HARDY – WEINBERG PRINCIPLE

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- A population that is not changing genetically is said to be at Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium
- The assumptions that underlie the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium are
 - population is large
 - mating is random
 - There is no migration (no immigration or emigration)
 - There is no mutation of the alleles
 - natural selection is not acting on the population. (all genotypes have an equal chance of surviving and reproducing)
- Sets up a reference point at equilibrium

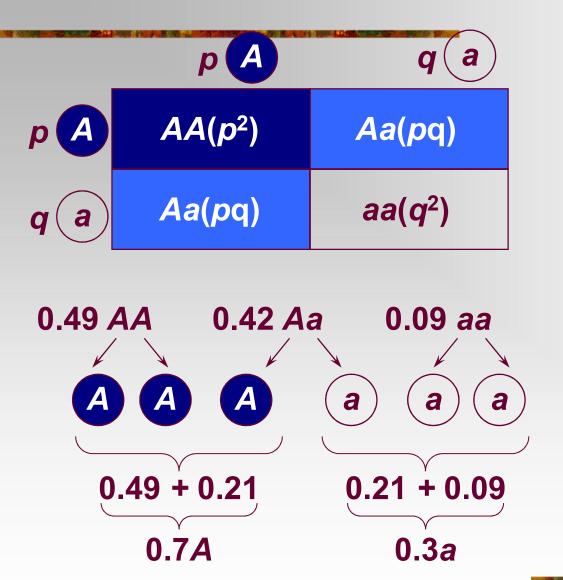
HARDY-WEINBERG & EVOLUTION

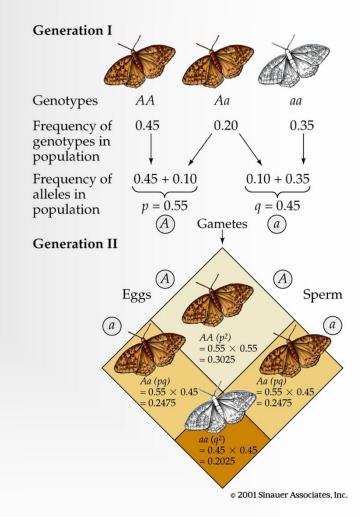
- Biologists can determine whether an agent of evolution is acting on a population by comparing the population's genotype frequencies with Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium frequencies.
- If there is no change in frequencies, there is no evolution
- Conversely, if there have been changes in the frequencies, then evolution has occurred.
- Evolution is change of allelic frequencies

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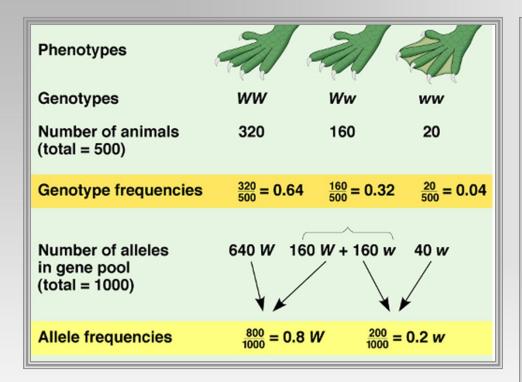
- In a population at Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium, allele frequencies remain the same from generation to generation, and genotype frequencies remain in the proportions $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$.
- Two equations
 - p + q = 1
 - A + a = 1, where A and a equal gene percentages
 - All dominant alleles plus all recessive alleles add up to all of the alleles for a particular gene in a population
 - Allele frequencies
 - $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$
 - AA + 2Aa + aa = 1
 - For a particular gene, all homozygous dominant individuals plus all heterozygous individuals plus all homozygous recess individuals add up to all of the individuals in the population
 - Genotype frequencies

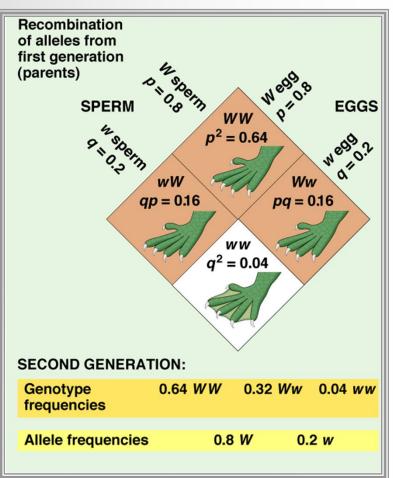
TWO EXAMPLES OF HARDY WEINBERG





HARDY-WEINBERG





PROBLEM

- Given: In a population of 100 individuals (200 alleles), sixteen exhibit a recessive trait.
- Problem:
 - Find the allele frequencies for A and a.
 - Find the genotypic frequencies of AA, Aa, and aa.
- Allele frequency
 - p + q = 1 or A + a = 1
 - ?/200 + 32/200 = 200/200 (You need total alleles)
 - ?% + 16% = 100% or 16% = aa and 84% = AA +Aa
 - $aa = qq \text{ or } q^2 = .16 \text{ or } q = .4$
 - 1 q = p 1 .4 = .6 or A = .6 and a = .4

