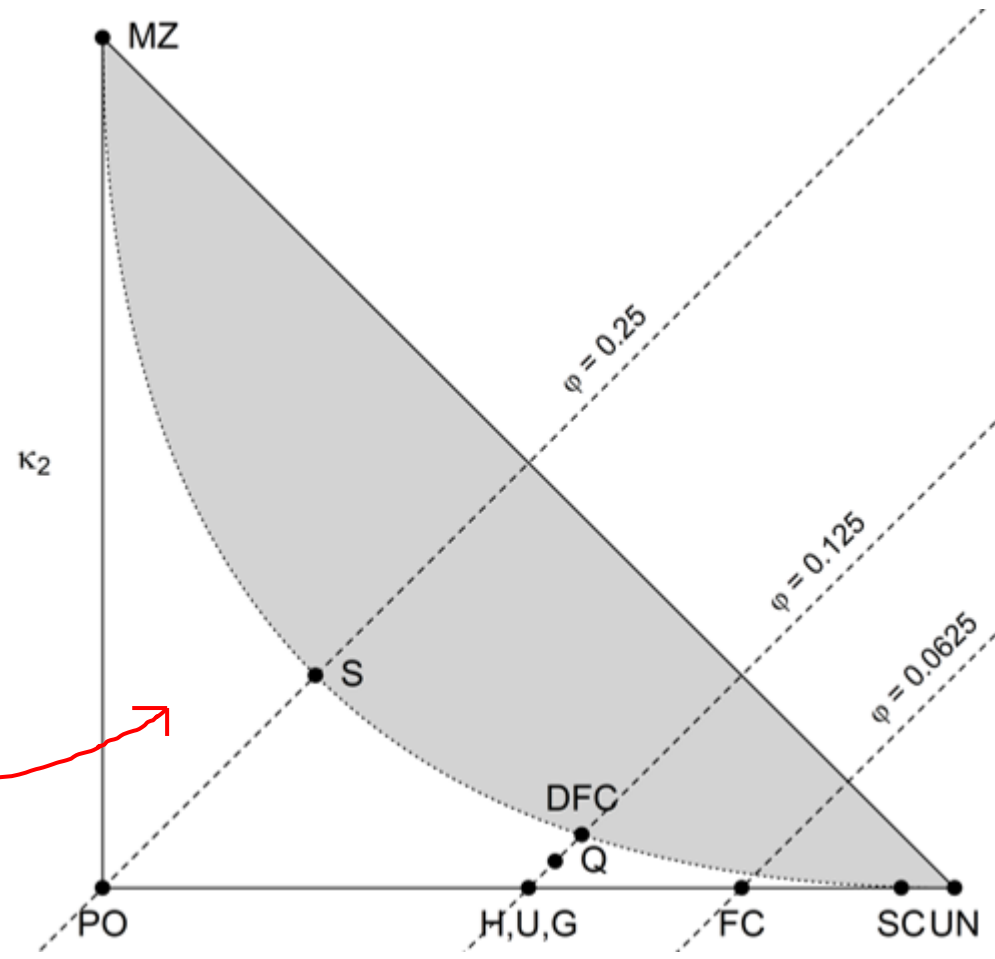
## Prins Harry er i slekt med kjæresten

SE OG HØR

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where??





