

Chapter 11 Genetics: The Work of Mendel page 308

All organisms have a set of characteristics inherited from their parents

Heredity: the delivery of characteristics from parents to offspring

Genetics: the study of heredity

Gregor Mendel (considered to be the Father of Genetics)

- An Austrian monk
- Worked in the Monastery gardens
 - Studied garden pea
 - Thus changed Biology forever

~Studying of pea plants~

True-Breed: demonstrates 1 form of a trait

Self-Pollination: flower that pollinates (fertilizes) itself

- Thus the traits of this offspring should be the same
- Trait= a specific characteristic of an individual
- However WHY do some differ?

Cross-Pollination: 1 flower fertilizes another

- This creates a hybrid
 - The offspring of a cross between parents with different traits

~Generation of Genetic Crosses~

Parental Generation or P_i

- These are the original parents
- These are pure for their trait
- How were these crossed: 2 pure breeds crossed (1 dom & 1 rec)

First Filial or F_i

- These are the offspring of the P_i generation
- All of these show the dominant trait
 - Why do they only show this trait?
 - **MENDEL'S CONCLUSION:** an individual characteristics are determined by factors that are passed from 1 parental generation to the next
 - These factors are called genes: factors passed from parent to offspring
 - He concluded that there must be different contrasting forms of a gene
 - The different forms of a gene is called an Allele
 - There are 2 alleles for every trait that you have

This also led to CONCLUSION #2: Principle of Dominance

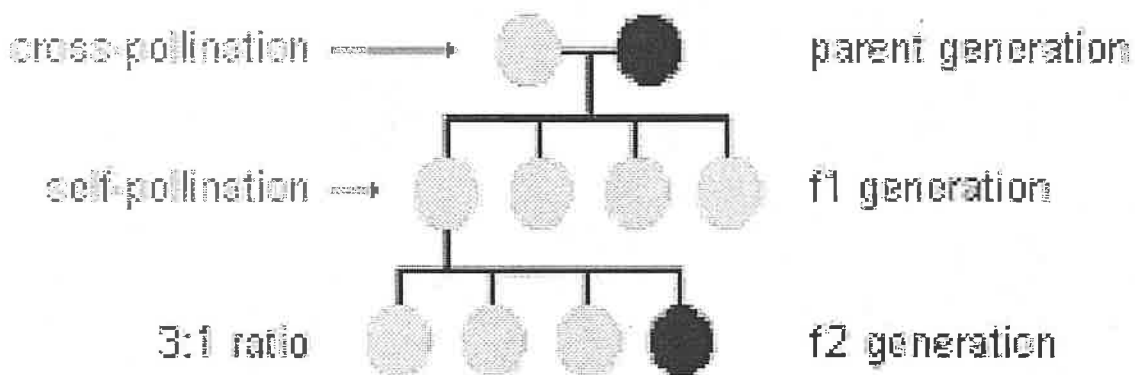
- Some alleles are considered to be dominant and some are considered to be recessive

- **DOMINANT:** form of a trait that appears
 - Must be written with a Capital letter
 - Only needs to have 1 out of the 2 alleles to be considered dominant
 - Examples: T, F, R, B
- **RECESSIVE:** form of trait masked by dominant
 - Must be written with a lowercase letter
 - Must have 2 recessive alleles to be considered recessive
 - How can we prove that there are alternate forms of a gene??
- The First Filial Generation was then self-fertilized

Second Filial or the F₂

- These are the offspring of the F₁ generation
- All of a sudden he found the recessive trait showed up
 - There was 3 (75%) dominant
 - There was 1 (25%) recessive
 - How can this be?
- **MENDEL'S CONCLUSION = LAW OF SEGREGATION**
 - During gamete formation the alleles for each gene segregate from each other, so that each gamete carries only 1 for each gene
 - Thus F₂ generation must have 1 of each allele but the dominant is seen
- All of these are in a 3:1 ratio 3 dominant to 1 recessive

Order of generations P₁ → F₁ → F₂



~Applying Mendel's Principles~

Probability

: The likelihood that a particular event will occur
 Calculations: $\frac{\text{Number of 1 kind of possible outcome}}{\text{Total number of all possible outcomes}}$

Practice:

Homozygous

: organisms that have 2 identical alleles for a particular gene

2 types

1) Homozygous Dominant : 2 dominant alleles

a. Examples RR TT BB

2) Homozygous Recessive : 2 recessive alleles

a. Examples: rr tt bb

Heterozygous

: organisms that have 2 different alleles for the same gene

Thus there must be 1 dominant and 1 recessive allele

Examples: Rr Tt Bb

Phenotype

: the physical characteristics of an organism

This is what is physical seen or observed

Genotype

: the genetic make-up of an organism

This is the allele combination

Punnett Square

: this diagram uses mathematical probability to help predict the genotype and phenotype combinations of a genetic cross

