

# Exercises in Marine Ecological Genetics

## 01. Introduction

- General info and course outline
- Connecting to the HPC cluster
- Working with course materials
- Test for HWE using R

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# General course info

- Suggestion: we start at 14:00 and finish at 15:30
- Course language will be English, but questions can always be asked in German
- There will be no tests or grades
- Slides will be provided, but please do not post them online
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# Objectives

- Apply theory and concepts of population genetics, genomics and DNA barcoding in practice
- Learn to analyze, visualize and interpret real world data
- Learn how to work on a high performance computing cluster (using bash) / a scripting environment (using R)
- Become familiar with the most common data types and file formats

# Course outline

Preliminary, may be subject to change

Class	Date	Topics	Script
01	Apr 11	Introduction, setup	01_intro.R
02	Apr 18	Hardy-Weinberg, Ne? (microsatellites)	
03	Apr 25	Population structure and gene flow	
04	May 02	Genome assembly and metrics	
05	May 09	SNPs and population genomics	
06	May 16	Measures of genetic diversity?	
07	May 23	Recombination and linkage disequilibrium	
–	May 30	<a href="#">Himmelfahrt break</a>	
08	Jun 06	Selection and Mutation	
–	Jun 13	<a href="#">Student presentations – no exercises</a>	
09	Jun 20	DNA barcoding	
10	Jun 27	Metabarcoding / eDNA?	
11	Jul 04	Metabarcoding / eDNA?	
12	Jul 11	Intro to phylogenetics	

# Required software

- Browser
- Text editor (e.g. Notepad, TextEdit, [VSCodium](#))
- Terminal / ssh client (e.g. git bash, Terminal)

To connect to the high performance computing cluster ROSA, a ssh client is required

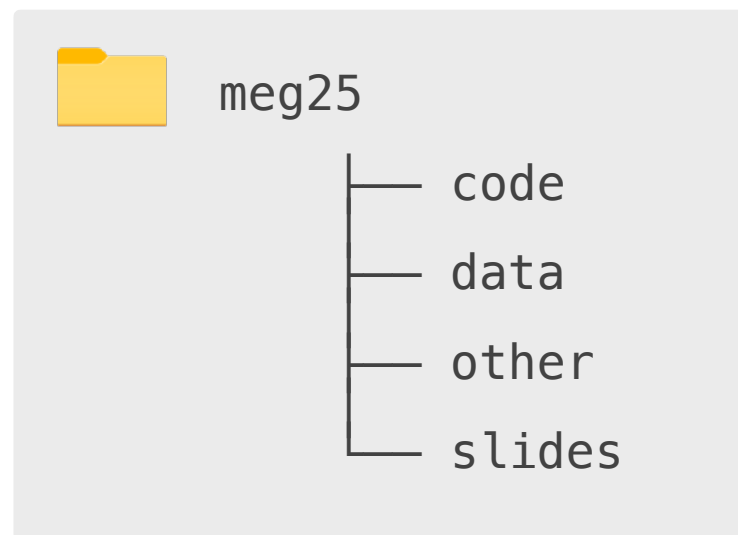
On Windows, a good option is git bash, which is part of Git for Windows. Install from <https://gitforwindows.org> with default settings (alternative: WSL)

On macOS or Linux, a terminal (and git) come preinstalled

# Accessing the course materials

All code and data for the course will be provided through a Git repository:

