

## CHROMOSOMAL THEORY OF INHERITANCE

### The Theory:

Genes are located on chromosomes  
Chromosomes segregate and independently assort during meiosis

### Evidence:

#### Cytologists:

1879 - Mitosis worked out

1890 - Meiosis worked out

#### Geneticists:

1860 - Mendel proposed laws of segregation & independent assortment

1900 - Mendel's work rediscovered

#### Sutton & Boveri:

1902

Identified parallels b/w Mendel's factors & behavior of chromosomes

Work led to chromosomal theory of inheritance

## Linkage & Chromosome Maps

### Linkage:

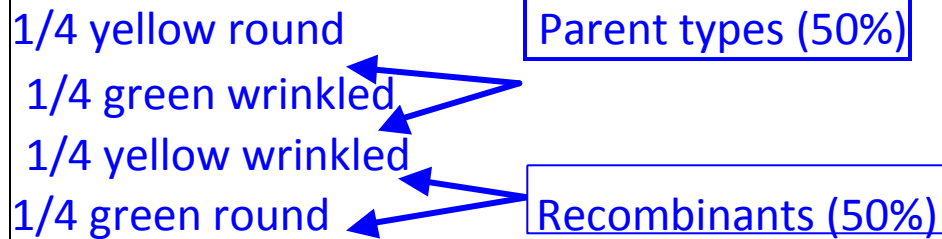
- Genes located on same chromosome are inherited together
- Do NOT assort independently

### Genetic Recombination:

Production of offspring with different traits than parents

### Recombination of Unlinked Genes

$YyRr \times yyrr$  (yellow round x green wrinkled)



### Recombination of Linked Genes

Gray normal winged fly x Black vestigial winged fly  
 $(b^+b\ vg^+vg)$   $(bb\ vg\ vg)$

$b^+$  = gray  
 $b$  = black

$vg^+$  = normal wings  
 $vg$  = vestigial wings

Phenotype	Expected if Unlinked	Expected if Linked	Actual
Black normal	575		206
Gray normal	575	1150	965
Black vestigial	575	1150	944
Gray vestigial	575		185
Total	2300	2300	2300

## Recombination Frequency

$$\frac{\text{\# of recombinants}}{\text{Total}} = \frac{206 + 185}{2300} = 17\%$$

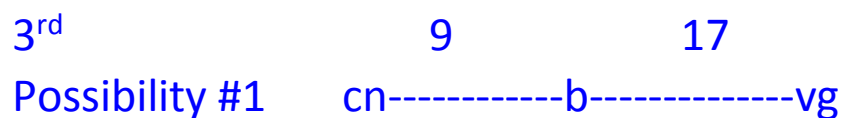
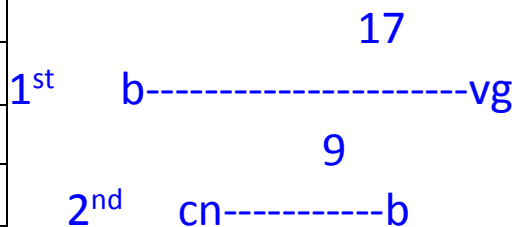
## Conclusion

- Genes are linked, but not totally
- Incomplete linkage is due to crossing over during meiosis

## Genetic Maps

Use recombination freq. to develop chromosome map

Data	
Loci	Recombination Frequency
b - vg	17%
cn - b	9%
cn - vg	9.5%



Conclusion – rule out possibility #2 because distance between b and vg is 17...cannot be 18.5; no double cross overs

## Sex Linkage Or X-linkage

<b>Males:</b> <b>XY</b>	<b>Females:</b> <b>XX</b>
<b>Sry Gene:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sex determination region</li> <li>On Y chromosome</li> <li>Triggers events that lead to testicular formation</li> </ul>	

### Sex Linked Disorders

Ex. Colorblindness  
 $X^N$  = normal vision  
 $X^n$  = colorblind

$X^N X^n$  x  $X^N Y$

	$X^N$	$X^n$
$X^N$	$X^N X^N$	$X^N X^n$
$Y$	$X^N Y$	$X^n Y$

- Colorblind son the  $X^n$  came from Mom
  - Affected males get  $X^n$  from Mom
- Affected females get one  $X^n$  from Mom and 1 from Dad • More males affected than females

