

Genetics 320, Problem Set 9 (10 points)

Due Wes. 23 Nov 2005 at 11 am

1 (2 points): Consider a cross between an M_2M_3 father and a M_2M_4 mother. In the offspring, the marker genotype is scored, along with nose length and the following data are observed.

Genotype	Mean nose length
M_2M_2	100
M_2M_3	100
M_2M_4	300
M_3M_4	300

- (a) Is there evidence that the marker is linked to a segregating QTL for nose length in the father?

$$M_2 - M_3 = (100 + 300)/2 - (100 + 300)/2 = 0. \text{ No evidence}$$

- (b) Is there evidence that the marker is linked to a segregating QTL for nose length in the mother?

$$M_2 - M_4 = (100 + 100)/2 - (300 + 300)/2 = -200. \text{ Evidence that the mother is heterozygous for a QTL linked to the marker. Given this result, father is homozygous at this QTL.}$$

2 (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 ? $2 p_2 p_3 = 0.12$
 (b) A_4A_4 ? $p_4^2 = 0.16$
 (c) All heterozygotes involving allele A_2 ? $2 p_2 (1 - p_2) = 0.32$
 (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.

$$\text{Prob}(A_1A_2) = 2 p_1 p_2 = 0.04, \text{Prob}(A_3A_3) = p_3^2 = 0.09, \text{Hence, Prob}(A_1A_2 \times A_3A_3 \text{ mating}) = \text{Prob}(\text{father} = A_1A_2, \text{mother} = A_3A_3) + \text{Prob}(\text{father} = A_3A_3, \text{mother} = A_1A_2) = 2 (0.04 \cdot 0.09) = 0.0072.$$

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?

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

- (d) 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): Consider alleles A and B at linked loci (with $c = 0.2$). Suppose $D_{AB} = 0.1$, $\text{freq}(A) = 0.4$, $\text{freq}(B) = 0.5$.

(a) What is $\text{freq}(AB)$?

$$\text{freq}(AB) = \text{freq}(A) \cdot \text{freq}(B) + D_{AB} = 0.4 \cdot 0.5 + 0.1 = 0.3$$

(b) After ten generations of recombination, what is $\text{freq}(AB)$?

$$D_{AB}(10) = (1 - c)^{10} D_{AB}(0) = 0.8^{10} \cdot 0.1 = 0.0107$$

$$\text{freq}(AB)(10) = \text{freq}(A) \cdot \text{freq}(B) + D_{AB}(10) = 0.4 \cdot 0.5 + 0.01071 = 0.2107$$

5 (2 points): Consider the M/N , S/s blood group data from the Ugandan population in the Table in lecture 48. 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?

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

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

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

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

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

(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?

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

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

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

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

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

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