

CS 68: BIOINFORMATICS

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Outline: Mar 21

- Neutral theory of evolution
- Measures of sequence diversity
- Probability distributions and expected value
- The Coalescent

Notes:

- Office hours today are canceled
- Population genetics reading is posted
- Interested in being a ninja? Let me know
- Midterms will be handed back on Friday

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Brief detour to Hardy-Weinberg

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- If most alleles either become fixed or die out, that means eventually everyone will either be **aa** or **AA**. This is called the *loss of heterozygosity*

non-weighted
die

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{6} (1+2+3+4+5+6)$$
$$= \frac{1}{6} (7.3) = \frac{21}{6} = \boxed{3.5}$$

p = freq of A
 q = freq of a
 $q = 1 - p$

	A	a
A	p^2	pq
a	qp	q^2

if we don't observe q^2 here, could be deleterious

brown eyes $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{A}A \\ \underline{A}a \end{array} \right\}$ same phenotype

aa ← blue eyes

$$p^2 + 2p(1-p) + (1-p)^2 = (p + (1-p))^2 = 1$$

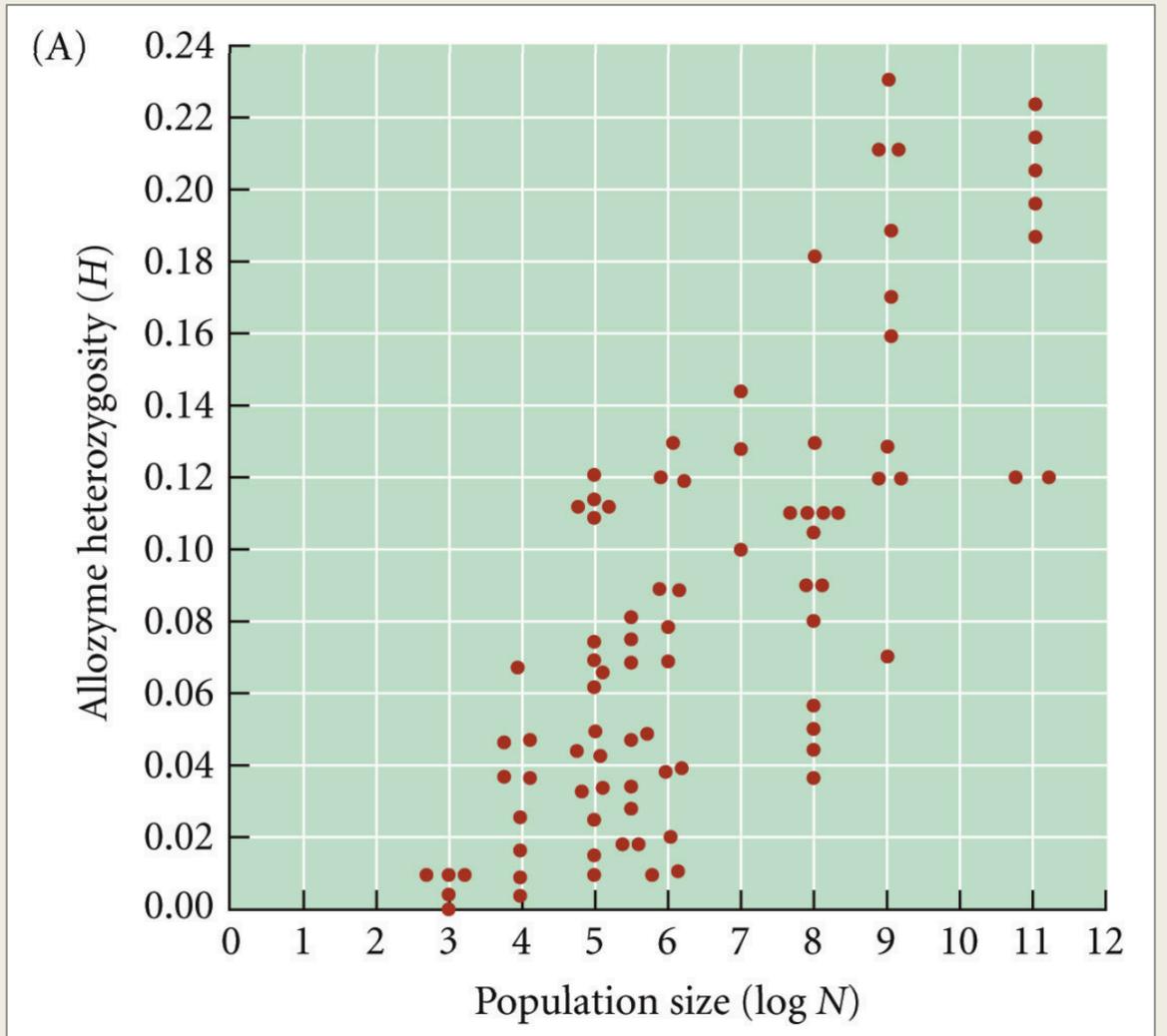
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- Kimura 1968
- Claim: most genetic variation is neutral
- Consistent with the idea that population size is responsible for the level of variation in a population

