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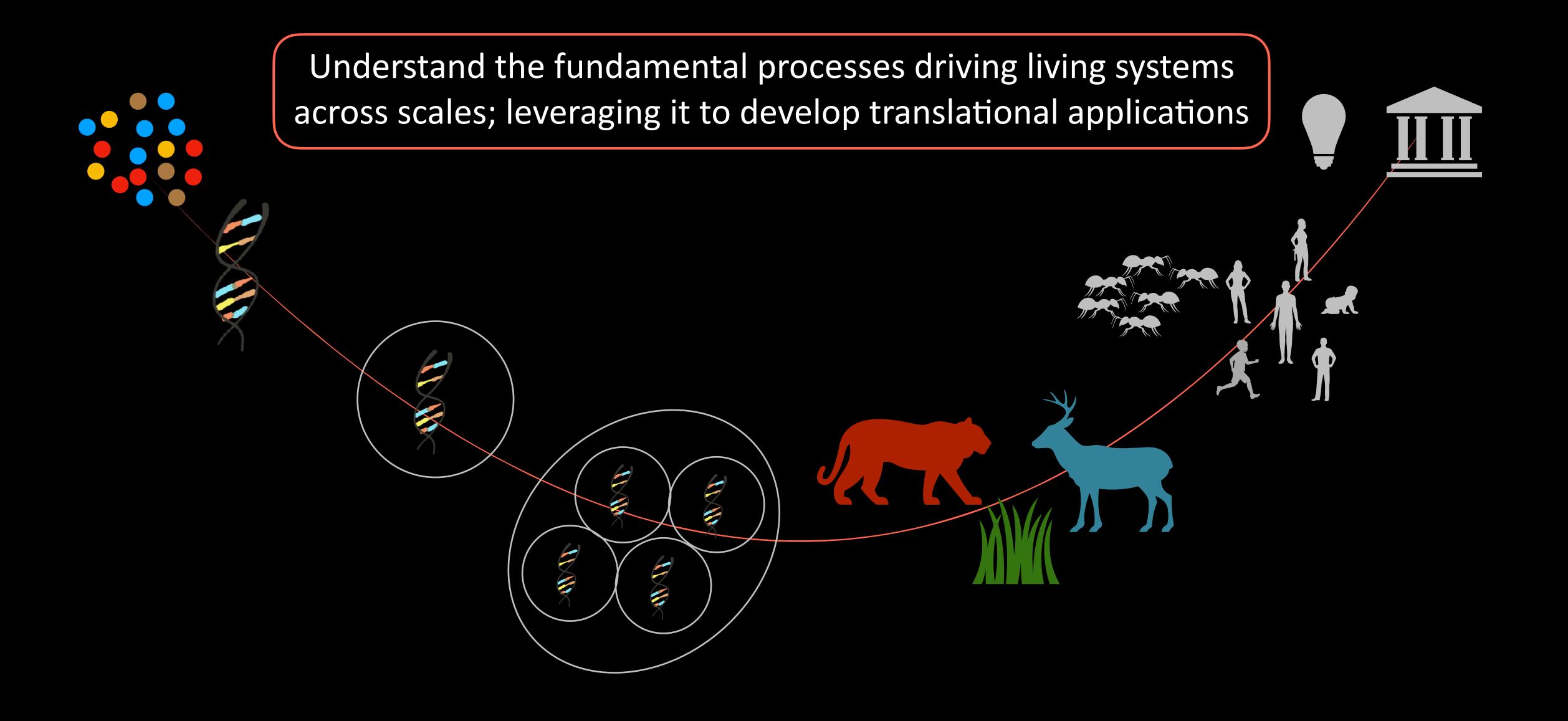


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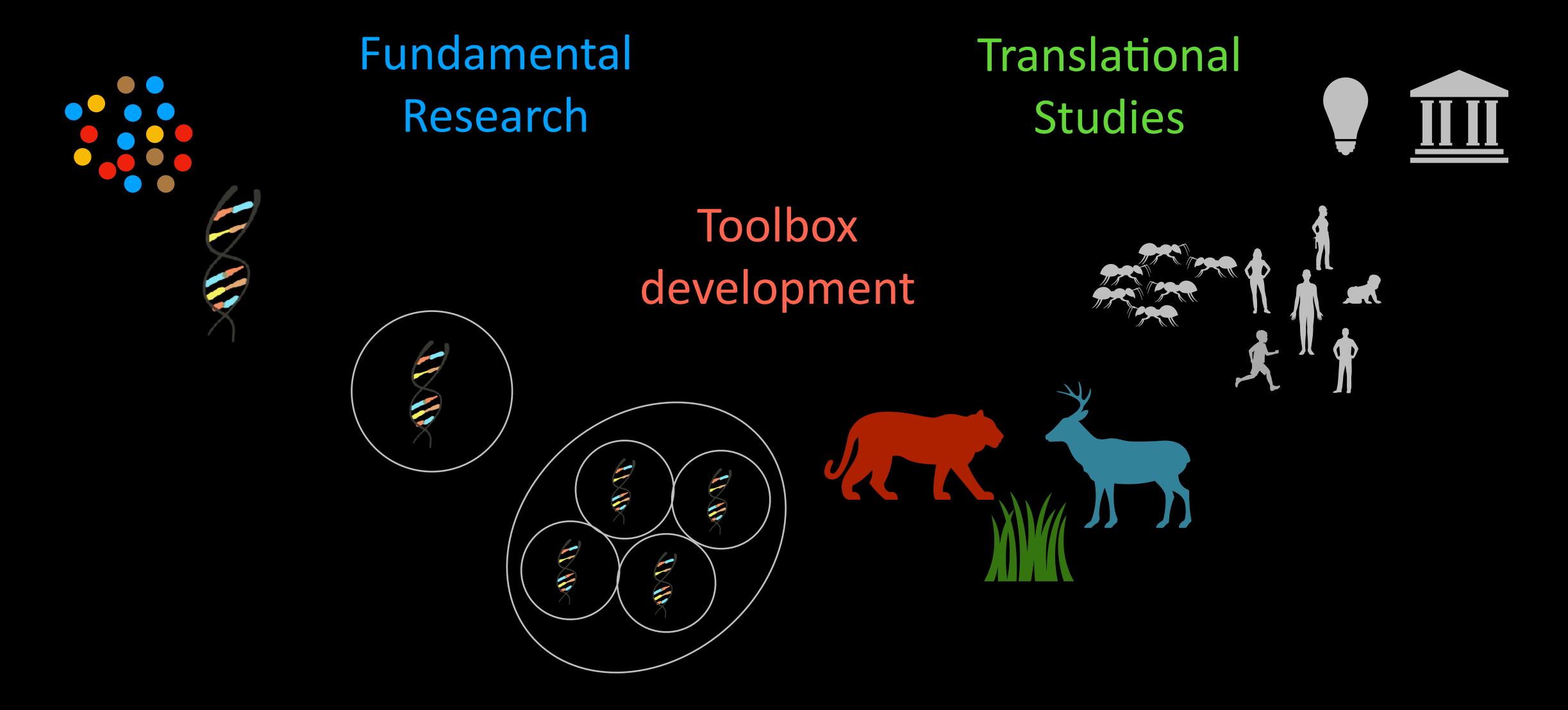
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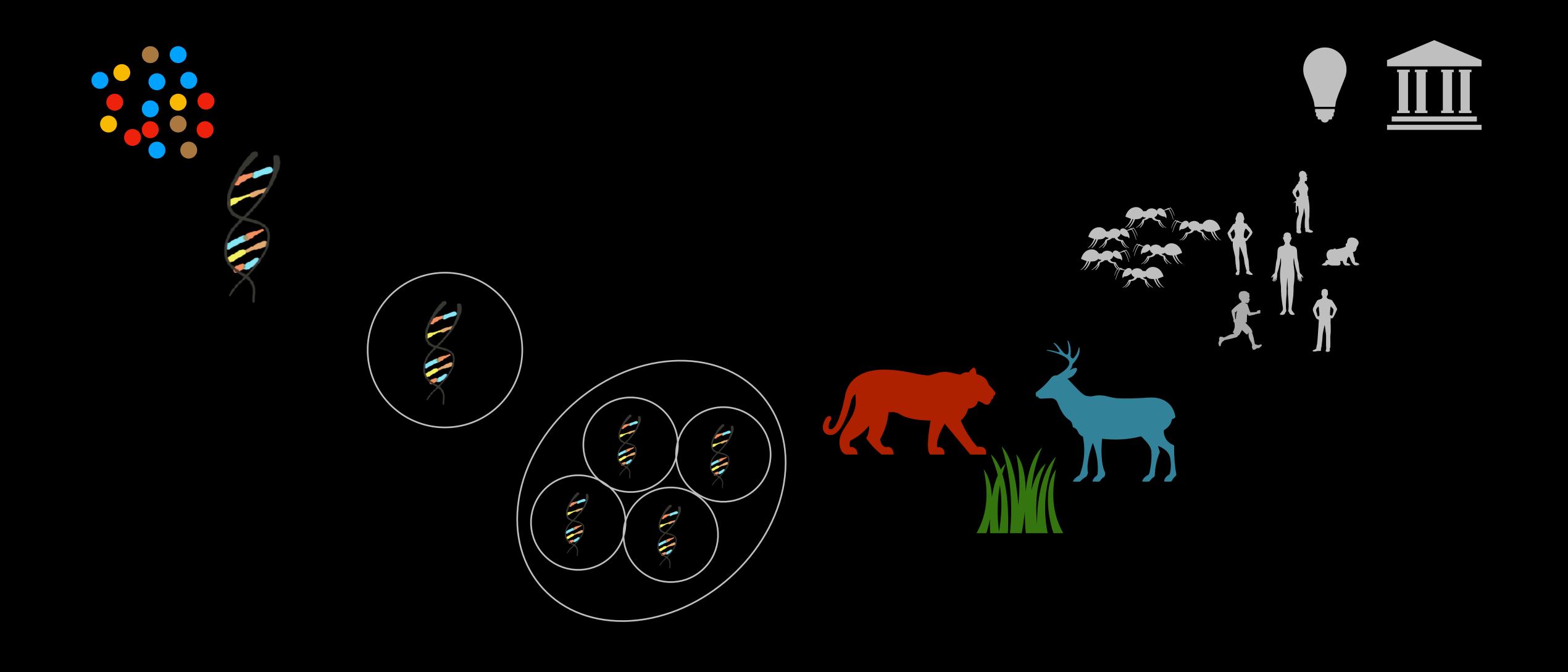
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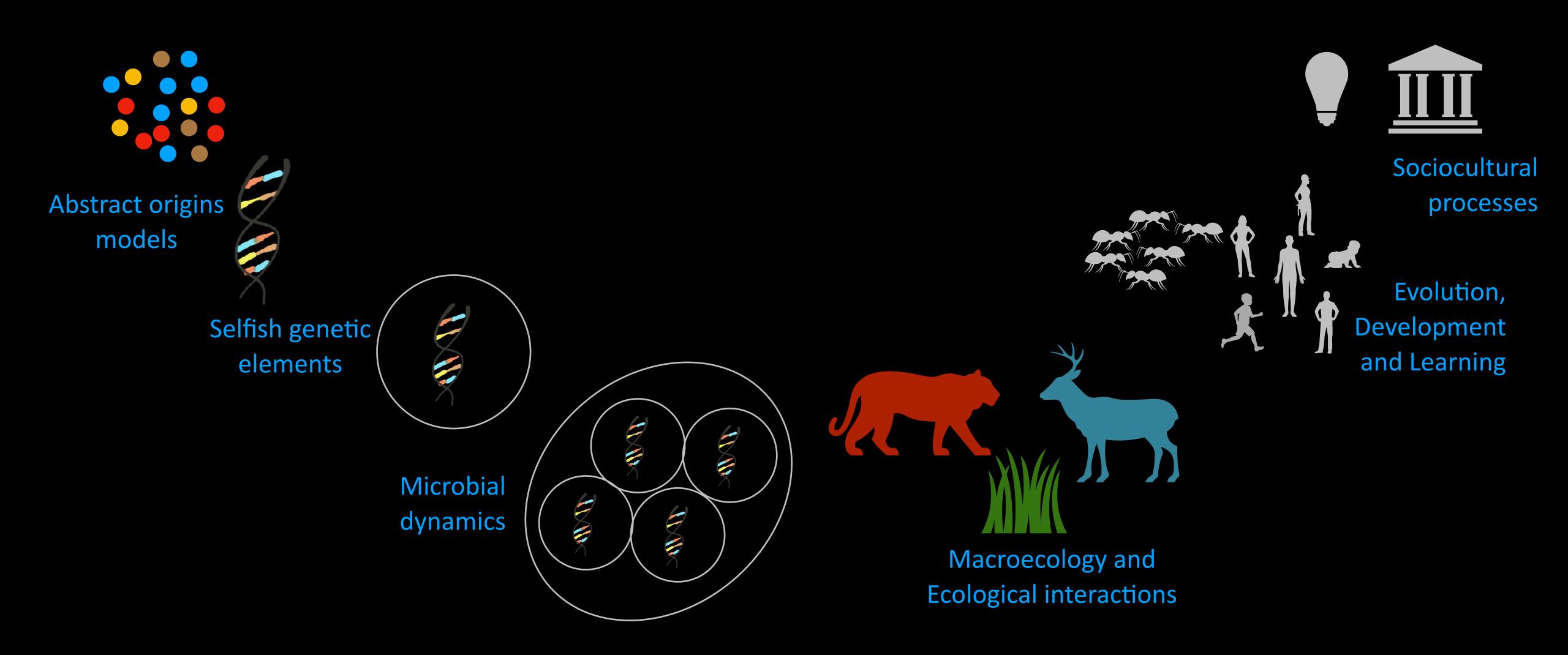
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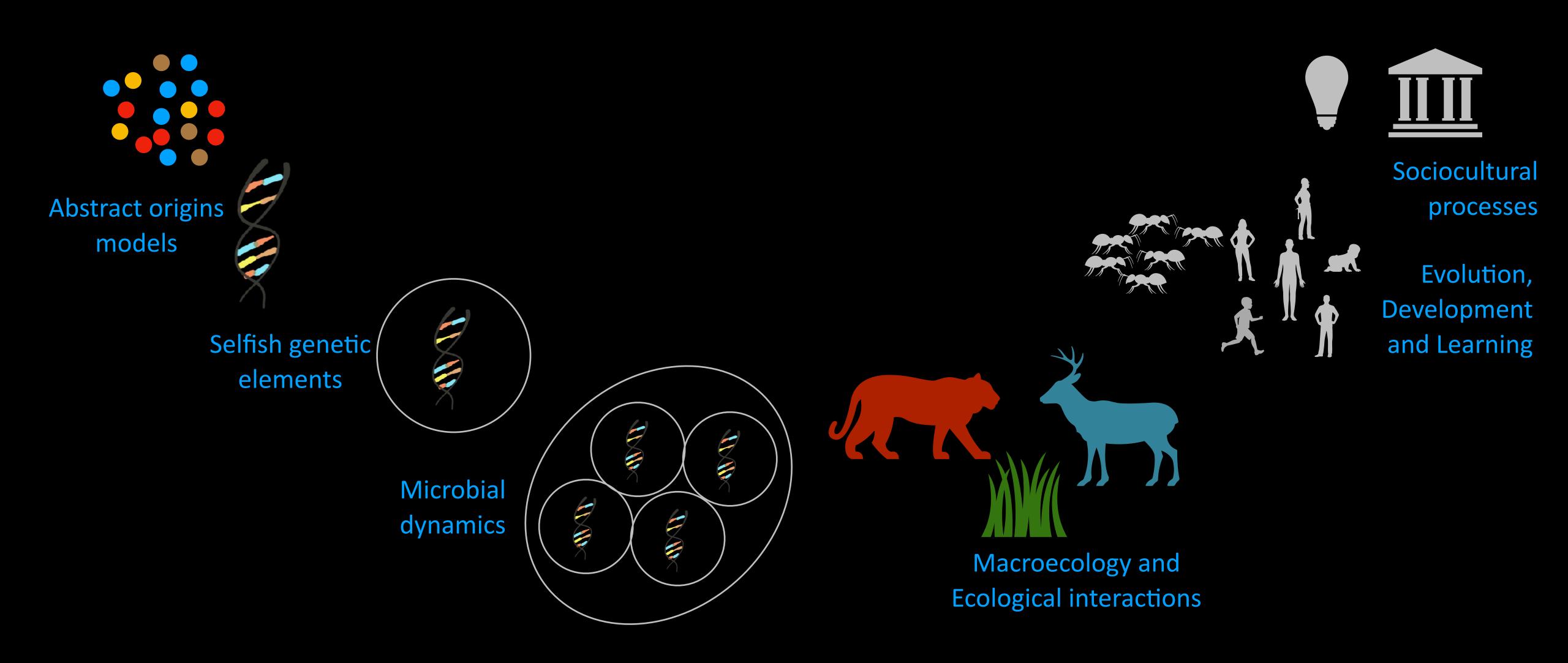
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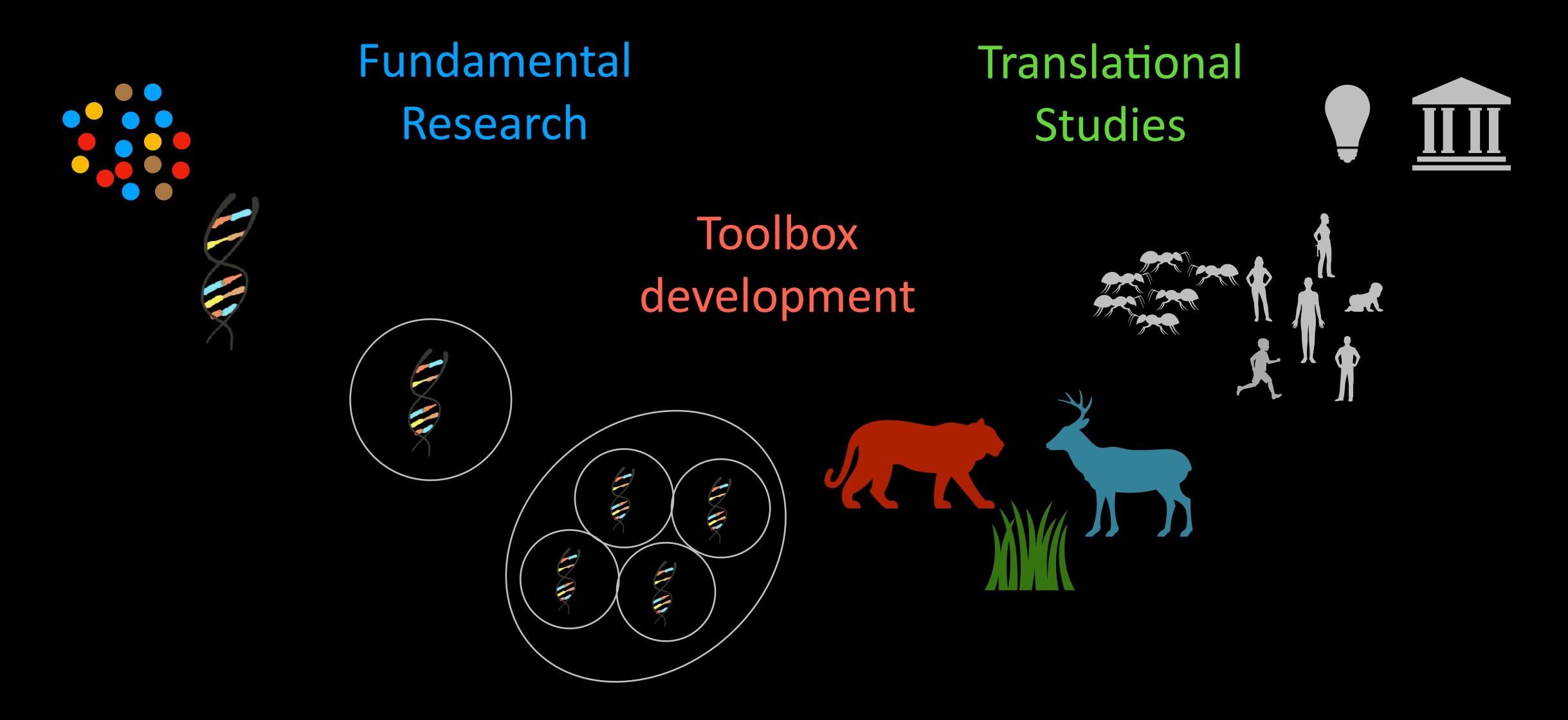
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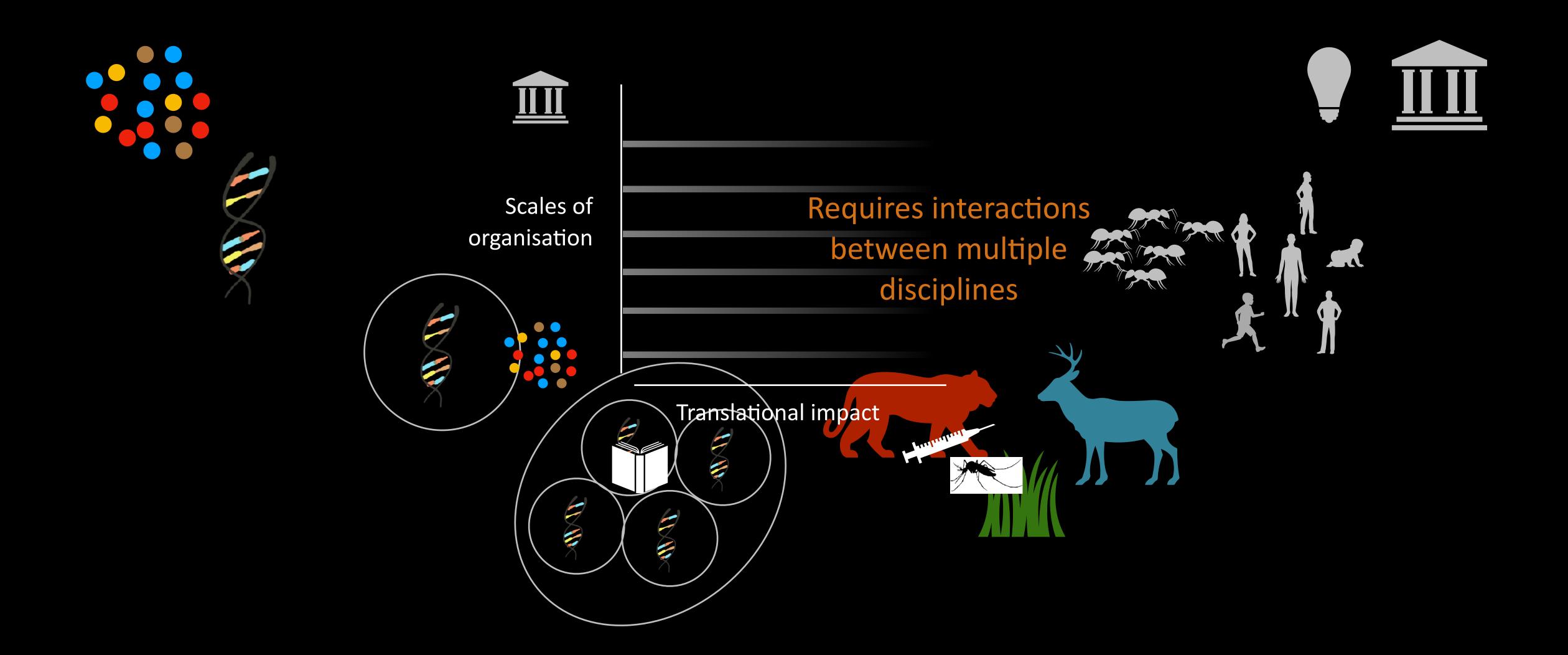
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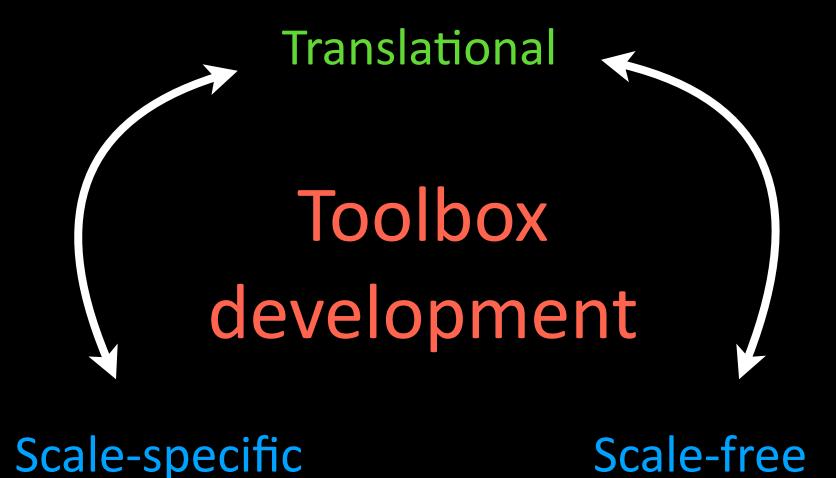
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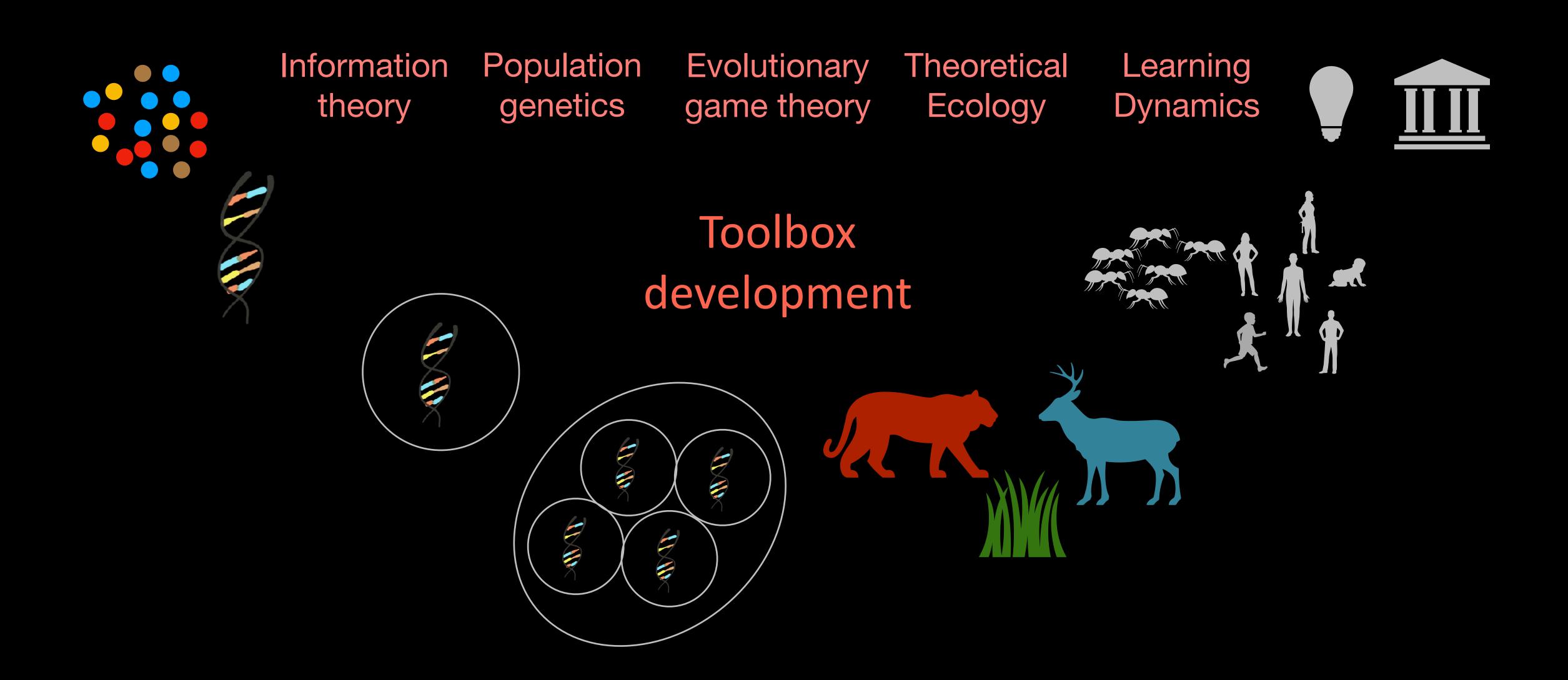
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Lecture 1 - Monday

