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# 1 Introduction

In his pioneering work on the evolution of social behavior, Hamilton suggested that altruistic behavior would be associated to limited dispersal (Hamilton, 1964, p. 10). This notion, that tighter links between individuals favor the evolution of altruism, has been shown to hold in a number of population structures (see *e.g.* Ohtsuki et al., 2006; Taylor et al., 2007; Lehmann et al., 2007). The rationale that altruism is favored when altruists interact more with altruists than defectors do (Hamilton, 1975, p. 141; Fletcher & Doebeli, 2009), a condition that is met in viscous populations, *i.e.*, populations with limited dispersal.

Yet, living next to your kin also implies competing against them. The evolution of social traits hence depends on the balance between the positive effects of interactions with related individuals and the detrimental consequences of kin competition. Under specific conditions, the two effects can even compensate each other, thereby annihilating the impact of population viscosity on the evolution of altruism. First identified with computer simulations (Wilson et al., 1992), this cancellation result was analyzed by Taylor (1992) in a model with synchronous generations (Wright-Fisher model) and a subdivided population of constant, infinite size, and was later extended to heterogeneous populations (Rodrigues & Gardner, 2012, with synchronous generations and infinite population size), and other life-cycles and regular population structures (Taylor et al., 2011, with synchronous generations but also with continuous generations and Birth-Death updating). However, small changes in the model's assumptions, such as overlapping generations (Taylor & Irwin, 2000) or the presence of empty sites (Alizon & Taylor, 2008) can tip the balance back in the favor of altruism. This high dependence on life-cycle specificities highlights the difficulty of making general statements about the role of spatial structure on the evolution of altruism.

Another limitation of mechanistic models is the necessity of simplifying assumptions to obtain analytical results. A large number of studies on the evolution of social behavior consider simple population structures (typically, homogeneous populations *sensu* Taylor et al. (2007)) and often also infinite population sizes (but see Allen et al., 2017, for results on any structure); they make use of weak selection approximations, and commonly assume rare or absent mutation. Simple population structures (*e.g.*, regular graphs, or subdivided populations with demes of equal sizes) help reduce the dimensionality of the system under study: this is for instance the case when the structure of the population displays symmetries such that all sites behave the same way in expectation. Weak selection approximations are also crucial for disentangling spatial moments (Lion, 2016), that is, changes in global *vs.* local frequencies. Finally, as

40 highlighted by Tarnita & Taylor (2014), classical models of inclusive fitness as-  
 41 sume infinite population sizes, which maintains diversity; this effect is obtained  
 42 thanks to (rare) mutation in finite populations. The aim of this study is to ex-  
 43 plore whether and how imperfect strategy transmission from parents to their  
 44 offspring affects the impact of population viscosity on the evolution of altruistic  
 45 behavior in subdivided populations.

46 When strategy transmission is purely genetic, it makes sense to assume that  
 47 mutation is relatively weak. A social strategy can however also be culturally  
 48 transmitted from parent to offspring, in which case “rebellion” (as in Frank’s Re-  
 49 bellious Child Model (Frank, 1997)) can be frequent. For simplicity though, we  
 50 will keep using the word “mutation”, keeping in mind that strategy transmission  
 51 does not have to be genetic.

52 In this study, we consider three different life-cycles (Wright-Fisher, Moran  
 53 Birth-Death and Moran Death-Birth), compute for each of them the expected  
 54 (*i.e.*, long-term) frequency of altruists in the population, and check our findings  
 55 with numerical simulations. Our results reveal that imperfect strategy transmis-  
 56 sion from parent to offspring can qualitatively alter the way population viscosity  
 57 affects the expected frequency of altruists in the population.

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## 58 2 Model and methods

### 59 2.1 Assumptions

60 We consider a population of size  $N$ , subdivided into  $N_D$  demes, each hosting ex-  
 61 actly  $n$  individuals (*i.e.*, containing  $n$  sites, each of which is occupied by exactly  
 62 one individual; we have  $nN_D = N$ ). Each site has a unique label  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ .  
 63 There are two types of individuals in the population, altruists and defectors.  
 64 Reproduction is asexual. Parents transmit their strategy to their offspring with  
 65 probability  $1 - \mu$ ; this transmission can be genetic or cultural (vertical cultural  
 66 transmission), but for simplicity, we refer to the parameter  $\mu$  as a mutation prob-  
 67 ability. With probability  $\mu$ , offspring do not inherit their strategy from their par-  
 68 ent but instead get one randomly: with probability  $p$ , they become altruists,  
 69 with probability  $1 - p$  they become defectors. We call the parameter  $p$  the mu-  
 70 tation bias.

71 Social interactions take place within each deme; each individual interacts  
 72 with the  $n - 1$  other deme members. We assume that social interactions affect  
 73 individual fecundity, whose baseline is set equal to 1. Each interaction with an  
 74 altruist increases an individual’s fecundity by  $\omega b$ ; altruists pay a fecundity cost  
 75  $\omega c$  ( $c \leq b$ ). The parameter  $\omega$  scales the relative effect of social interactions on  
 76 fecundity, and is assumed to be small ( $\omega \ll 1$ ).

77 Denoting by  $e_{ij}$  the interaction probability between individuals living at sites  $i$   
 78 and  $j$ , we have

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j; \\ \frac{1}{n-1} & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and both sites are in the same deme;} \\ 0 & \text{if the two sites are in different demes.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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79 Given our assumptions and with this notation, the fecundity of the individual  
 80 living at site  $k$  is given by

$$f_k(\mathbf{X}, \omega) = 1 + \omega \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^N e_{\ell k} b X_{\ell} - c X_k \right). \quad (2) \quad \{\text{eq: def f}\}$$

81 Although our assumptions may seem restrictive (fecundity benefits are uncon-  
 82 ditional, *i.e.*, the same which ever the type of the recipient; the fecundity effects  
 83 are additive, *i.e.*, the effect of interacting with  $k$  altruists is  $k$  times the effect of  
 84 interacting with one altruist), the same fecundities are obtained with a generic  
 85 fecundity function, after linearization, under the assumption that altruists and  
 86 defectors are phenotypically close (see [APPENDIX](#) for details).

87 Offspring remain in the parental deme with probability  $1 - m$ ; when they  
 88 do, they land on any site of the deme with equal probability (including the very  
 89 site of their parent). With probability  $m$ , offspring emigrate to a different deme,  
 90 chosen uniformly at random among the other demes. Denoting by  $d_{ij}$  the prob-  
 91 ability of moving from site  $i$  to site  $j$ , we have

$$d_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_{\text{in}} = \frac{1-m}{n} & \text{if both sites are in the same deme;} \\ d_{\text{out}} = \frac{m}{(N_D-1)n} & \text{if the two sites are in different demes.} \end{cases} \quad (3) \quad \{\text{eq: def D}\}$$

92 The way the population is updated from one time step to the next depends  
 93 on the chosen life-cycle (updating rule). We will specifically explore three dif-  
 94 ferent life-cycles. At the beginning of each step of each life-cycle, all individuals  
 95 produce offspring, that can be mutated; then these juveniles move, within the  
 96 parental deme or outside of it, and land on a site. The next events occurring  
 97 during the time step depend on the life-cycle:

98 **Moran Birth-Death** : One of the newly created juveniles is chosen at random; it  
 99 kills the adult who was living at the site, and replaces it; all other juveniles  
 100 die.

101 **Moran Death-Birth** : One of the adults is chosen to die (uniformly at random  
 102 among all adults). It is replaced by one of the juveniles who had landed in  
 103 its site. All other juveniles die.

104 **Wright-Fisher** : All the adults die. At each site of the entire population, one of  
105 the juveniles that landed there is chosen and establishes at the site.

