Lecture 7: Population genetics III

Migration, Population structure, inbreeding & genetic linkage

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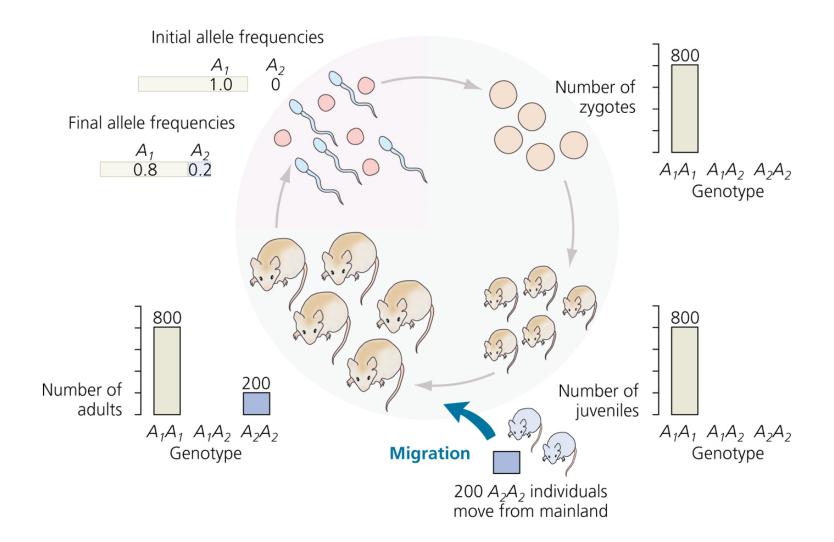
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Population Genetics:

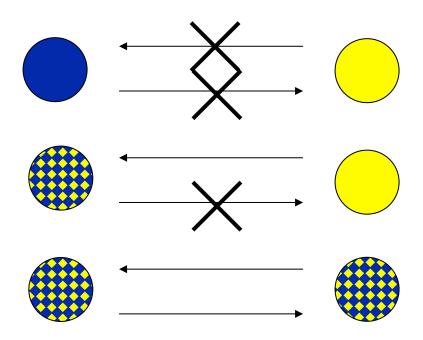
Migration

Figure 7-2



Migration homogenizes allele frequencies across subpopulations

... if not opposed by other forces of evolution such as selection.



Genetic differentiation across populations

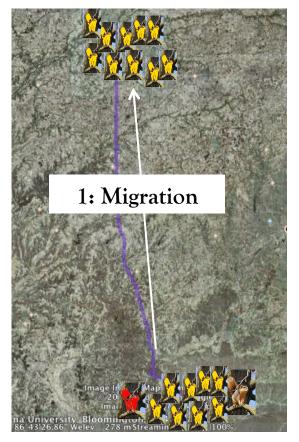
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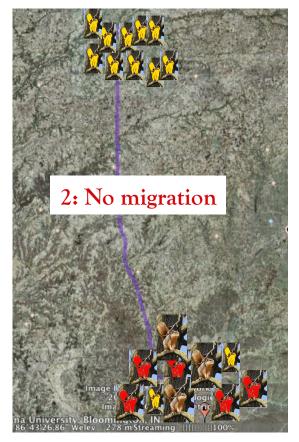


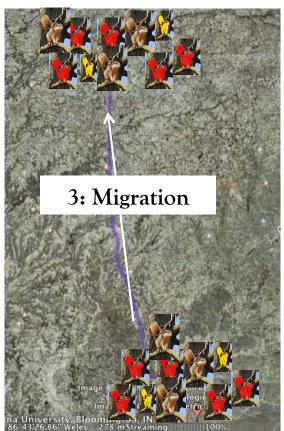




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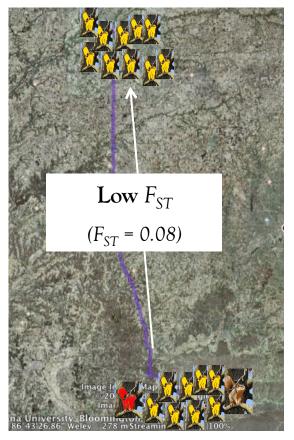
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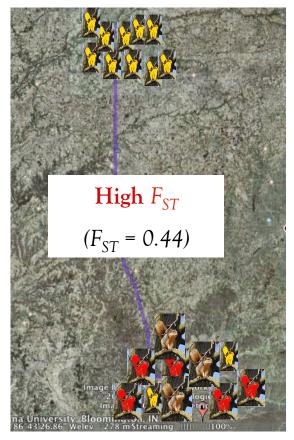


