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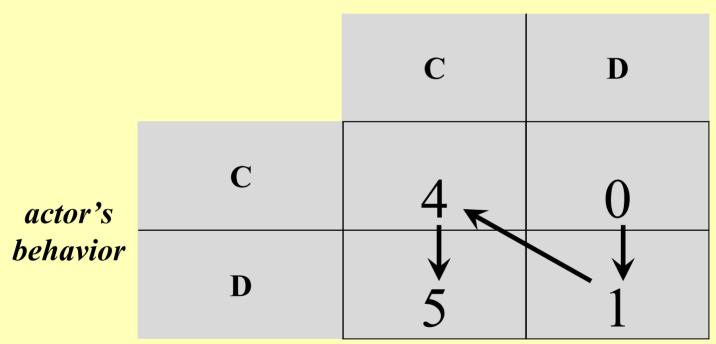


# The Plan

- Do Inclusive Fitness and Reciprocal Altruism Models embody *different* or *similar* mechanisms?
- Background
  - The Prisoner's Dilemma (PD), Hamilton's Rule (Queller's version)
- Apply Hamilton's Rule to Reciprocal Altruism:
  - Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma model
  - A model of symbiosis
- Towards a Unified Theory

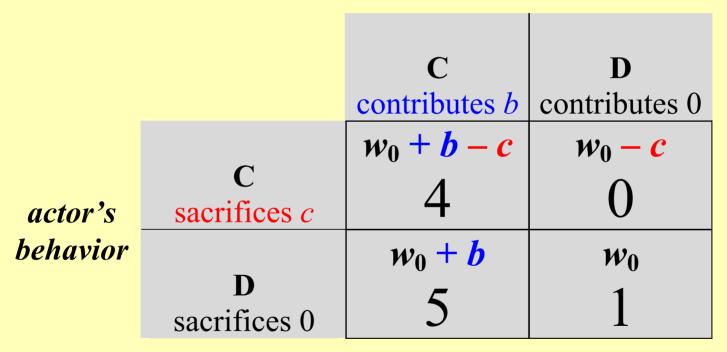
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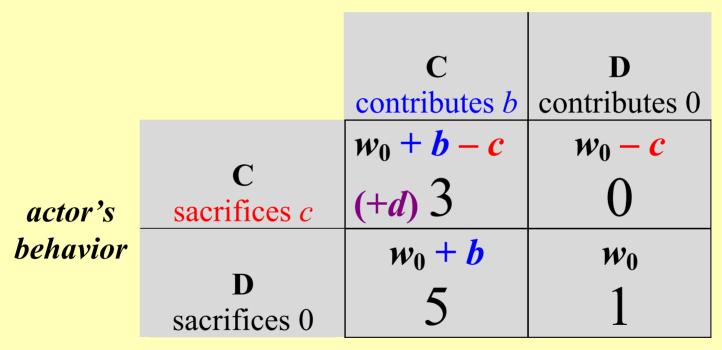
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#### **Non-Additive PD** Actor's Fitness (Utility)

opponent's behavior



• w<sub>0</sub> = 1; b = 4; c = 1; d = -1

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# An Iterated PD Model of Reciprocal Altruism

- Players paired randomly from a large population, then play *i* iterated games
- Each player has an overall heritable strategy (genotype), here only:
  - Always Defect (ALLD)

- Tit-For-Tat (TFT)

- Number of offspring in next generation proportional to cumulative fitness payoffs
- Model parameters: *i and b/c*

