

General Biology 1

BIO1101

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<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical Ranges</u>
A	93-100
A-	90-92.9
B+	87-89.9
B	83-86.9
B-	80-82.9
C+	77-79.9
C	70-76.9
D	60-69.9
F	59.9 and below

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Grade Breakdown:

Exams (4): 20% Each

Quizzes: 20% Average

Recap: Lecture 23

1. DNA Compaction/Condensation:

Human genome spans 2 meters, fits into nucleus (5-8 μm diameter)

Active genes **500X** compacted, Inactive mitotic DNA (**10,000X**)

2. Histone Core Complex: Octomer 8 Proteins (2- H2A, H2B, H3, H4)

DNA double helix – 2 nm

Nucleosome “Beads on a string” – 11 nm (~200 bp)

147 bp (1.65 turns) around histone core – 6X compaction

Chromatin fiber – 30 nm (H1) – 40 X compaction

Loops (300 nm) – 500X compaction

Chromatid 700 nm – 10,000 X compaction

3. Chromosome Organization:

A. Chromosome vs chromatid

B. p arm, q arm, centromere

C. Ori (replication), Telomeres (stabilization) TTAGGG

D. Heterochromatin/Euchromatin

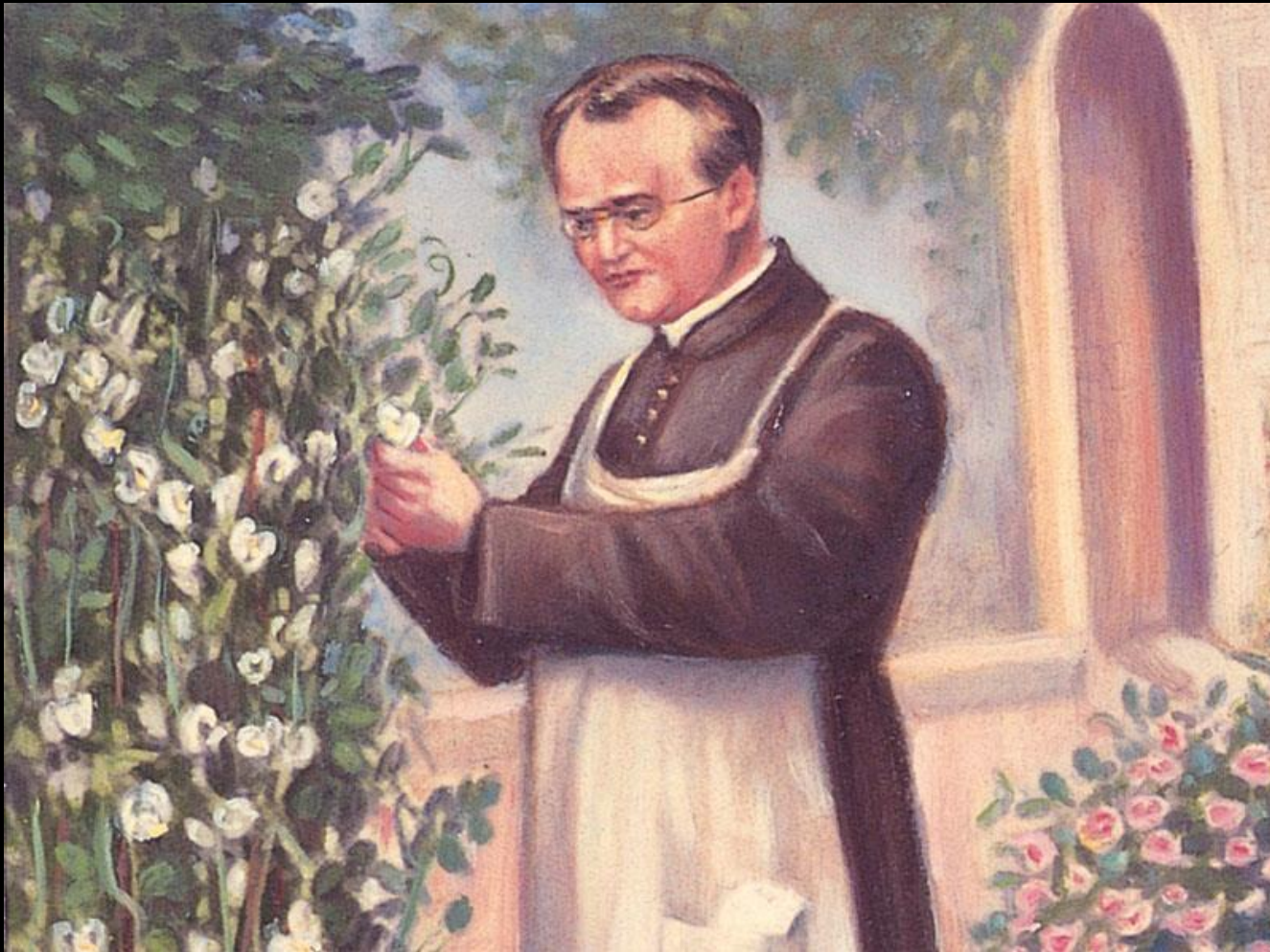
4. Epigenetics

1. Histone Code (M, A, P) – H3

2. X-chromosome inactivation (Barr bodies)

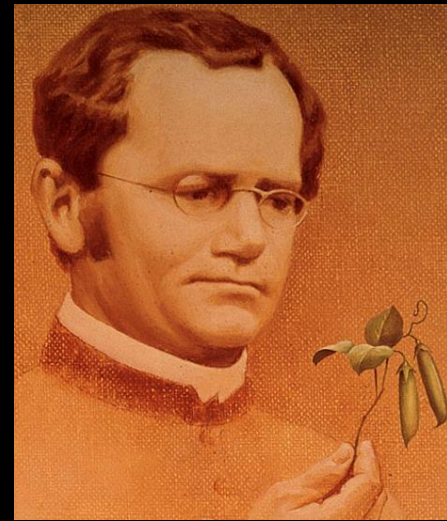


GENETICS



Gregor Mendel

- The “father” of modern Genetics (1850s and 1860s)
- Austrian monk
 - Studied science and mathematics at University of Vienna
 - Conducted breeding experiments with the garden pea *Pisum sativum*
 - Carefully gathered and documented mathematical data from his experiments
- Formulated fundamental **laws of heredity** in early 1860s
 - Had no knowledge of cells or chromosomes
 - Did not have a microscope



Blending Inheritance

- Theories of inheritance in Mendel's time:
 - Based on blending characteristics
 - Parents of contrasting appearance produce offsprings of intermediate appearance
- Mendel's findings were in contrast with this
 - He formulated the particulate theory of inheritance
 - Inheritance involves reshuffling of genes from generation to generation

