

Exercise 1

The pedigree of half-sibs:

$$r_{\text{sib}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times 0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Suppose the common parent is the mother so that the siblings have different fathers. Then

- With probability $1/2$ the gene in A comes from its mother. Then, the maternal gene in B is identical-by-descent with probability $1/2$.
- With probability $1/2$ the gene in A comes from its father. The paternal gene in B cannot be identical-by-descent because the gene comes from a different father.

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General rule for calculating relatedness:

- Find the most recent common ancestor/ancestors.
- For each common ancestor, calculate the probability that a given allele copy resides in both individuals (A and B), which is given by 0.5^k , where k is the number of generations (meiotic divisions)
- If A and B have more than one common ancestors then add the probabilities that A and B share gene copies that are identical-by-descent through both ancestors.

Exercise 2

We have $s_J(x, x_r) = s_b + x_r - x^2$ with $w(x, x_r) = ks_J(x, x_r)$.
Hence, fitness is

$$w(x, x_r) = k(s_b + x_r - x^2)$$

and

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial w(x, x_r)}{\partial x}}_{-c} \Big|_{x=x_r=y} = -k2y \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\frac{\partial w(x, x_r)}{\partial x_r}}_b \Big|_{x=x_r=y} = k$$

$$S(y) = \frac{\partial w(x, x_r)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_r=y} + r \frac{\partial w(x, x_r)}{\partial x_r} \Big|_{x=x_r=y} = k(r - 2y)$$

Exercise 2

$$S(y) = k(r - 2y)$$

- If $y = 0$, then $S(0) = kr > 0$. Hence, selection will favor the evolution of “helping” and the trait increases over evolutionary time.
- If $y = 1$, then $S(1) = k(r - 2) < 0$. Hence, selection will disfavor helping and the trait decreases over evolutionary time.

That means there is a unique convergence stable strategy solving $S(y^*) = 0$ and given by

$$y^* = \frac{r}{2}$$

We then have $y^* = 1/4$ (full-sibs), $y^* = 1/8$ (half-sibs), $y^* = 1/16$ (cousin) and $y^* = 0$ (non-relative).