## 106 **2.2 Methods**

### 107 **2.2.1 Analytical part**

108 To derive the expected (*i.e.*, long-term) proportion of altruists in the population,  
109 we use the toolbox presented in Débarre (2017), which is valid for any regular  
110 population and any life-cycle. Calculation details are given in Appendix A; they  
111 go as follows. First, we write an equation for the expected frequency of altruists  
112 in the population at time  $t + 1$ , conditional on the composition of the population  
113 at time  $t$ ; we then take the expectation of this quantity, for large times  $t$ . After  
114 this, we use the assumption that selection is weak ( $\omega \ll 1$ ) and write a first order  
115 expansion of the expression that we have obtained. By doing so, we let appear  
116 quantities that can be identified as neutral probabilities of identity by descent  
117  $Q_{ij}$ , *i.e.*, the probability that individuals living at site  $i$  and  $j$  share a common  
118 ancestor and that no mutation occurred on either lineage since that ancestor, in  
119 a model with no selection ( $\omega = 0$ ).

120 These neutral probabilities of identity by descent depend on the chosen life-  
121 cycle, and are also computed by taking the long-term expectation of conditional  
122 expectations after one time step (see Appendix A.2).

123 Check results with regular results

### 124 **2.2.2 Stochastic simulations**

125 We also run stochastic simulations (coded in C). The simulations are run for  $10^8$   
126 generations (one generation is one time step for the Wright-Fisher life-cycle, and  
127  $N$  time steps for the Moran life-cycles). For each set of parameters and life-cycle,  
128 we estimate the long-term frequency of altruists by sampling the population every  
129  $10^3$  generations and computing the average frequency of altruists.

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### 130 3 Results

#### 131 3.1 Probabilities of identity by descent

132 Because of the structure of the population, there are only three types of pairs of  
133 individuals, and hence three different values of  $Q_{ij}$ :

$$Q_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } i = j; \\ Q_{\text{in}} & \text{when } i \neq j \text{ and both sites are in the same deme;} \\ Q_{\text{out}} & \text{when sites } i \text{ and } j \text{ are in different demes.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

134 Their values depend on the type of life-cycle that we consider.

##### 135 3.1.1 Moran updating

136 Under the Moran life-cycles, probabilities of identity by descent satisfy, for any  
137 pair of sites  $i$  and  $j \neq i$ ,

$$Q_{ij}^M = \frac{1-\mu}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (d_{kj} Q_{ki}^M + d_{ki} Q_{kj}^M). \quad (5)$$

138 Each site is equally likely to have been the latest one that was updated (say it  
139 is  $j$ ); the sum is over the potential parents  $k$ , weighted by the dispersal proba-  
140 bilities  $d_{kj}$ ; the individuals at sites  $i$  and  $j$  are identical by descent if  $i$  and  $j$ 's  
141 parent were ( $Q_{ki}^M$ ) and if no mutation occurred ( $1 - \mu$ ). Replacing the dispersal  
142 probabilities  $d_{ij}$  by their values (eq. (3)), we eventually obtain (see Appendix A.2  
143 for calculation steps):

{eq:QM}

$$Q_{\text{in}}^M = \frac{(1-\mu)(m + \mu(N_D(1-m) - 1))}{(1-\mu)m(N_D\mu(n-1) + 1) + (N_D - 1)\mu(\mu(n-1) + 1)}, \quad (6a)$$

$$Q_{\text{out}}^M = \frac{(1-\mu)m}{(1-\mu)m(N_D\mu(n-1) + 1) + (N_D - 1)\mu(\mu(n-1) + 1)}. \quad (6b)$$

144 The probability that two different deme-mates are identical by descent,  $Q_{\text{in}}^M$ ,  
145 monotonically decreases with the emigration probability  $m$ , while  $Q_{\text{out}}^M$  mono-  
146 tonically increases with  $m$  (see figure 1(a)).

147 When the mutation probability  $\mu$  is vanishingly small ( $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ), both  $Q_{\text{in}}^M$  and  
148  $Q_{\text{out}}^M$  are equal to 1: in the absence of mutation indeed, the population ends up  
149 fixed for one of the two types, and all individuals are identical by descent. We  
150 however obtain a different result if we first assume that the size of the popu-  
151 lation is infinite ( $N_D \rightarrow \infty$ ), because the order of limits matters. For instance,  
152  $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} Q_{\text{out}}^M = 0$ .

### 153 3.1.2 Wright-Fisher updating

154 Under a Wright-Fisher life-cycle, generations are synchronous, all individuals  
 155 are replaced at each time step. Probabilities of identity by descent satisfy, for  
 156 any pair of sites  $i$  and  $j \neq i$

$$Q_{ij}^{\text{WF}} = (1 - \mu)^2 \sum_{k, \ell=1}^N d_{ki} d_{\ell j} Q_{kl}^{\text{WF}}. \quad (7)$$

157 The sum is over all possible parents of  $i$  and  $j$ , weighted by the dispersal proba-  
 158 bilities to sites  $i$  and  $j$ ; the individuals at sites  $i$  and  $j$  are identical by descent if  
 159 their parents were  $(Q_{k\ell})$  and if neither mutated  $((1 - \mu)^2)$ .

160 Replacing the dispersal probabilities  $d_{ij}$  by their values (eq. (3)) and skipping  
 161 calculation steps (but see Appendix A.2 for details), we obtain: {eq: QWF}

$$Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{WF}} = \frac{-N_D + M_1 + M_2}{(n - 1)N_D + M_1 + M_2}, \quad (8a)$$

$$Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{WF}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{N_D - 1}M_1 + M_2}{(n - 1)N_D + M_1 + M_2}, \quad (8b)$$

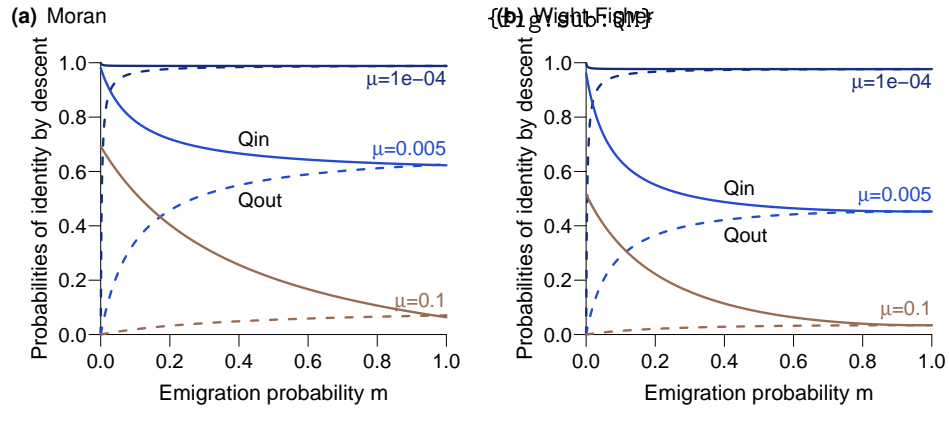
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$$M_1 = \frac{N_D - 1}{1 - \frac{(1 - \mu)^2(N_D(1 - m) - 1)^2}{(N_D - 1)^2}} \text{ and } M_2 = \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2}.$$

163 Here,  $Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{WF}}$  decreases until  $m = m_c^{\text{WF}} = \frac{d-1}{d}$ , then increases again, while  $Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{WF}}$   
 164 follows the opposite pattern. The threshold value  $m_c^{\text{WF}}$  corresponds to an emi-  
 165 gration probability so high that an individual's offspring is as likely to land in its  
 166 parent's deme as in any other deme (*i.e.*,  $d_{\text{in}} = d_{\text{out}}$ ).

167 The two probabilities of identity by descent go to 1 when the mutation prob-  
 168 ability  $\mu$  is very small ( $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ), except if we first assume that the number of demes  
 169 is very large ( $N_D \rightarrow \infty$ ); for instance, with this life-cycle as well,  $\lim_{N_D \rightarrow \infty} Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{WF}} =$   
 170 0.

171 Also, because more sites (all of them, actually) are updated at each time step,  
 172  $Q_{\text{in}}$  is lower for the Wright-Fisher updating than for a Moran updating, under  
 173 which only one site is updated at each time step (compare figure 1(a) and 1(b)).



