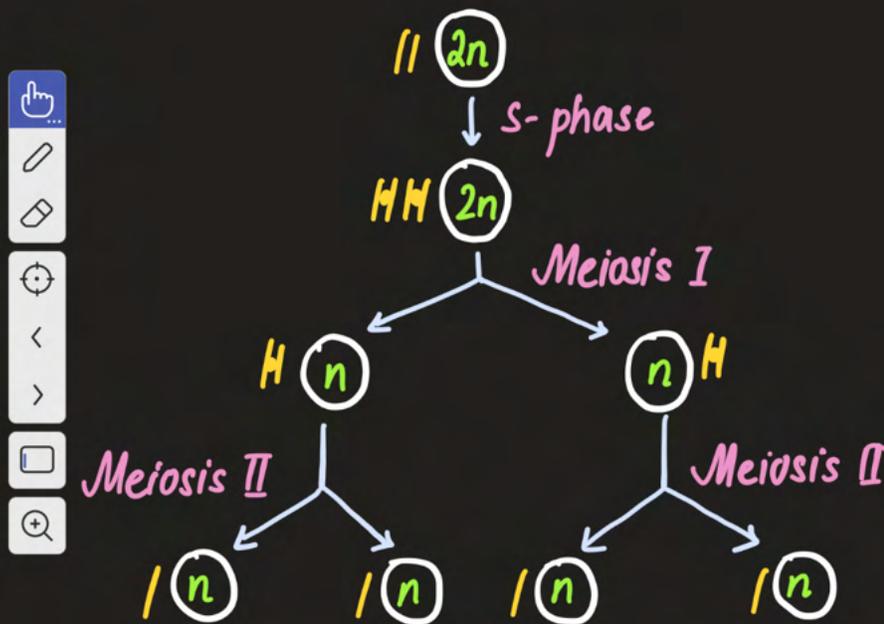


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MEIOSIS

$n \rightarrow$ no. of chromosomes



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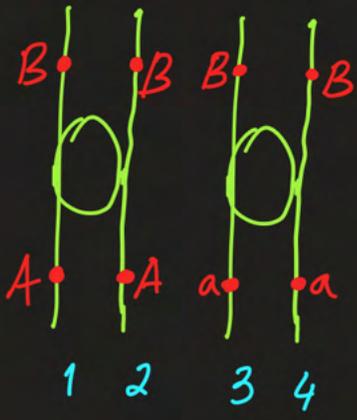


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Homologous chromosomes, sister chromatids & non-sister chromatids

A pair of chromosomes is homologous if:

- 1) same length
- 2) centromeres at the same position
- 3) same genes at each loci
- 4) which may have different alleles



Sister chromatids

- * 1 and 2 (genetically identical)
- * 3 and 4

non-sister chromatids

- * 1 and 3 (genetically non-identical)
- * 1 and 4
- * 2 and 3
- * 2 and 4

INHERITED CHANGE

HOMOLOGOUS CHROMOSOMES

* Two chromosomes are said to form a homologous pair if:

- a) they have the same length
- b) their centromeres are at the same position.
- c) they have the same genes at the same loci, but may have different alleles.

* A homologous pair of chromosomes may have different alleles of the same gene.

In such a case the organism will be heterozygous for that gene.

* *Sister chromatids* are genetically identical chromatids .



* *Non-sister chromatids* are genetically non-identical.



Meiosis

* Meiosis

Meiosis I

Meiosis II



* Meiosis I itself is subdivided into:



Prophase I



Metaphase I



Anaphase I



Telophase I



* Meiosis II itself is subdivided into:

Prophase II

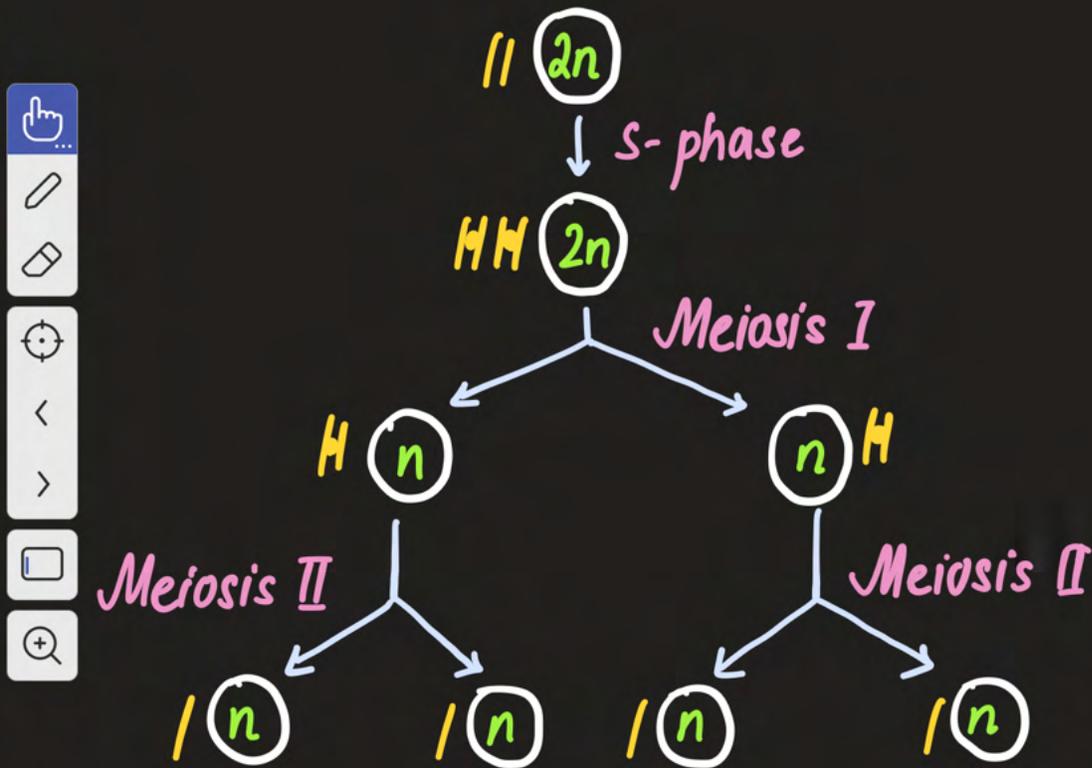
Metaphase II

Anaphase II

Telophase II

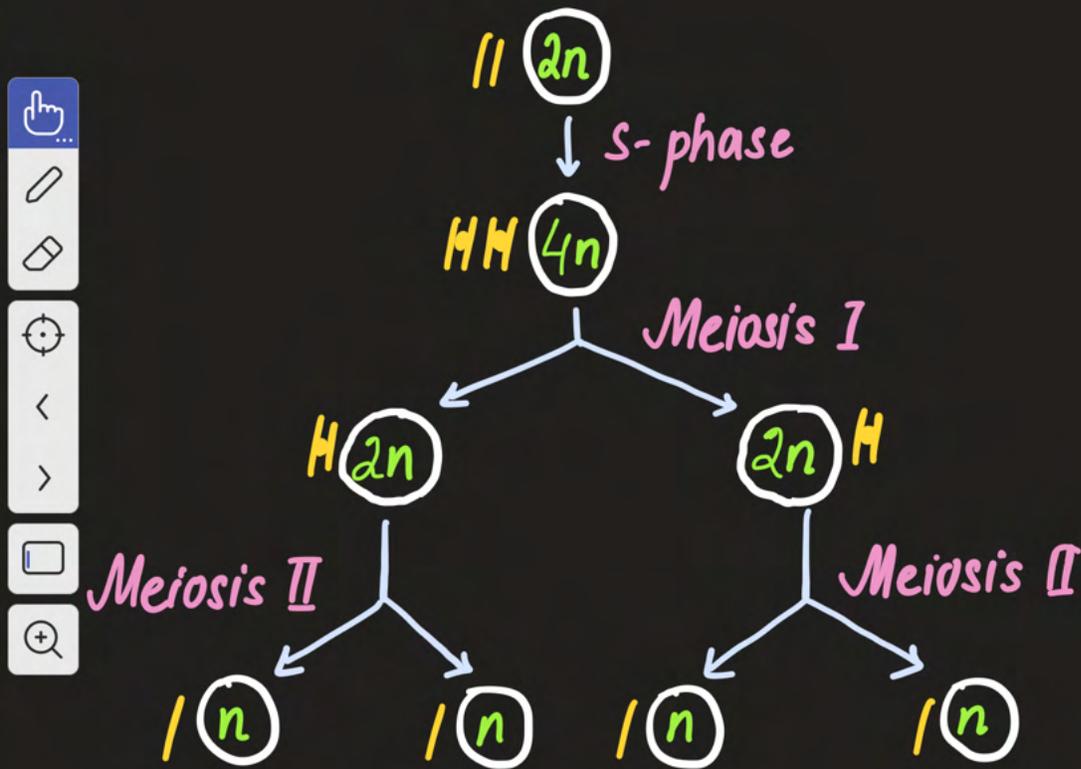
MEIOSIS

$n \rightarrow$ no. of chromosomes



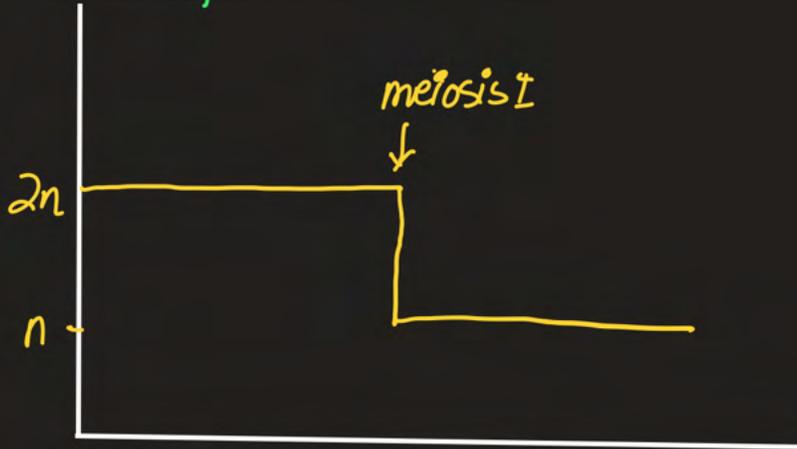
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$n \rightarrow$ no. of chromatids / DNA copies

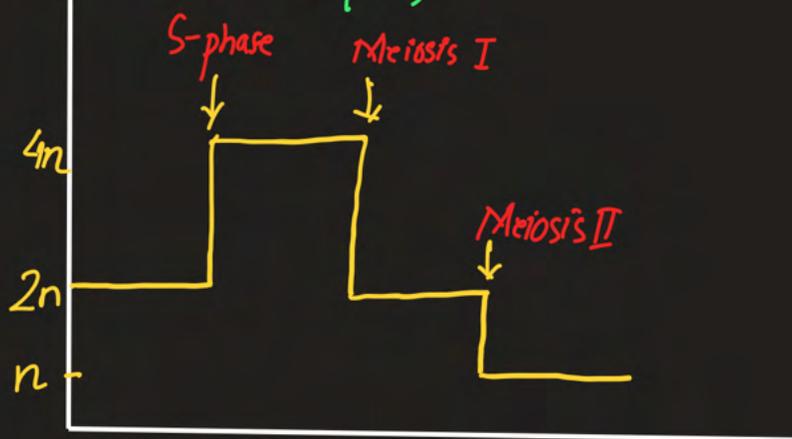


Meiosis

n - (no. of chromosomes)



n - (no. of DNA copies)



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- * Homologous chromosomes
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- Meiosis & genetic variation
- Fertilisation & genetic variation

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Meiosis

→ Meiosis

Meiosis I

Meiosis II



→ Meiosis I itself is subdivided into:

Prophase I

Metaphase I

Anaphase I

Telophase I

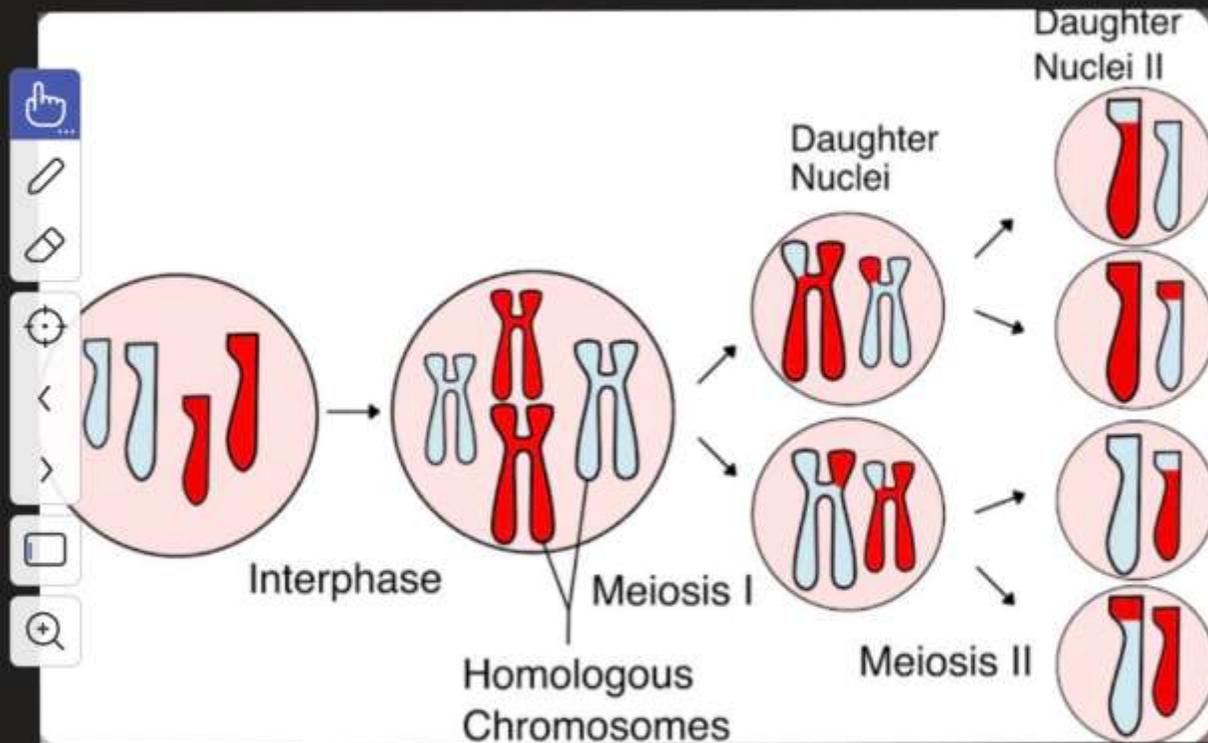
→ Meiosis II itself is subdivided into:

Prophase II

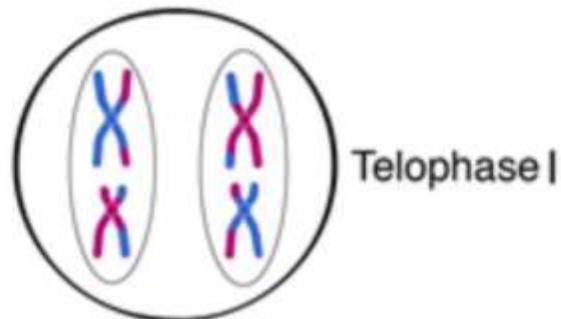
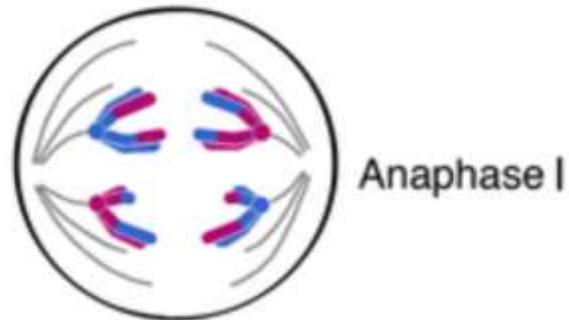
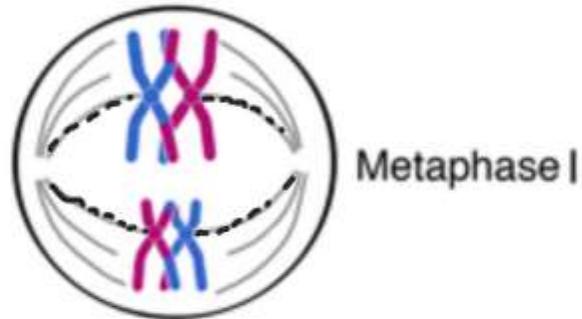
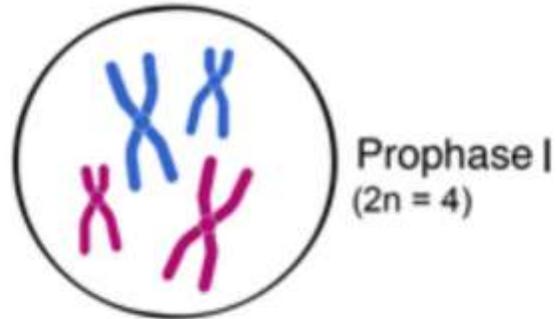
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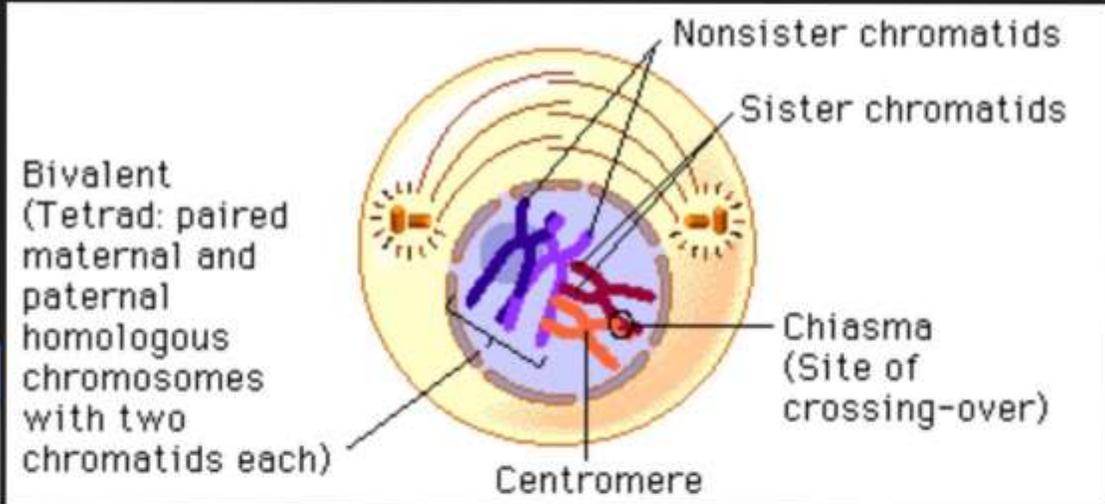
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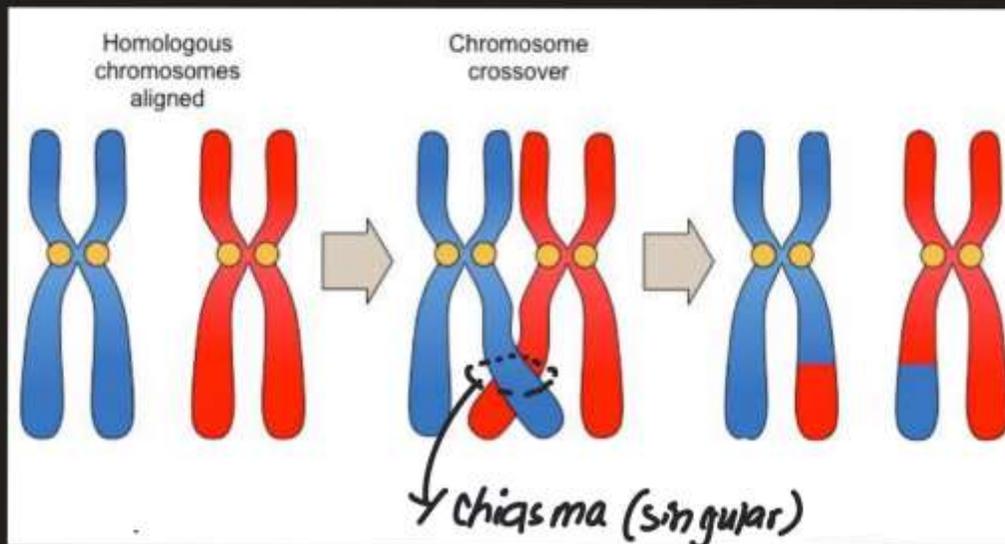
Meiosis I



Meiosis I → Prophase I



- 1) Homologous chromosomes pair up → synapsis → to form bivalents (tetrads)
- 2) Chiasmata formation



MEIOSIS I

Prophase I:

- * The chromosomes shorten and thicken
- * Homologous chromosomes pair up. This

process is called **synapsis**. Each pair is termed as a **bivalent**.

* The centrosomes migrate towards the opposite poles of the spindle.

* The nuclear envelope disintegrates.

- * The nucleolus disappears.
- * Spindle formation occurs
- * Chiasmata forms
- * Crossing over may occur

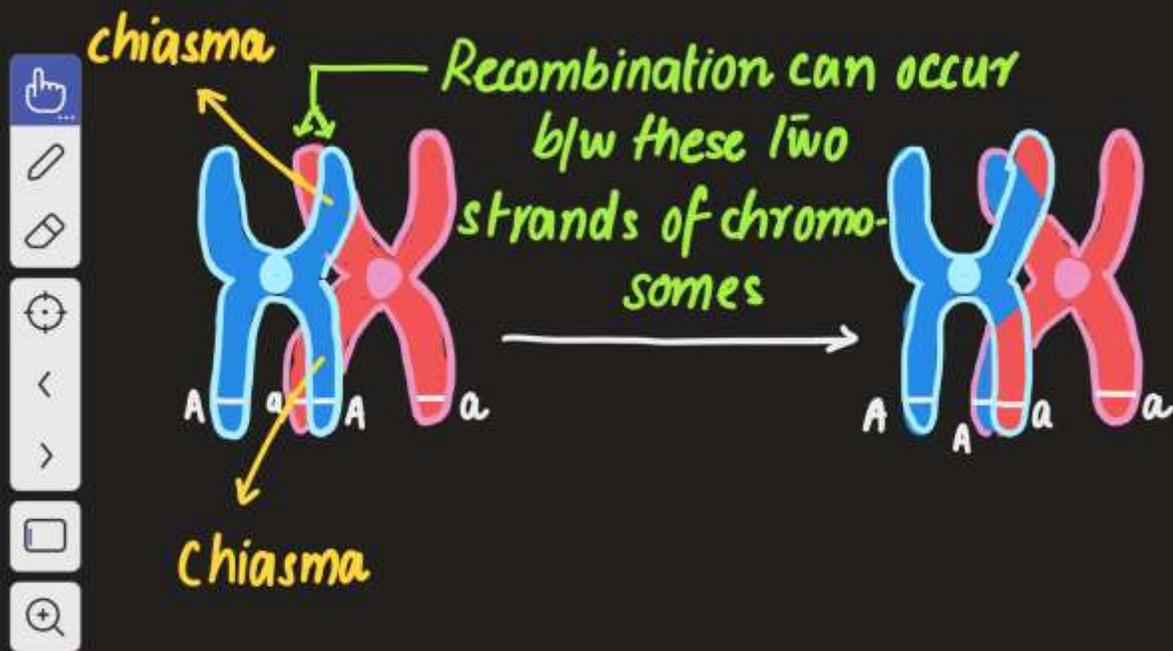
Chiasma formation:

* Chiasma form, each chiasma is a region of overlap between non-sister chromatids.

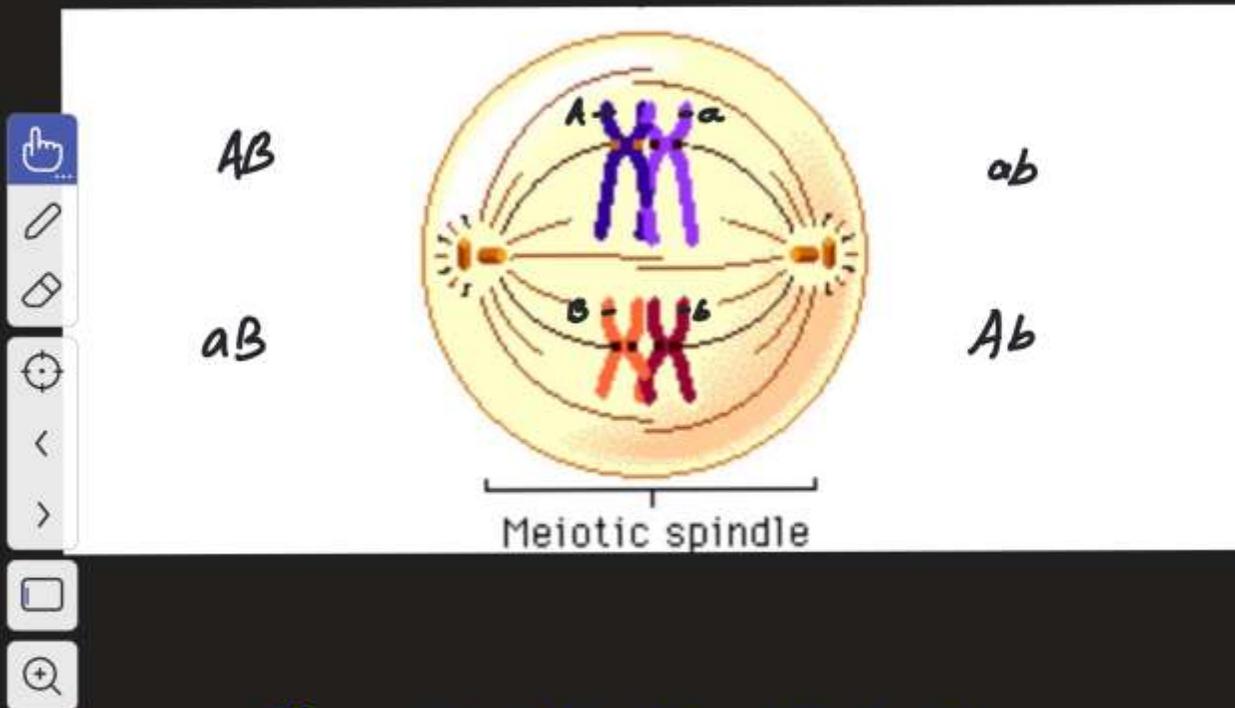
Chiasmata formation is important for the following reasons:

a) It holds the two chromosomes within a bivalent together. (mechanical role).

b) Crossing over may occur due to overlap b/w non-sister chromatids (genetic role)



Meiosis I → metaphase I



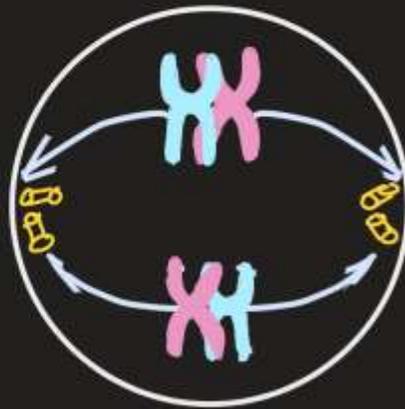
n → no. of bivalents
 2^n → different types of gametes

Metaphase I :

* Homologous pairs of chromosomes align themselves along the equator of the spindle.

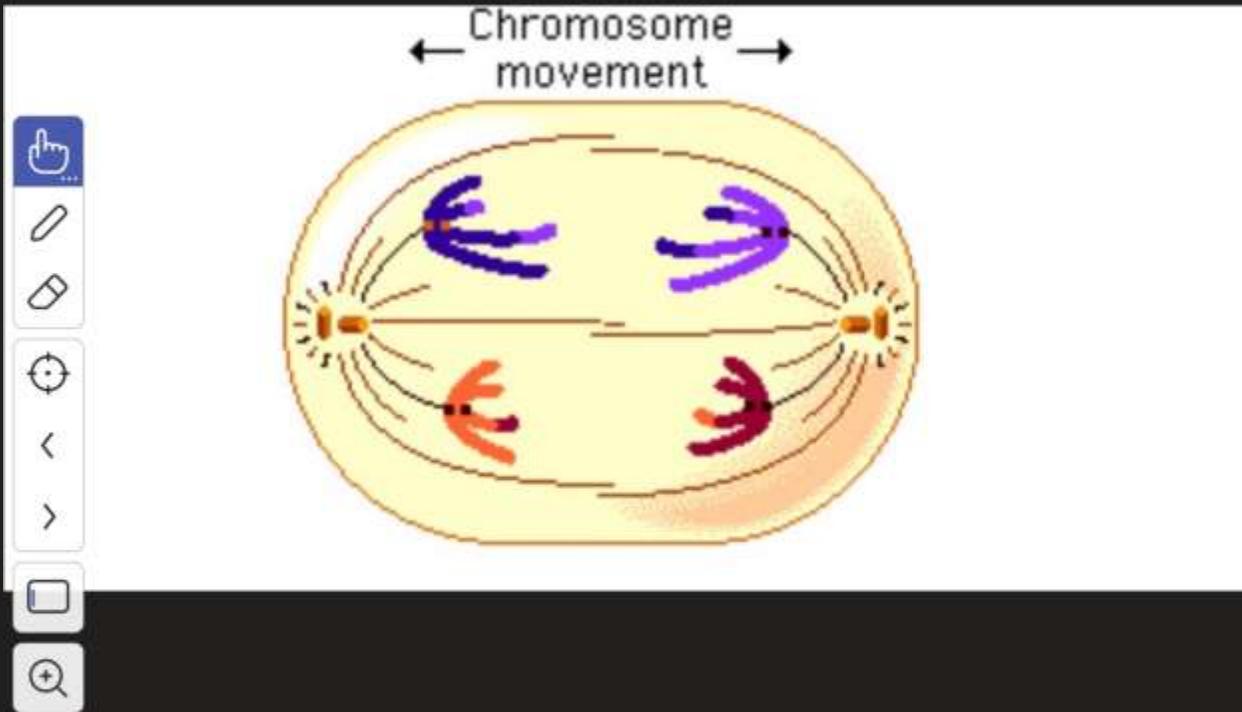
* Chromosomes are attached to the spindle fibres via kinetochores.

* Independent assortment occurs.



Metaphase I

Meiosis I → Anaphase I



Anaphase 1

* Individual chromosomes move Towards

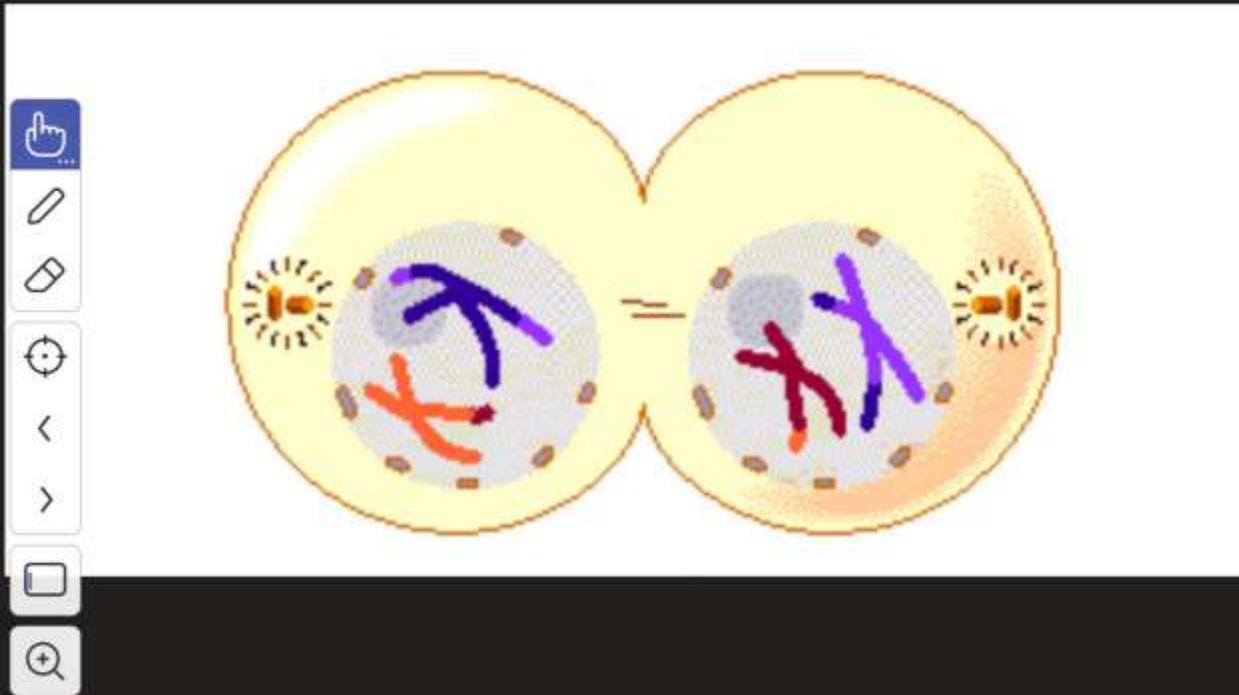
The opposite poles of the spindle *with centromeres leading.*

* Centromeres do not divide.