Mendel's experimental procedure

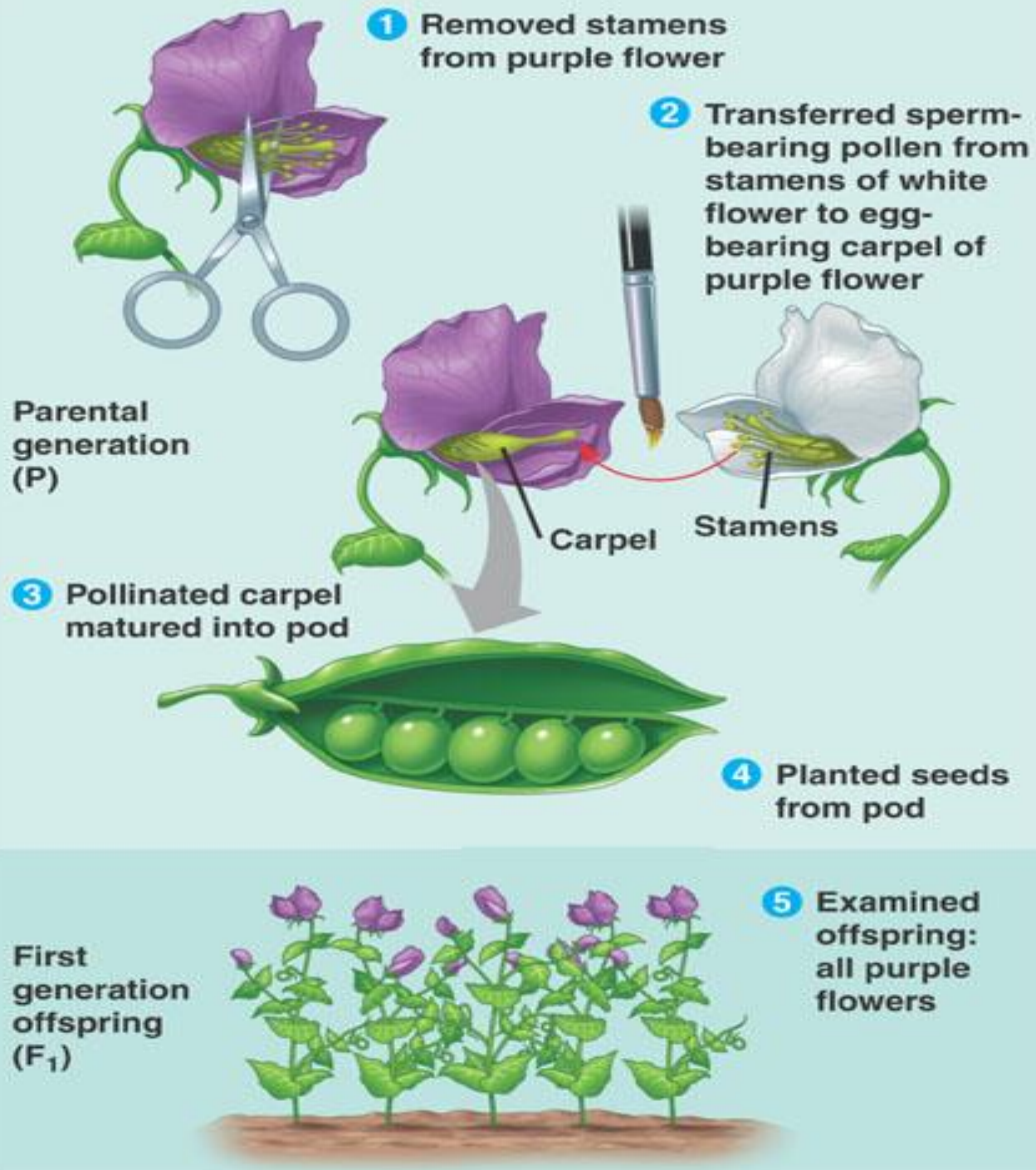


- Studied “heredity” by breeding pea plants
- Studied seven (7) traits and measured how they were passed on, generation by generation
- He envisioned “units” of inheritance, now known as **genes**.
- **Character** – a “heritable” feature that varies among individuals.
 - e.g. flower color, height
- **Trait** – each variant of a character (e.g. purple flowers, tall plants)
- **True-breeding (homozygous)** – plants that self-pollinate have NO variation for a particular trait

One-Trait Inheritance

- Mendel performed **cross-breeding** experiments
 - Used “true-breeding” (homozygous) plants
 - Chose varieties that differed in only one trait (monohybrid cross)
 - Performed reciprocal crosses
 - Parental generation = P
 - First filial generation offspring = F_1
 - Second filial generation offspring = F_2
 - Formulated the **Law of Segregation**
 - **How genes are passed during mating**

Mendel's Monohybrid Crosses: An Example



Mendel's Monohybrid Crosses: An Example

P Generation
(true-breeding parents)



Purple flowers

White flowers

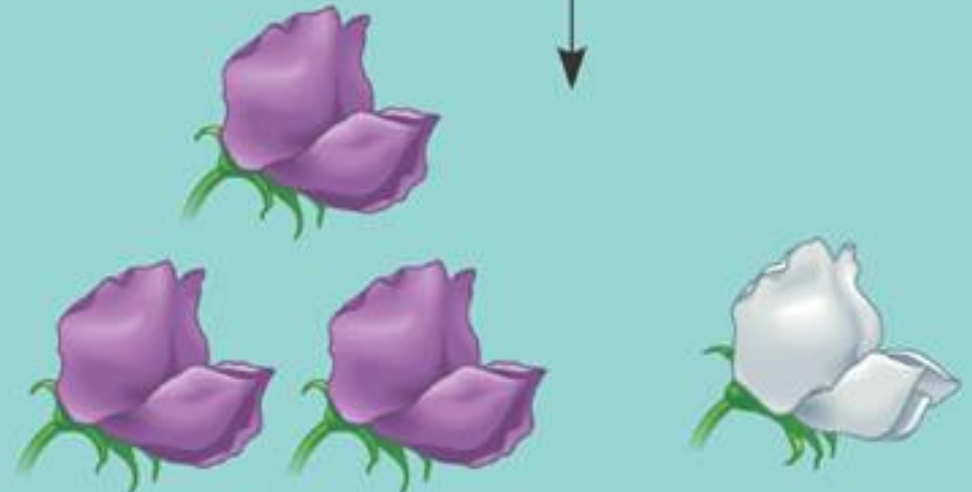
P – Purple (dominant)
p – White (recessive)

F₁ Generation
(hybrids)