14

13

10

9

8

4

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15

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13th cousins once removed



## Inferring relatedness: two approaches

1. Maximum likelihood estimation from marker data
2. Classification based on IBD segments

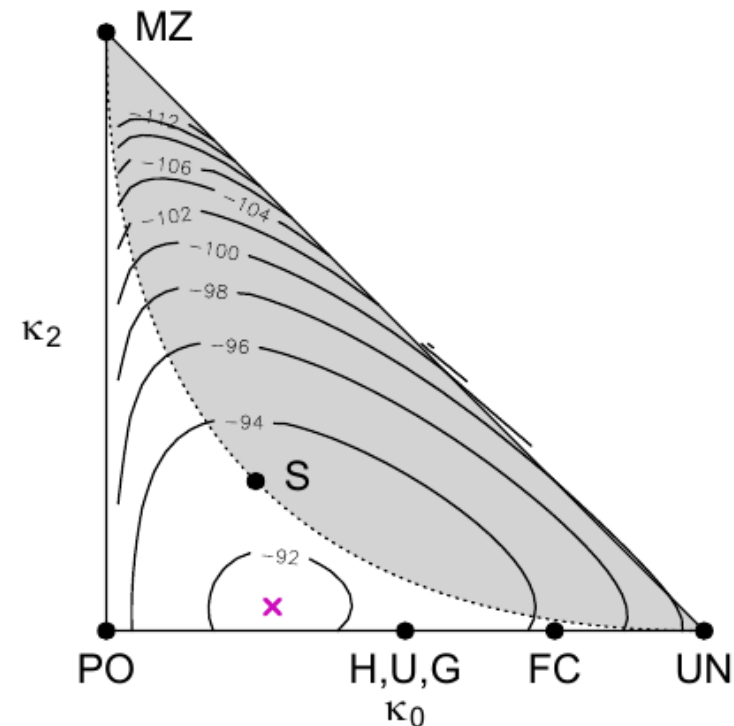


# 1. Maximum likelihood estimation of $\kappa = (\kappa_0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2)$

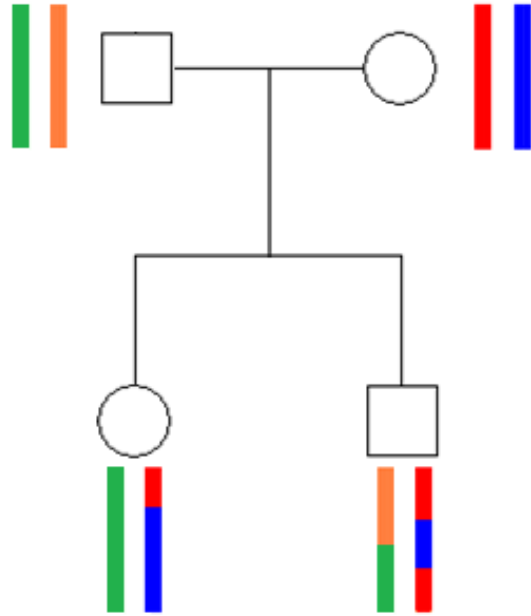
- Thompson (1975)
  - Given: marker genotypes for two individuals
  - The likelihood function

$$L(\kappa) = P(\text{genotypes} \mid \kappa)$$

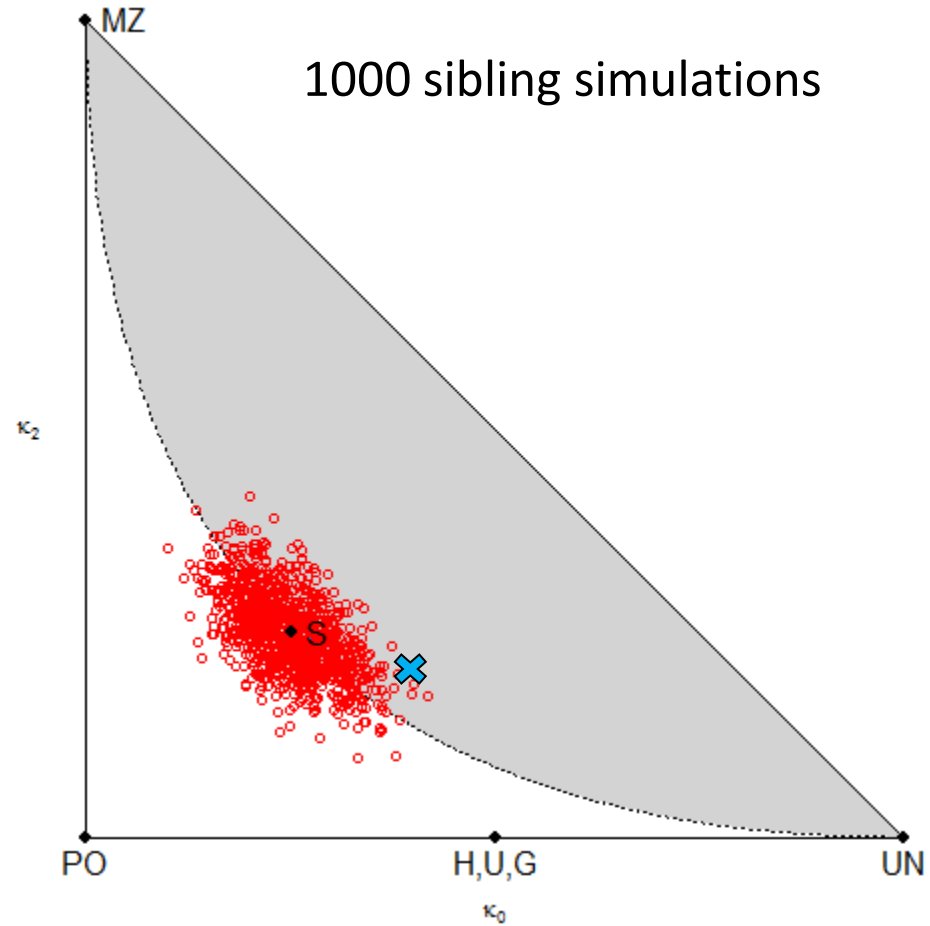
- Find the point which maximizes  $L$ !
  - Called the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE)
- Assumptions:
  - known allele freqs
  - HWE
  - no inbreeding



