Evolutionary Stability of Jointly Evolving Traits in Subdivided Populations

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Abstract: The evolutionary stability of quantitative traits depends on whether a population can resist invasion by any mutant. While invadability is well understood in well-mixed populations, it is much less so in subdivided populations when multiple traits evolve jointly. Here, we investigate whether a spatially subdivided population at a monomorphic equilibrium for multiple traits can withstand invasion by any mutant or is subject to diversifying selection. Our model also explores the correlations among traits arising from diversifying selection and how they depend on relatedness due to limited dispersal. We find that selection tends to favor a positive (negative) correlation between two traits when the selective effects of one trait on relatedness is positively (negatively) correlated to the indirect fitness effects of the other trait. We study the evolution of traits for which this matters: dispersal that decreases relatedness and helping that has positive indirect fitness effects. We find that when dispersal cost is low and the benefits of helping accelerate faster than its costs, selection leads to the coexistence of mobile defectors and sessile helpers. Otherwise, the population evolves to a monomorphic state with intermediate helping and dispersal. Overall, our results highlight the effects of population subdivision for evolutionary stability and correlations among traits.

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Introduction

One of the main goals of evolutionary biology is to explain patterns of phenotypic diversity, not only between but also within species. Among the most variable and striking phenotypes are social traits, that is, traits that affect their carriers as well as other individuals in the population, such as cooperative or aggressive behavior. Recent years have witnessed an accumulation of evidence for the coexistence of individuals exhibiting diverse correlated quantitative social traits within populations of insects, mammals, birds, reptiles, and fishes (e.g., Sih et al. 2004a; Ducrest et al. 2008; Pruitt et al. 2008; Carter et al. 2010; Cote et al. 2010a; Edenbrow and Croft 2011; Wang et al. 2013). In sticklebacks, for example, social individuals that tend to be exploratory and aggressive to intruders coexist with individuals that are less social but also less exploratory and less aggressive (Laskowski and Bell 2014). In addition, nonrandom associations among traits often influence the reproductive success of individuals (reviewed in Sih et al. 2004a; Pruitt et al. 2008) and are, to some extent, heritable (Drent et al. 2003; van Oers et al. 2004; Sinn et al. 2006; Ariyomo et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2013; Dochtermann et al. 2014; Purcell et al. 2014). These empirical findings have generated considerable interest, yet how selection either leads a population to exhibit little phenotypic variation or favors phenotypic diversification maintaining correlations among traits remains, in general, poorly understood.

The effects of selection on quantitative traits can be studied by looking at the adaptive dynamics of traits, which are the gradual phenotypic changes displayed by a population under the constant influx of mutations (e.g., Eshel 1983, 1996; Parker and Maynard Smith 1990; Christiansen 1991; Grafen 1991; Abrams et al. 1993; Geritz et al. 1998). Unfortunately, a detailed description of adaptive dynamics is complicated to achieve. In order to understand the long-term effects of selection on jointly evolving traits, it is often more fruitful to study the equilibria of the adaptive dynamics and their evolutionary stability. Importantly, investigating evolutionary stability provides insight into the fundamental features of adaptation in the absence of genetic constraints (Parker and Maynard Smith 1990) and into the conditions that lead to phenotypic diversification (e.g., random environments, sexual selection, niche partitioning, trophic interactions, and social behavior; de Mazancourt and Dieckmann 2004; van Doorn et al. 2004; Leimar 2005; Dercole and Rinaldi 2008; Brännström et al. 2010).

Evolutionary stability rests on two questions about trait values that are equilibria of adaptive dynamics (also known

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as singular values; Eshel 1983; Taylor 1989; Christiansen 1991). The first is whether a mutant whose trait is closer to the singular value than the trait of the monomorphic population it arose in will invade. If that is the case, the population will converge to the singular value through recurrent substitutions, and such an evolutionary attractor is said to be convergence stable. The second question asks whether a population that is monomorphic for a singular value can resist invasion by any mutant whose trait is close to the singular value. When that is the case, the singular value is said to be locally uninvadable. A singular trait value that is both convergence stable and locally uninvadable is an evolutionary endpoint: a population will gradually converge to it and, in the absence of genetic drift or exogenous changes, remain there forever (Eshel 1983). Alternatively, a convergence stable trait value may also be locally uninvadable. In that case, the population approaches the convergence stable value but then diversifies, possibly undergoing evolutionary branching, whereby a unimodal phenotypic distribution becomes bimodal, leading to the stable coexistence of highly differentiated morphs (Geritz et al. 1998). Evolutionary branching has been shown to occur in a number of scenarios of social interactions like altruism, helping, or competition (Ferriere et al. 2002; Doebeli et al. 2004; Dercole and Rinaldi 2008 and references therein). Understanding both evolutionary convergence and uninvadability are therefore necessary to understanding how selection leads to phenotypic diversification in social traits.

The evolutionary convergence and local uninvadability of traits evolving in isolation from one another are well understood in well-mixed populations (or panmixia; e.g., Eshel 1983; Taylor 1989; Christiansen 1991). But to understand patterns of diversification and covariation among multiple traits requires looking at the evolutionary stability of jointly evolving traits. When multiple traits are under selection, selection on one trait may affect selection on other traits (Lande and Arnold 1989; Phillips and Arnold 1989; Brodie et al. 1995), and when a population becomes polymorphic for multiple traits, selection can preferentially target certain combinations of traits over others, thereby creating phenotypic correlations (Phillips and Arnold 1989). The evolutionary stability of phenotypes that consist of multiple traits is also well understood in well-mixed populations (e.g., Lessard 1990; Leimar 2009). Studies on the uninvadability of multiple traits in well-mixed populations have, for instance, shown that interactions among traits can facilitate evolutionary phenotypic diversification (Leimar 2009; Doebeli and Ispolatov 2010; Débarre et al. 2014; Ito and Dieckmann 2014; Svardal et al. 2014).

The vast majority of natural populations, however, are spatially structured. When dispersal is limited, spatial structure creates genetic structure: interacting individuals are more likely to carry identical alleles than individuals sampled at random from the population. As a result, selection depends on the genetic structure and indirect fitness effects (i.e., the effects that traits in neighboring individuals have on the fitness of a focal individual; Hamilton 1964; Eshel 1972; Rouset 2004). Evolutionary convergence in subdivided populations has been well studied, and whether a singular trait value is convergence stable can be determined solely from Hamilton’s selection gradient, which uses the probability that two neutral genes are identical by descent (i.e., genetic relatedness) as a measure of genetic structure (Frank 1998; Day 2001; Rouset 2004). The joint study of Hamilton’s selection gradients on multiple traits then informs on the convergence stability of multiple traits (Brown and Taylor 2010), and this type of analysis has yielded intuitive insights into the evolutionary convergence of many coevolving social traits, such as dispersal and sex ratio, altruism and dispersal, altruism and punishment, or altruism and kin recognition (e.g., Gandon 1999; Perrin and Mazalov 2000; Reuter and Keller 2001; Lehmann and Perrin 2002; Rouset and Gandon 2002; Gardner and West 2004; Leturque and Rouset 2004).

By contrast, local uninvadability in subdivided populations has received far less attention and is significantly more challenging to study than it is in well-mixed populations (Day 2001; Metz and Gyllenberg 2001; Ajar 2003; Massol et al. 2009; Wakano and Lehmann 2014; Svardal et al. 2015). Computational methods that determine uninvadability in subdivided populations are available (Metz and Gyllenberg 2001; Massol et al. 2009), but they do not straightforwardly reveal how uninvadability depends on genetic structure and fitness effects, which are central components of biological evolution (e.g., Hamilton 1964; Frank 1998; Rouset 2004; Wenseleers et al. 2010; but see Svardal et al. 2015 for environmental effects on uninvadability when local populations are infinitely large). Two studies so far have helped reveal the influence of genetic structure and fitness effects by interpreting the uninvadability of a singular trait value in terms of relatedness and indirect fitness effects when local populations are small (Ajar 2003; Wakano and Lehmann 2014). In particular, it was shown that whether a trait value is uninvadable depends on how selection on the trait affects genetic structure. However, the works of Ajar (2003) and Wakano and Lehmann (2014) looked at a trait that is evolving in isolation from any other traits. Thus, how population subdivision influences the diversification and the maintenance of correlations among jointly evolving traits is still poorly understood.

In this article, we investigate mathematically when multiple evolving traits in a subdivided population are locally uninvadable or, alternatively, when diversification occurs. In the case of diversification, we also study the type of correlations among traits that are favored by selection. In or-
order to perform our analysis of selection, we use the geometric growth rate of a mutation when rare (Tuljapurkar 2003). We highlight the influence of spatial genetic structure by expressing the conditions for uninvadability, diversification, and the among-trait correlations favored by selection in terms of genetic relatedness coefficients and indirect fitness effects.

Model

Life Cycle

We consider a haploid population divided into an infinite number of patches, each with N adult individuals (Wright’s 1931 island model). The life cycle is as follows: (1) patches may go extinct and do so independently of one another; (2) each of the N adults in a surviving patch produces offspring (in sufficient numbers for each patch to always be of size $N$ at the beginning of stage 1 of the life cycle) and then either survives or dies; (3) dispersal and density-dependent competition for vacated breeding spots occur.

This life cycle allows for one, several, or all adults to die per life cycle iteration, thereby encompassing overlapping and nonoverlapping generations as well as metapopulation processes where whole patches go extinct before reproduction. We assume that each offspring has a nonzero probability of dispersal so that patches are not completely isolated from one another and that dispersal occurs to a randomly chosen patch (i.e., there is no isolation by distance). However, dispersal is allowed to occur in groups and before or after density-dependent competition so that more than one offspring from the same natal patch can establish in the same nonnatal patch.

Multidimensional Phenotypes

Each individual expresses a genetically determined multidimensional phenotype that consists of $n$ continuous traits. These traits can affect any event of the life cycle, under the assumption that the expression of these traits and their effects are independent of age. For instance, the fertility or mortality of an individual is assumed to be independent from its age and that of any other individual who may affect it.

Uninvadability of a Multidimensional Phenotype

A resident phenotype $z = (z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n)$, where $z_p$ is the value of the $p$th quantitative trait, is said to be uninvadable if any mutation that arises as a single copy in the population and causes the expression of phenotype $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \ldots, \xi_n)$ goes extinct with probability 1. The uninvadability of a resident phenotype $z$ is therefore assessed by considering the evolutionary success of all possible mutations $\xi$ that would arise when the population is monomorphic for the resident.

Lineage Fitness, Uninvadability, and Selection on Multiple Traits

Lineage Fitness and Global Uninvadability

In order to measure the evolutionary success of a mutation, we use the fact that it is very rare in the population when it arises as a single copy. Because the total number of patches is infinite, it will initially continue to remain rare, even if it increases in frequency due to selection and/or genetic drift and starts to spread to other patches. As a result, interactions among mutants from different patches are very unlikely and can be neglected in the initial growth phase of the gene lineage initiated by the mutation. The evolutionary success of a mutation can therefore be assessed by measuring the individual fitness of a carrier of the mutation that is randomly sampled from the mutant lineage, when the rest of the population is monomorphic for $z$. We define the lineage fitness of a mutant $\xi$ that arises as a single copy in a resident $z$ population as

$$v(\xi, z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k(\xi, z) q_k(\xi, z),$$

where $w_k(\xi, z)$ is an individual fitness function that gives the expected number of adult offspring produced by an individual carrying the mutation when there are $k$ mutants in a patch (including the individual itself, if generations overlap). The quantity $q_k(\xi, z)$ is the probability that a randomly drawn member of the mutant lineage resides in a patch with a total number $k$ of mutants and is calculated from the asymptotic distribution of mutant patch types in the initial growth phase of the mutant lineage (before extinction or eventual invasion). The lineage fitness of a mutation, therefore, gives the expected individual fitness of a randomly sampled carrier of the mutation from its lineage (Day 2001; Lehmann et al. 2015).

If the lineage fitness of a mutation is greater than 1, then we expect it to invade the population because, in that case, the individual fitness of an average carrier of the mutation is greater than the individual fitness of a resident, which is 1. In fact, building on the branching process approach of Wild (2011), we find that $v(\xi, z)$ provides an exact assessment of the evolutionary success of a mutation because if, and only if, $v(\xi, z) \leq 1$, the mutation goes extinct with probability 1, but if $v(\xi, z) > 1$, there is a nonzero probability that the mutant persists in the population (see the “Lineage Fitness and Uninvadability” section of the appendix; appendix available online). We can therefore formulate the following uninvadability condition:
that is, a phenotype $z$ is uninvadable if, and only if, a mutation that causes its bearers to express $z$ has the greatest lineage fitness when all other individuals in the population also express $z$ (also see Lehmann et al. 2015).

**Lineage Fitness and Geometric Growth Rate.** In general, $q_k(\cdot, z)$ can always be expressed as the probability that a member of the mutant lineage, randomly drawn from the asymptotic distribution of the lineage, resides in a patch with $k$ mutants (i.e., in terms of the eigenvectors of the matrix describing the mean of the branching process before extinction or eventual invasion; eq. [A8]; eqq. [A1]–[A72] in the online appendix; Harris 2002, p. 44). In that case, lineage fitness is also equal to the geometric growth rate of the mutant (eq. [A2]; Caswell 2001; Tuljapurkar et al. 2003). Condition (2) is then equivalent to the condition that the leading eigenvalue of the linearized deterministic dynamical system describing the growth rate of the mutant when rare in the population is less than 1 (Caswell 2001) or less than 0 in continuous time (Metz 2011).

**Lineage Fitness Proxy and $R_m$.** When a local mutant lineage (i.e., a lineage confined to a single patch) can be initiated by only a single founding mutant, it is possible to obtain a proxy for the geometric growth rate (i.e., an invasion fitness proxy) that is of the same functional form as lineage fitness (eqq. [A9]–[A20]). In that case, the only difference with lineage fitness is that the probability $q_k(\cdot, z)$ stands for the probability that a randomly drawn member of a local mutant lineage resides in the focal patch when there are $k$ mutants (see eq. [A19]; box 2 of Lehmann et al. 2015). Written as an invasion fitness proxy, lineage fitness is easier to evaluate explicitly because it requires only a matrix inversion rather than the explicit computation of eigenvectors. The expected number $R_m$ of emigrants produced by a local lineage founded by a single immigrant is also an invasion fitness proxy, which can be computed as the leading eigenvalue of the matrix that gives the total expected offspring production over the local lifetime of the mutant lineage in a patch (Metz and Gyllenberg 2001; Massol et al. 2009; Mullon and Lehmann 2014). Although $R_m$ and lineage fitness proxy are sign equivalent around 1, they are not equal to one another. In contrast to $R_m$, lineage fitness proxy is expressed directly in terms of individual fitness $w_v$, which in some cases makes it easier to interpret or manipulate.