All plants had purple flowers

F₂ Generation

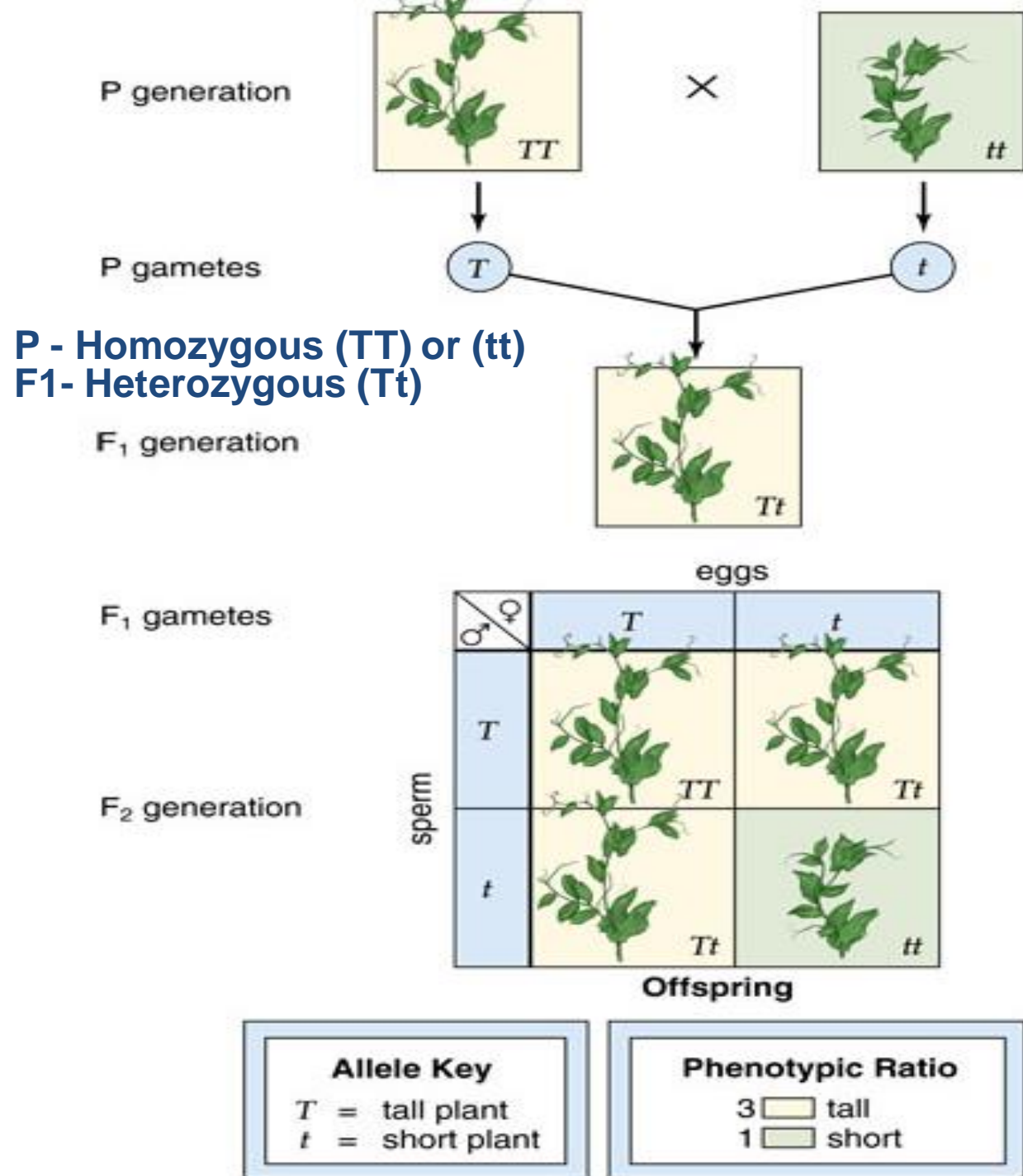


Punnet Square:

1: XX- Female
XY- Male

2: Pp X Pp

Mendel's Monohybrid Crosses: An Example





GG

X



gg

**True-Breeding
Parental (P)**



Gg

















F₁ Generation

	♀		
		G	g
♂	G	 GG	 Gg
	g	 Gg	 gg

F₂ Generation

Garden Pea Traits Studied by Mendel

Trait	Characteristics		F ₂ Results*	
	*Dominant	*Recessive	Dominant	Recessive
Stem length	Tall 	Short 	787	277
Pod shape	Inflated 	Constricted 	882	299
Seed shape	Round 	Wrinkled 	5,474	1,850
Seed color	Yellow 	Green 	6,022	2,001
Flower position	Axial 	Terminal 	651	207
Flower color	Purple 	White 	705	224
Pod color	Green 	Yellow 	428	152

*All of these produce approximately a 3:1 ratio. For example, $\frac{787}{277} = \frac{3}{1}$.

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Mendel's Monohybrid Crosses: An Example

Table 14.1 The Results of Mendel's F₁ Crosses for Seven Characters in Pea Plants

Character	Dominant Trait	×	Recessive Trait	F ₂ Generation Dominant:Recessive	Ratio
Flower color	Purple 	×	White 	705:224	3.15:1
Flower position	Axial 	×	Terminal 	651:207	3.14:1
Seed color	Yellow 	×	Green 	6022:2001	3.01:1
Seed shape	Round 	×	Wrinkled 	5474:1850	2.96:1
Pod shape	Inflated 	×	Constricted 	882:299	2.95:1
Pod color	Green 	×	Yellow 	428:152	2.82:1
Stem length	Tall 	×	Dwarf 	787:277	2.84:1

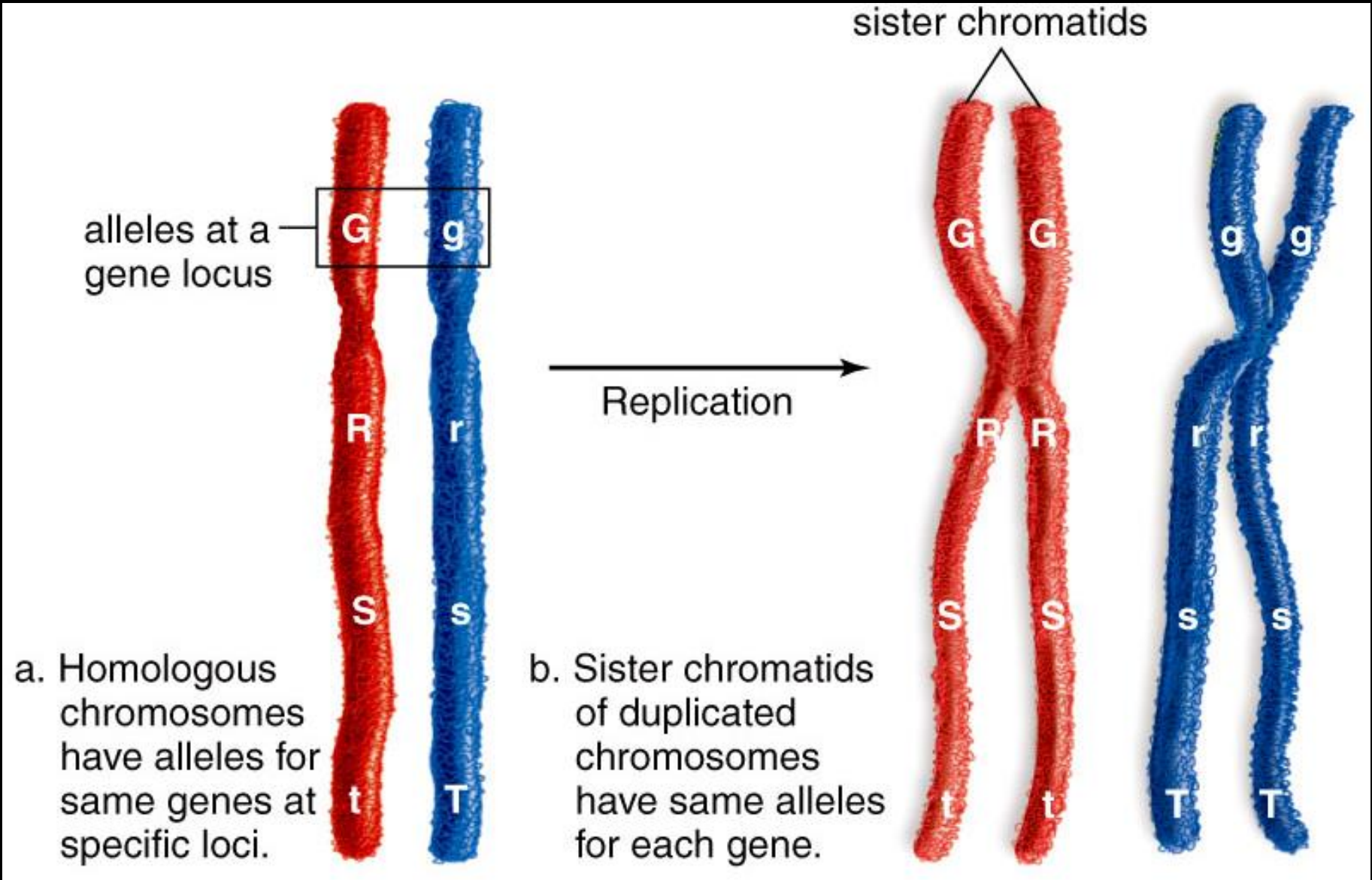
Law of Segregation

- So Mendel guessed that individuals actually carry TWO traits for each character, one from each parent
- But for each character, one trait is dominant to the other, so that if you have BOTH, only the dominant one is expressed. The “masked” trait is called recessive. In modern language...
- For every GENE, an individual has two ALLELES (one from each parent)
- If you have two of the SAME alleles, this would be true-breeding. Now called homozygous (PP).
- If you have two DIFFERENT alleles, called heterozygous (Pp), only the dominant one is expressed.

