

Basics of Quantitative Genetics

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Background

- ▶ Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

→ Genotypes are the basis for phenotypic expression

- ▶ Start with simple model

→ one locus that affects quantitative trait

Population

Population (N = 10)

$$\frac{G_1}{G_1}$$

$$\frac{G_1}{G_2}$$

$$\frac{G_2}{G_2}$$

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Terminology

- ▶ **alleles**: variants occurring at a given genetic Locus
- ▶ **bi-allelic**: only two alleles, e.g., G_1 and G_2 at a given locus G in population
- ▶ **genotype**: combination of two alleles at locus G in an individual
- ▶ **homozygous**: genotypes $G_1 G_1$ and $G_2 G_2$ where both alleles identical
- ▶ **heterozygous**: genotype $G_1 G_2$ different alleles

Frequencies in Example Population

► genotype frequencies

$$f(G_1 G_1) = \frac{4}{10} = 0.4$$

$$f(G_1 G_2) = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

$$f(G_2 G_2) = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

► allele frequencies

$$f(G_1) = f(G_1 G_1) + \frac{1}{2} * f(G_1 G_2) = 0.55$$

$$f(G_2) = f(G_2 G_2) + \frac{1}{2} * f(G_1 G_2) = 0.45$$

Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

► **allele frequencies**

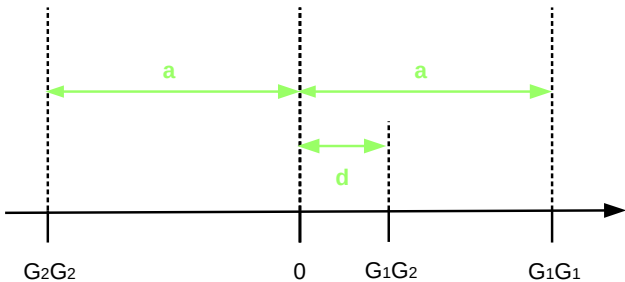
$$f(G_1) = p, f(G_2) = q = 1 - p$$

► **genotype frequencies**

Alleles	G_1	G_2
G_1	$f(G_1 G_1) = p^2$	$f(G_1 G_2) = p * q$
G_2	$f(G_1 G_2) = p * q$	$f(G_2 G_2) = q^2$

$$f(G_1 G_1) = p^2, f(G_1 G_2) = 2pq, f(G_2 G_2) = q^2$$

Genotypic Values



Population Mean

- Expected value of genotypic value V as discrete random variable

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= V_{11} * f(G_1 G_1) + V_{12} * f(G_1 G_2) + V_{22} * f(G_2 G_2) \\ &= a * p^2 + d * 2pq + (-a) * q^2 \\ &= (p - q)a + 2pqd\end{aligned}$$

Breeding Values Definition

The breeding value of an animal i is defined as two times the difference between the mean value of offsprings of animal i and the population mean.

Derivation of Breeding value for $G_1 G_1$

	Mates of S	
	$f(G_1) = p$	$f(G_2) = q$
Parent S		
$f(G_1) = 1$	$f(G_1 G_1) = p$	$f(G_1 G_2) = q$

Computation of Breeding value for $G_1 G_1$

$$\mu_{11} = p * a + q * d$$

The breeding value BV_{11} corresponds to

$$\begin{aligned} BV_{11} &= 2 * (\mu_{11} - \mu) \\ &= 2 (pa + qd - [(p - q)a + 2pqd]) \\ &= 2 (pa + qd - (p - q)a - 2pqd) \\ &= 2 (qd + qa - 2pqd) \\ &= 2 (qa + qd(1 - 2p)) \\ &= 2q (a + d(1 - 2p)) \\ &= 2q (a + (q - p)d) \end{aligned}$$

Computation of Breeding value for G_2G_2

$$\mu_{22} = pd - qa$$

The breeding value BV_{22} corresponds to

$$\begin{aligned} BV_{22} &= 2 * (\mu_{22} - \mu) \\ &= 2 (pd - qa - [(p - q)a + 2pqd]) \\ &= 2 (pd - qa - (p - q)a - 2pqd) \\ &= 2 (pd - pa - 2pqd) \\ &= 2 (-pa + p(1 - 2q)d) \\ &= -2p(a + (q - p)d) \end{aligned}$$