* The movement of the chromosomes occurs due to the contraction of the microtubules.

* Chromosomes detach from the spindle fibres at the end of anaphase.

Metosis I → Telophase I

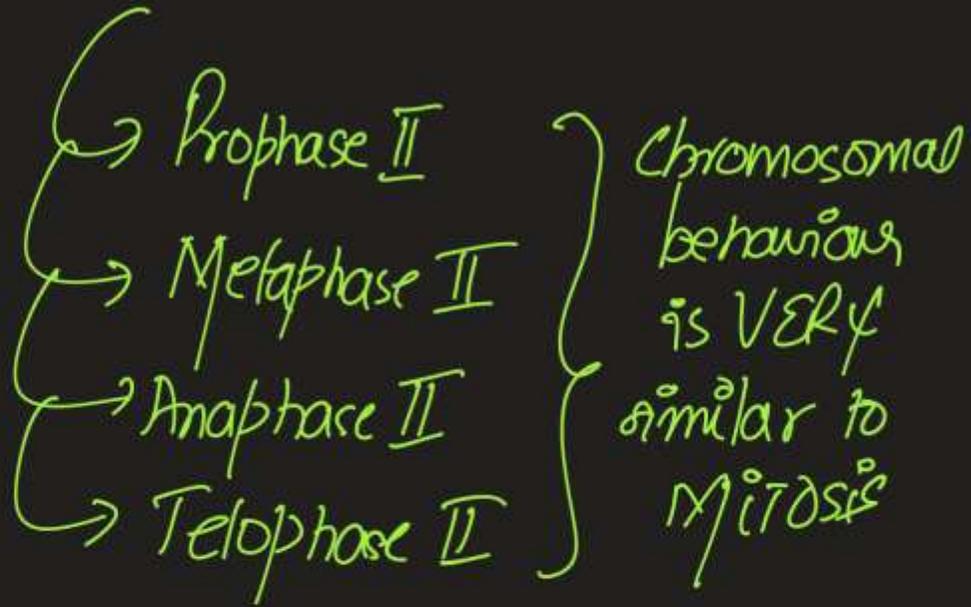


Telophase I

- * The nuclear envelope reforms
- * The nucleolus reappears.
- * The chromosome number reduces from $2n$ to n .
- * Animal cells enter cytokinesis before Meiosis II.
- * Plant cells enter Meiosis II without cytokinesis.



Meiosis II



MEIOSIS II

1) Prophase II

→ Chromosomes shorten and thicken (condensation)

→ Centrosomes migrate to the opposite poles of the nucleus.

→ Nuclear envelope disintegrates.

→ Nucleolus disappears

→ Spindle formation occurs.

Metaphase II

→ Chromosomes attach to the spindle fibres via kinetochores.

→ Chromosomes are aligned along the equator of the spindle.



Metaphase II

Anaphase II:

→ Centromere divides

→ chromatids move towards the opposite poles of the spindle with centromeres leading.

→ The movement of chromatids is due to contraction of microtubules.

→ Chromatids detach from spindle fibres at the end of anaphase.

Telophase II

→ Nuclear envelope reforms.

→ Nucleolus reappears

→ Chromosomes decondense



Anaphase II



Telophase II

Cytokinesis

(n=2)





Meiosis and
Genetic variation

Meiosis and genetic variation

* Meiosis can lead to genetic variation in the following ways:

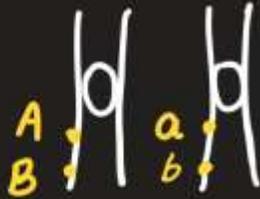
- Crossing over
- Independent Assortment
- Mutation

LINKED AND UNLINKED ALLELES

* Alleles that are present on the same chromosome are said to be **LINKED** (linkage)

* Alleles that are present on different chromosomes are said to be **UN-LINKED** (non-linkage)

* Consider the following pair of homologous chromosomes with the genes A/a & B/b :



NOTE: ① allele A is linked to allele B

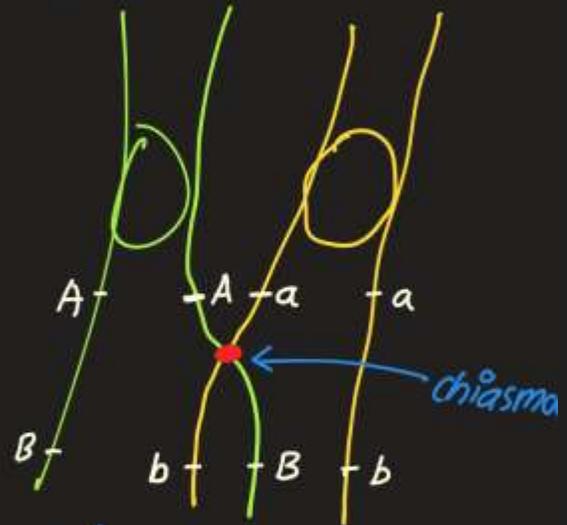
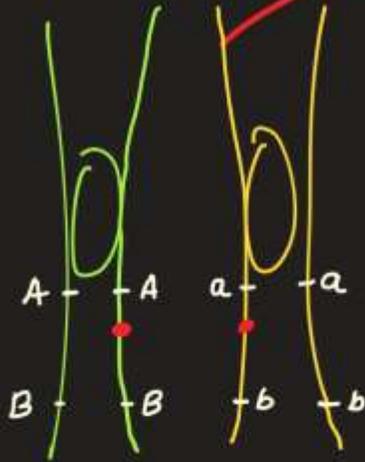
② allele a is linked to allele b.

③ alleles a and b are unlinked to alleles

A and B.

④ Linked alleles are inherited Together

Crossing Over



CROSSING OVER

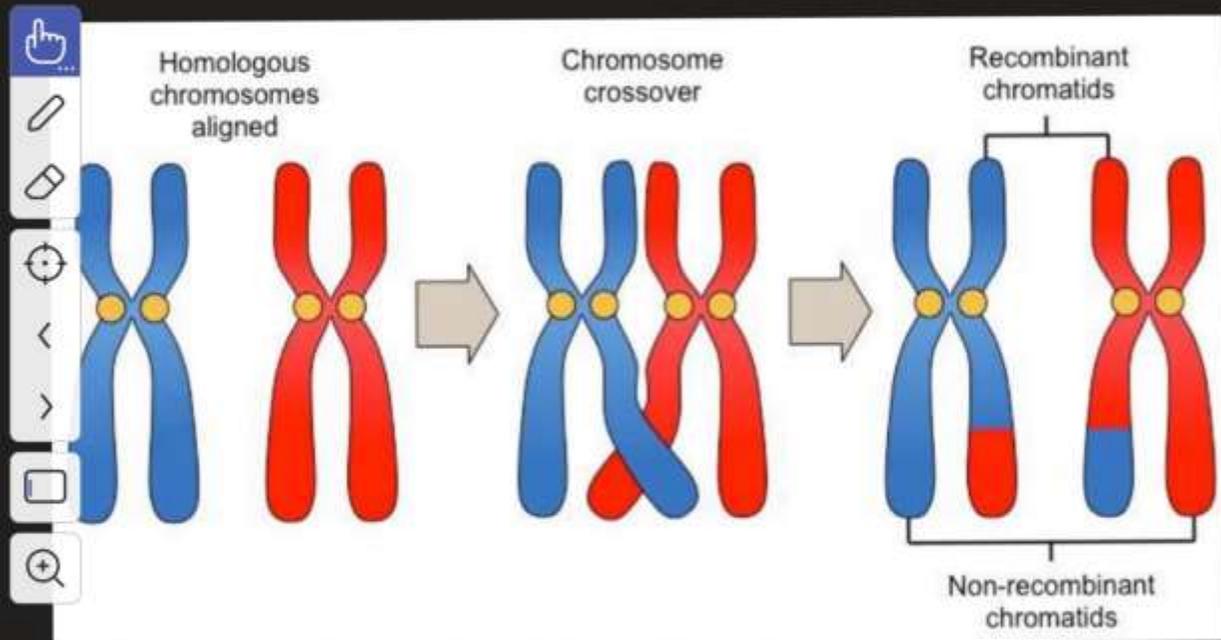
*It is defined as The exchange of genetic material b/w non-sister chromatids during prophase I of meiosis I.

 Crossing over occurs due to The formation of chiasmata b/w non-sister chromatids.



 *Crossing over leads to genetic variation due to breakage of linkage groups leading to formation of new combination of alleles.

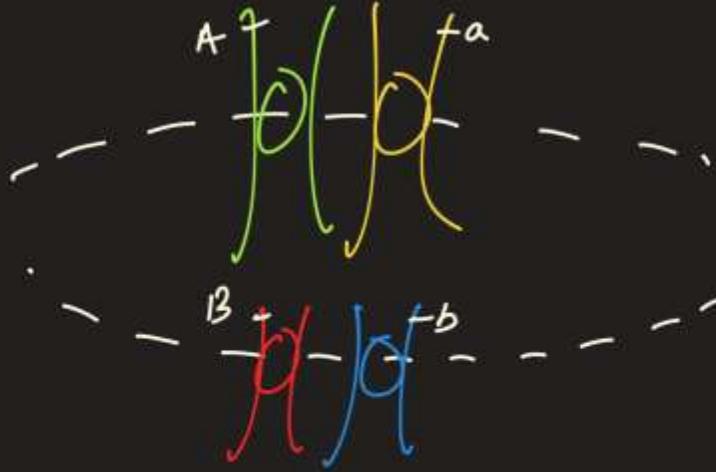




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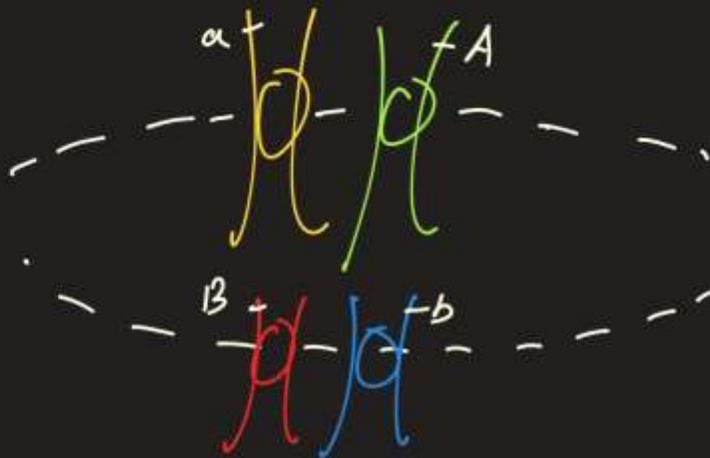
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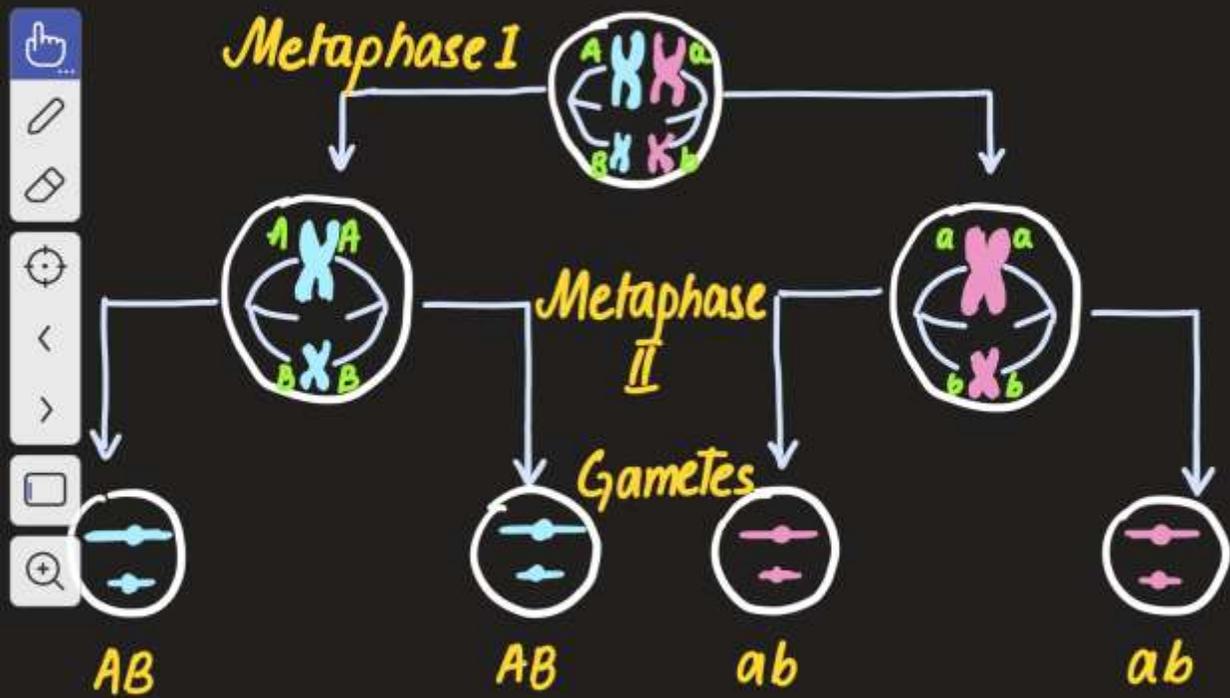
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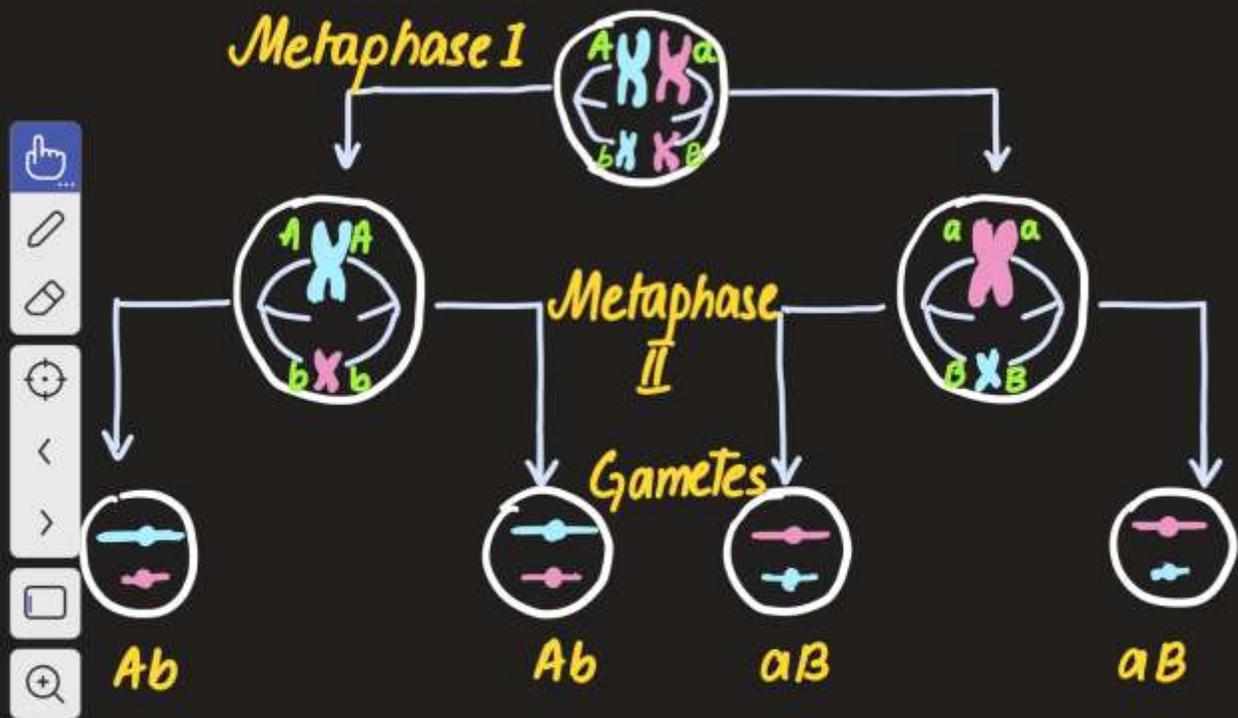
* Independent assortment is defined as the random orientation of the homologous chromosomes along the equator of the spindle during Metaphase of Meiosis.