**Figure 1:** Probabilities of identity by descent, for two different individuals within the same deme ( $Q_{in}$ , full curves) and two individuals in different demes ( $Q_{out}$ , dashed curves), for different values of the mutation probability  $\mu$  ( $10^{-4}$ , 0.005, 0.1), and for the two types of life-cycles: Moran (a) and Wright-Fisher (b). Other parameters:  $n = 4$  individuals per deme,  $N_D = 30$  demes.



## 174 3.2 Expected frequencies of altruists for each life-cycle

175 For each of the life-cycles that we consider, the expected frequency of altruists  
176 in the population,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$ , can be approximated as

$$\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] \approx p + \omega \frac{p(1-p)}{\mu} [b(\beta_D - \beta_I) - c(\gamma_D - \gamma_I)]. \quad (9) \quad \{\text{eq:EXapprox}\}$$

177 (Calculations leading to eq. (9) are presented in the Appendix). The mutation  
178 bias  $p$  corresponds to the expected proportion of altruists in the population  
179 in the absence of selection (*i.e.*, when  $\omega = 0$ );  $\omega$  is the parameter that scales  
180 the effects of interactions between individuals and is assumed to be small; the  
181 subscript  $_D$  refers to “direct” effects, and the subscript  $_I$  to “indirect” effects.  
182 These indirect effects correspond to (kin) competition: by providing a benefit  
183 to a deme-mate and thereby increasing its fecundity, a focal altruist indirectly  
184 harms others by reducing their relative fecundity ( $\beta_I$  term in eq. (9)); by having  
185 a reduced fecundity due to the cost of altruism, a focal altruist indirectly favors  
186 others by increasing their relative fecundity ( $\gamma_I$  term).

187 We now present the values of these different terms for the three life-cycles  
188 under study.

### 189 3.2.1 Direct effects

190 Direct effects are similar for the three life-cycles; the only difference is the value  
191 of probabilities of identity by descent  $Q$ , that differ between Moran and Wright-  
192 Fisher life-cycles, as seen in the previous section:

{eq:directeffects}

$$\beta_D^{BD} = \beta_D^{DB} = (1 - \mu) Q_{in}^M, \quad (10a) \quad \{\text{eq:bBDD}\}$$

$$\beta_D^{WF} = (1 - \mu) Q_{in}^{WF}; \quad (10b) \quad \{\text{eq:bWFD}\}$$

$$\gamma_D^{BD} = \gamma_D^{DB} = \gamma_D^{WF} = 1 - \mu. \quad (10c) \quad \{\text{eq:cBDD}\}$$

193 For both benefits and costs, direct effects only count when there is no mutation  
194 ( $1 - \mu$ ). Direct effects of benefits ( $b$ ) only count if the interaction takes place with  
195 an individual who is identical by descent; social interactions occur only within  
196 demes, hence the presence of  $Q_{in}$  in eq. (10a) and eq. (10b). The direct effect of  
197 the fecundity cost  $c$  however does not depend on the type of interactant.

198 As seen in the previous section,  $Q_{in}^M$  and  $Q_{in}^{WF}$  decrease with the emigration  
199 probability  $m$  (actually only until  $m = \frac{d-1}{d}$  for the latter). Consequently, the  
200 magnitude of the direct (beneficial) effects of benefits  $b$  provided by altruists  
201 ( $\beta_D$ ) decreases, while the direct (costly) effects ( $\gamma_D$ ) due to the direct cost of al-  
202 truism  $c$  are constant. As a result, if we only consider direct effects, more emi-

203 gration  $m$  is detrimental to the evolution of altruistic behaviour. But there are  
 204 also indirect effects at play.

### 205 3.2.2 Indirect effects

206 Indirect effects are collateral effects on other individuals; they depend on the  
 207 type of life-cycle, but always involve individuals who are identical by descent.

208 **Moran Birth-Death** Changing the fecundity of a focal individual has two kinds  
 209 of indirect effects on others: *i*) it changes their probability of being the one cho-  
 210 sen to reproduce – this affects all individuals in the population who are identical  
 211 by descent to the focal, and *ii*) it changes their probability of dying because the  
 212 number of offspring landing in their site changes – this affects individuals in the  
 213 population who can send offspring at the same locations as the focal and are  
 214 identical-by-descent to it. For this life-cycle, the indirect effects are (calculation  
 215 details are presented in the Appendix)

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1^{\text{BD}} &= (1 - m) \left( \frac{n-1}{n} Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{M}} + \frac{1}{n} \right) + m Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{M}} - \mu \frac{1 + (n-1)Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{M}} + n(d-1)Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{M}}}{nd} \\ &= \gamma_{\text{D}}^{\text{BD}}.\end{aligned}\quad (11a) \quad \{\text{eq:bBDI}\}$$

216 The formulas are the same for the indirect effects associated to  $b$  and to  $c$ ; in  
 217 other words, the balance between the two indirect effects remains the same  
 218 when the emigration probability changes. The term  $\left(\frac{n-1}{n} Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{M}} + \frac{1}{n}\right)$ , which will  
 219 appear again later, corresponds to the probability that two individuals sampled  
 220 with replacement from the same deme are identical by descent. Indirect effects  
 221 are indeed also felt by the focal individual itself (*e.g.*, increasing the fecundity of  
 222 another individual implies decreasing one's own relative fecundity).

223 Replacing  $Q_{\text{in}}$  and  $Q_{\text{out}}$  by their formula for the Moran life-cycle (eq. (6)), we  
 224 conclude that both are decreasing functions of the emigration probability  $m$ .

### 225 3.2.3 Moran Death-Birth

226 With this life-cycle, death comes first and every individual in the population has  
 227 the same survival probability ( $1/N$ ). The indirect consequences of changing a  
 228 focal individual's fecundity affect all individuals who can send their offspring to  
 229 the same locations as the focal, and who are identical by descent to it. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_1^{\text{DB}} &= (1 - \mu) \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(n-1)Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{M}}}{n} \right) \left( (1-m)^2 + \frac{m^2}{(d-1)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + m \left( 2(1-m) + (d-2) \frac{m}{(d-1)} \right) Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{M}} \right] \\
&= \gamma_1^{\text{DB}}
\end{aligned} \tag{11b} \quad \{\text{eq:bDBI}\}$$

231 The first term within the brackets in eq. (11b) corresponds individuals from the  
 232 same deme whose offspring either does not emigrate, or emigrate to the same  
 233 deme. The second term corresponds to individuals from different demes who  
 234 end up in the same deme (either one of their demes, or a third deme).

235 Here again,  $\beta_1 = \gamma_1$ , so the balance between indirect benefits and indirect  
 236 costs does not change when the emigration probability  $m$  increases.

237 Replacing  $Q_{\text{in}}$  and  $Q_{\text{out}}$  by their formulas given in eq. (6), we can conclude  
 238 that  $\beta_1 = \gamma_1$  first decreases with the emigration probability  $m$ , and increases  
 239 again after a threshold value  $m'_c$  (given in the appendix;  $m'_c < (d-1)/d$ ).

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#### 240 3.2.4 Wright-Fisher

241 With this life-cycle, generations are synchronous and all individuals again all  
 242 have the same survival probability (now equal to 0). As a result, the formulas  
 243 for  $\beta_1^{\text{WF}}$  and  $\gamma_1^{\text{WF}}$  are the same as  $\beta_1^{\text{DB}}$  and  $\gamma_1^{\text{DB}}$ , except that instead of  $Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{M}}$  and  
 244  $Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{M}}$ , we need to use  $Q_{\text{in}}^{\text{WF}}$  and  $Q_{\text{out}}^{\text{WF}}$  (given in eq. (8)). Once this is done, we see  
 245 that  $\beta_1^{\text{WF}} = \gamma_1^{\text{WF}}$  first decreases with the emigration probability  $m$ , and increases  
 246 again after the threshold value  $m'_c = (d-1)/d$  (which was identified previously  
 247 as the emigration probability such that offspring have an equal chance of land-  
 248 ing in their natal deme or in any other deme, *i.e.*,  $d_{\text{in}} = d_{\text{out}}$ ).