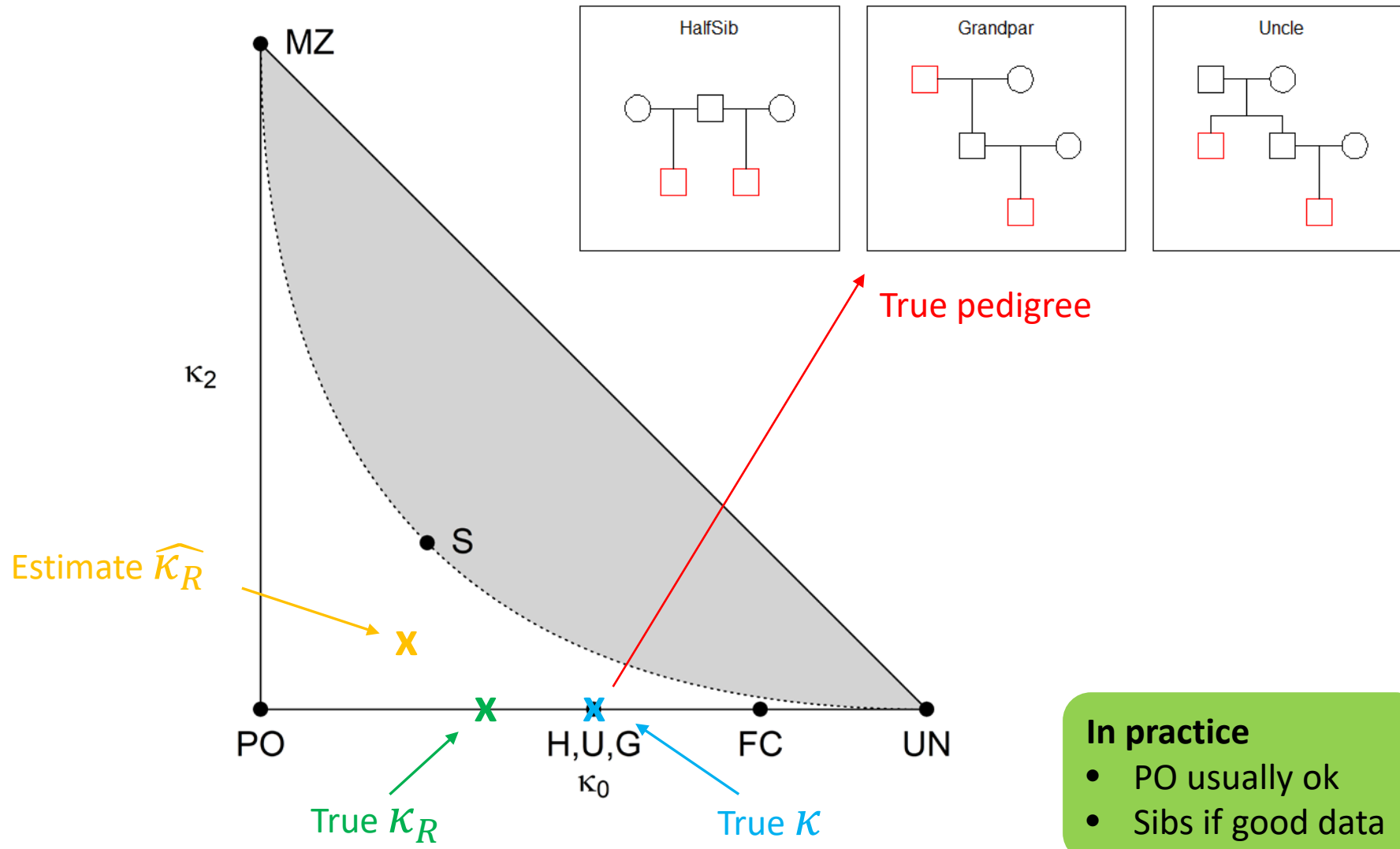
# What are we estimating?