**Evolution When Mutations Have Weak Phenotypic Effects**

When mutations have weak phenotypic effects, the lineage fitness of a mutation can be approximated in terms of the deviation between resident and mutant phenotype ($\xi - z$) by way of a Taylor expansion

$$v(\xi, z) = 1 + (\xi - z)^T s(z) + \frac{1}{2} (\xi - z)^T H(z) (\xi - z) + O(\|\xi - z\|^3),$$

where $O(\|\xi - z\|^3)$ is a remainder of order $\|\xi - z\|^3$. Here, the $n$-dimensional vector $s(z)$ is the selection gradient at $z$, that is, each of its entry $p$,

$$s_p(z) = \frac{\partial v(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi_p},$$

measures the change in lineage fitness due to varying only the trait at position $p$, henceforth referred to as trait $p$, when the population is monomorphic for $z$ (all derivatives here and hereafter are evaluated at the resident value $z$). Each $(p, q)$ entry of the $n \times n$ Hessian matrix $H(z)$,

$$h_{pq}(z) = \frac{\partial^2 v(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q},$$

measures how simultaneously varying traits $p$ and $q$ affect lineage fitness (i.e., the nonadditive or interaction effects of $p$ and $q$ on lineage fitness).

**Singular Phenotype.** A multidimensional phenotype $z$ is called singular if the selection gradient vanishes at $z$, namely if

$$s(z) = 0.$$  

Singularity is a necessary condition for an interior phenotype to be convergence stable and/or uninvadable.
**Convergence Stability.** When the difference between a nonsingular resident \( s(z) \neq 0 \) and the mutant is small (\( \| \xi - z\| \ll 1 \)), the selection gradient in the island model is sufficient to determine whether the mutant will go extinct or fix in the population (Rousset 2004). When the mutation rate is very low, fixation of a new mutation occurs before another mutant arises—as traditionally assumed in the adaptive dynamics framework (Dercole and Rinaldi 2008) or the weak-mutation, strong-selection regime of population genetics (Gillespie 1991)—and evolution proceeds by a trait substitution sequence whereby the population jumps from one monomorphic state to another. A singular phenotype \( z \) will then be approached by gradual evolution, that is, convergence stable (Leimar 2009), if the \( n \times n \) Jacobian \( J(z) \) matrix with \( (p, q) \) entry,

\[
(J(z))_{pq} = \frac{\partial s_p(z)}{\partial z_q},
\]

is negative definite at \( z \) or, equivalently, if all of its eigenvalues are negative.

**Local Uninvadability.** At a singular resident \( s(z) = 0 \), \( H(z) \) determines whether the resident phenotype is locally uninvadable. From equation (3), \( z \) is uninvadable when \( (\xi - z)^t H(z) (\xi - z) \leq 0 \) for all \( \xi \), that is, when the matrix \( H(z) \) is negative definite or, equivalently, when its eigenvalues are negative (e.g., Horn and Johnson 1985, p. 104). Denoting \( \lambda_i(z) \) as the dominant eigenvalue of \( H(z) \), we can sum up that \( z \) is locally uninvadable when

\[
\begin{align*}
 s(z) &= 0 \quad \text{and}, \\
 \lambda_i(z) &\leq 0.
\end{align*}
\]

The eigenvalue \( \lambda_i(z) \) determines the maximal lineage fitness of a mutant, \( 1 + \| \xi - z\|^2 \lambda_i(z)/2 \), at a singular phenotype when the mutant deviates by small magnitude \( \| \xi - z \| \) from the resident (see “The Eigenvectors of \( H(z) \) and the Molding of Phenotypic Correlations by Selection” in the online appendix).

**Diversifying and Stabilizing Selection.** Because \( H(z) \) is symmetric and composed of real entries, if any diagonal entry of \( H(z) \) is positive, then \( H(z) \) has at least one positive eigenvalue (Horn and Johnson 1985, p. 398). Hence, it is necessary that all the diagonal entries of \( H(z) \) are nonpositive for \( z \) to be uninvadable. The evolutionary significance of these diagonal entries can be seen by considering the lineage fitness of a mutation that only changes the value of trait \( p \) by a small amount \( \delta_p = (\xi - z)_p \). From equation (3), the lineage fitness of such a mutation at a singular phenotype is \( v(\xi, z) = 1 + \delta_p h_{p}(z)/2 \). When \( h_{p}(z) > 0 \), selection favors the invasion of any mutation that changes the value of trait \( p \) (since \( \delta_p > 0 \)), that is, selection on trait \( p \) is diversifying or disruptive. Conversely, when \( h_{p}(z) < 0 \), selection on trait \( p \) is stabilizing. Hence, the sign of the diagonal entries of \( H(z) \) reflects whether selection on each isolated trait is either diversifying or stabilizing (also referred to as concave and convex selection, respectively; Phillips and Arnold 1989).

**Synergy among Traits.** As equation (5) shows, each off-diagonal entry of \( H(z) \) captures the synergistic effects among pairs of traits on lineage fitness. If \( h_{pq}(z) \) is positive, then the effects of trait \( p \) and trait \( q \) on lineage fitness are synergistically positive, and a joint increase or decrease in both trait values increases lineage fitness. Conversely, if \( h_{pq}(z) \) is negative, opposite changes in trait values increase lineage fitness. The mathematical relationship between the eigenvalues of \( H(z) \) and its off-diagonal entries is less straightforward than with its diagonal entries, but negative eigenvalues and, thus, uninvadability, tend to be associated with off-diagonal entries that are close to 0 (using results for positive-definite matrices; Horn and Johnson 1985, p. 398). Therefore, uninvadability is associated with weak synergy among traits (as found in well-mixed populations; Débarre et al. 2014; Svardal et al. 2014).

**Predicting the Buildup of Correlations among Traits.** The synergistic effects among traits on lineage fitness indicate whether selection favors joint or opposite changes in pairs of traits, that is, when \( h_{pq}(z) \) is positive, selection favors a positive correlation among \( p \) and \( q \), and conversely, when \( h_{pq}(z) \) is negative, selection favors a negative correlation. This type of selection has thus been referred to as correlation selection (Phillips and Arnold 1989). From \( H(z) \), it is possible to predict how diversifying selection leads to the buildup of phenotypic correlations among \( n \) traits under scrutiny. As shown in “The Eigenvectors of \( H(z) \) and the Molding of Phenotypic Correlations by Selection” section of the online appendix, diversifying selection is greatest along the right eigenvector \( e_c(z) \) that is associated with \( \lambda_c(z) \), that is, the vector such that

\[
\lambda_c(z)e_c(z) = H(z)e_c(z).
\]

Thus, mutations that are most likely to invade when the resident population expresses a singular phenotype lie on \( e_c(z) \) in phenotypic space (see fig. 1 and “The Eigenvectors of \( H(z) \) and the Molding of Phenotypic Correlations by Selection” and, as implied by the calculations of Doebeli and Ispolatov [2010], in well mixed-populations). Thus, the correlations among \( n \) traits that are most likely to develop are those given by the direction of \( e_c(z) \) (fig. 1).

The interpretation of \( H(z) \) in terms of the mode of selection on isolated traits—and of the synergy among them—
mirrors the interpretation of the matrix of second-order effects of selection in well-mixed populations (sometimes denoted $\gamma$ and referred to as the matrix of quadratic selection coefficients; Lande and Arnold 1983; Phillips and Arnold 1989; Lessard 1990; Leimar 2009; Doebeli and Ispolatov 2010; Débarre et al. 2014; Svardal et al. 2014). However, it should be noted that in well-mixed populations, the matrix of second-order effects of selection collects the second-order effects of traits on individual fitness only (effects on $w$ only). By contrast, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z})$ here summarizes the second-order effects on lineage fitness, which depend on individual fitness as well as on population structure and local demography. In the next section, we highlight how population subdivision affects selection by expressing the second-order effects on lineage fitness in terms of individual fitness and relatedness.

**Uninvadability and Relatedness**

In order to gain greater insight into the effects of population subdivision on selection on jointly evolving traits and uninvadability, as well as to connect our results to social evolutionary theory (e.g., Hamilton 1964; Frank 1998; Rousset 2004; Wenseleers et al. 2010), we seek to express the selection gradient and the Hessian matrix in terms of individual fitness and relatedness.

Individual fitness and relatedness can both be recovered from lineage fitness. Lineage fitness depends on $w_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z})$, which is the individual fitness of a mutant when there are $k$ mutants in its patch (eq. [1]). More generally, we can write the fitness of mutant and resident alike as $w(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}_{-1}, \mathbf{z})$, which is the fitness of individual indexed $i \in \{1, \ldots, N\}$ in a focal patch with phenotype $\mathbf{z}$, when the vector of phenotypes among its $N-1$ neighbors is $\mathbf{z}_{-i} = (\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_{i-1}, \mathbf{z}_{i+1}, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_N)$ and the phenotype carried by all other individuals in the population is the resident phenotype $\mathbf{z}$ (see box 1 for an example). Then, the fitness of a mutant when there are $k$ mutants in its patch that appears in lineage fitness (eq. [1]) is

\[
w_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z}) = w(\zeta, \mathbf{z}_{k-1}, \mathbf{z}),
\]

where $\mathbf{z}_{k-1}$ is a vector of multidimensional phenotypes consisting of $k-1$ entries with phenotype $\zeta$ and $N-k$ entries with phenotype $\mathbf{z}$. Note that because the population under consideration is not class structured, the fitness of a focal individual is not affected by which precise individual in the patch is a mutant; what matters is how many residents and how many mutants there are in a patch (i.e., $w(\zeta, \mathbf{z}_{k-1}, \mathbf{z})$ is invariant under permutations of the entries of the vector $\mathbf{z}_{k-1}$). In order to illustrate what an individual fitness function typically looks like and to simultaneously provide a basis for examples to come, we present in box 1 a fitness function for an iteroparous population.

Lineage fitness also depends on the probability $q_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z})$ that a randomly sampled member of the mutant lineage has $k-1$ patch neighbors that are also members of the mutant lineage. The probability mass function $q_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z})$ characterizes identity by descent within a patch and, therefore, relatedness. The function

\[
r_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{k-i}{N-j} q_k(\zeta, \mathbf{z}),
\]

gives the probability that $l-1$ randomly drawn neighbors without replacement of a randomly sampled mutant from its lineage are also mutants (i.e., that they all ascend from the founder of the lineage; for $2 \leq l < N$). For example, $r_1(\zeta, \mathbf{z})$ is the probability of sampling a mutant among the neighbors of a random mutant individual and thus provides a measure of pairwise relatedness between patch members.
Box 1: Individual fitness under a Moran process

A patch goes extinct with probability \( e(z, z, \ldots, z) \). In nonextinct patches, individual \( i \) produces a large number \( f(z, z, \ldots, z) \) of offspring. Then, exactly one adult individual dies on each nonextinct patch. Individual \( i \) has a death rate function \( \mu(z, z, \ldots, z) \), so that it dies with probability \( \mu(z, z, \ldots, z) \sum_{j=l}^{\infty} \mu(z, z, \ldots, z) \) in the current time step. Its offspring disperse independently from one another with probability \( d(z, z, \ldots, z) \), during which they survive with probability \( s(z, z, \ldots, z) \). Then, the fitness of individual \( i \) is

\[
w(z, z, \ldots, z) = \left(1 - e(z, z, \ldots, z)\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{\mu(z, z, \ldots, z)}{\sum_{j=l}^{\infty} \mu(z, z, \ldots, z)} \right) + \frac{1}{N} \left( w_i(z, z, \ldots, z) + w_j(z, z, \ldots, z) \right),
\]

where the first term is the probability that the patch of individual \( i \) does not go extinct. The first term within the largest set of parentheses is the probability that individual \( i \) survives to the next generation, while the second term is the expected number of offspring colonizing vacant breeding spots, which breaks down between those that remain in the philopatric patch, \( w_i(z, z, \ldots, z)/N \), and those that disperse and establish into other patches, \( w_j(z, z, \ldots, z)/N \). The philopatric component of fitness is given in terms of life-history traits by

\[
w_i(z, z, \ldots, z) = \frac{f(z, z, \ldots, z)(1 - d(z, z, \ldots, z))}{\sum_{j=l}^{\infty} f(z, z, \ldots, z)(1 - d(z, z, \ldots, z))/N + (1 - e(z, z, \ldots, z))/f(z, z, \ldots, z)d(z, z, \ldots, z)},
\]

where the numerator is the expected number of offspring of individual \( i \) that stay in their natal patch, and the denominator is the competition faced by an offspring of individual \( i \) for a philopatric breeding spot. The allopatric component of fitness is given by

\[
w_j(z, z, \ldots, z) = \left(1 - e(z, z, \ldots, z)\right) - f(z, z, \ldots, z)(1 - d(z, z, \ldots, z))d(z, z, \ldots, z) + Ne(z, z, \ldots, z)/(1 - e(z, z, \ldots, z))/f(z, z, \ldots, z)d(z, z, \ldots, z),
\]

which is the sum between the expected number offspring that colonize nonextinct patches and those that colonize extinct patches. In nonextinct patches, offspring compete for a single breeding spot with offspring from that patch and those that come from other patches. In extinct patches, they compete for \( N \) breeding spots, which explains the factor \( N \) in the second summand, and only against offspring that come from other patches.

Under neutrality, all individuals in the patch have the same phenotype \( (\xi = z) \), and therefore, \( r_i(z, z) \) reduces to the probability of sampling \( l \) individuals without replacement whose lineages are identical by descent, which is the standard 8th order measures of relatedness for the island model (e.g., Roze and Rousset 2008, eqq. \([22]\)–\([27]\)). Using the relationships \((10)\) and \((11)\), the selection gradient and Hessian matrix can be expressed in terms of individual fitness and relatedness.

Uninvadability in Subdivided Populations

The Selection Gradient: Classical Kin Selection Effects. First, we find that the selection gradient on trait \( p \) can be written as

\[
s_p(z) = \frac{\partial w(z, z, \ldots, z)}{\partial z_p} + r_i(z, z)(N - 1) \frac{\partial w(z, z, \ldots, z)}{\partial z_p},
\]

where \( z_p \) is the value of trait \( p \) of individual \( i \) (appendix section “First-Order Effects of Selection”). The first derivative measures the change in fitness of a focal individual as a result of a change in its own trait \( p \) (i.e., it measures the direct fitness effects of trait \( p \)). The second derivative measures the change in fitness of the focal due to the change in trait \( p \) in a patch neighbor (i.e., it measures the indirect fitness effect of trait \( p \)). Owing to the permutation invariance of patch members on focal fitness (eq \([10]\)), we arbitrarily choose this neighbor to be individual \( j \neq i \). The indirect fitness effect is weighted by the neutral coefficient of relatedness \( r_j(z, z) \) between two neighbors (eq \([11]\)). Hence, equation \((12)\) is the usual selection gradient on a single trait for the island model of dispersal, which is Hamilton’s (1964) selection gradient on trait \( p \), or the so-called inclusive fitness effect of trait \( p \) (Rousset 2004).