Wednesday - Lecture 3

Introduction to MEGs

Higher-order interactions

Connection to PopGen

Collective beliefs and trust

Multiplayer evolutionary games (MEGs)

Tuesday

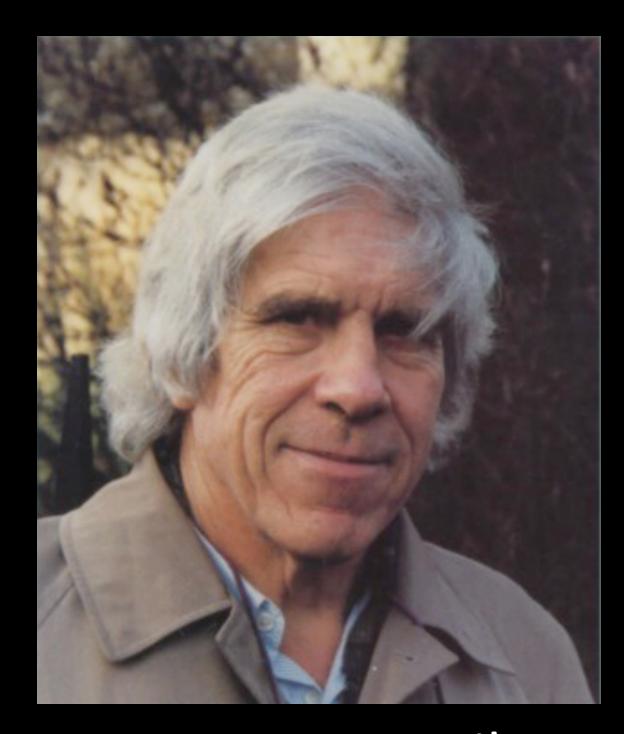
Lecture 2

If ... when & how of MEGs in the long run

(If time permits)

MEGs in mutualism and

Eco-evolutionary dynamics

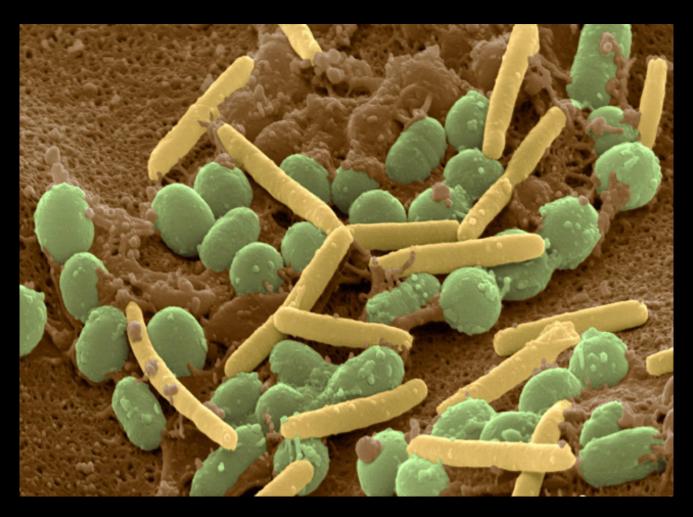


W.D. Hamilton

"....human life is a 'manyperson game' and not
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Its not just human life









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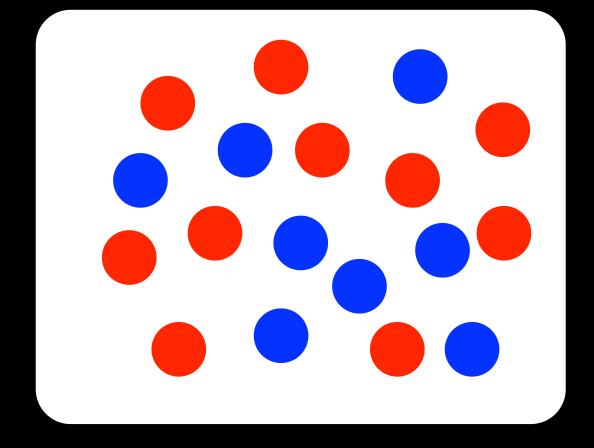
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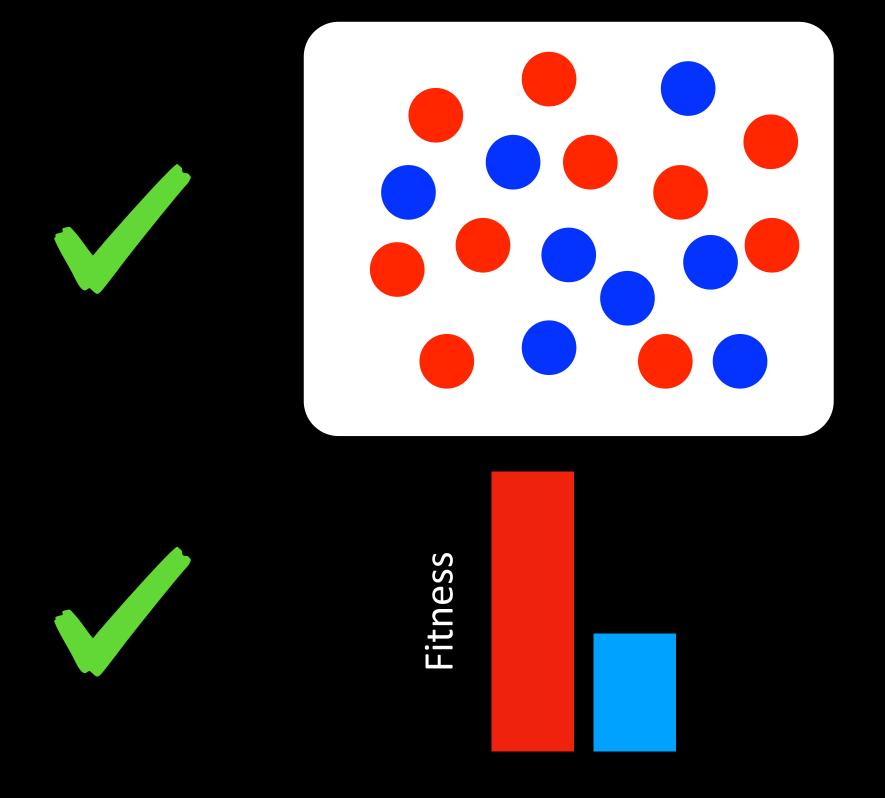
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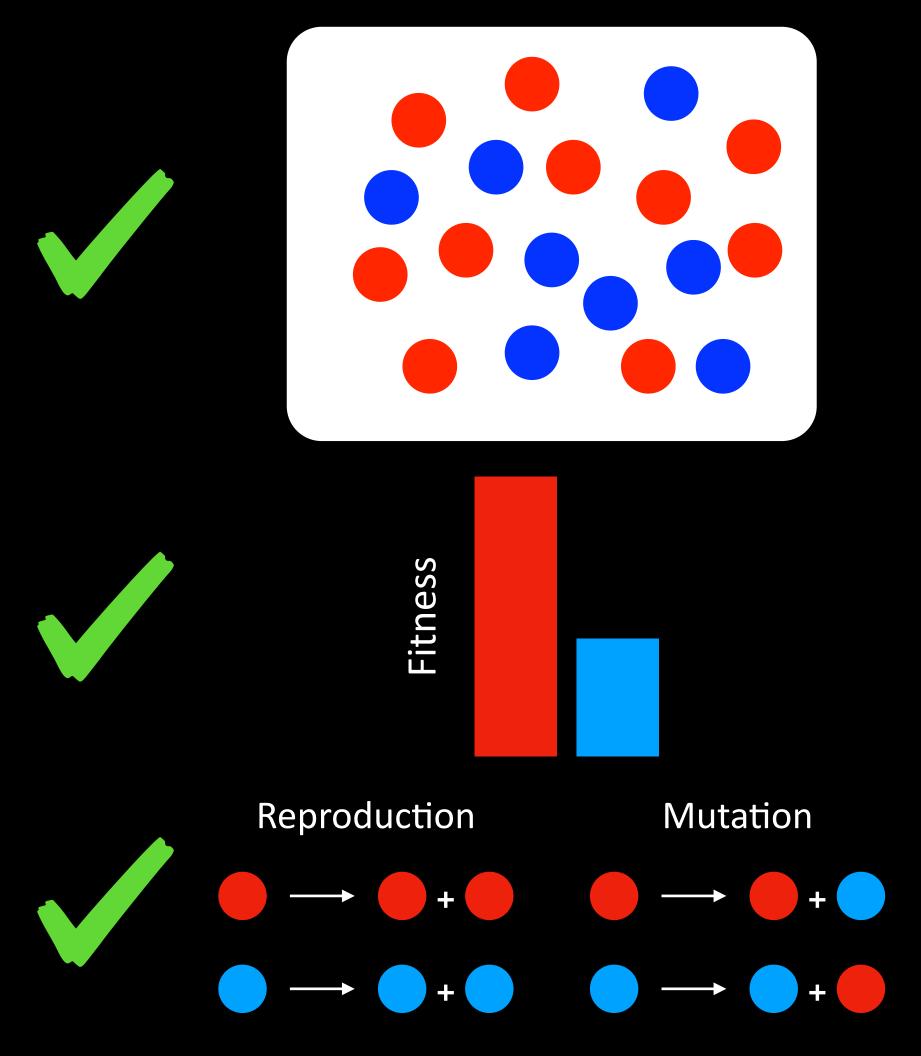
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Reproduction with fidelity

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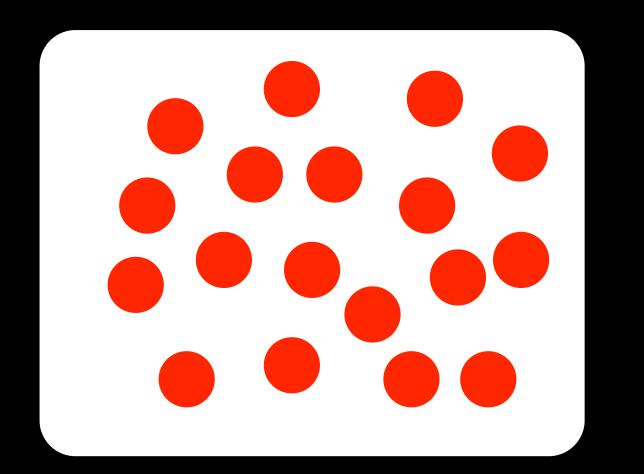
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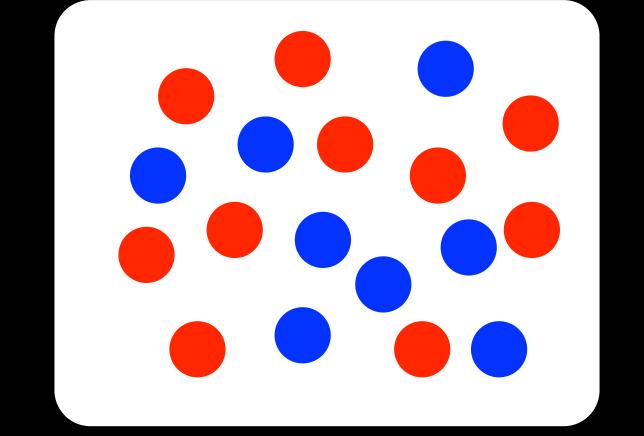
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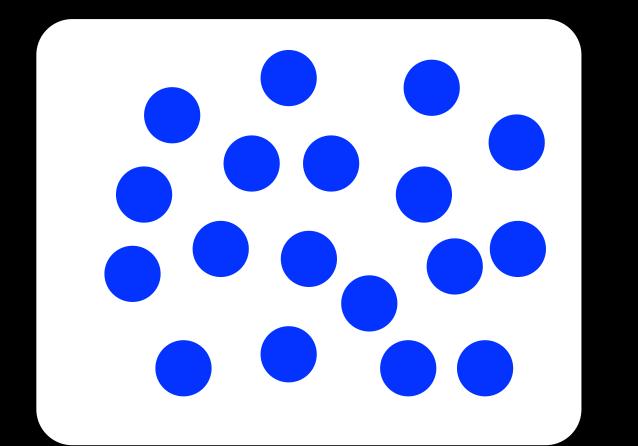
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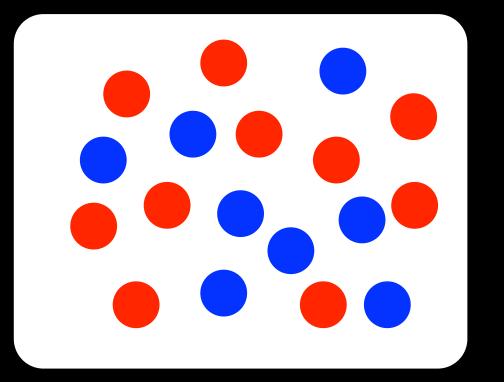
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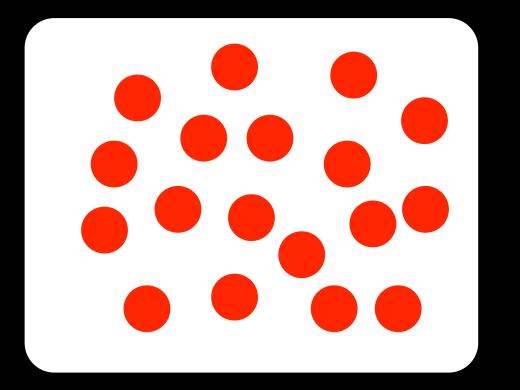