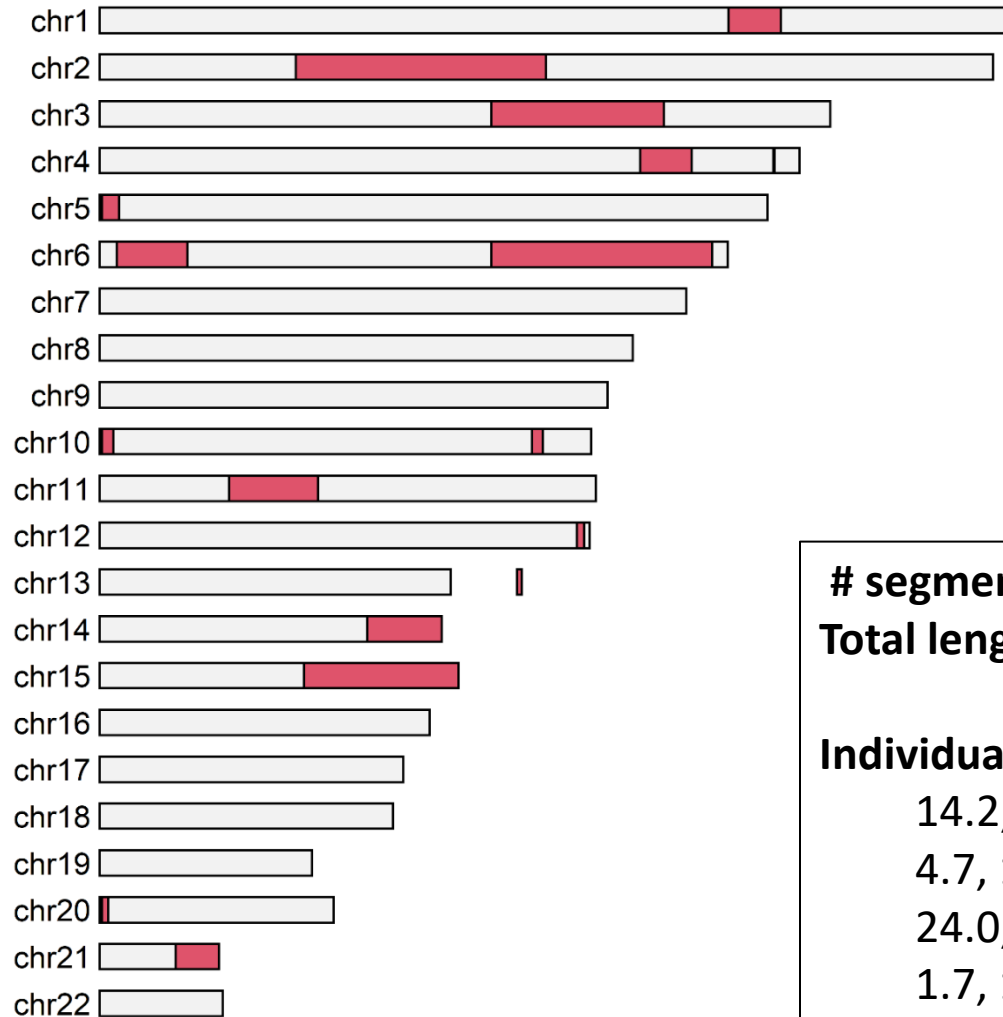
Answer: The *realised* coefficients!