HARDY - WEINBERG PROBLEM

- Phenotypic frequencies
 - If: p = .6 and q = .4, then
 - $p^2 = (.6)(.6) = .36$
 - $q^2 = (.4)(.4) = .16$
 - 2pq = 2(.6)(.4) = .48
- Therefore, in the population:
 - Homozygous dominant = 36/100 or 36%
 - Heterozygous dominant = 48/100 or 48%
 - Recessive = 16/100 or 16%

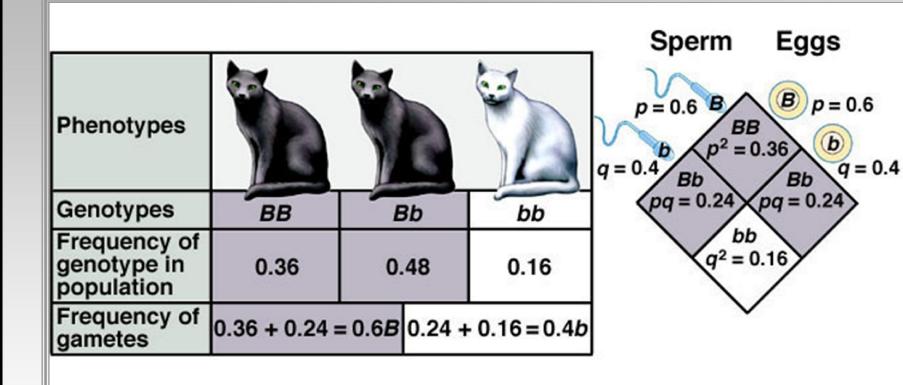
ANOTHER PROBLEM

- Fraggles are mythical, mouselike creatures that live beneath flower gardens.
- Of the 100 fraggles in a population, 91 have green hair(F) and 9 have grey hair(f).
- Assuming genetic equilibrium:
 - What are the gene frequencies of F and f?
 - What are the genotypic frequencies?

ANSWERS TO PROBLEM

- Gene frequencies:
 - F = 0.7 and f = 0.3
- Genotypic frequencies
 - \blacksquare FF = 49% or 0.49
 - \blacksquare Ff = 42% or 0.42
 - ff = 9% or .09

