Heredity

Genetics*

- the study of Genes and how they work
- This chapter is a lot about knowing your vocabulary

Genes

Genes are found on DNA and DNA make up chromosomes

- Genes are the information about how a protein is to be made
- During meiosis pairs of chromosomes split so each sex cell has one form of a gene for each trait.
- Trait is the expressed gene
- The different forms a gene may have for a trait are called alleles.

Where are genes located?*





Gregor Mendel*

- Called the father of Genetics*
- He was a monk in a monastery
- Studied peas an inherited traits in the 1860's





Gregor Mendel

Gregor Mendel's Work

- Gregor found it curious how traits were passed from one generation to the next.
- Mr. Mendel used pea plants for his experiments.
- Gregor cross pollinated a purebred tall pea plant with a purebred short Pea plant This is called the parental cross
 - The results of this cross were all tall peas.
 - These are called the *first* generation cross or the f1 generation*
- What is the f₁ generation?*





The F₁ generation.

- Gregor crossed to tall pea plants from this first cross
 - The results were 3 tall to one short
 - These are called the second generation f_2
- Gregor then crossed a purebred short with a crossed tall
 - Gregor found that ½ of the offspring were Tall and ½ of the offspring were short

What is the f₂ generation?*

Mendel used math to figure out what was going on. The use of probability to predict the possible results of a cross

- Probability is the mathematical likelihood that something will happen
- Examples:
 - 1/6 chance that you will roll a six when you roll a dice
 - When you flip a coin there is a 50% chance that you will roll heads and a 50% chance that you will roll tails
- probability can be applied to genetics

Probability

- The likelihood of a particular event occurring. Chance
- Can be expressed as a fraction or a percent.
- Example: coin flip.
- Heredity is a chance for each trait
 (explain)

Terminology

- Homozygous*
- Heterozygous*
- Genotype*
- Phenotype*

Know what each of these terms mean.*

- Mendel said that the results were the result of dominant and recessive traits
 - Dominant traits mask over the recessive*
 - Letters are used to represent the different alleles
 - Dominant traits are represented by capital letters and recessive are represented by lower case letter
 - Most cells have two alleles for every trait
 - If both alleles that an organism possess for a certain trait are the same they are homozygous TT, tt
 - If an organism has alleles that are different they are heterozygous Tt

Punnett Square*

- We will us a punnett square to help us figure probabilities
- Example: If a heterozygous Tall, Tt, plant was crossed with another heterozygous Tt plant Tt x Tt

Be able to use the punnett square*



Genotype & Phenotype

- Genotype is the genes that are present in the organism. Example TT, Tt or tt*
- Phenotype is how something looks on the outside, like Tall or short*

What is phenotype and what is genotype?

What Works for Peas Also Works for Humans



An albino woman

In the cross *Aa* x *Aa*, where *A* is a dominant gene for (standard) pigmentation and *a* is a recessive allele for no pigmentation (albinism), ³/₄ of offspring will be normal and ¹/₄ will be albino.

Incomplete dominance

- genes are neither dominant or recessive and they express themselves equally
- Example would be when red and white fouro-clocks were crossed they produced pink four-o-clocks
 - RR x R'R'
 - Equal expression of the genes



Blood type & incomplete dominance

 Type A and Type B blood are dominant to Type O blood
 If AO x BO



 The resulting phenotypes would be one AB to one AO to one BO to one OO

Multiple Alleles

Many genes are present in 3 or more versions (alleles) – this is known as multiple alleles.

The human ABO blood group is determined by three alleles $(I^A, I^B, and i)$ of a single gene.

Blood type Surface proteins on red blood cells Α в AB





no surface protein

Codominance

The human ABO blood group illustrates another genetic phenomenon – codominance.

Codominance occurs when the phenotype associated with each allele is expressed in the heterozygote. Blood type Surface proteins on red blood cells





The AB AB phenotype (genotype I^A I^B) is an example of codominance





no surface protein

Question

- Little Bobby's blood type is A
- His mom has type O
- What are two possible genotypes for his father?
- Hint:
 - Punnett Squares
 - We get half our alleles from one parent

Polygenic inheritance

- occurs when a group of gene pairs act together to produce a single trait
 - Example; height, body build, shape of eyes, lips, ears, hair color, finger prints

Genetic Disorders

 Homozygous Recessive genetic disorders

- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Cystic Fibrosis

Name two homozygous recessive disorders.*

Cystic Fibrosis

- Most common U.S. lethal genetic disorder
- Recessive
- 1 in 25 Caucasians carries it
 A carrier if single allele
 Afflicted if two copies of allele
 Overly thick mucous

Dominant Disorders

- Single or both alleles will give disorder
- Some are lethal—how can these exist?
 - Disorders occur late in life (after reproduction)
 - Huntington's disease
 - Some Alzheimers

How sex determination works

- You receive a sex chromosome from your father and a sex chromosome from your mother.
- The mother gives an X sex chromosome and the Father gives an X or a Y sex chromosome
- If you received an X chromosome from your dad you're a girl, if you received a Y chromosome from your dad you're a boy.

Sex linked disorders

- These are disorders that are linked to the X sex chromosome
- Males get the sex linked disorders
 most often





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Examples of sex linked disorders

- These genetic disorders are caused by a recessive allele on the X chromosome

 Color blindness
 - Hemophilia

Name two sex linked disorders.*

Example of a sex linked characteristic Color blindness if a woman who caries color blindness marries a normal man, what is the chance that their boy will be colorblind? X_NX_n x XNY

 The results would be ½ of the boys would be color blind
 X_N

Pedigree

is a tool used for tracing the occurrence of a trait in a family

 Page 140 in your book gives examples of pedigree



 I normal male
 A family:

 whirling male
 Image: two parents

 normal female
 Image: two parents

 whirling female
 Image: their three kids



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