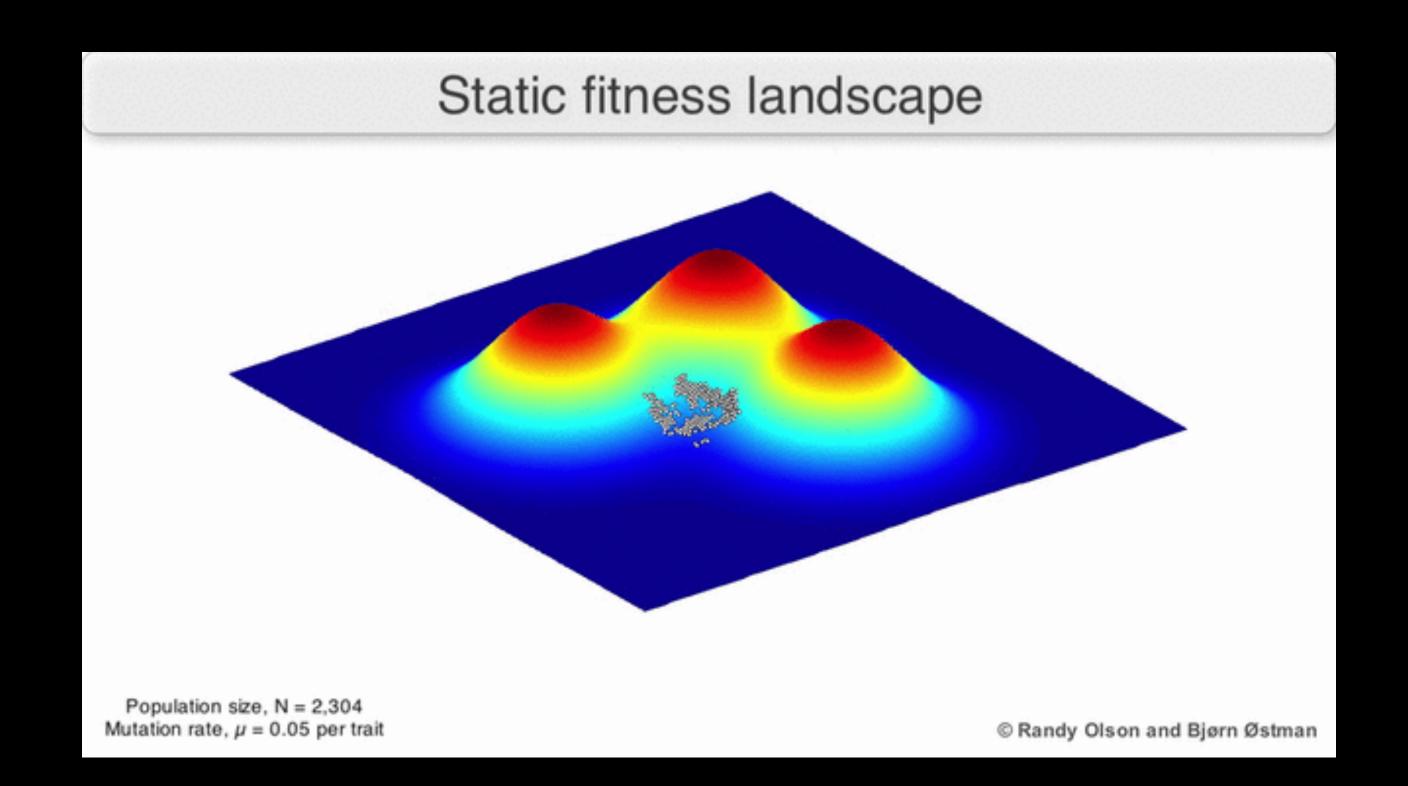
Fitness





Evolutionary process





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Polymorphism and Natural Selection

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Evolution and the Theory of Games

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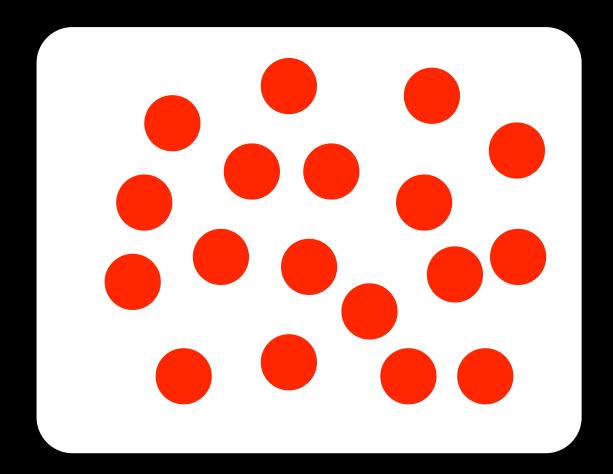
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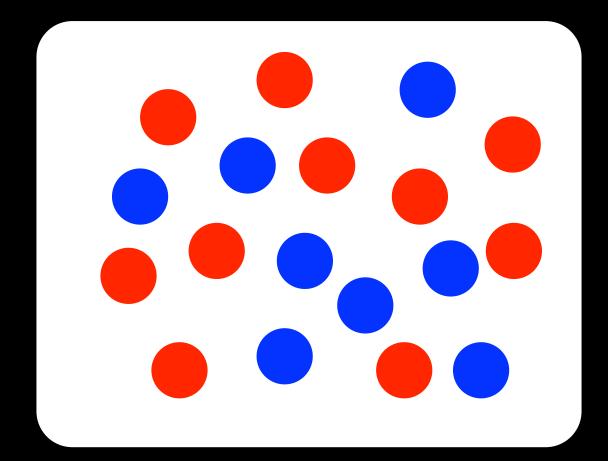
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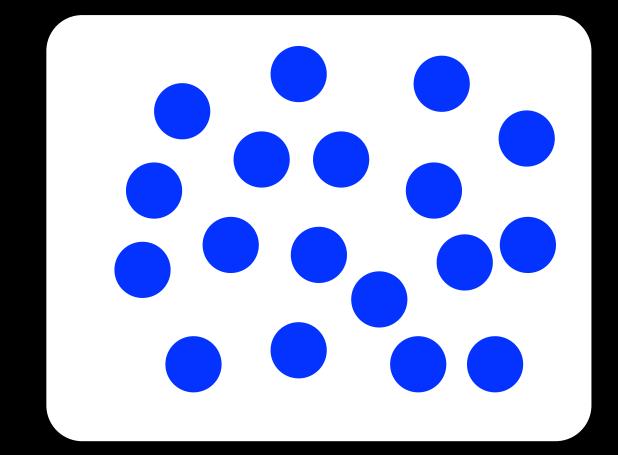
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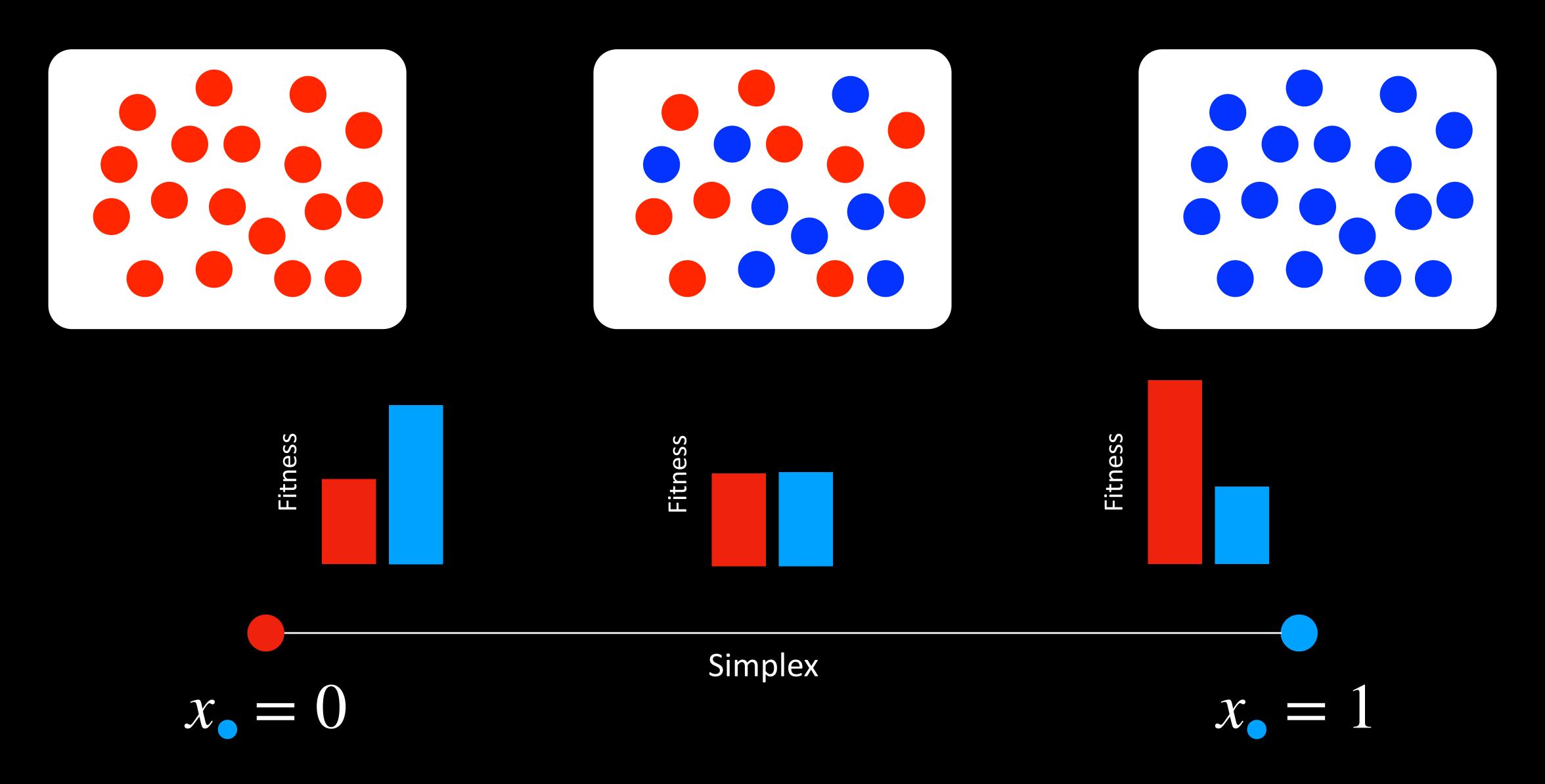
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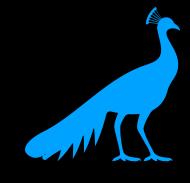
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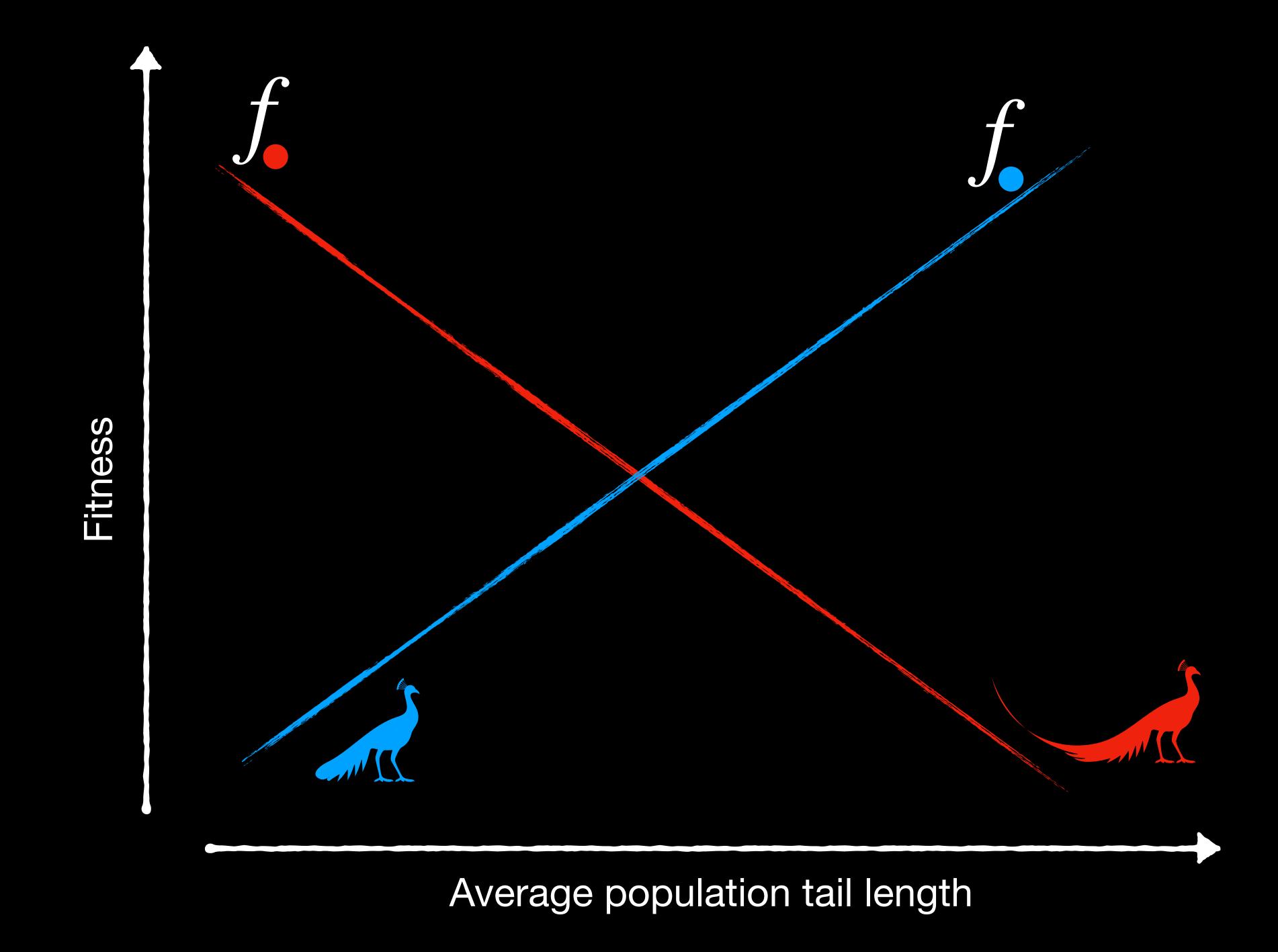
Beauty Contest

Sexual selection

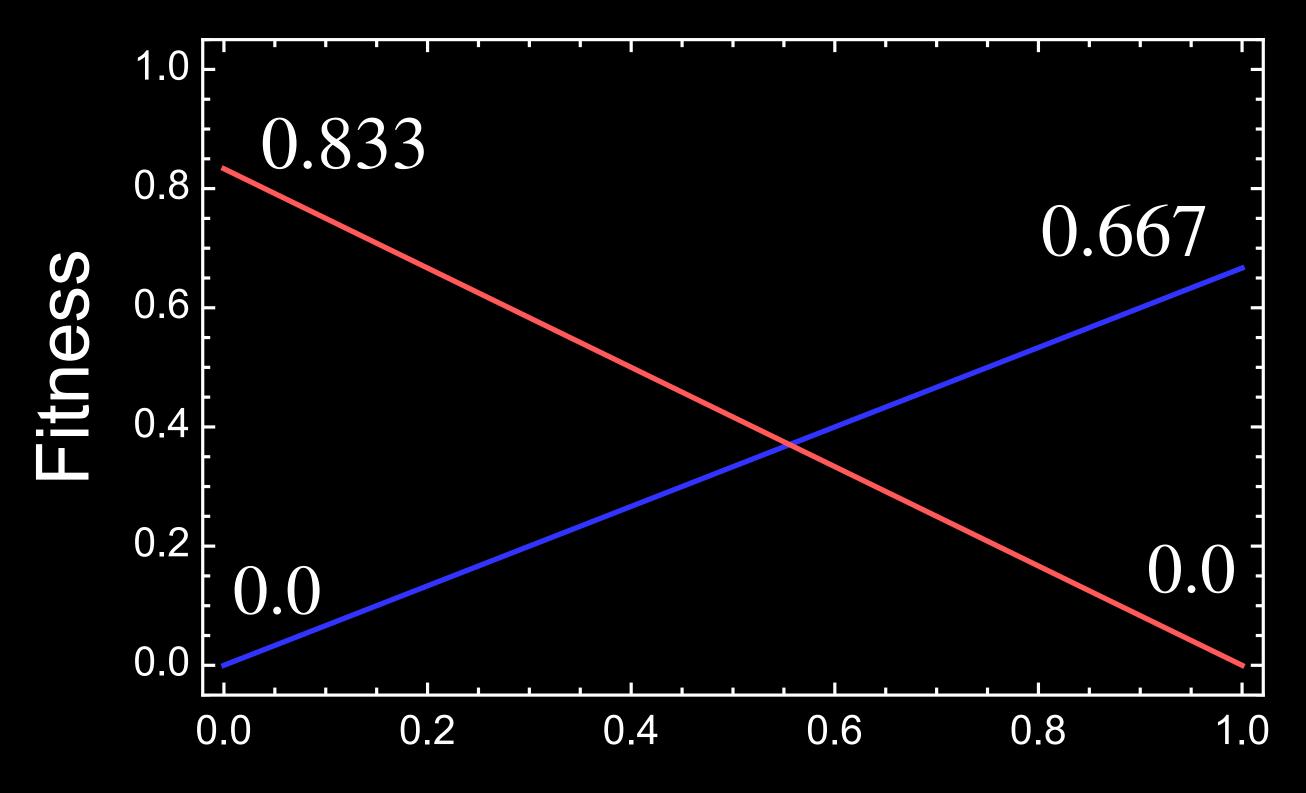
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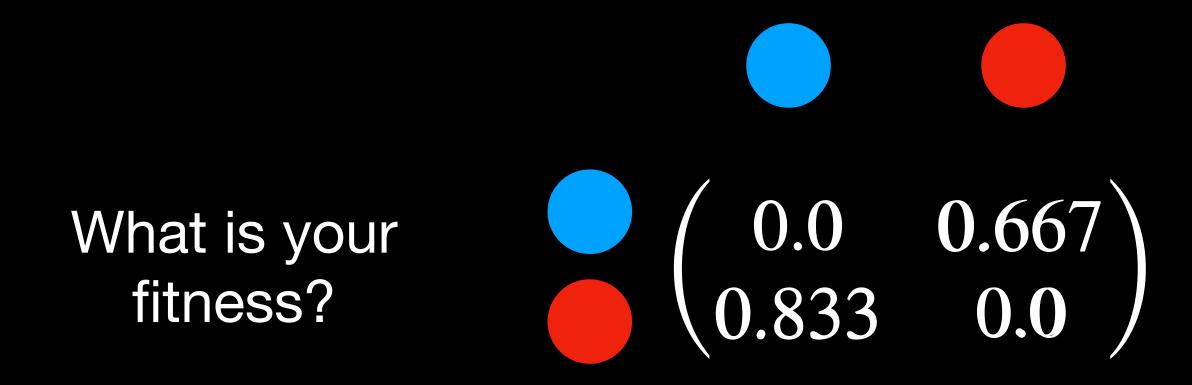
Let us put in some numbers



Average population tail length (normalised)

Biological interactions formalised in the payoff matrix

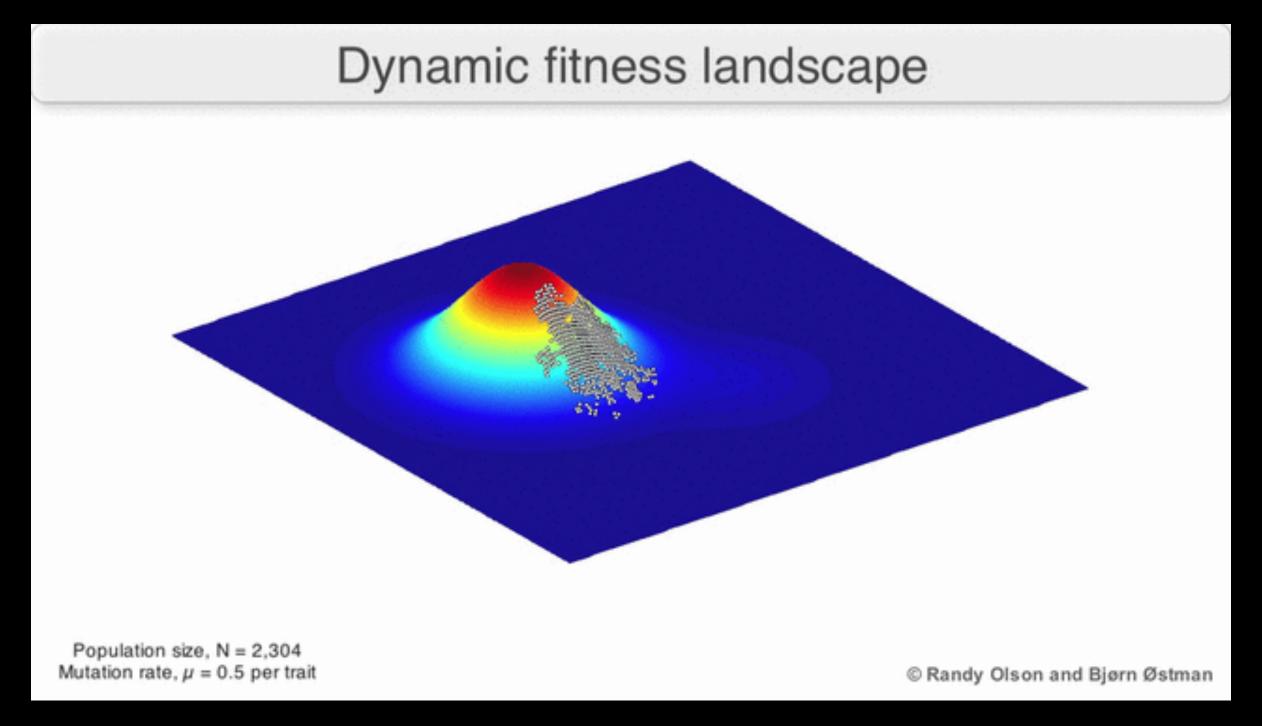
When you mostly encounter



"Evolutionary game theory is a way of thinking about evolution at the phenotypic level when the fitnesses of particular phenotypes depend on their frequencies"

