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SHOW AS MUCH WORK AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU MAY RECEIVE PARTIAL CREDIT FOR THE WORK YOU DO IF YOUR ANSWER IS INCORRECT.

1. In a small village of 900 people, 400 people have blood type O and the rest have blood type B . The population is at Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium with respect to blood type.

- a. What is the frequency of the O allele in this village?

$$z = q^2 = \frac{400}{900} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- b. What is the frequency of the B allele in this village?

$$p = 1 - q = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- c. How many people in this village have genotype BB ?

$$\text{freq}(BB) = x = p^2 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$BB = 900 \cdot \frac{1}{9} = 100$$

- d. How many people in this village have genotype BO ?

$$BO = 900 - BB - OO = 900 - 100 - 400 = 400$$

2. In another small village of 900 people, everyone has blood type AB .

- a. How do we know that this population is not at Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for blood type?

The frequency of the heterozygotes (AB) is more than 50%.

- b. What is the frequency of the A allele in this village?

$$p = x + \frac{1}{2}y = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{900}{900} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- c. What is the frequency of the B allele in this village?

$$q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- d. How many people in this village would have blood type AB if this population was at Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium with respect to blood type and it had the same allele frequencies that it currently has?

$$\text{freq}(AB) = y = 2pq = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$AB = 900 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 450$$