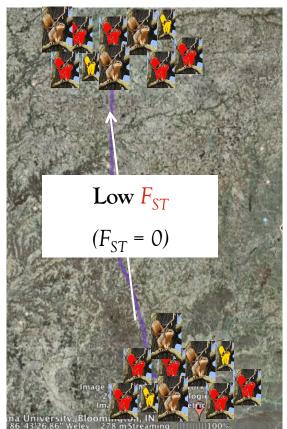




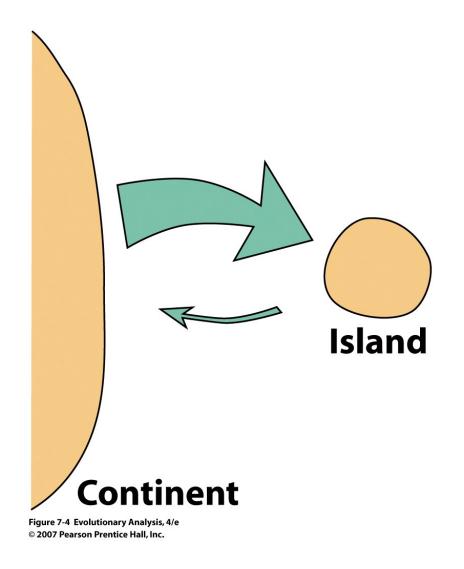
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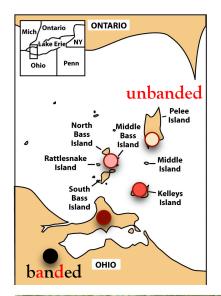


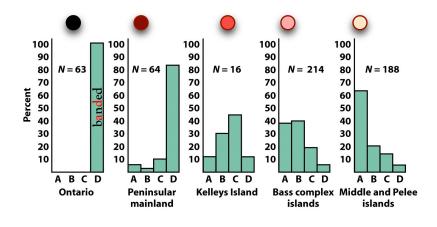
Continent-Island model of migration



Migration-selection balance

in Lake Erie water snakes







Banded snakes disfavored by selection on islands

But:

input of banded phenotypes

due to migration from the mainland.

The forces that cause evolutionary change

Forces that **create variation** in evolving populations:

- mutation,
- recombination.

Forces that **determine the fate** of variation:

- selection,
- genetic drift,
- migration,

Selfing reduces Heterozygote Frequency

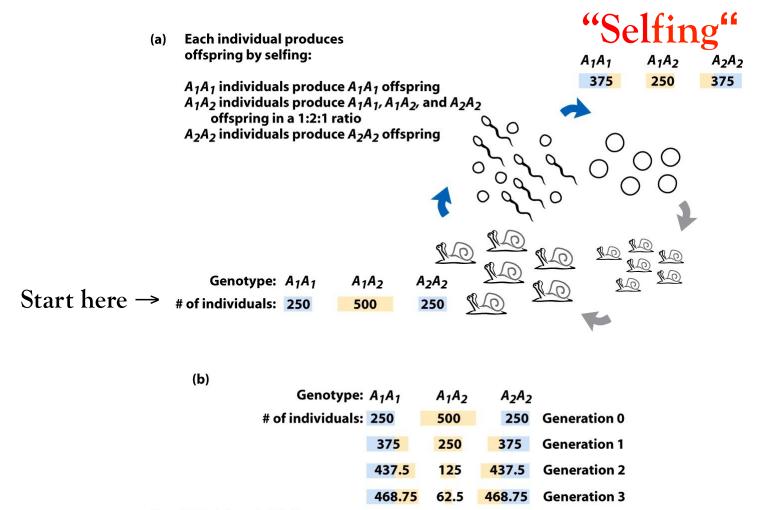
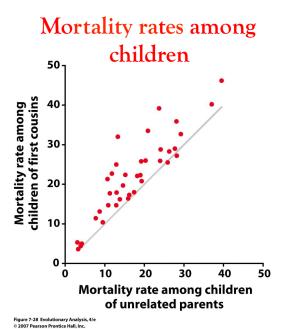


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Inbreeding Can Depress Average Fitness



Evolution at Multiple Loci:

Linkage disequilibrium

Evolution at Multiple Loci: Linkage

Extension of Hardy-Weinberg analysis to two loci

Two-locus version of HWE

We will not only be concerned with tracking: allele frequencies, but also with chromosome frequencies

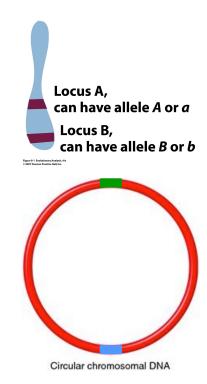
We will learn how evolution at one locus can affect evolution at another locus

Linkage

There is genetic linkage between two loci if:

- they are on the same non-recombining stretch of a chromosome
- a) In nuclear chromosomes of sexual diploids loci remain together after meiotic crossing
- b) In non-recombining organisms/ organelles (e.g., clonal bacteria/ mitochondria):

loci are on the same single chromosome



Linkage and Selection

If two loci are **linked**, selection on one locus can affect the evolutionary fate of the other (= a hitchhiking-effect).

→ Do you remember mutational events that lead to linkage?

Locus A,
can have allele A or a
Locus B,
can have allele B or b

A multilocus genotype: haplotype (for haploid genotype).