Females XX

- 1 of X inactive (forms barr body)
- Inactivation happens during embryonic development
- Inactivation random • Females mosaics of 2 cell types
  - ▶ Parental X inactive
  - ▶ Maternal X inactive

**QUESTIONS:**

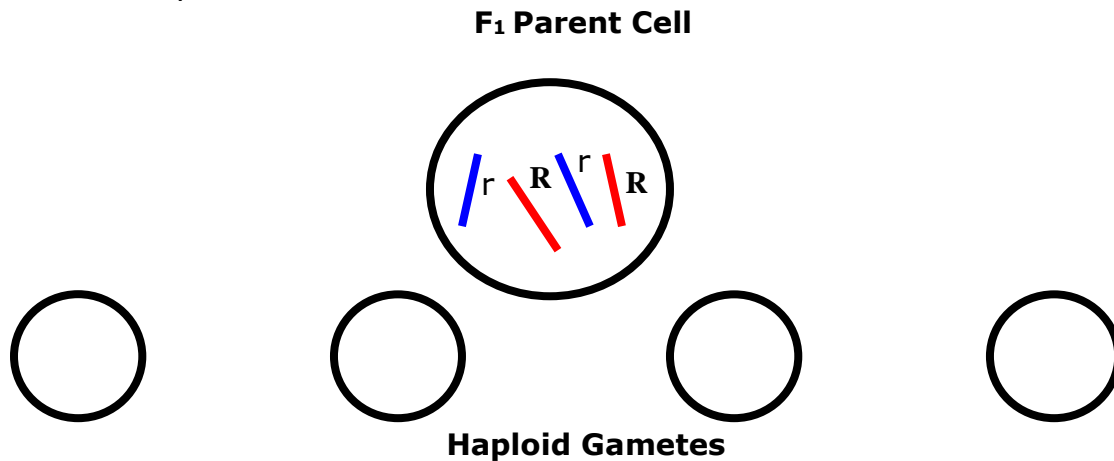
**15.1**

1. What is the *chromosome theory of inheritance*?

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2. Explain the *law of segregation*. Use two different colored pencils to illustrate the segregation of alleles. You may want to consult Figure 15.2 in your text, and model your sketches on this.



3. Explain the *law of independent assortment*. To demonstrate that you understand this concept, consider a cell with two pairs of chromosomes. Sketch the two different ways these chromosomes might be arranged during metaphase I.



4. Give three reasons fruit flies are great subjects for genetic studies.

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5. The notation for *wild type* and *mutant* traits follows some accepted conventions. Notate the following genotypes for a female fruit fly:

- a. a fly homozygous for red eyes \_\_\_\_\_
- b. a fly heterozygous for red eyes \_\_\_\_\_
- c. a fly homozygous for white eyes \_\_\_\_\_

6. When Thomas Hunt Morgan mated a white-eyed male fly with a red-eyed female, he came to the startling conclusion that the trait for eye color was located on the chromosome that determines sex. Show this cross. Begin with the parental generation, and go through the F<sub>2</sub>.

**parental generation**

**F<sub>1</sub> generation**

**F<sub>2</sub> generation**

7. What unusual result suggested that the eye-color trait is located on the X chromosome?

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**15.2**

8. Why is the human male considered to be the heterogametic sex?

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Why is the human female the homogametic sex?

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9. What is the function of the *SRY* gene?

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Where is it found? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Define sex-linked disorders and give examples of those found in humans.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Examples: \_\_\_\_\_

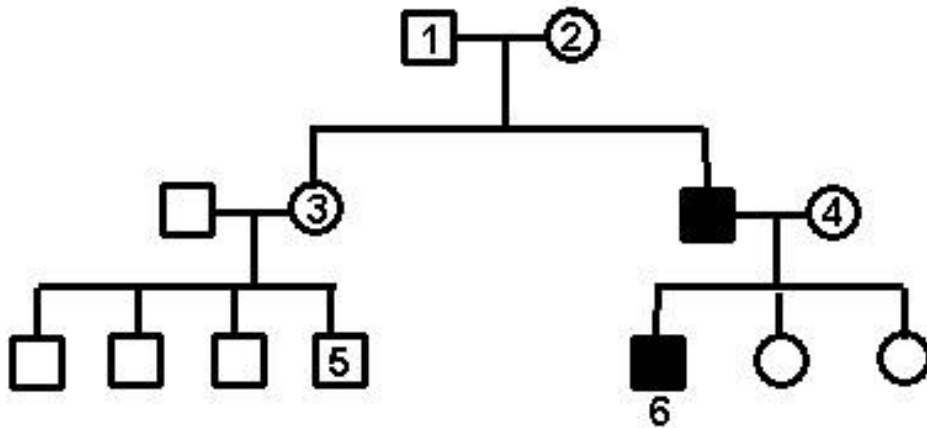
11. From which parent do sons get their sex-linked alleles? \_\_\_\_\_

From which parent do daughters get their sex-linked alleles? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Why do sex-linked disorders appear more often males than in females?

