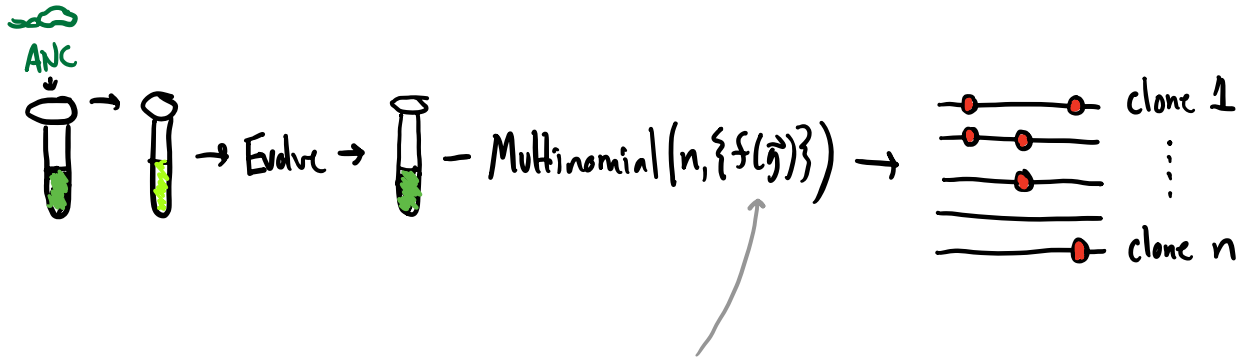


## **Chapter 9**

# **Multi-locus models of evolution**

Next Steps: now that we have methods for measuring genomes  
(or amplicons)



⇒ need models to predict  $f(\vec{g})$ 's that arise during evolution

For genome of length  $L \Rightarrow 2^L$  possible genotypes

e.g.  $L=1$ :  $g=0,1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{f(1)}_{\text{mutant}} \equiv f, \underbrace{f(0)}_{\text{WT}} = 1-f$

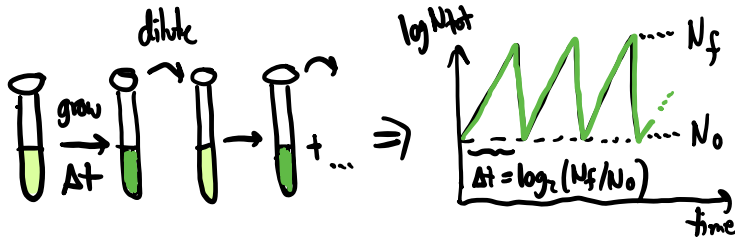
$L=2$ :  $\vec{g} = \underbrace{(0,0)}_{\text{WT}}, \underbrace{(1,0), (0,1)}_{\text{single mutants}}, \underbrace{(1,1)}_{\text{double mutant}}$

$L=3$ :  $\vec{g} = (0,0,0), \underbrace{(1,0,0), \dots}_{\text{single}}, \underbrace{(1,1,0), \dots}_{\text{double}}, \underbrace{(1,1,1)}_{\text{triple mutant}}$

⋮

etc.

Can we generalize our serial dilution (+ diffusion) models?



$$\frac{df(\vec{g})}{dt} = ???$$

① Genetic drift: first assume no growth rate differences...  
(+ no mutations)

$\Rightarrow$  After 1 day of growth (before dilution):

$$f(\vec{g}) \xrightarrow{\Delta t} \frac{f(\vec{g}) e^{r\Delta t}}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} f(\vec{g}') e^{r\Delta t}} = \frac{f(\vec{g})}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} f(\vec{g}')} = f(\vec{g}) \quad \left( \text{i.e. no change in freqs } \checkmark \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  After dilution step:

①  $n(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\bar{N}_0 \cdot f(\vec{g}))$  (sampling)

②  $f(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t) = \frac{n(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t)}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} n(\vec{g}', t + \Delta t)}$  (re-normalize)

⇒ if repeat our Taylor expansions from Ch 4 ( $\bar{N}_0$  large):

$$n(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t) \sim \bar{N}_0 f(\vec{g}, t) + \sqrt{\bar{N}_0 f(\vec{g}, t)} \cdot Z_{\vec{g}}$$

where  $Z_{\vec{g}} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Gaussian}(0, 1)$

