

**Genetics 320, Problem Set Nine (15 points)**

**1 (2 points):** Consider a locus with four alleles ( $A_1$  to  $A_4$ ) at the following frequencies:  $p_1 = 0.1, p_2 = 0.2, p_3 = 0.3, p_4 = 0.4$ . Assume random mating and all other Hardy-Weinberg conditions. What is the frequency of

- (a)  $A_2A_3$ ?  $2p_2p_3 = 0.12$
- (b)  $A_4A_4$ ?  $p_4^2 = 0.16$
- (c) All heterozygotes involving allele  $A_2$ ?  $2p_2(1-p_2) = 0.32$
- (d) All heterozygotes?  $1 - (p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + p_4^2) = 0.70$
- (e) Of a mating between  $A_1A_2$  and  $A_3A_3$  parents.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(A_1A_2) &= 2p_1p_2 = 0.04, \text{ Prob}(A_3A_3) = p_3^2 = 0.09, \text{ Hence, Prob}(A_1A_2 \times A_3A_3 \\ \text{mating}) &= \text{Prob}(\text{father} = A_1A_2, \text{mother} = A_3A_3) + \text{Prob}(\text{father} = A_3A_3, \text{mother} = A_1A_2) \\ &= 2(0.04 \cdot 0.09) = 0.0072. \end{aligned}$$

**2 (2 points):** Let  $p(0) = \text{freq}(A)$  in the initial generation (which we call generation 0). Assuming Hardy-Weinberg conditions:

- (a) What is the frequency of  $AA$  homozygotes in the next generation (generation 1)?  
 $p(0)^2$
- (b) What is the frequency of heterozygotes involving  $A$  in generation 1?  $2p(0)[1-p(0)]$
- (b) Given these genotype frequencies, show that  $p(1) = \text{freq}(A \text{ in generation 1}) = p(0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(1) &= \text{freq}(AA \text{ in gen 1}) + (1/2)\text{freq}(Aa \text{ in gen 1}) = p(0)^2 + (1/2)2p(0)[1-p(0)] = \\ &= p(0)^2 + p(0) - p(0)^2 = p(0) \end{aligned}$$

**3 (2 points):** This problem examines what happens when there are different allele frequencies in the two sexes (as would occur if one mates males from one population with females from a second). Assume an autosomal locus, where the frequency of allele  $A$  in the male and female founding populations is  $p$  and  $r$ , respectively. Assuming all other Hardy-Weinberg conditions hold,

- (a) What is the frequency of  $AA$  homozygotes in their offspring?  $p \cdot r$
- (b) What is the frequency of  $A-$  heterozygotes?  $p \cdot (1-r) + (1-p) \cdot r$
- (c) What is the frequency of allele  $A$  in their male offspring? In their female offspring?

*The frequency of  $A$  in the next generation is  $\text{freq}(AA) + (1/2)\text{freq}(A-)$ . Since we are dealing with an autosomal locus, these frequencies are the same in both sexes. Hence,  $\text{freq}(A \text{ in males}) = \text{freq}(A \text{ in females}) = p \cdot r + (1/2)[p \cdot (1-r) + (1-p) \cdot r] = p \cdot r + (p+r)/2 - p \cdot r = (p+r)/2$ .*

- (a) What happens to the allele and genotype frequencies in subsequent generations?

*In the next generation, both sexes have the same allele frequencies, so the genotypes follow Hardy-Weinberg frequencies with  $\text{freq}(A) = (p+r)/2$ .*

**4 (2 points):** Now consider when happens with the two sexes show different frequencies for an  $X$ -linked gene. Let the frequency of allele  $A$  (on an  $X$ -linked locus) be 0.25 in males and 0.8 in females in the founding population (generation 0). Assuming all other Hardy-Weinberg conditions hold,

- (a) What is the frequency of  $AA$  homozygotes in their female offspring in generation 1?

$$\text{freq}(AA) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.25 \cdot 0.8 = 0.2$$

- (b) What is the frequency of  $A-$  heterozygotes in their female offspring in generation 1?

$$\text{freq}(A-) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(\text{not-}A \text{ from mother}) + \text{freq}(\text{not-}A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.25 \cdot 0.2 + 0.75 \cdot 0.8 = 0.65$$

- (c) What is the frequency of  $AY$  hemizygotes in their male offspring in generation 1?

$$\text{freq}(AY) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.8.$$

- (d) What are the frequencies of  $AA$  homozygotes,  $A-$  heterozygotes (in females), and  $AY$  hemizygotes in generation 2?