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13. Two normal color-sighted individuals produce the following children and grandchildren. Determine the probable genotype for the indicated individuals. Remember colorblindness is a sex-linked trait.  $X^N$  = normal allele;  $X^n$  = colorblind allele; XX = female; XY = male.



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14. A woman is a carrier for a sex-linked lethal gene that causes spontaneous abortions. She has nine children. How many of these children do you expect to be boys?

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15. The normal daughter of a man with hemophilia marries a man who is normal for the trait.

a. What is the probability that a daughter will be a hemophiliac?

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b. What is the probability that a son will be a hemophiliac?

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d. If the couple has four sons, what is the probability that all four sons will be born with hemophilia?

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16. Red-green color blindness is caused by a sex-linked recessive allele. A colorblind man marries a woman with normal vision whose father was colorblind.

a. What is the probability that they will have a color-blind daughter?

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b. What is the probability that their first son will be color-blind. NOTE: This question is worded slightly different from the first.

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17. What are Barr bodies?

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18. Explain what it means when females are referred to a mosaic of two cell types?

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What are two examples of this mosaicism in females?

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### 15.3

19. What are *linked genes*? Do linked genes sort independently? Explain

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20. If two genes are linked on the same chromosome, we call this combination the *parental combination*. These genes will be transmitted as a unit and will not sort independently. However, during meiosis, *crossing over* occurs between homologous chromosomes, and the linked genes can become "unlinked." In general, the farther two genes are from each other along the chromosome, the more often they will come "unlinked." *Genetic recombination* is the process during which linked genes become unlinked. What do geneticists call the offspring that show these new combinations?

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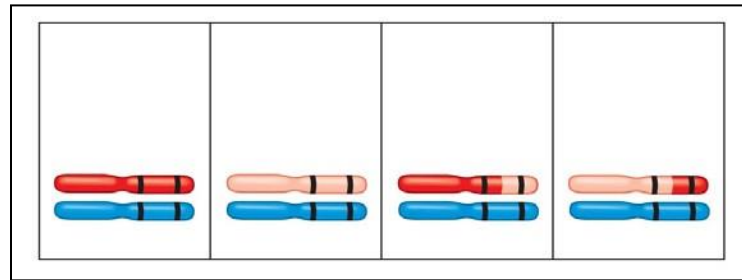
21. *Alfred H. Sturtevant*, a student of Thomas Hunt Morgan, used assumptions from observations of crossovers to map genes. What is a *linkage map*?

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22. What is a *map unit*? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Use the figure below, which is from Figure 15.10. It shows the results of a cross between a fruit fly that is heterozygous for gray body with normal wings, and a fruit fly that has a black body with vestigial wings. Because these genes are linked, the results are not what might have been predicted. Show the phenotypes and number of each type of offspring. Indicate which offspring are the recombinants and which are the parental type. Finally, calculate the map distance between the two genes. Show all your work here.



24. A wild-type fruit fly (heterozygous for gray body color and normal wings) was mated with a black fly with vestigial wings. The offspring gave the following distribution: wild type, 778; black-vestigial, 785; black-normal, 158; gray vestigial, 162.

a. What are the genotypes of the recombinants?

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b. What is the recombination frequency between the genes for body color and wing type? Show your work.

25. In guinea pigs, black (B) is dominant to brown (b), and solid color (S) is dominant to spotted (s). A heterozygous black, solid-colored pig is mated with a brown, spotted pig. The total offspring for several litters is:

Black solid	16	Black spotted	5
Brown solid	5	Brown spotted	14

a. Calculate the recombination frequency for the cross. Show your work.



- a. Calculate the recombination frequency for each cross. Show your work.

Cross #1 Calculations	Cross #2 Calculations

Cross #3 Calculations	Cross #4 Calculations

- b. Are all four genes found on the same chromosome? Explain.

