

Unit 7: Genetics

Topic 2: Variation of Dominance

Learning Targets

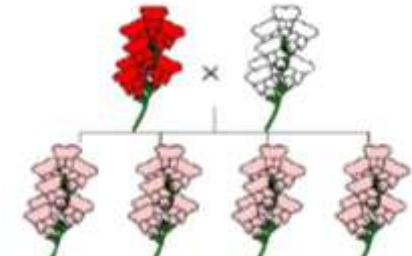
- Use Punnett squares for unusual monohybrid crosses – incomplete dominance, codominance, blood types, sex-linkage
- Use Punnett square for dihybrid crosses



Phenotype	Black	Black	Brown
Genotype	BB	Bb	bb

What is complete dominance?

- In Mendel's classic pea crosses, the F1 offspring always looked like one of the two parental varieties because one allele in a pair showed complete dominance
- Phenotypes of heterozygote and dominant homozygote are indistinguishable



What is incomplete dominance?

- There is no dominant allele or recessive allele
- Example: Red (RR) x White (rr) = Pink (Rr)



Phenotype	Black	Speckled	White
Genotype	C ^R C ^R	C ^R C ^W	C ^W C ^W

What is codominance?

There is no dominant allele or recessive allele, but both are expressed

What is a polygenic trait?

- Two or more genes affect a single phenotype
- Example: Eye color, skin color, height

Epistasis in Coat Colors

	EE	Ee	ee	ee
BB	BBEE Black	BbEe Black	BBee Yellow	Bbee Yellow
Bb	BbEE Black	BbEe Black	Bbee Yellow	Bbee Yellow
bb	bbEE Black	bbEe Black	bb ee White	bb ee White
bb	bbEE Black	bbEe Black	bb ee White	bb ee White



What does epistasis mean?

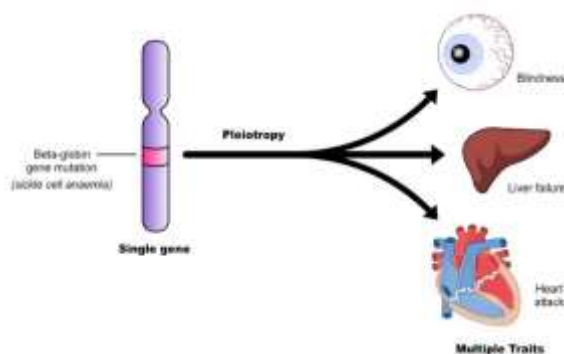
- The phenotypic expression of one gene alters that of another independently inherited gene
- Example: Coat color in Labrador retrievers

What does multiple alleles mean?

- Two or more alleles affect a single gene
- Example: Blood type (A, B, AB, O)

What is pleiotropy?

- A single gene has multiple effects on unrelated traits
- Example: Sickle cell anemia



The ABO blood system

Genotypes	Phenotypes (Blood types)
I ^A I ^A	A
I ^A I ^B	AB
I ^A i	A
I ^B I ^B	B
I ^B i	B
ii	O

Note:

- Blood types A and B have two possible genotypes – homozygous and heterozygous.
- Blood types AB and O only have one genotype each.

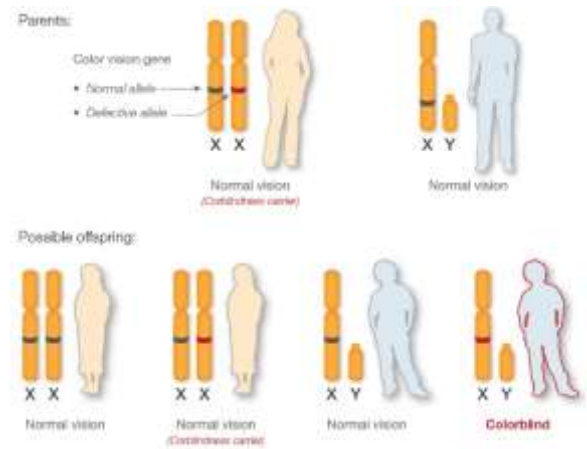
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What is a sex-linked trait?

- A gene is located on either sex chromosome
- Most are found on the X chromosome
- Example: Hemophilia (x-linked) causes blood not to clot, Auricular hypertrichosis (y-linked) which causes excessive hair in the ear



Who was Thomas Morgan?

- Early 1900s, he and his students studied a species of fruit flies, *Drosophila melanogaster*
- Discovered sex-linked traits by choosing the right experimental organism for his research
- “Two years’ work wasted. I have been breeding those flies for all that time and I’ve got nothing out of it.”
- Eventually, he and his team discovered a mutant male with white eyes (X^r)

Why fruit flies?

- Fruit flies have only four pairs of chromosomes (three pairs of autosomes, one pair of sex chromosomes)
- Prolific breeders with hundreds of offspring from each mating
- New generation every two weeks

What is a barr body?

- An inactivated X chromosome in each cell of a female mammal
- Example: Tortoiseshell cats have both cells where the X chromosome with orange allele is active and cells where the X chromosome with black allele is active

What is gene mapping?

- Determining the precise position of a gene on a chromosome
- Once the position is known, it can be shown on a diagram

What is gene linkage?

The tendency of DNA sequences that are close together on a chromosome to be inherited together during meiosis

PRACTICE PROBLEM #1

If brown hair and white hair horse alleles show incomplete dominance, what offspring ratios will you see if you cross a brown horse with a white horse?

PRACTICE PROBLEM #2

If red and white flower alleles show codominance, what offspring ratios will you see if you cross a red flower with a white flower?

PRACTICE PROBLEM #3

If a father with blood type A (I^Ai) and mother with blood type B (I^Bi) have a child together, what offspring ratios will you see?

PRACTICE PROBLEM #6

If you have a grey bodied, striped fish (GgRr) breed with a yellow bodied, unstriped fish (ggrr), how would you write that on a dihybrid cross and what would the phenotype ratios be?