Modern Genetics View

- Each trait in a pea plant is controlled by two alleles (alternate forms of a gene)
- **Dominant allele (capital letter – P)** masks the expression of the **recessive allele (lower-case - p)**
- Alleles occur on a homologous pair of chromosomes at a particular **gene locus**
 - **Homozygous = identical alleles (PP)**
 - **Heterozygous = different alleles (Pp)**

Homologous Chromosomes

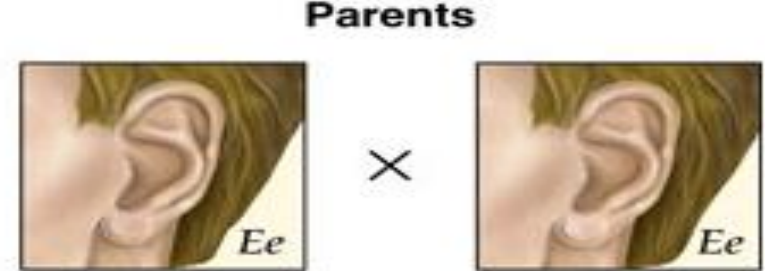


Genotype Versus Phenotype





- **Genotype** (what are the genes)
 - Refers to the two **alleles** an individual has for a specific trait
 - If identical, genotype is homozygous (**PP**) or (pp)
 - If different, genotype is heterozygous (**Pp**)
- **Phenotype** (what you see)
 - Refers to the **physical appearance** of the individual
 - (**PP**) or (**Pp**) **Purple** VS (pp) - white

Punnett Square

- Table listing all possible genotypes resulting from a cross
 - All possible sperm genotypes are lined up on one side
 - All possible egg genotypes are lined up on the other side
 - Every possible zygote genotypes are placed within the squares





eggs

♀	E	e
♂	E	e
E	 EE	 Ee
e	 Ee	 ee

sperm

Offspring

Allele Key	
E	= unattached earlobes
e	= attached earlobes

Phenotypic Ratio	
3	 unattached earlobes
1	 attached earlobes

Monohybrid Testcross [Blue vs Green]

- Individuals with **recessive** phenotype always have the **homozygous recessive** genotype (**bb**)
- However, Individuals with dominant phenotype have indeterminate genotype
 - May be homozygous **dominant** (**GG**) , or
 - Heterozygous (**Gg**)
- **Test cross determines genotype** of individual having **dominant** phenotype (**GG**) or (**Gg**)
 - You simply cross the individual to a pure-breeding (homozygous) **recessive** (**bb**)
 - If all offspring are the **dominant** phenotype (**GG**) or (**Gg**), then the unknown must have been homozygous
 - If they are $\frac{1}{2}$ **dominant** (**Gg**), $\frac{1}{2}$ **recessive** (**bb**), it was heterozygous.

One-Trait Test Cross



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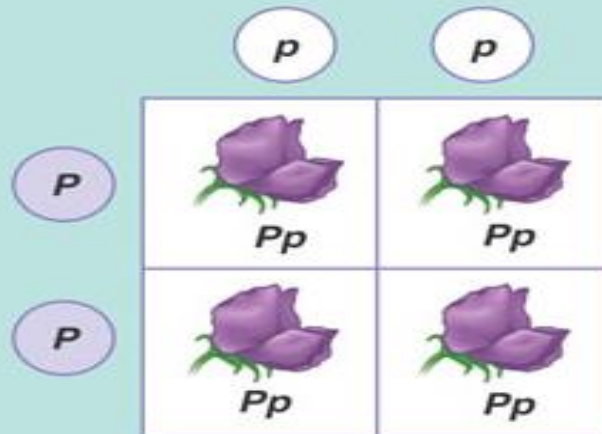


Dominant phenotype,
unknown genotype:
PP or *Pp*?

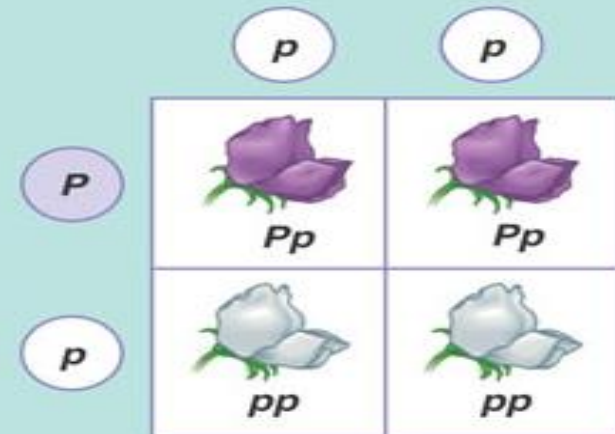
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Recessive phenotype,
known genotype:
pp

If *PP*,
then all offspring
purple:



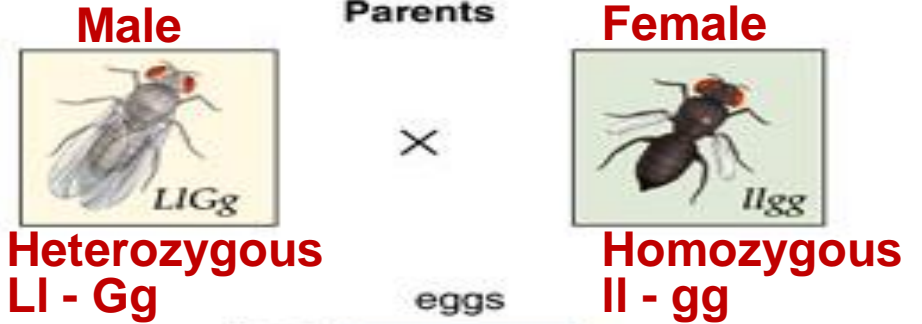
If *Pp*,
then 1/2 offspring purple
and 1/2 offspring white:







Two-Trait Inheritance

- Dihybrid cross uses true-breeding plants differing in **two traits** (**TtGg**)
 - Observed phenotypes among F_2 plants
 - Formulated **Law of Independent Assortment**
 - During gamete formation, each pair of alleles will segregate **INDEPENDENTLY** of all other alleles
 - All possible combinations of alleles can occur in the gametes

Two-Trait Test Cross



	♀		
	♂		
			<i>lg</i>
		<i>LG</i>	 <p><i>LIgG</i></p>
		<i>Lg</i>	 <p><i>Llgg</i></p>
		<i>lG</i>	 <p><i>llGg</i></p>
		<i>lg</i>	 <p><i>llgg</i></p>

Offspring

Allele Key
<p><i>L</i> = long wings</p> <p><i>l</i> = short wings</p> <p><i>G</i> = gray body</p> <p><i>g</i> = black body</p>

Phenotypic Ratio
<p>1 long wings, gray body</p> <p>1 long wings, black body</p> <p>1 short wings, gray body</p> <p>1 short wings, black body</p>

P Generation

YYRR  yyrr 

Gametes YR × yr

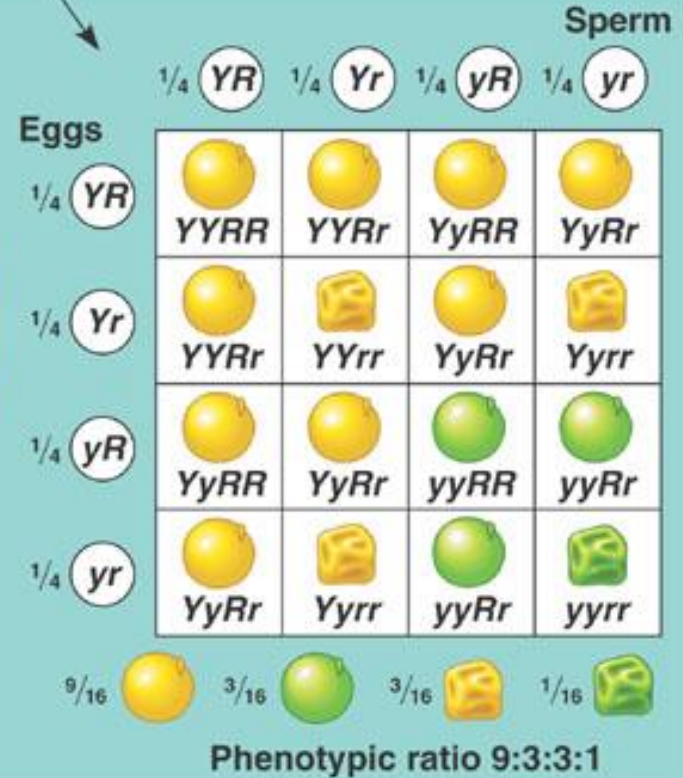
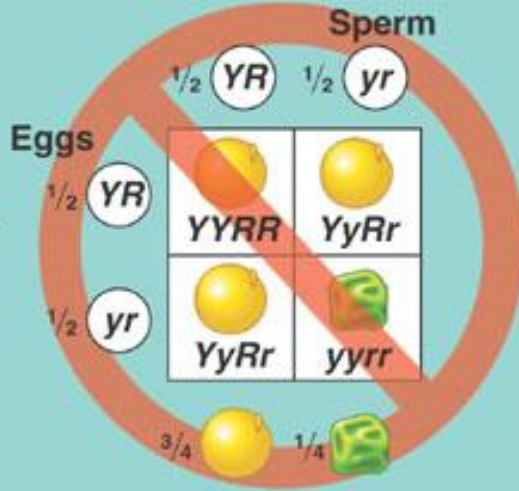
F₁ Generation