The Hessian Matrix: Kin Selection Effects beyond Neutral Relatedness. Next, we find that the \((p, q)\) entry of \( H(z) \) can be decomposed as the sum of two terms,

\[
h_{p,q}(z) = h_{w,p}(z) + h_{s,p}(z)
\]

(appendix section “Second-Order Effects of Selection”). The first term, \( h_{w,p}(z) \), measures the effect that joint changes of traits \( p \) and \( q \) have on individual fitness, while holding the distribution of mutants at neutrality. The second term, \( h_{s,p}(z) \), captures the effect that a change in each trait \( p \) and \( q \) has on the local distribution of mutants. As we
The first term of equation (13a) is

\[ h_{\text{inv}}(z) = \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_p} + r_s(z, z)(N - 1) \times \left( \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_p} + \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_q} + \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_r} \right) + r_s(z, z)(N - 1)(N - 2) \frac{\partial^2 w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_p \partial z_q}. \]  

(13b)

The first derivative measures the change in fitness of a focal individual as a result of a joint change in its traits \( p \) and \( q \). The first and second derivatives on the second line of equation (13b) measure the change in focal fitness due to a change in one trait of the focal individual and a joint change in the other trait of a neighbor. The third derivative on the second line is the change in focal fitness due to a neighbor expressing joint changes in \( p \) and \( q \). Finally, the last derivative of equation (13b) is the change in focal fitness due to a change in one trait of a neighbor \( j \) and a joint change in the other trait of another neighbor \( h \) \( (h \neq j) \).

The fitness effects arising from phenotypic changes in a single neighbor are weighted by \( r_s(z, z) \) and in two different neighbors by \( r_s(z, z) \), which is the probability of sampling two mutants without replacement among the neighbors of a random mutant individual (which is also equal to the probability of sampling three mutants without replacement from a random patch under neutrality, \( \xi = z \)).

Overall, the expression for \( h_{\text{inv}}(z) \) measures the direct and indirect fitness effects due to a joint change in the values of traits \( p \) and \( q \) while holding the demography constant. It shows how synergistic effects among two traits can arise due to indirect fitness effects alone: from the fitness effects due to one genetically related neighbor changing both traits and from those due to two different genetically related neighbors, each changing different traits.

The second term in equation (13a) is

\[ h_{\text{inv}}(z) = (N - 1) \left( \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_p} \frac{\partial r_j(\xi, z)}{\partial z_q} + \frac{\partial w(z, z, z, z)}{\partial z_q} \frac{\partial r_j(\xi, z)}{\partial z_q} \right). \]  

(13c)

where the first (second) product between derivatives measures the change in fitness to the focal resulting from a patch neighbor changing its trait \( p \) (\( q \)), weighted by the change in the probability that a randomly sampled neighbor of a mutant is also a mutant due to a change in trait \( q \) (\( p \)).

Equation (13c) shows that synergy among traits can be due to the combination of indirect fitness effects of one trait and of a change in mutant relatedness due to a change in another trait value. For example, when a change in \( p \) in a neighbor causes an increase in a focal mutant’s fitness and, simultaneously, a change in \( q \) increases the probability that the neighbor carries the mutation, equation (13c) shows that this causes synergy between \( p \) and \( q \) to increase and, as a result, so does selection for mutations that change \( p \) and \( q \) jointly. Therefore, in subdivided populations, selection can favor a positive correlation between a trait with indirect fitness effects and another trait that affects local demography if, overall, it results in related individuals reaping greater benefits than unrelated ones.

Equation (13) for a single trait \( (p = q) \) substituted into the condition for uninvadability (8) reduces to equation (B-22) of Lehmann et al. (2015), which was derived under the assumption that only a single mutant can initiate a local lineage. In addition, equation (13c) for a single trait \( (p = q) \) is consistent with previous interpretations that the second-order effects of selection on an isolated trait depend on how selection affects relatedness (eq. [29] of Wakano and Lehmann 2014; and under the assumption that generations do not overlap, see the second line of eq. [9] in Ajar 2003). Hence, our analysis not only confirms previous conditions for the uninvadability of a single trait, but it also shows that these hold under more general conditions, allowing for local patch extinctions or dispersal in groups from the same patch. But, more importantly, we have extended previous analyses to consider selection on multiple traits under limited dispersal. This highlights that interactions among traits, which are important to uninvadability and selection on phenotypic correlations, can arise through the effects of traits on genetic structure and on the fitness of neighbors. We now proceed to study how uninvadability is computed explicitly, in particular showing how the effect of selection on relatedness is evaluated (i.e., \( \partial r_j(\xi, z) / \partial z_q \)).
the fitness function (eqq. [box 1a]–[box 1c]), they allow for the evaluation of the selection gradient \( s_i(x) \) (eq. [12]) and for the \( h^{w_p}(x) \) (eq. [13b]) component of the Hessian matrix.

The remaining term necessary for the second-order effects of selection, \( h^{w_p}(x) \) (eq. [13c]), depends on the first-order effect of trait \( p \) on pairwise relatedness, which we find is

\[
\frac{\partial r_i(x, z)}{\partial x_p} = \frac{\partial \mu(x, z, ..., z)}{\partial x_p} + \frac{\partial \mu(x, z, ..., z)}{\partial x_p} + \beta(x) \frac{\partial W_i(x, z, ..., z)}{\partial x_p} + \gamma(x) \frac{\partial W_i(x, z, ..., z)}{\partial x_p},
\]

where \( \mu(x, z, ..., z) \) is the death rate of individual \( i \) and philopatric fitness \( w_p(x, z, ..., z) \) is its expected number of offspring that remain in the natal patch (box 1; “First-Order Effects on Pairwise Relatedness under a Moran Process” in the appendix for derivation of eq. [14]). The functions \( \alpha(x), \beta(x), \) and \( \gamma(x) \) are positive and decrease with the neutral measures of relatedness (expressed in terms of demographic parameters in table 2). The second line of equation (14) shows that mutant relatedness increases if the trait causes the mutant lineage to locally grow faster than a resident lineage, consistent with the effect on relatedness in a Wright-Fisher model (eq. [A56] for a link between eq. [14] and the Wright-Fisher model). Because generations overlap in the Moran model, relatedness among mutants is different than among residents when the mutant affects the chance of individuals to survive from one generation to the next, and this is captured by the first line of equation (14). This first line shows that relatedness increases if a change in a trait decreases the death rate of its carrier but increases that of a randomly sampled patch neighbor. Such a trait results in the longer coexistence of multiple mutant generations in the same patch and therefore increases relatedness between mutants.

Equations (12)–(14) provide all the necessary components to characterize the uninvadability of multidimensional phenotypes in subdivided populations under a Moran life cycle. We note that if the evolving traits affect only adult fertility and/or offspring survival, philopatric fitness can be written as

\[
w_p(x, z, ..., z) = \frac{1 - df(x, z, ..., z)}{1 - d} \sum_j f(x, z, ..., z) / N + dsf(x, z, z),
\]

where \( f(x, z, ..., z) \) is the number of offspring produced by individual \( i, d \) is the probability that an offspring disperses, and \( s \) is the probability that it survives dispersal (box 1). Substituting equation (15) into equation (14) shows that when \( z \) is a singular phenotype, traits have no effects on relatedness; that is,

\[
\frac{\partial r_i(x, z)}{\partial x_p} = 0
\]

(eq. [A58]). So, when assessing the uninvadability of \( z \) under a Moran process, the effect of traits on relatedness can be ignored if there are only fecundity effects, thereby facilitating mathematical analysis. As we show in the next section, uninvadability conditions can also be made simpler for a large class of demographic models when traits have weak effects on fitness.

Table 1: Backward dispersal, neutral relatedness, and spatial scale of competition

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<td>( m(x) )</td>
<td>( s(x, x, x) / (1 - d(x, x, x) + s(x, x, x)) )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( r_i(x, z) )</td>
<td>( 1 - m(x) )</td>
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<td>( r_i(x, z) )</td>
<td>( 2(1 - m(x))^{-2} )</td>
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<td>( a(z) )</td>
<td>( (2 + m(z)(N - 2))(1 + m(z)(N - 1)) / (N - 1)(1 - m(z))^2 )</td>
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Note: Functions were derived for a Moran life cycle in the absence of patch extinction. \( m(x) \) refers to the backward probability of dispersal (i.e., the probability that a breeding spot is filled by a dispersing offspring in a monomorphic population; Gandon 1999), which may depend on the evolving phenotype \( z \).

The coefficient \( a(z) \) is the spatial scale of competition when the evolving trait affects payoffs, which in turn affects fertility. It is found by Taylor expanding individual fitness to the first order of \( x \) and rearranging to take the form of equation (A60) in the online appendix. If payoffs affect other life-history traits like adult survival, then \( a(z) \) will take a different form.

Table 2: Weights for the first-order effects of traits on relatedness (eq. [14])

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<td>( \alpha(z) )</td>
<td>( N(N - 1)m(x)(1 - m(x)) / (2 + m(x)(N - 2))(1 + m(z)(N - 1))^2 )</td>
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<td>( \beta(z) )</td>
<td>( N / (1 + m(z)(N - 1))^2 )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( \gamma(z) )</td>
<td>( 2N(N - 1)(1 - m(z)) / (2 + m(z)(N - 2))(1 + m(z)(N - 1))^2 )</td>
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Note: Parameters were derived for a Moran life cycle in the absence of patch extinction. See the “Uninvadability under Weak Effects” section of the online appendix for derivation.
Uninavability under Weak Selection

Within an arbitrary life cycle as laid out in the “Model” section, suppose that as a result of social interactions within patches, individuals receive a material payoff, like food, shelter, immunity from pathogens, or some material resources. The expected material payoff obtained by individual $i$ in a focal patch during social interactions is written $\pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)$ if its phenotype is $z_i$, its $N-1$ neighbors have phenotypes $z_{-i}$, and the remainder of the population has resident phenotype $z$. We assume that the evolving traits only affect the payoffs received during social interactions within patches and that the payoffs only weakly affect life-history traits, such as fecundity, adult survival, or dispersal.

A given life-history trait, written as $g(z_i, z_{-i}, z)$ for a focal individual with phenotype $z_i$, can then be expressed as

$$g(z_i, z_{-i}, z) = g_0(z_i) + \varepsilon \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z) + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

where $g_0(z_i)$ is a baseline value for all individuals that may depend on the resident population, and $\varepsilon > 0$ is the effect of payoff on the life-history traits, which is assumed to be small. We assume that the fitness $w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)$ of the focal individual increases with its material payoffs, but decreases or is unaffected by the material payoffs of its neighbors. Also, it is assumed that the effect on the fitness of the focal of changing the payoffs of a single of its neighbors is weaker than the effect of changing the payoffs of the focal.

When the above assumptions hold, individual fitness can be expressed as a linear function of $\varepsilon$ (eq. [A60]). As a consequence, we find that the entries of the selection gradient $s(z)$ are

$$s_i(z) = \varepsilon a_i(z) \left( \frac{\partial \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p} + \kappa(z)(N-1) \frac{\partial \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p} \right),$$

(18)

(18)

(where $a_i(z)$ is positive and model dependent; see eqq. [A60]–[A61]). This expression closely resembles the general selection gradient equation (12), with the first term within brackets capturing direct fitness effects and the second capturing indirect effects. However, instead of being expressed in terms of the individual fitness function ($w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)$), equation (18) depends directly on the payoff function, and instead of $r_i(z)$, the indirect effects of selection are weighted by the quantity $\kappa(z)$, which is a scaled measure of relatedness among two individuals that balances the effects of relatedness and local competition (e.g., Queller 1994; Lehmann and Rousset 2010; Akçay and Van Cleve 2012; Van Cleve 2015). Relatedness and local competition tend to have opposite effects on selection on social traits, as the former promotes the evolution of traits with positive indirect fitness effects, while the latter favors the evolution of traits with negative indirect fitness effects.

Scaled relatedness is therefore useful toward understanding how the balance between relatedness and local competition affect social evolution (Queller 1994; Lehmann and Rousset 2010). The explicit expression and interpretation of $\kappa(z)$ are given in box 2 (eq. [box 2b]).

Importantly, we find that when traits have weak effects on fitness, they have no effect on pairwise relatedness, $\partial \kappa(z)/\partial z_p = 0$. As a result, the second component of the Hessian matrix is zero ($h_{i,p}(z) = 0$), and the $(p, q)$ entry of $H(z)$ is

$$h_{p,q}(z) = \varepsilon a_i(z) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p \partial z_q} + \kappa(z)(N-1) \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p \partial z_q} \right)$$

$$+ \kappa(z)(N-1) \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p \partial z_q}$$

$$+ \eta(z)(N-1)(N-2) \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p \partial z_q}\right),$$

(19)

(eqq. [A66], [A67]). This equation bears close resemblance to equation (13b), and its elements can be interpreted similarly. However, equation (19) depends directly on the payoff instead of fitness functions and on two additional scaled relatedness measures, which, like $\kappa(z)$, balance the effects of relatedness and local competition: $\eta(z)$, between two randomly sampled individuals; and $\eta(z)$ between three individuals (see box 2 for a detailed interpretation of these coefficients; and when there is only one evolving trait, $n = 1$, and interactions are pairwise, eq. [19] is proportional to eq. [37] of Wakano and Lehmann 2014).

Equations (18) and (19), along with box 2, are all that is necessary to evaluate the uninavability of multidimensional phenotypes in subdivided populations, provided traits affect only the payoffs received during interactions and selection is weak. Because equations (18) and (19) depend on the payoff rather than the fitness function, they tend to be easier to explore mathematically. In addition, the expressions for scaled relatedness reveal more clearly the effects of demography on two antagonistic forces on social traits: relatedness and competition among kin.

However, one should be cautious that the equilibrium values found for life-history traits using equation (17) may not correspond to the equilibrium values that would be found by considering the evolution of the life-history trait itself. For instance, while it is possible to model the evolution of game strategies when payoffs affect the ability to disperse using equations (17)–(19), equilibrium strategies found in this case may not predict the same equilibrium values for dispersal if we modeled the evolution of dispersal itself. When directly modeling the evolution of
dispersal, it is not possible to use the simpler equations (18) and (19) because dispersal typically affects the probability that individuals of the same patch carry the same mutation (i.e., $\partial r_i(z, z) / \partial z_0 \neq 0$). We show this explicitly in the next section by considering the evolution of dispersal itself, together with another social trait.