# Can we recover the pedigree?



## 2. IBD segments



**# segments: 17**

**Total length: 334 cM**

**Individual lengths:**

14.2, 67.6, 46.6, 13.9, 0.3,  
4.7, 19.0, 59.6, 3.1, 2.9,  
24.0, 1.9, 1.3, 20.1, 41.6,  
1.7, 11.7

## 2. Classification based on IBD segments

# DNA PAINTER

## The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4

[Read more about the tool and this update](#)

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Enter the total number of cM for your match here:

[or enter %](#)

Then any relationships that fit will stand out below

## 334 cM

**47%** *Great-Great-Aunt / Uncle Half Great-Aunt / Uncle*  
*Half 1C 1C1R Half Great-Niece / Nephew*  
*Great-Great-Niece / Nephew*

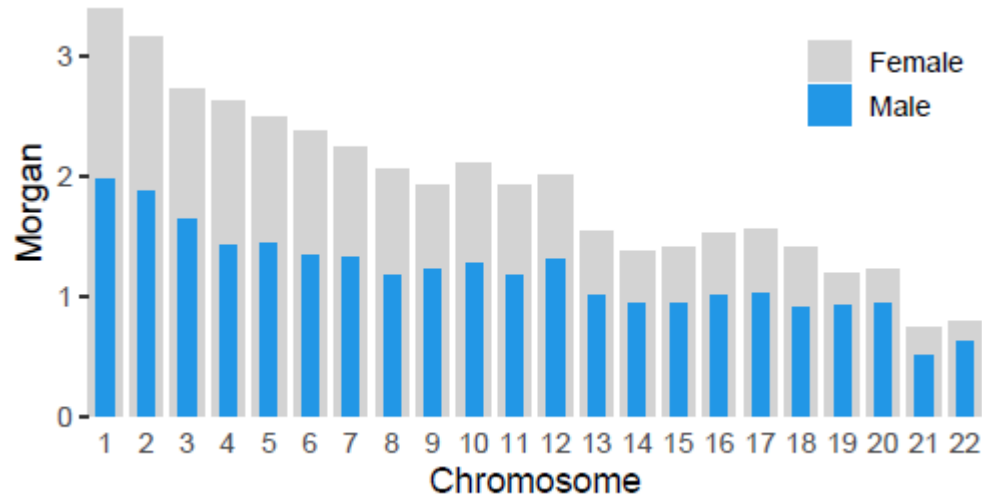
**47%** *Half GG-Niece / Nephew † Half GG-Aunt / Uncle † 2C*  
*Half 1C1R 1C2R*