AB, Ab, aB, ab

A population in Linkage Equilibrium:

The frequency of any haplotype can be calculated by multiplying the frequencies of the constituent alleles.

$$\mathbf{g}_{AB} = f(AB) = f(A) \times f(B)$$
 $\mathbf{g}_{Ab} = f(Ab) = f(A) \times f(b)$

$$g_{aB} = f(aB) = f(a) \times f(B)$$
 $g_{ab} = f(ab) = f(a) \times f(b)$

g, genotype frequency

=> The coefficient of linkage disequilibrium, D, where

$$D = g_{AB}g_{ab} - g_{Ab}g_{aB}$$

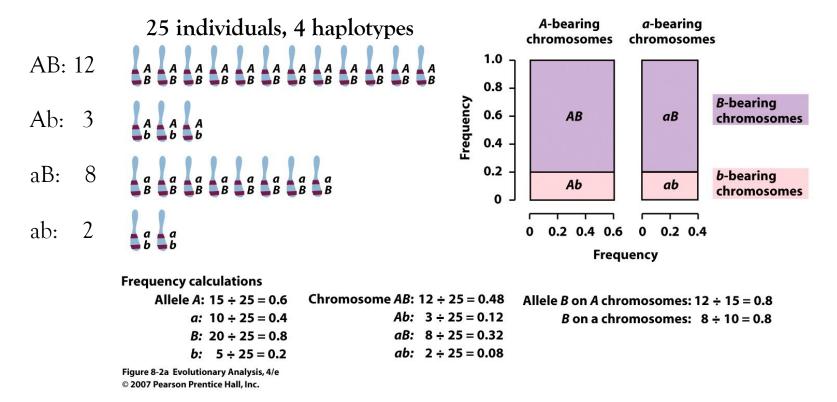
Linkage (Dis)Equilibrium

Linkage happens due to relative physical location on chromosomes,

but linkage equilibrium & disequilibrium

are characteristics of populations.

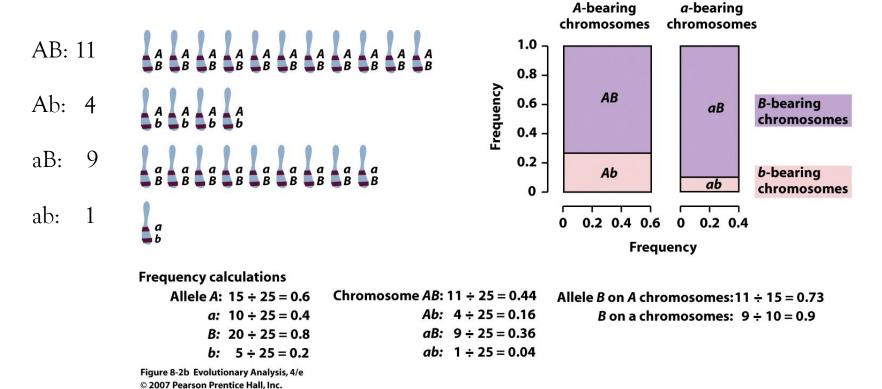
A Population in Linkage Equilibrium



The frequencies of B and b alleles are the same on A- and a-bearing chromosomes (and vice versa).

A Population in Linkage Disequilibrium

A population in linkage disequilibrium



The frequencies of *B* and *b* alleles are **different** on *A*- vs. *a*-bearing chromosomes (and vice versa).

Let's calculate D for the respective examples:

$$D = g_{AB}g_{ab} - g_{Ab}g_{aB}$$

Under LE

Chromosome *AB*: $12 \div 25 = 0.48$

Ab: $3 \div 25 = 0.12$

aB: $8 \div 25 = 0.32$

ab: $2 \div 25 = 0.08$

Under LD

Chromosome *AB*: $11 \div 25 = 0.44$

Ab: $4 \div 25 = 0.16$

aB: $9 \div 25 = 0.36$

ab: $1 \div 25 = 0.04$

$$D = 0.48 \cdot 0.08 - 0.12 \cdot 0.32$$

$$D = 0.0384 - 0.0384 = 0$$

$$D = 0.44 \cdot 0.04 - 0.16 \cdot 0.36$$

$$D = 0.0176 - 0.0576 = -0.04 (\neq 0)$$

Evolutionary forces that increase LD

Under Hardy-Weinberg and linkage equilibrium haplotype frequencies do not change over generations.

Deviations from HW expectations suggests that one of three mechanisms causing linkage disequilibrium is at work:

- 1. Selection on multi-locus genotypes
- 2. Genetic drift
- 3. Population admixture (i.e. migration)

Concepts for today's class

- 1) Migration homogenizes allele frequencies across different subpopulations.
- 2) Deleterious alleles can be kept at migration-drift-balance.
- 3) Decreasing gene flow (i.e., migration) between subpopulations will often lead to increasing genetic differentiation amongst them (increased population structure)
- 4) Inbreeding (sex between close relatives) leads to loss of heterozygosity within populations
- 5) When two genes are genetically linked, selection on one locus can interfere with the expected haplotype frequencies under Hardy-Weinberg expectations, thereby causing linkage disequilibrium (LD) in the population.

Thanks for your attention!

... and don't forget about next lecture:

Date: Wednesday, 15 Nov 2017

Location: HG F 3

Time: 8:00 - 10:00