### 249 3.3 Identifying threshold values of the mutation probability $\mu$

250 In the previous section, we investigated the impact of changes in the emigra-  
 251 tion probability  $m$  on each of the terms that make up the expected frequency of  
 252 altruists  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$ . Now we need to combine these different terms to focus on the  
 253 quantity we are eventually interested in,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$ . The rather lengthy formulas that  
 254 we obtain are relegated to the **appendix**, and we concentrate here on the results.

#### 255 3.3.1 Moran Birth-Death

256 For this life-cycle, we find that the expected frequency of altruists  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  is a mono-  
 257 tonic function of the emigration probability  $m$ ; the direction of the change de-

258 pends on the value of the mutation probability  $\mu$  compared to a threshold value  
 259  $\mu_c^{\text{BD}}$ . When  $\mu < \mu_c^{\text{BD}}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  decreases with  $m$ , while when  $\mu > \mu_c^{\text{BD}}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  increases  
 260 with  $m$ ;  $\mu_c^{\text{BD}}$  is given by

$$\mu_c^{\text{BD}} = 1 - \frac{b - c + \sqrt{(b - c)(4b(nd)^2 + b - c)}}{2bnd} \quad (12) \quad \{\text{eq:mucBD}\}$$

261 This result is illustrated in figure 2(b).

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### 262 3.3.2 Moran Death-Birth

263 The relationship between  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  and  $m$  is a bit more complicated for this life-  
 264 cycle. For simplicity, we concentrate on what happens starting from low emi-  
 265 gration probabilities (*i.e.*, the sign of the slope of  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  as a function of  $m$  when  
 266  $m \rightarrow 0$ ). If the benefits  $b$  provided by altruists are relatively low ( $b < c(n + 1)$ ),  
 267  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  initially increases with  $m$  provided the mutation probability  $\mu$  is greater  
 268 than a threshold value  $\mu_c^{\text{DB}}$  given in eq. (13) below; otherwise, when the benefits  
 269 are high enough,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  initially increases with  $m$  for any value of  $\mu$ . Combining  
 270 these results, we write

$$\mu_c^{\text{DB}} = \begin{cases} \frac{b - (n + 1)c}{(n - 1)c - (2n - 1)b} & \text{if } b < c(n + 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (13) \quad \{\text{eq:mucDB}\}$$

271 The expected frequency of altruists  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  reaches a maximum for an emigration  
 272 probability  $m_c^{\text{DB}}$  (whose complicated equation is in the **appendix**), as can be seen  
 273 in figure 2(a). The limit of this critical emigration probability  $m_c^{\text{DB}}$  when  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  is  
 274 0: we recover the result that more emigration is detrimental to the evolution of  
 275 altruism when the mutation probability is either null or vanishingly small.

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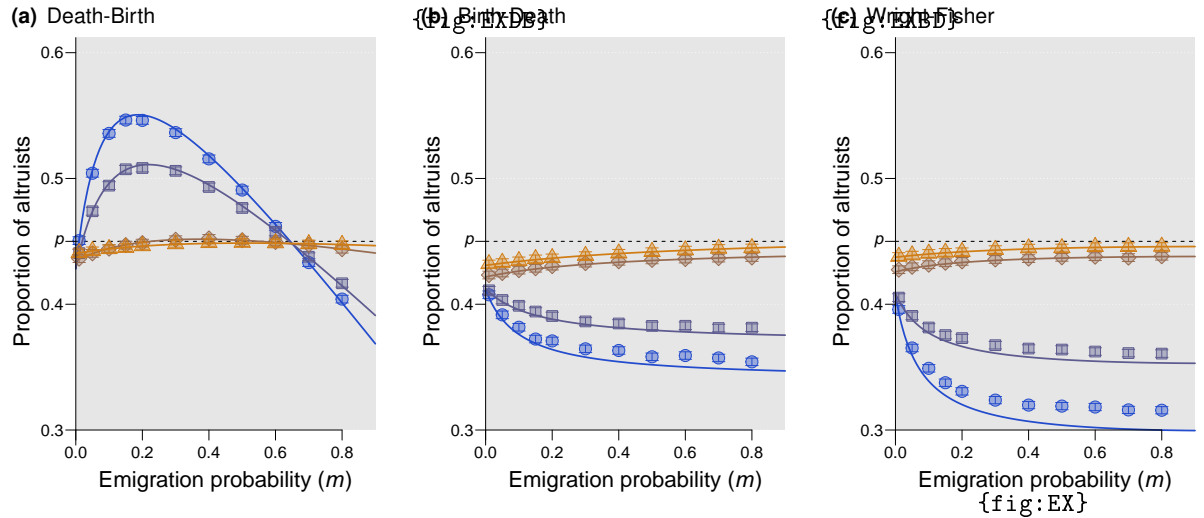
### 276 3.3.3 Wright-Fisher

277 The expected frequency of altruists in the population reaches an extremum when  
 278  $m = m_c^{\text{WF}} = \frac{d-1}{d}$ . This extremum is a maximum when the mutation probability  
 279 is higher than a threshold value  $\mu_c^{\text{WF}}$  given by

$$\mu_c^{\text{WF}} = 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{c}{b}}, \quad (14)$$

280 and it is a minimum otherwise (see figure 2(c)).

appendix



**Figure 2:** Weak selection. Parameters:  $\omega = 0.005$ ,  $b = 15$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $n_{\text{demes}}$ ,  $n_{\text{size}}$ ,  $n_{\text{reps}}$ . NOTE simulations running with 0.005 for  $\mu$  and with 0.8 for  $m$ .

### 3.4 Relaxing key assumptions

To derive our analytical results, we had to make a number of simplifying assumptions, such as the fact that selection is weak ( $\omega \ll 1$ ), and the fact that the structure of the population is regular (all demes have the same size  $n$ ). We explored with numerical simulations the effect of relaxing these key assumptions. The patterns that we identified hold when selection is strong (see figure ??, done with  $\omega = 0.1$ ), but also when the demes have different sizes. Deme sizes are drawn randomly at the beginning of a simulation; the range from 1 to 5 individuals per deme and the average size is 4 individuals as in the other figures. Here as well, the same patterns hold as those obtained with a homogeneous structure (figure S2). Addeffect of  $d_{\text{self}}$ .

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## 292 4 Discussion

293 Adding non zero mutation probability altruism increases with emigration.

294 We used a quantitative measure,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$ , to explore how non-zero mutation  
295 probabilities altered the impact of population viscosity. Often, evolutionary suc-  
296 cess is measured qualitatively, by comparing a quantity (an expected frequency,  
297 or, in models with no mutation, a probability of fixation) to the value it would  
298 have in the absence of selection; in our case, this amount to saying that altru-  
299 ism is favored whenever  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] > p$ . Under this condition, population viscosity  
300 does not promote the evolution of altruism under the Moran Birth-Death and  
301 Wright-Fisher (actually, these two life-cycles cannot ever promote altruistic be-  
302 havior for any regular population structure (Taylor et al., 2011), whichever the  
303 probability of mutation (Débarre, 2017)). However, under a Moran Death-Birth  
304 life-cycle, altruism can be only favored at intermediate emigration probabilities.

305 Go back to the decomposition of the different terms, we see that increase  
306 of  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$  with  $m$  is driven by the  $\beta_I$  term. To simplify the explanations, let us  
307 consider that the number of demes is large: in this case,  $Q_{\text{out}}$  is vanishingly small  
308 and so terms involving it can be omitted. Let us also assume that there is no  
309 direct cost to being an altruist ( $c = 0$ ).

310 Problems of orders of limits, especially when  $d \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ . Need to  
311 specify how small the mutation probability is compared to the size of the popu-  
312 lation.