**The Joint Evolution of Helping and Dispersal**

In order to illustrate the above results and how to apply them, we now study the joint evolution of helping and dispersal. The evolutionary paths of helping and dispersal are intimately intertwined (Lehmann and Perrin 2002; Le Galliard et al. 2005; El Mouden and Gardner 2008; Hochberg et al. 2008; Purcell et al. 2012; Parvinen 2013) because in subdivided populations, the level of dispersal determines relatedness and therefore tunes selection on helping traits (e.g., Rousset 2004). Simultaneously, dispersal evolution directly responds to the level of kin competition within a patch (Hamilton and May 1977).

The complicated interaction between helping and dispersal has meant that, so far, theoretical studies of the evolution of these two traits have either focused on evolutionary convergence and ignored the problem of uninvadability (Lehmann and Perrin 2002; Le Galliard et al. 2005; El Mouden and Gardner 2008; Hochberg et al. 2008) or relied on simulations and numerical methods to study invadability (Purcell et al. 2012; Parvinen 2013). Using our framework, we are able to analytically study not only the joint invadability of helping and dispersal but also the correlation among those two traits that are favored by selection when evolutionary branching occurs.

**Biological Scenario**

The life cycle is assumed to follow the Moran process in the absence of patch extinction (see “The Moran Process and Weak Selection” and box 1). During the adult stage, individuals pair up randomly and engage with one another in the so-called continuous snow drift game, which is a model of help-
ing behavior that can lead to evolutionary branching among helpers and defectors (Doebeli et al. 2004; Wakano and Lehmann 2014). In this model, the payoff received by individual \( i \) when it interacts with \( j \) is expressed as

\[
b_i(x_i + x_j) + b_j(x_i + x_j)^2 - c_i x_i - c_j x_j, \tag{20}
\]

where \( 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \) is the level of helping expressed by individual \( i \) and \( x_j \) of individual \( j \). The constants \( b_i \) and \( b_j \) tune the benefit of \( i \) of both interacting partners investing into helping, while \( c_i \) and \( c_j \) tune the cost to \( i \). Individual fertility increases with the average payoff received,

\[
f(z_i, z_{-i}) = 1 + \varepsilon \pi(x_i, x_{-i})
= 1 + \varepsilon \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \in \mathcal{N}}} b_j(x_i + x_j) + b_j(x_i + x_j)^2 - c_i x_i - c_j x_j^2, \tag{21}
\]

where the parameter \( \varepsilon > 0 \) measures the effect of payoffs on fertility. After reproduction, an adult in each patch is selected at random to die, with each adult having the same death rate. The offspring of an individual \( i \) disperses with probability \( d_i \in (0,1] \). Dispersing offspring survive during dispersal with probability \( s \).

**Setup**

From these assumptions, the fitness of individual \( i \) is given in box 1, with no patch extinction \( (\varepsilon(z_i, z_{-i}, z) = 0) \), constant adult survival \( (\mu(z_i, z_{-i}, z) = \mu) \), and constant survival during dispersal \( (s(z, z, z) = s) \). The vector of trait values of an individual \( i \) consists of its level of helping and dispersal probability, \( z_i = (x_i, d_i) \). The vector of phenotypes in the rest of the patch is \( z_{-i} = ((x_1, d_1), \ldots, (x_{i-1}, d_{i-1}), (x_{i+1}, d_{i+1}), \ldots, (x_N, d_N)) \), and \( z = (x, d) \) stands for resident strategies. Hence, trait \( p \) corresponds to helping, and trait \( p = 2 \) corresponds to dispersal. The neutral relatedness functions, \( r_r(z, z) \) and \( r_d(z, z) \), are those given in table 1. We now have all the elements to use our framework and start by considering the evolution of each trait in isolation and then study their coevolution.

**Uninvadability of Helping with Fixed Dispersal**

Substituting fitness (eq. [box 1a]) into the selection gradient (eq. [12]) for helping, we find that when dispersal is fixed at \( d \) for all individuals, there is a unique singular helping strategy for which the selection gradient vanishes, which is

\[
x = \frac{c_1(N + 1 - m) - b_2(N + 2 - 2m)}{4b_1(N + 2 - 2m) - 2c_1(N + 1 - m)}, \tag{22}
\]

where \( m = m(z) \) is the probability that a breeding spot is filled by a dispersing offspring (i.e., the backward dispersal probability; see table 1). The invadability of this singular point is assessed by calculating \( h_{1i}(z) \), which is found by substituting fitness (eq. [box 1a]) into equation (13) and evaluating it at equation (22). Although such a computation yields an analytical expression for \( h_{1i}(z) \), it is too complicated to generate useful insights. Therefore, we first study the invadability of helping under weak selection, that is, with \( \varepsilon \) small in equation (21) and using equation (19) to compute \( h_{1i}(z) \) at equation (22). Using the spatial scale of competition given in table 1 and the scaled relatedness coefficients of box 2, fitness (eq. [box 1a]) into equation (19) gives

\[
h_{1i}(z) \propto \left( -2c_2 + 2b_2 \frac{(4 + m(N - 4))(N + 2 - 2m)}{(2 + m(N - 2))(N + 1 - m)} \right), \tag{23}
\]

where we have ignored \( \varepsilon \) and \( a(z) \) since they are both positive and we are only interested in whether \( h_{1i}(z) < 0 \). Equation (23) shows that the singular point (eq. [22]) is uninvadable, that is, \( h_{1i} < 0 \), only if

\[
b_2 < c_2 \left( \frac{(2 + m(N - 2))(N + 1 - m)}{(4 + m(N - 4))(N + 2 - 2m)} \right), \tag{24}
\]

where the factor of \( c_2 \) on the right-hand side is positive and decreases with backward dispersal \( (m) \) and patch size \( (N) \), so that it correlates positively with patch relatedness.

When dispersal is complete \( (d = 1) \) so that \( m = 1 \), equation (24) reduces to the results previously found for well-mixed populations: the singular helping strategy (eq. [22]) is uninvadable only if \( b_2 < c_2 \) (Doebeli et al. 2004). In other words, the benefits of helping should accelerate at the same rate or slower than its cost. Otherwise, the accelerating returns of helping favor the diversification of helping strategies and leads to the evolutionary branching between helpers and defectors (fig. 2).

As dispersal decreases \( (d < 1) \) so that \( m < 1 \), relatedness among individuals within patches increases, and indirect effects become increasingly important in the fate of newly arising mutations, consequently affecting the stable level of helping. Insights into the effects of population subdivision on the stability of helping can be obtained by expressing \( h_{1i}(z) \) close to full dispersal \( (m \sim 1) \),

\[
h_{1i}(z) \propto 2(b_2 - c_2) + \frac{6(1 - m)}{N} b_2 + O((1 - m)^2). \tag{25}
\]

The first and second summands of equation (25) respectively capture direct and indirect fitness effects. The latter increases with relatedness, here measured by \( (1 - m)/N \). Indirect effects also increases with \( b_2 \) because the payoffs
to a focal individual increase by a factor of $b_2$ whenever neighbors change their helping strategy. So if $b_2$ is positive, indirect effects favor the invasion of mutations that change the degree of helping and thereby destabilize the singular helping strategy. Conversely, if $b_2$ is negative, then focal payoffs decrease, and indirect effects disfavor any change in helping strategy, stabilizing the existing degree of helping.

For a given patch size, equation (24) shows that there is a threshold value for dispersal under which helping, otherwise invadable in well-mixed populations, becomes uninvadable. For example, when $N = 4$, if $m < 2 + 2(b_1/c_1) + \sqrt{9 - 4(1 - (b_1/c_1))(b_1/c_1)}$, helping is uninvadable in subdivided populations but invadable in well-mixed populations (fig. 3). This is consistent with previous results found for the Wright-Fisher process (Wakano and Lehmann 2014) and highlights that when the benefits of helping are decelerating ($b_2 < 0$), indirect fitness effects combined with high relatedness promote the stability of helping in the population. Because relatedness is greater under the Moran model, the threshold value for dispersal is greater than under the Wright-Fisher model.

In order to check the robustness of our weak selection conclusions against increased selection strength, we generated random values for the model parameters and asked whether the sign of $h_{11}$ given by equation (23) was of the same sign as $h_{11}$ calculated under strong selection ($\varepsilon = 1$). Both expressions showed the same sign for all combinations of values tested (100% of 465,943 trials; “Agreement between Weak and Strong Selection Modes” in the appendix), suggesting that the sign of $h_{11}$ given by equation (23) is an excellent predictor of the sign of $h_{11}$ under strong selection. In addition, individual-based simulations with strong selection behave as predicted by the analysis performed under weak selection (fig. 2). This suggests that uninvadability condition computed under weak selection for traits that affect fertility is robust to increases in selection strength.

Figure 2: Evolution of helping in a subdivided population. The top panel shows the phenotypic variance of helping in a simulated population for different values of $m$ (other parameters were held at $N = 8$, $b_1 = 6$, $b_2 = -1.4$, $c_1 = 4.56$, $c_2 = -1.6$, number of patches $= 1,000$; for details on simulations, see the “Individually Based Simulations” section of the online appendix). The variance is averaged over $5 \times 10^6$ generations after $1.45 \times 10^3$ generations of evolution. Circles indicate variance for parameter values under which $h_{11}$ (eq. [23]) is negative, predicting a stable monomorphic population, while squares correspond to a positive $h_{11}$, predicting a polymorphic population. The bottom panels show snapshots of the level of helping in a simulated population after $1.5 \times 10^6$ generations for four different values of $m$. 

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than under the Wright-Fisher model. Persal strategy under the Moran model is always greater than in the Wright-Fisher model. However, because there is more competition decreases with patch size ($N$), the candidate dispersal strategy decreases with $N$, and since the cost to dispersal decreases with the survival rate during dispersal ($s$), the candidate dispersal strategy increases with $s$. Qualitatively, equation (26) is the same as the equation obtained by the classical models of dispersal evolution, which assume a Wright-Fisher reproductive process (Frank 1998; Gandon and Rousset 1999). However, there is more competition among kin when generations overlap, the singular dispersal strategy under the Moran model is always greater than under the Wright-Fisher model.

Computing $h_{zz}(z)$ from equation (13) and evaluating it at equation (26), we find that the singular strategy (eq. [26]) is uninvadable only if

$$h_{zz}(z) = -\frac{2s(N(1-s)+1)^2}{N^2(N(1-s)+s)(2-s)} < 0,$$

which is always true. Therefore, when dispersal is the only evolving trait, dispersal is always stable in a Moran population. This corroborates the results found under the Wright-Fisher process (Ajr 2003), but the result for the Moran process is more straightforward, with equation (27) simpler than the Wright-Fisher condition (eq. [15] in Ajr 2003). Interestingly, in a Moran population monomorphic for the uninvadable dispersal level, pairwise relatedness is simply

$$r_c(d,d) = 1 - s,$$

the probability of dying during dispersal.

### The Coevolution of Helping and Dispersal

When helping and dispersal evolve jointly, singular strategies are found by solving simultaneously for vanishing selection gradients for both traits, $s_j(z) = 0$ and $s_i(z) = 0$, which produces the singular point

$$s_i(d,z) = \left(\frac{c_2(N(1-s)+1) - b_2(N(1-s)+2-s)}{4b_2(N(1-s)+2-s)-2c_2(N(1-s)+1)}\right) \frac{1}{1+N(1-s)}.$$

The singular dispersal strategy is the same as in equation (26), while the singular helping strategy is equation (22) with $m = m(z)$, as in table 1, and dispersal $d$ given by the singular phenotype equation (26).

The joint stability of helping and dispersal is deduced from the leading eigenvalue of $H(z)$ (eq. [13]), which is a complicated function of the model parameters. However, when the effects of helping on fertility are weak (when $e$ is small in eq. [21]), it is possible to express the eigenvalues of $H(z)$ as a perturbation of the simpler eigenvalues of $H(w)$ with $e = 0$ (see “First-Order Perturbation of the Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues of a Matrix” in the appendix). Using this method, we find that the eigenvalues of $H(z)$ under weak selection on helping are

$$\lambda_i(z) \approx e \frac{s(N(1-s)+1)}{N^2(1-s)+N} \left( -2c_2 + 2b_2 \frac{(2-s+N(1-s))(4-3s)}{(N(1-s)+1)(2-s)} \right),$$

$$\lambda_i(z) \approx -\frac{2s(N(1-s)+1)^2}{N^2(2-s)(N(1-s)+s)} < 0,$$

which, respectively, are proportional to equation (23) and $n_{zz}$ (eq. [27]) at the singular dispersal strategy (i.e., with $m$ and $d$ as in table 1 and eq. [29], respectively). Therefore, when the effects of helping on fertility are weak, the condition for helping and dispersal to be jointly stable is the same as the condition for helping to be stable when dispersal is held fixed at the singular dispersal strategy (eq. [24]).

Numerical comparisons between the sign of $\lambda_i$ in equation (30) and the sign of the exact leading eigenvalue of
(\textbf{H}(z)) calculated under strong selection (with $\varepsilon = 1$) shows that the former is a very good predictor of the latter, with both having the same sign in 99.86% (of 464,686 cases; see see “Agreement between Weak and Strong Selection Modes” in the appendix), and therefore suggests that the invadability condition (24) should also hold when the effects of helping on fertility are strong. In addition, individual-based simulations with strong selection ($\varepsilon = 1$) match theoretical predictions very well (fig. 4).

