Exercise

Population Genetics (Sim)

Simulation of genetic drift

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The required R script is placed in the file **popgen_drift.R**. Open this file in a text editor and copy-paste the commands in the R console (you can also use the source command in R). Inspect the resulting graphs.

Frequency changes caused by selection

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Answers

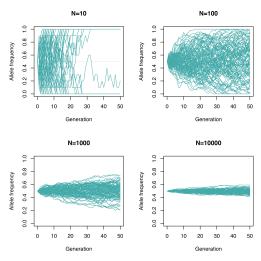
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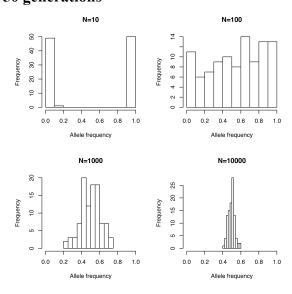
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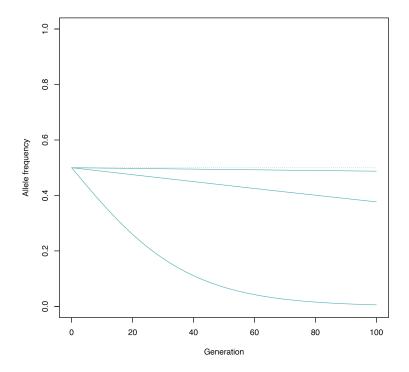
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Allele frequencies after 100 generations

$$f_{s=0.001}(100) = \underline{0.4875} \ f_{s=0.01}(100) = \underline{0.3770} \ f_{s=0.1}(100) = \underline{0.0057}$$