313 Our model bears resemblance to the Rebellious Child Model by Frank (1997),  
314 who studied the evolution of a vertically transmitted cultural trait in an asexu-  
315 ally reproducing population. In his analysis however, and as acknowledged in  
316 the legend of his Figure 7, the model is not fully dynamic because relatedness  
317  $r$  is treated as a fixed parameter, which does not depend on mutation. In our  
318 mechanistic treatment,  $r$  does depend on the mutation probability  $\mu$  because  
319 probabilities of identity by descent do. Mutation was also previously included  
320 in models investigating the maintenance of cooperative microorganisms in the  
321 presence of cheaters (Brockhurst et al., 2007; Frank, 2010). In both of these mod-  
322 els however, only loss-of-function mutation was considered (in our model, this  
323 is obtained by setting the mutation biais at  $p = 0$ ). This means that the all-  
324 cheaters state is absorbing, and that no matter how favored cooperators may  
325 otherwise be, in the long run a finite population will only consist of cheaters.

326 Voter model Ayana Graphs et dire que on peut avoir  $e = d$ . Faire figure.

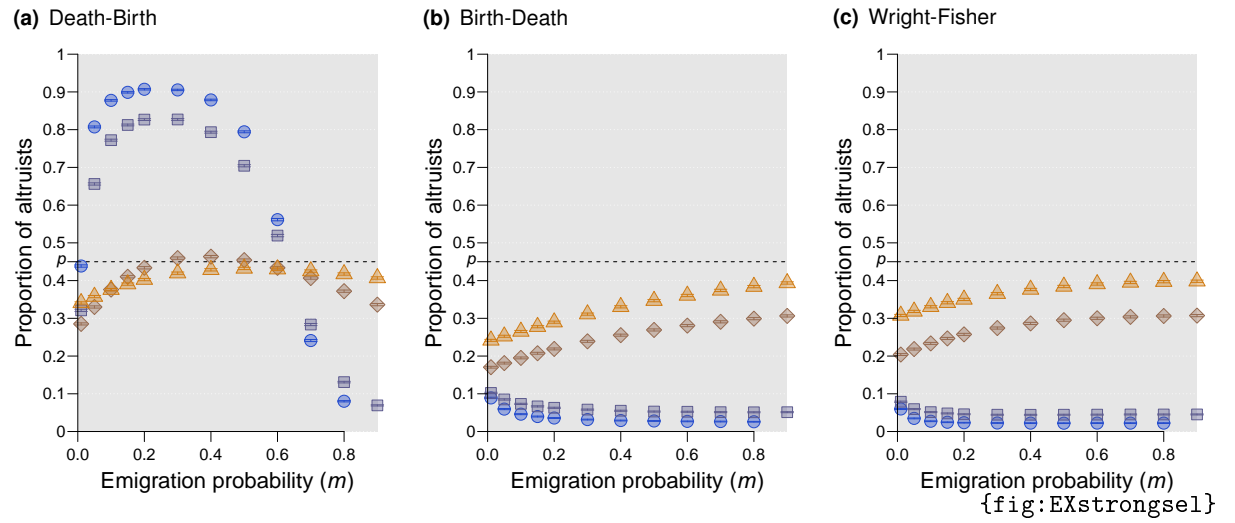
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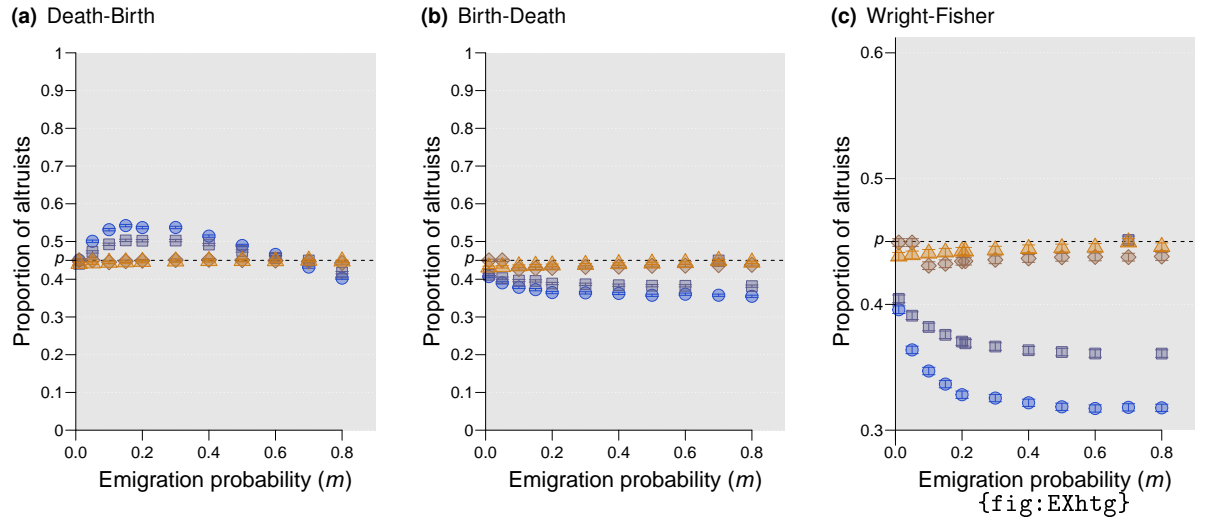
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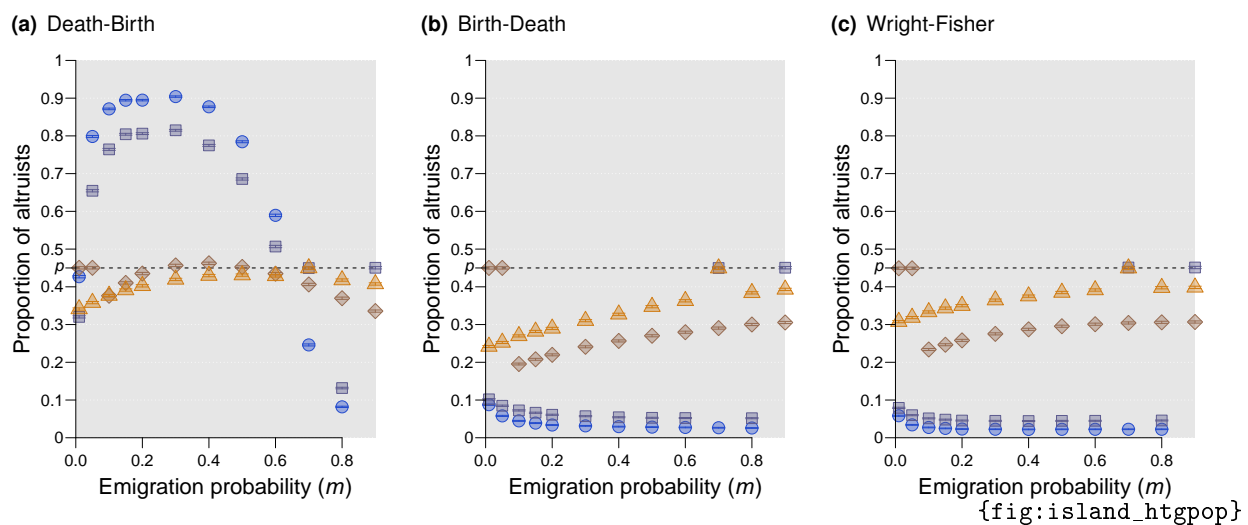
## Supplementary figures



**Figure S1:** Equivalent of figure 2 but with strong selection ( $\omega = 0.1$ ); all other parameters and legend are identical to those of figure 2.



**Figure S2:** Equivalent of figure 2 but with a heterogeneous population structure: deme sizes range from 1 to 5 individuals per deme, the average deme size is 4 as in figure 2; all other parameters and legend are identical to those of figure 2.



**Figure S3:** Strong selection, heterogeneous population

## A Expected frequency of altruists

{sec:app:EX}

Note: The calculation steps are the same as the ones presented in Débarre (2017); they are presented here so that the article is self-contained, but there are no new results in section A. In this section, we work with a generic regular population structure (with symmetries such that all individuals behave the same way in expectation), of which the island model is a particular case.

