

# Package ‘ggpedigree’

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**Description** Provides plotting functions for visualizing pedigrees in behavior genetics and kinship research. The package complements 'BGmisc' [Garrison et al. (2024) <[doi:10.21105/joss.06203](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.06203)>] by rendering pedigrees using the 'ggplot2' framework and offers a modern alternative to the base-graphics pedigree plot in 'kinship2' [Sinwell et al. (2014) <[doi:10.1159/000363105](https://doi.org/10.1159/000363105)>]. Features include support for duplicated individuals, complex mating structures, integration with simulated pedigrees, and layout customization.

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<https://r-computing-lab.github.io/ggpedigree/>

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calculateConnections *Calculate connections for a pedigree dataset*

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### Description

Computes graphical connection paths for a pedigree layout, including parent-child, sibling, and spousal connections. Optionally processes duplicate appearances of individuals (marked as ‘extra’) to ensure relational accuracy.

### Usage

```
calculateConnections(ped, config = list())
```

### Arguments

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree data. Needs personID, momID, and dadID columns
config	List of configuration parameters. Currently unused but passed through to internal helpers.

### Value

A ‘data.frame’ containing connection points and midpoints for graphical rendering. Includes:

- ‘x\_pos’, ‘y\_pos’: positions of focal individual
- ‘x\_dad’, ‘y\_dad’, ‘x\_mom’, ‘y\_mom’: parental positions (if available)
- ‘x\_spouse’, ‘y\_spouse’: spousal positions (if available)
- ‘x\_midparent’, ‘y\_midparent’: midpoint between parents
- ‘x\_mid\_sib’, ‘y\_mid\_sib’: sibling group midpoint
- ‘x\_mid\_spouse’, ‘y\_mid\_spouse’: midpoint between spouses

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calculateCoordinates *Calculate coordinates for plotting individuals in a pedigree*

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## Description

Extracts and modifies the x and y positions for each individual in a pedigree data frame using the `align.pedigree` function from the 'kinship2' package. It returns a data.frame with positions for plotting.

## Usage

```
calculateCoordinates(  
  ped,  
  personID = "ID",  
  momID = "momID",  
  dadID = "dadID",  
  spouseID = "spouseID",  
  sexVar = "sex",  
  code_male = NULL,  
  config = list()  
)
```

## Arguments

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree data. Needs personID, momID, and dadID columns
personID	Character string specifying the column name for individual IDs.
momID	Character string specifying the column name for mother IDs. Defaults to "momID".
dadID	Character string specifying the column name for father IDs. Defaults to "dadID".
spouseID	Character. Name of the column in 'ped' for the spouse ID variable.
sexVar	Character. Name of the column in 'ped' for the sex variable.
code_male	Value used to indicate male sex. Defaults to NULL.
config	List of configuration options: <b>code_male</b> Default is 1. Used by <code>BGmisc::recodeSex()</code> . <b>ped_packed</b> Logical, default TRUE. Passed to 'kinship2::align.pedigree'. <b>ped_align</b> Logical, default TRUE. Align generations. <b>ped_width</b> Numeric, default 15. Controls spacing.

**Value**

A data frame with one or more rows per person, each containing:

- 'x\_order', 'y\_order': Grid indices representing layout rows and columns.
- 'x\_pos', 'y\_pos': Continuous coordinate positions used for plotting.
- 'nid': Internal numeric identifier for layout mapping.
- 'extra': Logical flag indicating whether this row is a secondary appearance.

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computeDistance	<i>Compute distance between two points</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the distance between two points in a 2D space using Minkowski distance. It can be used to compute Euclidean or Manhattan distance. It is a utility function for calculating distances in pedigree layouts. Defaults to Euclidean distance if no method is specified.

