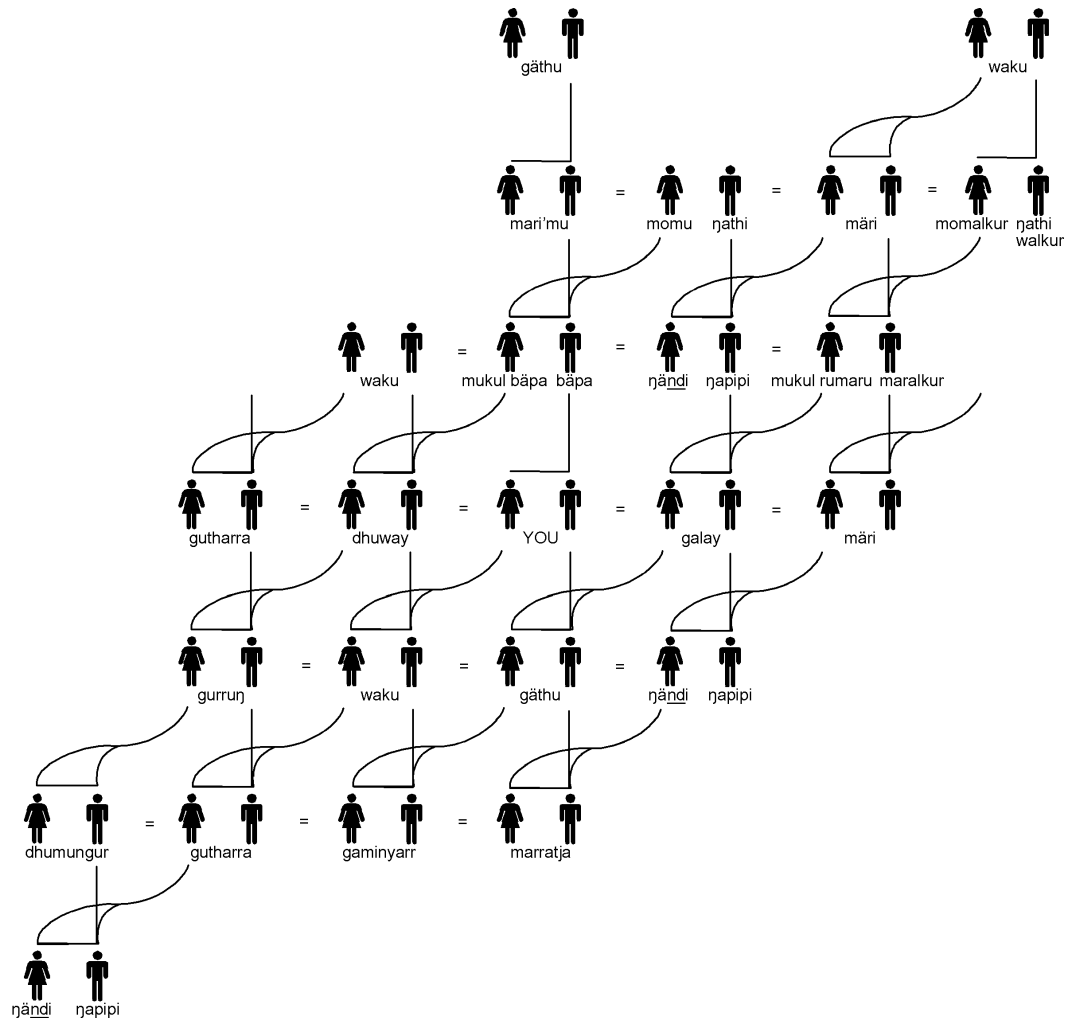


Gurru=u: Yoŋu kinship

Balanda have tried to represent Yoŋu kinship on a diagram, with the descent through the father's line marked by the vertical lines (each representing a bāpurru line), and descent through the mother's line marked with curved lines.



If you are for example a woman, your children will be your waku (in the clan of your husband, your dhuway).

If you are a man, your children are represented underneath you (your gāthu) because they are in the same bāpurru as yourself.

If you are a woman, your gāthu are your brother's children. If you are a man, your waku are your sisters' children. They are very important to you ceremonially.