### A.1 For a generic life-cycle

{sec:app:generic}

We want to compute the expected proportion of altruists in the population. Some steps can be done without specifying the life-cycle. We represent the state of the population at a given time  $t$  using indicator variables  $X_i(t)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , equal to 1 if the individual living at site  $i$  at time  $t$  is an altruist, and equal to 0 if it is a defector; these indicator variables are gathered in a  $N$ -long vector  $\mathbf{X}(t)$ . The set of all possible population states is  $\Omega = \{0, 1\}^N$ . The proportion of altruists in the population is written  $\bar{X}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i(t)$ . We denote by  $B_{ji}(X(t), \omega)$ , written  $B_{ji}$  for simplicity, the probability that the individual at site  $j$  at time  $t+1$  is the newly established offspring of the individual living at site  $i$  at time  $t$ . We denote by  $D_i(X(t), \omega)$  ( $D_i$  for simplicity) the probability that the individual living at site  $i$  at time  $t$  has been replaced (*i.e.*, died) at time  $t+1$ . Both quantities depend on the chosen life-cycle and on the state of the population; they are given in table S1 for each of the life-cycles that we consider.

Life-cycle	$B_{ij}$	$D_i$
Moran Birth-Death	$d_{ji} \frac{f_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N f_k}$	$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^N d_{ji} f_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N f_k}$
Moran Death-Birth	$\frac{1}{N} \frac{d_{ji} f_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N d_{ki} f_k}$	$\frac{1}{N}$
Wright-Fisher	$\frac{d_{ji} f_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N d_{ki} f_k}$	1

{tab:BD}

**Table S1:** Formulas of  $B_{ij}$  and  $D_i$  for each of the life-cycle that we consider;  $f_i$  (shorthand notation for  $f_i(X, \omega)$ ) is the fecundity of the individual living at site  $i$ , as defined in eq. (2).

397 Since a dead individual is immediately replaced by one new individual,

$$D_i = \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} \quad (\text{A.1a}) \quad \{\text{eq:DBequiv}\}$$

398 holds for all sites  $i$ . The structure of the population is also such that in the ab-  
 399 sence of selection ( $\omega = 0$ , so that  $f_i = 1$  for all sites  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ), all individuals have  
 400 the same probability of dying and the same probability of having successful off-  
 401 spring (*i.e.*, offspring that become adults), so that

$$D_i^0 = \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ji}^0 = B^*, \quad (\text{A.1b}) \quad \{\text{eq:DBRV}\}$$

402 where the <sup>0</sup> subscript means that the quantities are evaluated for  $\omega = 0$ ; this also  
 403 implies that  $B_{ij}^0$  and  $D_i^0$  do not depend on the state  $\mathbf{X}$  of the population. For the  
 404 Moran life-cycles,  $B^* = 1/N$ , while for the Wright-Fisher life-cycle,  $B^* = 1$ . (The  
 405 difference with eq. (A.1a) is that we are now considering offspring produced by  
 406  $i$  landing on  $j$ ).

407 Given that the population is in state  $\mathbf{X}(t)$  at time  $t$ , the expected frequency of  
 408 altruists at time  $t + 1$  is given by

$$\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}(t+1)|\mathbf{X}(t)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} (X_j(1-\mu) + \mu p) + (1 - D_i) X_i \right]. \quad (\text{A.2a}) \quad \{\text{eq:conditionalchange}\}$$

409 The first term within the brackets corresponds to births: the type of the individ-  
 410 ual living at  $i$  at time  $t + 1$  depends on the type of its parent (living at site  $j$ ), and  
 411 on whether mutation occurred. The second term in the brackets of eq. (A.2a)  
 412 corresponds to the survival of the individual living at site  $i$ .

413 Given that there is no absorbing population state (a lost strategy can always  
 414 be recreated by mutation), there is a stationary distribution of population states,  
 415 so that the expected frequency of altruists does not change anymore for large  
 416 times  $t$  (realized frequencies of course keep changing). We denote by  $\xi(\mathbf{X}, \omega, \mu)$   
 417 the probability that the population is in state  $\mathbf{X}$ , given the strength of selection  
 418  $\omega$  and the mutation probability  $\mu$ . Taking the expectation of eq. (A.2a) ( $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] =$   
 419  $\sum_{\mathbf{X} \in \Omega} \bar{X} \xi(\mathbf{X}, \omega, \mu)$ ), we obtain, after reorganizing:

$$0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{X} \in \Omega} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N B_{ij} (X_j(1-\mu) + \mu p) - D_i X_i \right] \xi(\mathbf{X}, \omega, \mu). \quad (\text{A.3}) \quad \{\text{eq:statdist}\}$$

420 Now, we use the assumption of weak selection ( $\omega \ll 1$ ) and consider the first-  
 421 order expansion of eq. (A.3) for  $\omega$  close to 0. First, we note that in the absence of

422 selection ( $\omega = 0$ ), the population is at a mutation-drift balance, and the expected  
 423 state of every site  $i$  is then  $\mathbb{E}_0[X_i] = \sum_{X \in \Omega} X_i \xi(X, 0, \mu) = p$ , the mutation bias.  
 424 Secondly, we further expand derivatives of  $B_{ji}$  and  $D_i$  thanks to the chain rule,  
 425 using the variables  $f_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq N$ ), corresponding to individual fecundities (also,  
 426 recall that  $f_k = 1$  when  $\omega = 0$ ). Thirdly, we note that for all the life-cycles that we  
 427 consider, the number of deaths in the population during one time step does not  
 428 depend on population composition (exactly 1 death for the Moran life-cycles,  
 429 and exactly  $N$  for the Wright-Fisher life-cycle), so that  $\partial \sum_{i,j=1}^N B_{ij} / \partial \omega$  does not  
 430 depend on  $\omega$ . After simplification and reorganization, the first order expansion  
 431 of eq. (A.3) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,k=1}^N \left[ \frac{\partial \left( \sum_{j=1}^N (1-\mu) B_{ji} - D_i \right)}{\partial f_k} \right]_{f_k=1} \\
 & \times \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^N e_{\ell k} \mathbf{b} \sum_{X \in \Omega} X_{\ell} X_i \xi(\mathbf{X}, 0, \mu) - \mathbf{c} \sum_{X \in \Omega} X_k X_i \xi(\mathbf{X}, 0, \mu) \right) \\
 & - B^* \mu \frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=0} + O(\omega^2). \tag{A.4} \quad \{\text{eq:weaksel1}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

432 The terms  $\sum_{X \in \Omega} X_i X_j \xi(\mathbf{X}, 0, \mu)$ , that we will also denote by  $P_{ij}$ , correspond to  
 433 the expected state of the pair of sites  $(i, j)$ , evaluated in the absence of selection  
 434 ( $\omega = 0$ ). We can also replace these terms by

$$P_{ij} = p^2 + p(1-p)Q_{ij}. \tag{A.5} \quad \{\text{eq:QP}\}$$

435 In **appendix** A.2, we will see that recursions on  $P_{ij}$  will reveal that  $Q_{ij}$  can be  
 436 interpreted as a probability of identity by descent, *i.e.*, the probability that the  
 437 individuals at sites  $i$  and  $j$  have a common ancestor and that no mutation has  
 438 occurred on either lineage since the ancestor.