Monohybrid Cross

: when 1 particular trait is crossed between a male and female to identify all possible outcomes

- o Has 3 possible genotypes
- o Has 2 possible phenotypes

Dihybrid cross

: when 2 traits are simultaneously crossed between a male and female to identify all possible outcomes

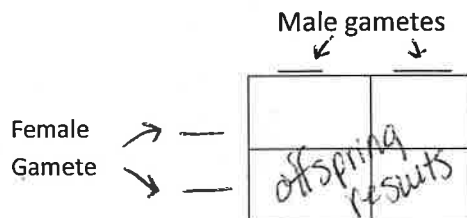
- o Has 9 possible genotypes
- o Has 4 possible phenotypes

Independent Assortment: the principle states that genes for different traits can segregate independently during the formation of gametes

How to do a Punnett Square – we will do this together but here is the basic set-up

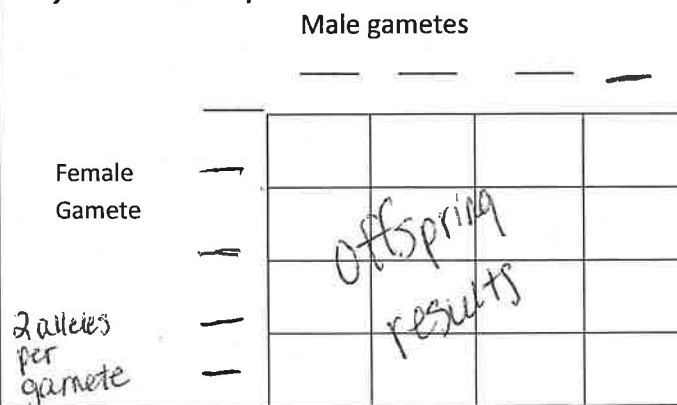
Refer to our Pea Chart Handout or Page 316 in your textbook

Monohybrid Punnett Square



* 1 allele per gamete

Dihybrid Punnett Square



| Incomplete Dominance: | Codominance: |
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| The heterozygote phenotype = mix | The heterozygote phenotype = Both shown |
| Situation where 1 allele is not completely dominant over another | Situation where the phenotype of the heterozygote shows both dominants at same time |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both alleles are expressed in the heterozygous individual The <u>heterozygous</u> phenotype is a <u>mix</u> of the 2 alleles Example a Snapdragon Flower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $C^R C^R$ = flower is <u>red</u> $C^W C^W$ = flower is <u>white</u> $C^R C^W$ = flower is <u>PINK</u> Other examples include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <u>heterozygous</u> phenotype shows <u>Both</u> alleles Example Roan coat of a horse/cattle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $C^R C^R$ = horse is <u>red</u> $C^W C^W$ = horse is <u>white</u> $C^R C^W$ = horse is <u>Roan</u> Other examples include: <u>chickens, blood-type</u> |

Multiple Alleles: A gene that has more than 2 alleles

- Example: Blood (A, B, O, AB); rabbit coat
- Each organism gets a total of 2 alleles (one from each parent) but there are more than 2 to choose from

Polygenic Trait: when traits are controlled by the interaction of 2 or more genes

- Examples: skin color, hair color, eye color

~Genes and the environments~

Environmental conditions can affect gene expression and influence genetically determined traits

- Examples: butterfly, Siamese cats, flowers

How do we "see" our chromosomes?"

Genome: full set of genetic information that an organism carries in its DNA

- Scientists look at Chromosomes to study the genome
- Chromosomes are best seen in metaphase (mitosis) since they are in the middle of the cell
- The chromosomes are cut and placed into a picture called a Karyotype
- Karyotype: a diagram that shows the complete diploid set of chromosomes grouped together in pairs
 - It is arranged in order of decreasing size of chromosomes
 - Humans have 46 total chromosomes
 - Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes
 - The Chromosomes are aligned up in pairs
 - The last set or the 23rd pair are called the sex chromosomes
 - These determine the sex of an organism
 - Males have XY sex chromosomes
 - Females have X.X sex chromosomes
 - Set numbers 1-22 are called Autosomes
 - These determine the rest of an organisms' traits

Carrier: an individual who is heterozygous for a trait

- Has one dominant allele that covers/masks one recessive allele
- This individual does not show the recessive trait since the dominant has over powered it
- They are "carrying" it and can possibly pass it on to the next generation/offspring

Sex-Linked Traits

- Traits controlled by genes located on the X chromosome
- Males are affected most often since they have only one X chromosome
- Females are less likely to express the trait since they have two X chromosomes
- Examples include: color-blindness, hemophilia