 YyRr

Hypothesis of dependent assortment

Hypothesis of independent assortment

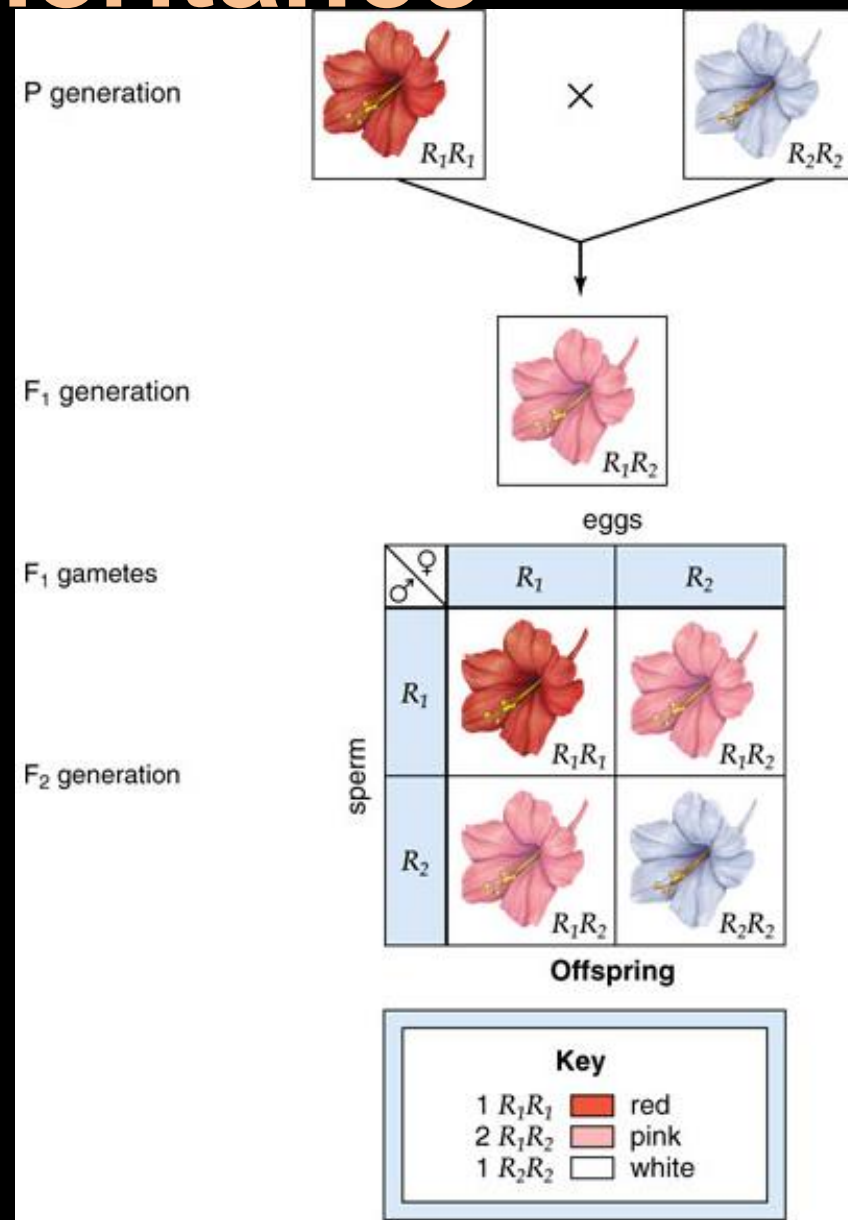
F₂ Generation (predicted offspring)



315  108  101  32  Phenotypic ratio approximately 9 : 3 : 3 : 1

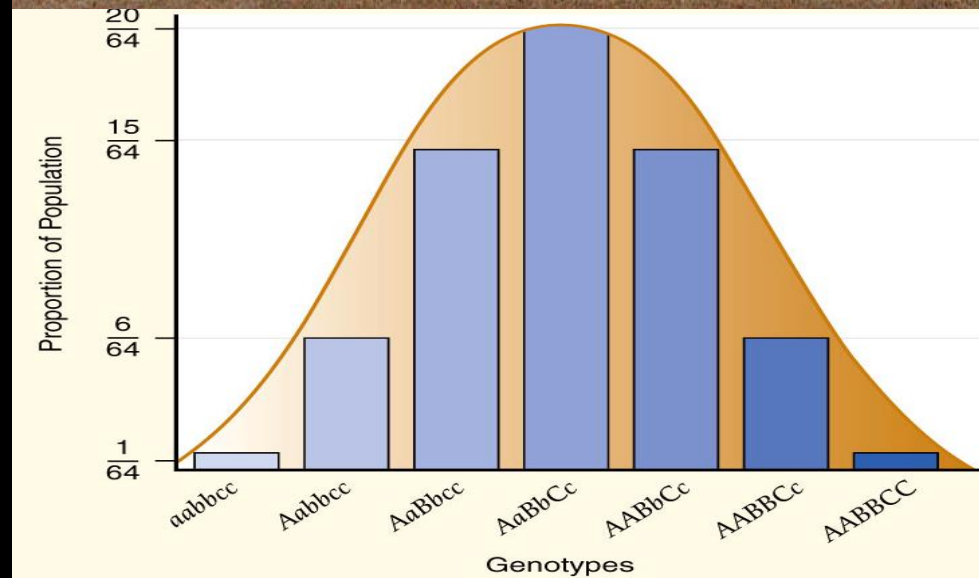
Incomplete Dominance -- Blending Inheritance

- Heterozygote has phenotype intermediate between that of either homozygote
 - Homozygous red has red phenotype
 - Homozygous white has white phenotype
 - Heterozygote has pink (intermediate) phenotype
- Phenotype reveals genotype without test cross



Polygenic Inheritance

- Occurs when a trait is governed by two or more genes having different alleles
- Each dominant allele has a quantitative effect on the phenotype
- These effects are additive
- Result in continuous variation of phenotypes



