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example of Tsigai haemoglobin
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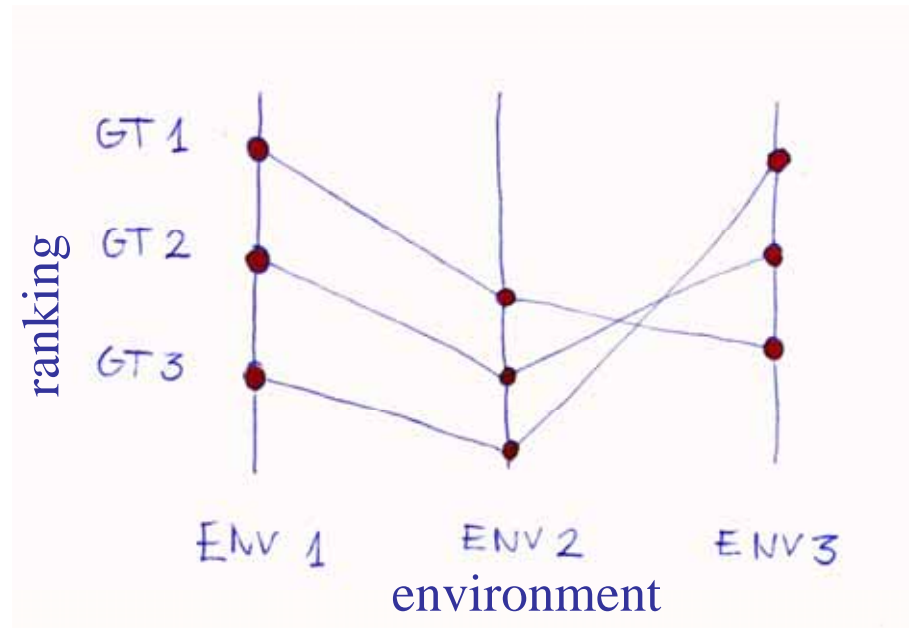
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Breeding value estimation

- A **genotype-environment** interaction is evaluated when the ranking order of genotypes are proven by different environments.



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Assumptions

– genetic equilibrium

- The gene(allele)- and genotype frequencies remain **in all the next generations the same**, when any disturbing impacts* act and we suppose that the genotypes have the same vitality, fertility and mating chance.

*mutation, immigration – selection, emigration

„Weinberg-Hardy-Tsetverikov rule”



Wilhelm Weinberg
(1862-1937)



Godfrey Harold Hardy
(1877-1947)



**Sergey Sergeevich
Tsetverikov (1880-1959)**

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I. Kind of selection

Natural selection

The natural selection allows only those individuals to reproduce that possess traits adaptive to the environments in which they live (*partial or total* selection).

Artificial selection

The artificial selection is operative when humans determine which individuals will be allowed to leave offspring.

Natural selection (partial)

Different advantages of hemoglobin-variants (AA, AB, BB) in sheep.

BB-variant has less fixing-ability on oxygen what will be manifested in lower fertility rate.

Hemoglobin	AA	AB	BB
Fertility rate in lowland:	200	260	115
Fertility rate in mountains:	190	210	60
Survival rate:	190/200 0,95	210/260 0,82	60/115 0,52
Fitness, w:	1,00	0,86	0,55
Coefficient of selection ($s = 1 - w$)	0,00	0,14	0,45

Allelic frequencies of Haemoglobin by Tsigai sheep variants

Haemoglobin	Jákotpuszta (2003) (n=82)	Bátmonostor (1964) and Csátalja (1976) (n=448)	Szalkszentmárton (1990) and Apajpuszta (1998) (n=290)	Cegléd (1990) (n=227)
Hb^A	0,1611	0,0706	0,0616	0,0163
Hb ^B	0,8389	0,9295	0,9385	0,9837
Eco-type	mountain	l o w l a n d		dairy



Haemoglobin genotypes

- importance in the taxonomy,
- consequences are not unambiguous,
- the respiratory functions of Hb variants do not differ,
- fertility of Hb variants was not confirmed by all the authors,
- Hb genotype is one of the relevant functional markers to monitor animal well-being
- animals with BB genotype are more resilient to parasites and climatic stress.