## What Does Hamilton's Rule (HR) Say?

• If *rb* > *c*, then the altruistic trait will increase in the next generation

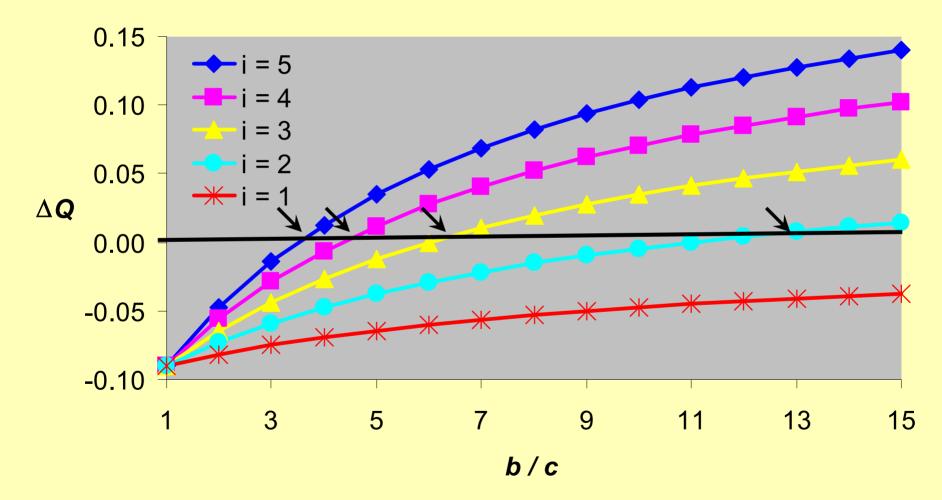
$$r = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, G_O)}{\operatorname{var}_t(G_A)}$$

- Two Problems
  - Random pairing of types, r = 0
  - PD used is non-additive
- Axelrod and Hamilton (1981) offered Reciprocal Altruism and Inclusive Fitness as two <u>different</u> mechanisms by which cooperation (altruism) could evolve

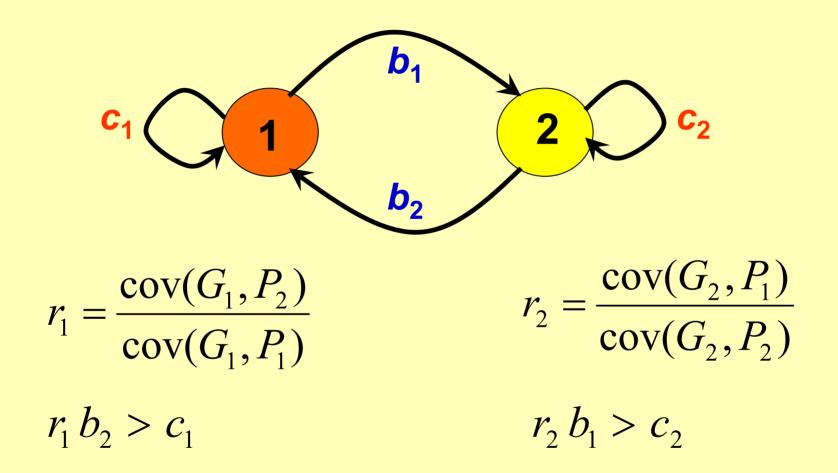
# **Queller's Generalization**

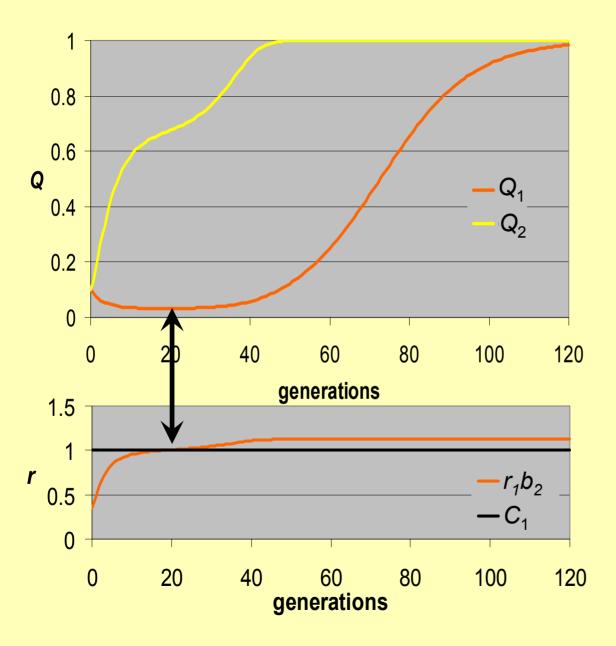
- Queller (1985) showed that it is the phenotypes (behaviors) of others that should count in HR, not their genotypes
- Hamilton Queller  $r = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, G_O)}{\operatorname{var}_t(G_A)}$   $r = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_O)}{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A)}$
- Notice, no G<sub>o</sub> term in Queller's version
- Queller also solved the non-additive problem
- Surprisingly, Queller's version not used to analyze reciprocal altruism