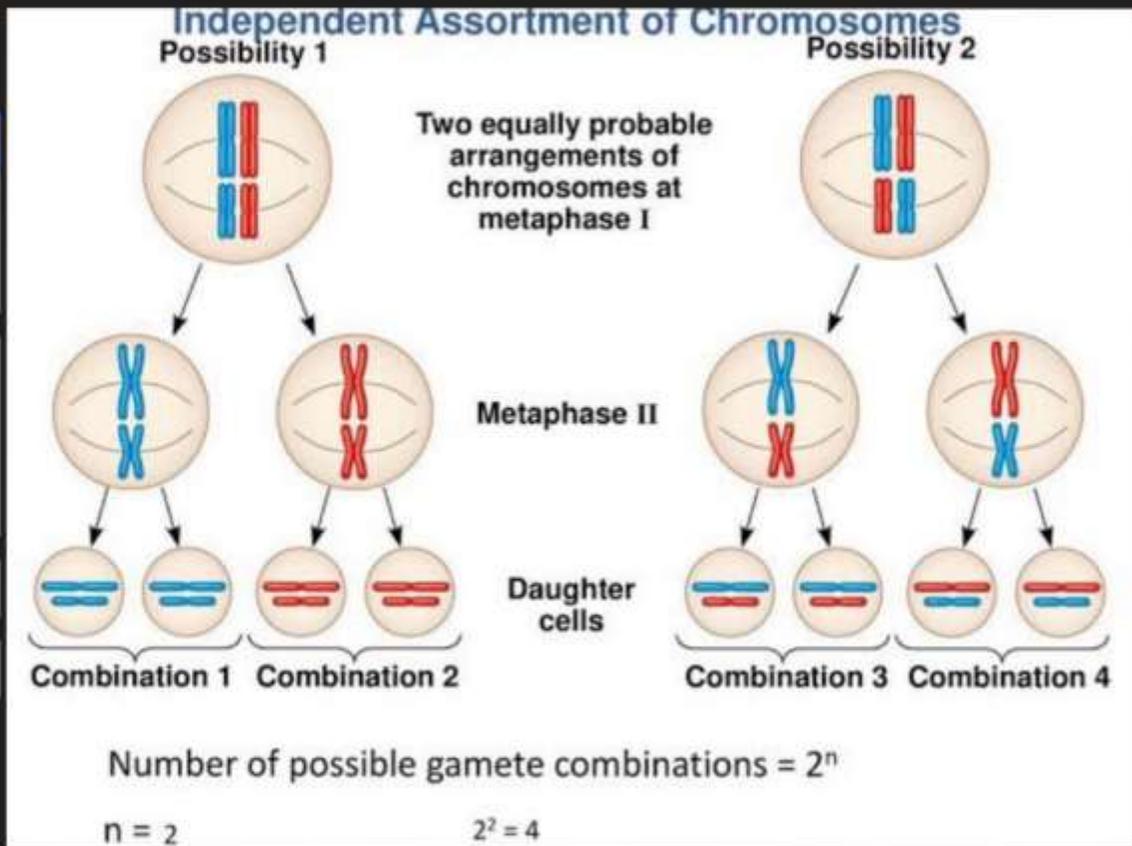
Each bivalent aligns itself independently of others.

* Independent assortment may lead to genetic variation by forming 2^n possible number of different gametes where n is the number of bivalents with a particular nucleus.

* Since human germ cells form 23 bivalents,
the total possible number of different
gametes that can be produced are = 2^{23}







Mutation

*It is described as the alteration in the sequence of nucleotides or the chromosome

 number or structure.



* It leads to variation by forming new alleles.



Fertilisation and genetic variation

Fertilisation as a source of genetic variation

* It is defined as the fusion of 2 haploid gametes to produce a diploid cell for

example a human sperm cell may fuse with ovum to produce a diploid zygote.

* It may lead to genetic variation because the fusion of gametes is random.

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- * Overview of meiosis
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Learning Objectives:

- Differences between mitosis & meiosis
- Overview of gametogenesis
- Gametogenesis in mammals:
spermatogenesis & oogenesis

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Q₁: Differentiate between mitosis and meiosis?

Mitosis	Meiosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• conserves chromosome number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• halves the chromosome number
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensures genetic uniformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• leads to genetic variation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homologous chromosomes do not pair up during prophase.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homologous chromosomes pair up to form bivalents in prophase I.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiasmata formation does not occur in prophase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiasmata formed in prophase I which may lead to crossing over.

Mitosis

- Individual chromosomes line across the equator of the



spindle with no



independent



assortment in

<

>

metaphase.



• Centromeres divide in anaphase of mitosis.



Meiosis

- Bivalents line along the equator of the spindle.

Independent assortment occurs in metaphase I.

- No centromere division in anaphase I of meiosis

Mitosis

- sister chromatids move towards the opposite poles of the

spindle in anaphase. I.

- may form haploid or diploid cells.

Meiosis

- chromosomes move towards the opposite poles of the spindle in anaphase

- meiosis leads to formation of haploid cells from diploid cells.



Q₂: Outline how meiosis leads to genetic variation?

Ans: Meiosis is a form of reduction division

which leads to genetic variation through crossing over and independent assortment.

Crossing over refers to the exchange of genetic material between non-sister

chromatids of a bivalent. It occurs during prophase I of meiosis. It leads to genetic

variation by forming new combinations

of alleles due to breakage of linkage groups. Independent assortment refers to the random alignment of bivalents across the equator of the spindle during metaphase. Each bivalent lines up independently of others. It leads to genetic variation by forming 2^n possible numbers of different gametes where n is the no. of bivalents.



Q3.

4 Fig. 4.1 shows the results of an animal cell that has undergone meiosis I.

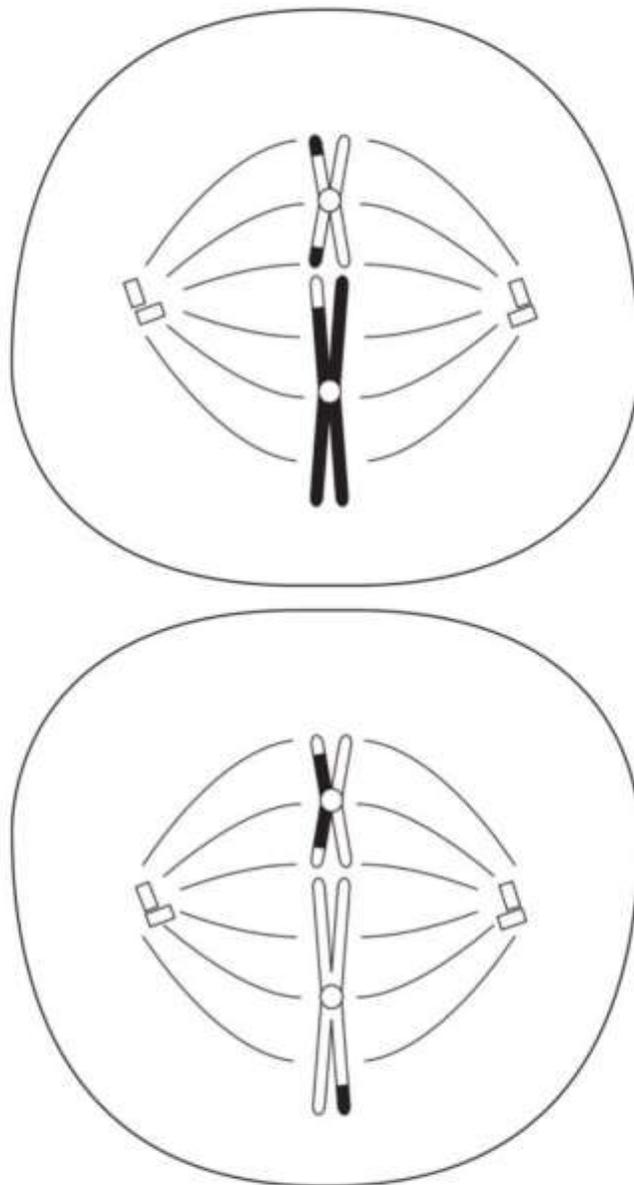


Fig. 4.1

(a) State which stage of meiosis II is shown.

metaphase II.....[1]



(b) Describe the next stage of meiosis II.

- * centromere divides
- * chromatids move towards the opposite poles of the spindle
- * with centromeres leading
- * movement due to contraction of the microtubules [3]

(c) Describe what has happened before the start of meiosis to

(i) the nuclear membrane;

- * disintegrates / breaks down

[1]

(ii) the centrioles.

- * replicate and
- * move towards the opposite poles of the spindle [2]

(d) Name and explain two ways in which meiosis can lead to variation.

1. Crossing over due to exchange of genetic material between non-sister chromatids. This leads to formation of new combination of alleles.
2. Independent assortment which refers to random alignment of the bivalents along the equator. It leads to formation of 2^n possible [4]
no. of gametes.

Q4.

7 Meiosis is a type of nuclear division, which produces gametes for sexual reproduction.

(a) Fig. 7.1 shows diagrams of the stages of meiosis, A to J, but they are not in the correct order.

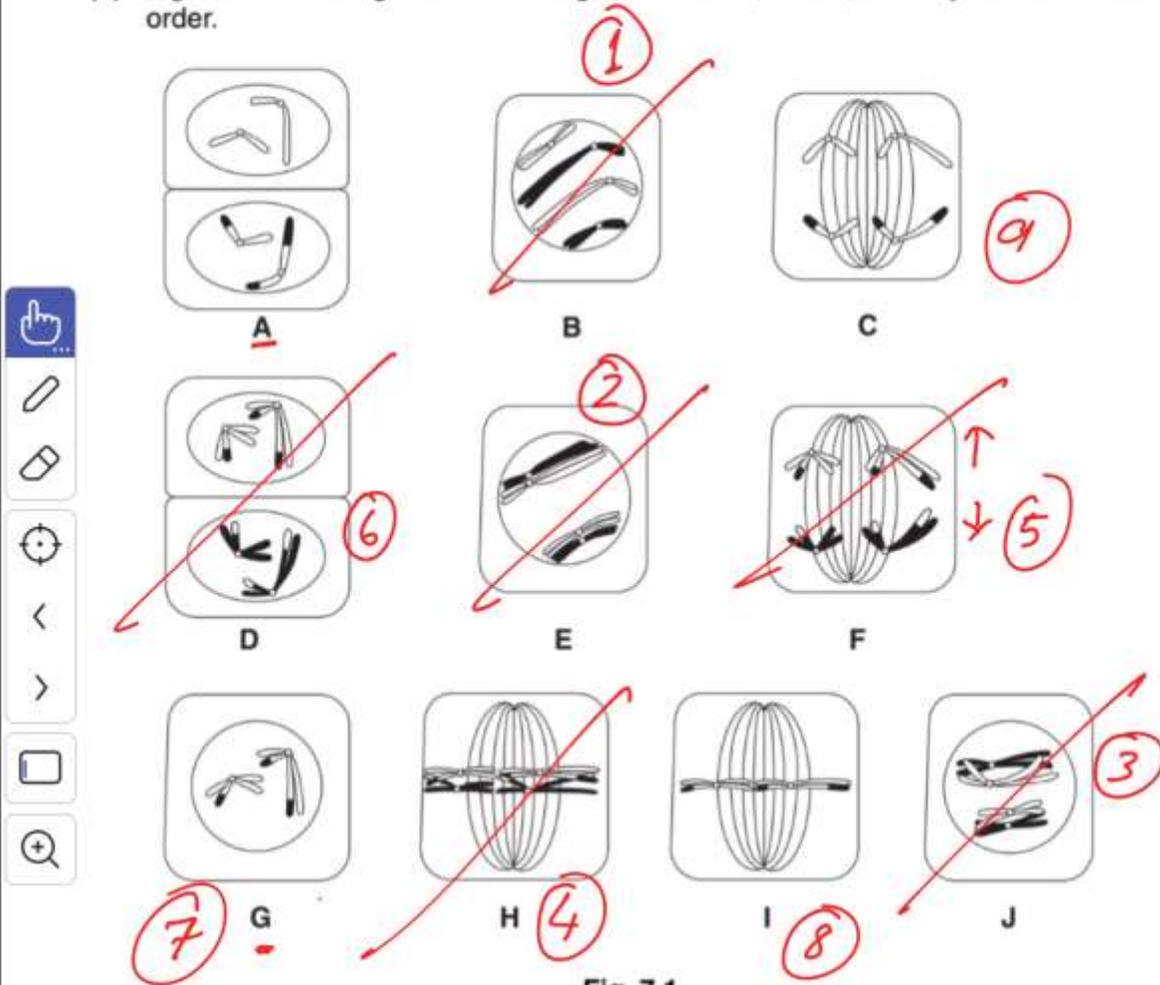


Fig. 7.1

Meiosis I \checkmark B \rightarrow E \rightarrow J \rightarrow H \rightarrow F \rightarrow D \checkmark

Meiosis II G \rightarrow I \rightarrow C \rightarrow A

(A C G I)

Complete the table below by writing the stages of meiosis in the correct order.

Some of the stages have already been written in the table.

nuclear division	letter of stage
meiosis I	B
	E
	J
	H
	F
	D
meiosis II	G
	I
	C
	A

[4]

(b) Explain how meiosis can result in genetic variation amongst offspring.

* Crossing over ✓

* Indep. assortment ✓

* mutation ✓

[5]

Q5.

2 Fig. 2.1 is a diagram of pair of homologous chromosomes during meiosis.

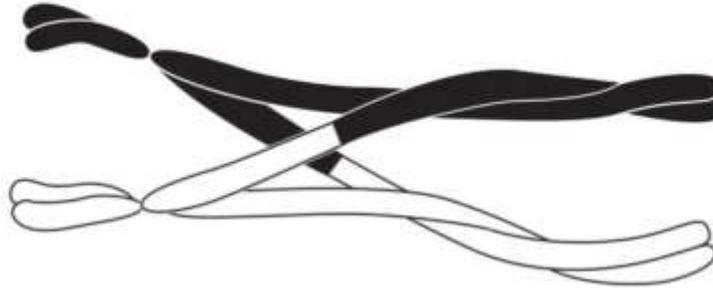


Fig. 2.1

(a) State what stage of meiosis is shown.

late prophase I[1]

(b) Describe what has occurred between the two homologous chromosomes.

Crossing over has occurred which involves exchange of genetic material between non-sister chromatids.

.....[3]

(c) Explain how this can lead to variation.

Crossing over leads to formation of new combination of alleles due to breakage of linkage groups

.....[2]

(d) Describe two other sources of variation that are possible as a result of meiosis.