<https://github.com/mhelmkamp/meg25>

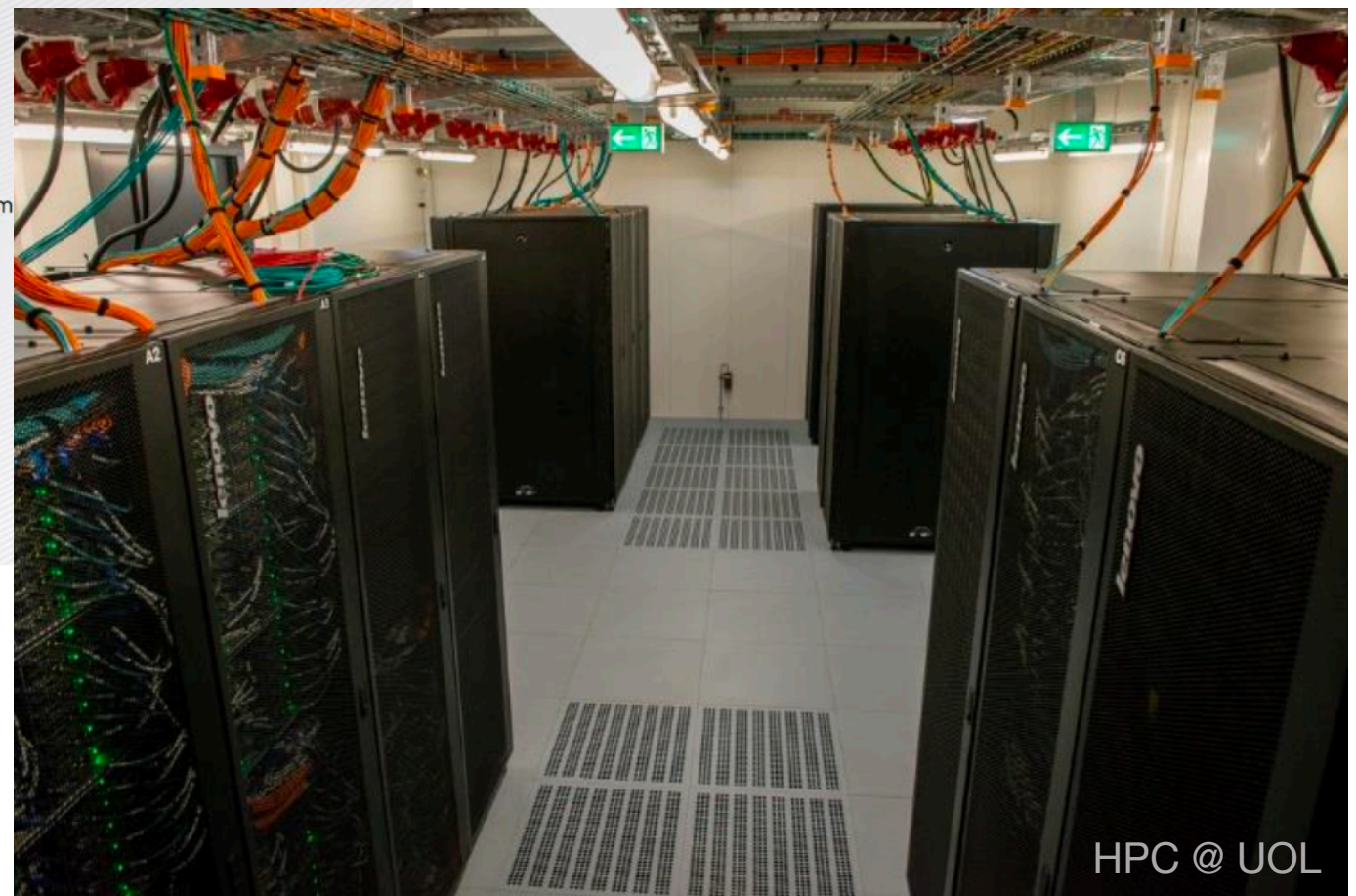




# High performance computing (HPC) at UOL



327 compute nodes  
7640 cores (CPUs)  
77 TB RAM total  
271 TFlop/s



# Advantages of command line / scripting tools

- Highly flexible
- Can be automated and combined into complex workflows
- Reproducible, easy to document
- Can run on high performance computers