John Maynard Smith

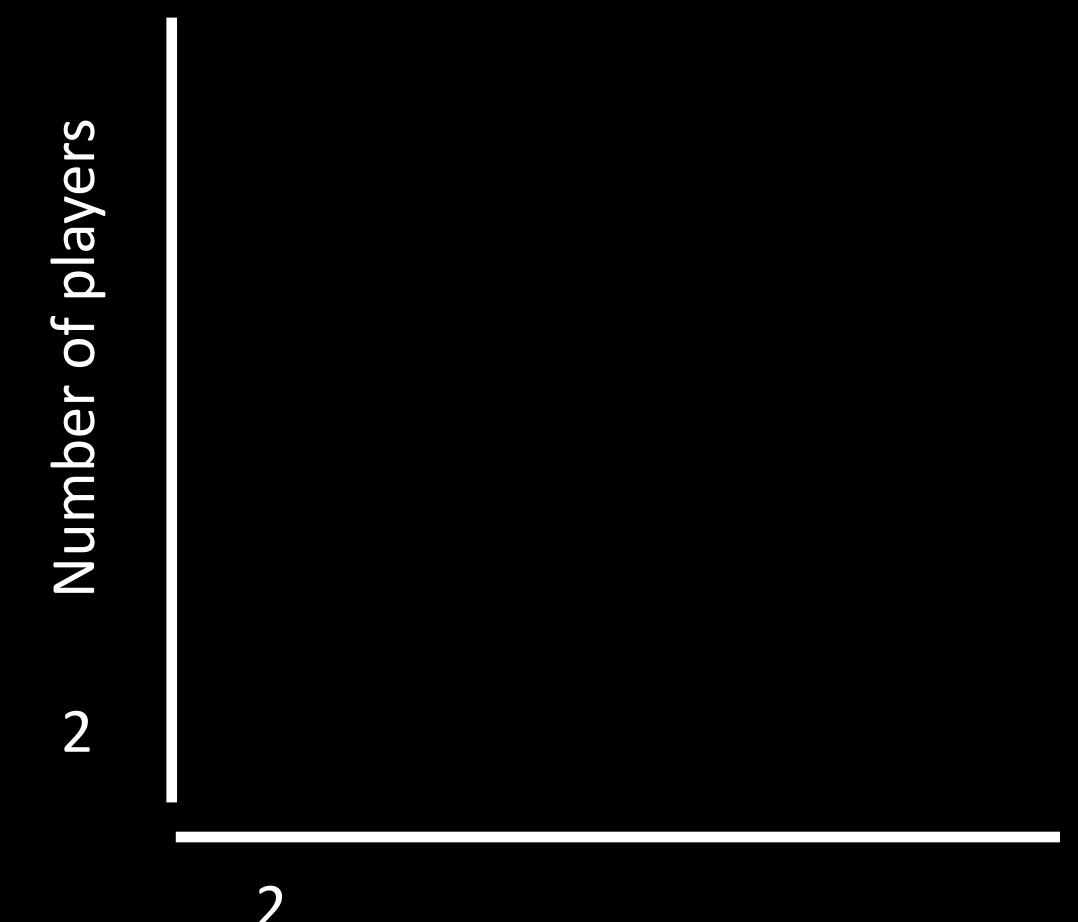
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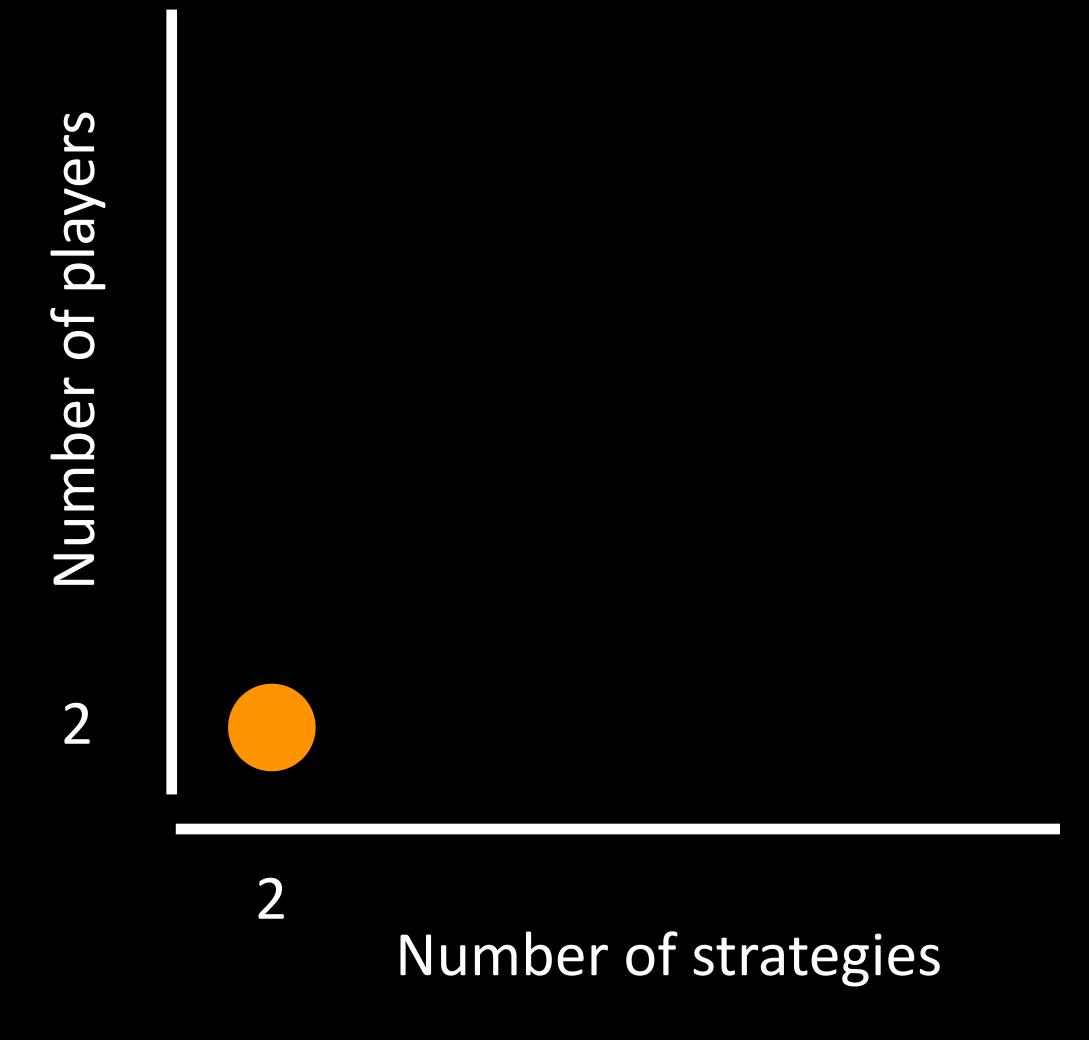


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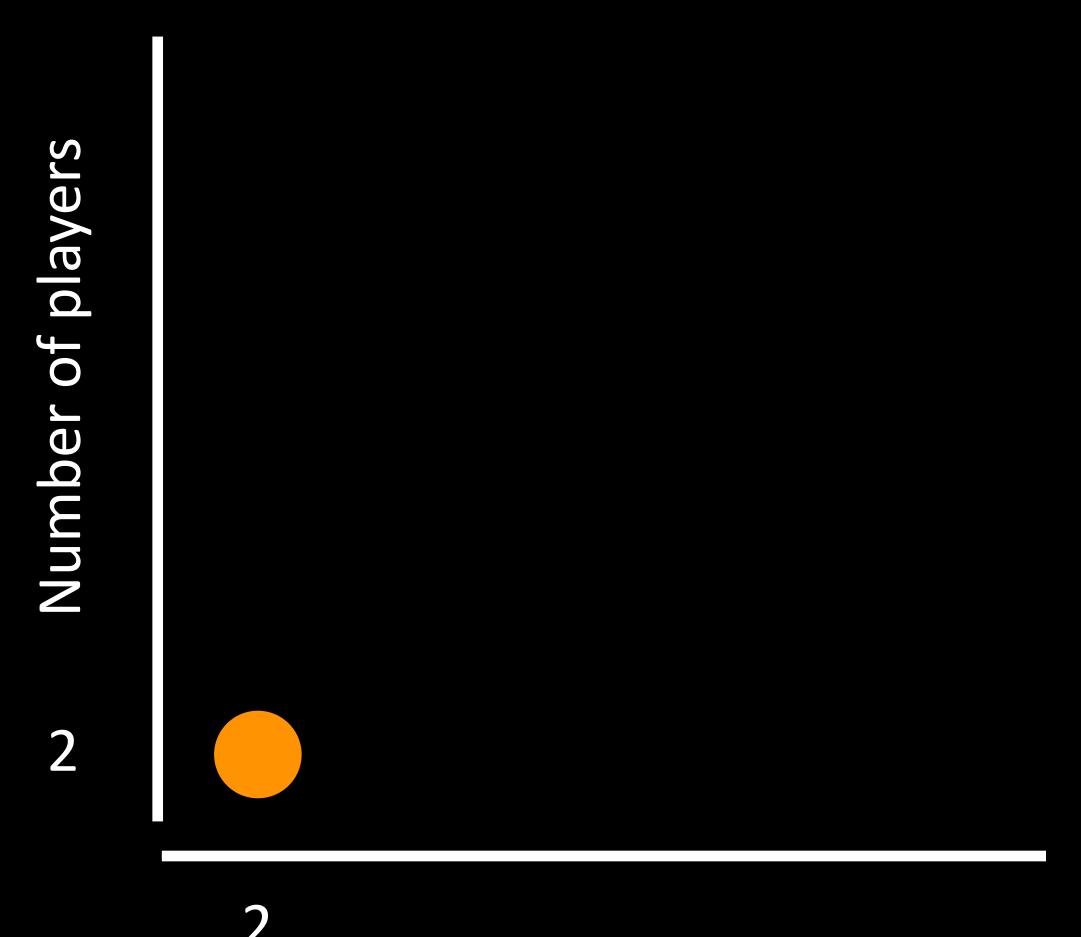
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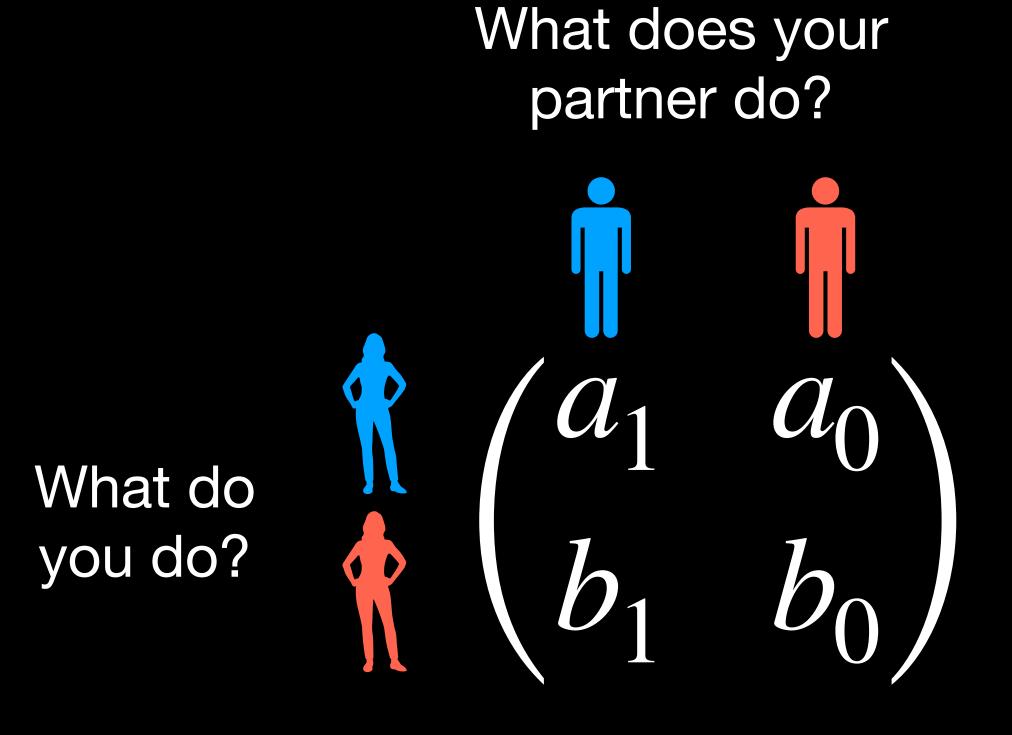
Starting simple...



Starting simple...

two player games with two strategies 2×2





Number of strategies

Starting simple... Not always



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This follows from the arguments used in a forthcoming paper.¹⁸ It is proved by constructing an "abstract" mapping cylinder of λ and transcribing into algebraic terms the proof of the analogous theorem on CW-complexes.

- * This note arose from consultations during the tenure of a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship by MacLane.
- ² Whitehead, J. H. C., "Combinatorial Homotopy I and II," Bull. A.M.S., 55, 214-245 and 453-496 (1949). We refer to these papers as CH I and CH II, respectively.
- ³ By a complex we shall mean a connected CW complex, as defined in §5 of CH I. We do not restrict ourselves to finite complexes. A fixed 0-cell $e^0 \in K^0$ will be the base point for all the homotopy groups in K.
- ⁴ MacLane, S., "Cohomology Theory in Abstract Groups III," Ann. Math., 50, 736-761 (1949), referred to as CT III.
- ⁵ An (unpublished) result like Theorem 1 for the homotopy type was obtained prior to these results by J. A. Zilber.
- ⁶ CT III uses in place of equation (2.4) the stronger hypothesis that λB contains the center of A, but all the relevant developments there apply under the weaker assumption (2.4).
- ⁷ Eilenberg, S., and MacLane, S., "Cohomology Theory in Abstract Groups II," Ann. Math., 48, 326-341 (1947).
- ⁸ Eilenberg, S., and MacLane, S., "Determination of the Second Homology . . . by Means of Homotopy Invariants," these Proceedings, 32, 277-280 (1946).
- ⁹ Blakers, A. L., "Some Relations Between Homology and Homotopy Groups," Ann. Math., 49, 428-461 (1948), §12.
- ¹⁰ The hypothesis of Theorem C, requiring that $\nu^{-1}(1)$ not be cyclic, can be readily realized by suitable choice of the free group X, but this hypothesis is not needed here (cf. ⁶).
- ¹¹ Eilenberg, S., and MacLane, S., "Homology of Spaces with Operators II," *Trans. A.M.S.*, 65, 49–99 (1949); referred to as HSO II.
- 12 $C(\tilde{K})$ here is the C(K) of CH II. Note that \tilde{K} exists and is a CW complex by (N) of p. 231 of CH I and that $p^{-1}K^n = \tilde{K}^n$, where p is the projection $p:\tilde{K} \to K$.
- Whitehead, J. H. C., "Simple Homotopy Types." If W=1, Theorem 5 follows from (17:3) on p. 155 of S. Lefschetz, Algebraic Topology, (New York, 1942) and arguments in §6 of J. H. C. Whitehead, "On Simply Connected 4-Dimensional Polyhedra" (Comm. Math. Helv., 22, 48–92 (1949)). However this proof cannot be generalized to the case $W \neq 1$.

EQUILIBRIUM POINTS IN N-PERSON GAMES

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One may define a concept of an *n*-person game in which each player has a finite set of pure strategies and in which a definite set of payments to the *n* players corresponds to each *n*-tuple of pure strategies, one strategy being taken for each player. For mixed strategies, which are probability

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distributions over the pure strategies, the pay-off functions are the expectations of the players, thus becoming polylinear forms in the probabilities with which the various players play their various pure strategies.

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Any n-tuple of strategies, one for each player, may be regarded as a point in the product space obtained by multiplying the n strategy spaces of the players. One such n-tuple counters another if the strategy of each player in the countering n-tuple yields the highest obtainable expectation for its player against the n-1 strategies of the other players in the countered n-tuple. A self-countering n-tuple is called an equilibrium point.

The correspondence of each n-tuple with its set of countering n-tuples gives a one-to-many mapping of the product space into itself. From the definition of countering we see that the set of countering points of a point is convex. By using the continuity of the pay-off functions we see that the graph of the mapping is closed. The closedness is equivalent to saying: if P_1, P_2, \ldots and $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_n, \ldots$ are sequences of points in the product space where $Q_n \to Q$, $P_n \to P$ and Q_n counters P_n then Q counters P.

Since the graph is closed and since the image of each point under the mapping is convex, we infer from Kakutani's theorem¹ that the mapping has a fixed point (i.e., point contained in its image). Hence there is an equilibrium point.

In the two-person zero-sum case the "main theorem" and the existence of an equilibrium point are equivalent. In this case any two equilibrium points lead to the same expectations for the players, but this need not occur in general.

- * The author is indebted to Dr. David Gale for suggesting the use of Kakutani's theorem to simplify the proof and to the A. E. C. for financial support.
- ¹ Kakutani, S., Duke Math. J., 8, 457-459 (1941).
- ² Von Neumann, J., and Morgenstern, O., The Theory of Games and Economic Behaviour, Chap. 3, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1947.

REMARK ON WEYL'S NOTE "INEQUALITIES BETWEEN THE TWO KINDS OF EIGENVALUES OF A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION"*

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In the note quoted above H. Weyl proved a Theorem involving a function $\varphi(\lambda)$ and concerning the eigenvalues α_i of a linear transformation A and those, κ_i , of A*A. If the κ_i and $\lambda_i = |\alpha_i|^2$ are arranged in descending order,

Nash, John F Jr. "Equilibrium Points in N-Person Games." PNAS 36, (January 1950): 48–49.

Starting simple...

Not always



Theory of games and economic behaviour, 1944

Deals with human decision-making among interacting individuals.

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NON-COOPERATIVE GAMES

John Nash (Received October 11, 1950)

Introduction

Von Neumann and Morgenstern have developed a very fruitful theory of two-person zero-sum games in their book *Theory of Games and Economic Behavior*. This book also contains a theory of *n*-person games of a type which we would call cooperative. This theory is based on an analysis of the interrelationships of the various coalitions which can be formed by the players of the game.

Our theory, in contradistinction, is based on the *absence* of coalitions in that it is assumed that each participant acts independently, without collaboration or communication with any of the others.

The notion of an *equilibrium point* is the basic ingredient in our theory. This notion yields a generalization of the concept of the solution of a two-person zero-sum game. It turns out that the set of equilibrium points of a two-person zero-sum game is simply the set of all pairs of opposing "good strategies."

In the immediately following sections we shall define equilibrium points and prove that a finite non-cooperative game always has at least one equilibrium point. We shall also introduce the notions of solvability and strong solvability of a non-cooperative game and prove a theorem on the geometrical structure of the set of equilibrium points of a solvable game.

As an example of the application of our theory we include a solution of a simplified three person poker game.

Formal Definitions and Terminology

In this section we define the basic concepts of this paper and set up standard terminology and notation. Important definitions will be preceded by a subtitle indicating the concept defined. The non-cooperative idea will be implicit, rather than explicit, below.