Chromosome Inactivation

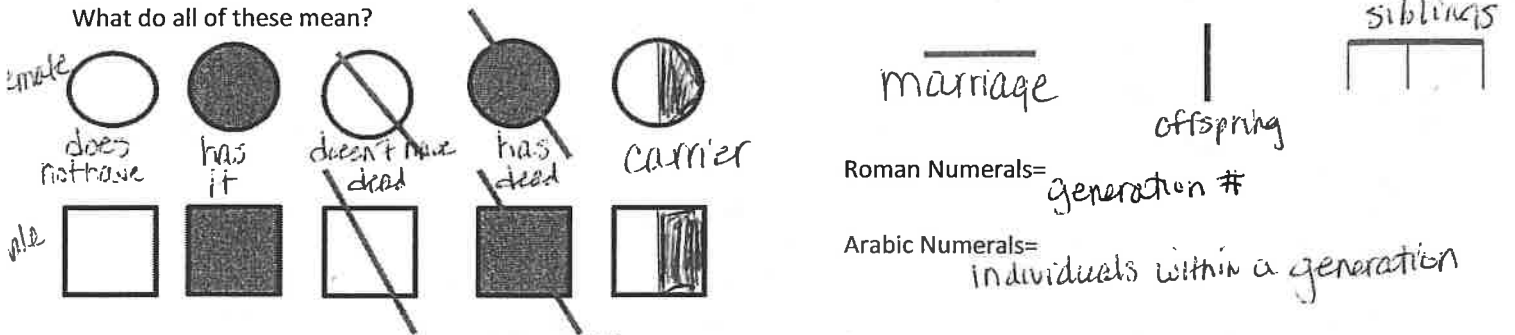
- Females have 2 dosages since have two X chromosomes
- The X chromosome is necessary for development of both males and females
- One of the X female chromosomes will stop functioning in all of the females cells
 - This creates a Barr Body (dense region in a female nucleus)
- The Y chromosome of males continues to work to determine male characteristics
- This can affect the coat color of some cats (Calico)
 - Black color means it has "black" on the X sex chromosomes and can be either male/female
 - Orange color means it has Orange on the X sex chromosomes and can be either male/female
 - Calico means it has 1 black + 1 orange on X sex chromosomes and can be only female

How do you demonstrate how a particular trait is passed on in a family?

Pedigree

: a chart that shows the pattern of inheritance for a particular trait within a family

What do all of these mean?



Roman Numerals = generation #

Arabic Numerals = individuals within a generation

Dominant pedigree demonstrates = male/female who have it in every generation

Recessive pedigree demonstrates = skips a generation

Autosomal Pedigree shows: trait on chromosome #1-22

Sex-Linked Pedigree shows: trait on X chromosome (usually males get it)

~Human Genetic Disorders~

How can a change in DNA affect a human's traits?

Changes in a gene's DNA sequence can change proteins by altering their sequences which directly affects their phenotype

Genetic Disorders

| Disorder | Cause | Effect | Population | Dominant/Recessive | Autosomal/Sex-Linked |
|----------------------|--|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Cystic Fibrosis | defective membrane protein | White Extraprotein → build-up of thick mucus in lungs | | recessive | autosomal |
| Sickle Cell Disease | defective RBC (hemoglobin) | Sickle shaped RBC | African American | recessive | Autosomal |
| Huntington's Disease | extra protein in brain | nervous system deteriorates | middle age | dominant | Autosomal |
| Tay-Sachs Disease | absence of enzymes to break fatty substance in brain | fat deposits build-up on brain | Jewish | recessive | Autosomal |
| Color Blindness | defect in cones of eyes | cannot see color | male | recessive | sex-linked |
| Hemophilia | gene defect in blood clotting | cannot stop bleeding | male | recessive | sex-linked |
| Achondroplasia | a gene affecting bone growth | dwarfism | All | dominant | autosomal |

Genetic Advantages

Malaria Heterozygote

NN - normal
 NS - normal - resistant to malaria
 SS - sickle cell

Cystic fibrosis heterozygote

CC - normal
 Cc - normal — resistant to typhoid fever
 cc - cystic fibrosis

Chromosomal Disorders

- This means there is an error in meiosis
- Each human gamete should have 23 chromosomes
- But what happens if the homologous chromosomes do NOT separate correctly
 - This is called NON-DISJUNCTION
 - A gamete with an abnormal number of chromosomes leading to a disorder of chromosome number
 - The gamete could end of having only 1 copy of an allele
 - Example: Turner's Syndrome
 - Females who have only 1 X chromosome
 - The gamete could end of having 3 copies of an allele
 - This is called Trisomy
 - Example: Down Syndrome
 - They have 3 copies of chromosome number 21
 - Example: Klinefelter's Syndrome
 - A male who has XXY sex chromosomes

Studying the Human Genome

- Human Genome Project
 - A 13 year international effort to sequence all of the 3 billion base pairs of human DNA which would identify all human genes
 - Complete in 2003
 - Helps us to locate disorders and diseases
 - Someone can know their exact genetic make-up and what they can pass on to their offspring