# Accessing the cluster from the command line (ssh)

## Windows

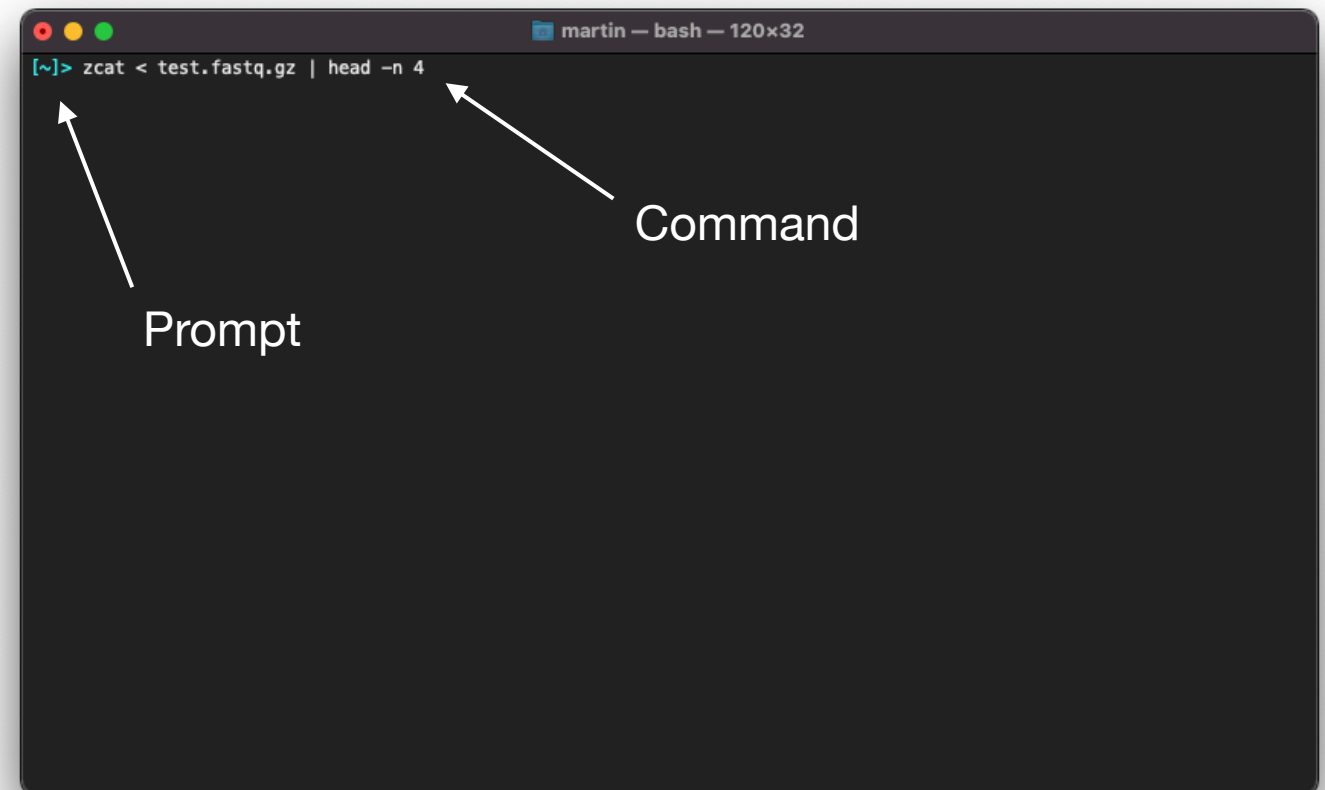
- launch git bash from Start menu
- alternatively, install Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) on Windows 10 or above (see <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/wsl/install>)

## macOS

- open Terminal app  
in /Applications/Utilities,  
type and execute “bash”

## Typical usage

`command [-options] [file]`



# Get set up on the HPC cluster

Connect to login node

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# Pick and write down a course account id and password (passed around)  
ssh -X user1234@rosa.hpc.uni-oldenburg.de
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Download course materials to cluster account using git