Our results, therefore, show that invadability of helping strategy also leads to invadability in dispersal strategy. In order to predict whether helpers and defectors evolve different dispersal strategies, we now study the level of correlation among helping and dispersal that is favored by selection at the singular phenotype. Recall that among-trait correlation is given by the direction of the eigenvector associated with the leading positive eigenvalue of $\textbf{H}(z)$ (see “Predicting the Buildup of Correlations among Traits”). Since $\lambda_1(z)$ (eq. [30]) is always negative, $\lambda_1(z)$ is the leading eigenvalue. If the effects of helping are weak (small $\varepsilon$), then it is possible to express the eigenvector associated with $\lambda_1(z)$ as a perturbation of the eigenvectors of $\textbf{H}(z)$ in the absence of helping ($\varepsilon = 0$; see “First-Order Perturbation of the Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues of a Matrix” in

![Figure 4: Coevolution of helping and dispersal in a subdivided population. The top panel shows the phenotypic variance of helping (black, left scale) and dispersal (gray, right scale) in a simulated population for different values of $s$ (other parameters are as in fig. 2; for details on simulations, see the “Individually Based Simulations” section of the online appendix; code is deposited in the Dryad Digital Repository: http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.01f0f (Mullon et al. 2016). The variances are averaged over $5 \times 10^5$ generations after $1.45 \times 10^6$ generations of evolution. Circles indicate variance for parameter values under which the leading eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix is negative, predicting a stable monomorphic population, while squares correspond to a positive eigenvalue, predicting a polymorphic population. The bottom panel shows snapshots of the phenotypes in a simulated population after $1.5 \times 10^7$ generations for four different values of $s$. Each point represents the phenotypic values in helping and dispersal of an individual.
Equation (31) shows that, since \( h_{12} \) is positive, selection promotes a negative correlation among helping and dispersal if the synergy \( h_{12} \) among them is positive (negative). In order to garner greater insight into the synergy \( h_{12} \), we approximate it as

\[
h_{12}(z) \approx \frac{2}{N} \frac{2b_i c_i - b_j c_j}{2b - c_j} s(1 - s) \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - s \right)
\]

(32)

to the first order of \( \epsilon \) and neglecting terms of order \( O(1/N^2) \) (eq. [A68]). Looking at equation (32), we see that the term inside the first parentheses is the effect that a change in the degree of helping of neighbors has on focal payoff at the singular level of helping: \( (N - 1)\partial \pi(x_i,x_j)/\partial x_i = (2b_i c_i - b_j c_j)/(2b - c_j) + O(1/N) \), that is, the indirect effects on the focal’s payoff. Since helping always has positive indirect effects, this term is positive. Then, because the rest of equation (32) is negative, synergy among helping and dispersal on fitness is always negative.

Since synergy among helping and dispersal is negative, we expect that if polymorphism arises in the population, selection will favor a negative correlation among helping and dispersal. A closer look at the synergy reveals why this is so. Equation (32) is negative due to the large negative term \(-1/(2 - s)\), which stems from the fact that an increase in dispersal has a negative effect on relatedness,

\[
\frac{\partial w(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_N)}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial r(z)}{\partial z_i} = \frac{4b_i c_i - 2b_j c_j}{2b - c_j} s(1 - s) \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - s \right) + O(\epsilon^2/\sqrt{N}).
\]

(33)

Therefore, selection promotes a negative correlation among helping and dispersal because a simultaneous increase in helping and dispersal leads to greater benefits to unrelated individuals, and conversely, a simultaneous decrease in helping and dispersal leads to lesser benefits to related individuals. By contrast, lesser dispersal coupled with greater helping leads to greater benefits to related individuals. We find by numerical simulations that the sign of equation (32) is a very good predictor of the sign of the exact \( h_{12}(z) \)

value with arbitrary population size and under strong selection (\( \epsilon = 1 \); see the “Agreement between Weak and Strong Selection Modes” section of the online appendix), so that we also expect a negative correlation among helping and dispersal under strong selection. In fact, individual-based simulations under strong selection show that when evolutionary branching occurs, the population splits into very mobile defectors and more sessile helpers (fig. 4), thereby befitting our analytical predictions.

Our analytical finding of a negative correlation among helping and dispersal corroborates previous simulation results when patches do not vary in size (Purcell et al. 2012; Parvinen 2013). When patches experience different demographies, simulations show that it is possible for selection to favor a positive correlation among helping and dispersal because helpers and defectors experience different benefits from dispersing: helpers benefit from invading patches with few individuals, whereas defectors benefit from invading patches with a large number of individuals (Parvinen 2013). Other works that have looked at the correlation among helping and dispersal have done so by studying either the convergence stable level of helping according to dispersal strategy (El Mouden and Gardner 2008) or the convergence stable level of dispersal according to helping strategy (Hochberg et al. 2008), and found results similar to the ones mentioned here. However, it should be noted that in those studies, the presence of helpers and defectors or of disperser and non-dispersers was a starting point and a built-in assumption rather than a product of evolution, as in our analysis.

Discussion

Understanding uninvadability is key to understanding the evolution of quantitative traits because uninvadability determines whether selection favors a population to remain monomorphic or become polymorphic (e.g., Eshel 1983; Taylor 1989; Christiansen 1991; Geritz et al. 1998). So far, how genetic structure and indirect fitness effects influence uninvadability had only been studied when single isolated traits evolve (Ajar 2003; Wakano and Lehmann 2014), but organisms consist of a multitude of traits that rarely, if ever, evolve in isolation from one another (Lande and Arnold 1983; Phillips and Arnold 1989). Here, we have presented a framework to study the uninvadability of phenotypes that consist of multiple quantitative traits, as well as the among-trait correlations arising from diversifying selection, in subdivided populations when local populations can be of any size and are connected by limited dispersal.

In order to analyze the effects of selection under limited dispersal, we used the lineage fitness of a mutation, which is the expected number of mutant copies in the offspring generation that are produced by an individual randomly
drawn from the mutant lineage (for other applications of this fitness concept, see Lehmann et al. 2015; Akçay and Van Cleve 2016; Lehmann et al. 2016). Lineage fitness thus gives the average individual fitness over the possible genetic backgrounds in which a carrier of the mutation can reside. It allowed us to reveal the effects of genetic structure through relatedness coefficients and of indirect fitness effects on the uninvadability of multiple traits. We found that relatedness and indirect fitness effects influence the synergy among traits (or strength of correlational selection). Because strong synergy tends to disfavor uninvadability and thus promote diversification, relatedness, and indirect fitness effects may be critical for the evolution of multiple traits under limited dispersal. In particular, we showed that synergy among two traits can arise through the effects of one trait on genetic structure and the indirect fitness effects of the other trait. When positively correlated change in two traits results in related individuals reaping greater fitness benefits than unrelated ones, synergy tends to be positive, and conversely, when negatively correlated changes in two traits result in related individuals reaping greater fitness benefits, synergy tends to be negative.

We further found that, since the synergy among pairs of traits determines the among-trait correlations that develop when polymorphism arises, relatedness and indirect fitness effects also influence the evolution of phenotypic correlations. Because behavioral traits tend to have the greatest indirect fitness effects, our results suggest that synergy due to the combination of traits’ effects on genetic structure and indirect fitness effects is important to the evolution of behavioral syndromes (correlations among behavioral traits within individuals; Sih et al. 2004a, 2004b). Previous studies have suggested that behavioral syndromes may be maintained mechanistically by pleiotropic mutations (Ducrest et al. 2008) and by fitness trade-offs between life-history traits (Wolf et al. 2007; Réale et al. 2010). Here, our model shows that selection promotes a positive correlation among two traits when one trait has positive indirect benefits and the other trait increases pairwise relatedness (i.e., when two individuals that show an increase in the value of the trait have a greater probability of being related than two resident individuals).

In this context, dispersal syndromes, which refer to patterns of covariation between the tendency to disperse and other traits, are of particular interest (Clobert et al. 2009). Dispersal syndromes are ecologically and evolutionarily relevant as they influence the demographic and genetic consequences of movement (Clobert et al. 2012; Edelaar and Bolnick 2012). In Western bluebirds, for example, individuals that disperse further away from their natal site also tend to be more aggressive toward conspecifics and toward sister species, and this has caused a shift in the range of these two species (Duckworth and Badyaev 2007; Duckworth and Kruuk 2009). Since dispersal decreases relatedness, our model predicts that the tendency to disperse should be negatively correlated with behaviors that have positive indirect fitness effects. In our model of helping, we indeed found that when evolutionary branching occurs, the population splits between full defectors that always disperse and full helpers that are more sessile. This negative correlation among helping and dispersal also matched previous simulation results when patches did not vary in size (Purcell et al. 2012; Parvinen 2013). Similarly, our model predicts dispersal to be positively correlated with behaviors that have negative indirect fitness effects, like aggressive-ness. Interestingly, both a negative correlation between dispersal and prosocial behavior (Ims 1990; Mehlman et al. 1995; O’Riaín et al. 1996; Sinervo and Clobert 2003) and a positive correlation between dispersal and aggressive behavior have been observed in natural populations of voles, mole rats, rhesus macaques, mosquito fish, and side-blotched lizards (Myers and Krebs 1971; Mehlman et al. 1995; Cote et al. 2010b; Aguillon and Duckworth 2015; see also Cote et al. 2010a for a review).

Our work also paves the way for a more in-depth understanding of uninvadability and evolutionary branching in subdivided populations. One difficulty in studying uninvadability in subdivided populations stems from the necessity to calculate the effects that selection on traits has on pairwise relatedness. In this endeavor, our work is helpful in three ways. First, we have explicitly calculated the effects of selection on relatedness for the Moran process, therefore opening the door to studying uninvadability under this standard model of reproduction. Second, we have shown that the leading effects of selection on relatedness are zero at a singular phenotype when the evolving traits affect only adult fertility or offspring survival before dispersal under the Moran process, thus facilitating stability analysis for this case. Third, and more generally, the effect of selection on relatedness has no bearings on uninvadability when traits influence material payoffs that, in turn, weakly affect fitness (i.e., weak selection), and this holds for any demographic model that fits our general assumptions (see the “Model” section). As illustrated by our study of the joint evolution of helping and dispersal, this method is useful to reach analytical results. In addition, we were able to relate the uninvadability of traits directly to the effects of traits on pay-off and to the level of local competition when fitness effects are weak. Since relatedness and local competition have antagonistic effects on the evolution of social traits, our decomposition is useful to understand the forces at play for the uninvadability of social traits. We expect that our method to study uninvadability under weak selection should be particularly useful to understand adaptation in multiple strategies within complex games in the presence of genetic structure. Despite our progress, calculating the effect of se-
lection on pairwise relatedness for arbitrary selection and demographic models under our general assumptions remains challenging, and explicitly characterizing uninvadability may require extensive additional computations depending on model choice.

In order to reach tractable results, we have made a number of assumptions. Many of them—infinte population size, clonal reproduction of haploid genomes, rare mutation with weak effects—are common to those of the adaptive dynamics framework and have been extensively discussed elsewhere (e.g., Geritz and Kisdi 2000; Geritz and Gyllenberg 2005; Champagnat et al. 2006; Dercole and Rinaldi 2008). We have also assumed that the population is subdivided according to Wright’s (1931) classic infinite-island model. This model ignores important biological realities like isolation by distance or temporal and spatial heterogeneity in the environment. By changing genetic structure in space, isolation by distance makes selection on social traits more complicated (Rousset 2004). Yet, most relevant insights on how selection molds social traits are revealed by the infinite-island model (e.g., for cooperation and altruism; Lehmann and Rousset 2010), and we therefore expect results qualitatively similar to ours under isolation by distance, at least when patches are homogeneous. It would be interesting to extend our framework to study the effects of temporal and spatial heterogeneity in the environment on the uninvadability of traits, in particular when traits can themselves influence the environment locally (Rousset and Ronc 2004). As shown by simulations, temporal heterogeneity in patch sizes due to dispersal patterns may be important for the synergy among helping and dispersal (Parvinen 2013). More generally, in order to study age-, sex-, or caste-specific effects or demographic stochasticity, it is necessary to incorporate class structure (i.e., when the effect of a trait on the fitness of an individual is contingent on the class to which the individual belongs). Like the vast majority of stability analyses of adaptive dynamics, our model falls short of predicting the course of evolution once evolutionary branching has occurred. This would require describing the postbranching phenotypic distribution in the population (as in Sasaki and Dieckmann 2011).

In conclusion, we have provided a framework to study the evolutionary stability of intertwined traits in subdivided populations. In particular, with uninvadability expressed in terms of relatedness coefficients and indirect fitness effects, our model sheds light onto the consequences of population structure for evolutionary stability, diversification, and the evolution of correlations among traits.

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Lineage Fitness and Uninvadability

We show here that a mutation causing the expression of phenotype \( \tau \) that initially appears as a single copy in a resident population expressing \( z \) will vanish with probability 1 if, and only if, the lineage fitness of this mutation is less or equal to 1 \((v(\tau, z) \leq 1; \text{eq. [1]})\).

Multitype Branching Process

We denote by \( X(t) \) the random number of patches in the population with \( i \in I = \{1, 2, \ldots, N\} \) mutants at time \( t \), which are collected into the vector \( X(t) = (X_1(t), \ldots, X_N(t)) \). We assume that the stochastic process \( \{X(t)\}_{t \geq 0} \) is a multitype branching process (as in Wild 2011), which is equivalent to assuming that when the mutant is globally rare, only residents can immigrate to a patch that already contains mutants. Under this assumption, the expected change in \( X(t) \) over one generation is governed by a matrix \( A(\tau, z) \), called the mean matrix, whose \((i,j)\) element, denoted \( a_{ij}(\tau, z) \), gives the expected number of patches with \( i \in I \) mutants that are generated by a patch when it has \( j \in I \) mutants, and the population is otherwise monomorphic for \( z \),

\[
E[X(t + 1)|X(t)] = A(\tau, z)X(t),
\]

where the expectation is taken over replicates of the one-generational demographic process (i.e., over one life cycle iteration).

It follows from standard results in stochastic demography that the geometric growth rate of the mutant population is the leading eigenvalue of \( A(\tau, z) \) (Caswell 2001; Tuljapurkar et al. 2003). More precisely, the leading eigenvalue of \( A(\tau, z) \), denoted \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \), gives the time-averaged mean cumulative growth over different replicates or sample paths of the invasion dynamics, that is,

\[
\log(\rho(A(\tau, z))) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log \left( \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} L_j(t) \right),
\]

where \( L_j(t) \) is the total random number of patches with at least one mutant at generation \( t \) for replicate population \( j \) (i.e., the sum of the \( X_j(t) \)'s for a given replicate \( j \)), \( n \) is the total number of replicate populations, and \( L_j(0) = 1 \) when the mutation arises as a single copy. Since the expected number of patches of each type grows asymptotically with \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \), the expected total mutant lineage size, \( E[\sum_{i=1}^{n} iX_i(t)] \), also grows asymptotically at rate \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \). Furthermore, the mutant lineage goes extinct at some time \( t > 0 \) with probability 1 (i.e., \( \Pr[X(t) = 0 \text{ for some } t|X(0) = (1, 0, \ldots) = 1 \) if, and only if, the leading eigenvalue of \( A(\tau, z) \) is less or equal to 1 (Karlin and Taylor 1975; Harris 2002, p. 41), that is, if, and only if, \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \leq 1 \).