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- c. For the genes that are found on the same chromosome, in what sequence are they found on the chromosome?

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**15.4**

28. Define nondisjunction.

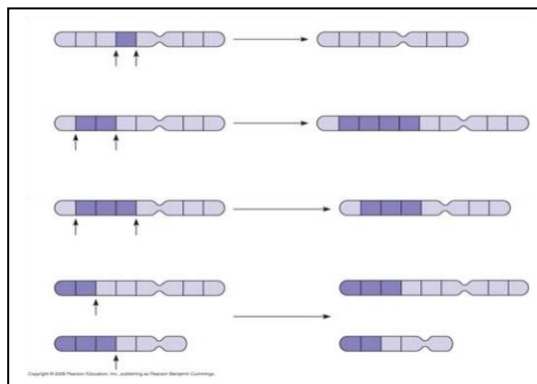
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29. Identify the type of chromosomal alteration being described in each of the following statements. Use the key below to indicate your answers.

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| A. Aneuploidy  | B. Deletion      |
| C. Duplication | D. Inversion     |
| E. Polyploidy  | F. Translocation |

- \_\_\_\_\_ A piece of a chromosome breaks off and is lost
- \_\_\_\_\_ A piece of a chromosome breaks off and reattaches to the same chromosome, but in a reversed orientation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An extra chromosome
- \_\_\_\_\_ An extra complete set of chromosomes
- \_\_\_\_\_ A piece of chromosome 5 breaks off and attaches to chromosome 7
- \_\_\_\_\_ A piece of a chromosome breaks off and attaches to the end of its sister chromatid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An individual with a  $2n+1$  chromosome number
- \_\_\_\_\_ An individual with a  $4n$  chromosome number
- \_\_\_\_\_ The gene sequence on chromosome is ABCDEFG before the alteration and a sequence of ADCBEFG after.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The gene sequence on a chromosome is ABCDEFG before the alteration and ABCDABCDEF after.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The gene sequence on a chromosome is ABCDEFG before the alteration and ABCDEF after.

18. Chromosome structure can be altered in several ways. Label each type of alteration (deletion, duplication, inversion, translocation) shown in this figure, and explain what occurs.



18. What is the relationship between maternal age and the incidence of Down's syndrome? What are the four characteristics of this syndrome?

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19. Complete the following chart comparing the types of human disorders or syndromes related to chromosomal abnormalities.

Name of Disorder or Syndrome	Chromosomal Alternation Involved	Symptoms or Associated Traits
	Trisomy 21	
		Sterility, small testes, feminine body contours, normal intelligence or mental retardation
Turner Syndrome		
	Deletion in Chromosome 5	
Metafemales		
CML		

**15.5**

20. Define genomic imprinting

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21. What evidence is used to support genomic imprinting occurs?

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28. Although you inherited one chromosome of each pair from your mother and your father, you have inherited a group of genes from your mother only. What genes are these? \_\_\_\_\_

29. You should have identified mitochondrial DNA as the correct response to question 28 above. What other organelle has its own genes? These are *extranuclear genes*. \_\_\_\_\_

22. Is the following statement true or false? "All the genes that are found in your cells are located in the nucleus on the chromosomes." Provide evidence to support your answer.

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## End of Chapter Synthesis and Evaluation Problems

1. Answer question 18 on page 304.

\*\*\*Question #18 should be typed out, then answered in no more and no less than 100 to 150 words. Turn in separately to the tray. This is worth **20 points!** Do not plagiarize. Use your own words and thoughts...but, use vocabulary terms and ideas taught in this chapter!

### Study Guide/ISN (20 points)

1. In your study guide book, review pages 110 to 113. In your ISN, go back to the following: **Chapter 15 Chromosomal Basis of Inheritance Must Know!** In one color, copy down the must know items listed on page 110 in study guide leaving space underneath to include in a different color a brief description, diagram, model, or mnemonic device that will help you study for the unit test and more importantly the AP Test in May.
2. **TEST PREP (covers chapters 13-15):** Answer Topic 4 questions on page 114-118 in study guide. Then, correct your answers. Pay special attention to any questions you missed and write a short explanation next to your wrong answer that explains the correct answer. This will really help you in seeing what you do and don't know, as well as, help you with retention of material.

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1. Chromosomal Inheritance (Big Idea 3)