

S1 Model: Non-neutral models

Deleterious model

Let s_d be the selection coefficient of the deleterious mutation (where the fitness of a cell that is homoplasmic for mutant mitochondria is $1 - s_d$). Assuming that the cost imposed by mutant mitochondria can be modeled by a concave function, the fitness of a cell with i mutant mitochondria is given by

$$w_d(i) = w(i) \left(1 - s_d \left(\frac{i}{n} \right)^2 \right), \text{ where } w(i) \text{ is determined by either equation (1) or (3).}$$

Advantageous model

Again, we generate $w(i)$ using equation (1) or equation (3). We let s_a be the selection coefficient of the deleterious mutation (where the fitness of a cell that is homoplasmic for wild type mitochondria is $1 - s_a$). Since there are no data as to how fitness increases as advantageous mitochondria accumulate, we model the increase in fitness using a concave function and a convex function. If we assume that advantageous mutations convey fitness benefits consistent with a concave function, the fitness of a cell with i mutant mitochondria is given by

$$w_a(i) = w(i) \left(1 - s_a \left(\frac{n-i}{n} \right)^2 \right).$$

If we assume that fitness accumulates as a convex function of the number of mutant mitochondria, then the fitness of a cell with i mutant mitochondria is given by

$$w_a(i) = w(i) \left(1 - s_d \sqrt{\frac{n-i}{n}} \right).$$