Finite Game:

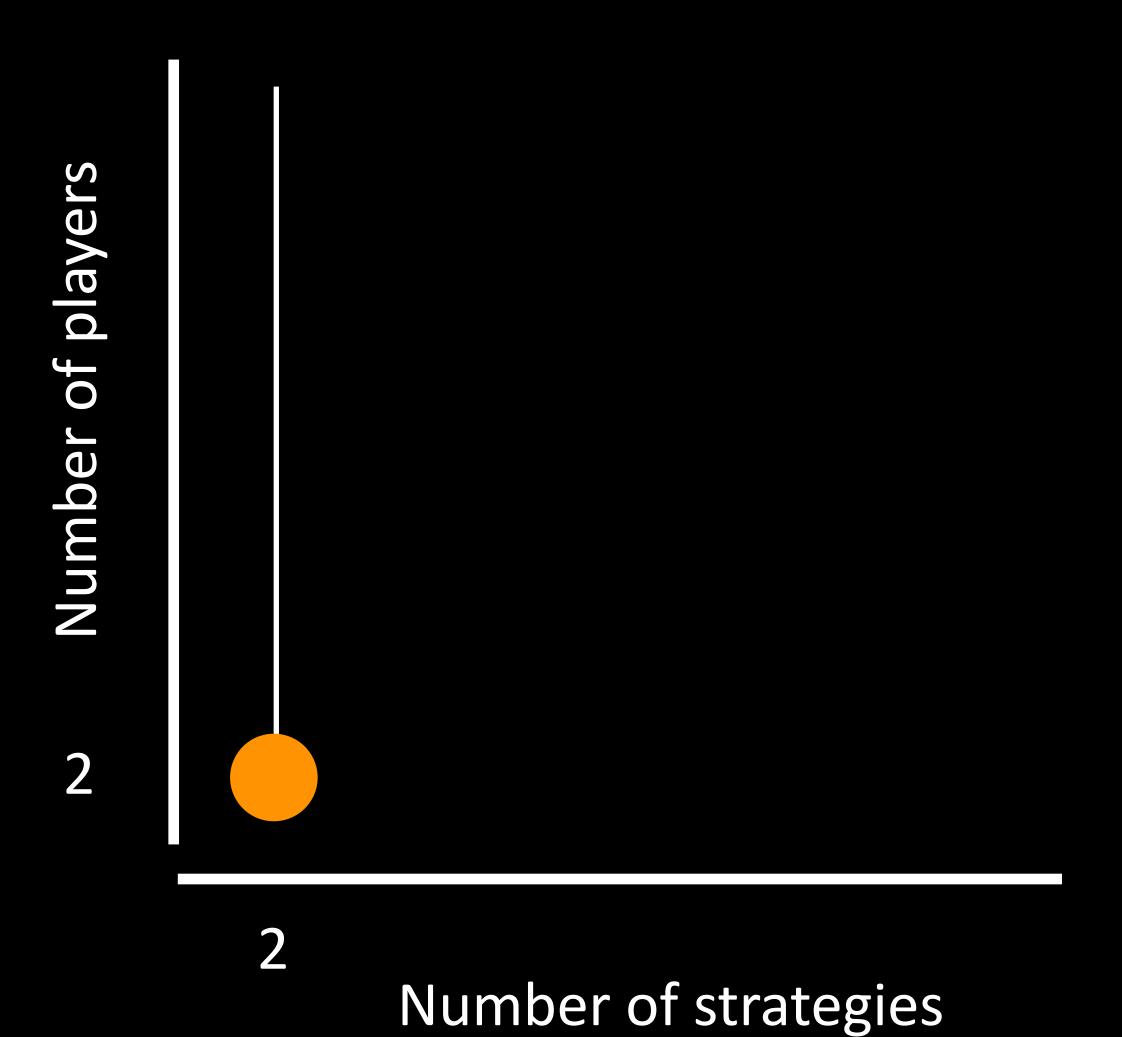
For us an n-person game will be a set of n players, or positions, each with an associated finite set of pure strategies; and corresponding to each player, i, a payoff function, p_i , which maps the set of all n-tuples of pure strategies into the real numbers. When we use the term n-tuple we shall always mean a set of n items, with each item associated with a different player.

Mixed Strategy, s_i :

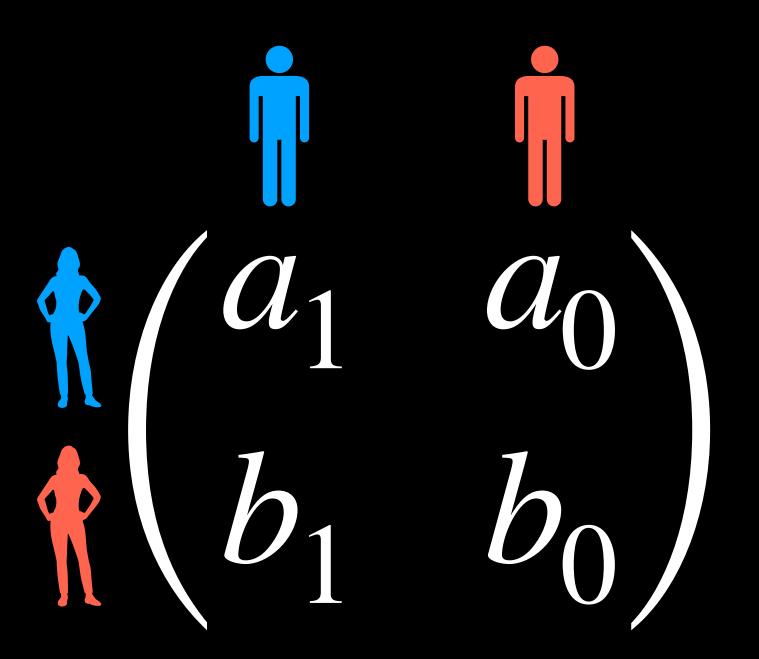
A mixed strategy of player i will be a collection of non-negative numbers which have unit sum and are in one to one correspondence with his pure strategies.

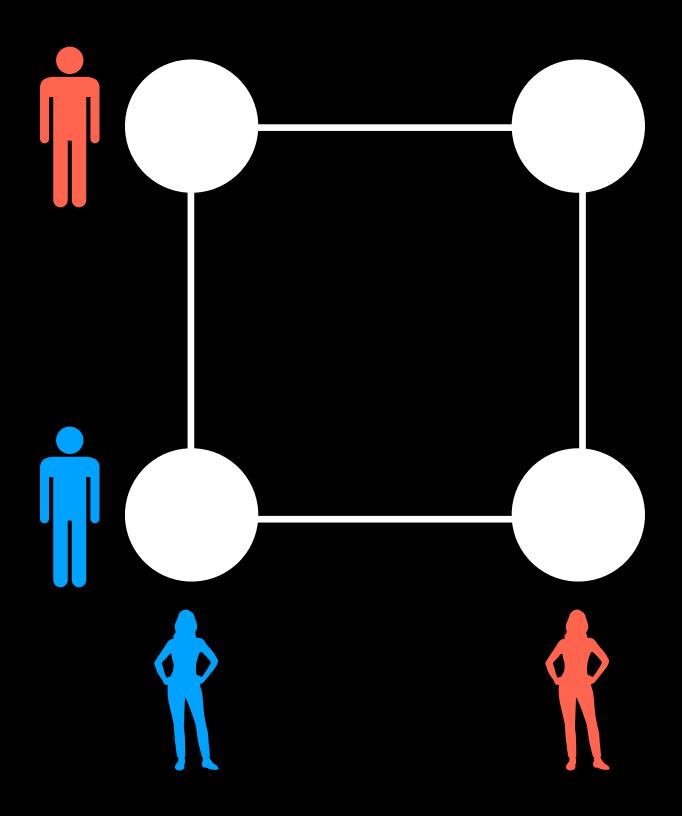
We write $s_i = \sum_{\alpha} c_{i\alpha} \pi_{i\alpha}$ with $c_{i\alpha} \ge 0$ and $\sum_{\alpha} c_{i\alpha} = 1$ to represent such a mixed strategy, where the $\pi_{i\alpha}$'s are the pure strategies of player *i*. We regard the s_i 's as points in a simplex whose vertices are the $\pi_{i\alpha}$'s. This simplex may be re-

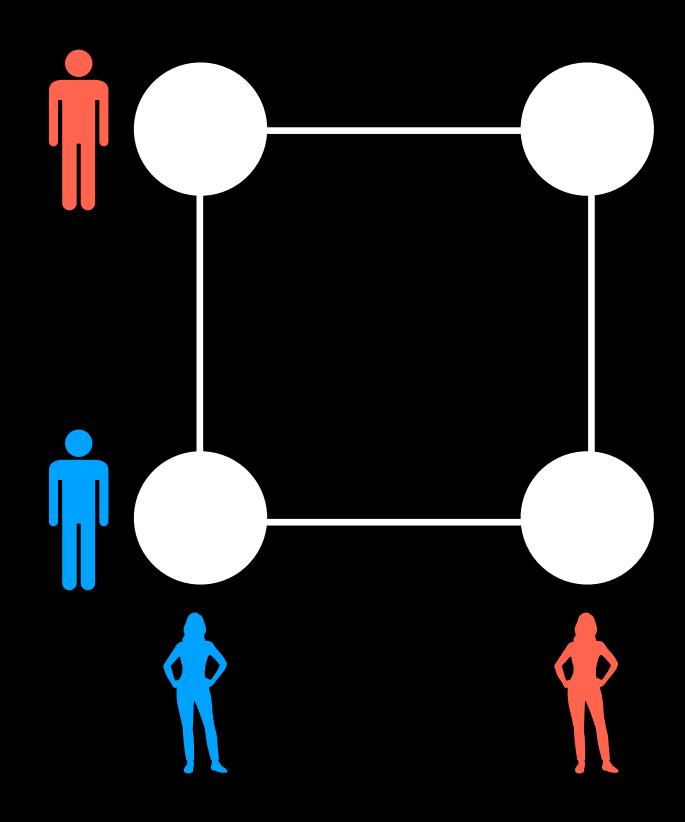
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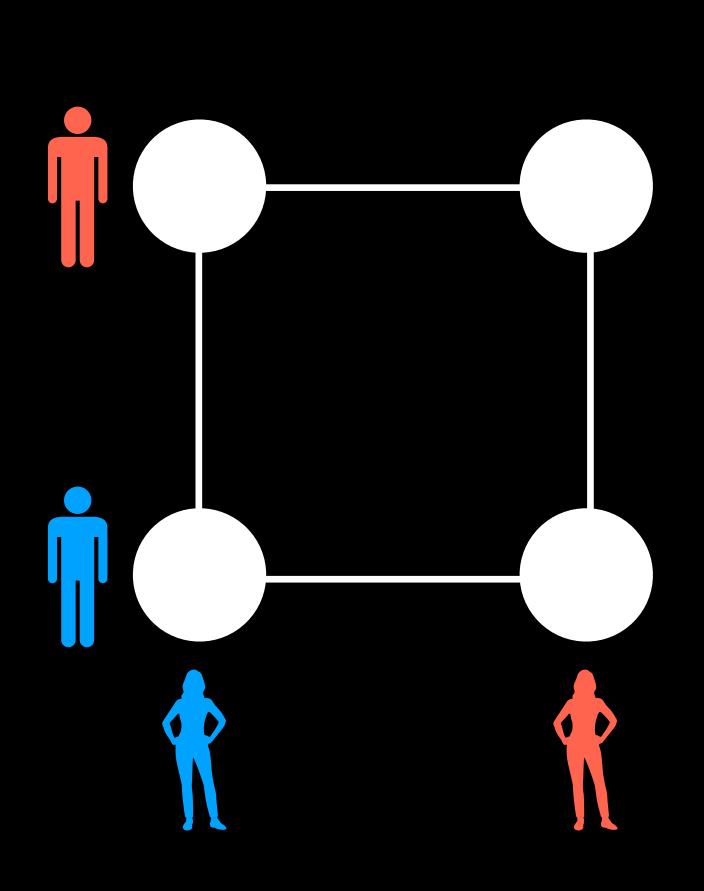
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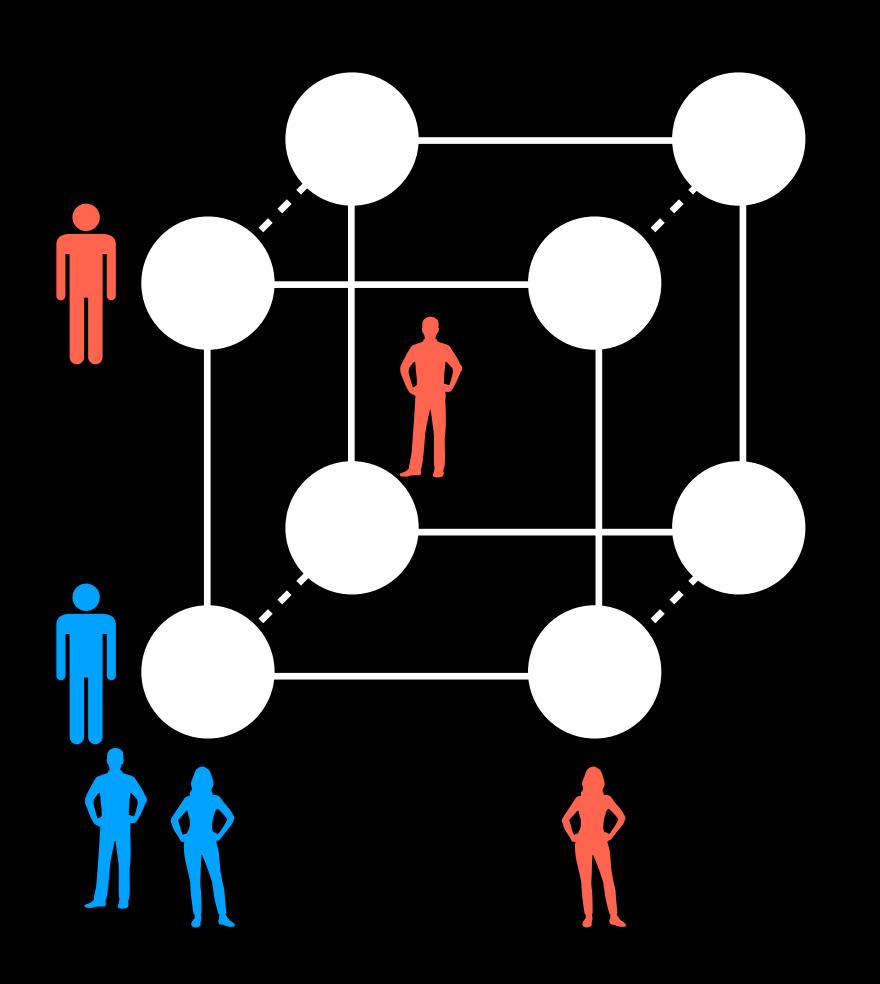