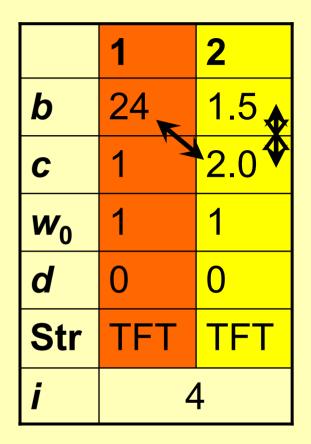
# Numerical Simulations of Iterated PD varying *i* and *b* / *c*



## **A Symbiosis Model**







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# **Generalizations of Hamilton's Rule**

• Hamilton's original version:

rb > c

Hamilton's version (based on Price's covariance equation):

$$\frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, G_O)}{\operatorname{var}(G_A)}b > c$$

• Queller's version with phenotype/genotype differences:  $cov(G_A, P_O)_A$ 

$$\frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_O)}{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A)}b > c$$

• Queller's most general version with nonadditivity:  $cov(G_4, P_0) = cov(G_4, P_4 P_0)$ 

$$\frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_O)}{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A)}b + \frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A P_O)}{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A)}d > c$$

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### Is Inclusive Fitness a Different Mechanism than Reciprocal Altruism?

- Axelrod and Hamilton (1981) said yes
- "Shared genes cooperation differs from all other models considered here in that the cooperative individual need not benefit from its act."
  - Sachs, J. L., U. G. Mueller, T. P. Wilcox, and J. J. Bull. 2004.
    The Evolution of Cooperation. *Quarterly Review of Biology* 79:135-160.
- Is the *b* In Hamilton's Rule the benefit given or the benefit received by altruists?

# **A Unified View**

- The frequency of an altruistic allele increases if individuals carrying that allele receive more fitness benefits from others than average population members do
- True whether these "others" are relatives or from a different species; whether you are thinking in terms of inclusive fitness or reciprocal altruism
- Many causes, including:
   Kinship, conditional strategies, policing, reputation, etc.

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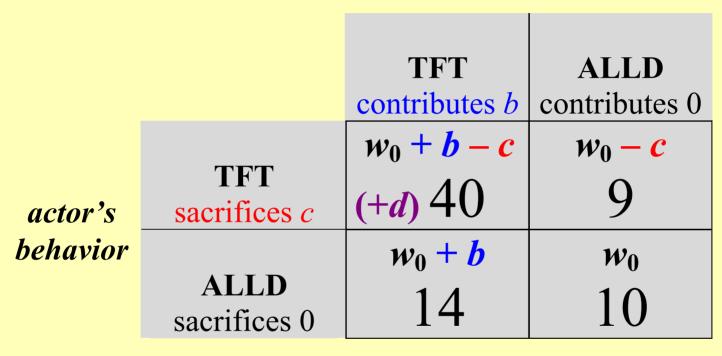
# Queller's Non-Additive Version of Hamilton's Rule

 $rb + r_{dev}d > c$ 

 $r_{dev} = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A P_O)}{\operatorname{cov}(G_A, P_A)}$ 

## Iterations = Non-Additivity

#### opponent's behavior



- *iterations* = 10
- w<sub>0</sub> = 10; **b** = 4; **c** = 1; **d** = 27

### **A More Intuitive Form**

 $r_1 b_2 > c_1$  $cov(G_1, P_2) b_2 > cov(G_1, P_1) c_1$ 