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Biochemische Polymorphismen und Haupt-mtDNA-Haplotypen bei Bergschafassen und Waldschafen als Beitrag zur Abstammung der Hausschafe

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Tabelle 1. Haupt-mtDNA-Haplotypfrequenzen sowie Allelfrequenzen im Hämoglobin (HBB), dem Vitamin-D-bindenden Protein (GC), der Carboanhydrase (CA2) und im Albumin (ALB) mit Vergleichswerten^{a,b} (Major mtDNA-haplotype-frequencies and allele-frequencies of haemoglobin (HBB), vitamin D-binding protein (GC), carbonic anhydrase (CA2), and albumin (ALB) in comparison to literature data^{a,b})

Rasse	n	mt DNA ^A	mt DNA ^B	HBB ^A	HBB ^B	GC ^S	GC ^F	GC ^V	CA ^F	CA ^S	ALB ^F	ALB ^S	ALB ^W
Steinschaf I	7	–	1.0	0.500	0.500	1.0	–	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
Steinschaf II	5	–	1.0	0.400	0.600	1.0	–	–	0.300	0.7	–	1.0	–
Brillenschaf	7	–	1.0	0.429	0.571	1.0	–	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
Weißes	11	–	1.0	0.546	0.435	1.0	–	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
Bergschaf													
Braunes	7	–	1.0	0.857	0.143	1.0	–	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
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Waldschaf	7	0.571	0.429	0.571	0.429	0.929	0.071	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
Waldschaf I ^a	49	–	–	0.500	0.500	0.673	0.038	0.289	–	–	–	0.981	0.019
Waldschaf II ^a	26	–	–	0.582	0.418	0.725	0.153	0.122	–	–	0.010	0.949	0.041
Bergamasker	1	–	1.0	–	1.000	1.0	–	–	–	1.0	–	1.0	–
Bergamasker ^b	199	–	–	0.191	0.809	–	–	–	0.076	0.924	–	1.0	–

^aFÉSÜS et al. 1992; ^bZANOTTI CASATI et al. (1990)

Table 1

Allele frequencies at the post-albumin, transferrin and haemoglobin loci of six Moroccan local sheep breeds

System	Allele	Timahdite	Béni Guil	Sardi	Boujaâd	D'man	Béni Ahsen
GC	F	0.085	0.097	0.087	0.039	0.092	0.061
	S	0.900	0.885	0.882	0.951	0.837	0.897
	V	0.015	0.018	0.031	0.010	0.071	0.042
TF	A	0.127	0.155	0.231	0.179	0.108	0.166
	G	0.045	0.050	0.042	0.061	0.019	0.028
	B*	–	–	0.016	–	–	–
	B	0.315	0.200	0.167	0.223	0.243	0.203
	C	0.127	0.260	0.207	0.257	0.190	0.402
	D	0.372	0.308	0.262	0.250	0.371	0.175
	M	–	–	0.005	–	0.013	–
	E	0.014	0.027	0.066	0.030	0.056	0.024
	P	–	–	0.002	–	–	0.002
HBB	A	0.008	0.063	0.009	0.025	0.063	0.025
	B	0.957	0.915	0.932	0.926	0.824	0.926
	H	0.035	0.022	0.059	0.049	0.113	0.049

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Table 4 Correlation coefficients (R) between the considered variables (see the meaning of the code in Table 1) and 3 first principal components (PRIN) obtained from the Princomp analysis

Variable	PRIN	R	P
Alb/g	1	0.902	0.000
Glob/g	1	0.887	0.000
SAP	1	-0.846	0.001
Het	2	0.799	0.003
HEALTH	2	0.799	0.003
HBBA	3	-0.776	0.005
HBBB	2	0.773	0.005
AREA	2	0.771	0.005
HBBI	2	-0.761	0.007
Hb	2	0.745	0.009
SIZE	3	0.736	0.010
TP	1	0.720	0.012
Chlo	1	0.669	0.024
Alb%	3	-0.668	0.025
Glob%	3	0.665	0.026
Alb%	1	0.660	0.027
Glob%	1	-0.660	0.027
Glob/g	3	0.654	0.029
Ca	1	0.634	0.036

Only the significant correlations are included, the coefficients being reported in ascending probability value for the null hypothesis (R=0)

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