**6%** *1C3R † Half 1C2R † Half 2C † 2C1R*

**~ 0%** *\*\* Great-Aunt / Uncle Great-Niece / Nephew*

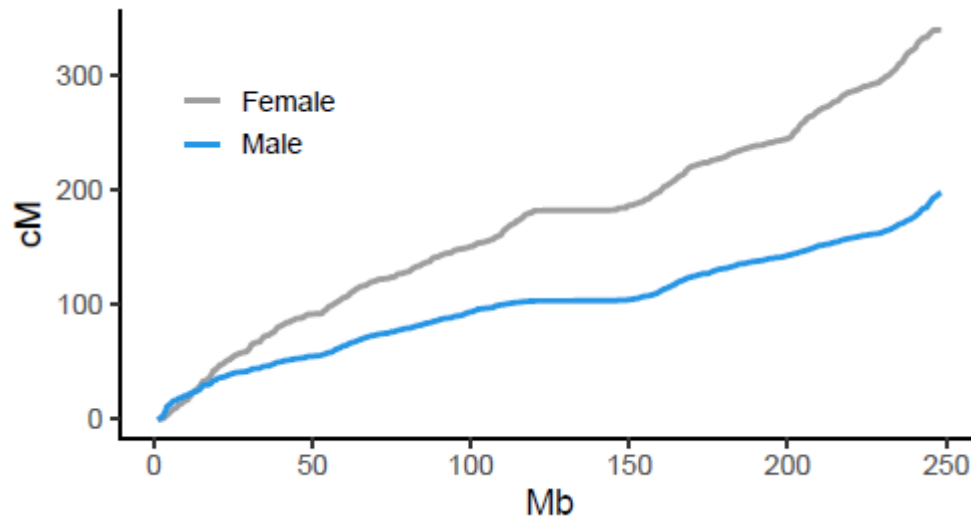
**\*\*** this set of relationships is just within the threshold for 334cM, but has a zero probability in thednageek's table of probabilities

# The importance of sex

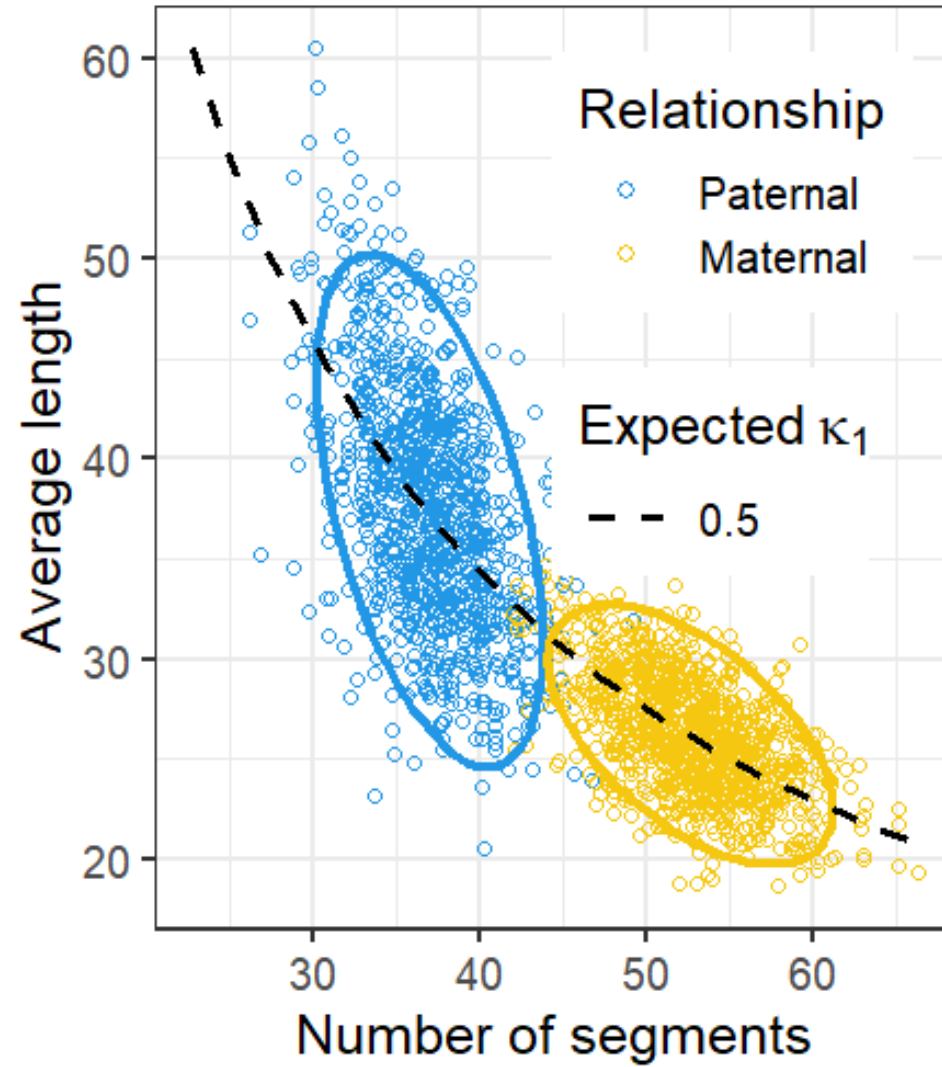
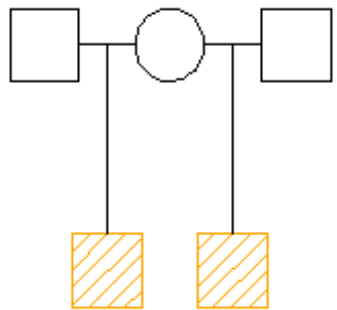
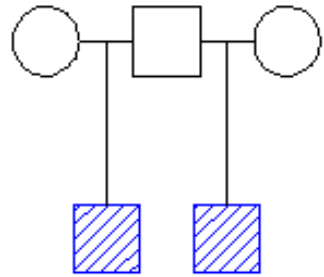


```
decode = loadMap("decode19")  
decode
```

```
## Genome map consisting of 22 chromosomes  
## Physical range: 2753.93 Mb  
## Male length : 2602.29 cM  
## Female length : 4180.42 cM
```