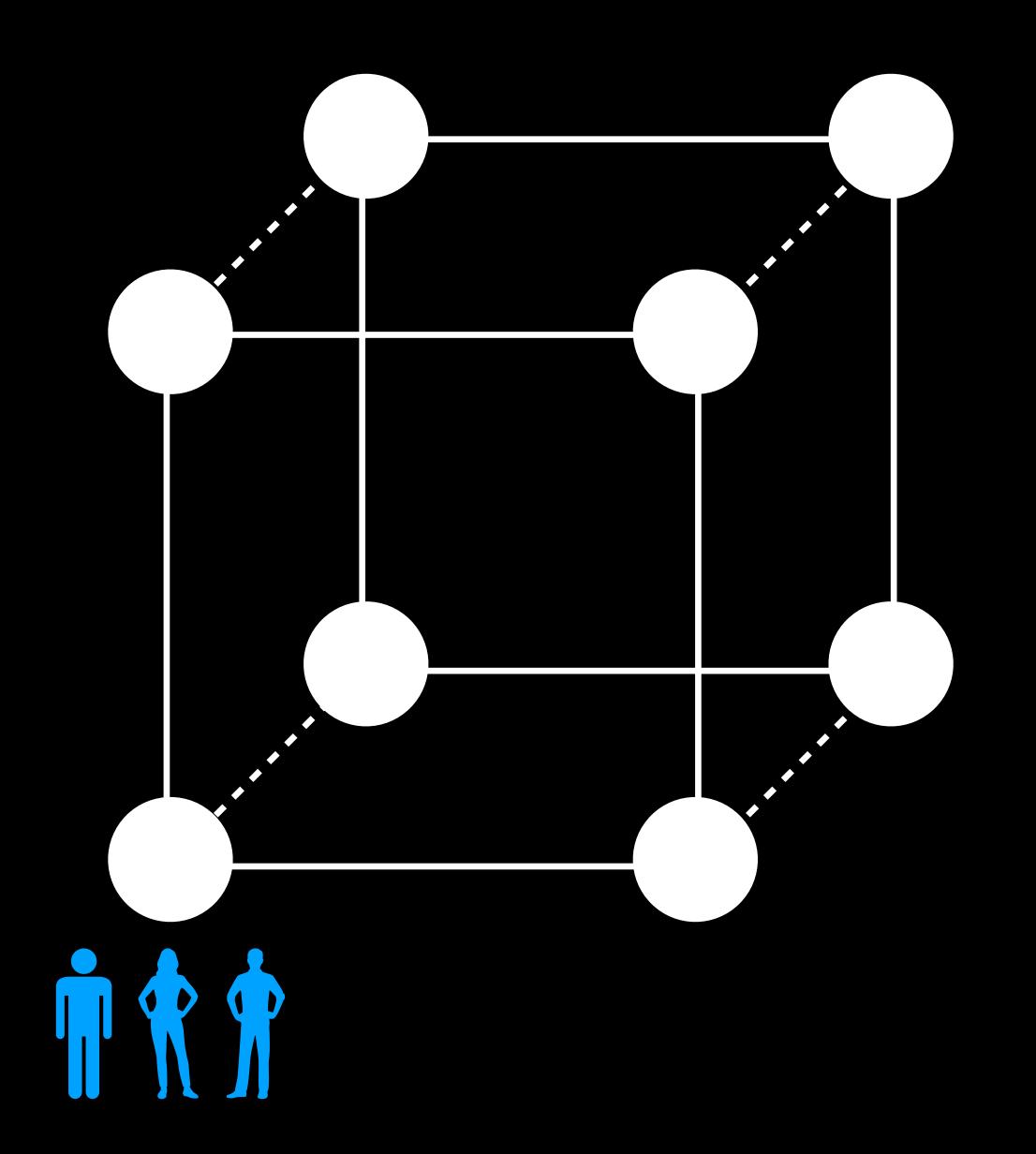


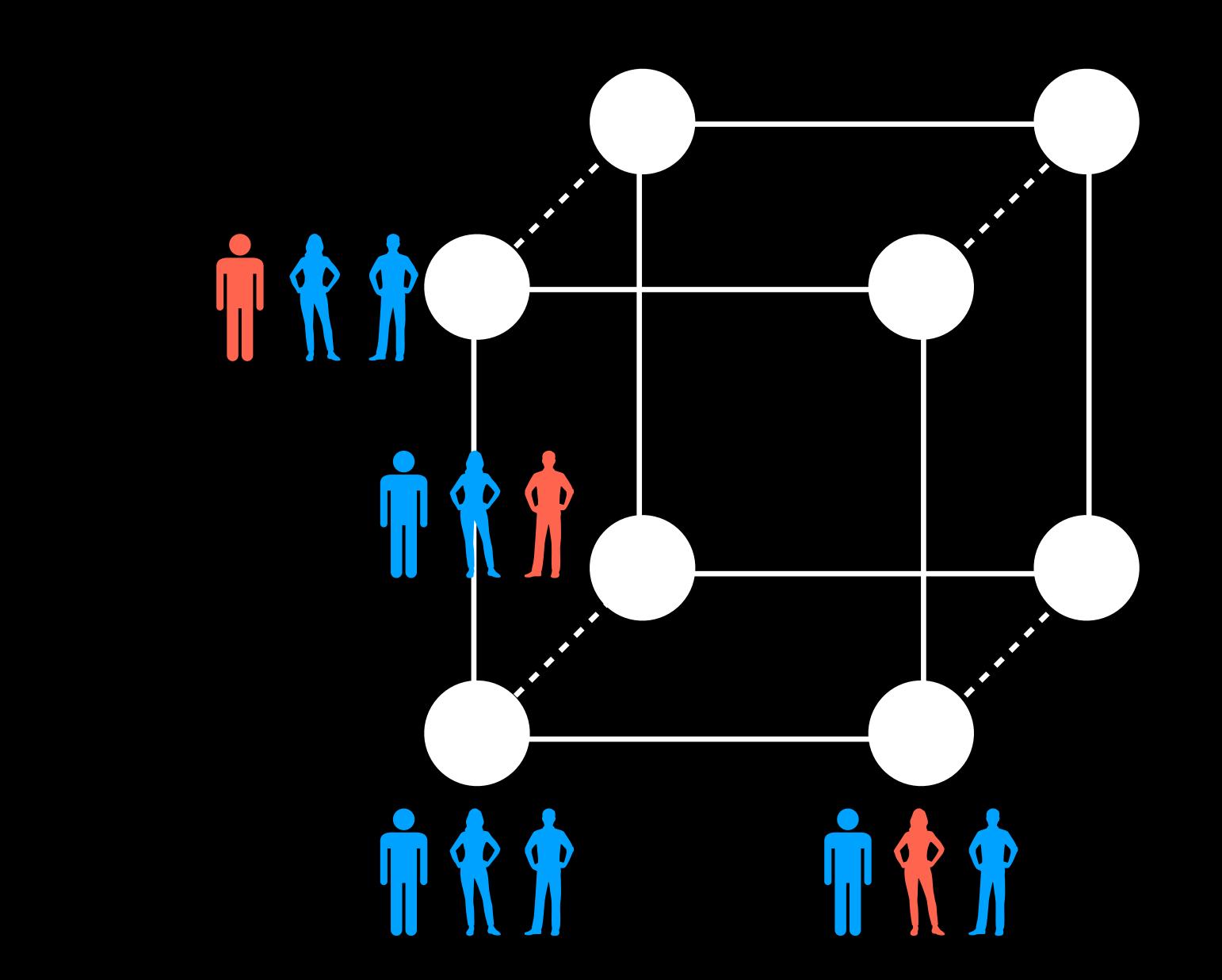


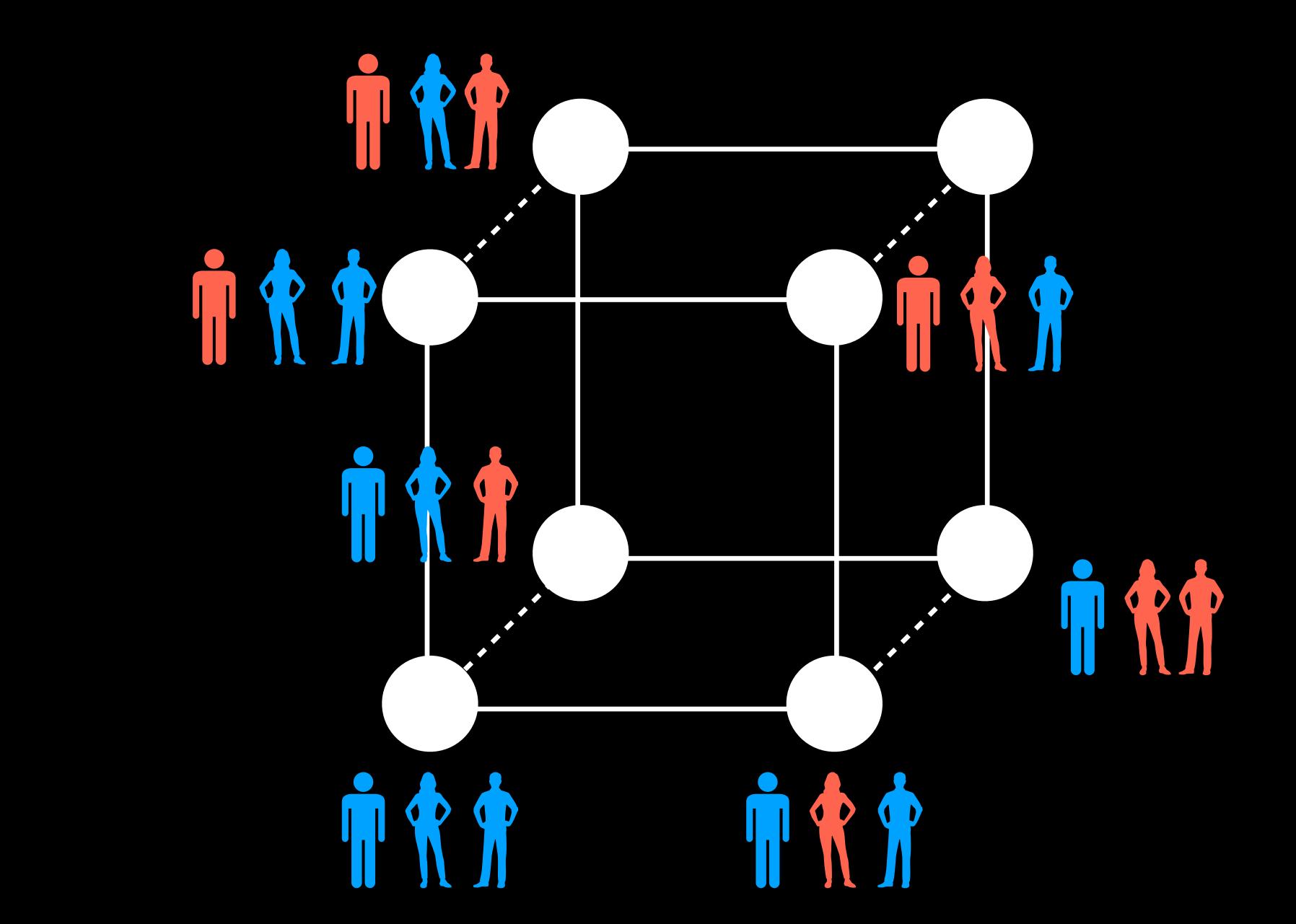




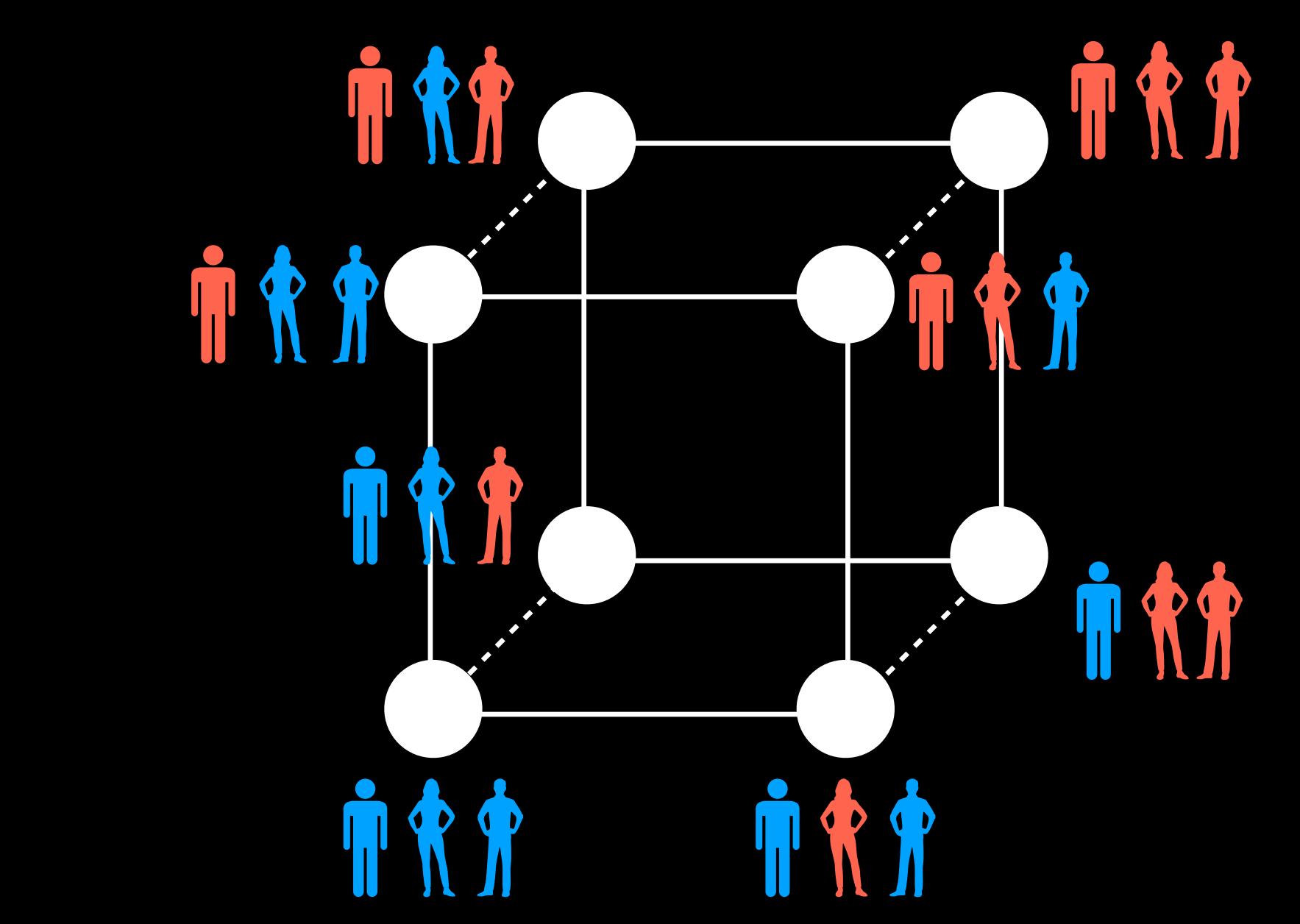








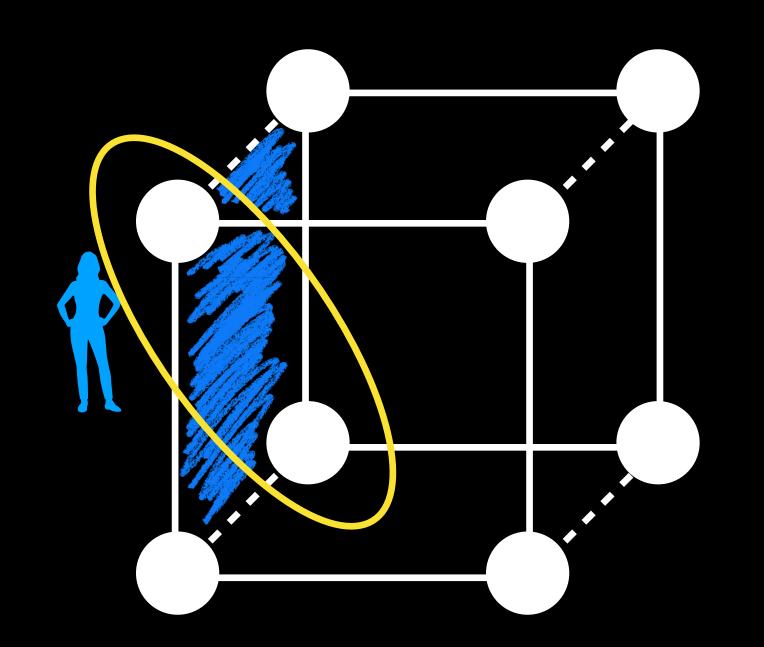
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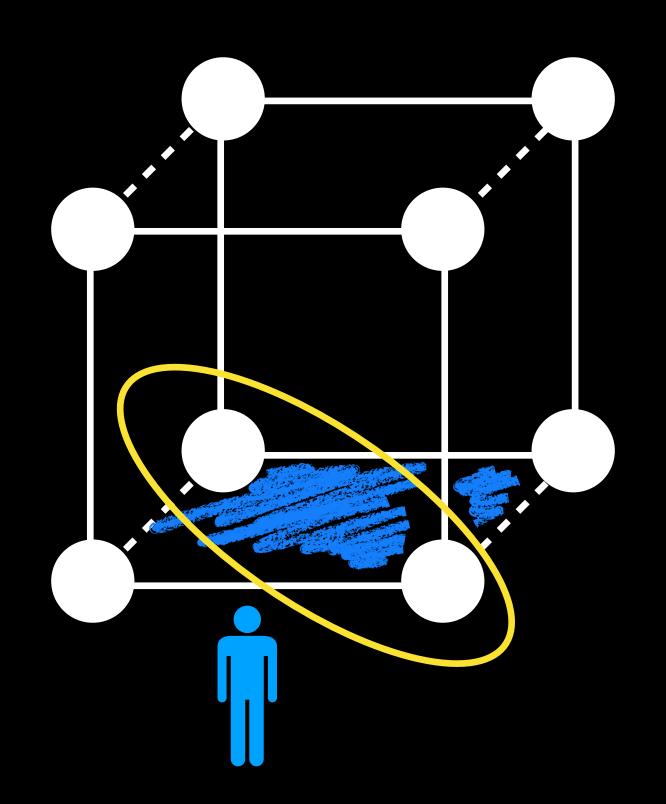


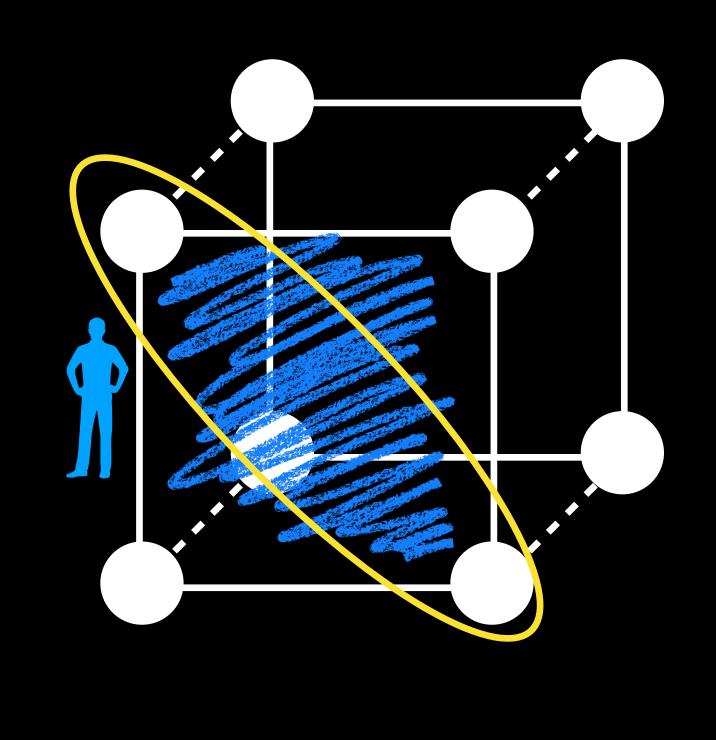
If Player \ is blue then from her point of view, these two are the same

If the identity of the players does NOT matter

This is true for all the players

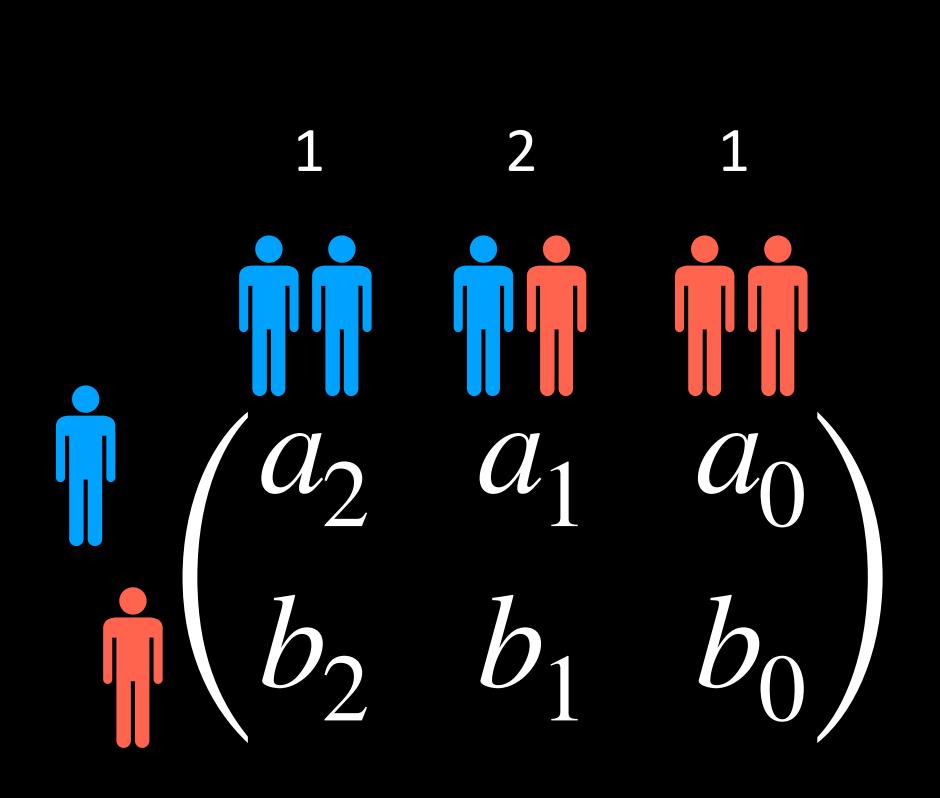


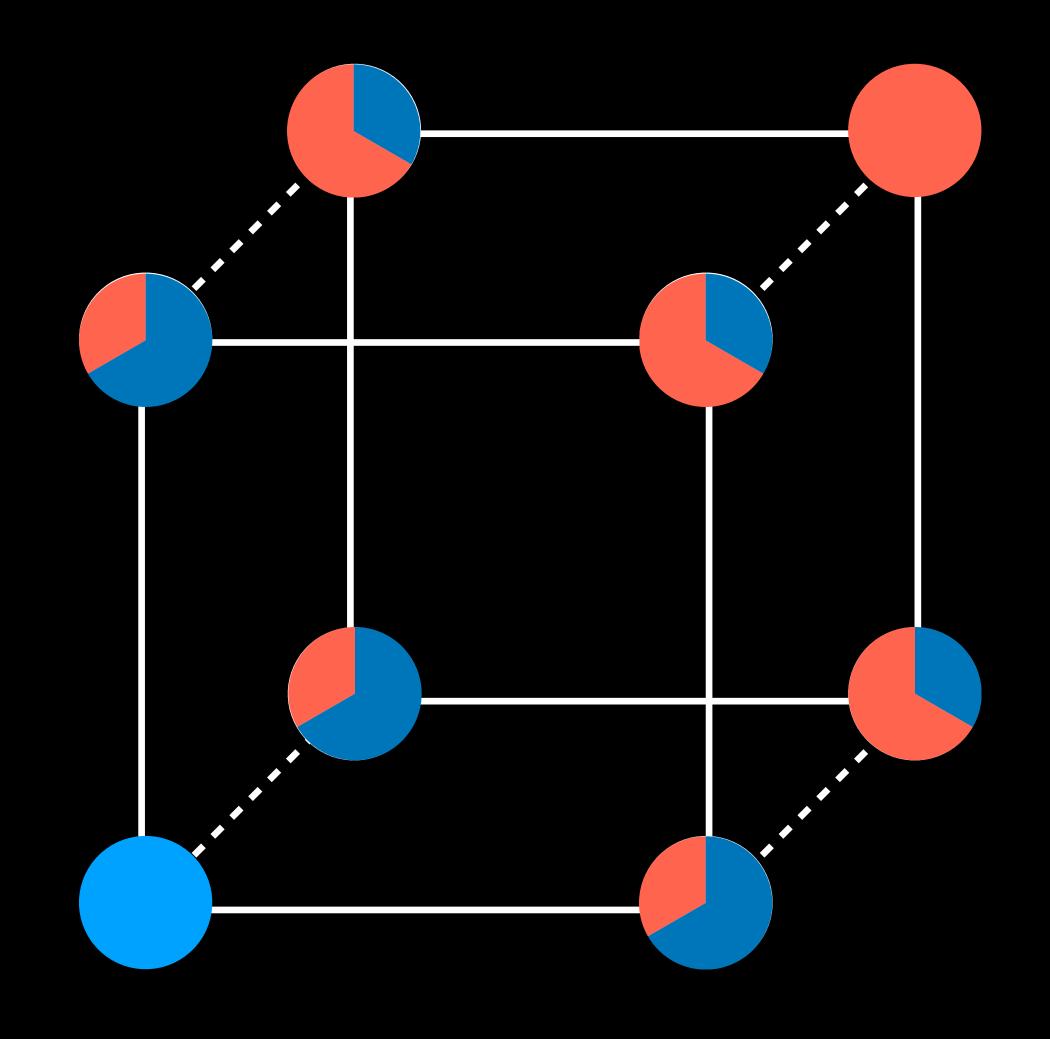




And since we are dealing with

Assuming that the identities do NOT matter



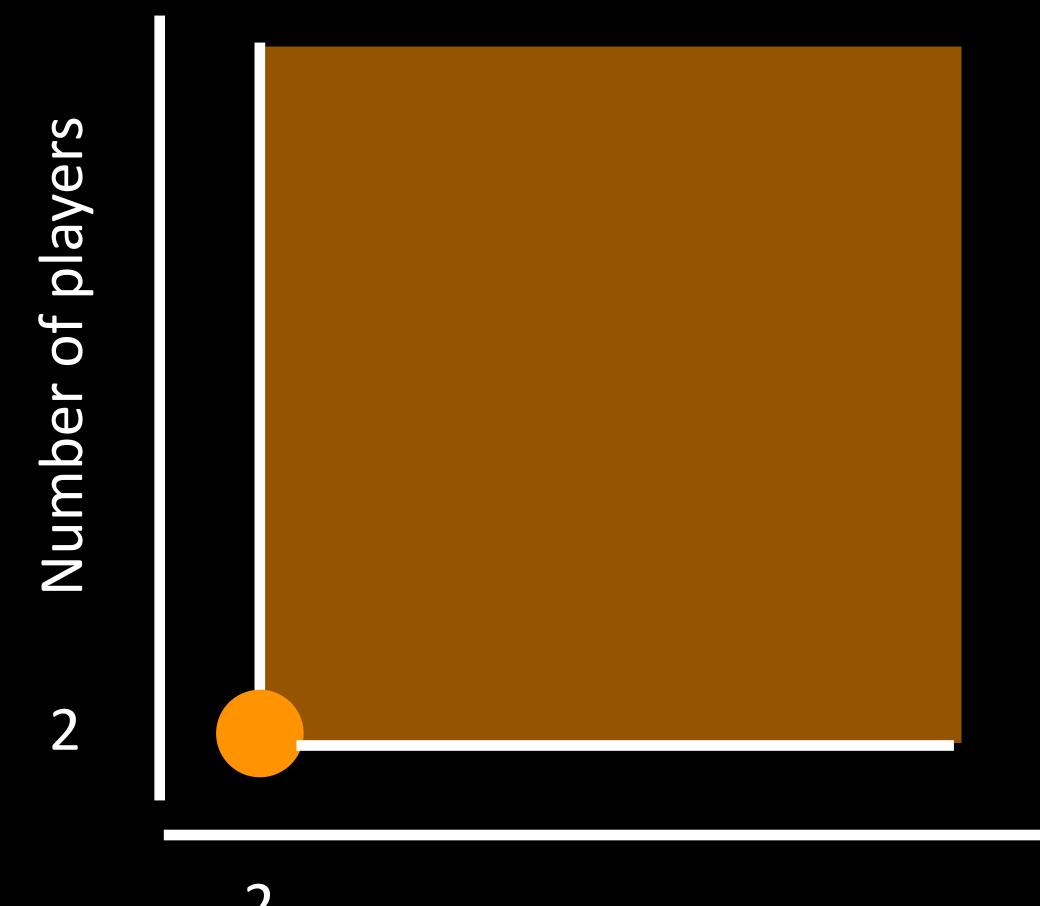


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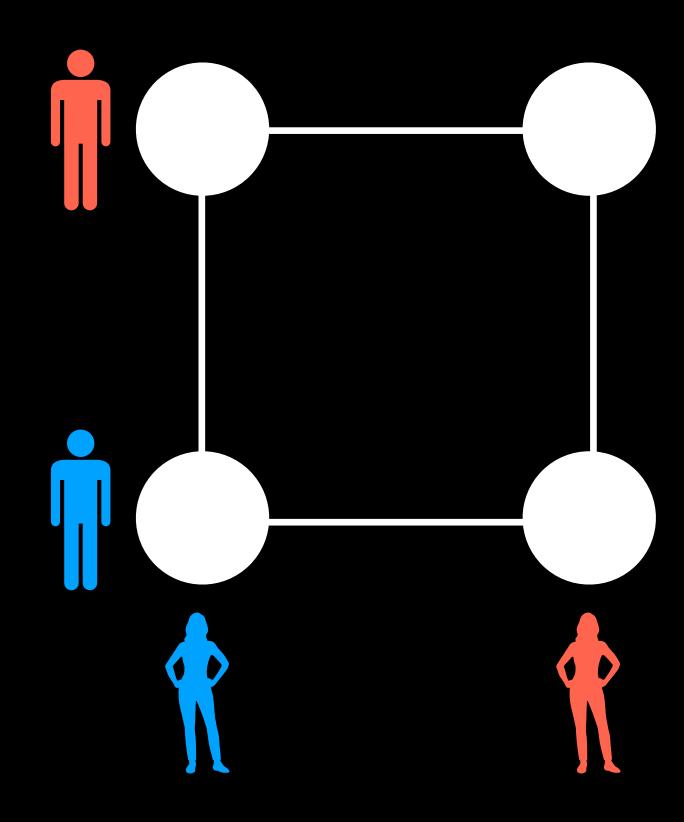
d—player game with 2 strategies

