

Supplementary Information for “Rapid evolution of reproductive barriers driven by sexual conflict” by S. Gavrillets.

PART 2.

Derivation of equations 9 from equations 7

Let $p(z)$ be the distribution of a quantitative trait z in the population with the mean \bar{z} and central moments M_i ($= \int (z - \bar{z})^i p(z) dz$). Let the fitness function be represented as a polynomial in $z - \bar{z}$

$$w(z) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (z - \bar{z})^i,$$

where coefficients a_i are allowed to depend on the moments of $p(z)$ but not on z . Taking the mathematical expectation of both sides of the last equation one finds that the mean fitness \bar{w} can be represented as

$$\bar{w} = a_0 + \sum_{i=2}^k a_i M_i.$$

Accordingly, the numerator in equation 7a is

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int z w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \int (z - \bar{z} + \bar{z}) w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \int (z - \bar{z}) [a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (z - \bar{z})^i] p(z) dz + \bar{z} \int w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \int (z - \bar{z})^{i+1} p(z) dz + \bar{z} \bar{w} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+1} + \bar{z} \bar{w}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging the above expressions for \bar{w} and I_1 into equation (7a) one finds that the within generation change in \bar{z} is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \bar{z} &= \bar{z}' - \bar{z} \\ &= \frac{I_1}{\bar{w}} - \bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+1}}{a_0 + \sum_{i=2}^k a_i M_i},$$

which is equation (9a).

In a similar way, the numerator in equation 7b is

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int z^2 w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \int (z - \bar{z} + \bar{z})^2 w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \int [(z - \bar{z})^2 + 2(z - \bar{z})\bar{z} + \bar{z}^2] w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= \int (z - \bar{z})^2 [a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (z - \bar{z})^i] p(z) dz + 2\bar{z} \int (z - \bar{z}) w(z) p(z) dz + \bar{z}^2 \int w(z) p(z) dz \\ &= a_0 M_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+2} + 2\bar{z} (I_1 - \bar{z} \bar{w}) + \bar{z}^2 \bar{w} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k a_i M_{i+2} + 2\bar{z} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+1} + \bar{z}^2 \bar{w}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta M_2 &= M_2' - M_2 \\ &= \frac{I_2}{\bar{w}} - (\bar{z}')^2 - M_2 \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=0}^k a_i M_{i+2} + 2\bar{z} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+1}}{\bar{w}} + \bar{z}^2 - (\bar{z} + \Delta \bar{z})^2 - M_2 \\ &= \frac{a_0 M_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+2} - M_2 \bar{w}}{\bar{w}} + 2\bar{z} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+1}}{\bar{w}} - 2\bar{z} \Delta \bar{z} - (\Delta \bar{z})^2 \\ &= \frac{a_0 M_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_{i+2} - M_2 (a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_i)}{\bar{w}} - (\Delta \bar{z})^2 \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k a_i (M_{i+2} - M_2 M_i)}{\bar{w}} - (\Delta \bar{z})^2, \end{aligned}$$

which is equation (9b).

Analysis of equations 2 and 10

Taking the difference of equations (2a) and (2b) one finds that

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) &= \alpha(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) \left[2V_x \frac{s}{\theta} \left(1 - \alpha \frac{(\bar{x} - \bar{y})^2}{\theta} \right) - V_y \right] \\ &= \alpha(\bar{x} - \bar{y}) 2V_x \frac{s}{\theta} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_y}{V_x} \frac{\theta}{s} - \alpha \frac{(\bar{x} - \bar{y})^2}{\theta} \right].\end{aligned}$$

If condition 3 is satisfied, the expression in the square brackets is always negative and $u \equiv \bar{x} - \bar{y} \rightarrow 0$ asymptotically. If condition 3 is not satisfied, $u \rightarrow \pm\delta$ where δ is found from the quadratic equation obtained by equating the expression in the square brackets to zero.

At a mutation selection balance,

$$\Delta V_x = 0, \quad \Delta V_y = 0.$$

From the second equation one finds the equilibrium value of V_y given by (6a). The equilibrium value of V_x is found using the fact that the expression in the square brackets above is zero:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= 2\alpha V_x^2 \frac{s}{\theta} \left(1 - 3 \frac{\alpha(\bar{y} - \bar{x})^2}{\theta} \right) + \mu_x \\ &= 2\alpha V_x^2 \frac{s}{\theta} \left(1 - 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_y}{V_x} \frac{\theta}{s} \right) \right) + \mu_x \\ &= -4\alpha \frac{s}{\theta} \left(V_x^2 - \frac{3\theta}{4s} V_y - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\theta}{s} \frac{\mu_x}{\alpha} \right)\end{aligned}$$

The last equation has the only positive solution given by (6b). From (6b) it follows that at mutation-selection balance equilibrium

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{V_y}{V_x} \frac{\theta}{s} = \frac{4}{3 \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{16m_x}{9\mu_y} \frac{s}{\theta}} \right)},$$

which is always $< 2/3$. Thus, condition (3) is never satisfied.