EVOLUTION 2e, Figure 10.9 (Part 1)



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- Compute expectation:

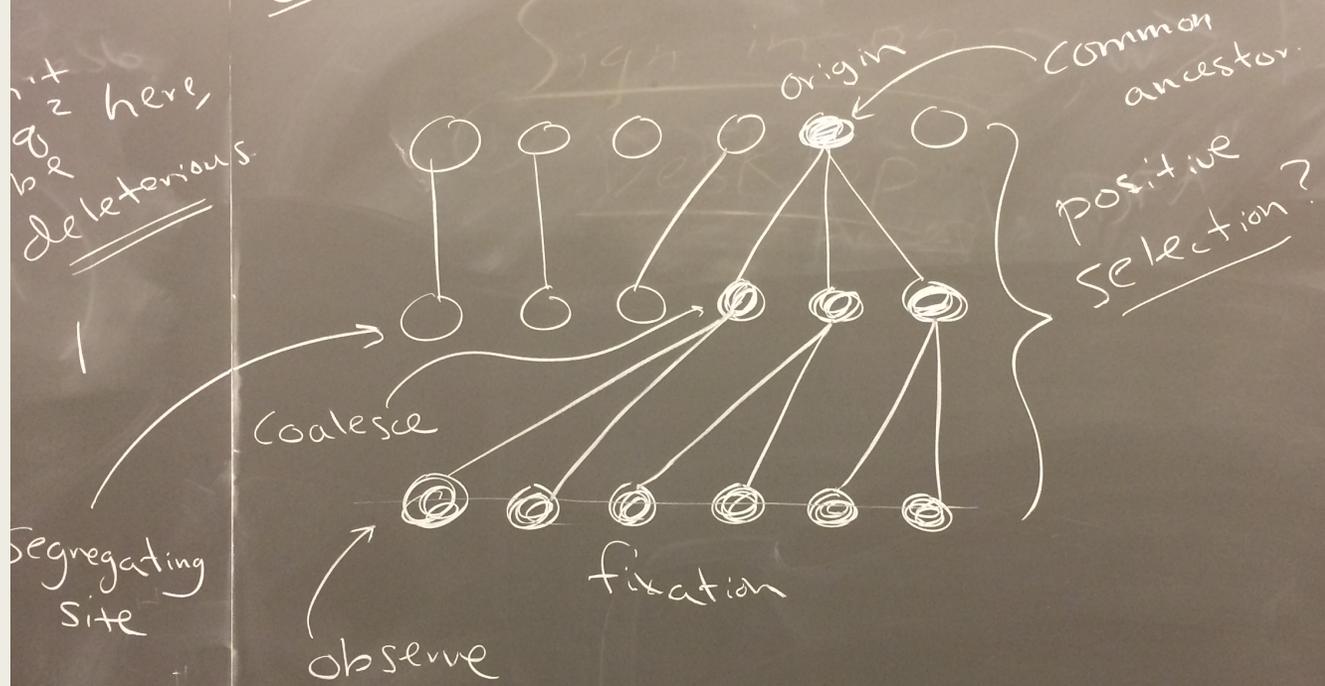
$$E[X] = p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 + \dots + p_kx_k = \sum_{i=1}^k p_ix_i$$

$$0 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{6}(2 + 3 + 4 + 5) + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 6 = 4\frac{1}{3}$$

Measures of sequence diversity

Goal: detect deviations from neutrality.

with
a
be
deleterious.



Segregating
site

Coalesce

fixation

observe

Origin

Common
ancestor.

positive
selection?

ality

Sequence Diversity

① # of segregating polymorphic sites = S

ex: $S = 3$

② π = avg. # of pairwise differences (heterozygosity)

ex: $\frac{1}{3} (2 + 3 + 1) = 2$

	1	2	3	4
A	0	1	1	1
B	1	1	1	0
C	1	1	0	0

$$\pi = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n d_{ij}$$

d_{ij} ← # of pairwise differences between (i, j)

③ SFS = site frequency spectrum.

$\sum_i s_i =$ # of sites with i copies of the mutant allele + $(n-i)$ copies of the ancestral allele



	X					
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	X	X		X		
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