Using the results from (a) - (c),  $\text{freq}(A \text{ in fathers in generation 1}) = 0.8$  [from (c)], while  $\text{freq}(A \text{ in mothers in gen 1}) = \text{freq}(AA \text{ in mothers in gen 1}) + (1/2)\text{freq}(A- \text{ in mothers in gen 1}) = 0.2 + (1/2)0.65 = 0.525$

$$\text{freq}(AA) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.8 \cdot 0.525 = 0.42$$

$$\text{freq}(A-) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(\text{not-}A \text{ from mother}) + \text{freq}(\text{not-}A \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.8 \cdot 0.475 + 0.2 \cdot 0.525 = 0.485$$

$$\text{freq}(AY) = \text{freq}(A \text{ from mother}) = 0.525.$$

**5 (2 points):** Consider the  $M/N, S/s$  blood group data from the Ugandan population in Table 26.2. Suppose the recombination frequency between these two loci is  $c = 0.05$ .

- (a) If these gametes combine at random, what is the frequency of  $MM$  individuals? Of  $Ss$  individuals? Of  $MMSs$  individuals?

$$\text{freq}(M) = \text{freq}(MS) + \text{freq}(Ms) = 0.134 + 0.357 = 0.491, \text{freq}(N) = 1 - \text{freq}(M) = 0.509$$

$$\text{freq}(S) = \text{freq}(MS) + \text{freq}(NS) = 0.134 + 0.071 = 0.205, \text{freq}(s) = 1 - \text{freq}(S) = 0.795$$

$$\text{freq}(MM) = \text{freq}(M) \cdot \text{freq}(M) = 0.491^2 = 0.241$$

$$\text{freq}(Ss) = 2 \text{freq}(S) \cdot \text{freq}(s) = 2 \cdot 0.205 \cdot 0.795 = 0.326$$

$$\text{freq}(MMSs) = \text{freq}(MS \text{ from father}) \cdot \text{freq}(Ms \text{ from mother}) + \text{freq}(Ms \text{ from father}) \cdot$$

$$\text{freq}(MS \text{ from mother}) = 2 \cdot 0.134 \cdot 0.357 = 0.097$$

- (b) For these gamete frequencies, what is the disequilibrium (if any) for  $MS$  gametes? For  $Ms$  gametes?

$$D_{MS} = \text{freq}(MS) - \text{freq}(M) \cdot \text{freq}(S) = 0.134 - 0.491 \cdot 0.205 = 0.033$$

$$D_{Ms} = \text{freq}(Ms) - \text{freq}(M) \cdot \text{freq}(s) = 0.357 - 0.491 \cdot 0.795 = -0.033$$

- (c) After ten generations of random mating, what is the expected disequilibrium for  $MS$  gametes? For  $Ms$  gametes?

$$D_{MS}(10) = (1 - c)^{10} D_{MS}(0) = 0.95^{10} \cdot 0.033 = 0.0198$$

$$D_{Ms}(10) = (1 - c)^{10} D_{Ms}(0) = 0.95^{10} \cdot (-0.033) = -0.0198$$

- (c) After ten generations of random mating, what is the expected frequency of  $MMSs$  individuals?