Nature vs. Nurture

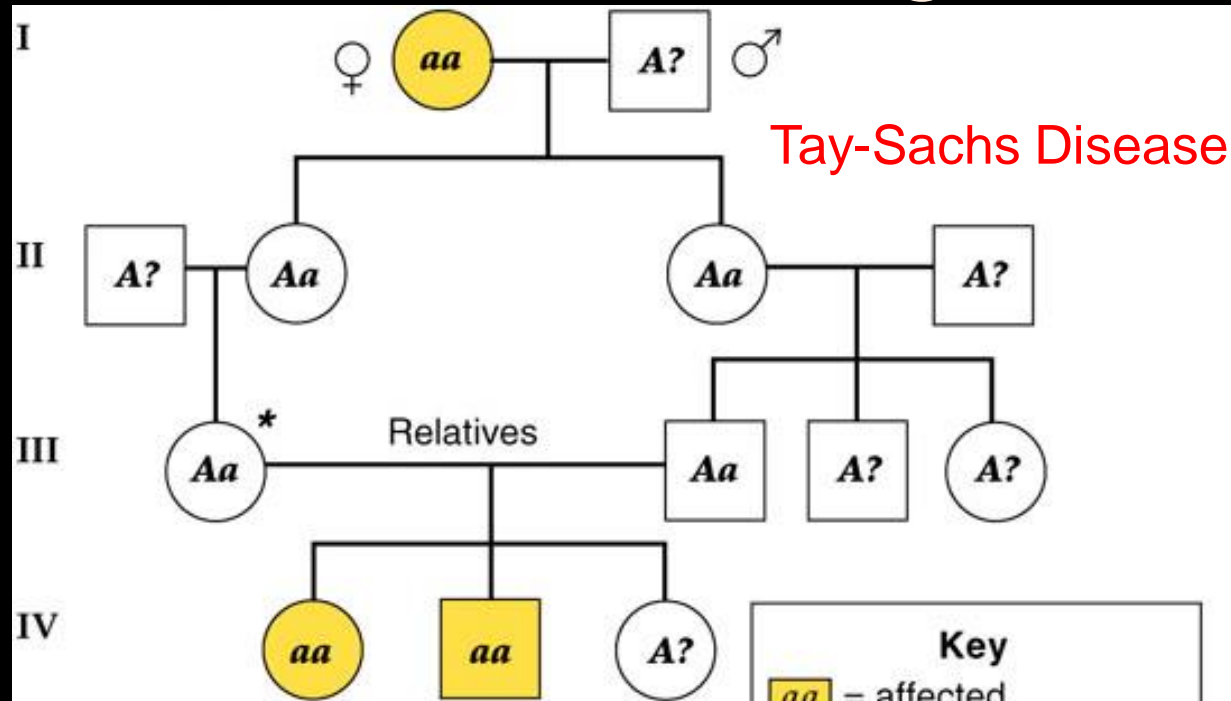
- Environment can influence the expression of genes, so phenotype is not always strictly dependent on genotype
 - E.g., identical twins have the same genes, but are NOT perfectly identical *Any Ideas How?*
- Genes often establish a **norm of reaction**, which is a range of possible phenotypes for a given genotype.
- So “nature” and “nurture” cooperate to establish phenotypes



Human Genetic Disorders

- **Autosome** - Any chromosome other than a sex chromosome
- Genetic disorders caused by genes on autosomes are called **autosomal disorders**
 - Some genetic disorders are autosomal dominant
 - An individual with AA has the disorder
 - An individual with Aa has the disorder
 - An individual with aa does NOT have disorder
 - Other genetic disorders are autosomal recessive
 - An individual with AA does NOT have disorder
 - An individual with Aa does NOT have disorder, but is a carrier
 - An individual with aa DOES have the disorder

Autosomal Recessive Pedigree Chart



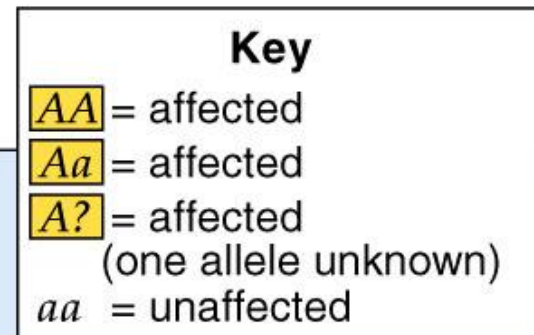
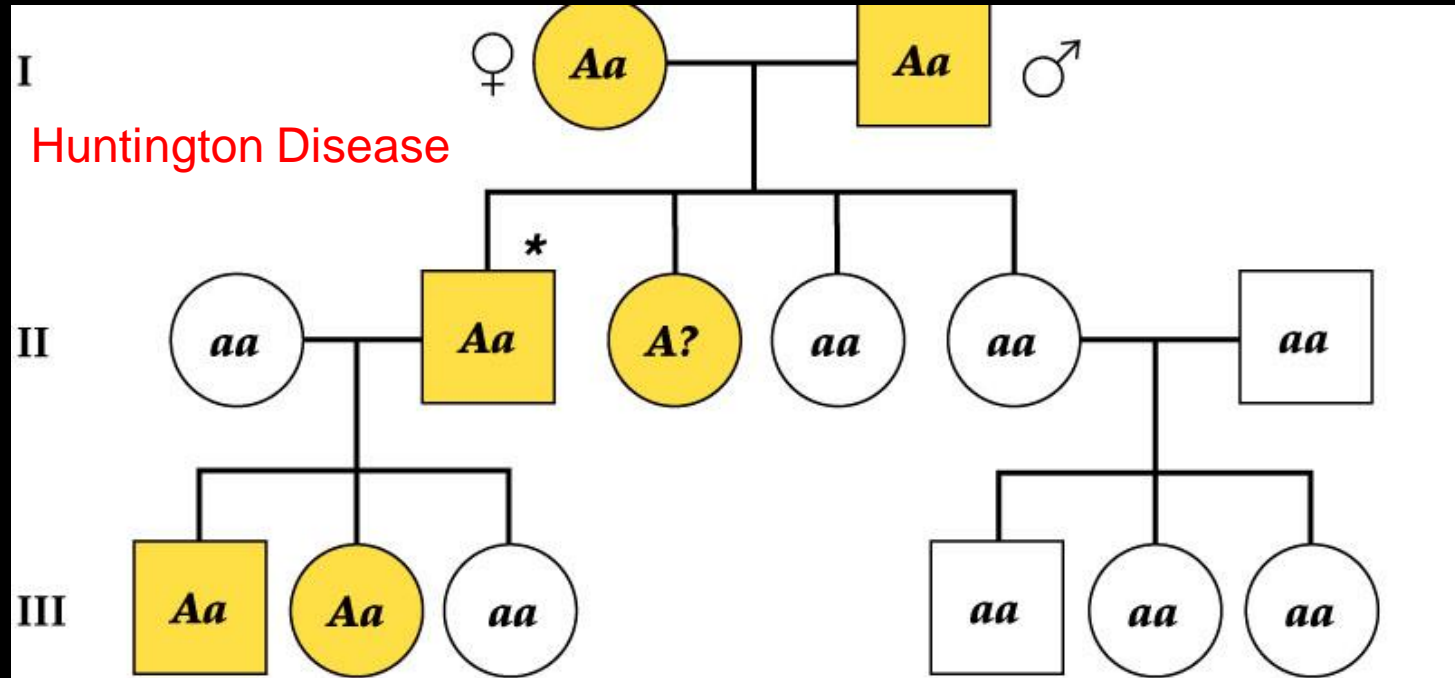
Autosomal recessive disorders

- Most affected children have unaffected parents.
- Heterozygotes (Aa) have an unaffected phenotype.
- Two affected parents will always have affected children.
- Affected individuals with homozygous unaffected mates will have unaffected children.
- Close relatives who reproduce are more likely to have affected children.
- Both males and females are affected with equal frequency.

Key

- aa = affected
- Aa = carrier (unaffected)
- AA = unaffected
- $A?$ = unaffected
(one allele unknown)

Autosomal Dominant Pedigree Chart



Autosomal dominant disorders

- Affected children will usually have an affected parent.
- Heterozygotes (Aa) are affected.
- Two affected parents can produce an unaffected child.
- Two unaffected parents will not have affected children.
- Both males and females are affected with equal frequency.

