





# CHAPTER 11 GENETICS

Genetic discoveries 45 minutes

Impacts, Issues: The Color of Skin



- Like most human traits, skin color has a genetic basis; more than 100 gene products affect the synthesis and deposition of melanins
  - In the picture of fraternal twins. , both grandmas were European descent and both grandfathers are African

## 11.1 Mendel, Pea Plants, and Inheritance Patterns



 Recurring inheritance patterns are observable outcomes of sexual reproduction

- Before the discovery of genes, it was thought that inherited traits resulted from a blend of parental characters
- Mendel was a monk with training in plant breeding and mathematics

### 11.1 The work of Gregor Mendel

- Genetics = the study of heredity (passing down of characteristics from parent to offspring)
- □ Gregor Mendel = "the father of genetics"
  - Born in 1822 Austrian monk
  - Worked with pea plants that were self-pollinating and true-breeding (the offspring always looked like the parent)



### Important Genetic Terms

- Trait = a specific characteristic (pea color, hair color)
- Gene = the factors that are passed from parent to offspring (found at a locus on a chromosome)
- □ Allele = the different forms of a gene





### Terms Used in Modern Genetics

- A mutation is a permanent change in a gene
  May cause a trait to change
- A hybrid has nonidentical alleles for a trait
  Offspring of a cross between two individuals that breed true for different forms of a trait are hybrids

## Mendel's Conclusions

- An individual's characteristics are determined by factors (genes) that are passed from one parental generation to the next
- Principle of dominance = some alleles are dominant and some are recessive
  - Dominant = need one allele (form of the gene) for the trait to be expressed
  - Recessive = need two alleles for the trait to be expressed





### Genetics and probability

- Dominant alleles are written in upper case T = tall
- Recessive alleles are written in lower case t = short
- □ In this example:
  - There is a 50% chance that the plant the offspring will get a "T" allele
  - There is a 50% chance the plant will get a "t" allele



### Even more genetic terminology

- Genotype = the genetic makeup of an organism
  - Homozygous = organisms that have two identical alleles for a gene (BB or bb)
  - Heterozygous = organisms that have two different alleles for a gene (Bb)
- Phenotype = the physical appearance of an organism



### Mendel's Pea Plants

Mendel cross pollinated his true-breeding plants



Mendel's Seven F <sub>1</sub> Crosses on Pea Plants							
	Seed Shape	Seed Color	Seed Coat	Pod Shape	Pod Color	Flower Position	Plant Height
Ρ	© Round X ⊘ Wrinkled	Yellow X Green	Gray X White	Smooth X Constricted	Green	Axial X Terminal	Tall X Short
F,	↓ © Round	↓ Yellow	↓ Oray	↓ Smooth	↓ Green	Axial	Tall

### Mendel's Monohybrid Experiments



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### Phenotype Ratios in a Monohybrid Experiment



**B** A cross between two plants that breed true for different forms of a trait produces  $F_1$  offspring that are identically heterozygous.

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# Phenotype Ratios in a Monohybrid Experiment



**C** A cross between the  $F_1$  offspring is the monohybrid experiment. The phenotype ratio of  $F_2$  offspring in this example is 3:1 (3 purple to 1 white). <sup>© Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning</sup>

### Segregation of Alleles at a Gene Locus



## Mendel's Law of Segregation

- Mendel observed a phenotype ratio of 3:1 in the F<sub>2</sub> offspring of his monohybrid crosses
  - Consistent with the probability of the aa genotype in the offspring of a heterozygous cross (Aa x Aa)
- This is the basis of Mendel's law of segregation
  - Diploid cells have pairs of genes on pairs of homologous chromosomes
  - The two genes of each pair separate during meiosis, and end up in different gametes

### Testcrosses

#### Testcross

- A method of determining if an individual is heterozygous or homozygous dominant
- An individual with unknown genotype is crossed with one that is homozygous recessive (AA x aa) or (Aa x aa)

### **Applying Mendel's Principles**

# Mendelian genetics is based on probability = the likelihood that an event would occur







### Punnett Squares

Punnett squares = a diagram that uses probability to predict the possible genotype and phenotype combination in crosses

- T = tall
- t = small

(choose a letter from the dominant allele)



### Oh no! You need to think!!!!

- For each example, write the genotype and phenotype.
- 1) The Rr flower
- Genotype <u>**Rr</u></u></u>**
- Phenotype\_\_\_ Purple
- 2) The rr flower
- Genotype \_\_\_\_r
- Phenotype \_\_\_\_\_\_white



### Monohybrid cross

In peas, yellow seeds are dominant to green. Complete the following cross Yy x yy 1) Make a key – yellow = <u>Y</u> green = <u>Y</u>

2) Parental genotypes – if not given yy x Yy

3) Set up the Punnett square

4) Figure out the phenotypic and genotypic ratio Phenotypic ratio - 1 yellow : 1 green

Genotypic ratio - 1 Yy : 1 yy



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### 11.3 Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment

#### Mendel's law of independent assortment

Many genes are sorted into gametes independently of other



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- When there are 2 traits it is a dihybrid cross.
- Genes for different traits can segregate independently during the formation of gametes



### Dihybrid cross

#### □ EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Cross two plants that are heterozygous for height and pod color. Tall is dominant to short and green pods are dominant to yellow

Step 1 – Make a key and determine the parentsTall = TGreen = G

Short = t Yellow = g

**Step 2** – Write the genotypes of the parents

TtGg x TtGg

### Dihybrid cross

Step 3 – Determine the possible allele combinations

for the gametes



Step 4 – Set up the 16 square Punnett square



### Dihybrid cross example

Step 5 – Complete the Punnett square



#### **Step 6** – Determine the phenotypic ratio

9 tall green: 3 tall yellow: 3 short green: 1 short yellow



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 $\mathbf{F}_1$  generation

All F<sub>1</sub> offspring are AaBb, with purple flowers and tall stems.

C Meiosis in AaBb dihybrid plants results in four kinds of gametes:



 $F_2$  generation

These gametes can meet up in one of 16 possible wayswhen the dihybrids are crossed (AaBb X AaBb):





D Out of 16 possible genetic outcomes of this dihybrid cross, 9 will result in plants that are purple-flowered and tall; 3, purple-flowered and short; 3, white-flowered and tall; and 1, white-flowered and short. The ratio of phenotypes of this dihybrid cross is 9:3:3:1.

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### Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment

Mendel's dihybrid experiments showed that "units" specifying one trait segregated into gametes separately from "units" for other traits

Exception: Genes that have loci very close to one another on a chromosome tend to stay together during meiosis

- In moose, brown coat color (B) is dominant to albino (no pigment) (b) and rough coat (R) is dominant to smooth coat (r). A homozygous brown, homozygous rough male mates with a albino, smooth female.
- Draw Punnett squares and determine the expected phenotypic ratios for the:
  - **a)** F1 generation
  - **b)** F2 generation
  - c) cross between an F1 moose and a moose with the genotype BBRr

- **a**) F1 generation = 100% BbRr = 100% Brown, rough
- **b**) F2 generation =
- 9 brown rough: 3 brown smooth: 3 albino rough: 1 albino smooth
- c) cross between an F1 moose and a moose with the genotype BBRr
  - = BBRr x BbRr = 3 Brown rough: 1 brown smooth