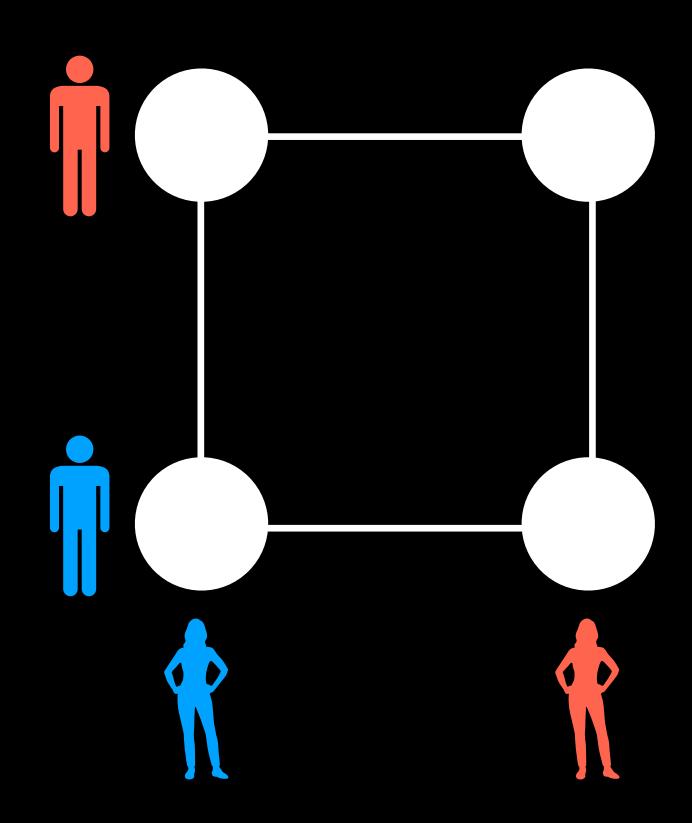
What about multiple strategies?

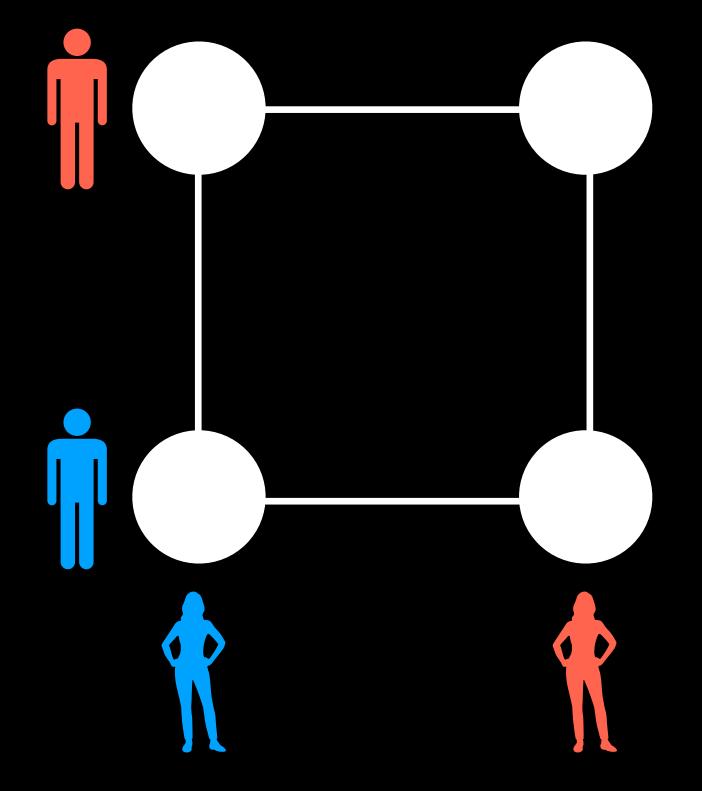
Thinking beyond the dyad with multiple strategies



Number of strategies



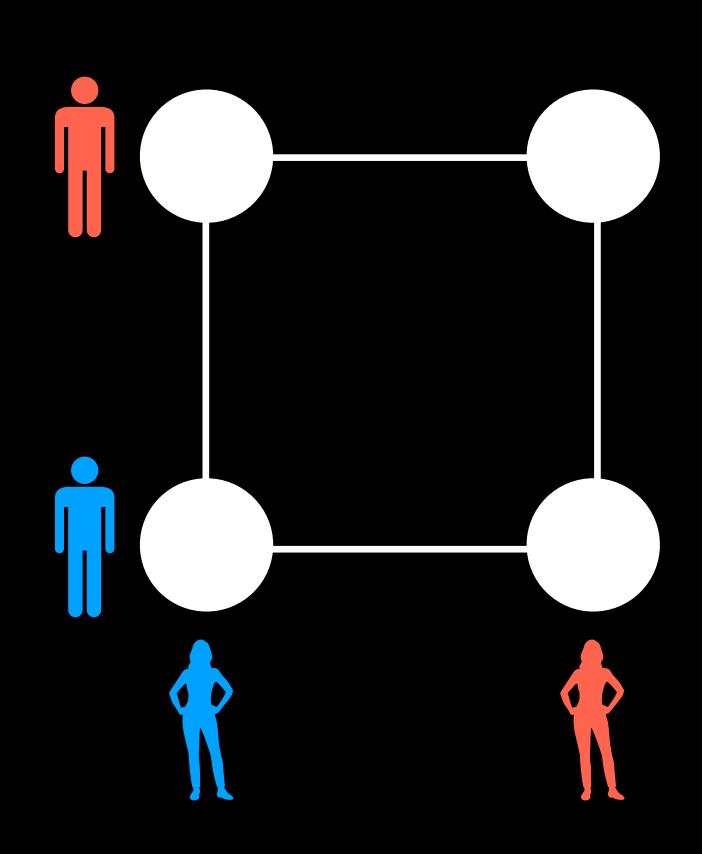


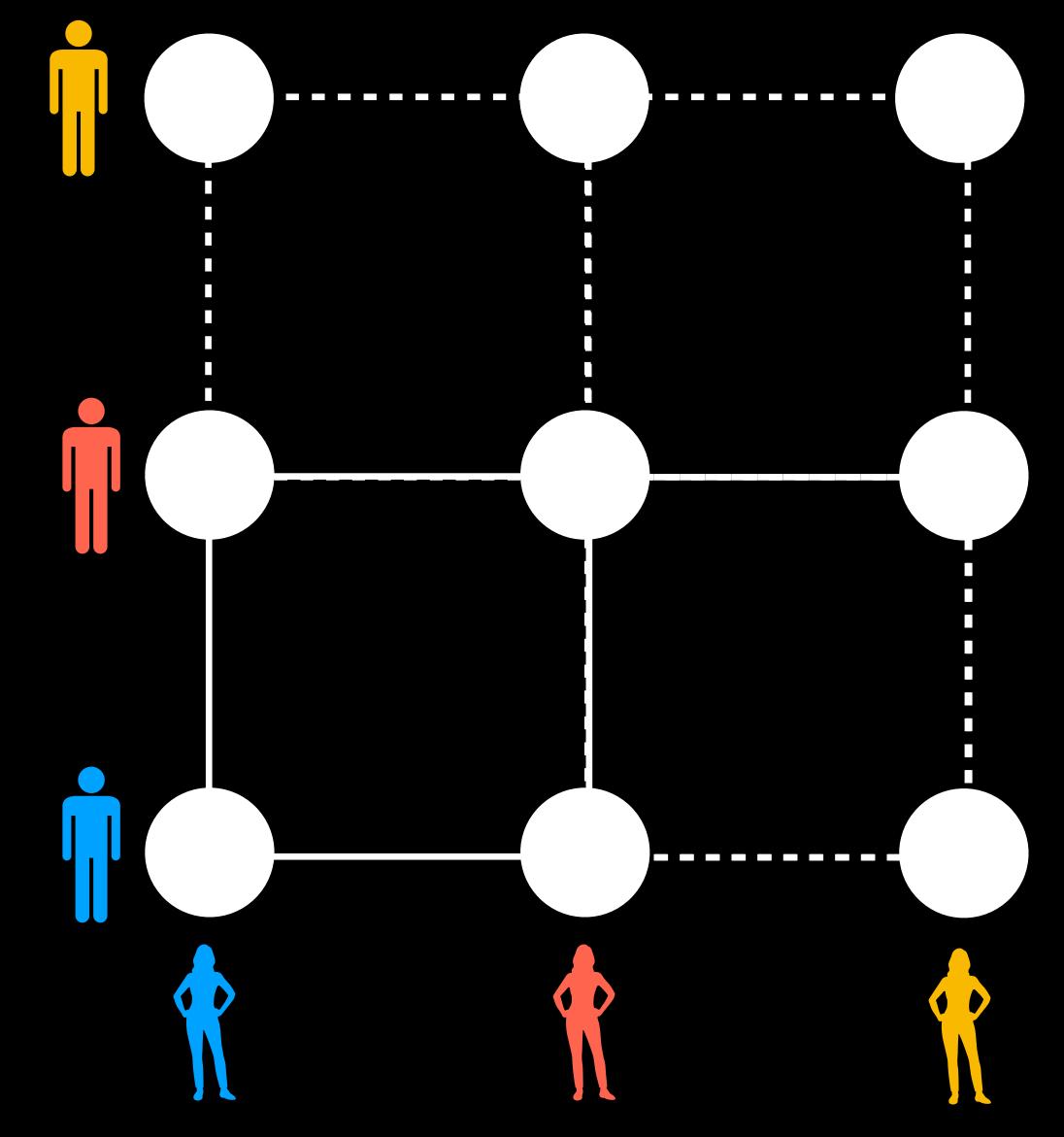


two player games with three strategies

2 × 2

3 × 3





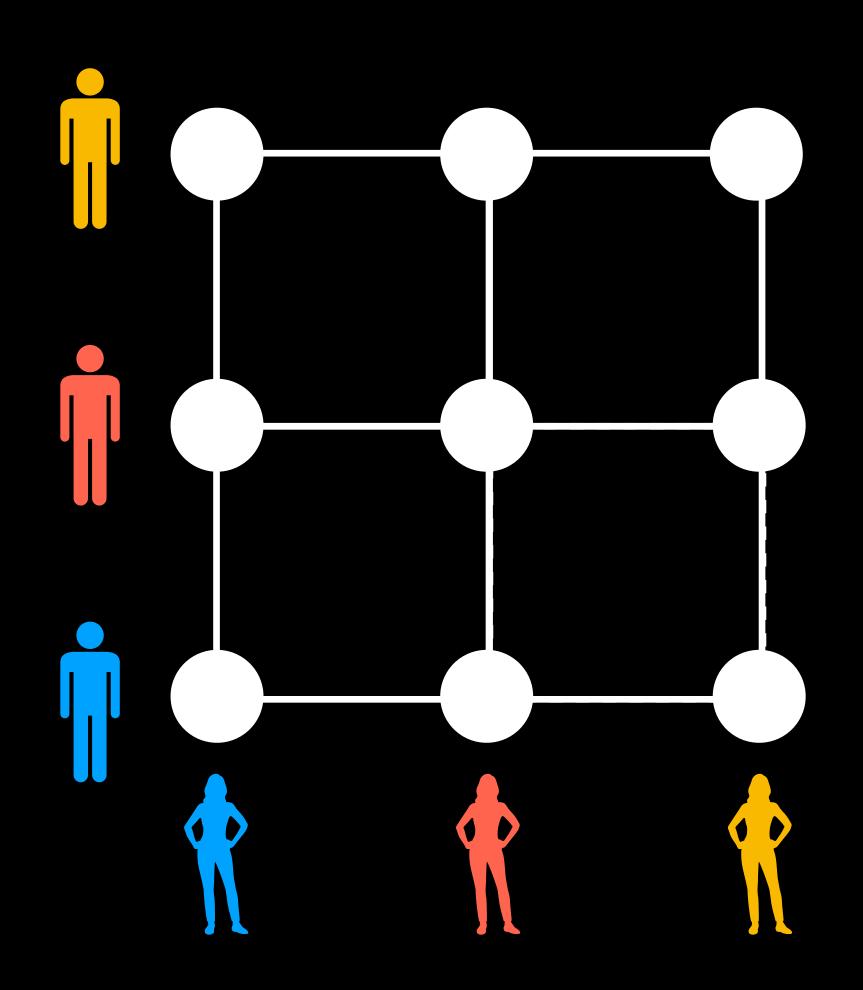
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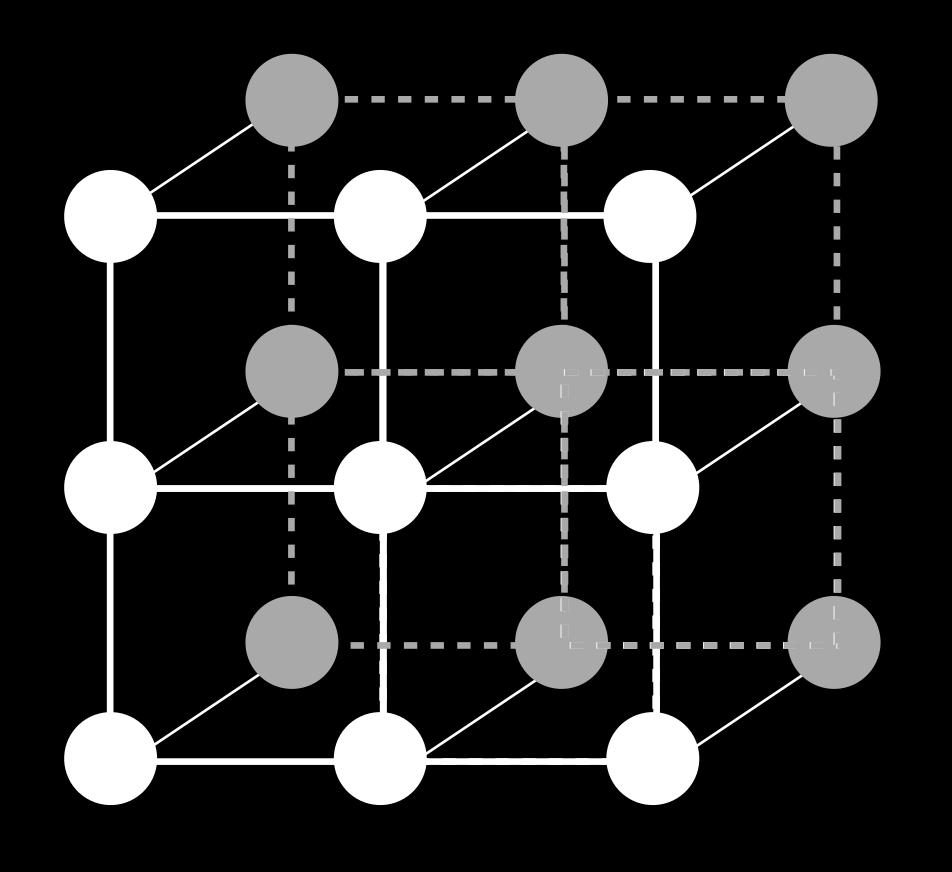
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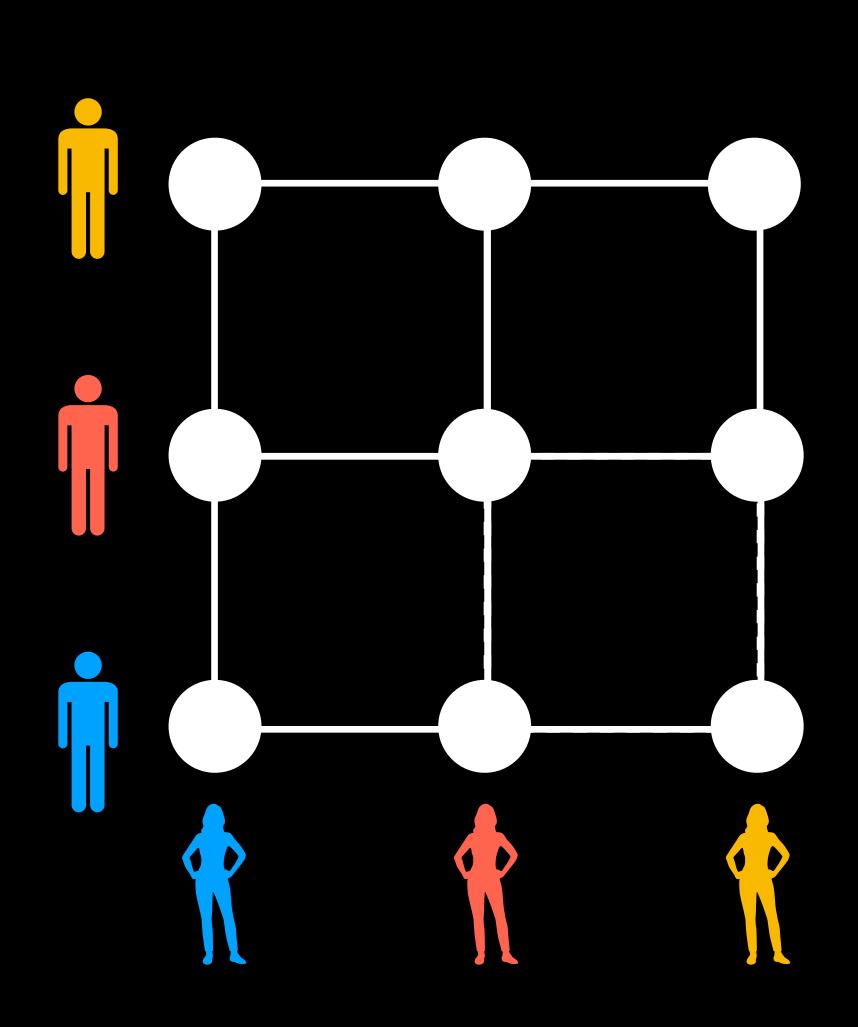
Adding the third player

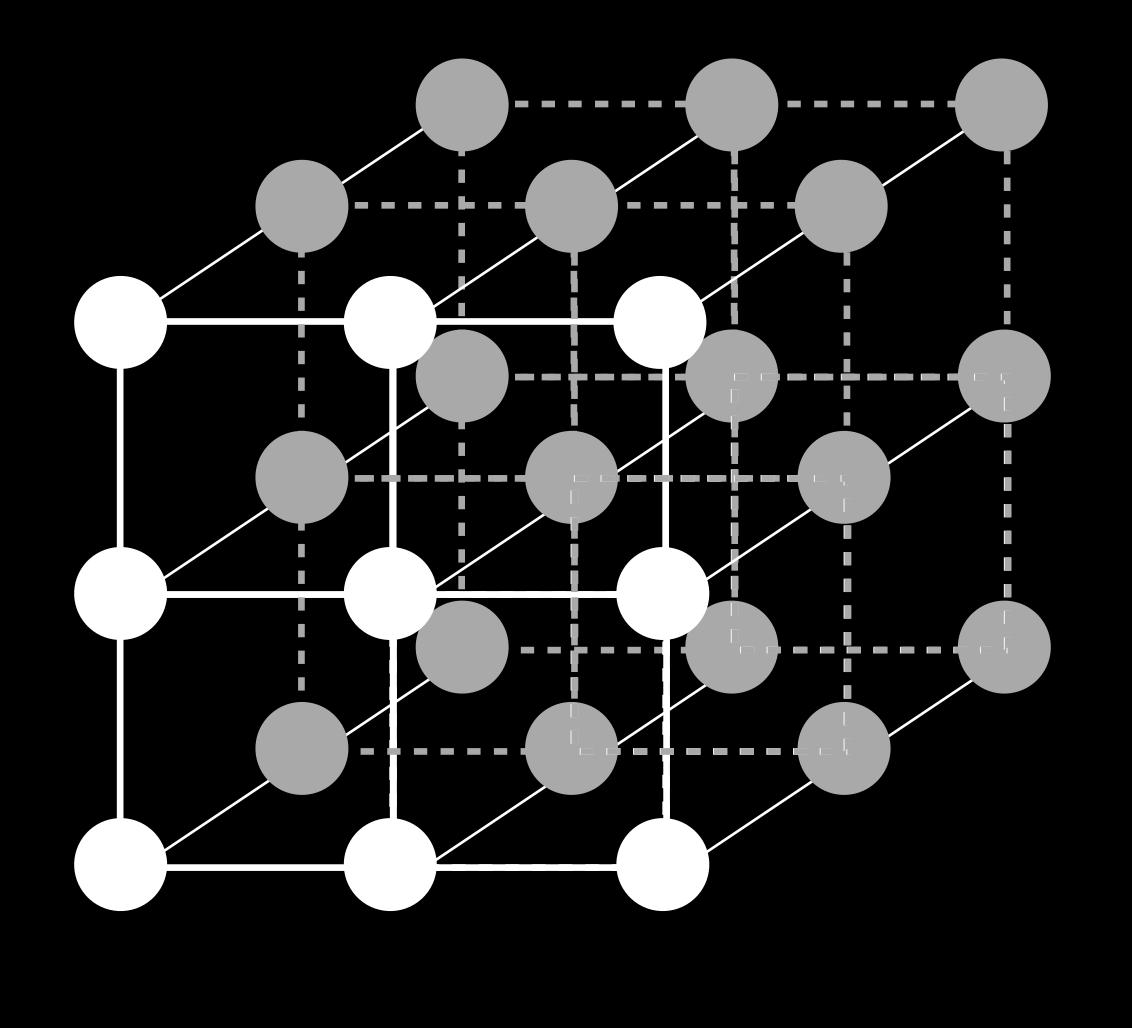






If the identity of the players matters





 $3 \times 3 \times 3$

If the identity of the players matters

In general for a d—player game with n strategies we need a d dimensional tensor of size n