Computation of Breeding value for $G_1 G_2$

$$\mu_{12} = 0.5pa + 0.5d - 0.5qa = 0.5[(p - q)a + d]$$

The breeding value BV_{12} corresponds to

$$\begin{aligned} BV_{12} &= 2 * (\mu_{12} - \mu) \\ &= 2(0.5(p - q)a + 0.5d - [(p - q)a + 2pqd]) \\ &= 2(0.5pa - 0.5qa + 0.5d - pa + qa - 2pqd) \\ &= 2(0.5(q - p)a + (0.5 - 2pq)d) \\ &= (q - p)a + (1 - 4pq)d \\ &= (q - p)a + (p^2 + 2pq + q^2 - 4pq)d \\ &= (q - p)a + (p^2 - 2pq + q^2)d \\ &= (q - p)a + (q - p)^2d \\ &= (q - p)[a + (q - p)d] \end{aligned}$$

Summary of Breeding Values

Genotype	Breeding Value
$G_1 G_1$	$2q\alpha$
$G_1 G_2$	$(q - p)\alpha$
$G_2 G_2$	$-2p\alpha$

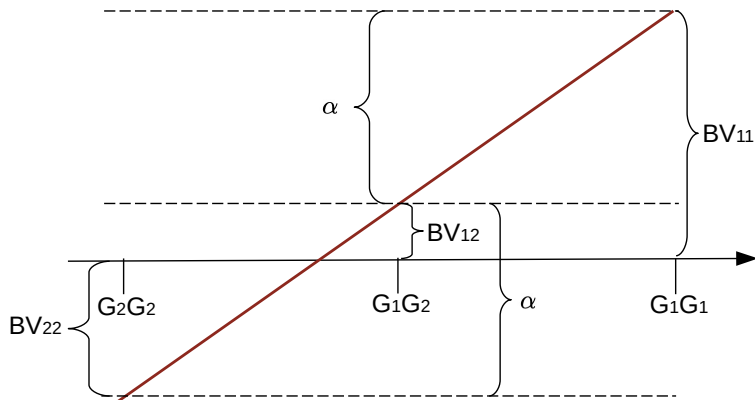
with $\alpha = a + (q - p)d$

Allele Substitution

$$\begin{aligned}BV_{12} - BV_{22} &= (q - p)\alpha - (-2p\alpha) \\&= (q - p)\alpha + 2p\alpha \\&= (q - p + 2p)\alpha \\&= (q + p)\alpha \\&= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BV_{11} - BV_{12} &= 2q\alpha - (q - p)\alpha \\&= (2q - (q - p))\alpha \\&= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

Linearity of Breeding Values



Dominance Deviation I

$$\begin{aligned}V_{11} - BV_{11} &= a - 2q\alpha \\&= a - 2q[a + (q - p)d] \\&= a - 2qa - 2q(q - p)d \\&= a(1 - 2q) - 2q^2d + 2pqd \\&= [(p - q)a + 2pqd] - 2q^2d \\&= \mu + D_{11}\end{aligned}$$

Dominance Deviation II

$$\begin{aligned}V_{12} - BV_{12} &= d - (q - p)\alpha \\&= d - (q - p)[a + (q - p)d] \\&= [(p - q)a + 2pqd] + 2pqd \\&= \mu + D_{12}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_{22} - BV_{22} &= -a - (-2p\alpha) \\&= -a + 2p[a + (q - p)d] \\&= [(p - q)a + 2pqd] - 2p^2d \\&= \mu + D_{22}\end{aligned}$$

Summary of Values

Genotype $G_i G_j$	genotypic value V_{ij}	Breeding Value BV_{ij}	Dominance Deviation D_{ij}
$G_1 G_1$	a	$2q\alpha$	$-2q^2d$
$G_1 G_2$	d	$(q - p)\alpha$	$2pqd$
$G_2 G_2$	$-a$	$-2p\alpha$	$-2p^2d$

Decomposition of Genotypic Values

$$V_{ij} = \mu + BV_{ij} + D_{ij}$$

Variances

$$\text{Var}[X] = \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}} (x_i - \mu_X)^2 * f(x_i)$$

where \mathcal{X} : set of all possible x -values
 $f(x_i)$ probability that x assumes the value of x_i
 μ_X expected value $E[X]$ of X

Variance Computation

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_G^2 = Var[V] = & (V_{11} - \mu)^2 * f(G_1 G_1) \\ & + (V_{12} - \mu)^2 * f(G_1 G_2) \\ & + (V_{22} - \mu)^2 * f(G_2 G_2)\end{aligned}$$

where $\mu = (p - q)a + 2pqd$ the population mean.

Simplification

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_G^2 = \text{Var}[V] &= (BV_{11} + D_{11})^2 * f(G_1 G_1) \\ &\quad + (BV_{12} + D_{12})^2 * f(G_1 G_2) \\ &\quad + (BV_{22} + D_{22})^2 * f(G_2 G_2)\end{aligned}$$

Result

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_G^2 &= 2pq\alpha^2 + (2pqd)^2 \\ &= \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_D^2\end{aligned}$$