MENDELIAN GENETICS mendels Laws and Dirigeria Crosses

□Organisms can produce *sexually* or *asexually*.

Sexual reproduction:

- requires 2 parents
- produces genetic variation
- uses gametes produced through meiosis



Dasexual reproduction:

- requires only 1 parent
- no genetic variation
- uses mitosis to create new



Cells in the body of sexually producing organisms can be:
 Somatic Cells (body cells)
 Gametes (sex cells)

Somatic Cells

- contain the diploid (2n) chromosome number
- produced through mitosis
- 46 in humans (23 from mom, 23 from dad)
- ex. muscle cell, nerve cell, blood cell, stomach cell

Gametes

- contain the haploid (n) chromosome number
- produced through meiosis
- ex. sperm cell (male) and egg cell (female)

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A **chromosome** is a thread-like structure made up of DNA. **Chromosomes** are found in the nucleus of each cell. A karyotype is used to show an individual's chromosomes.



The typical **human karyotypes** contain 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes.

This karyotype shows homologous chromosomes: the matching chromosomes from our mom and dad.

•They contain the same genes in the same locations but may contain different alleles (different versions of the same gene).



gene: section of DNA that provides the instructions for making a protein



Since a gene is a piece of a chromosome and we have two of every chromosome, we have two copies of instructions to make every protein in our bodies.

<u>alleles</u>: different versions of the same gene

•We inherited a full set of chromosomes (containing genes) from each of our parents, but we may not have inherited the same version of every gene.





•Ex. Mom gave you a gene for blue eyes, and dad gave you a gene for brown eyes.

Mendel's Laws

- In this unit, we are focusing on heredity (the passing of traits from parent to offspring).
- Gregor Mendel, in his experiments with pea plants, paved the way for what we know about inheritance today.
- He provided us with 3 laws of inheritance:
 - Law of Dominance
 - Law of Segregation
 - Law of Independent Assortment



Law of Dominance

A dominant allele will express itself over a recessive allele.



FRECKLES

- Freckles (F) are dominant over nonfreckles (f).
- If a person inherits the F allele from one or both parents, they will have freckles.
- If a person inherits the recessive f allele from <u>both</u> parents, they will not have freckles.

Law of Dominance

- <u>Remember</u>:
 - <u>genotype</u> the actual alleles inherited
 - ex: genes that code for freckles such as FF, Ff, or ff
 - <u>phenotype</u> the physical traits/characteristics seen in an organism
 - ex: freckles



FRECKLES

Law of Segregation

When chromosomes separate in meiosis, each gamete (egg or sperm) will receive only one chromosome from each pair.



The chromosomes **segregate** (or separate) during meiosis.

If a man has alleles for brown eyes and blue eyes, he is heterozygous (Bb) for eye color. His sperm cells can contain the allele for brown eyes (B) <u>**OR**</u> the allele for blue eyes (b).

Each sperm only gets **ONE** of the alleles.

Video Explanation



Video Link: https://youtu.be/wQltEeAPtIk

Law of Independent Assortment

The inheritance of one trait does not affect the inheritance of another.



-Each pair of homologous chromosomes consists of one chromosome inherited from the father and one from the mother.

-Each pair of chromosomes line up independently of one another in meiosis I.

-There are two different ways that chromosome pairs can line up.

-In humans, this creates about 8 million combinations.

Video Explanation



Video Link: https://youtu.be/VAUE9YX1KOA

Dihybrid crosses are used when finding the possible genotypes for offspring when considering two traits at the same time.

□ 16 squares



Example #1:

Cross two parent pea plants that are heterozygous for <u>pea color</u> and <u>flower color</u>.

Notes:

Yellow peas (Y) are dominant to green peas (y).

Purple flowers (P) are dominant to white flowers (p).



Write out the parent's genotypes.



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Step 2

Write out the possible allele combinations that each parent could contribute to the offspring.

Place these on the outside of the dihybrid Punnett square.

Step 2



F- first

- 0- outer
- l- inner



YP Yp yP vp

Parent 1:

Step 2



F- first

- 0- outer
- l- inner

L- last

YP Yp yP vp

Parent 2:

Step 2

Write parent 1's alleles across the top (X axis) of the square.

Write parent 2's alleles down the side (Y axis) of the square.

Notes:

-Place all the alleles for pea color first, then pea shape.

-Place the dominant allele before the recessive allele (for the same trait).



Step 3

Combine the alleles from the top and left to fill in the square.

Determine the phenotypic ratio.

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yellow pea/purple flower: 9

yellow pea/white flower: **२**

Let's do another!

Example #2:

Tall plants (D) are dominant over dwarf plants (d). Purple flowers (W) are dominant over white flowers (w). Cross a homozygous dominant parent with a homozygous recessive parent.

Step 1

Write out the parent's genotypes.



Parent 1: DDWW

Parent 2: ddww

Example #2:

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Step 2

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DW DW DW

Parent 1:

Step 2



F- first

- 0- outer
- l- inner

L- last

Parent 2:

dw dw dw



Step 3

Combine the alleles from the top and left to fill in the square.

Determine the phenotypic ratio.

Notes:

-Place all the alleles for plant height first, then plant color.
-Place the dominant allele before the recessive allele (for the same trait).



tall plant/ purple flowers:

tall plant/ white flowers:

dwarf plant/ purple flowers:

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