**Usage**

```
computeDistance(method = "euclidean", x1, y1, x2, y2, p = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

method	Character. Method of distance calculation. Options are "euclidean", "cityblock", and "Minkowski".
x1	Numeric. X-coordinate of the first point.
y1	Numeric. Y-coordinate of the first point.
x2	Numeric. X-coordinate of the second point.
y2	Numeric. Y-coordinate of the second point.
p	Numeric. The order of the Minkowski distance. If NULL, defaults to 2 for Euclidean and 1 for Manhattan. If Minkowski method is used, p should be specified.

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countOffspring	<i>Count offspring of each individual</i>
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**Description**

Count offspring of each individual

**Usage**

```
countOffspring(ped, personID = "ID", momID = "momID", dadID = "dadID")
```

**Arguments**

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree information
personID	character. Name of the column in ped for the person ID variable
momID	character. Name of the column in ped for the mother ID variable
dadID	character. Name of the column in ped for the father ID variable

**Value**

A data frame with an additional column, offspring, that contains the number of offspring for each individual

**Examples**

```
library(BGmisc)
data("potter")
countOffspring(potter,
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID", dadID = "dadID"
)
```

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countSiblings	<i>Count siblings of each individual</i>
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**Description**

Count siblings of each individual

**Usage**

```
countSiblings(ped, personID = "ID", momID = "momID", dadID = "dadID")
```

**Arguments**

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree information
personID	character. Name of the column in ped for the person ID variable
momID	character. Name of the column in ped for the mother ID variable
dadID	character. Name of the column in ped for the father ID variable

**Value**

A data frame with an additional column, siblings, that contains the number of siblings for each individual

**Examples**

```
library(BGmisc)
data("potter")
countSiblings(potter, personID = "personID")
```

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generateSpouseList      *Generate a spouseslist matrix*

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**Description**

Generate a spouseslist matrix

**Usage**

```
generateSpouseList(
  ped,
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID",
  dadID = "dadID",
  spouseID = "spouseID"
)
```

**Arguments**

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree information
personID	Character. Name of the column in ped for the person ID variable
momID	Character. Name of the column in ped for the mother ID variable
dadID	Character. Name of the column in ped for the father ID variable
spouseID	Character. Name of the column in ped for the spouse ID variable

**Value**

A spouseslist matrix

## Examples

```
library(BGmisc)
data("potter")
generateSpouseList(potter,
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID", dadID = "dadID", spouseID = "spouseID"
)
```

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ggPedigree

*Plot a custom pedigree diagram*

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## Description

Generates a ggplot2-based diagram of a pedigree using custom coordinate layout, calculated relationship connections, and flexible styling via 'config'. It processes the data using 'ped2fam()'. This function supports multiple families and optionally displays affected status and sex-based color/shape.

## Usage

```
ggPedigree(
  ped,
  famID = "famID",
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID",
  dadID = "dadID",
  status_col = NULL,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  as_widget = FALSE,
  config = list(),
  debug = FALSE,
  hints = NULL,
  interactive = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
ggpedigree(
  ped,
  famID = "famID",
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID",
  dadID = "dadID",
  status_col = NULL,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  as_widget = FALSE,
  config = list(),
  debug = FALSE,
  hints = NULL,
```