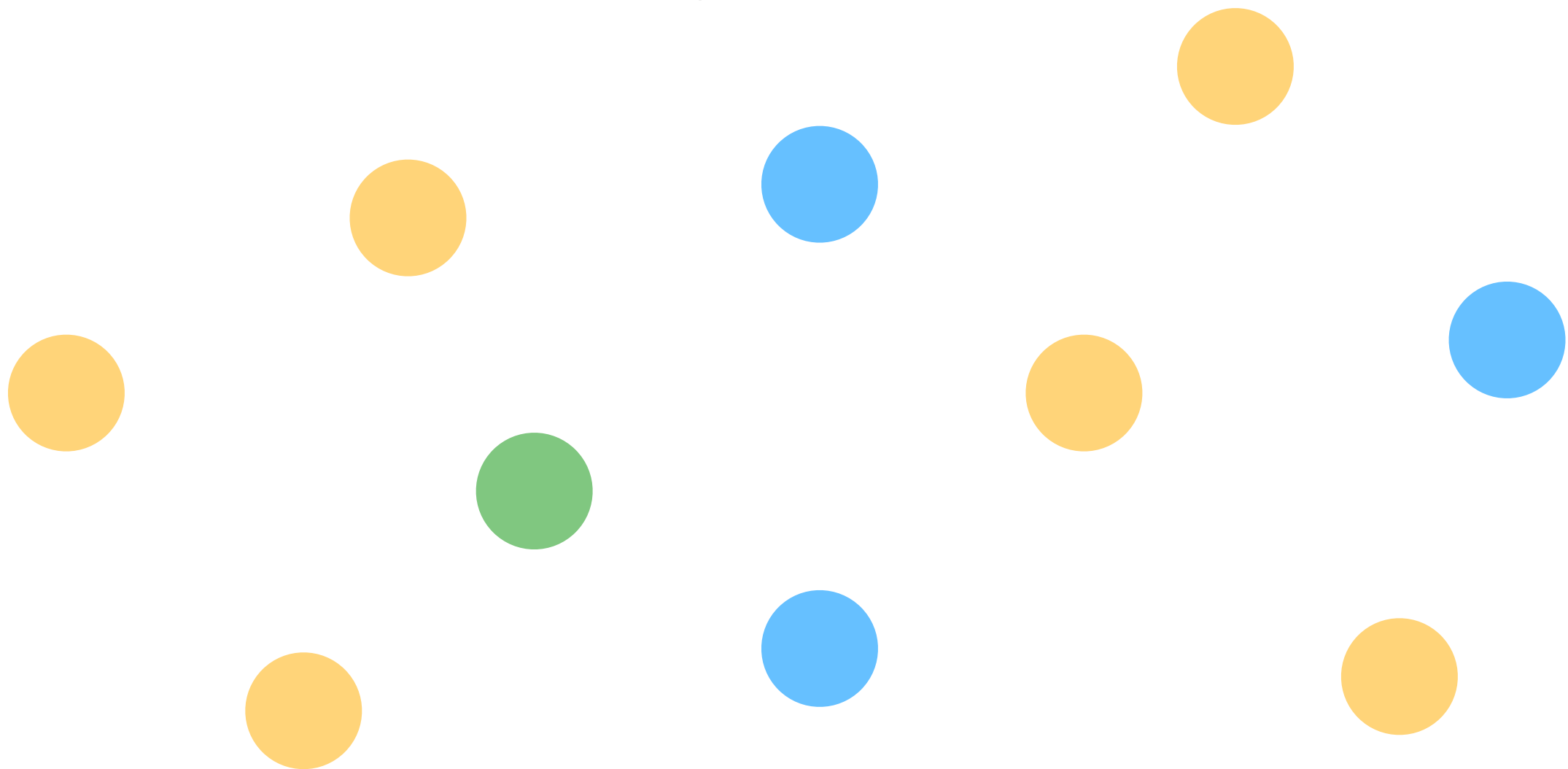
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git clone https://github.com/mhelmkampf/meg25.git
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# Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

## Exercise 1

Is this population in HWE?

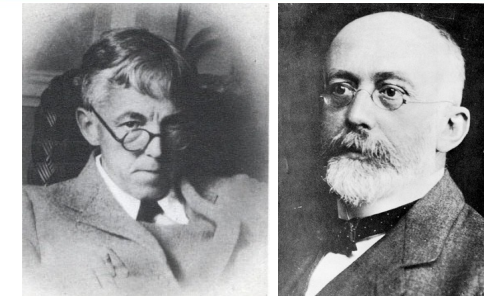
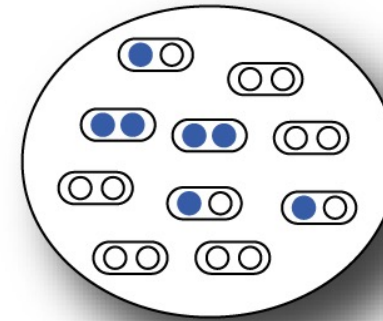
Diploid, 1 locus, 2 co-dominant alleles (yellow, blue)



## HARDY-WEINBERG (1908)

Godfrey H. Hardy (1877-1947)

Wilhelm Weinberg (1862-1937)