* Independent assortment

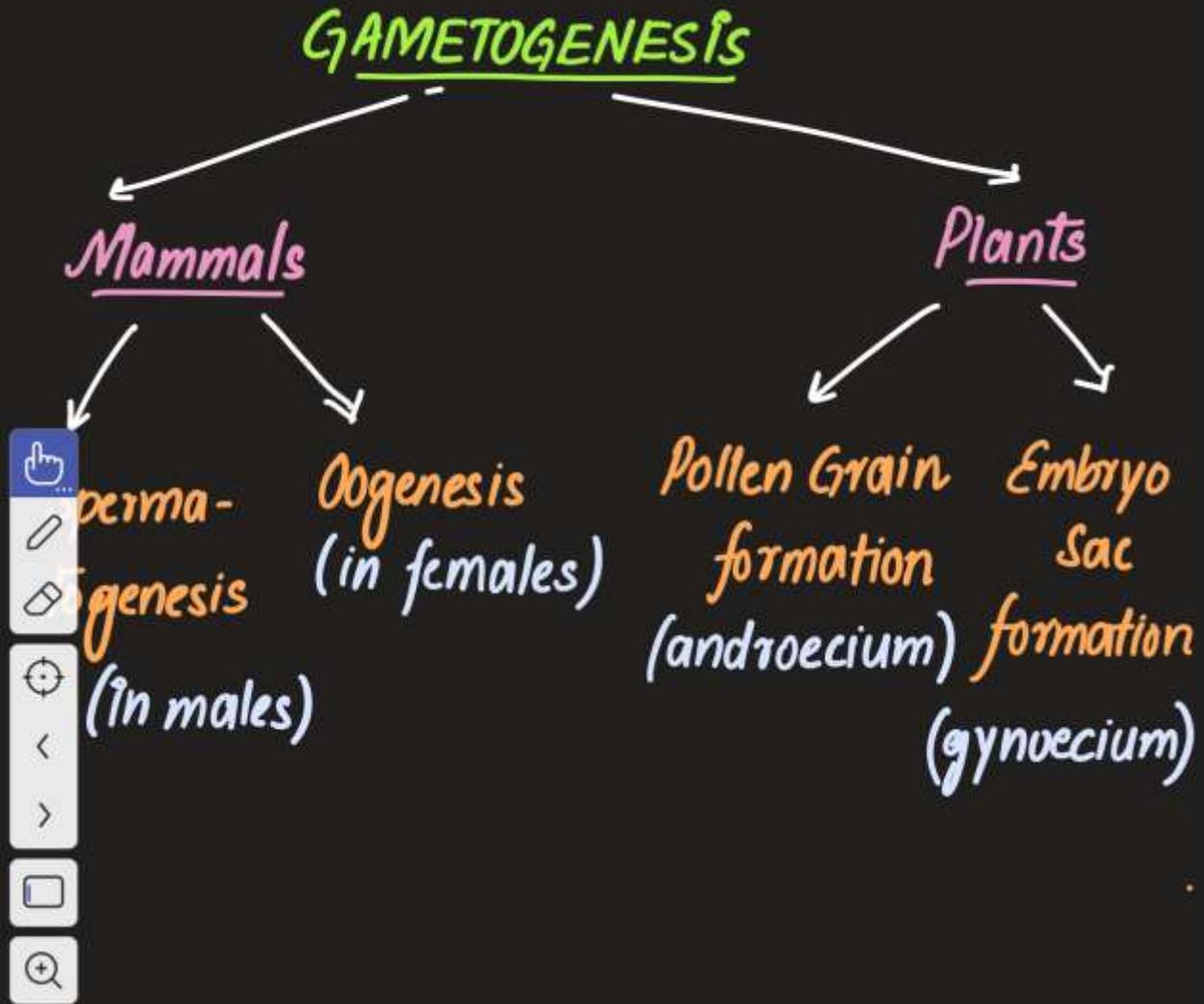
* Mutation

.....[4]





GAMETOGENESIS



Meiosis in mammals

* Meiosis leads to formation of gametes in males and females.

* The process that leads to formation of gametes is known as **gametogenesis**.

* Gametogenesis exists in two forms in mammals:

1. Spermatogenesis
2. Oogenesis



Spermatogenesis

Spermatogenesis:

* Refers to the production of haploid **spermatozoa** from diploid **spermatogonia**.

* It occurs in **males**.



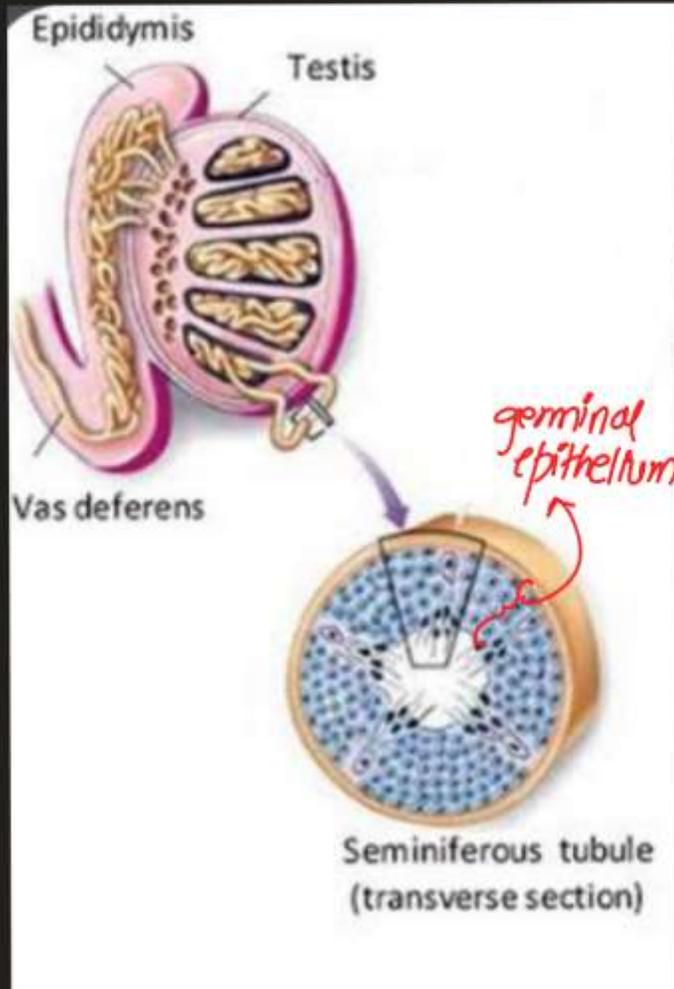
* The site of spermatogenesis are the **testes**

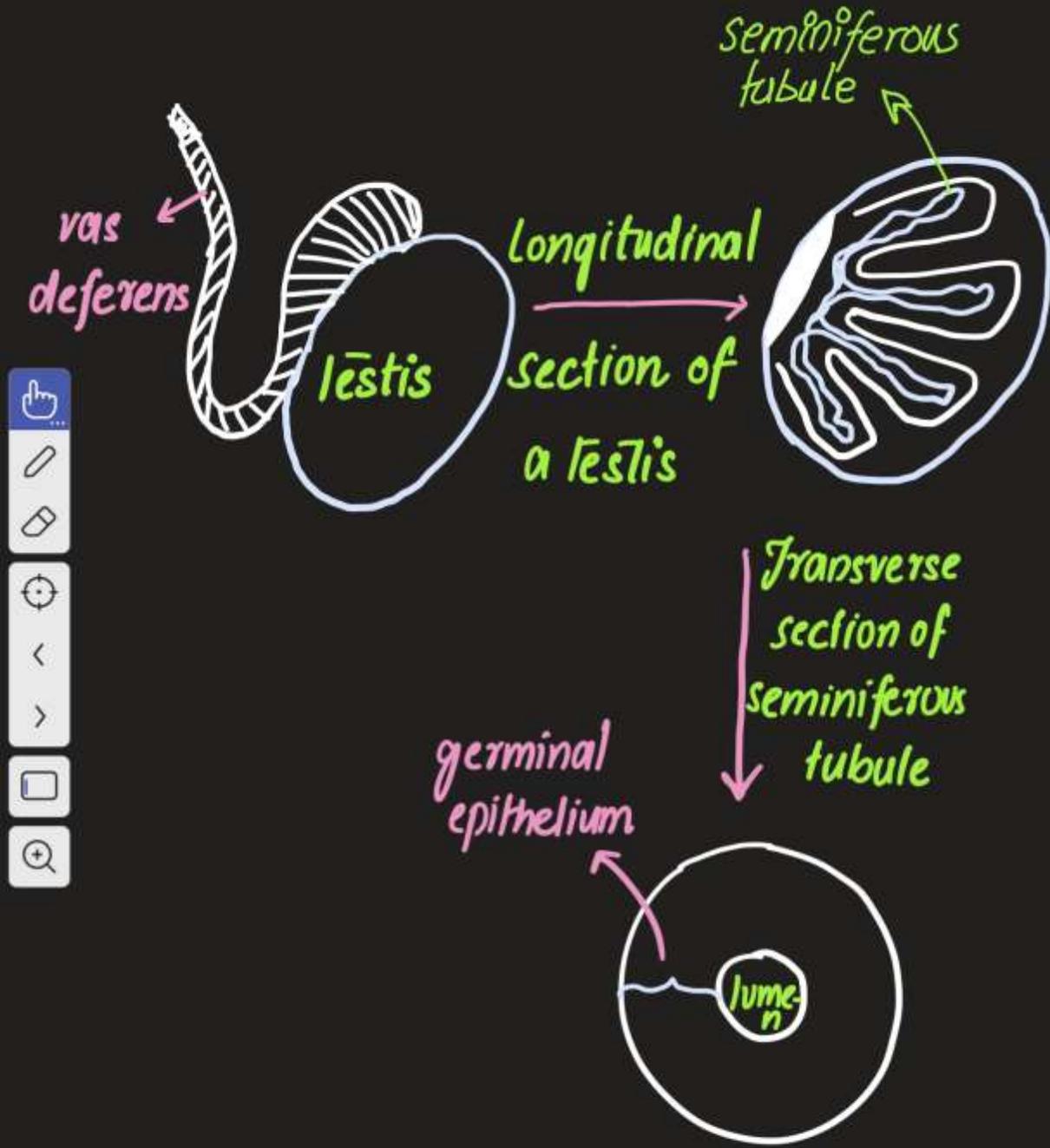
* The germinal epithelium of the seminiferous tubules contains numerous diploid

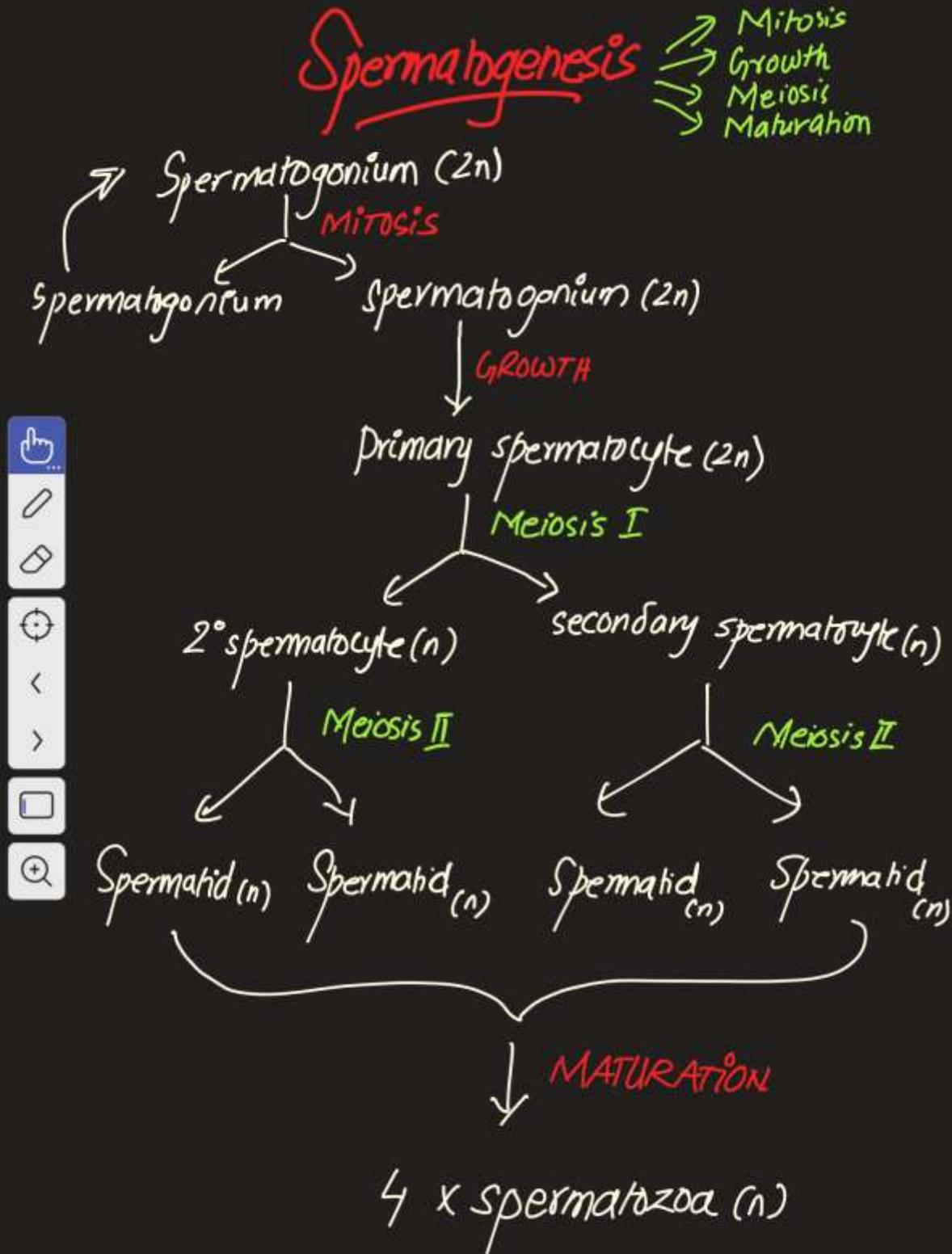
spermatogonia which serve as **germ cells**

to form haploid spermatozoa.

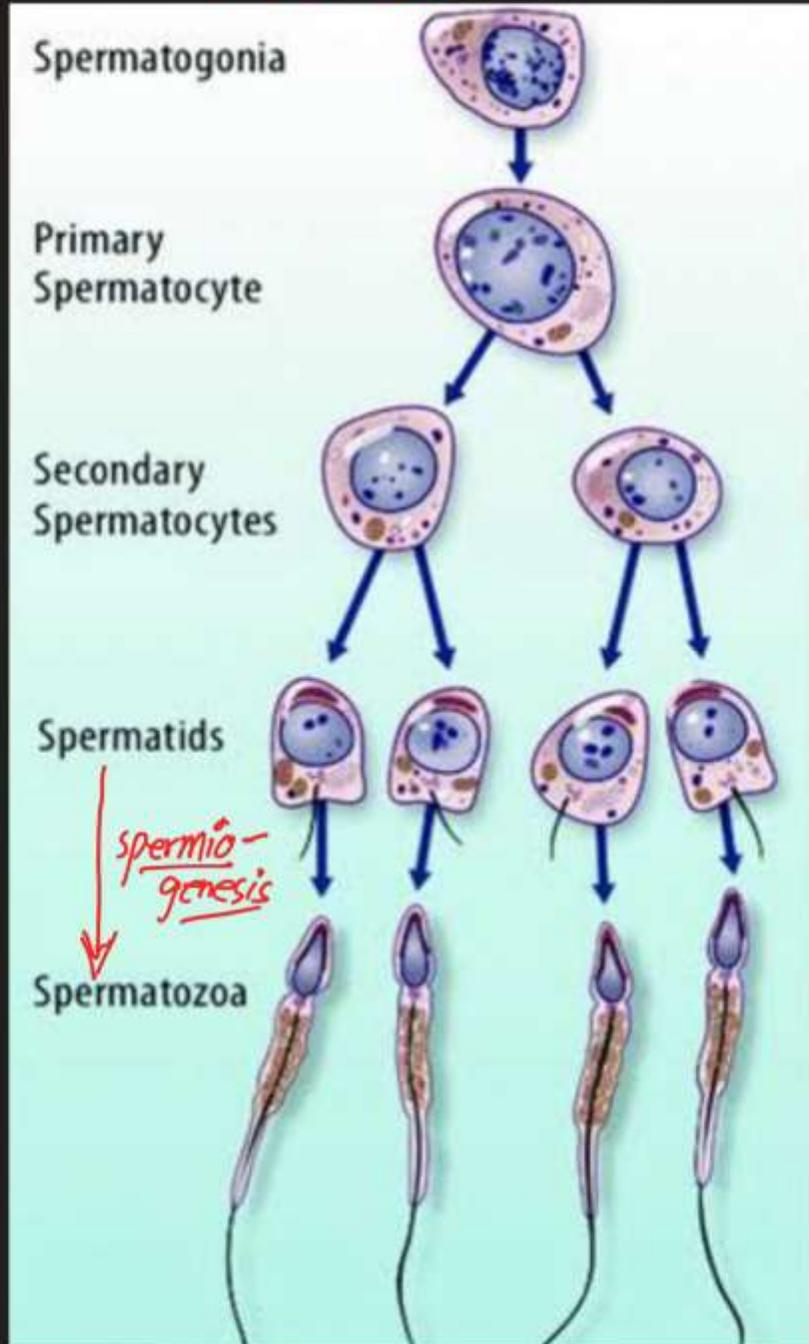
Testis, seminiferous tubules
& the germinal epithelium