```

    interactive = FALSE,
    ...
  )

```

## Arguments

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree data. Needs personID, momID, and dadID columns
famID	Character string specifying the column name for family IDs.
personID	Character string specifying the column name for individual IDs.
momID	Character string specifying the column name for mother IDs. Defaults to "momID".
dadID	Character string specifying the column name for father IDs. Defaults to "dadID".
status_col	Character string specifying the column name for affected status. Defaults to NULL.
tooltip_cols	Character vector of column names to show when hovering. Defaults to c("personID", "sex"). Additional columns present in 'ped' can be supplied – they will be added to the Plotly tooltip text.
as_widget	Logical; if TRUE (default) returns a plotly htmlwidget. If FALSE, returns the underlying plotly object (useful for further customization before printing).
config	A list of configuration options for customizing the plot. The list can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>code_male</b> Integer or string. Value identifying males in the sex column. (typically 0 or 1) Default: 1.</li> <li><b>segment_spouse_color, segment_self_color, segment_sibling_color, segment_parent_color, segment...</b> Character. Line colors for respective connection types.</li> <li><b>label_text_size, point_size, line_width</b> Numeric. Controls text size, point size, and line thickness.</li> <li><b>generation_height</b> Numeric. Vertical spacing multiplier between generations. Default: 1.</li> <li><b>shape_unknown, shape_female, shape_male, affected_shape</b> Integers. Shape codes for plotting each group.</li> <li><b>sex_shape_labs</b> Character vector of labels for the sex variable. (default: c("Female", "Male", "Unknown"))</li> <li><b>unaffected, affected</b> Values indicating unaffected/affected status.</li> <li><b>sex_color</b> Logical. If TRUE, uses color to differentiate sex.</li> <li><b>label_max_overlaps</b> Maximum number of overlaps allowed in repelled labels.</li> <li><b>label_segment_color</b> Color used for label connector lines.</li> </ul>
debug	Logical. If TRUE, prints debugging information. Default: FALSE.
hints	Data frame with hints for layout adjustments. Default: NULL.
interactive	Logical. If TRUE, generates an interactive plot using 'plotly'. Default: FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to 'ggplot2' functions.



**Value**

A ‘ggplot’ object rendering the pedigree diagram.

**Examples**

```
library(BGmisc)
data("potter")
ggPedigree(potter, famID = "famID", personID = "personID")

data("hazard")
ggPedigree(hazard, famID = "famID", personID = "ID", config = list(code_male = 0))
```

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ggPedigreeInteractive *Interactive pedigree plot (Plotly wrapper around ggPedigree)*

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**Description**

Generates an interactive HTML widget built on top of the static ggPedigree output. All layout, styling, and connection logic are inherited from ggPedigree(); this function simply augments the plot with Plotly hover, zoom, and pan functionality.

**Usage**

```
ggPedigreeInteractive(
  ped,
  famID = "famID",
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID",
  dadID = "dadID",
  status_col = NULL,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  config = list(),
  debug = FALSE,
  as_widget = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

```
ggpedigreeinteractive(
  ped,
  famID = "famID",
  personID = "personID",
  momID = "momID",
  dadID = "dadID",
  status_col = NULL,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  config = list(),
```

```

    debug = FALSE,
    as_widget = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

ped	A data frame containing the pedigree data. Needs personID, momID, and dadID columns
famID	Character string specifying the column name for family IDs.
personID	Character string specifying the column name for individual IDs.
momID	Character string specifying the column name for mother IDs. Defaults to "momID".
dadID	Character string specifying the column name for father IDs. Defaults to "dadID".
status_col	Character string specifying the column name for affected status. Defaults to NULL.
tooltip_cols	Character vector of column names to show when hovering. Defaults to c("personID", "sex"). Additional columns present in 'ped' can be supplied – they will be added to the Plotly tooltip text.
config	A list of configuration options for customizing the plot. The list can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>code_male</b> Integer or string. Value identifying males in the sex column. (typically 0 or 1) Default: 1.</li> <li><b>segment_spouse_color, segment_self_color, segment_sibling_color, segment_parent_color, segment...</b> Character. Line colors for respective connection types.</li> <li><b>label_text_size, point_size, line_width</b> Numeric. Controls text size, point size, and line thickness.</li> <li><b>generation_height</b> Numeric. Vertical spacing multiplier between generations. Default: 1.</li> <li><b>shape_unknown, shape_female, shape_male, affected_shape</b> Integers. Shape codes for plotting each group.</li> <li><b>sex_shape_labs</b> Character vector of labels for the sex variable. (default: c("Female", "Male", "Unknown"))</li> <li><b>unaffected, affected</b> Values indicating unaffected/affected status.</li> <li><b>sex_color</b> Logical. If TRUE, uses color to differentiate sex.</li> <li><b>label_max_overlaps</b> Maximum number of overlaps allowed in repelled labels.</li> <li><b>label_segment_color</b> Color used for label connector lines.</li> </ul>
debug	Logical. If TRUE, prints debugging information. Default: FALSE.
as_widget	Logical; if TRUE (default) returns a plotly htmlwidget. If FALSE, returns the underlying plotly object (useful for further customization before printing).
...	Additional arguments passed to 'ggplot2' functions.

### Value

A plotly htmlwidget (or plotly object if 'as\_widget = FALSE').

## Examples