# Maternal and paternal half sibs



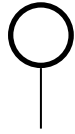




Jane Austen 1775 - 1817



Napoleon 1769 -1821



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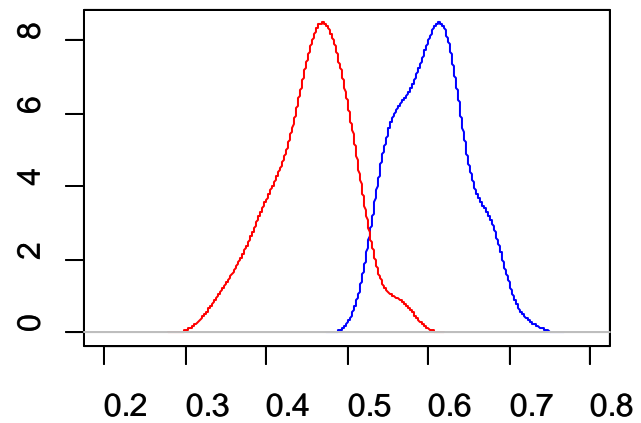
10 gen  
pat line



you



you



Zero prob

# QuickPed: An Interactive Pedigree Creator

**Purpose:** This tool provides a quick way to create pedigree plots and files, and for analysing the relatedness between pedigree members.

**Instructions:** Choose a suitable start pedigree and modify it by selecting members (by clicking on them in the plot) and using appropriate buttons. For example, to create a new child, select the parents and press *Son* or *Daughter*. (If just one parent is selected, a new spouse is also created.)

**More information:** Check out the [user manual](#) for various tips and tricks, including an introduction to relatedness coefficients. There is also a [paper](#) about QuickPed published in BMC Bioinformatics.

### Quick start

**Built-in pedigree**

Choose ▾

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

**Load a ped file**

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**Reset all**

### Modify

**Add**

Son Daughter

Sibling Parents

**Remove**

Individuals Selection

**Switch**

Sex Affected

Carrier Deceased

**Twins**

MZ DZ

**Undo**

A pedigree plot showing a nuclear family. The first generation consists of a male (square) labeled '1' and a female (circle) labeled '2'. They are connected by a horizontal line. A vertical line descends from the center of this horizontal line to a horizontal line representing the second generation. This second horizontal line has two vertical lines extending downwards to two female symbols (circles) labeled '3' and '4'. The female symbol '3' is highlighted with a red border.

**Relationships** 🗨️ 📅 📊 ☰

**Labels** **Plot settings**

# Summary

- Pedigree definition:  $\varphi > 0$ 
  - Potentially having alleles IBD
- Genomic definition (realised relatedness):  $\varphi_R > 0$ 
  - Actually having alleles IBD

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