

NOTES: CH 14, part 1 – Mendelian Genetics & Probability (14.1-14.2)

- One possible explanation of heredity is a “**blending**” hypothesis:

-the idea that genetic material contributed by two parents mixes in a manner analogous to the way blue and yellow paints blend to make green

- An alternative to the blending model is the “particulate” hypothesis of inheritance (the gene idea):

-parents pass on _____, genes

How are traits inherited?

- Trait: _____

- Gregor Mendel documented a _____

through his experiments with garden peas

- Gregor Mendel, an Austrian monk, applied mathematics to his study of genetics. He chose to study the **garden pea plant** to investigate how traits were passed from generation to generation.

Mendel’s Experimental, Quantitative Approach

- Mendel chose to work with peas:

-Because they are _____

-Because he could strictly control _____

- Mendel studied 7 different traits:

-seed shape

-pod shape

-seed color

-flower position

-**plant height**

-pod color

-**flower color**

- He chose these traits because they each appeared in _____. For example, the plants were either short or tall...there was no intermediate height.

- Mendel crossed **pure-breeding** plants with one another.

- The result: **HYBRID** plants (plants which received half of their genetic information from one type of parent, and the other half from a different type of parent).

- Example:

-**Parent generation**

-F₁ generation (possible combinations for offspring are inside square)

F₁ plants self-pollinate and reproduce (Tt x Tt)...

F₂ generation (inside square)

-**Dominant trait:** _____

-**Recessive trait:** _____

The Law of Segregation

- When Mendel crossed contrasting, true-breeding white and purple flowered pea plants, _____

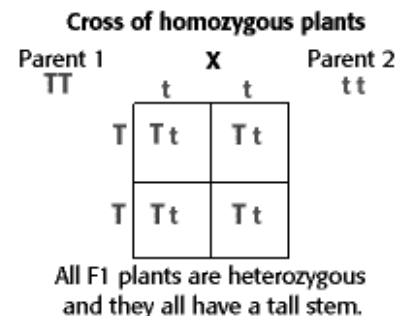
- When Mendel crossed the F₁ plants, many of the plants had purple flowers, but some had white flowers (_____)

- Mendel reasoned that

-In the F₁ plants, only the purple flower “factor” was affecting flower color in these hybrids

-Purple flower color was _____, and white flower color was _____

- Mendel observed the same pattern in many other pea plant characters



- His results led him to develop a hypothesis with 4 related ideas:
- First, _____ account for variations in inherited characters, which are now called _____
- **Example:** _____ are alleles of the gene that controls height in pea plants.
- Second, for each character an organism inherits **two alleles**, _____ (a genetic locus is actually represented twice)
- Third, if the two alleles at a locus differ, then one, the **DOMINANT ALLELE**, _____
_____;
- The other allele, the **RECESSIVE ALLELE**, has no noticeable effect on the organism's appearance
- Fourth, the **LAW OF SEGREGATION**: the two alleles for a heritable character separate (segregate) _____

Useful Genetic Vocabulary

- An organism that is **HOMOZYGOUS** for a particular gene:
 - has a pair of _____ (RR or rr)
 - exhibits true-breeding
- An organism that is **HETEROZYGOUS** for a particular gene:
 - has a pair of alleles that are _____ (Rr)
- An organism's **PHENOTYPE** is its _____ (purple flowers)
- An organism's **GENOTYPE** is its _____ (PP or Pp)

The Testcross:

- In pea plants with purple flowers the genotype is not immediately obvious (could be _____)
- a testcross allows us to _____, but unknown genotype
- an individual with the dominant phenotype is crossed with an individual that is homozygous recessive for a trait

The Law of Independent Assortment

- Mendel derived the law of segregation by following a single trait
- The F₁ offspring produced in this cross were monohybrids, _____
- Mendel identified his second law of inheritance by **following two characters** at the same time
- Crossing two, true-breeding parents differing in two characters produces _____ in the F₁ generation, _____
- How are two different characters transmitted from parents to offspring: **together or independently?**
- A dihybrid cross illustrates the inheritance of two characters
- The result: _____
- Using the information from a dihybrid cross, Mendel developed the **LAW OF INDEPENDENT ASSORTMENT**:
Each pair of alleles segregates _____

For example, in pea plants, the allele for tallness may be inherited with the allele for yellow seed color, **or the allele for green seed color. This is because the separation of the chromosomes during meiosis is _____

Laws of Probability & Genetics (14.2)

- **multiplication rule:** to determine the prob. that 2 or more independent events will occur together, we multiply the prob of 1 event by the prob of the other event
- **example:** the prob of 2 coins both coming up “heads” is: _____

MONOHYBRID CROSS:

Punnett Square:

- Cystic fibrosis is an autosomal recessive disorder. What is the probability that a couple who are both carriers of this disease will have a child who has the disorder?

DIHYBRID CROSS:

Punnett Square:

- Two plants, heterozygous for purple flowers (Pp) and heterozygous for tall stems (Tt) are crossed. **What fraction of their offspring will have white flowers and tall stems?**

CROSS:

*****each plant can produce the following gametes:*** _____

Solving Complex Genetics Problems with Probability:

- Consider the cross: **PpYyRr x Ppyyrr**
- What fraction of the offspring from this cross will exhibit the recessive phenotype for all 3 traits? **(ppyyrr)**
- **Use Probability to Solve!!***
- Consider each gene separately (P, Y, R)
- **Pp x Pp...what fraction of offspring will be “pp”?**
- _____
- **Yy x yy...what fraction of offspring will be “yy”?**
- _____
- **Rr x rr...what fraction of offspring will be “rr”?**
- _____
- SO, what fraction of the offspring from this cross will exhibit the recessive phenotype for all 3 traits? (ppyyrr)
- _____ = _____