$$\text{freq}(MS \text{ gamete in gen 10}) = \text{freq}(M) \cdot \text{freq}(S) + D_{MS}(10) = 0.491 \cdot 0.205 + 0.0198 = 0.1205$$

$$\text{freq}(Ms \text{ gamete in gen 10}) = \text{freq}(M) \cdot \text{freq}(s) + D_{Ms}(10) = 0.491 \cdot 0.795 + (-0.0198) = 0.3705$$

$$\text{freq}(MMSs) = 2 \cdot \text{freq}(MS) \cdot \text{freq}(Ms) = 2 \cdot 0.1205 \cdot 0.3705 = 0.0893$$

**6 (2.5 points):** Geneticists in Finland have isolated a genetic locus which gives the dreaded *dential* phenotype, in which individuals enjoy drilling in other people's mouths. Two linked marker loci have been isolated, and the following haplotype frequencies are seen for normal and *dential* chromosomes:

Marker haplotype	Chromosome type	
	<i>Dential</i>	Normal
$M_1N_1$	0.860	0.120
$M_1N_2$	0.044	0.280
$M_2N_1$	0.091	0.180
$M_2N_2$	0.005	0.420

- (a) What was the haplotype on which the original *dential* mutant arose?  $M_1N_1$   
 (b) Assuming 100 generations, what is the *dential* - *M* recombination frequency? The *dential* - *N* recombination frequency?

*The frequency of allele  $M_1$  on dental chromosomes is  $q_{M_1} = 0.860 + 0.044 = 0.904$ . Hence,  $c_{M_1} = 1 - q^{1/100} = 1 - (0.904)^{1/100} = 0.001$*

*The frequency of allele  $N_1$  on dental chromosomes is  $q_{N_1} = 0.860 + 0.091 = 0.951$ . Hence,  $c_{N_1} = 1 - q^{1/100} = 1 - (0.951)^{1/100} = 0.0005$*

- (c) What does the resulting genetic map look like?

*The only remaining issue is which locus (the dental gene, *M* or *N* is in the middle. The key here is that this double recombinant should be the rarest type. Here, this is the  $M_2N_2$  class. Since this contains the dental gene, this implies dental is in the middle, giving*

$M - (c = 0.001) - dental - (c = 0.0005) - N$

**7 (1.25 point ):** Suppose a population shows inbreeding, with inbreeding coefficient  $F = 3/4$ . In this population, the frequency of a recessive disease allele  $d$  is  $10^{-3}$ .

- (a) What is the expected frequency of diseased individuals ( $dd$ ) in this population?

*Under inbreeding,  $freq(dd) = F \cdot freq(d) + (1-F) \cdot [freq(d)]^2 = (3/4) \cdot 10^{-3} + (1/4) \cdot 10^{-6} = 0.00075$*

- (b) What would the frequency of  $dd$  individuals be if this population was undergoing random mating?

*Under random mating,  $freq(dd) = [freq(d)]^2 = 10^{-6}$*

- (c) What is the increased disease risk due to inbreeding?

$0.00075/10^{-6} = 750$

**8 (1.25 point ):** Recall under genetic drift that the time back to common ancestry for two random sequences follows a geometric distribution (relevant formulae can be found either in your probability notes or on the probability handout from the first part of the course).

- (a) For a population of size  $N = 100$ , what is the probability that two random sequences will have a common ancestor no older than 100 generations ago? 1000 generations?

*Recall for the geometric that the probability of (at least) one success in the first  $t$  trials is  $1 - (1 - p)^t$*

*Here,  $p = 1/(2N) = 1/200 = 0.005$ . Hence,  $Prob(\text{no ancestor older than 100 generations})$*

$$= 1 - (0.995)^{100} = 0.394$$

$$\text{Likewise, Prob(no ancestor older than 1000 generations)} = 1 - (0.995)^{1000} = 0.9933$$

- (b) For a population of size  $N = 1000$ , what are probabilities for 100 and 1000 generations?

$$\text{Here, } p = 1/(2N) = 1/2000 = 0.0005. \text{ Hence, Prob(no ancestor older than 100 generations)} = 1 - (0.9995)^{100} = 0.0488$$

$$\text{Likewise, Prob(no ancestor older than 1000 generations)} = 1 - (0.9995)^{1000} = 0.394$$