⇒ Taylor expand  $f(\vec{g}) = \frac{n(\vec{g})}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} n(\vec{g}')}$ :

$$f(\vec{g}, t + \delta t) = f(\vec{g}, t) + \sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g}) \delta t}{N_e}} Z_{\vec{g}} - f(\vec{g}) \sum_{\vec{g}'} \sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g}') \delta t}{N_e}} Z_{\vec{g}'}$$

depends on  $Z_{\vec{g}}$  @ other  $\vec{g}'$ !

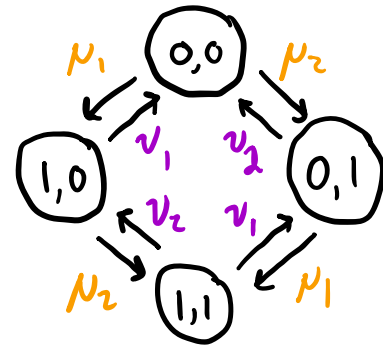
⇒ correlations between  $\delta f(\vec{g})$  &  $\delta f(\vec{g}')$  ⇒ keeps  $f(\vec{g}, t)$  normalized!

$$\sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}, t + \delta t) = \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}) + \sum_{\vec{g}} \sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g}) \delta t}{N_e}} Z_{\vec{g}} - \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}) \sum_{\vec{g}'} \sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g}') \delta t}{N_e}} Z_{\vec{g}'}$$

= 1 ⇒ stays normalized @ later times

② Mutations:

⇒ easiest to start w/  $L=2$ :



⇒ key feature: can only move by ~1 step @ a time

⇒ generalizing results from  $L=1$  case, after 1 dilution:

$$n(1,0,t+\Delta t) \sim \text{Poisson} \left( N_0 f(1,0,t) + N_0 \Delta t \left[ \overbrace{\mu_1 f(0,0,t) + \nu_2 f(1,1,t)}^{\text{mutations into genotype}} \right] - N_0 \Delta t \left[ \underbrace{\mu_2 f(1,0,t) + \nu_1 f(1,0,t)}_{\text{mutations out of genotype}} \right] \right)$$

⇒ continuum limit (i.e. Taylor expansions):

$$\delta f(1,0)_{\text{mut}} = \left[ \mu_1 f(0,0) + \nu_2 f(1,1) - \mu_2 f(1,0) - \nu_1 f(1,0) \right] \Delta t$$

(+ noise from drift)

↑ linear in \* genotype freqs

⇒ larger L's are similar, but more work to write out...

⇒ one way is:

$$\left[ \frac{\delta f(\vec{g})}{\delta t} \right]_{\text{mut}} \equiv \sum_{\substack{\text{nearest} \\ \text{neighbors} \\ \vec{g}'}} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \left[ \overbrace{\mu_{\ell} f(\vec{g}') g_{\ell} (1 - g'_{\ell}) + \nu_{\ell} f(\vec{g}') (1 - g_{\ell}) g'_{\ell}}^{\text{mutations into genotype}} \right] - \sum_{\ell=1}^L \left[ \overbrace{\mu_{\ell} f(\vec{g}) (1 - g_{\ell}) + \nu_{\ell} f(\vec{g}) g_{\ell}}^{\text{mutations out of genotype}} \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{\delta f(\vec{g})}{\delta t} \right)_{\text{mut}} \equiv \sum_{\vec{g}'} \left[ \underbrace{M(\vec{g}' \rightarrow \vec{g})}_{2^L \times 2^L \text{ matrix of mut'n rates}} f(\vec{g}') - \underbrace{M(\vec{g} \rightarrow \vec{g}')}_{2^L \times 2^L \text{ matrix of mut'n rates}} f(\vec{g}) \right]$$

Note: mutation matrix normalized s.t.  $\sum_{\vec{g}} \left( \frac{\delta f(\vec{g})}{\delta t} \right)_{\text{mut}} = 0$