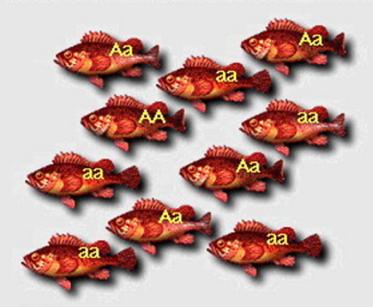
HARDY-WEINBERG EQUILIBRIUM



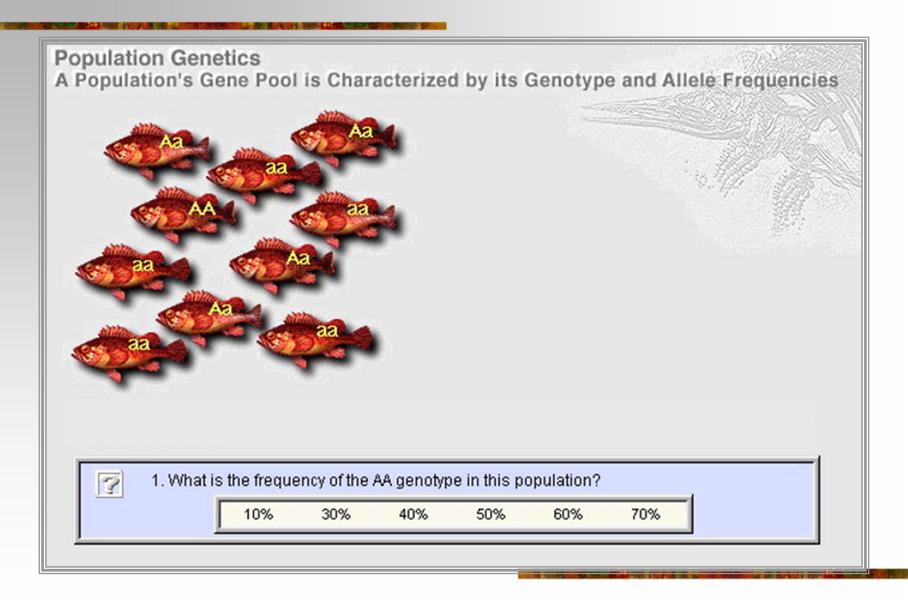
ALLELE FREQUENCY VARIATIONS

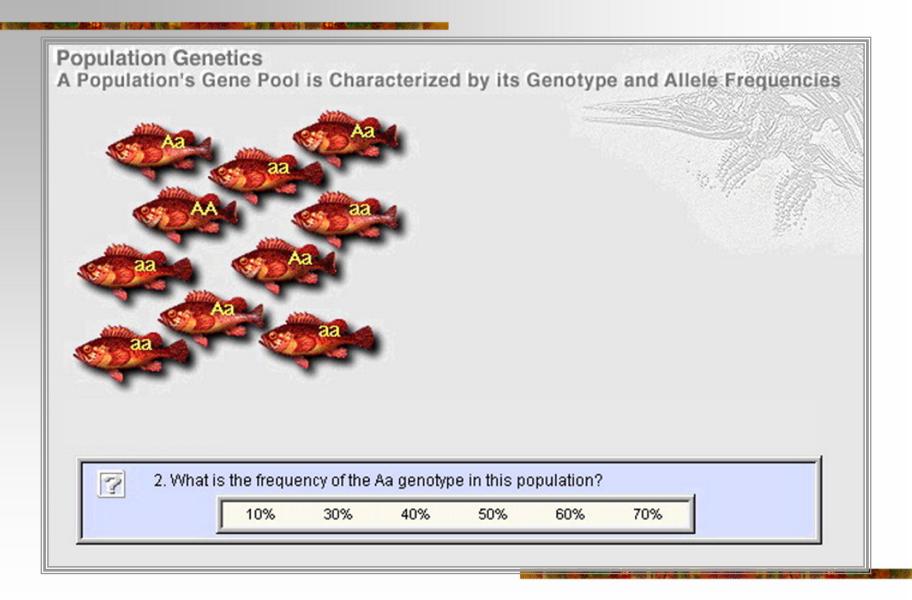
- Hardy-Weinberg applies only if there is genetic equilibrium or NO allele frequency changes
- Causes of allele frequency variations
 - Mutation
 - Migration
 - Non-random mating
 - Genetic drift
 - Natural selection
- How often in nature do NONE of these occur?
 - Rarely, if ever.

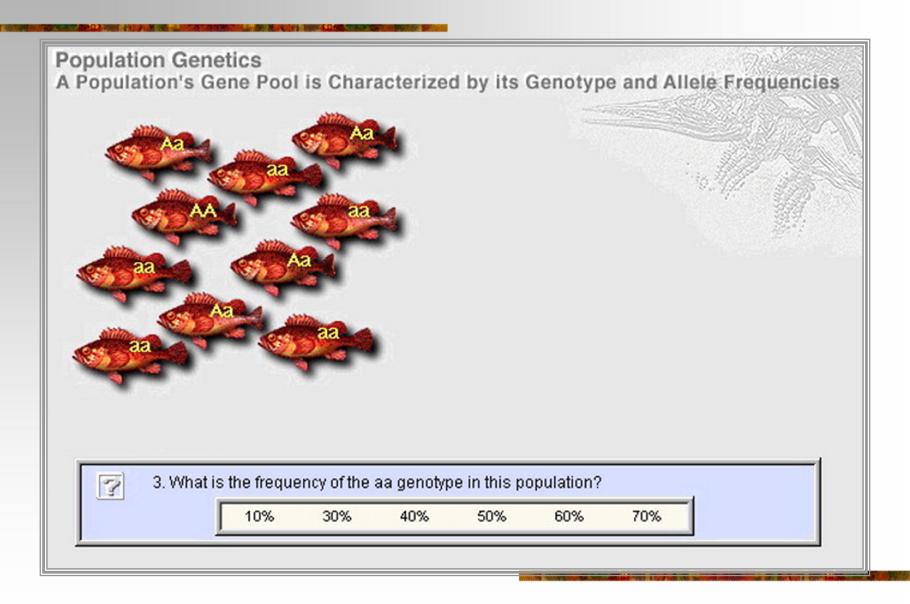
Population Genetics A Population's Gene Pool is Characterized by its Genotype and Allele Frequencies