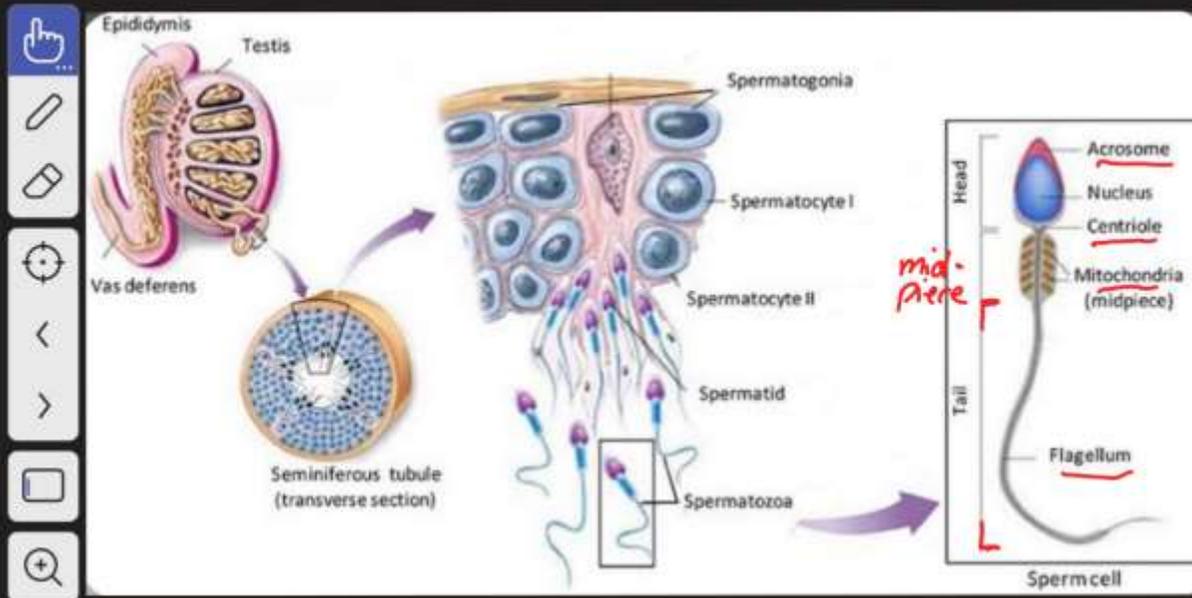






Spermatogenesis





Stages of spermatogenesis

* Spermatogenesis occurs in **four** stages:

* Mitosis:

* Diploid spermatogonia present within the germinal epithelium divide repeatedly by mitosis to produce numerous diploid spermatogonia.

* Growth:

* Some diploid spermatogonia further grow to produce diploid primary spermatocytes.

* Meiosis :

* Each primary spermatocyte divides by Meiosis I To produce Two haploid secondary

spermatocytes. Each secondary spermatocyte divides by Meiosis II To produce Two haploid spermatids.

* Therefore one spermatogonium produces 4 haploid spermatids.

* Maturation :

* Each haploid spermatid undergoes a process of maturation to form a mature

spermatozoon.

This phase of maturation is known as

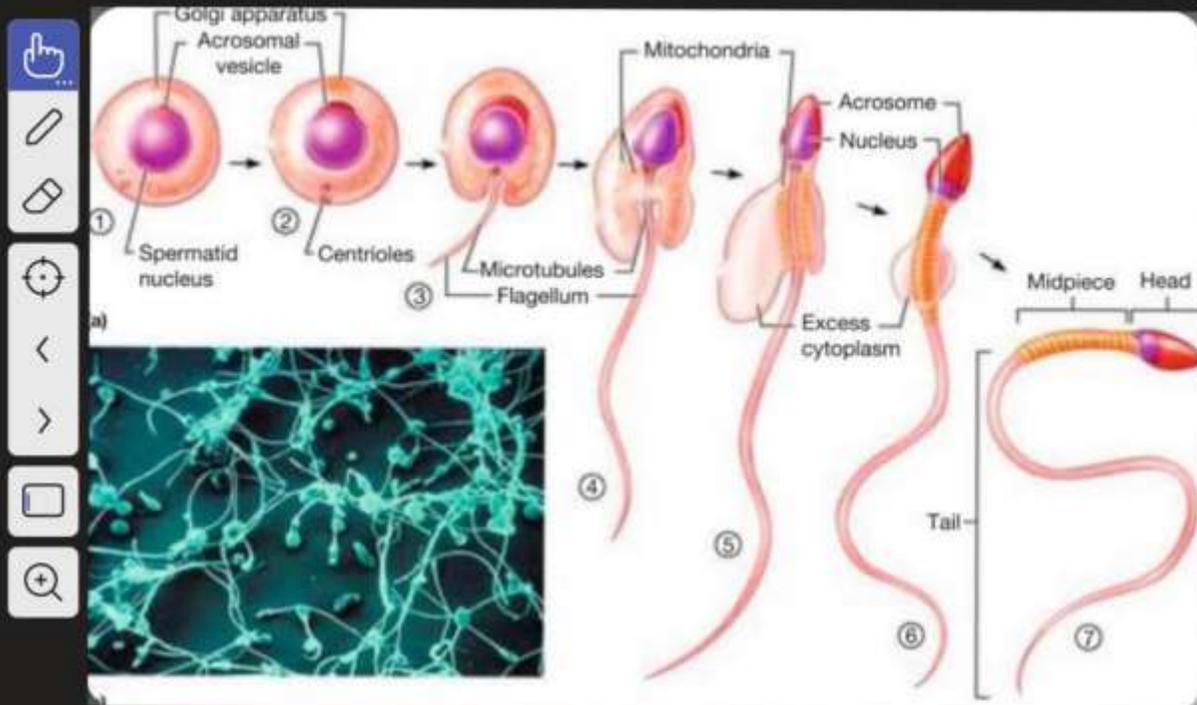
spermiogenesis.

During this phase each spermatid goes

through a sequence of structural changes

to form a motile spermatozoon. This

involves:



i) modification of the Golgi vesicles to form the acrosome which contains hydrolytic enzymes.

ii) The centrioles within the spermatids are responsible for forming the midpiece which contains the microtubules and the mitochondria.

iii) The tail forms as a result of extension
of the midpiece.

iv) The pear-shaped head

of the spermatozoon results due to phagocytosis of excess cytoplasm of the spermatid.



Oogenesis

Oogenesis

* Oogenesis is a form of gametogenesis in females.

* The site of oogenesis are the female ovaries (germinal epithelium). 

* Oogenesis has the following four stages:

- 1) Mitosis
- 2) Growth
- 3) Meiosis
- 4) Maturation

* Oogenesis begins during The **embryonic** life.

* Oogenesis has long waiting stages. The

phases of oogenesis can be sub-divided on the basis of the long waiting stages

into :

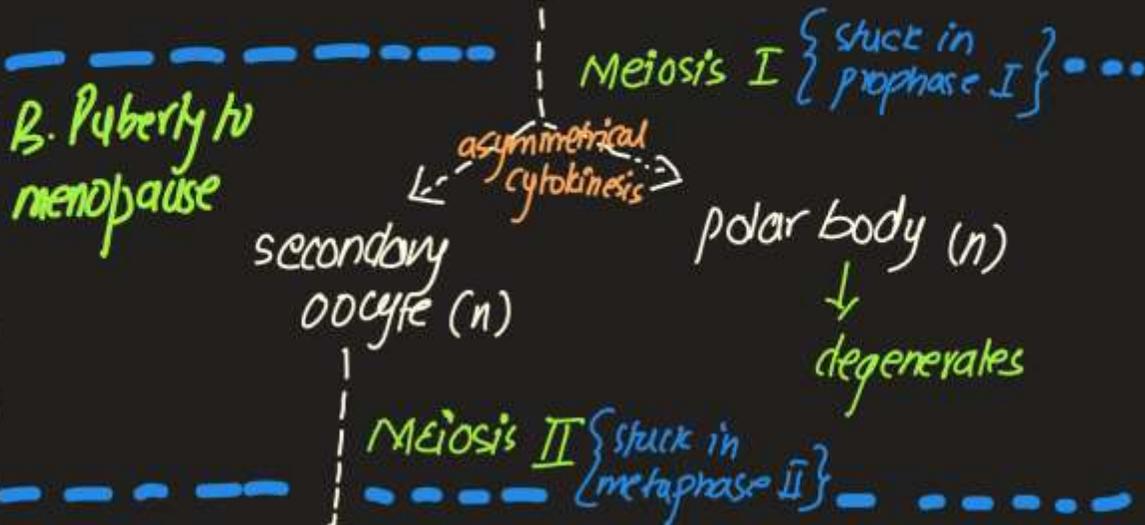
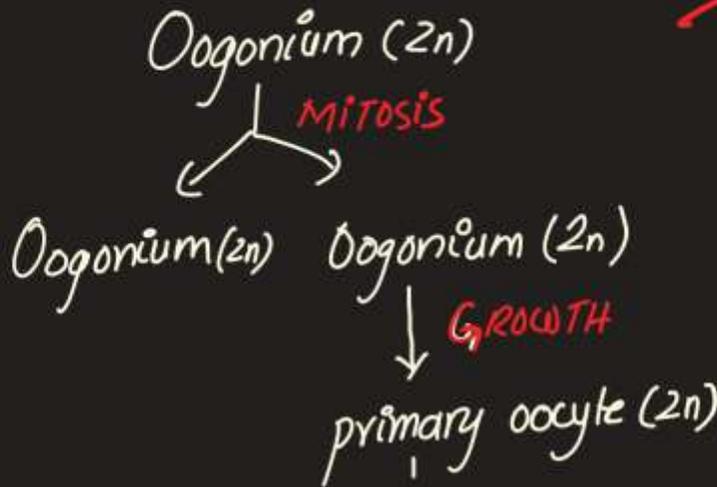
a) Embryonic life

b) From puberty till menopause

c) At fertilisation.

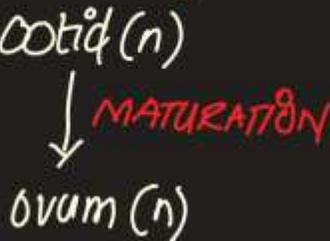
Oogenesis

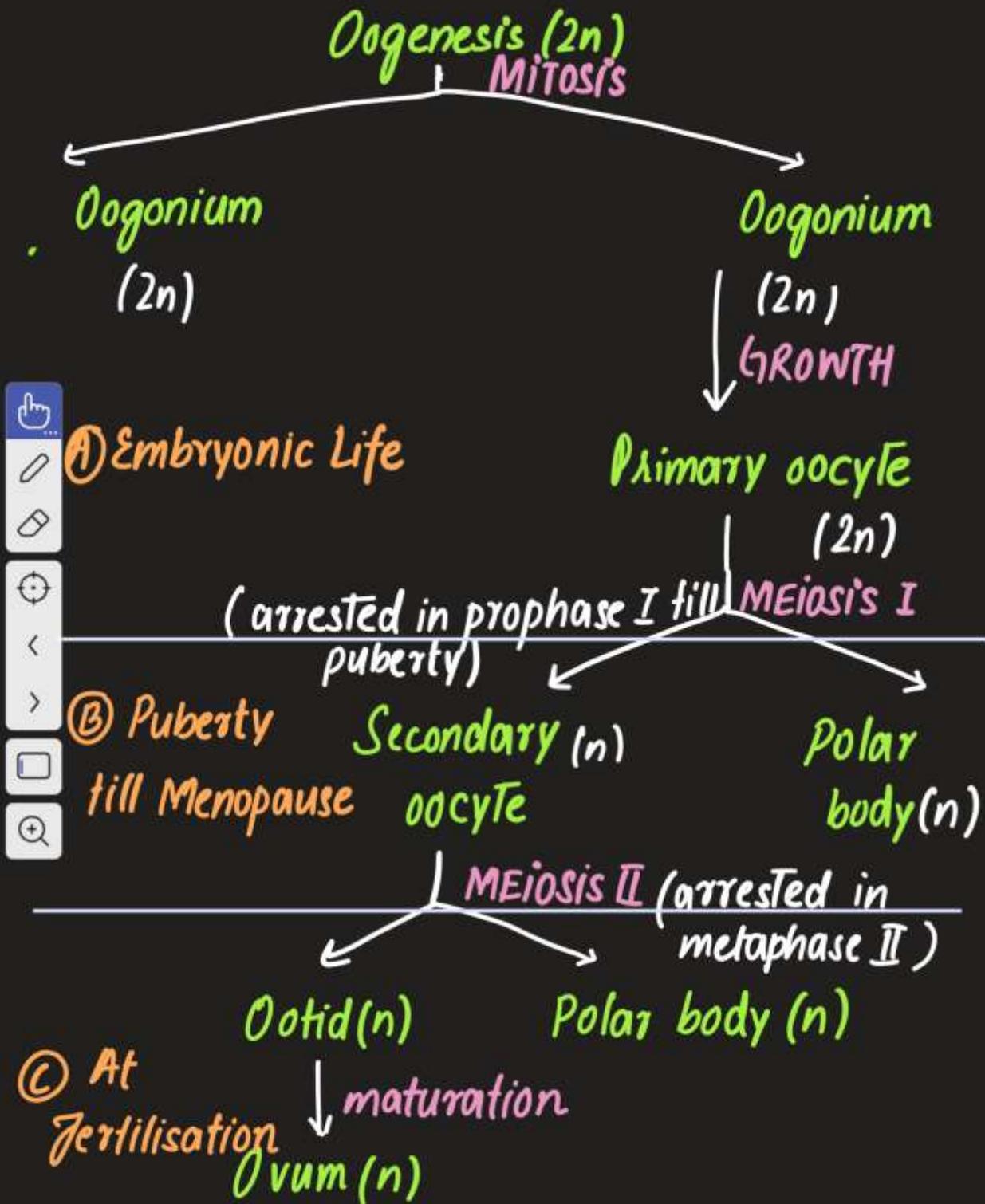
A. Embryonic life



B. Puberty to menopause

C. At fertilisation





Embryonic Life:

* Diploid oogonia within the germinal epithelium divide repeatedly by mitosis.

* Some diploid oogonia pass through a

 growth phase to form diploid primary oocytes.



 Each primary oocyte starts Meiosis I and

 remains suspended in prophase I till

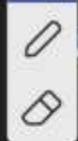

 puberty.

* At birth a female has approximately two million primary oocytes.

* Following birth there is no further production of primary oocytes.

From Puberty till Menopause

→ A female undergoes monthly cyclical changes within the ovary following menarche.



* Each month a primary oocyte completes

Meiosis I To form a secondary oocyte &
a polar body.

* The polar body degenerates to get rid
of excess genetic material.

* The secondary oocyte contains most of the cytoplasm due to asymmetrical cytokinesis.

* The secondary oocyte starts Meiosis II but remains suspended at Metaphase II.

* The secondary oocyte is released during ovulation.

At Fertilisation

* The secondary oocyte completes Meiosis

II if fertilisation occurs to form an

ootid and the second polar body.

* The ootid formed rapidly completes its maturation phase to form a mature ovum.

* The nucleus of the ovum fuses with the nucleus of a sperm cell to form a diploid zygote.

* NOTE: Asymmetrical cytokinesis occurs twice (because polar bodies are formed twice) to ensure that the mature ovum

contains all the cytoplasm and organelles within it.

* The formation of polar bodies gets rid of excess genetic material.