439 Finally, we obtain a first-order approximation of the expected frequency of  
 440 altruists in the population with

$$\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] = p + \omega \frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=0} + O(\omega^2), \tag{A.6} \quad \{\text{eq:EXgeneric}\}$$

441 where  $\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=0}$  is obtained from eq. (A.4). We then need to replace the  $B_{ij}$  and  
 442  $D_j$  terms by their formulas for each life-cycle (given in table S1), and the  $d_{ij}$  and  
 443  $e_{ij}$  terms by their formulas (given in eq. (3)) and eq. (1), respectively). For each  
 444 life-cycle we can group terms as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega=0} \approx \frac{p(1-p)}{\mu} [\mathbf{b}(\beta_D - \beta_I) - \mathbf{c}(\gamma_D - \gamma_I)], \tag{A.7}$$

445 where D terms come from the numerators of  $B_{ij}$  and  $D_i$ , and I terms come from  
 446 the denominator of  $B_{ij}$  and  $D_i$ ; replacing  $B_{ij}$  and  $D_i$  by their formulas given in  
 447 table S1, we obtain

### Moran Birth-Death

$$\beta_D^{\text{BD}} = \sum_{k,\ell=1}^N \frac{1-\mu}{N} e_{k\ell} Q_{\ell k}^{\text{M}}, \quad (\text{A.8a}) \quad \{\text{eq:EXBDsums}\}$$

$$\beta_I^{\text{BD}} = \sum_{j,k,\ell=1}^N \left( \frac{d_{\ell j}}{N} - \frac{\mu}{N^2} \right) e_{k\ell} Q_{jk}^{\text{M}}, \quad (\text{A.8b})$$

$$\gamma_D^{\text{BD}} = 1 - \mu, \quad (\text{A.8c})$$

$$\gamma_I^{\text{BD}} = \sum_{j,k=1}^N \left( \frac{d_{kj}}{N} - \frac{\mu}{N^2} \right) Q_{jk}^{\text{M}}. \quad (\text{A.8d})$$

### Moran Death-Birth

$$\beta_D^{\text{DB}} = \sum_{k,\ell=1}^N \frac{1-\mu}{N} e_{k\ell} Q_{\ell k}^{\text{M}}, \quad (\text{A.9a})$$

$$\beta_I^{\text{DB}} = (1 - \mu) \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N \frac{d_{ji} d_{\ell i}}{N} e_{k\ell} Q_{jk}^{\text{M}}, \quad (\text{A.9b})$$

$$\gamma_D^{\text{DB}} = 1 - \mu, \quad (\text{A.9c})$$

$$\gamma_I^{\text{DB}} = (1 - \mu) \sum_{i,j,k=1}^N \frac{d_{ji} d_{ki}}{N} Q_{jk}^{\text{M}}. \quad (\text{A.9d})$$

### Wright-Fisher

$$\beta_D^{\text{WF}} = \sum_{k,\ell=1}^N \frac{1-\mu}{N} e_{k\ell} Q_{\ell k}^{\text{WF}}, \quad (\text{A.10a})$$

$$\beta_I^{\text{WF}} = (1 - \mu) \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^N \frac{d_{ji} d_{\ell i}}{N} e_{k\ell} Q_{jk}^{\text{WF}}, \quad (\text{A.10b})$$

$$\gamma_D^{\text{WF}} = 1 - \mu, \quad (\text{A.10c})$$

$$\gamma_I^{\text{WF}} = (1 - \mu) \sum_{i,j,k=1}^N \frac{d_{ji} d_{ki}}{N} Q_{jk}^{\text{WF}}, \quad (\text{A.10d})$$

448 which is the same set of equations as for the Moran Death-Birth model, except  
 449 for the values of probabilities of identity by descent... that we now need to com-  
 450 pute.

## A.2 Probabilities of identity by descent

{sec:app:IBD}

Here we show the link between the expected state of a pair of sites  $P_{ij}$  and probabilities of identity by descent  $Q_{ij}$ . In our derivation of  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]$ ,  $P_{ij}$  is the quantity that appears, but most studies use  $Q_{ij}$ .

### A.2.1 Moran model

In a Moran model, exactly one individual died and one individual reproduces during one time step. Given a state  $\mathbf{X}$  at time  $t$ , at time  $t + 1$  both sites  $i$  and  $j \neq i$  are occupied by altruists (or say mutants, since there is no selection and hence no benefits or costs provided by altruists), if *i*) it was the case at time  $t$  and neither site was replaced by a non-mutant (first term in eq. (A.11)), or *ii*) if exactly one of the two sites was occupied by a non-mutant at time  $t$ , but the site was replaced by a mutant (second and third terms of eq. (A.11)):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_i X_j(t+1) | X(t) = \mathbf{X}] = & X_i X_j \left( 1 - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{N} (d_{ki} + d_{kj}) ((1 - X_k)(1 - \mu) + \mu(1 - p)) \right) \\ & + X_i(1 - X_j) \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{N} d_{kj} (X_k(1 - \mu) + \mu p) \\ & + X_j(1 - X_i) \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{N} d_{ki} (X_k(1 - \mu) + \mu p). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:PijM1}\}$$

We take the expectation of this quantity, and consider that the stationary distribution is reached ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ ); then  $\mathbb{E}[X_i X_j(t+1)] = \mathbb{E}[X_i X_j(t)]$ , and we obtain

$$P_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^N (1 - \mu) (d_{kj} P_{ki} + d_{ki} P_{kj}) \right) + \mu p^2 \quad (i \neq j), \quad (\text{A.12}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:PijM}\}$$

while  $P_{ii} = p$ .

Now we substitute  $P_{ij} = p^2 + p(1 - p)Q_{ij}$  in eq. (A.12), obtain

$$Q_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (1 - \mu) (d_{ki} Q_{kj} + d_{kj} Q_{ki}), \quad (\text{A.13}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:QijM}\}$$

and realize that  $Q_{ij}$  is the probability that the individuals at sites  $i$  and  $j \neq i$  are identical by descent. To compute it indeed, we need to pick which site was last updated (equal probabilities), then who was the parent ( $k$ ); the other individual needs to be identical by descent to the parent, and no mutation should have occurred ( $1 - \mu$ ).



### 473 **A.2.2 Wright-Fisher model**

474 In a Wright-Fisher model, all individuals are replaced at each time step, so we  
 475 directly consider the state of the parents, so we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_i X_j(t+1) | X(t) = \mathbf{X}] = & \sum_{k, \ell=1}^N d_{ki} d_{\ell j} \left( X_k X_\ell (1 - \mu + \mu p)^2 \right. \\ & + (X_k(1 - X_\ell) + (1 - X_k)X_\ell) (1 - \mu + \mu p)(\mu p) \\ & \left. + (1 - X_k)(1 - X_\ell)(\mu p)^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:PijWF1}\}$$

476 Taking the expectation and simplifying, we obtain

$$P_{ij} = \sum_{k, \ell=1}^N (P_{kl}(1 - \mu)^2) + (2 - \mu)\mu p^2. \quad (\text{A.15}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:PijWF}\}$$

477 Replacing  $P_{ij}$  by  $p^2 + p(1 - p)Q_{ij}$ , eq. (A.15) becomes

$$Q_{ij} = \sum_{k, \ell=1}^N d_{ki} d_{\ell j} Q_{k\ell} (1 - \mu)^2. \quad (\text{A.16}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:QijWF}\}$$

478 Again,  $Q_{ij}$  corresponds to a probability of identity by descent: the individuals at  
 479 sites  $i$  and  $j$  are identical by descent if their parents were and if neither mutated  
 480  $((1 - \mu)^2)$ .

## 481 **B In a subdivided population**

### 482 **B.1 $\beta$ and $\gamma$**

483 Now, we need to adapt the results presented in **appendix** A to our structure of  
 484 interest, a subdivided population, with dispersal and interaction probabilities  
 485 given by eq. (3) and eq. (1). For the  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  terms, we use a brute-force approach,  
 486 replacing  $d_{ij}$  and  $e_{ij}$  by their values in a subdivided population, and simplifying  
 487 the equations (for instance, there are 60 different cases to consider for the four  
 488 sums that appear in  $\beta_1^{\text{DB}}$ ). The calculations are detailed in an accompanying  
 489 Mathematica file, [and the results are presented in the main text.](#)

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### 490 **B.2 Probabilities of identity by descent**

491 For the probabilities of identity by descent, we could also use a brute-force ap-  
 492 proach, but calculations are faster if we use formulas derived in Débarre (2017)  
 493 for “two-dimensional population structures”. The name comes from the fact  
 494 that we only need two types of transformations to go from any site to any other  
 495 site in the population: permutations on the deme index, and permutations on  
 496 the within-deme index. We introduce notations  $\tilde{d}_i$  and  $\tilde{Q}_i$ , that correspond to  
 497 the dispersal probability to a site at distance  $i$  (e.g., for all  $j, 1 \leq j \leq N$ ,  $\tilde{d}_1 =$   
 498  $d_{j,j+1}$ ) and the probability of identity by descent with a site at distance  $i$  (e.g.,  
 499 for all  $j, 1 \leq j \leq N$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_1 = Q_{j,j+1}$ ), respectively. Finally, we can rewrite site labels  
 500 ( $1 \leq i \leq N$ ) as  $(l_1, l_2)$ , where  $l_1$  is the number of the deme ( $1 \leq l_1 \leq N_D$ ) and  $l_2$  the  
 501 position of the site within the deme ( $1 \leq l_2 \leq n$ ).

