

# Evolution 4

- Population Genetics II
  - Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium
  - Equilibrium
  - Human genetic traits
  - is a population at HWE?
  - examples

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- iClicker Question #1

- Labs start this week; go to HMNH

\*\*\*BE PREPARED\*\*\*

- no pre-lab this week; report due wk of 2/8
- go to HMNH anytime Mon-Sat 9-5 & Sun 1-5

\* don't forget "Tree Building Survey" - see link at Evolution 6  
(due Evolution 7)

from last time: if, in parental generation,

freq of R :  $p = 0.2$  ; freq of r :  $q = 0.8$

if all 5 conditions hold

then the offspring will be:

× freq of RR kids  $= p^2 = 0.04$

× freq of Rr kids  $= 2pq = 0.32$

× freq of rr kids  $= q^2 = 0.64$

if 100 kids total

4 v. fast kids

32 fast kids

64 slow kids

if all these kids have kids (if all 5 conditions hold)

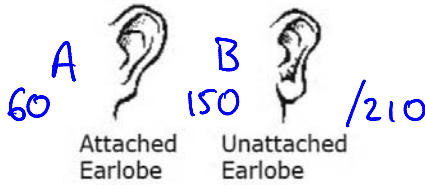
the allele & genotype frequencies will stay the same  
in all following generations

= Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE)

= NO EVOLUTION

## Uses of HWE (1): Human Genetic Traits

Example: attached/detached earlobes (model for genetic disease)



Are your earlobes attached or unattached? A person with attached ear lobes will have the lowest point of the ear lobe attached to the face. A person with unattached ear lobes will not have the lowest point of the ear lobe attached to the face.

- large pop (yes)
- no mutation (low rate)
- no migration
- random mating } mating/survival do not depend on earlobes
- no selection }

allele	contribution to phenotype	frequency
E	unattached earlobe (dominant)	p
e	attached earlobe (recessive)	q

Genotype	Phenotype
EE	unattached
Ee	unattached
ee	attached

Q: How many people in class are carriers for the attached allele?

Assume that this trait is at HWE.

Problem: EE, Ee have same phenotype, so can't find  $p^2$  directly

$$\text{but freq}(ee) = q^2 = \frac{60 \text{ attached}}{210 \text{ total}} = 0.286$$

$$\therefore q = \sqrt{0.286} = 0.534 \quad \text{since } p+q=1 \quad p=1-q=0.466$$

$$\therefore \text{freq of carriers is } 2pq = 2(0.534)(0.466) = 0.498$$

$$\therefore \text{in class of 210 students, } 210 \times 0.498 = 104 \text{ should be carriers}$$

compare with reality - expect freq to be constant

Evolution 4 - 3

uses (8) studying evolution

Q: is population X at HWE? (not evolving)

step 1: calculate allele frequencies of X

step 2: predict genotype freqs if X were at HWE

step 3: compare predicted and actual

example: given genotype #

example: given genotype # is this pop. at HWE?

AA	25
Aa	25
aa	50

step 1: find allele freqs (since we know all genotype freqs)

$$\text{freq (A)} = p = \frac{2 \times \text{AA} + \text{Aa}}{200 \text{ total}} = \frac{(2 \times 25) + 25}{200} = 0.375$$

$$\text{freq (a)} = q = \frac{2 \times \text{aa} + \text{Aa}}{200 \text{ total}} = \frac{(2 \times 50) + 25}{200} = 0.625$$

check that  $p+q=1$  Yes  
 $\therefore$  calculations are ok  
 - but not nec. at HWE

step 2: if pop were at HWE ( $\Leftrightarrow$ ) all 5 conditions hold) we'd expect:

genotype	predicted freq at HWE	step 3 observed frequencies
AA	$p^2 = 0.140$	0.25
Aa	$2pq = 0.469$	0.25
aa	$q^2 = 0.391$	0.50

observed  $\neq$  HWE predictions

- $\therefore$  pop is not at HWE
- $\therefore$  must be evolving
- $\therefore$  one or more of HWE assumptions is being violated

## Bio 112: Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium Examples

### General Info

- **Allele frequencies:** the frequency of each allele (R or r, for example) in the gene pool. The symbols p and q are used to represent these frequencies.
- **Genotype frequencies:** the frequency of each genotype (RR, Rr, rr for example) in the population. These are always equal to the number of individuals with a particular genotype divided by the total population size. They are sometimes equal to  $p^2$ ,  $2pq$ , and  $q^2$  - only when the population is at HWE.

For a particular pair of allele frequencies ( $p = 0.2$  and  $q = 0.8$  for example), there are many possible sets of genotype frequencies that have the same allele frequencies (actually, infinitely many). This is illustrated by the 4 example populations below; all 4 of these populations have the same allele frequencies. However, given a pair of allele frequencies, there is only one set of these genotype frequencies that are at HWE. This is illustrated by the last two populations shown below; in addition to having the same allele frequencies as the other populations, their genotype frequencies match the predictions of HWE - that the frequency of RR =  $p^2$  (0.04 in this example), the frequency of Rr =  $2pq$  (0.32 in this example), and the frequency of rr =  $q^2$  (0.64 in this example).

#### Population 1

Genotype	#	Genotype frequency	#R's contributed to gene pool	#r's contributed to gene pool
RR	0	0	0	0
Rr	40	0.40	40	40
rr	60	0.60	0	120
<b>totals</b>			40	160

#### Allele frequencies

Freq. of R =  $p = 40/200 = 0.2$

Freq. of r =  $q = 160/200 = 0.8$

#### Genotype frequencies

Freq. of RR = 0, not 0.04

Freq. of Rr = 0.4, not 0.32

Freq. of rr = 0.6, not 0.64

**NOT AT HWE**

*different*

*same  
AF*

#### Population 2

Genotype	#	Genotype frequency	#R's contributed to gene pool	#r's contributed to gene pool
RR	400	0.20	800	0
Rr	0	0.00	0	0
rr	1600	0.80	0	3200
<b>totals</b>			800	3200

#### Allele frequencies

Freq. of R =  $p = 800/4000 = 0.2$

Freq. of r =  $q = 3200/4000 = 0.8$

#### Genotype frequencies

Freq. of RR = 0.2, not 0.04

Freq. of Rr = 0.0, not 0.32

Freq. of rr = 0.8, not 0.64

**NOT AT HWE**

Population 3

<u>Genotype</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Genotype frequency</u>	<u>#R's contributed to gene pool</u>	<u>#r's contributed to gene pool</u>
RR	4	0.04	8	0
Rr	32	0.32	32	32
rr	64	0.64	0	128
<b>totals</b>			40	160

Allele frequencies

Freq. of R =  $p = 40/200 = 0.2$

Freq. of r =  $q = 160/200 = 0.8$

Genotype frequencies

Freq. of RR = 0.04

Freq. of Rr = 0.32

Freq. of rr = 0.64

**AT HWE**

*different*

*same*

*same A/F*

Population 4

<u>Genotype</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Genotype frequency</u>	<u>#R's contributed to gene pool</u>	<u>#r's contributed to gene pool</u>
RR	12	0.04	24	0
Rr	96	0.32	96	96
rr	192	0.64	0	384
<b>totals</b>			120	480

Allele frequencies

Freq. of R =  $p = 120/600 = 0.2$

Freq. of r =  $q = 480/600 = 0.8$

Genotype frequencies

Freq. of RR = 0.04

Freq. of Rr = 0.32

Freq. of rr = 0.64

**AT HWE**