

Biology 121: Midterm #1

Chromosomes: Holds DNA to encode for hereditary traits. A gene is a subunit of DNA.
 "Unreplicated": single long DNA wrapped around proteins (double helix)
 "Replicated": two copies of same chromosome → sister chromatids.

Cell Cycle:

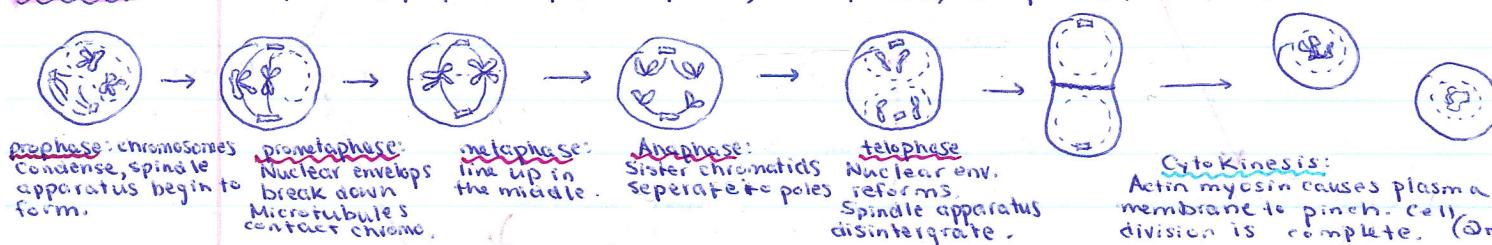
Interphase - DNA found within the nucleus associated with proteins called histones.
 Material is called chromatin (uncondensed) cell is either growing and preparing to divide or is fulfilling cell function.

- $G_1 \rightarrow$ organelles replicate, cytoplasm increased.
- $S \text{ phase} \rightarrow$ DNA is replicated
- $G_2 \rightarrow$ grows more, prepares for mitosis.

Division - Mitosis and cytokinesis to form two new cells.

Monohybrid = between heterozygous alleles
 $3:1$ phenotypic
Dihybrid = between two heterozygous alleles, $9:3:3:1$ phenotypic

Mitosis: 5(N) subphases; prophase \rightarrow prometaphase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase.



Cytokinesis:
 Actin myosin causes plasma membrane to pinch. Cell division is complete. ($2n \rightarrow 2n$)

Definitions: **Kinetochore** = where microtubules attach to sister chromatids. **Centrioles**: bundle of microtubules. **Mitosis-promoting factor (MPF)** = induces mitosis in all eukaryotes - cyclin-trigger. **Cdk** = catalyses. Builds up during interphase - negative feedback. Shuts down by complex activated by mitosis. **G₁ checkpoint**: Check size, enough cytoplasm, organelles. Nutrients must be sufficient. Social signals are present. DNA must be undamaged. **p53** = tumor suppressor. **G₂ checkpoint**: Chromosome have replicated successfully, DNA is undamaged, so if no MPF is present. **Metaphase checkpoint**: chromosomes are attached to spindle fibers. Oncogenes \rightarrow stimulates cell division because it codes for a protein.

Cancer: caused by cells that divide uncontrollably, invade new tissues, spread. **Cell-cycle checkpoint fails**: proteins required for cell growth is active when it shouldn't, or a defect that prevents tumor suppressors. **Benign** \rightarrow mass of cells, non-cancerous, non-invasive, grow slower, fast. **Malignant** \rightarrow cancerous, invasive. Cells become cancerous when social controls fail. Cells divide without the go-ahead. Not in best interest of organism.

Meiosis: At the start same state as mitosis. Chromosomes replicate = two identical sisters!!!

Homozygous chromosomes (homologs) \rightarrow diploid organism. Similar in size and shape / DNA content. (Not identical) **Heterozygous chromosomes** = chromosomes that are joined together.

Steps

1. **Interphase:** chromosomes replicate/sister chromatids. **Homologous chromosome pair** in meiosis not mitosis. **Crossing over**: complex of proteins cut and reattach pieces of chromosomes to adjacent homologs. Some proteins are required for holding, cutting and glueing. **Independent Assortment**: Homologous chromosomes (paternal + maternal) separate randomly and independently of each other during meiosis. Variety of combinations. **Crossing over** \rightarrow results in genetic recombination, new combinations of alleles within a chromosome that did not exist in either parent.

2. **Prophase I:** spindle apparatus forms. **Nondisjunction**: Both homologs or both sister chromatids move to the same pole. Product is abnormal (trisomy, monosomy). Mendel and The Crone

1. **Principle of Segregation**: two members of each gene pair must separate into different gamete cells during the formation of egg and sperm. One allele of each gene.

2. **Principle of independent assortment**: alleles of different genes are transmitted independently of one another. * on non-homologous chromosomes.

Linked Gene: Do not assort independently but crossing over violates that Non-Mendelian Ratios:

- incomplete dominance \rightarrow blending in heterozygotes (mixed)
- codominance \rightarrow see product of both alleles in heterozygote (black + white)

* **Phenotypes depend on** (1) the individual's genotype and (2) physical surroundings.

Definitions: **Multiple allelism** \rightarrow more than two allele located on a locus

Polyorphism \rightarrow two or more phenotypes associated with a single gene are present.

Pleiotropy \rightarrow a single allele affects many traits. **Gene-by-Gene interaction** \rightarrow In discrete traits, phenotype associated with an allele depends on which alleles are present at another gene.

Gene-by-environment interaction \rightarrow Phenotype influenced by environment (Same genotypes can be associated with different phenotypes).

Polygenic inheritance of quantitative traits \rightarrow Many genes are involved in specifying traits that exhibit continuous variation.

Pedigrees (if males are much more likely to have a trait in question than females are, then the allele responsible is likely to be X-linked recessive. Y-linked genes inheritance is rare because so few genes occur on Y chromosome. Appearance of X-linked recessive traits skip a generation in pedigrees. More affected females than males is a good indication of a X-linked dominant

Result

haploid!!!