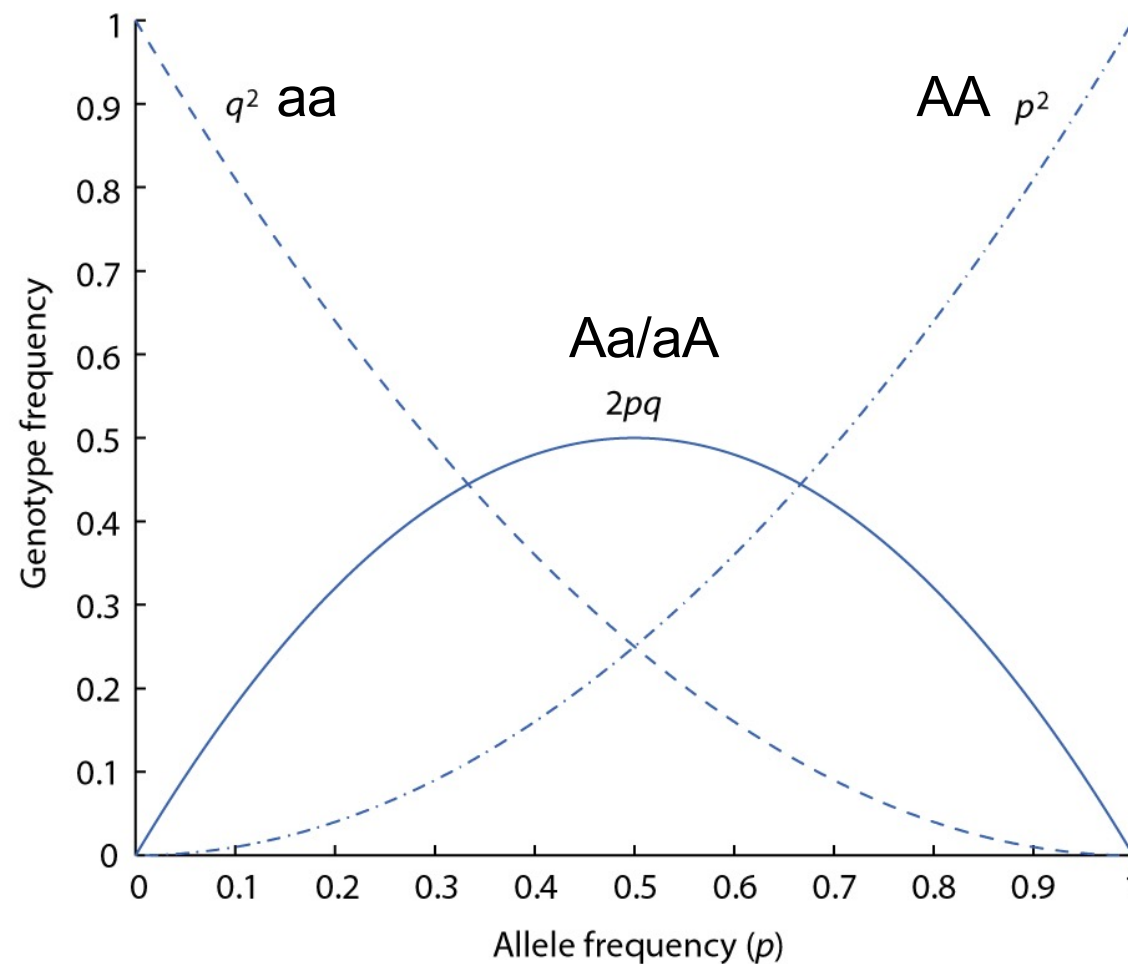


*Establish the relationship between allele frequencies and genotype frequencies in a population*

$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$

AA    Aa/aA    aa

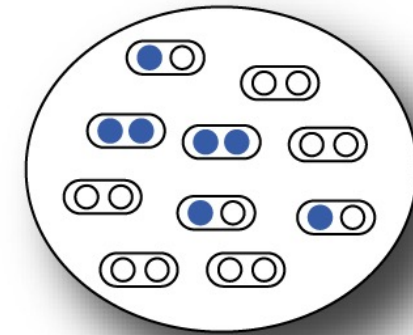
$p$  and  $q$ : allele frequencies for a locus with two alleles (A and a)  
( $p + q = 1$ )





## HETEROZYGOSITY

In one population



$H_o$  = proportion of heterozygote individuals, observed heterozygosity

$H_e = 2pq = 1 - p^2 - q^2$ , expected heterozygosity (assuming HW equilibrium)

$$F = \frac{H_e - H_o}{H_e}$$

Fixation index: *proportion by which heterozygosity is reduced or increased relative to the heterozygosity of a population at HW equilibrium with the same allele frequencies.*

Divided by  $H_e \rightarrow$  *proportion* (of expected heterozygosity)

Varies between -1 and 1

$F < 0$ : heterozygote excess

$F > 0$  heterozygote deficit (homozygote excess)