⇒ ensures that  $\sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}, t + \delta t) = \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}, t) + \sum_{\vec{g}} \delta f_{\text{mut}}(\vec{g}) = 1$

### ③ Selection (growth rate differences)

If growth rate of genotype  $\vec{g}$  is  $\equiv r + X(\vec{g})$

$\Rightarrow$  then after 1 cycle of growth:

$$f(\vec{g}) \longrightarrow \frac{f(\vec{g}) e^{[r+X(\vec{g})]\Delta t}}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} f(\vec{g}') e^{[r+X(\vec{g}')]\Delta t}} = \frac{f(\vec{g}) e^{X(\vec{g})\Delta t}}{\sum_{\vec{g}'} f(\vec{g}') e^{X(\vec{g}')\Delta t}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $X(\vec{g})\Delta t \ll 1$  (continuum limit)  $\Rightarrow$  Taylor expand:

$$f(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t) \approx f(\vec{g}, t) + [X(\vec{g}) - \bar{X}(t)] f(\vec{g}, t) \Delta t$$

$$\text{where } \bar{X}(t) \equiv \sum_{\vec{g}} X(\vec{g}) f(\vec{g}, t) \text{ (population mean fitness)}$$

\* note: not an ensemble avg!  $\langle \bar{X}(t) f(\vec{g}, t) \rangle \neq \langle \bar{X}(t) \rangle \langle f(\vec{g}, t) \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \text{stays normalized: } \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}, t + \Delta t) = \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}, t) + \sum_{\vec{g}} X(\vec{g}) f(\vec{g}, t) - \sum_{\vec{g}} f(\vec{g}) \sum_{\vec{g}'} X(\vec{g}') f(\vec{g}') = 1$$

⇒ 2 new biological features that enter for  $L \geq 2$  :

④ "Epistasis" : properties of  $\vec{g} \rightarrow X(\vec{g})$  map  
( "fitness landscape" )

⇒ easiest to motivate w/  $L=2$  case (e.g. 2 gene deletions)

$$X(0,0) \equiv 0 \quad (\text{convention})$$

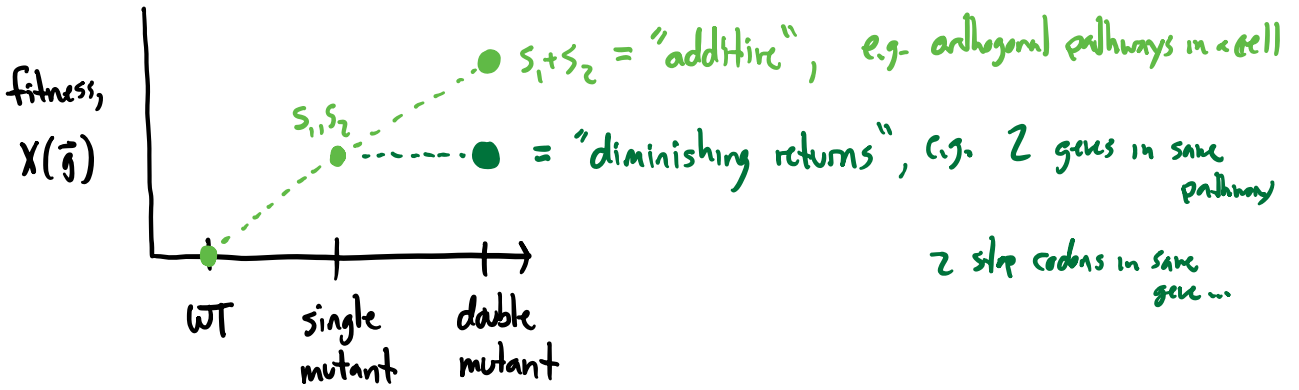
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X(1,0) \equiv S_1 \\ X(0,1) \equiv S_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{ could measure, e.g. gene deletion screen (HW2)}$$

$$X(1,1) \equiv ? \equiv \underbrace{S_1 + S_2}_{\text{"additive part"}} + \underbrace{\epsilon}_{\text{"epistasis"}} \\ (\text{how much deviation from additivity})$$

