

# Package ‘segregatr’

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**Description** An implementation of the full-likelihood Bayes factor (FLB) for evaluating segregation evidence in clinical medical genetics. The method was introduced by Thompson et al. (2003) <[doi:10.1086/378100](https://doi.org/10.1086/378100)>, and further popularised by Bayrak-Toydemir et al. (2008) <[doi:10.1016/j.yexmp.2008.03.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yexmp.2008.03.006)>. This implementation allows custom penetrance values and liability classes, and includes specialised pedigree visualisations.

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 FLB

*Full-likelihood Bayes factor*


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## Description

Computes the Bayes factor for co-segregation, as originally described by Thompson et al. (2003).

## Usage

```
FLB(
  x,
  carriers = NULL,
  homozygous = NULL,
  noncarriers = NULL,
  freq = NULL,
  affected = NULL,
  unknown = NULL,
  proband = NULL,
  penetrances = NULL,
  liability = NULL,
  loopBreakers = NULL,
  Xchrom = FALSE,
  details = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>pedtools::ped()</code> object.
<code>carriers</code>	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known to carry one copy of the variant in question.
<code>homozygous</code>	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known to carry two copies of the variant in question.
<code>noncarriers</code>	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known <i>not</i> to carry the variant in question.
<code>freq</code>	A single number strictly between 0 and 1: the population frequency of the observed allele.
<code>affected</code>	The affected pedigree members.
<code>unknown</code>	Pedigree members with unknown affection status.
<code>proband</code>	The ID label of the proband. This person must also be in both <code>carriers</code> and <code>affected</code> .

penetrances	For autosomal models, a numeric vector of length 3 ( $f_0$ , $f_1$ , $f_2$ ), or a matrix-like with 3 columns, where row $i$ contains the penetrances of liability class $i$ . For X-linked models, a list of two vectors named "male" and "female", of lengths 2 ( $f_0$ , $f_1$ ) and 3 ( $f_0$ , $f_1$ , $f_2$ ) respectively. Alternatively, each list entry may be matrix-like (with the same number of columns) where each row represents a liability class.
liability	A vector of length <code>pedsize(x)</code> , containing for each pedigree member the row number of penetrances which should be used for that individual. (If penetrances is just a vector (or one for each sex in X-linked models), it will be used for all classes.) If <code>liability</code> is NULL (the default), it is set to 1 for all individuals.
loopBreakers	(Relevant only if <code>x</code> has loops.) A vector of ID labels indicating loop breakers. The default value (NULL) initiates automatic loop breaking, which is recommended in most cases.
Xchrom	A logical, indicating if a model of X-linked inheritance should be applied.
details	A logical, indicating if detailed output should be returned (for debugging purposes).
plot	A logical.
...	Optional plot parameters passed on to <code>pedtools::plot.ped()</code> .

### Value

A positive number, the FLB score. If `details = TRUE`, a list including intermediate results.

### References

Thompson D, Easton DF, Goldgar DE. *A full-likelihood method for the evaluation of causality of sequence variants from family data*. Am J Hum Genet, 2003. doi:10.1086/378100.

### Examples

```
### Autosomal dominant
x = nuclearPed(2)
FLB(x, carriers = 3:4, aff = 3:4, unknown = 1:2,
    freq = 0.0001, penetrances = c(0, 1, 1), proband = 3)

### Autosomal recessive with phenocopies and reduced penetrance
y = nuclearPed(4)
FLB(y, carriers = 4:5, homozygous = 3, noncarriers = 6,
    aff = 3, unknown = 1:2, freq = 0.0001, proband = 3,
    penetrances = c(0.01, 0.01, 0.99), plot = TRUE)

### X-linked recessive
```

```
z = nuclearPed(3, sex = c(1, 1, 2)) |>
  addChildren(mother = 5, nch = 2, sex = 1:2)

FLB(z, carriers = c(3, 7), nonc = 4, aff = c(3, 7), unknown = 1:2,
     freq = 0.0001, penetrances = list(male = c(0, 1), female = c(0, 0, 1)),
     proband = 7, Xchrom = TRUE, plot = TRUE)
```

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plotSegregation

*Pedigree plot for segregation analysis*


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## Description

Plots a pedigree showing the segregation of a variant.

## Usage

```
plotSegregation(
  x,
  affected = NULL,
  unknown = NULL,
  proband = NULL,
  carriers = NULL,
  homozygous = NULL,
  noncarriers = NULL,
  cex = 1,
  margins = 1,
  pos.geno = "bottom",
  pos.arrow = "bottomleft",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	A <code>pedtools::ped()</code> object.
affected	The affected pedigree members.
unknown	Pedigree members with unknown affection status.
proband	The ID label of the proband. This person must also be in both <code>carriers</code> and <code>affected</code> .
carriers	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known to carry one copy of the variant in question.
homozygous	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known to carry two copies of the variant in question.
noncarriers	A character vector (or coercible to such), containing the ID labels of pedigree members known <i>not</i> to carry the variant in question.

<code>cex, margins</code>	Arguments passed on to <code>pedtools::plot.ped()</code> .
<code>pos.geno</code>	Position of genotype labels relative to pedigree symbols; either "bottom" (default), "topleft" or "topright".
<code>pos.arrow</code>	Position of the proband arrow; either "bottomleft", "bottomright", "topleft" or "topright".
<code>...</code>	Optional plot parameters passed on to <code>pedtools::plot.ped()</code> .

## Examples

```
x = nuclearPed(2)
plotSegregation(x, proband = 3, carriers = 3:4, noncarriers = 1,
                aff = 3:4, unknown = 1:2)

# Same with various options
plotSegregation(x, proband = 3, carriers = 3:4, noncarriers = 1,
                aff = 3:4, unknown = 1:2,
                pos.geno = "topright", pos.arrow = "topleft",
                labs = NULL, title = "Family 1", cex.main = 1.5)

# Recessive example
y = cousinPed(1, child = TRUE)
plotSegregation(y, affected = 9, unknown = 1:6, carrier = 7:8,
                homozygous = 9, noncarriers = c(4,6), proband = 9)

# Different symbol placements
plotSegregation(y, affected = 9, unknown = 1:6, carrier = 7:8,
                homozygous = 9, noncarriers = c(4,6), proband = 9,
                pos.geno = "topleft", pos.arrow = "bottomright")

# Incest case
y = nuclearPed() |> addChildren(father = 3, mother = 2, nch = 3)

plotSegregation(y, proband = 4, aff = 4:6, unknown = 2, carrier = 4:6, deceased = 1,
                pos.geno = "topleft", pos.arrow = "bottomright")
```

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