Lineage Fitness as the Geometric Growth Rate of the Mutation

We now show how the growth rate \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \) can be expressed as lineage fitness (eq. [1]). Writing \( u(\tau, z) \) as the right eigenvector of \( A(\tau, z) \) associated with \( \rho(A(\tau, z)) \), we have by definition

\[
\rho(A(\tau, z))u(\tau, z) = A(\tau, z)u(\tau, z).
\]

The right eigenvector is normalized such that its entries sum to 1, \( \sum_{i} u_i(\tau, z) = 1 \). The eigenvector \( u(\tau, z) \) is the asymptotic distribution of mutant patch types as it is invariant to multiplication by \( A(\tau, z) \) (eq. [A3]; Harris 2002, p. 44). Thus, \( u_i(\tau, z) \) can be interpreted as the frequency of patches with \( i \) mutants among patches with at least one mutant.
Left multiplying equation (A3) by \( x^T = (1, 2, \ldots, N) \) gives

\[
\rho(A(\xi, z))x^Tu(\xi, z) = x^TAu(\xi, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} ia_i(\xi, z)uj(\xi, z),
\]

(A4)

where \( x^Tu(\xi, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} iu_i(\xi, z) > 0 \) is the average number of mutants among mutant patches (i.e., patches that contain at least one mutant). Then, note that the expected total number of mutants produced over one generation by the mutants residing in a patch with \( j \) mutants may be written in two ways:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{N} ia_i(\xi, z) = w_j(\xi, z)j,
\]

(A5)

where \( w_j(\xi, z) \) is the expected total number of adult offspring produced by a mutant over one iteration of the life cycle when there are \( j \) mutants in its patch and the remaining individuals in the population have phenotype \( z \). So,

\[
\rho(A(\xi, z)) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} ia_i(\xi, z)uj(\xi, z)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} iu_i(\xi, z)} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} sw_j(\xi, z)uj(\xi, z)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} iu_i(\xi, z)}.
\]

(A6)

The growth rate of the mutation can therefore be written in the form of lineage fitness,

\[
\rho(A(\xi, z)) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j(\xi, z)q_j(\xi, z),
\]

(A7)

where

\[
q_j(\xi, z) = \frac{jw_j(\xi, z)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} iu_i(\xi, z)}
\]

(A8)

is the probability that a randomly sampled mutant from the mutant lineage belongs to a patch with \( j \) mutants.

**Lineage Fitness as Proxy to the Growth Rate and Other Proxies**

The expression for \( \rho(A(\xi, z)) \) in equation (A7) depends on the eigenvectors of \( A(\xi, z) \), which are difficult to evaluate in practice. In order to circumvent this problem, we seek a proxy whose sign around 1 is equivalent to that of the growth rate and that is also easier to evaluate. The usual fitness proxy in evolutionary biology is the basic reproductive number (Ellner and Rees 2006), which will be the starting point to our derivation.

The basic reproductive number of a metapopulation can be obtained from the matrix describing mutant growth when rare, here \( A(\xi, z) \), by noting that it can be decomposed as

\[
A(\xi, z) = Q(\xi, z) + B(\xi, z),
\]

(A9)

where \( Q(\xi, z) \) is a matrix whose element \((i, j)\) gives the probability that the focal patch with \( j \) mutants turns into a patch with \( i \) mutants. By the properties of multitype branching processes, the transition probabilities are independent of the state of the process \( \{X(t)\} \). Therefore, \( Q(\xi, z) \) is the transient matrix of the Markov chain describing the subpopulation of mutants in the focal patch on the state space \( I \), which has the local extinction of the mutant as its only absorbing state since only residents immigrate into the patch. Meanwhile, the \((i, j)\) entry of matrix \( B(\xi, z) \) is the expected number of patches with \( i \) mutants that are produced by mutant emigration from the focal patch when the latter is in state \( j \) (i.e., with \( j \) mutants).

Then, we follow Massol (2009) and define the basic reproductive number \( R_0(\xi, z) \) as the leading eigenvalue of the transition matrix giving lifetime reproduction (Caswell 2001; Ellner and Rees 2006), that is, the leading eigenvalue of the matrix

\[
R = B(\xi, z)(I - Q(\xi, z))^{-1}
\]

(A10)
As shown in Mullon and Lehmann (2014), we can rewrite

\[ \lim_{N \to \infty} R_m(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) = 0 \]

which shows that \( R_m(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is a proxy for the growth rate, which can be computed by way of matrix inversion only.

We can further simplify the expression for \( R_m(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) when only a single mutant can establish into a resident patch by immigration. In that case, only the first row of \( \mathbf{B}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is nonzero, that is,

\[
\mathbf{B}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) = \begin{pmatrix}
    b_1(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) & b_2(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) & \cdots & b_n(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \\
    0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
    \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
    0 & 0 & \cdots & 0
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where \( b_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is the expected number of patches with one mutant that are produced by mutant emigration from the focal patch when in state \( j \). The elements of the matrix \( \mathbf{B}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) below its first line are 0 since the probability that two or more offspring from the same patch settle in the same patch through dispersal is 0. Note that in the infinite-island model of dispersal, only a single mutant can establish into a resident patch by immigration when offspring disperse independently from one another. This can be understood by noting that if the number of patches is \( N_d \) and migration probability of mutant offspring is \( m \), then the probability that a given breeding spot on a given patch is settled through dispersal by an offspring from the focal patch is of the order \( O(m/N_d) \), and the probability that two or more such offspring settle in the same patch is of the order \( O(m^2/N_d^2) \). Summing over all patches, the probability that two or more offspring from the same individual settle on the same patch through dispersal is at most of the order \( O(m^2/N_d) \), which goes to 0 as \( N_d \to \infty \). Hence, the focal patch with \( j \) mutants can only turn a patch with zero mutants into a patch with a single mutant.

With \( \mathbf{B}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) as in equation (A12), the matrix \( \mathbf{R}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is 0 everywhere except in its first row. Since the eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are its diagonal entries, the only eigenvalue of \( \mathbf{R}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) that may be greater than 1 is simply its first diagonal element (since all the other eigenvalues are 0). In this case, the leading eigenvalue of \( \mathbf{R}(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) (eqq. [A10], [A11]) is

\[ R_m(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} b_i(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z})\tau_i(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}), \]

where \( \tau_i(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) denotes the expected number of generations a patch that started with a single mutant spends with \( k \) mutants. Thus, when offspring disperse independently from one another, \( R_m(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is equal to the expected number of successful emigrant mutants produced by a patch that started with a single mutant, which is the definition of the proxy by Metz and Gyllenberg (2001).

We now seek to obtain a fitness proxy expressed in terms of individual fitness, which will turn out to be of the form of lineage fitness (eq. [A7]). To that end, note that the expected number of successful emigrants from a patch may be expressed as \( b_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) = ke_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \), where \( e_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \) is the expected number of successful emigrants produced by a single mutant in a patch with \( k \) mutants. Thus, when the rest of the population is monomorphic for \( z \), we find

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{N} b_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z})\tau_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N} ke_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z})\tau_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) \leq 1
\]

\[
\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N} ke_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z})\tau_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) - 1 \leq 0.
\]

As shown in Mullon and Lehmann (2014), we can rewrite

\[
\sum_{j=1}^{N} ke_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z})\tau_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) - 1 = \sum_{j=1}^{N} (w_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}) - 1)k\tau_j(\hat{\tau}, \hat{z}).
\]
So, condition (A14) may be expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} k e_i(\xi, z) t_i(\xi, z) - 1 \leq 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{N} (w_i(\xi, z) - 1) k t_i(\xi, z) \leq 0$$

$$\iff \tilde{k}(\xi, z) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i(\xi, z) \frac{k t_i(\xi, z)}{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)} - 1 \right) \leq 0,$$

where

$$\tilde{k}(\xi, z) = \sum_{i} k t_i(\xi, z) > 0$$

is the expected number of mutants present in a mutant patch. Now, since $\tilde{k}(\xi, z) > 0$, (A16) is equivalent to

$$\tilde{k}(\xi, z) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i(\xi, z) \frac{k t_i(\xi, z)}{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)} - 1 \right) \leq 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i(\xi, z) \frac{k t_i(\xi, z)}{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)} \leq 1.$$  

Then, note that

$$q_i(\xi, z) = \frac{k t_i(\xi, z)}{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)}$$

is a probability mass function, which returns the probability that a randomly drawn member of the mutant local lineage resides in a patch with a total of $k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, N\}$ mutants. Therefore, a mutation coding for phenotype $\xi$ in a resident population with phenotype $z$ will eventually go extinct with probability 1 if, and only if,

$$\rho(A(\xi, z)) \leq 1 \iff \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i(\xi, z) q_i(\xi, z) \leq 1.$$  

(A20)

This shows that when only a single mutant can establish into a resident patch by immigration, the conditions that cause the leading eigenvalue of $A(\xi, z)$ to be less or equal to 1 are the same as those that cause $\upsilon(\xi, z)$ to be less or equal to 1 when $q_i(\xi, z)$ is defined in terms of sojourn times (eq. [A19]) rather than the eigenvector of $A(\xi, z)$ (eq. [A8]). While $q_i(\xi, z)$ in terms of the eigenvector of $A(\xi, z)$ takes into account all possible patch composition starting with different numbers of mutant immigrants, $q_i(\xi, z)$ in terms of sojourn times only considers a typical local lineage that starts with a single mutant. Lineage fitness $\upsilon(\xi, z)$ with $q_i(\xi, z)$ given by equation (A19) (i.e., lineage fitness as an invasion fitness proxy) is then sufficient to characterize uninvadability.

The Eigenvectors of $H(z)$ and the Molding of Phenotypic Correlations by Selection

Here, we show that when a singular phenotype is invadable, the phenotypic correlations that are most likely to emerge are given by the eigenvector associated with the greatest positive eigenvalue of $H(z)$. Each eigenvector $e_i(z)$ for $l = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ of $H(z)$ is a linear combination of the $n$ traits. In addition, because $H(z)$ is Hessian, these eigenvectors are perpendicular to one another (Horn and Johnson 1985, p. 104), that is, $e_i(z) \cdot e_m(z) = 0$ for $l \neq m$ (the middle dot refers to the dot product). They can therefore be represented as perpendicular lines in multidimensional phenotypic space (fig. A1). The unique feature of each eigenvector $e_i(z)$ is that, at a singular phenotype, both the strength and direction of selection along it is only determined by its associated eigenvalue $\lambda_i(z)$. To see this, consider a mutation that appears precisely along $e_i(z)$ (fig. A1). With each eigenvector scaled to have unit length ($||e_i(z)|| = \sqrt{e_i(z) \cdot e_i(z)} = 1$), the vector $\xi - z$ that connects the mutant $\xi$ to the resident $z$ can be expressed as $\xi - z = ||\xi - z||e_i(z)$. From equation (3) and the above identities, the lineage fitness of this mutation is

$$\upsilon(\xi, z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} ||\xi - z||^2 e_i(z)^T H(z) e_i(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} ||\xi - z||^2 \lambda_i(z).$$  

(A21)
Since \( \| \xi - z \| > 0 \), whether equation (A21) is greater than 1 depends only on the sign of the eigenvalue \( \lambda(z) \), and the magnitude of lineage fitness is directly related to the magnitude of \( \lambda(z) \).

The eigenvectors of \( H(z) \), along with their associated eigenvalue, therefore, provide a geometric representation of the direction and intensity of selection in the neighborhood of a singular phenotype. The eigenvectors associated with negative eigenvalues give lines along which any mutation is counterselected, while those associated with positive eigenvalues give lines along which selection favors mutation invasion (fig. A1). In addition, the intensity of selection along an eigenvector, whether it is stabilizing or diversifying, is reflected in the absolute value of its associated eigenvalue. This can be seen from the lineage fitness of a mutation that causes the expression of phenotype \( \xi \), which can be written as a composite sum of the selection acting on all eigenvectors, each weighted according to the proximity of the mutation to the eigenvector,

\[
v(\xi, z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \| \xi - z \|^2 \sum_{l=1}^{k} \lambda_l(z) (\cos \theta_l(\xi, z))^2 \tag{A22}
\]

(using the eigenvalue decomposition of \( H(z) \); e.g., Horn and Johnson 1985, p. 104), where \( \theta_l(\xi, z) \) is the angle between the eigenvector of \( H(z) \) that is associated with \( \lambda_l(z) \) and the vector that connects the mutant phenotype \( \xi \) to the resident phenotype \( z \) in phenotypic space (i.e., \( \cos \theta_l(\xi, z) = e(z) \cdot (\xi - z) / \| \xi - z \| \); see fig. A1). The squared cosine of the angle \( \theta_l(\xi, z) \) in equation (A22), \( 0 \leq (\cos \theta_l(\xi, z))^2 \leq 1 \), measures how closely the \( l \)th eigenvector is aligned to the vector that connects the mutant phenotype \( \xi \) to the resident phenotype \( z \); when it is 0, they are perpendicular, and when it is 1, they are parallel. Because all eigenvectors of a Hessian matrix are perpendicular to one another, the sum of weights is equal to 1,

\[
\sum_{l=1}^{n} (\cos \theta_l(\xi, z))^2 = \sum_{l=1}^{n} (e(z) \cdot (\xi - z) / \| \xi - z \|)^2 = 1.
\]

As a consequence, the maximum force that diversifying selection on a mutation can take, measured by \( \sum_{l=1}^{n} \lambda_l(z) (\cos \theta_l(\xi, z))^2 \), is the largest eigenvalue among the \( \lambda_l(z) \)'s, and the only mutations that will be affected by the maximum force of diversifying selection are those that appear on the eigenvector associated with the leading eigenvalue.

First-Order Effects of Selection

We derive here equation (12) of the main text. To do so, we first reformulate the fitness function of a mutant \( w_i(\xi, z) \) as a fitness function that depends explicitly on phenotypic values of all individuals in the population and set \( w_i(\xi, z) = w(\xi, z_{i-1}, z) \) (see eq. [10]). The first argument of this function is the phenotype of a focal individual whose fitness is under scrutiny, here a mutant with phenotype \( \xi \). The second argument, \( z_{i-1} \), is the collection of \( N - 1 \) phenotypes that express the neighbors of the focal, which is composed of \( k - 1 \) other mutants and \( N - k \) residents. The last argument is the resident phenotype \( z \) expressed in the rest of the population. Therefore, from equation (1), we have

\[
s_p(z) = \frac{\partial w(\xi, z)}{\partial z_p} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left( \frac{\partial w(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial z_p} q_i(z, z) + \frac{\partial q_i(\xi, z)}{\partial z_p} \right), \tag{A23}
\]

where all derivatives, here and throughout the entire appendix, are evaluated at the resident value \( z \). Then, because the total probability \( \sum_{k=1}^{N} q_i(\xi, z) = 1 \) is constant, we are left with

\[
s_p(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial w(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial z_p} q_i(z, z). \tag{A24}
\]

The derivative of mutant fitness with respect to mutant phenotype can be expressed in terms of individual fitness derived with respect to individual and representative neighboring phenotypes as

\[
\frac{\partial w(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial z_p} = \frac{\partial w(z, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial z_p} + \frac{\partial w(z, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial z_p} (k - 1), \tag{A25}
\]

where \( w(z, z_{i-1}, z) \) is the same function as \( w(\xi, z_{i-1}, z) \) but now refers to the fitness of a focal individual, arbitrarily indexed as the individual \( i \in \{1, \ldots, N\} \), which depends on its own phenotype \( z \), the collection of phenotypes of its \( N - 1 \)
neighbors $z_i = (z_{i1}, \ldots, z_{i,n-p})$, as well as the resident phenotype $z$ expressed in the rest of the population (e.g., Rouset 2004). The first derivative in equation (A25) measures the effect of changing trait $p$ in the focal $i$, and the second derivative measures the effect of changing trait $p$ in a representative neighbor $j \neq i$ of the focal. Substituting equation (A25) into equation (A24), we have

$$s_p(z) = \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} + \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (k-1) q_k(z, z)$$

$$= \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} + (N-1) \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (k-1) q_k(z, z)$$

$$= \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} + (N-1) \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{ip}} r_2(z, z),$$

where the last line follows from the definition of $r_2(z, z)$ (eq. [11]) and thus gives equation (12) (for similar arguments, see also Day 2001; Lehmann et al. 2015).