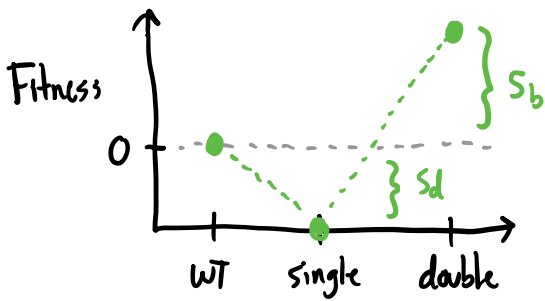
e.g. "  $\epsilon > 0$  " ⇒ "positive epistasis" ⇒ "sign epistasis"  
"  $\epsilon < 0$  " ⇒ "negative epistasis" ⇒ etc. etc.



Often easiest to express w/ picture:



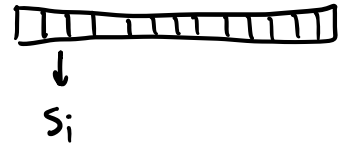
⇒ people often interested in scenarios like:



"fitness valley crossing"

e.g. initiation of cancer  
 contact btw AA's in proteins  
 ↪ (Problem 6 of HW 3)

⇒ gets even more complicated for  $L > 2$ :



$$X(\vec{g}) \equiv \underbrace{\sum_{e=1}^L s_e g_e}_{\text{additive part ("coupon collecting")}} + \underbrace{\epsilon(\vec{g})}_{\text{epistatic part.}}$$

⇒ can write as Taylor expansion around WT:

$$\epsilon(\vec{g}) = \underbrace{\sum_{e=1}^L \sum_{e'=1}^L \epsilon_{ee'} g_e g_{e'}}_{\text{"pairwise epistasis"}} + \underbrace{\sum_e \sum_{e'} \sum_{e''} \epsilon_{eee'} g_e g_{e'} g_{e''}}_{\text{"higher order epistasis"}} + \dots$$

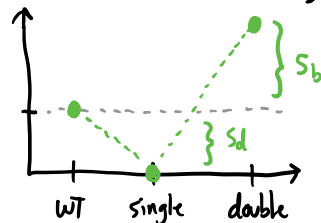
⇒ hard to parameterize in general (active area of research!)

⇒ in practice, people often use:

Additive model ( $L \gg 1$ )

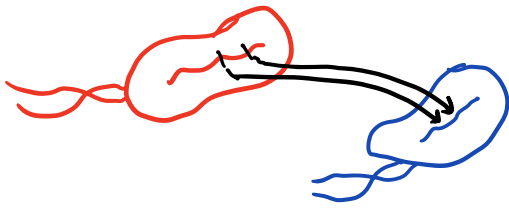
$$X(\vec{g}) \approx \sum_{e=1}^L s_e g_e$$

Pictures ( $L \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ )



⇒ other new bit of biology for  $L \geq 2$ :

⑤ Recombination (exchange of genetic material between different individuals)



Many different mechanisms!

⇒ but many share same basic behavior:

① Focal individual  $f$  is chosen to undergo recombination

⇒ w/ probability  $\rho$  per individual per-gen → e.g. mating  
viruses/phase  
uptake of DNA  
cellular DNA, d