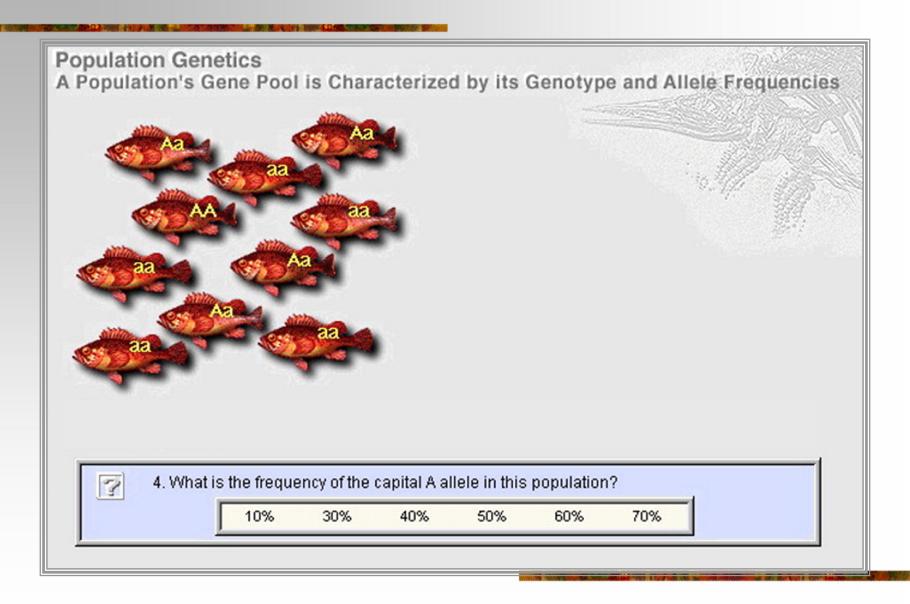


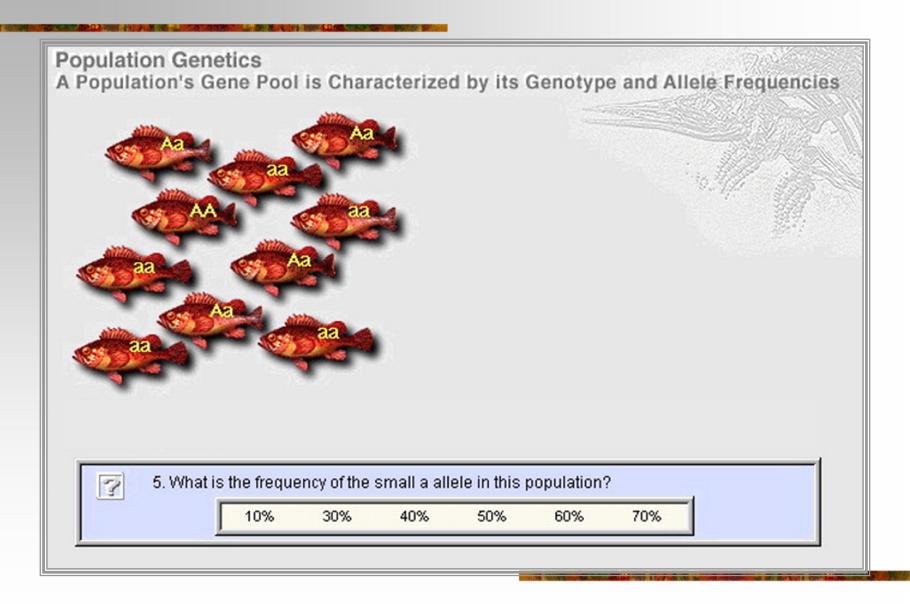
Examine the gene pool of this population and then answer the following questions by clicking on the correct answer.



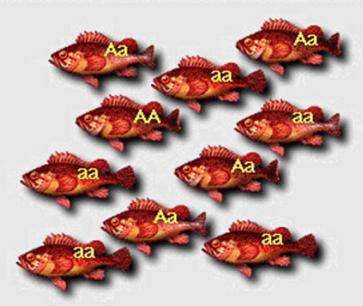








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A Population's Gene Pool is Characterized by its Genotype and Allele Frequencies



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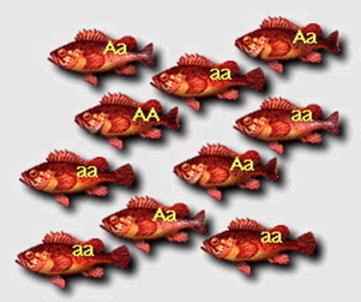
Frequency of aa genotype = 50%

Frequency of A Allele = 30%

Frequency of a Allele = 70%

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Population Genetics The Hardy-Weinberg Law



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