**Second-Order Effects of Selection**

We derive here equation (13) of the main text. The derivative of $v(\zeta, z)$ with respect to $\zeta_p$ and $\zeta_q$ at $\zeta = z$ reads

$$\frac{\partial^2 v(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial^2 w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} q_k(z, z) + \frac{\partial w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \frac{\partial q_k(z, z)}{\partial \zeta_q} + \frac{\partial w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_q} \frac{\partial q_k(z, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \right).$$

(A27)

Similarly to the first derivative (eq. [A25]), the second derivative of mutant fitness can be expressed in terms of individual fitness derivatives as

$$\frac{\partial^2 w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} = \frac{\partial^2 w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} + (k-1) \left( \frac{\partial^2 w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} + \frac{\partial^2 w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_q \partial \zeta_p} \right)$$

$$+ (k-1)(k-2) \frac{\partial^2 w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} \right).$$

(A28)

Substituting equation (A28) into

$$h_{w, pq}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial^2 w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p \partial \zeta_q} q_k(z, z)$$

(A29)

and using the definition of relatedness equation (11) yields equation (13b).

Substituting equation (A25) into equation (A27) and using the fact that $\sum_{k=1}^{N} q_k(\zeta, z) = 1$, the second term of equation (A27) can be written as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \frac{\partial q_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_q} = \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (k-1) \frac{\partial q_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_q}$$

$$= (N-1) \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_q} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{k-1}{N-1} q_k(\zeta, z) \right).$$

(A30)

So, using the definition of $r_2(\zeta, z)$ (eq. [11]), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial w(\zeta, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \frac{\partial q_k(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_q} = (N-1) \frac{\partial w(z_i, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} \frac{\partial r_2(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_q}.$$

(A31)
Similarly, the second term of equation (A27) is
\[
\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\partial w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{-i-1}, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \frac{\partial q_f(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} = (N - 1) \frac{\partial w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{-i-1}, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \frac{\partial r(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p}.
\]
(A32)

Substituting the last two equations into
\[
h_{i,p}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left( \frac{\partial w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{-i-1}, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \frac{\partial q_f(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} + \frac{\partial w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{-i-1}, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \frac{\partial q_f(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \right)
\]
(A33)
gives equation (13c).

**First-Order Effects on Pairwise Relatedness under a Moran Process**

Here, we calculate the first-order effects of trait \( p \) on pairwise relatedness, \( \partial r_f(\xi, z)/\partial \tilde{\xi}_p \) when the population follows a Moran life cycle. In this case, uninvadability can be characterized using the lineage fitness in the form of a proxy for invasion fitness. We therefore calculate \( \partial r_f(\xi, z)/\partial \tilde{\xi}_p \) with the local mutant distribution \( q_f(\xi, z) \) given by equation (A19). Substituting, equation (A19) into equation (11), relatedness can be expressed as
\[
r_f(\xi, z) = \frac{\tilde{k}(\xi, z) - k(\xi, z)}{(N - 1)k(\xi, z)} = \frac{1}{(N - 1)} \left( \frac{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)}{k(\xi, z)} - 1 \right),
\]
(A34)
where
\[
\tilde{k}(\xi, z) = \sum_{\xi} k^i t_i(\xi, z).
\]
(A35)

Taking the derivative of equation (A34) with respect to mutant trait value \( \xi \), then reads
\[
\frac{\partial r_f(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} = \frac{1}{(N - 1)k(\xi, z)} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{k}(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} - \frac{\tilde{k}(\xi, z)}{k(\xi, z)} \frac{\partial k(\xi, z)}{\partial \tilde{\xi}_p} \right),
\]
(A36)
which depends on mean sojourn times under neutrality given that the patch started with a single mutant present \( t_i(z, \xi) \) and under selection \( t_i(\xi, z) \). We derive those below for the Moran process.

The general mean sojourn times \( t_i(\xi, z) \) spent with \( i \) mutants before absorption starting with \( j \) mutants (so that \( t_i(\xi, z) = t_j(\xi, z) \)) are obtained as the elements of
\[
T(\xi, z) = (I - Q(\xi, z))^{-1},
\]
(A37)
where \( Q(\xi, z) \) is as in equation (A9). For a Moran process (a birth and death process), the elements of the transient matrix \( Q(\xi, z) \), that is, the transient transition probability \( q_f(\xi, z) \) from \( j \) to \( i \), can be written as
\[
q_f(\xi, z) = \begin{cases} 
    b_f(\xi, z), & \text{if } i = j + 1 \text{ (birth of a mutant)}, \\
    d_f(\xi, z), & \text{if } i = j - 1 \text{ (death of a mutant)}, \\
    1 - b_f(\xi, z) - d_f(\xi, z), & \text{if } i = j \text{ (no change)}, \\
    0, & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]
(A38)

In that case, equation (A37) reads
\[
t_f(\xi, z) = \begin{cases} 
    \frac{1}{d_f(\xi, z)} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \prod_{l=k+1}^{i-1} b_{f-l}(\xi, z) \right) & \text{if } i = 1, 2, \ldots, j, \\
    \prod_{k=1}^{i-1} b_{f-k}(\xi, z) & \text{if } i = j + 1, 2, \ldots, N
\end{cases}
\]
(A39)
(e.g., Ewens 2004, eq. [2.160]). In particular, the mean number of generations with \( i \) mutants starting with a single mutant \((j = 1)\) is

\[
t_i(\zeta; z) = t_{i0}(\zeta; z) = \frac{1}{d_i(\zeta; z)} \prod_{n=1}^{i-1} \frac{b_i(\zeta; z)}{d_{i+1}(\zeta; z)},
\]

(A40)

For the life cycle described in the main text (see “Uninvadability under a Moran Process”), the birth and death probabilities when \( k \) mutants are present are

\[
b_i(\zeta; z) = \frac{(N - k)\mu(\zeta; z)z}{(N - k)\mu(\zeta; z)z + k\mu(\zeta; z)z} \left( w_p(\zeta, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) \frac{k}{N} \right), \tag{A41a}
\]

\[
d_i(\zeta; z) = \frac{k\mu(\zeta, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z)}{(N - k)\mu(\zeta, z)z + k\mu(\zeta, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z)} \left( 1 - w_p(\zeta, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) \frac{k}{N} \right). \tag{A41b}
\]

They are explained as follows and use the notation given in box 1 in the main text. For the birth of a mutant (eq. [A41a]), two events must occur. First, a resident dies, with a probability that is given by the first term of equation (A41a). Second, the offspring who settles in the vacated breeding spot descends from a mutant in that patch, which occurs with a probability that is given by the second term of equation (A41a). Similarly, the death of a mutant (eq. [A41b]) requires the death of a mutant and replacement by a resident.

The neutral sojourn times \( t_i(z, z) \) are found using equation (A41) substituted into equation (A40), evaluated at \( \zeta = z \). Doing so, we find

\[
\hat{k}(z, z) = \sum_t k_t(z, z) = \frac{N}{m(z)},
\]

\[
\bar{k}(z, z) = \sum_t k^2 t_i(z, z) = \frac{N^2}{m(z)(1 + m(z)(N - 1))}, \tag{A42}
\]

where \( m(z) = 1 - w_p(z, z, z) \) is the backward migration rate.

The first-order effects of trait \( p \) on pairwise relatedness (eq. [A36]) also depends on the sojourn times under selection, \( \hat{k}(\zeta, z) \) (eq. [A17]) and \( \bar{k}(\zeta, z) \) (eq. [A35]). These terms can be rewritten as the following matrix operation:

\[
\hat{k}(\zeta, z) = u^T(\zeta, z)n_1,
\]

\[
\bar{k}(\zeta, z) = u^{*T}(\zeta, z)n_1, \tag{A43}
\]

where \( u = (1, 2, \ldots, N) \), \( u^* = (1, 4, \ldots, N^2) \), and \( n_1 = (1, 0, \ldots, 0)^T \). The first-order effect of a trait on relatedness (eq. [A36]) depends on the derivatives of equation (A43) with respect to the mutant trait value. Using equation (A37) and the fact that the derivative of the inverse of a matrix \( A \) is given by

\[
\frac{\partial A^{-1}}{\partial \xi_p} = -A^{-1} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \xi_p} A^{-1}, \tag{A44}
\]

the derivatives of equation (A43) with respect to mutant trait value \( \xi_p \) are

\[
\frac{\partial \hat{k}(\zeta, z)}{\partial \xi_p} = u \frac{\partial T(\zeta; z)}{\partial \xi_p} n_1 = u T(z, z) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_p} Q(\zeta, z) T(\zeta, z) n_1,
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{k}(\zeta, z)}{\partial \xi_p} = u^* \frac{\partial T(\zeta; z)}{\partial \xi_p} n_1 = u^{*T} T(z, z) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_p} Q(\zeta, z) T(\zeta, z) n_1. \tag{A45}
\]
Now, using equations (A39)–(A41) at neutrality (\( \xi = \mathbf{z} \)), some algebraic manipulations show that

\[
(uT(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}))_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N} i t_{ij}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{N}{m(\mathbf{z})} j,
\]

\[
(u^\prime T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}))_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{t}_{ij}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{N^2}{m(\mathbf{z})(1 + m(\mathbf{z})(N - 1))} \left( \left( 1 - \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} \right) j + \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} j^2 \right),
\]  

(A46)

which in matrix form reads

\[
u T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{N}{m(\mathbf{z})} u,
\]

\[u^\prime T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}) = \frac{N^2}{m(\mathbf{z})(1 + m(\mathbf{z})(N - 1))} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} \right) u + \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} u^2 \right].
\]  

(A47)

Substituting equation (A47) into equation (A45) then gives

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{k}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{N}{m(\mathbf{z})} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_p} (uQ(\xi, \mathbf{z})T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})n_i),
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{k}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{N^2}{m(\mathbf{z})(1 + m(\mathbf{z})(N - 1))} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_p} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} \right) u + \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} u^2 \right] Q(\xi, \mathbf{z})T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})n_i.
\]  

(A48)

Writing \( \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) \) and \( \Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) \) as the first and second moments of the number of mutants in the focal patch after a generation conditional on there being \( j \) mutants before the transition, we have

\[
(uQ(\xi, \mathbf{z}))_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N} i q_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) = \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}),
\]

\[
(u^\prime Q(\xi, \mathbf{z}))_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{t}_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) = \Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}),
\]  

(A49)

and by definition,

\[
(T(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})n_i)_j = t_{ij}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}).
\]  

(A50)

Thus, equations (A49) and (A50) substituted into equation (A48) give

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{k}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{N}{m(\mathbf{z})} \sum_{i} \frac{\partial \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} t_{ij}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}),
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \bar{k}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{N^2}{m(\mathbf{z})(1 + m(\mathbf{z})(N - 1))} \sum_{i} \left( \left( 1 - \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} + \frac{m(\mathbf{z})}{2} \frac{\partial \Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \xi_p} \right) t_{ij}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}).
\]  

(A51)

We now find an expression for the derivatives of \( \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) \) and \( \Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) \). Conditional on \( k \), the first and second moments of the number of mutants in the focal patch after a life cycle iteration are

\[
\Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) = (k + 1) b_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) + (k - 1) d_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) + k(1 - b_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) - d_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z})) = \Phi_{1j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}),
\]

\[
\Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) = (k + 1)^2 b_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) + (k - 1)^2 d_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) + k^2 (1 - b_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z}) - d_{ij}(\xi, \mathbf{z})) = \Phi_{2j}(\xi, \mathbf{z}).
\]  

(A52)
In order to get the derivatives of equation (A52) with respect to $\zeta_p$, we substitute equation (A41), using the chain rule and the following identities:

\[
\frac{\partial \mu(\zeta, \bar{z}_{k-1}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = \frac{\partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p} + (k - 1) \frac{\partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{p}^i},
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \mu(z, \bar{z}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = k \frac{\partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p},
\]

\[
\frac{\partial w_{\zeta}(\zeta, \bar{z}_{k-1}, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = \frac{\partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p} + (k - 1) \frac{\partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{p}^i}.
\]

Thus, we eventually obtain

\[
\frac{\partial \Phi_{1,\lambda}(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = \frac{k(N - k) \partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^2} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k(k - 1)(N - k) \partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^2} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k \partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{n} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k(k - 1) \partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i},
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \Phi_{2,\lambda}(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = \frac{k(N - k)(2k(N + 1 - m) - N) \partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^3} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k(k - 1)(N - k)(2k(N + 1 - m) - N) \partial \mu(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^3} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k(2k(N - 1) + N) \partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^2} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i} + \frac{k(k - 1)(2k(N - 1) + N) \partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{N^2} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial z_{p}^i}.
\]

Finally, we substitute equation (A54) into equation (A51), which is in turn substituted into equation (A36), and we use the first and second moments of sojourn times (eq. [A42]), as well as the third and fourth moments,

\[
\sum_k k^3 t_k(z, z) = \frac{N^3}{m(z)(1 + m(z)(N - 1))(2 + m(z)(N - 2))},
\]

\[
\sum_k k^4 t_k(z, z) = \frac{6N - m(z)(1 - m(z) + N(6 - m(z))}{m(z)(1 + m(z)(N - 1))(2 + m(z)(N - 2))(3 + m(z)(N - 3))},
\]

(A55)

to obtain the result of equation (14) and table 2 in the main text.