② Donor individual  $d$  is chosen to donate portion of genome

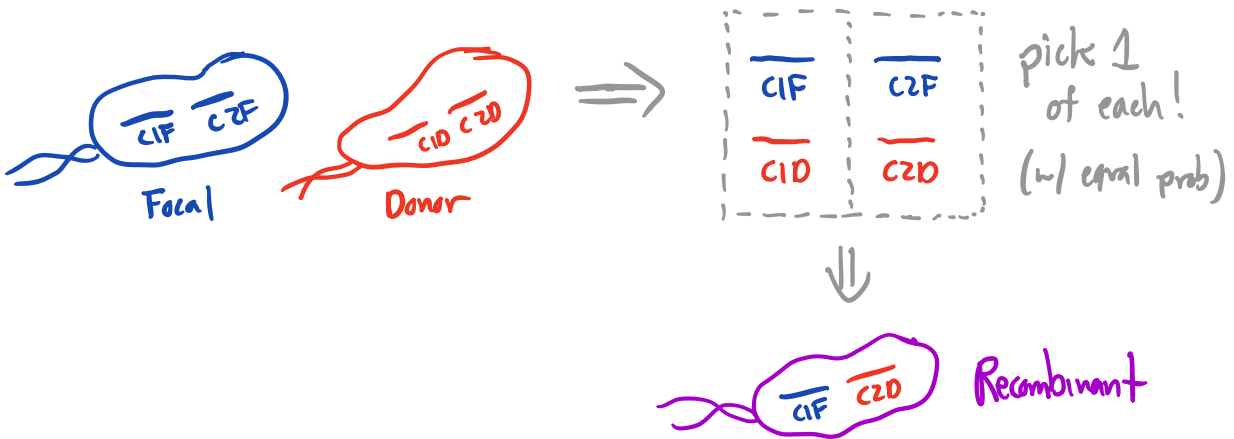
⇒ probability  $\sim \frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow f(\vec{g})$  for any individual of that genotype.

③ Some piece of donor's DNA is integrated into focal genome

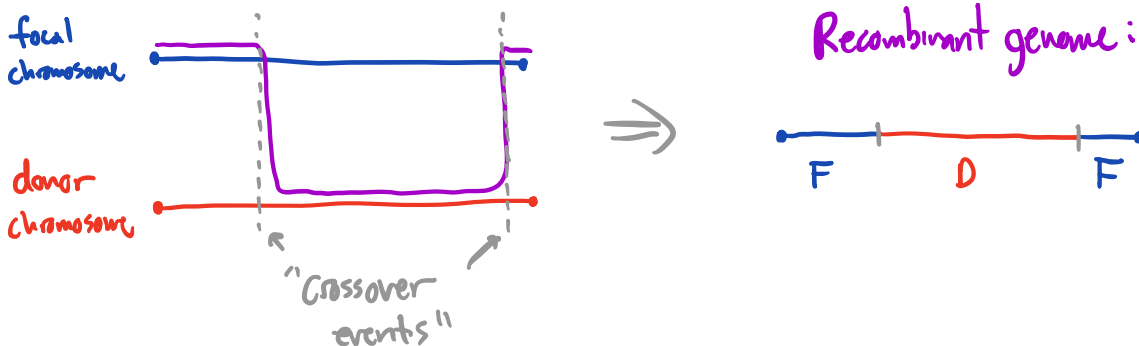
⇒ producing "recombinant"

⇒ different mechanisms enter @ this step:

a) Reassortment (e.g. different chromosomes, e.g. yeast, humans, influenza.)



b) Crossover Recombination (e.g. w/in chromosomes in humans)



⇒ often modeled w/  $\sim 1$  crossover per recombination event

w/ location chosen uniformly across chromosome 

⇒ in practice, "hot spots" + "cold spots" ⇒ "recombination map"

⇒ effective recombination rates vary over many orders-of-magnitude for different pairs of sites in same genome!

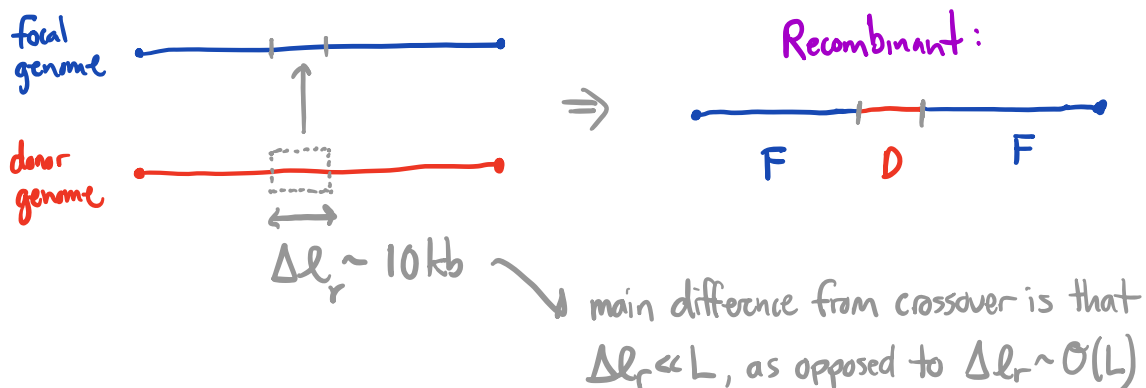
⇒ e.g. in humans ⇒  $L_{\text{chrom}} \sim 10^8$  bp (x 23 chromosomes)