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*Inherited
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 - \rightarrow spermatogenesis
 - \rightarrow oogenesis

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Learning Objectives:

- Comparing spermatogenesis & oogenesis
- Gametogenesis in plants
- Comparing pollen grain formation & embryo sac formation
- Comparing gametogenesis in mammals & plants

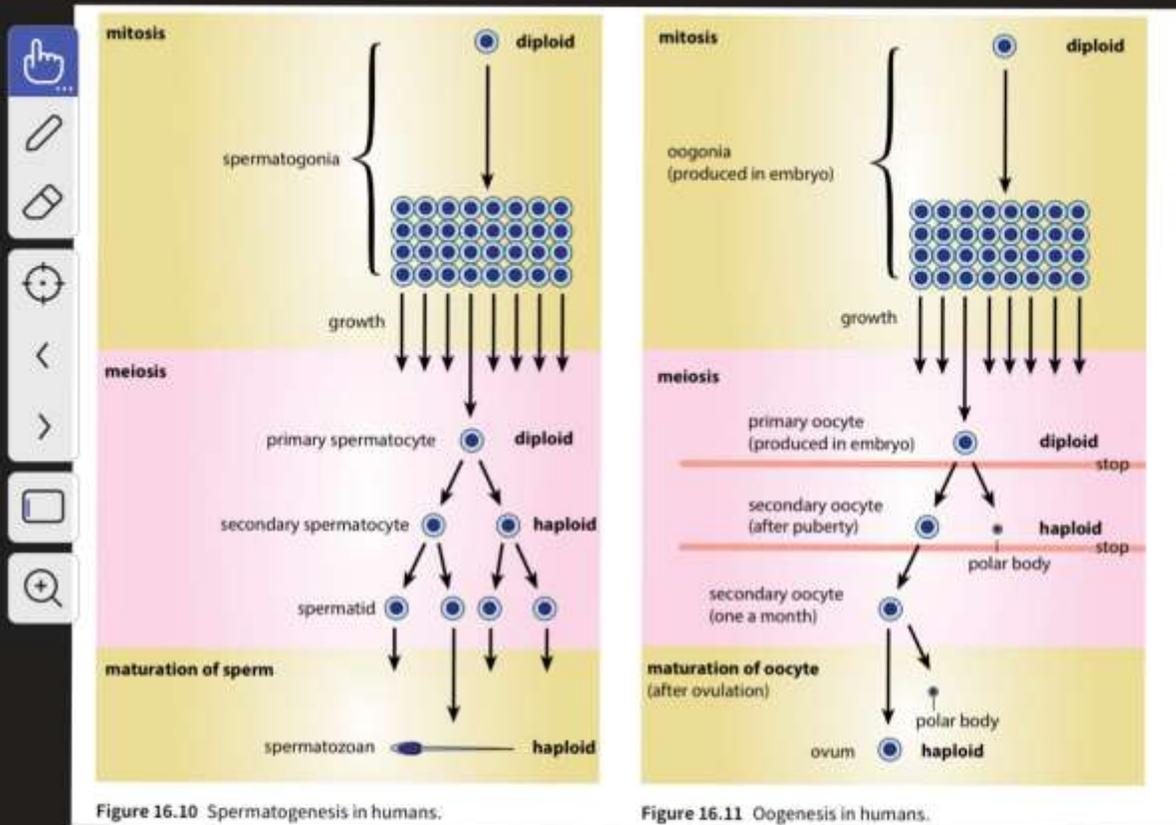
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Comparing spermatogenesis and oogenesis



Q1: Differentiate between spermatogenesis & oogenesis?

Ans: Spermatogenesis

Oogenesis



Four haploid spermatozoa are formed from one diploid spermatogonium.

Does not involve polar bodies.

• Symmetrical cytokinesis

• One haploid ovum forms from one diploid oogonium.

• Involves production of polar bodies.

• Asymmetrical cytokinesis.

Spermatogenesis

- Spermatogenesis begins following puberty.

- Continuous process with no waiting stages.

- Spermatogenesis occurs within the testis.

Oogenesis

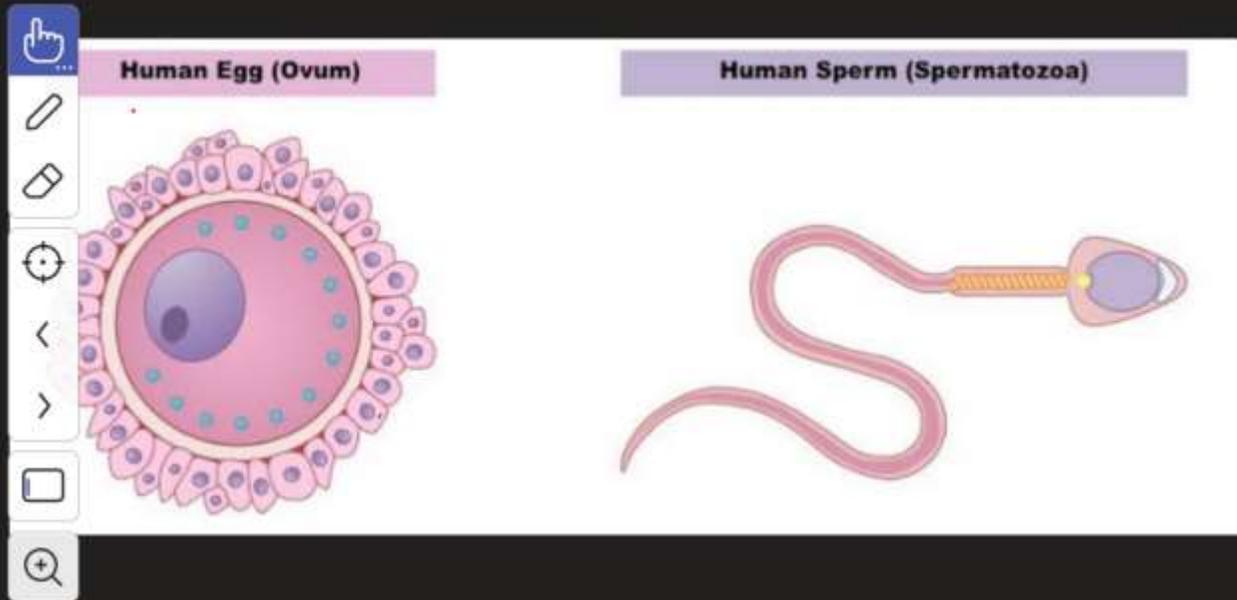
- Oogenesis begins during embryonic life.

- Interrupted by long waiting stages.

- Occurs within the ovary.



Comparing an ovum with a spermatozoa



Q2: Compare and contrast an ovum with a spermatozoa?

Ans: Similarities :

i) Both have 1 set of chromosomes and are therefore haploid.

ii) Both are produced as a result of gametogenesis by germ cells.

Differences :

Sperm Cell

Ovum

i) Spermatozoa are

motile

ii) Smaller in size

iii) Has comparatively less cytoplasm.

iv) Contain an acro-

some with hydrolytic enzymes.

v) Has a tail.

i) Ova is immotile

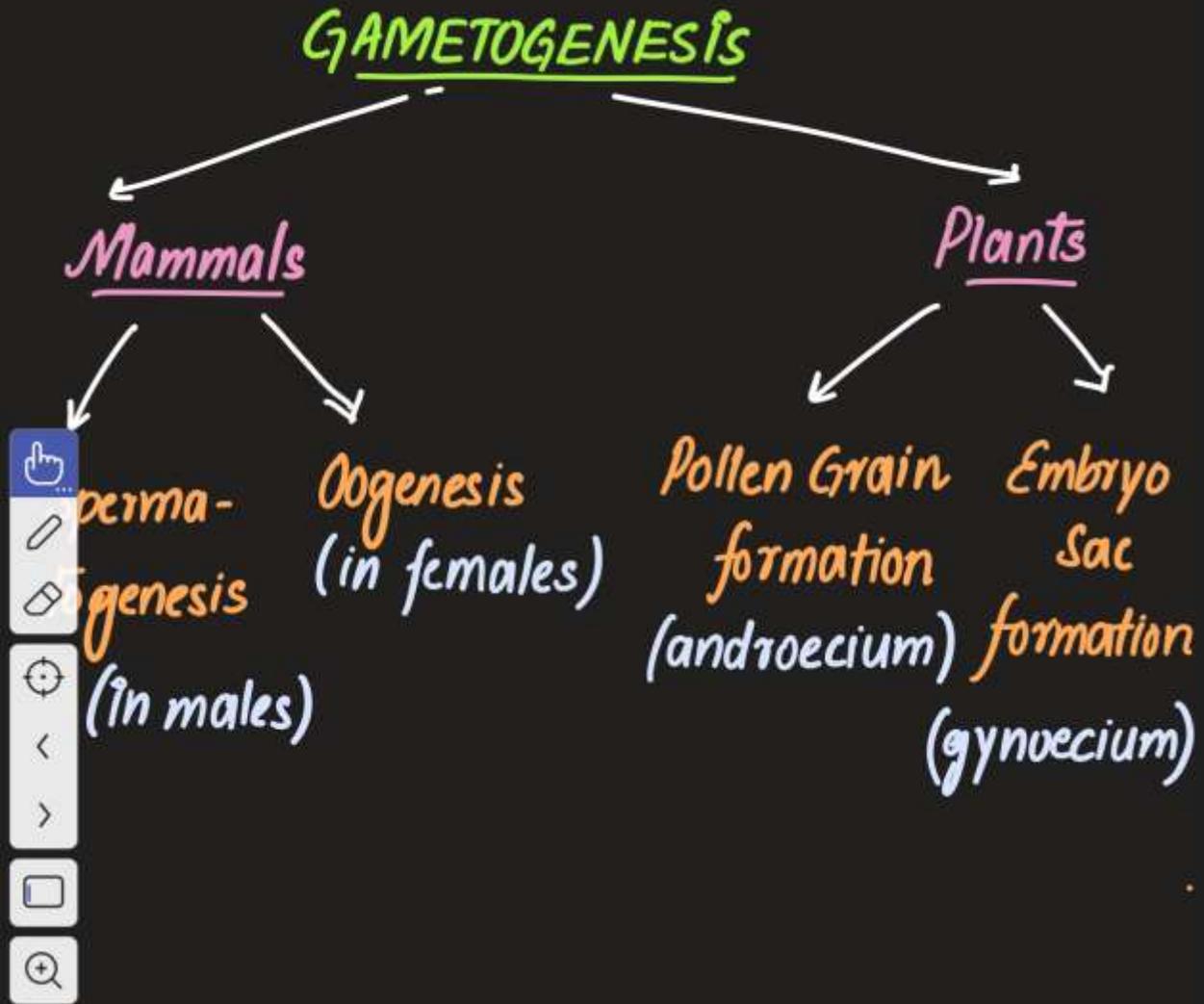
ii) Larger in size

iii) Has comparatively large volume of cytoplasm

iv) Does not contain

an acrosome

v) Ova are devoid of a tail.



Gametogenesis in flowering plants

* Gametogenesis in flowering plants leads to formation of mature pollen grains and

mature embryo sac.



Pollen grain formation occurs in the male parts of the flowering plant collectively

termed as **stamen** or **androecium**.

* Parts of androecium include:

a) Anthers

b) Filament

* Embryo sac formation occurs in the female parts of the flowering plants collectively termed as the **carpel** or the

gynoecium.

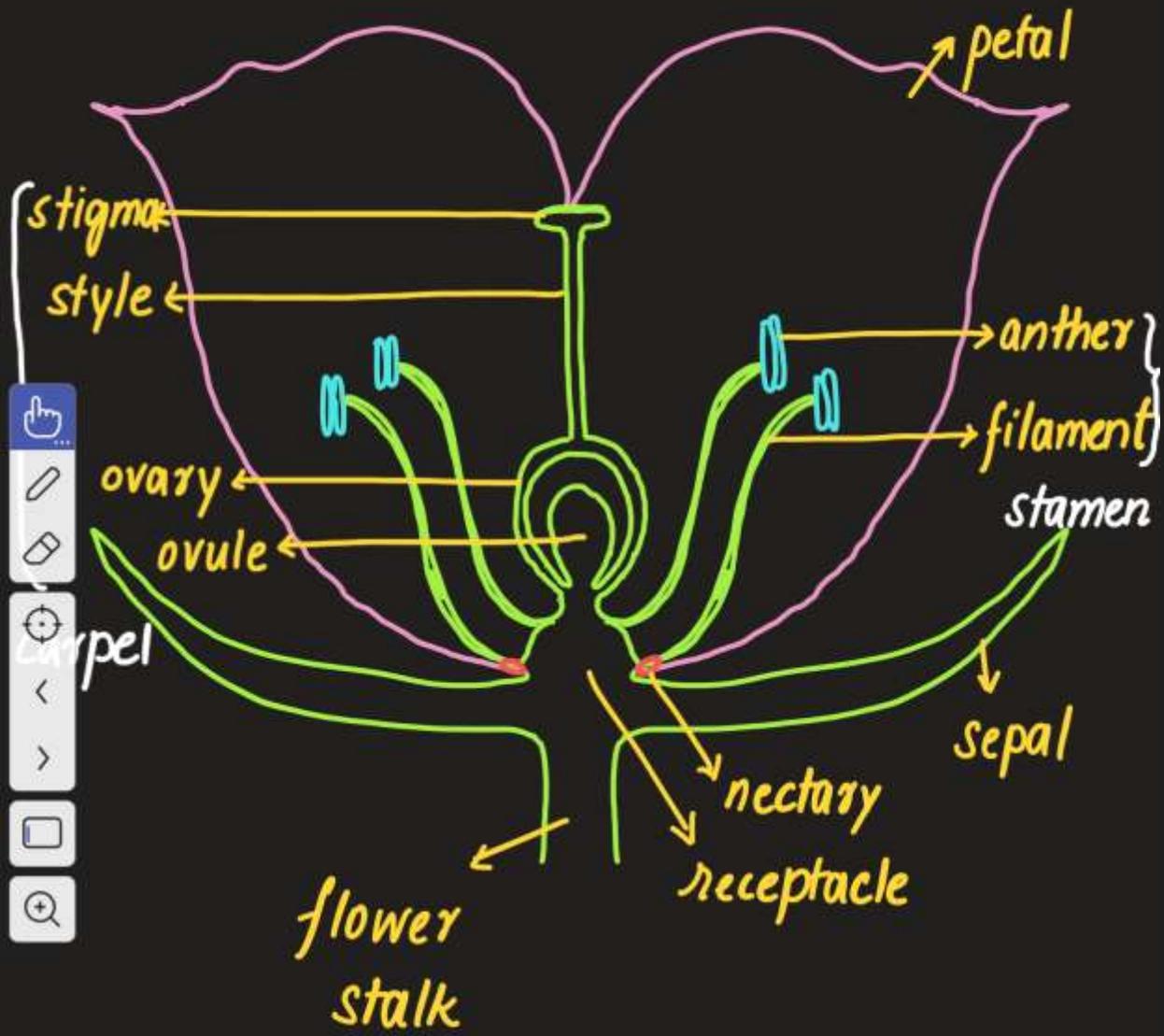
* Parts of the gynoecium include:

a) Stigma

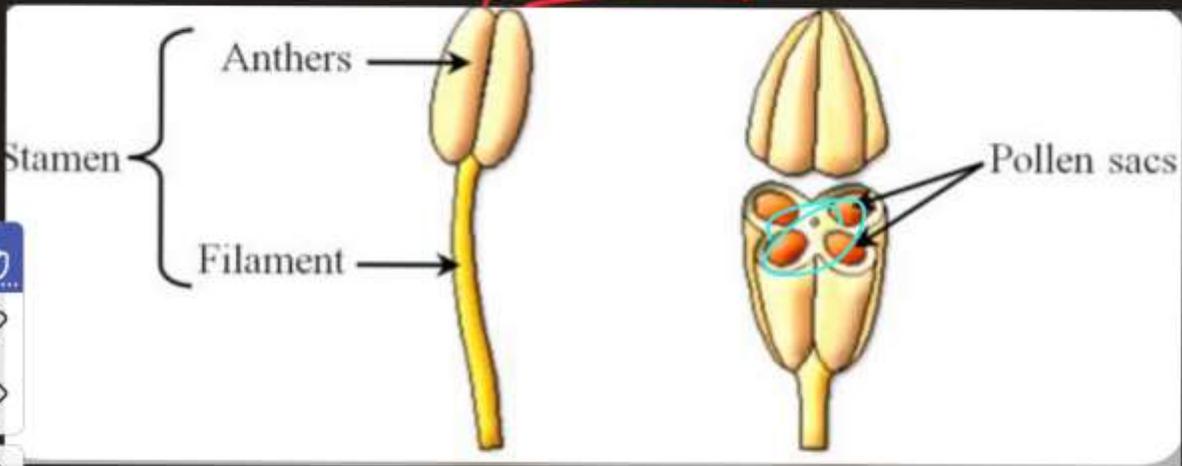
b) Style

c) Ovary

d) Ovule



Pollen Grain formation



pollen mother cell ($2n$)

↓ meiosis

four haploid cells (n)