```
library(BGmisc)
data("potter")
ggPedigreeInteractive(potter, famID = "famID", personID = "personID")
```

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`ggRelatednessMatrix` *Plot a relatedness matrix as a heatmap (ggpedigree style)*

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## Description

Plots a relatedness matrix using ggplot2 with config options.

## Usage

```
ggRelatednessMatrix(
  mat,
  config = list(),
  interactive = FALSE,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  ...
)
```

```
ggrelatednessmatrix(
  mat,
  config = list(),
  interactive = FALSE,
  tooltip_cols = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>mat</code>	A square numeric matrix of relatedness values (precomputed, e.g., from <code>ped2add</code> ).
<code>config</code>	A list of graphical and display parameters. See Details for available options.
<code>interactive</code>	Logical; if TRUE, returns an interactive plotly object.
<code>tooltip_cols</code>	A character vector of column names to include in tooltips.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to ggplot2 layers.

## Details

Config options include:

**color\_palette** A vector of colors for the heatmap (default: Reds scale)

**scale\_midpoint** Numeric midpoint for diverging color scale (default: 0.25)

**title** Plot title

**cluster** Logical; should rows/cols be clustered (default: TRUE)

**xlab, ylab** Axis labels

**text\_size** Axis text size

### Value

A ggplot object displaying the relatedness matrix as a heatmap.

### Examples

```
# Example relatedness matrix
set.seed(123)
mat <- matrix(runif(100, 0, 1), nrow = 10)
rownames(mat) <- paste0("ID", 1:10)
colnames(mat) <- paste0("ID", 1:10)

# Plot the relatedness matrix
ggRelatednessMatrix(mat,
  config = list(
    color_palette = c("white", "gold", "red"),
    scale_midpoint = 0.5,
    cluster = TRUE,
    title = "Relatedness Matrix",
    xlab = "Individuals",
    ylab = "Individuals",
    text_size = 8
  )
)
```

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redsquirrels

*Kluane Red Squirrel Data*

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### Description

A tidy data frame of life-history and reproductive metrics for 7,799 individual red squirrels from the Kluane Red Squirrel Project (1987–present). Each row corresponds to one squirrel with associated pedigree links and reproductive success summaries. The original data are published under a CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication:

### Usage

```
data(redsquirrels)
```

### Format

## ‘redsquirrels’ A data frame with 7799 rows and 16 columns:

**personID** Unique identifier for each squirrel

**momID, dadID** Unique identifiers for each squirrel's parents  
**sex** Biological sex of the squirrel  
**famID** Unique identifier for each family. Derived from ped2fam  
**byear** Birth year of the squirrel  
**dyear** Death year of the squirrel  
**lrs** lifetime reproductive success for the squirrel  
**ars\_mean** Mean annual reproductive success for the squirrel  
**ars\_max** Maximum ARS value for the squirrel  
**ars\_med** Median ARS value for the squirrel  
**ars\_min** Minimum ARS value for the squirrel  
**ars\_sd** Standard deviation of ARS values for the squirrel  
**ars\_n** Number of ARS values for the squirrel  
**year\_first** First year of ARS data for the squirrel  
**year\_last** Last year of ARS data for the squirrel ...

#### Details

McFarlane, S. Eryn; Boutin, Stan; Humphries, Murray M. et al. (2015). Data from: Very low levels of direct additive genetic variance in fitness and fitness components in a red squirrel population [Dataset]. Dryad. <<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.n5q05>>

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