⇒  $P(\text{recomb}) \sim 100\%$  if opp. ends of same chrom (or diff chroms)

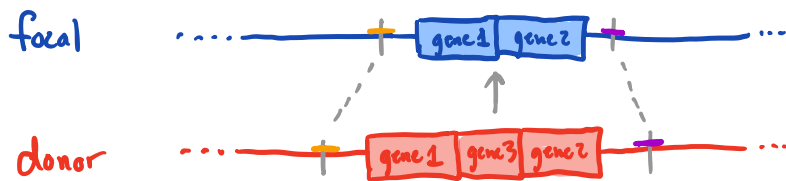
⇒  $P(\text{recomb}) \sim 10^{-8}$  if neighboring bp

### (C) "Horizontal gene transfer (HGT)" / "gene conversion"

⇒ lingo is a little controversial, but basic idea pretty simple:



⇒ also a mechanism for gaining & losing genes ("accessory genome")

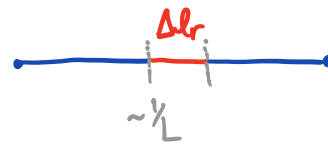


often mediated by homology (=)  
similar to PCR...

⇒ active area of research!

⇒ but in this class, will mostly focus on "core genome"

⇒ simplest HGT model:  
 $\Delta l_r = \text{const}$ , location  $\sim$  uniform



So far: individual-based picture...

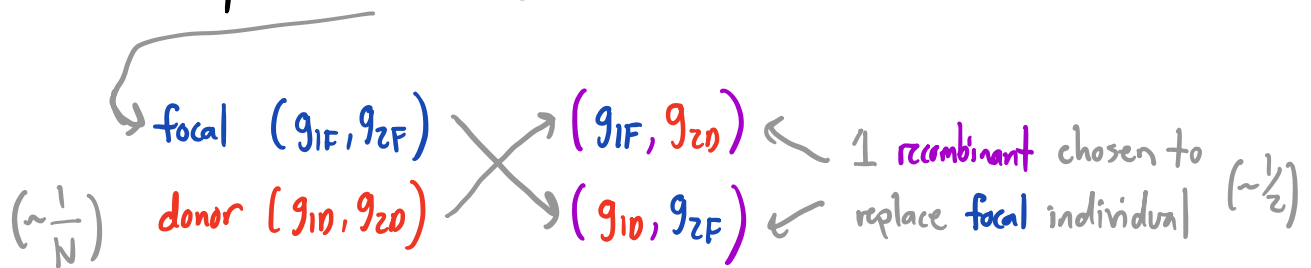
⇒ can we translate to continuum limit?

$$\left( \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}(\vec{g})}{\delta t} \right)_{\text{rec}} = ???$$

⇒ easiest to start w/  $L=2$  case ⇒  $\vec{g} = (g_1, g_2)$

⇒ all mechanisms have same net effect:

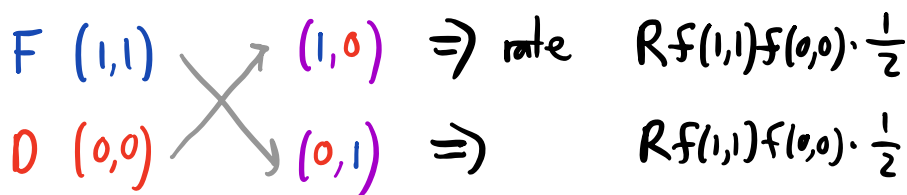
$\Rightarrow$  w/ rate  $R$  [function of  $\rho, L, \Delta t, \dots$  etc.]