3 × 3 × 3

Assuming that the identities do not matter

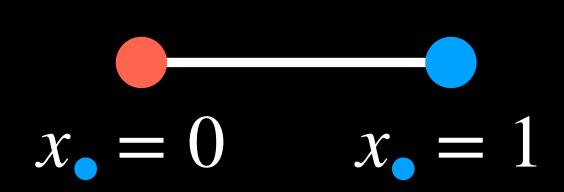
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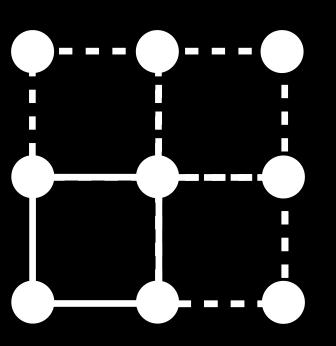
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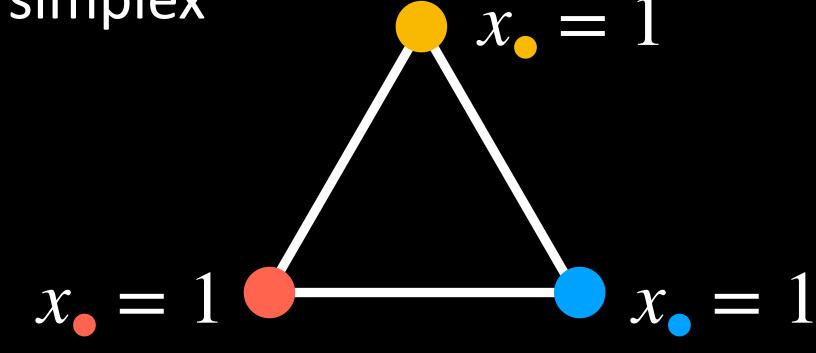
Adding a new strategy to the game

Increases the size of the payoff matrix but not the dimensions

Increases the dimensions of the simplex



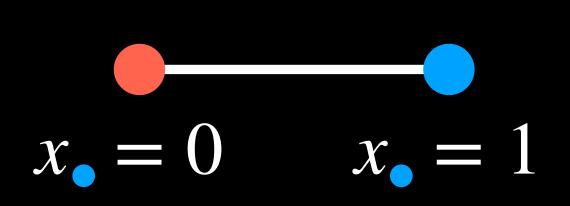


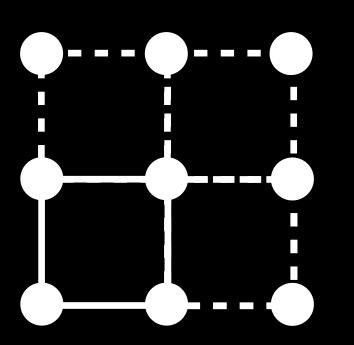


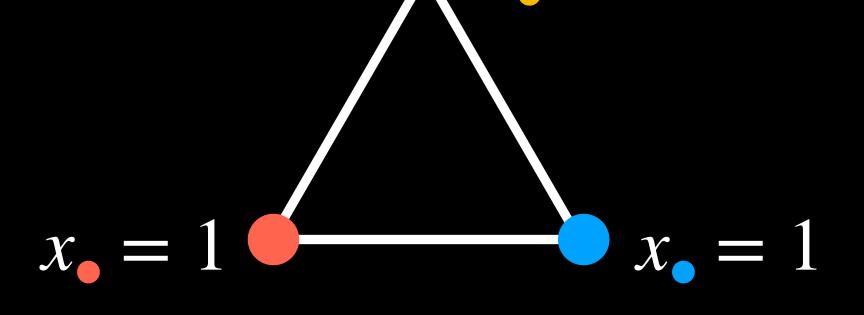
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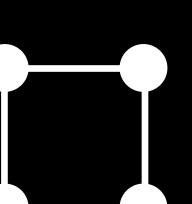
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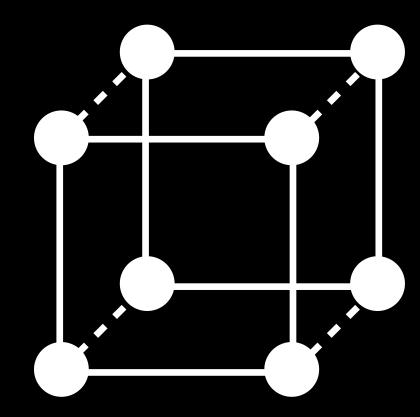


Adding a new player to the game



Increases the dimensionality of the payoff matrix Preserves the dimensionality of the simplex





Lecture 1
Introduction to MEGs

Connection to PopGen

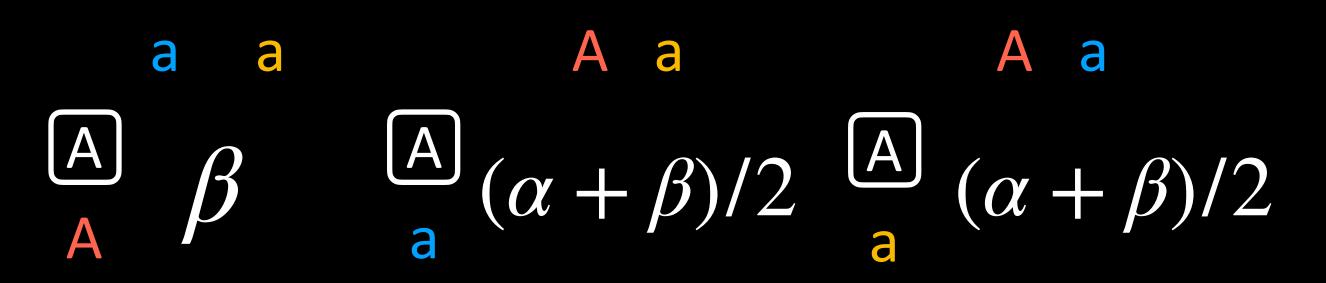
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2
Strategies

Neat... but what can we do with this?

Let us look at this slightly differently,

- each allele (say A) is with its (one other) partner in an individual
- The individual will interact with another individual with two alleles
- Hence besides the focal allele there are 3 other alleles A,a,a



In the offspring, the A allele appears with what fitness

Now, assuming random pairing and mating, and correcting for the combinatorics

A
$$\beta$$
 A α A α

$$a_1 = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta)/2 + (\alpha + \beta)/2}{\alpha + \beta}$$

Aaa

 a_1

Now, assuming random pairing and mating, and correcting for the combinatorics

A
$$\beta$$
 A α A α

$$a_1 = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta)/2 + (\alpha + \beta)/2}{3} = \frac{\alpha + 2\beta}{3}$$

AAA AAa AAa Aaa aaaAAA AAA AAa Aaa aaaA
$$a_3$$
 a_2 a_1 a_0 A α $\frac{2\alpha+\beta}{3}$ $\frac{\alpha+2\beta}{3}$ β a b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0 a β $\frac{2\beta+\gamma}{3}$ $\frac{\beta+2\gamma}{3}$ γ

Thats a 4- player game with 2-strategies!

$$A \quad \alpha \quad \frac{2\alpha+\beta}{3} \quad \frac{\alpha+2\beta}{3} \quad \beta$$

$$a \beta \frac{2\beta+\gamma}{3} \frac{\beta+2\gamma}{3} \gamma$$

$$\pi_A = \alpha x + \beta (1 - x)$$

$$\pi_a = \beta x + \gamma (1 - x)$$

$$\dot{x} = x(\pi_A - \bar{\pi})$$

Great so we can reduce a diploid selection model to a two player game

So what?

Assume that the genotypes $A_1, A_2, A_3, ...$ have fitnesses $w_1, w_2, w_3, ...$ and are present in the population in frequencies $p_1, p_2, p_3, ...$ Then the proportion of A_i genotypes next generation will be

$$p_i' = \frac{p_i w_i}{p_1 w_1 + p_2 w_2 + \cdots} = \frac{p_i w_i}{\overline{w}},$$

where $\overline{w} = \sum p_i w_i$ is the average fitness.

The change in the proportion of A_i in one generation is

$$\Delta p_i = \frac{p_i w_i}{\overline{w}} - p_i = \frac{p_i (w_i - \overline{w})}{\overline{w}}.$$
 5.2.1

The quantity $w_i - \overline{w}$ is the average excess in fitness of the genotype A_i . For only two alleles, this formula is conveniently written as

$$\Delta p_1 = \frac{p_1 p_2 (w_1 - w_2)}{\overline{w}} = \frac{s p_1 p_2}{\overline{w}},$$
 5.2.2

where s, the selection coefficient, is $w_1 - w_2$ and $p_1 + p_2 = 1$.

Notice that selection is most rapid when the two types are nearly equal in frequency and becomes slower when one is much more common than the other. For example, if w_1 is 1.1 and w_2 is .9, the frequency of A_1 will increase from .50 to .55 in one generation, but if the frequency is 0.10, it will only change to .1195 in one generation.

Diploid Sexual Population We now let w_{ij} stand for the average fitness of the genotype $A_i A_j$. As before we let P_{ii} be the frequency of the homozygous genotype $A_i A_i$ and $2P_{ij}$ the frequency of the heterozygote $A_i A_j$. Then the frequency of the gene A_i is (from equation 2.1.2)

$$p_i = \sum_j P_{ij}.$$

Next generation the proportion of A_i genes will be

$$p_i' = \frac{\sum_j P_{ij} w_{ij}}{\overline{w}} = \frac{p_i w_i}{\overline{w}},$$
 5.2.3

where

$$\overline{w} = \sum_{i} \sum_{i} P_{ij} w_{ij} = \sum_{i} p_{i} w_{i}$$
 5.2.4

and

$$w_{i} = \frac{\sum_{j} P_{ij} w_{ij}}{p_{i}}.$$
 5.2.5

Hence,

$$\Delta p_i = \frac{p_i(w_i - \overline{w})}{\overline{w}}.$$
 5.2.6

The formula is the same as that for asexual selection, but w_i now has a more complex meaning. In this equation w_i is the average fitness of the A_i allele; more specifically, it is the average fitness of all genotypes containing A_i , weighted by the frequency of the genotype and by the number of A_i alleles (1 or 2). Then \overline{w} , the average fitness of the population, can be expressed in either of two ways: (1) the average of all the genotypes in the population, and (2) the average fitness of all the genes at this locus. These correspond to the two expressions given in 5.2.4.

Equation 5.2.6 shows that the rate of change of the gene frequency is proportional to:

- (1) The gene frequency, p_i . Thus a very rare gene will change slowly, regardless of how strongly it is selected.
- (2) The average excess in fitness of the A_i allele over the population average. If the excess, $w_i \overline{w}$, is positive, the allele will increase; if negative, it will decrease. If this is large the frequency of A_i will change rapidly; if small, slowly.

Notice also that the gene frequency change will be slow when the allele becomes very common $(p_i \to 1)$. In this case, w_i and \overline{w} are not very different, since most of the population contains the A_i gene. This point can be brought out by rewriting 5.2.6 in another way:

$$\Delta p_i = \frac{p_i(1-p_i)(w_i - w_x)}{\bar{w}},$$
 5.2.7

where w_x is the average fitness of all alleles other than A_i . This shows clearly that Δp_i approaches 0 as p_i gets near to either 0 or 1.

If the population is in random-mating proportions we can write 5.2.7 in still another way, often used by Wright (e.g., 1949). With random mating $P_{ij} = p_i p_j$ and

$$w_i = \frac{\sum_i \sum_j p_i p_j w_{ij}}{p_i} = \sum_j p_j w_{ij},$$
 5.2.8

$$\Delta p_i = \frac{p_i(w_i - \bar{w})}{\bar{w}}$$

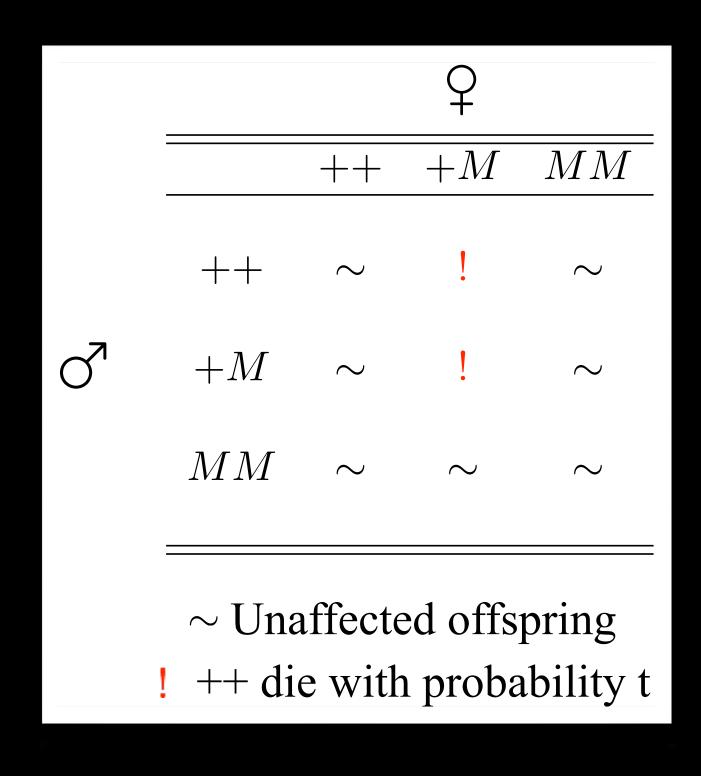
The selection equation from population genetics!

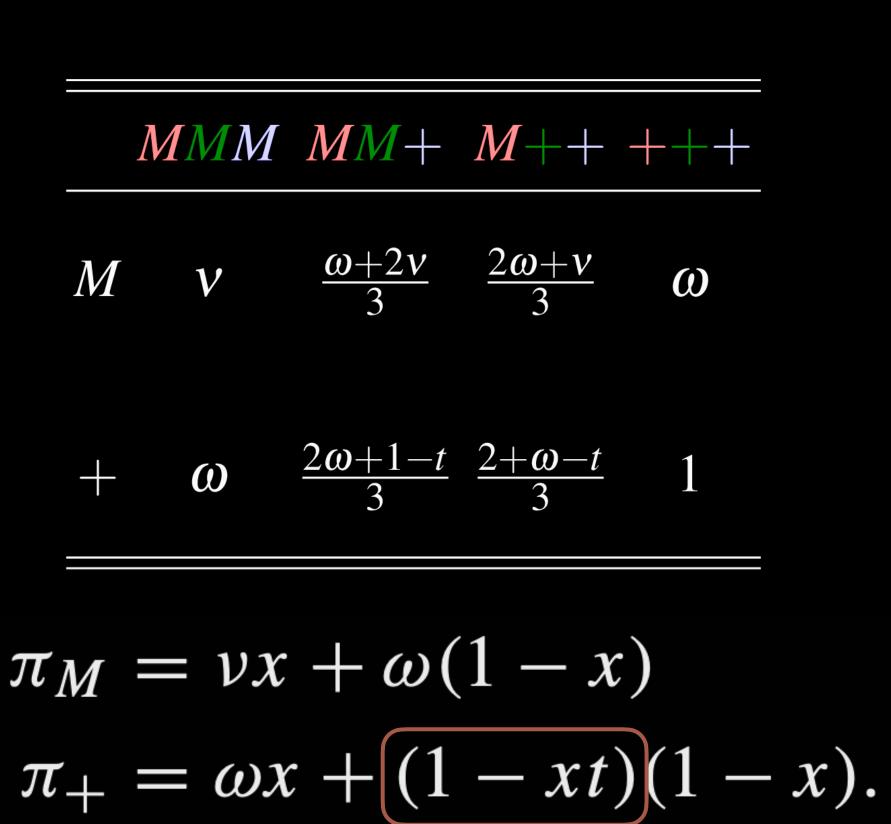
Crow, James F., and Motoo Kimura. *An Introduction to Population Genetics Theory*. 1970

Then why the four player shenanigans?

Medea dynamics

the Medea element plays its role in half the cases of $+ + \times + M$ and $+M \times +M$, as half the times, the +M will be a female and the fitness of the ++ offspring will be 1-t.







Multiplayer Evolutionary Games provide a natural means of including non-linearities in interaction structures

Today
Population
Genetics

 $\dot{x} = x(1-x)(f_{\bullet} - f_{\bullet})$

Replicator equation
(In the multiplayer context)

Tuesday
Population Dynamics/
Social Evolution

Wednesday

Theoretical Ecology/

Sociocultural dynamics

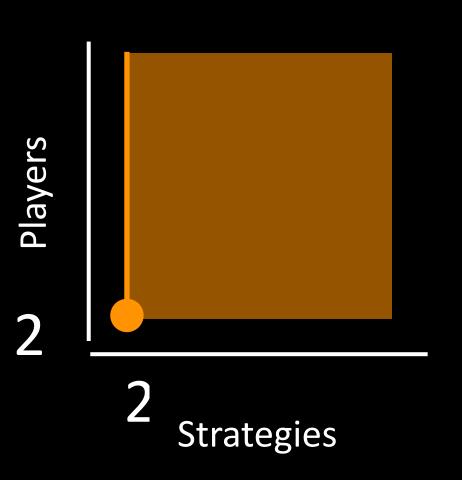
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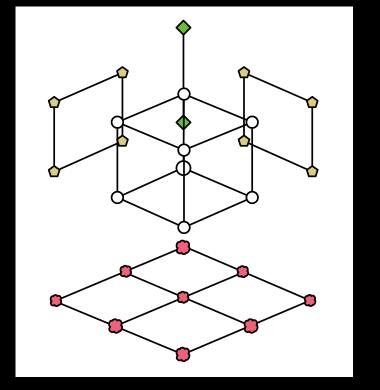
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Lecture 3

Higher-order interactions

Collective beliefs and trust

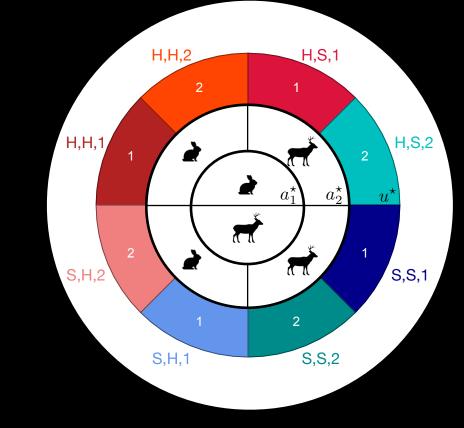
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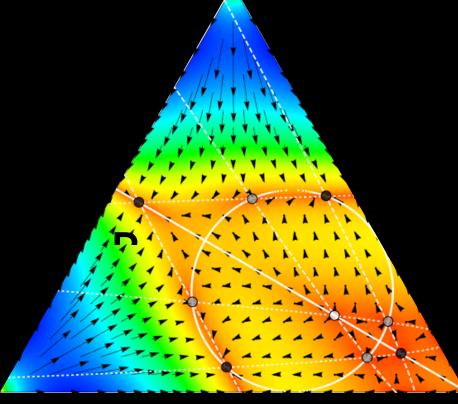
If ... when & how of MEGs in the long run

(If time permits)

MEGs in mutualism and

Eco-evolutionary dynamics





As this is a school... there is some homework

Exercise - Too many cooks!

Lets say you want to bake a cake. For each chef, baking costs c leading to a delicious cake b . Two chefs can bake the cake perfectly but three diminish the quality.

Assuming c = 1; test for different values of b. How does the replicator dynamics look like?