Probability

- Assortment of alleles into gametes is random
- Fertilization (which gametes) is random
- Probability = number of ways a certain event could occur divided by the total number of possible outcomes
 - If probability = 1, the event is CERTAIN to happen
 - If probability = 0, the event CANNOT happen
 - Everything in between is a fraction (or percent)
 - Example = flipping a coin: prob. of heads = $\frac{1}{2}$, prob. of tails = $\frac{1}{2}$
 - The probability of all outcomes adds up to 1

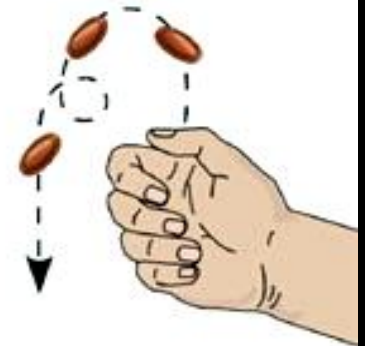
Rr

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Rr

Segregation of alleles into eggs

Segregation of alleles into sperm



Sperm



Eggs



<p>$\frac{1}{4}$</p>	<p>$\frac{1}{4}$</p>
<p>$\frac{1}{4}$</p>	<p>$\frac{1}{4}$</p>

Rules for Calculating Probability

So you don't have to use a Punnett square every time...

Rule of addition – If an outcome can occur two different ways, the two probabilities are **ADDED** to get the final probability

Usually involves an “OR” statement

Rule of Multiplication – The overall probability of two independent events occurring together equals the **PRODUCT** (multiplication) of their individual probabilities

Usually involves an “AND” statement

Terminology

- Pleiotropy
 - A gene that affects more than one characteristic of an individual (multiple phenotypic effects)
 - Sickle-cell (incomplete dominance)
- Codominance
 - More than one allele is fully expressed
 - ABO blood type (multiple allelic traits)
- Epistasis
 - A gene at one locus interferes with the expression of a gene at a different locus
 - Human skin color (polygenic inheritance)

Autosomal Recessive Disorders

- Tay-Sachs Disease
 - Progressive deterioration of psychomotor functions
- Cystic Fibrosis
 - Mucus in bronchial tubes and pancreatic ducts is particularly thick and viscous
- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
 - Lack enzyme for normal metabolism of phenylalanine

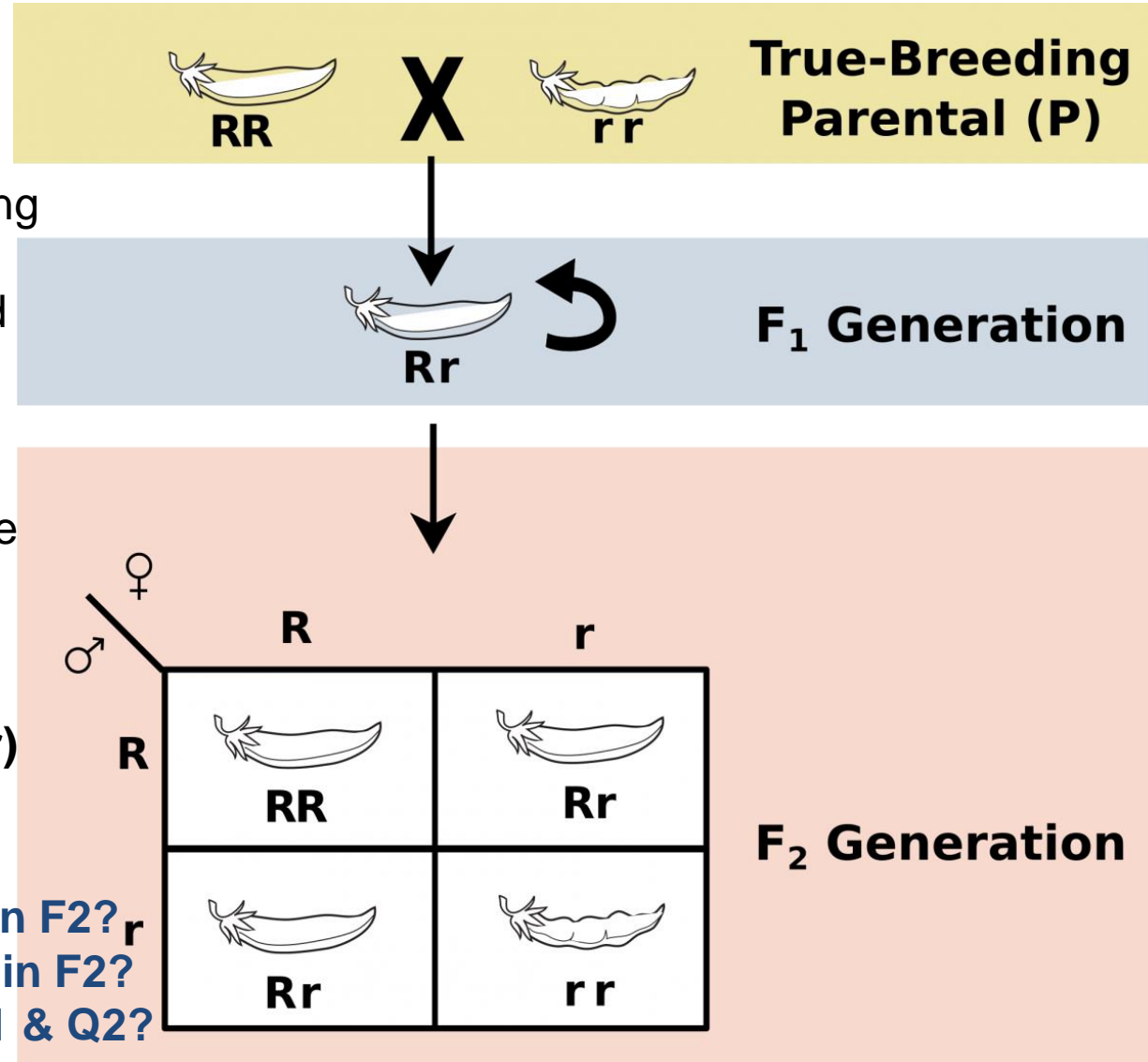
Autosomal Dominant Disorders

- Neurofibromatosis
 - Tan or dark spots develop on skin and darken
 - Small, benign tumors may arise from fibrous nerve coverings
- Huntington Disease
 - Neurological disorder
 - Progressive degeneration of brain cells
 - Severe muscle spasms
 - Personality disorders