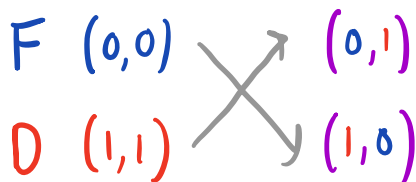
$\Rightarrow$  total outflow from recombination:  $-Rf(\vec{g})$

$\Rightarrow$  total inflow?  $2^2 \times 2^2 = 16$  possible focal/donor combos

case 1 (of 16):



case 2 (of 16):



same!

Case 3 (of 16):  $(1,1) \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} (1,0) \\ (1,1) \end{matrix} \Rightarrow Rf(1,1)f(1,0) \frac{1}{2}$   
 $(1,0) \begin{matrix} \searrow \\ \nearrow \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} (1,1) \\ (1,0) \end{matrix} \Rightarrow Rf(1,1)f(1,0) \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  after tabulating all 16 combinations (all 32 recombinants) can add them up to obtain:

$$\left( \frac{\delta f(1,1)}{\delta t} \right)_{rec} = Rf(1,0)f(0,1) - Rf(1,1)f(0,0) \quad \leftarrow \text{same!}$$

$$\left( \frac{\delta f(0,0)}{\delta t} \right)_{rec} = Rf(1,0)f(0,1) - Rf(1,1)f(0,0)$$

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$$\left( \frac{\delta f(0,1)}{\delta t} \right)_{rec} = \text{same.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  normalized so that  $\sum_{\vec{g}} \delta f(\vec{g})_{rec} = 0 \quad \checkmark$



⇒ harder to write down explicitly for  $L > 2$  ....

but will have general form:

$$\left( \frac{\delta f(\vec{g})}{\delta t} \right)_{\text{rec}} = \rho \sum_{\vec{g}_F, \vec{g}_0} \underbrace{T(\vec{g}_F, \vec{g}_0 \rightarrow \vec{g})}_{\substack{\text{"recombination"} \\ \text{"kernel"} \rightarrow \text{"tensor"}}} \underbrace{f(\vec{g}_F) f(\vec{g}_0)}_{\text{nonlinear!}} - \rho f(\vec{g})$$

*incoming recombinants*                      *adjoining recombinants.*

⇒ unlike mutation, can create genotypes far from  $\vec{g}$ !

Putting everything together, general multilocus model looks like:

$$\frac{df(\vec{g})}{dt} = \underbrace{\left[ X(\vec{g}) - \bar{X}(t) \right] f(\vec{g})}_{\text{selection (nonlinear)}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{g}'} M(\vec{g}' \rightarrow \vec{g}) f(\vec{g}') - M(\vec{g} \rightarrow \vec{g}') f(\vec{g})}_{\text{mutation (linear, "local")}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{e \sum_{\vec{g}_F, \vec{g}_D} T(\vec{g}_F, \vec{g}_D \rightarrow \vec{g}) f(\vec{g}_F) f(\vec{g}_D) - e f(\vec{g})}_{\text{recombination (nonlinear, non-local)}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g})}{N}} \eta(\vec{g}) - f(\vec{g}) \sum_{\vec{g}'} \sqrt{\frac{f(\vec{g}')}{N}} \eta(\vec{g}')}_{\text{genetic drift (stochastic)}}$$

Problem: No exact solution for stationary dist'n,  $p_{\text{fix}}$ , etc.  
 - even for  $L=2$ !

$\Rightarrow$  What do we do instead?!?  $\Rightarrow$  asymptotic approx's

Question: Given parameters ("knobs")  $L, N, X(\vec{g}), M, e, T$

$\Rightarrow$  what are some limits where we might understand understand this SDE?

$$\frac{df(\vec{g})}{dt} = \underbrace{\sim (x - \bar{x})}_{\text{blue}} + \underbrace{\sim L \times \mu}_{\text{orange}}$$