May be averaged over several loci  $\rightarrow$  reduces bias

May be extended to  $k$  alleles

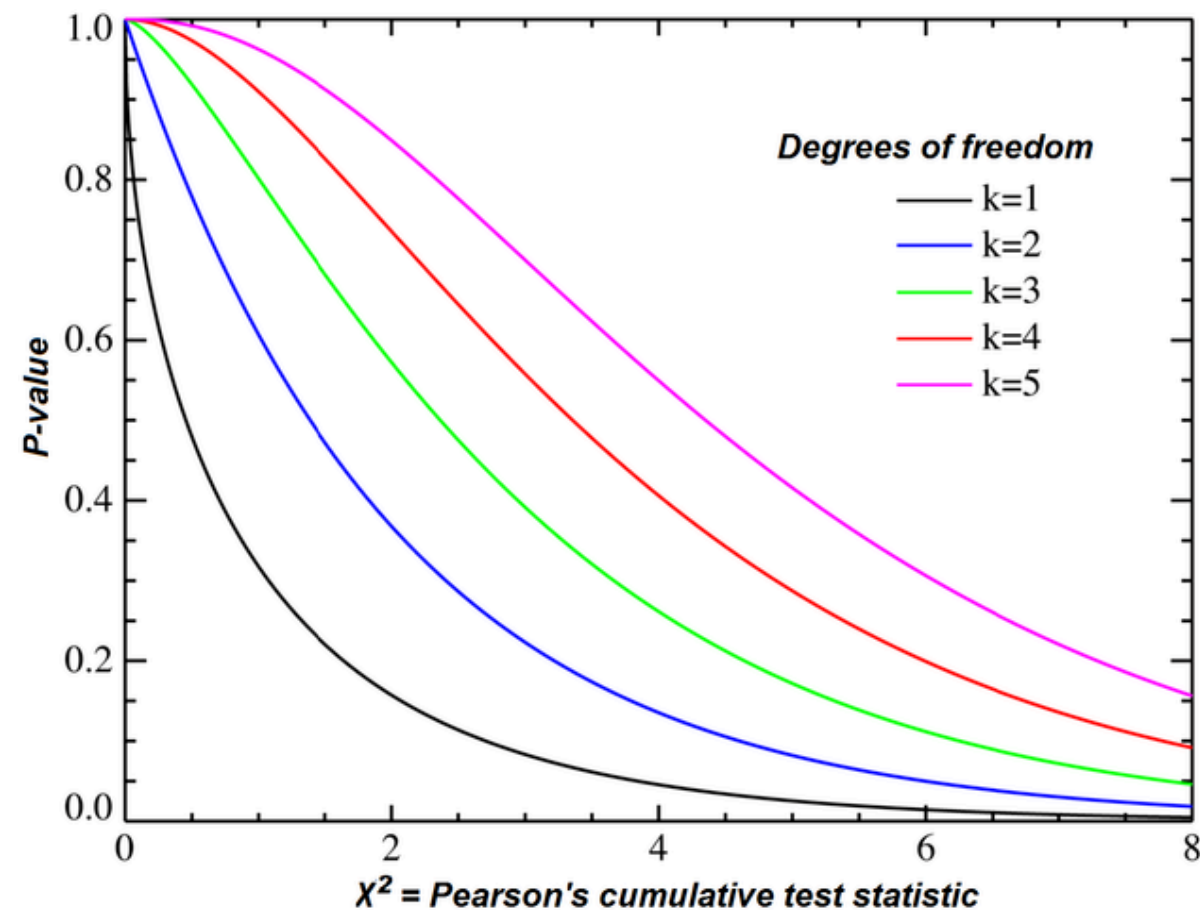
# Pearson's chi-squared test

## Exercise 1

Chi-square statistic:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

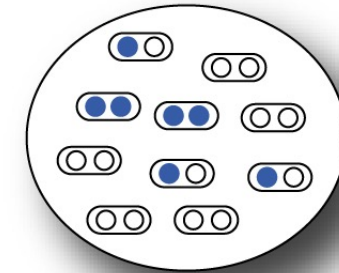
Chi-square distribution:



*A single generation of reproduction will result in a population that meets the expected Hardy-Weinberg frequencies, i.e. is at Hardy-Weinberg (HW) equilibrium*

Assuming an “ideal” population, i.e. :

- Diploid organisms
- Sexual reproduction (as opposed to clonal)
- Random mating (as opposed to e.g. assortative) with respect to genotype
- Random union of gametes
- Discrete, non-overlapping generations
- Very large (infinite) population
- No migration
- No population structure
- No natural selection
- Two alleles
- Identical allele frequencies in both sexes



-> Departures from HW equilibrium may indicate:

- Inbreeding
- Assortative mating
- Self-fertilization
- Natural selection
- Population structure
- ...