502 Also, in this section, we distinguish between  $d_{\text{self}} = d_{ii}$  and  $d_{\text{in}}$  (in the main  
 503 text,  $d_{\text{self}} = d_{\text{in}}$ ).

#### 504 **B.2.1 Moran model**

505 In Débarre (2017), it was shown that

$$\tilde{Q}_{r_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{q_2=0}^{N_2-1} \frac{\mu \lambda'_M}{1 - (1 - \mu) \tilde{D}_{q_1}} \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1}\right) \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2}\right) \quad (\text{B.17a}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:Q2DM}\}$$

506 with

$$\tilde{D}_{q_1} = \sum_{l_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{N_2-1} \tilde{d}_{l_1} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_1 l_1}{N_1}\right) \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_2 l_2}{N_2}\right), \quad (\text{B.17b}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:D2D}\}$$

507 and  $\lambda'_M$  such that  $\tilde{Q}_0 = 1$ . Let us first compute  $\tilde{D}_{q_1}$  in the case of a subdivided  
 508 population, with  $N_1 = N_D$  and  $N_2 = n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{D}_{q_1} &= d_{\text{self}} + \sum_{l_2=1}^{N_2-1} d_{\text{in}} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_2 l_2}{N_2}\right) + \sum_{l_1=1}^{N_1-1} \sum_{l_2=0}^{N_2-1} d_{\text{out}} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_1 l_1}{N_1}\right) \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_2 l_2}{N_2}\right) \\ &= d_{\text{self}} + (\delta_{q_2}(N_2 - 1) + (1 - \delta_{q_2})(-1)) d_{\text{in}} + (\delta_{q_1}(N_1 - 1) + (1 - \delta_{q_1})(-1)) (\delta_{q_2} N_2) d_{\text{out}} \\ &= d_{\text{self}} + (\delta_{q_2} N_2 - 1) d_{\text{in}} + (\delta_{q_1} N_1 - 1) \delta_{q_2} N_2 d_{\text{out}}.\end{aligned}\quad (\text{B.18a})$$

509 ( $\delta_q$  is equal to 1 when  $q$  is equal to 0 modulo the relevant dimension, and to 0  
 510 otherwise). So for the three types of distances that we need to consider (distance  
 511 0, distance to another deme-mate, distance to individual in another deme), and  
 512 with  $N_1 = N_D$  and  $N_2 = n$ , we obtain {eq:app:Dsystem}

$$\tilde{D}_0 = 1, \quad (\text{B.19a})$$

$$\tilde{D}_{q_1} = 1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1} \quad (q_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N_1}), \quad (\text{B.19b})$$

$$\tilde{D}_{q_1} = d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}} \quad (q_2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N_2}). \quad (\text{B.19c})$$

513 So for  $\tilde{Q}$ , using system (B.19) in eq. (B.17a),

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Q}_{r_1} &= \frac{\mu \lambda'_M}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu) \tilde{D}_0} + \sum_{q_2=1}^{N_2-1} \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu) \tilde{D}_{q_2}} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2}\right) + \sum_{q_1=1}^{N_1-1} \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu) \tilde{D}_{q_1}} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{q_1=1}^{N_1-1} \sum_{q_2=1}^{N_2-1} \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu) \tilde{D}_{q_1}} \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1}\right) \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu \lambda'_M}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})} (\delta_{r_2} N_2 - 1) + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})} (\delta_{r_1} N_1 - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})} (\delta_{r_1} N_1 - 1)(\delta_{r_2} N_2 - 1) \right].\end{aligned}\quad (\text{B.20}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:Q2DMsol}\}$$

514 In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Q}_0 &= \frac{\mu \lambda'_M}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})} (n - 1) + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})} (D - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})} (D - 1)(n - 1) \right] \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}\quad (\text{B.21a}) \quad \{\text{eq:app:Q2D1}\}$$

515 We find  $\lambda'_M$  using the eq. (B.21a). Going back to eq. (B.20), when  $r_1 = 0$ , the two  
 516 individuals are in the same deme. They are different when  $r_2 \neq 0$ , and so:

$$Q_{\text{in}} = \frac{\mu\lambda'_M}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})}(-1) + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})}(D-1) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})}(D-1)(-1) \right]. \quad (\text{B.21b})$$

517 And when  $r_1 \neq 0$ , the two individuals are in different demes:

$$Q_{\text{out}} = \frac{\mu\lambda'_M}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})}(-1) + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})}(-1) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)(d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})} \right]. \quad (\text{B.21c})$$

518 With  $d_{\text{self}} = d_{\text{in}} = (1 - m)/n$ , we recover the equations given in the main text  
 519 (system (6)).

### 520 **B.3 Wright-Fisher**

521 For the Wright-Fisher updating, the equation for  $\tilde{Q}$  is different:

$$\tilde{Q}_{r_1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{q_2=0}^{N_2-1} \frac{\mu\lambda'_{WF}}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2(\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{q_1}^2)^2} \exp\left(-i\frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2}\right), \quad (\text{B.22})$$

522 with  $\tilde{D}$  given in eq. (B.17b). In a subdivided population, with  $N_1 = N_D$  and  $N_2 =$   
 523  $n$ , this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{Q}_{r_1 r_2} &= \frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (\tilde{D}_0)^2} + \sum_{q_2=1}^{N_2-1} \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (\tilde{D}_{q_2})^2} \exp \left( -i \frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad + \sum_{q_1=1}^{N_1-1} \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (\tilde{D}_{q_1})^2} \exp \left( -i \frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1} \right) \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{q_1=1}^{N_1-1} \sum_{q_2=1}^{N_2-1} \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (\tilde{D}_{q_1})^2} \exp \left( -i \frac{2\pi q_1 r_1}{N_1} \right) \exp \left( -i \frac{2\pi q_2 r_2}{N_2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})^2} (\delta_{q_2} N_2 - 1) \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})^2} (\delta_{q_1} N_1 - 1) \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})^2} (\delta_{q_1} N_1 - 1) (\delta_{q_2} N_2 - 1) \right] \\
 &= \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})^2} (\delta_{q_2} N_2 - 1) \delta_{q_1} N_1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})^2} (\delta_{q_1} N_1 - 1) \right]. \tag{B.23} \quad \{\text{eq:app:Q2DWFsol}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

524 To find  $\lambda'_{WF}$ , we solve  $\tilde{Q}_0 = 1$ , i.e.,

$$1 = \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2} + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})^2} (N_2 - 1) N_1 + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})^2} (N_1 - 1) \right]. \tag{B.24a}$$

525 Then from eq. (B.23) we deduce

$$Q_{\text{in}} = \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2} - \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (d_{\text{self}} - d_{\text{in}})^2} N_1 + \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})^2} (N_1 - 1) \right]. \tag{B.24b}$$

526 and

$$Q_{\text{out}} = \frac{\mu \lambda'_{WF}}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2} - \frac{1}{1 - (1 - \mu)^2 (1 - m - \frac{m}{d-1})^2} \right]. \tag{B.24c}$$

527 With  $d_{\text{self}} = d_{\text{in}} = (1 - m)/n$ , we recover the equations given in the main text  
 528 (system (8)).