Biology 434

- Define and describe the difference between a. An allele an a gene, and b. a genotype and a gamete.
 - a. A gene is a vague term which is used to describe a unit of inheritance transmitted from parent to offspring. The term gene is often used interchangeably with the both locus and allele. An allele differs from a gene in that the term allele refers to the particular form of a gene. A locus is a term which is used to describe the physical location on a chromosome where the gene resides. For example, in class tutorial we have been frequently discussing a situation in which there are two **alleles** at a particular locus. Frequently we have demarcated this gene using the letter 'A', with an uppercase 'A' used to denote one allele and a lowercase 'a' used to denote the other allele. In the situation were there are more than two alleles at a particular locus (or more than two alleles for a particular gene), the different alleles are often denoted by a letter or letters with a subscript of a number or other letters. For example at the 'A' locus with five alleles, we might denote the different alleles as A_1 , A_2 , A_3 , A_4 , and A_5 . In question 1 from the first weeks required problem set, there were two alleles at the PGI-2 locus, and they were denoted as $PGI-2_A$ and $PGI-2_a$.
 - b. A genotype is a complete description of all of the alleles that an individual or individuals has/have at one or more loci. If an individual is diploid then an their genotype will always have an even number of alleles listed regardless of the number of loci. For example, a diploid individual might have the A_1A_3 at the locus- but their genotype at the A and B loci might be $A_1A_3 B_2B_5$. A gamete on the other hand is haploid and therefore will only one copy of each gene or a single allele at each locus. An individual with the genotype $A_1A_3 B_2B_5$ could produce the following gametes: A_1B_2 , A_1B_5 , A_3B_2 , A_3B_5 .

2.

a. $P_B = 0.523952$, $P_b = 0.476048$.

b. No, the population is not in H.W.E (p > 0.001).

- a. $P_{C1} = 0.537594$, $P_{C2} = 0.327068$, $P_{C3} = 0.135338$
- b. No this population is not in H.W.E. either.

4.
$$P_{A1} = 0.4, P_{A2} = 0.6, P_{B1} = 0.5, P_{B2} = 0.5. D=0.1.$$

- 5.
- a. Without linkage

Р	A1	A2	A3
B1	0.02	0.035	0.045
B2	0.08	0.14	0.18
B3	0.1	0.175	0.225

b. With D=0.3. $D_{ABSOLUTEMAX} \leq 0.25$. You can calculate what D_{MAX} is by noting that it will be less than or equal to the smallest value of all of the gamete frequencies. For the above question that is 0.02.