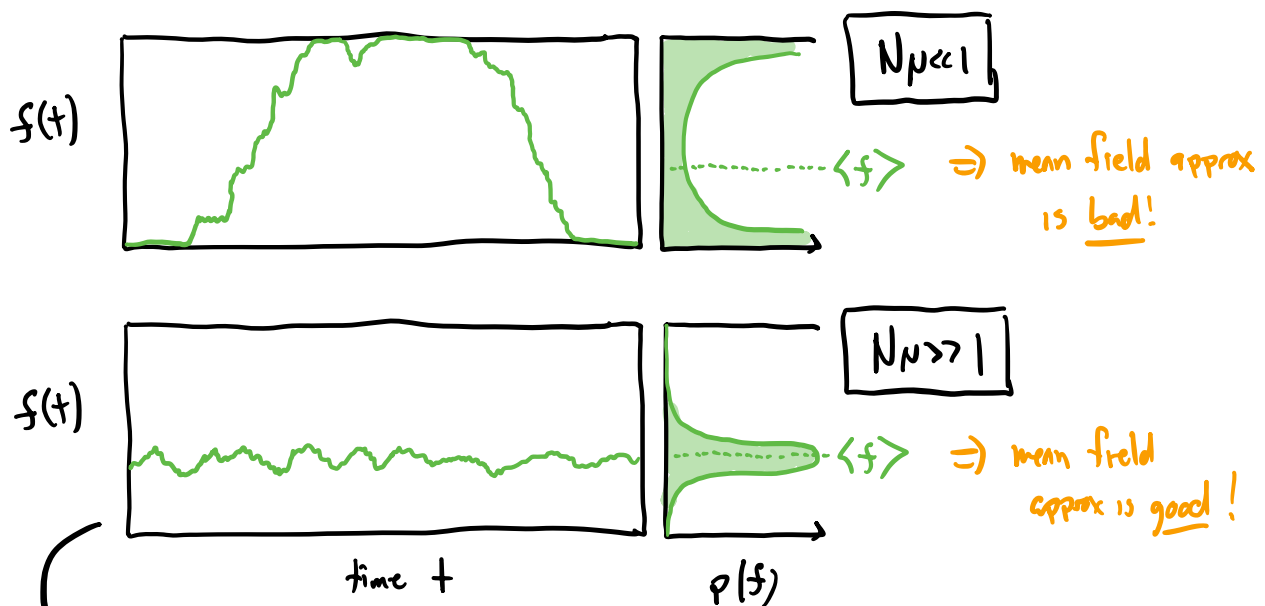
$$+ \underbrace{\sim e}_{\text{purple}} + \underbrace{\sim \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}}_{\text{green}}$$

① Obvious answer:  $L=1 \Rightarrow$  cheating!\*

② in physics, might be primed to take  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit ...  
("mean field approx") since @ least noise goes away ...

$\Rightarrow$  is this a good approx here?

$\Rightarrow$  Recall for  $L=1$  case, 2 different regimes when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :



$\Rightarrow$  mean field approx is bad!

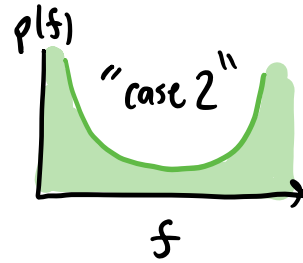
$\Rightarrow$  mean field approx is good!

key feature: large # of individuals in both genotypes @ same time

$\Rightarrow$  so fluctuations are small.

$\Rightarrow$  e.g. for  $L=2$ , might be ok  $\Rightarrow$  but for  $L \gg 1 \Rightarrow 2^L \gg N!$   
e.g.  $L=1000 \text{ bp} \Rightarrow 2^L \sim 10^{300}!$

⇒ large  $L$  will always look like  
 (@ least in some dimensions)



⇒ noise always relevant!

Need to look for other  
 approximations of SDE ...

$$\frac{ds(\vec{q})}{dt} = \underbrace{\sim (x - \bar{x})}_{\text{blue}} + \underbrace{\sim L \times \mu}_{\text{orange}} + \underbrace{\sim e}_{\text{purple}} + \underbrace{\sim \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{N}}}_{\text{green}}$$

Let's revisit our first idea ( $L=1$ )

⇒ even if  $L \gg 1$ , if behavior "looks like"  $L=1$  case,  
 ⇒ can use what we already know...

③ Successive mutations regime (i.e. treat **mutation** as small correction)

⇒ what if mutation rates are low enough that  
 only 1 or 2 genotypes are present @ a time?