2. Mendelian Genetics: Breeding

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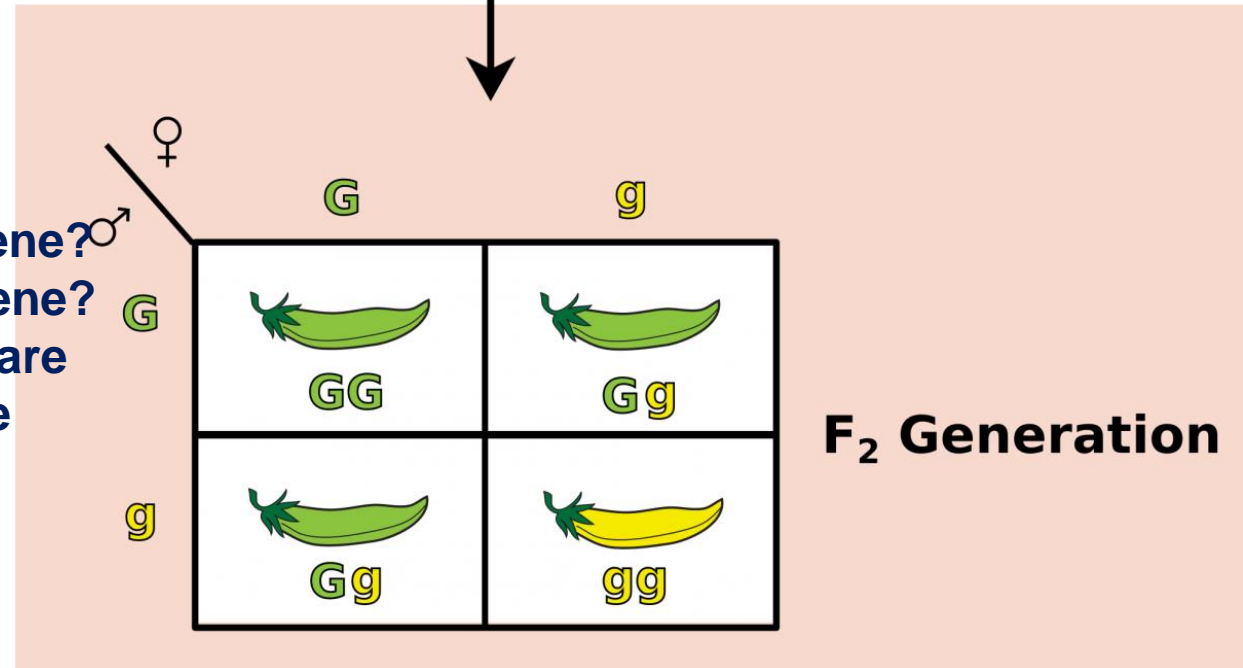
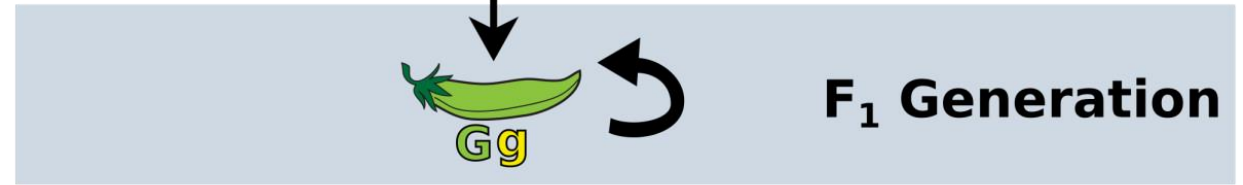
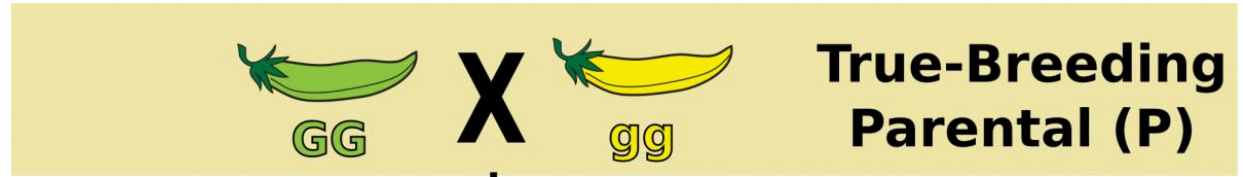
1. The **Punnett square** is a diagram that is used to predict an outcome of a particular cross or breeding experiment.
2. It is named after Reginald C. **Punnett**, who devised the approach.
3. The diagram is used by biologists to determine the probability of an offspring having a particular genotype.
4. **Homozygous (RR) or (rr)**
5. **Heterozygous (Rr)**



- Q1. How many Homozygous in F₂?
Q2. How many Heterozygous in F₂?
Q3. What are they for each Q1 & Q2?

Punnett Square: One Trait Cross

Dominant (G) versus Recessive (g) genes

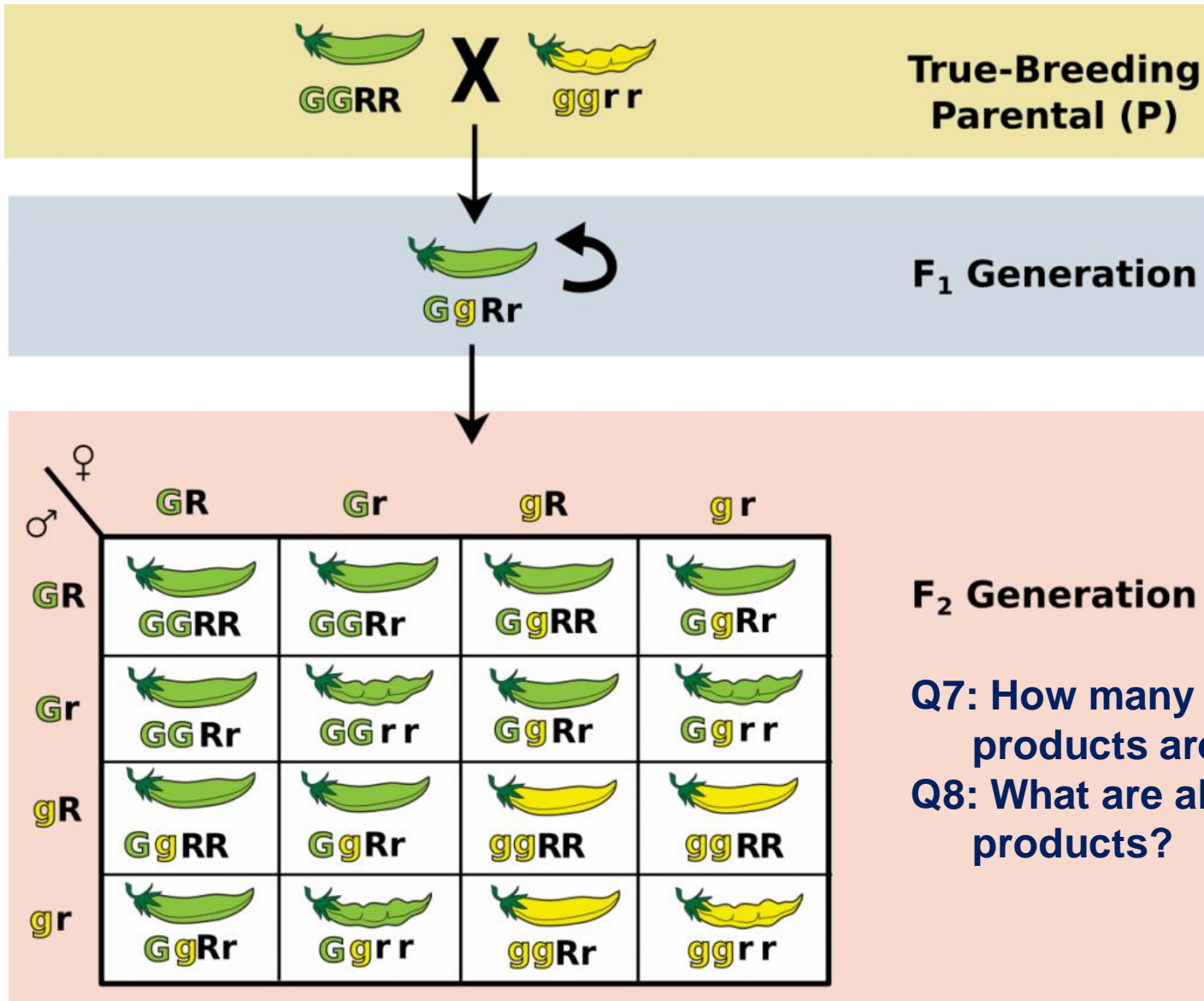


Q4: What is a dominant gene?

Q5: What is a recessive gene?

Q6: In this example, what are the dominant/recessive genes?

Punnett Square: The Two Trait Cross (Dihybrid Cross)



Q7: How many different products are there?

Q8: What are all the different products?

Probability Practice:

Consider this cross: $Rr \times Rr$

Think about the gametes that each could produce and assign a fraction to each

Fertilization occurs. What percentage would be...

RR ? Rr ? rr ?

What fraction would be the dominant phenotype?

Consider this cross: $Tt \times tt$

What fraction would be tt ?

What fraction would be the recessive phenotype?

Consider this cross: $GgEe \times GgEE$

What fraction would be $ggEE$?

What fraction would be $GgEe$?

What fraction would be $ggee$?