The first-order effects of a trait on pairwise relatedness that we have derived for the Moran process (eq. [14]) can be written in a form similar to the one that has been used for the Wright-Fisher process (Ajar 2003; Wakano and Lehmann 2014). In the absence of variation among death rates, $\mu(z, z_{-i}, z) = \mu$ for all $i$, equation (14) with table 2 can be expressed as

\[
\frac{\partial r_{\zeta}(\zeta, z)}{\partial \zeta_p} = r_{\zeta}(z, z) \left( N r_{\zeta}(z, z) \frac{\partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_p} + \left( N^2 r_{\zeta}(z, z) - N r_{\zeta}(z, z) \right) \frac{\partial w_{\zeta}(z, z_{-i}, z)}{\partial z_{p}^i} \right),
\]

(A56)

where

\[
r_{\zeta}(z, z) = \frac{1}{1 + m(N - 1)},
\]

(A57)

\[
r_{\zeta}(z, z) = \frac{2 - m}{(1 + m(N - 1))(2 + m(N - 2))}.
\]
Substituting equation (15) into equation (14) and using table 2, we find that
\[
\frac{\partial r_2(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{(1 - m)N^2}{(2 + m(N - 2))(1 + m(N - 1))} s_p(z) = 0,
\] (A58)
since at a singular phenotype, \(s_p(z) = 0\).

**Neutral Pairwise and Three-Way Relatedness for a Moran Process**

The stability criteria also depend on the probabilities that two and three individuals are related in the resident population. These are found using standard identity-by-descent arguments (e.g., Karlin 1968) by solving the recursions
\[
\begin{align*}
    r_2(z, z) &= \frac{N - 2}{N} r_2(z, z) + \frac{2}{N} (1 - m(z)) \left( 1 - \frac{N - 1}{N} r_2(z, z) \right), \\
    r_3(z, z) &= \frac{N - 3}{N} r_3(z, z) + \frac{3}{N} (1 - m(z)) \left( 1 - \frac{N - 2}{N} r_2(z, z) \right)
\end{align*}
\] (A59)
for a Moran process, whose solutions are given in table 1.

**Uninvadability under Weak Effects**

In order to derive the selection gradient and Hessian matrix when payoffs have weak effects (eqq. [18], [19]), we follow the line of arguments developed in Lehmann et al. (2015) and first observe that under weak effects (i.e., \(\varepsilon \to 0\) in eq. [17]), the fitness of a focal mutant in the focal patch with \(k\) mutants can be expressed as
\[
w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) \approx 1 + \varepsilon \left( a_i(z)(\pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) - \pi(z, z, z)) - a_o(z) \left( k - \frac{k}{N - 1} \pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) + \frac{N - k}{N - 1} \pi(z, \tilde{z}_{k}, z) - \pi(z, z, z) \right) \right),
\] (A60)
to the first order of \(\varepsilon\) (and where we used the zero-sum effect of selection on fitness in populations of constant size; for an explanation, see p. 96 of Rousset 2004). The difference \(\pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) - \pi(z, z, z)\) is the difference between the payoff received by the focal and the payoff of a resident from another patch, and \((k - 1)/(N - 1)\pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) + (N - k)/(N - 1)\pi(z, \tilde{z}_k, z) - \pi(z, z, z)\) is the difference between the average payoff in the focal patch, excluding the focal individual, and the payoff of a resident from another patch. So, the difference between these two differences measures how well the focal does compared to the rest of her patch, relative to an individual from another patch. Focal fitness depends on the difference between these two, but where each is weighted by a coefficient, \(a_i(z)\) and \(a_o(z)\), respectively, that put together measure the spatial scale of competition in the resident population (Frank 1998).

The spatial scale of competition is given by \(0 \leq a(z) = a_i(z)/a_o(z) \leq 1\) (since \(0 < a_i(z) \leq 1\) and \(a_o(z) \leq a_i(z)\), according to our assumptions listed in the main text; see the “Uninvadability under Weak Selection” section). To see how \(a(z)\) measures the spatial scale of competition, we rewrite equation (A60) as
\[
w(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) \approx 1 + \varepsilon a_i(z) \left( 1 - a(z) \right) \left( \pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) - \pi(z, z, z) \right) + a(z) \left( k - \frac{1}{N - 1} \pi(\xi, \tilde{z}_{k-1}, z) + \frac{N - k}{N - 1} \pi(z, \tilde{z}_k, z) - \pi(z, z, z) \right),
\] (A61)
which shows that if \( a(z) \) is small, then the payoff of neighbors has little effect on focal fitness compared to the payoff of individuals from other patches; that is, competition tends to occur globally. This would occur, for instance, if dispersal is strong. Conversely, if \( a(z) \) is close to 1, then competition tends to occur locally. The coefficients \( a(z) \) and \( a_d(z) \)—and, therefore, \( a(z) \)—are model specific and will depend on the demographic properties of the population, such as patch size, dispersal rate, or the number of open breeding spots at each generation, as well as the evolving trait. The coefficients \( a_d(z) \) and \( a_d(z) \) are found by Taylor expanding the fitness function in the form of equation (A60).

Lineage fitness (eq. [1]) is found by marginalizing equation (A60) over the distribution of mutants \( q(\xi, z) \). However, since \( \varepsilon \) is small and equation (A60) is of \( \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \), it is sufficient to marginalize over the probability mass function for the number of mutants under neutrality, \( q_\ast = q_d(z, z) \),

\[
q_d(\xi, z) = q_\ast + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon),
\]

where \( q_\ast \) is independent of the mutant type. Substituting equations (A60) and (A62) into lineage fitness equation (1) gives to the order of \( \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \)

\[
v(\xi, z) = 1 + \varepsilon a_d(z) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z) - \pi(z, z, z) - a(z) \left( \frac{k - 1}{N - 1} \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z) + \frac{N - k}{N - 1} \pi(z, z, z) \right) \right) q_\ast.
\]

First-order condition. Taking the derivative of equation (A63) with respect to \( \xi_p \) at \( \xi = z \) reads

\[
\frac{\partial v(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi_p} = \varepsilon a_d(z) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \frac{\partial \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p} - a(z) \left( \frac{k - 1}{N - 1} \frac{\partial \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p} + \frac{N - k}{N - 1} \frac{\partial \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p} \right) \right) q_\ast.
\]

Then, after substituting for the derivatives

\[
\frac{\partial \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p} = \frac{\partial \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p} + (k - 1) \frac{\partial \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p},
\]

some rearrangement, and using the definition of relatedness equation (11), equation (A64) gives the result of equation (18).

Second-order condition. Taking the derivative of equation (A63) with respect to \( \xi_p \) and \( \xi_q \) at \( \xi = z \) yields

\[
\frac{\partial^2 v(\xi, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} = \varepsilon a_d(z) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} - a(z) \left( \frac{k - 1}{N - 1} \frac{\partial^2 \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} + \frac{N - k}{N - 1} \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} \right) \right) q_\ast.
\]

The derivatives can be expressed as

\[
\frac{\partial^2 \pi(\xi, z_{i-1}, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} = \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} + (k - 1) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} + \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} + \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q} \right)
\]

\[
+ (k - 1) (k - 2) \frac{\partial^2 \pi(z, z, z)}{\partial \xi_p \partial \xi_q},
\]

Substituting equation (A67) into equation (A66) and using the definitions of relatedness equations (11) and table 1 generates the result equation (19).
Agreement between Weak and Strong Selection Modes

Here, we show that the sign of $h_{11}(z)$ derived under weak selection (eq. [23]) is the same as the sign of $h_{11}(z)$ for strong selection (equation not shown). In order to do so, we used Mathematica 10.0.1.0 (Wolfram Research 2014) to generate random values for the parameters $b_1, b_2, c_1,$ and $c_2$ between $-100$ and $100,$ for the patch size $N$ between $2$ and $1,000,$ and for effective dispersal $m$ between $0$ and $1,$ code available on request. Then, if these values generated admissible singular helping strategies, equation (22) (i.e., positive), then we compared the sign of $h_{11}(z)$ derived under the weak and strong selection modes. Out of $2 \times 10^6$ random samples, $465,943$ produced admissible singular strategies and individual fertility, and in $465,359$ cases ($99.998\%$), the sign of $h_{11}(z)$ given by equation (32) matched the sign of $h_{11}(z)$ for strong selection and arbitrary patch size.

We also show that the sign of $h_{12}(z)$ derived under weak selection and large patch size (eq. [32]) is very often the same as the sign of $h_{12}(z)$ for strong selection and arbitrary patch size (equation not shown). Out of $2 \times 10^6$ random samples, $465,600$ produced admissible singular strategies and individual fertility, and in $464,686$ cases ($99.86\%$), the sign of $h_{12}(z)$ given by equation (32) matched the sign of $h_{12}(z)$ for strong selection and arbitrary patch size. We remark here that $h_{12}(z)$ is to the first order of selection $\varepsilon$ with arbitrary patch size is

$$h_{12}(z) = -\varepsilon \frac{(2b_2c_1 - b_1c_2)s}{4b_2(N(1-s) + 2 - s) - 2c_2(N(1-s) + 1)} (2(N(1-s) + s)^3) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$= \varepsilon \frac{(2b_2c_1 - b_1c_2)s}{4b_2(N(1-s) + 2 - s) - 2c_2(N(1-s) + 1)} h_{12}(z) + O(\varepsilon).$$

Individually Based Simulations

We used Mathematica 10.0.1.0 (Wolfram Research 2014) to simulate the joint evolution of helping and dispersal in a population with $N_p = 1,000$ patches, each populated by $N = 8$ individuals (M-file available from Mullon et al. 2016). Starting with a population monomorphic for singular helping and dispersal strategies, we track the evolution of the multidimensional phenotypic distribution as small mutations continuously arise. Each individual is characterized by a level of helping $x_i$ and dispersal probability $d_i$. At the beginning of a generation, we calculate the fertility $f_0$ of each individual according to its helping strategy and that of its neighbors (eq. [21] with $\varepsilon = 1$). We use parameter values for the benefit and cost of helping ($b_1 = 6, b_2 = -1.4, c_1 = 4.56, c_2 = -1.6$) that are known to lead to evolutionary branching in infinite well-mixed populations (Doebeli et al. 2004). Then, in each patch, an individual is chosen at random to die. We replace it by means of the weighted sampling of an individual in the population, where each individual is weighted according to whether they belong to the patch on which the breeding spot is filled or not. If an individual belongs to the same patch in which a breeding spot is filled, then its weight is $f_i(1-d_i)$. If it belongs to another patch, then its weight is $f_i d_i/(N_p-1)$. Once an individual is chosen to fill the breeding spot, its phenotypic values mutate with probability $0.01$. If they do not mutate, then the offspring has the same phenotypic values as its parents. If they mutate, then we add small perturbations to the parental level of helping and dispersal probability that are sampled from a binormal distribution with mean $(0,0)$, variance $0.02^2$ in each trait, and no covariance. The resulting phenotypic values are controlled to remain between $0$ and $1$. Once a breeding spot has been opened and filled in each patch, the generation is over and we repeat the iteration. For each value of $s \in \{0.04, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8, 0.91, 0.92, 0.93, 0.94, 0.95, 0.96\}$, the population is initially monomorphic for the singular strategies and we simulate $1.5 \times 10^5$ generations. To simulate the evolution of helping alone, the same procedure as above is used, except that survival in dispersal is fixed at $s = 1$, and dispersal is held constant at $m \in \{0.6, 0.68, 0.69, 0.71\}$ for each individual. In the case of a mutation, only helping is perturbed by an amount sampled from a normal distribution with mean $0$ and variance $0.02^2$. 

Appendix from C. Mullon et al., Evolutionary Stability of Jointly Evolving Traits in Subdivided Populations
First-Order Perturbation of the Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues of a Matrix

Here, we derive equations (30) and (31) from the main text. To do this, we note that if we can express the Hessian matrix as

\[ H(z) = H'(z) + \epsilon H'(z) \epsilon, \]

where \( \epsilon \) is small, and we label \( \lambda_i(z) \) and \( e_i(z) \), the \( i \)th eigenvalue of \( H'(z) \) and its associated eigenvector, respectively, then the corresponding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of \( H(z) \) are approximately

\[ \lambda_i(z) \approx \lambda_i(z) + e_i(z)^T \epsilon H'(z) \epsilon, \]

\[ e_i(z) \approx e_i(z) + \sum_{i \neq i} \frac{e_i(z)^T \epsilon H'(z) e_i(z)}{\lambda_i(z) - \lambda_i(z)} e_i(z) \]

(Golub and Van Loan 1996, p. 323). In our example of the joint evolution of helping and dispersal, we find that substituting fitness (eq. [box 1a]) into equation (13) together with the perturbation of relatedness equation (14) and evaluating it at equation (29), to the first order of \( \epsilon \), the Hessian matrix can be decomposed as \( H(z) = H'(z) + \epsilon H'(z) \), where

\[
H'(z) = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 \\
0 & -\frac{2s(N(1-s)+1)^3}{N^2(N(1-s)+s)(2-s)}
\end{pmatrix}
\] (A69)

and

\[
H'(z) = \frac{s(N(1-s)+1)}{N^2(1-s)+Ns}
\]

\[
\times \begin{pmatrix}
-2c_2 + 2b_2 \frac{(2-s+N(1-s))(4-3s)}{(N(1-s)+1)(2-s)} & s(1+N(1-s))(2b_2c_1-b_1c_2) \\
\frac{s(1+N(1-s))(2b_2c_1-b_1c_2)}{N(2-s)(c_2-2b_2(2-s+N(1-s))/1+N(1-s))} & \frac{s(1+N(1-s))(2b_2c_1-b_1c_2)}{N(2-s)(c_2-2b_2(2-s+N(1-s))/1+N(1-s))}
\end{pmatrix}
\] (A70)

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of \( H'(z) \) are then

\[ \lambda_i(z) = 0, \quad e_i(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \]

\[ \lambda_2(z) = -\frac{2s(N(1-s)+1)^3}{N^2(N(1-s)+s)(2-s)}, \quad e_2(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \]

which substituted into equation (A69) give the approximate results of the main text (eqq. [30], [31]).
Figure A1: Selection close to a singular phenotype in two-trait space. The multidimensional phenotype consists of two traits, \( z_1 \) and \( z_2 \). The population is monomorphic for a singular phenotype \( z \). The eigenvectors of the Hessian matrix, \( e_1 \) and \( e_2 \) (gray lines), are positioned to intersect at \( z \). a, A mutation appears along the eigenvector \( e_1 \), causing the expression of trait value \( \zeta \) (black circle). The vector that connects \( \zeta \) to \( z \) is shown in black. b, An example of selection direction for an invadable singular phenotype is shown. A positive eigenvalue, \( \lambda_1 > 0 \), indicates that selection along its associated eigenvector \( e_1 \) is diversifying, as shown by the outward-facing arrows. In contrast, a negative eigenvalue, \( \lambda_2 < 0 \), tells us that selection along \( e_2 \) is stabilizing, as shown by the inward-facing arrows. c, Selection on mutations away from eigenvectors. The vector that connects \( \zeta \) to \( z \) is shown in black. The angles between this vector and both eigenvectors, \( \theta_1 \) and \( \theta_2 \), are represented by dashed curved arrows.