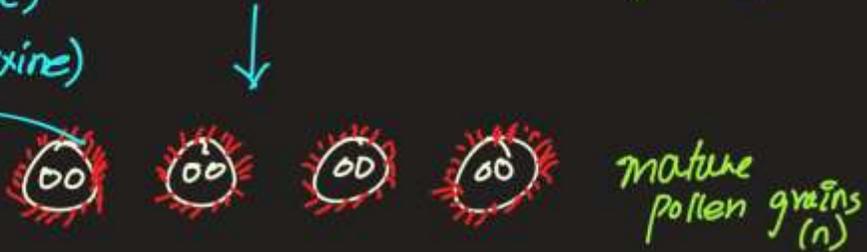


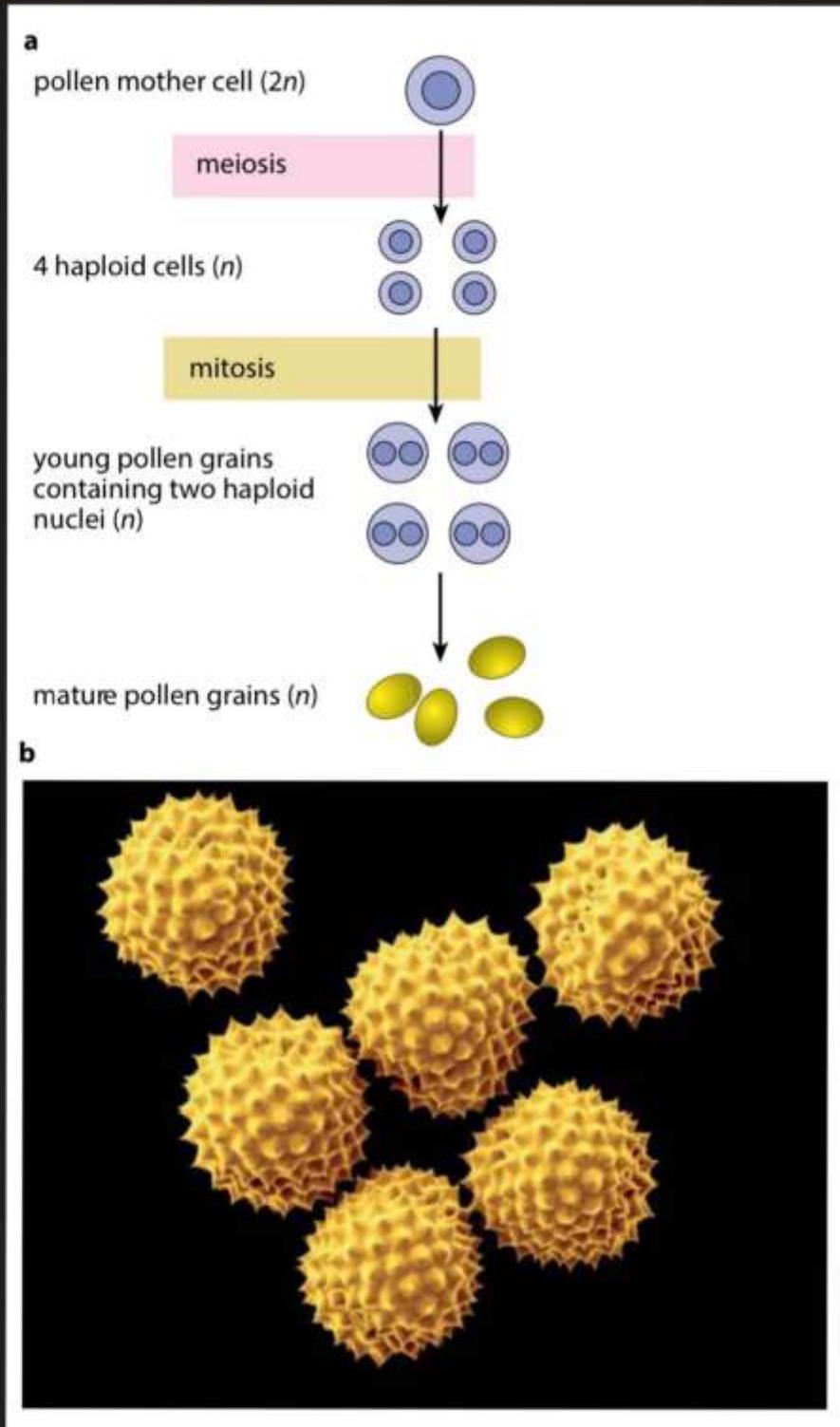
↓ mitosis without cytokinesis

generative n
tube n



- 1. Inner layer (intine)
- 2. Outer layer (exine)





Pollen grain formation

* Pollen grains are formed in **pollen sacs** inside **The anthers**.

* Pollen sacs contain **diploid pollen mother-**



er cells. A diploid pollen mother cell

divides by **meiosis** To produce four **haploid**

cells.

* Each haploid cell undergoes **mitosis**

without cytokinesis To produce the cell

with **two** haploid nuclei. These nuclei are

the **gametic nuclei**.

* One of the nucleus is termed as the **tube nucleus** and the other as the **generative nucleus**.

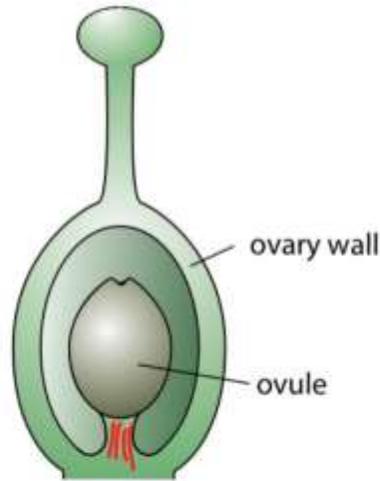
* The cell with **2** haploid nuclei forms a **protective coat** with 2 layers, an inner **intine** and an outer **exine**. This mature cell is termed as a **pollen grain**.

* One diploid pollen mother cell therefore produces **four** mature pollen grains.

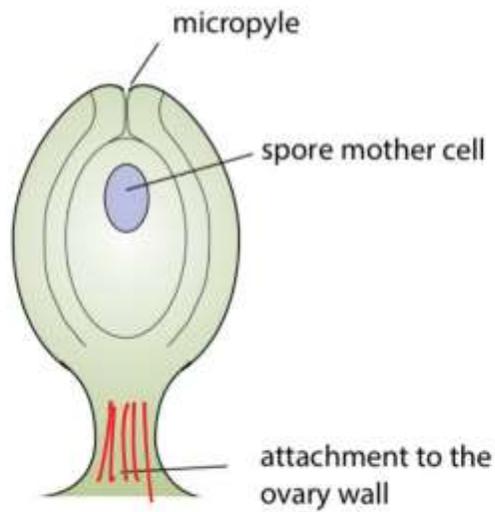
EMBRYO SAC formation



An ovary



An ovule



EMBRYO SAC formation

spore mother cell ($2n$)

↓ meiosis

4 x haploid cells (n)

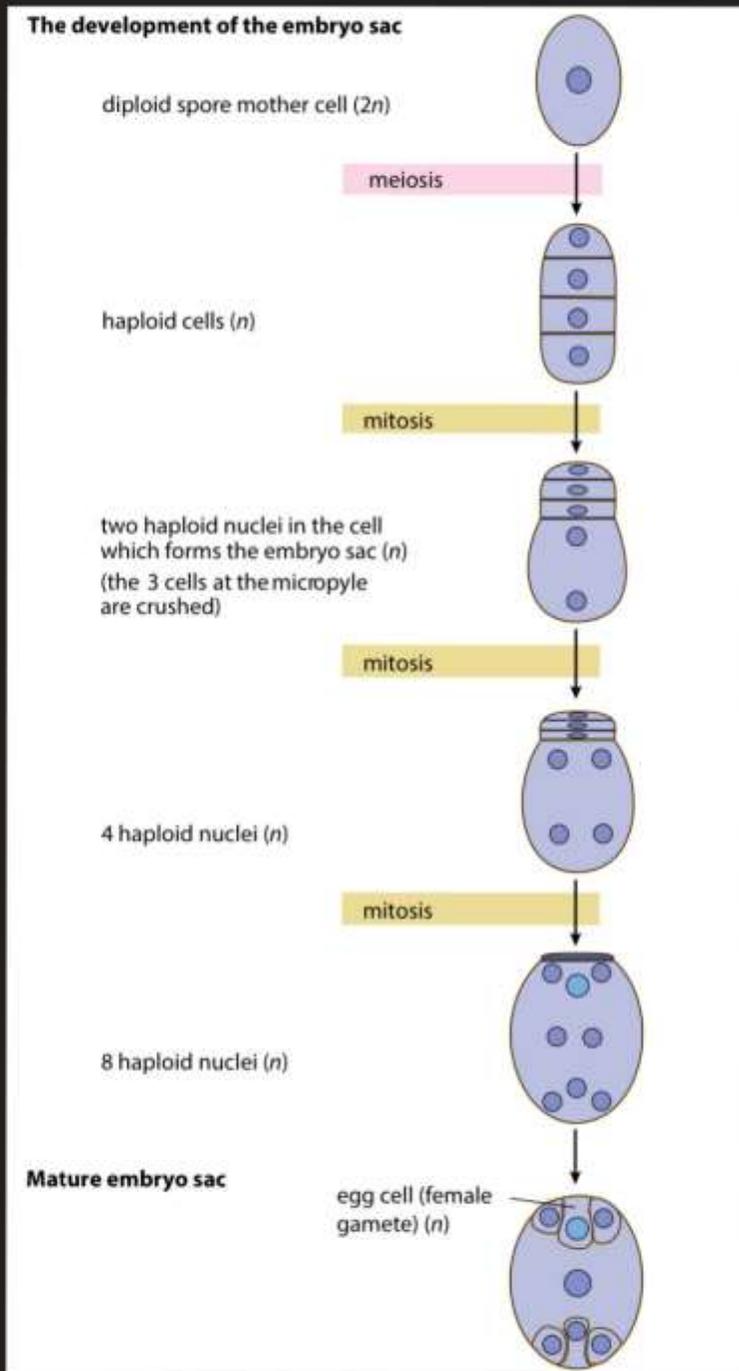
{ 3 are crushed by }
the micropyle

↓
1 x haploid cell (n)

↓ mitosis x 3
WITHOUT
cytokinesis

↓
mature embryo
sac





Embryo Sac Formation

* Embryo sac formation occurs in the **ovule**.

* A **diploid spore mother cell** within the ovule

divides by **meiosis** to form four **haploid** cells.

* Three out of these four cells are crushed
by the **micropyle**.

* The remaining haploid cell undergoes

three **mitotic** divisions to form a mature
embryo sac.

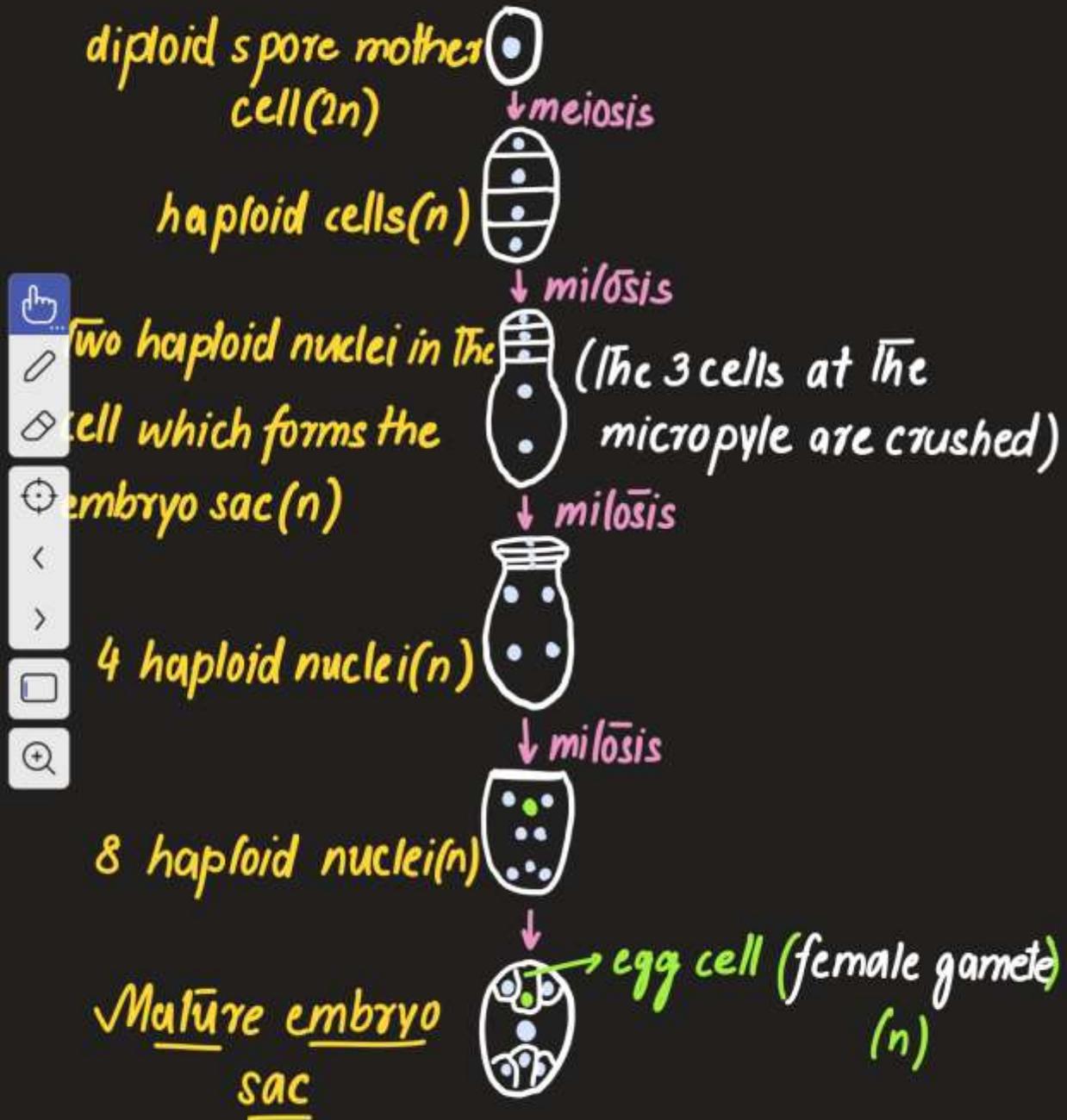
* A mature embryo sac has **eight** haploid nuclei, **one** of which is a **gametic nuclei**.

* One diploid spore mother cell thereafter produces **one** mature embryo sac.



* **Fertilisation** occurs when a male gamete within a pollen grain fuses with the ovule to form a diploid **zygote**. This zygote divides repeatedly by mitosis to form the **embryo**.

The development of The embryo sac





Comparing pollen grain and
embryo sac formation

Q: Compare and contrast pollen grain formation and embryo sac formation.

Similarities:

* Both involve mitosis and meiosis (before mitosis)



* Both involve The formation of gametes

via mitosis of haploid nuclei.

* Both involve mitosis without cytokinesis.

Differences:

Pollen Grain Formation

1) Pollen grains are

formed from diploid
pollen mother cells.

2) One pollen mother
cell produces 4 mature
pollen grains.

3) Haploid nucleus with-
in the pollen grain
divides once by mitosis.

Embryo Sac Formation

Embryo sac is
formed from diploid
spore mother cells.

One diploid spore mother
cell produces 1 mature
embryo sac.

Haploid nucleus with-
in the embryo sac
divides thrice by mitosis.

Pollen Grain Formation

4) A mature pollen

 grain has 2 haploid

 nuclei.

Embryo Sac Formation

A mature embryo sac

has 8 haploid nuclei.



Compare gametogenesis in mammals and plants

* Spermatogenesis Vs Pollen grain formation

Similarities

- meiosis produces 4 cells
- Chromosome number halves
- produce genetically different cells

Differences: Spermatogenesis

1. Mature sperm has one haploid nucleus
2. Mitosis occurs before meiosis
3. Primary spermatocyte undergoes meiosis

Pollen grain formation

1. Mature pollen grain has two haploid nuclei
2. Meiosis occurs before mitosis
3. Pollen mother cell undergoes meiosis

* Oogenesis Vs Embryo sac formation





Questions

3 Fig. 3.1 shows the structure of part of a seminiferous tubule of a human testis.

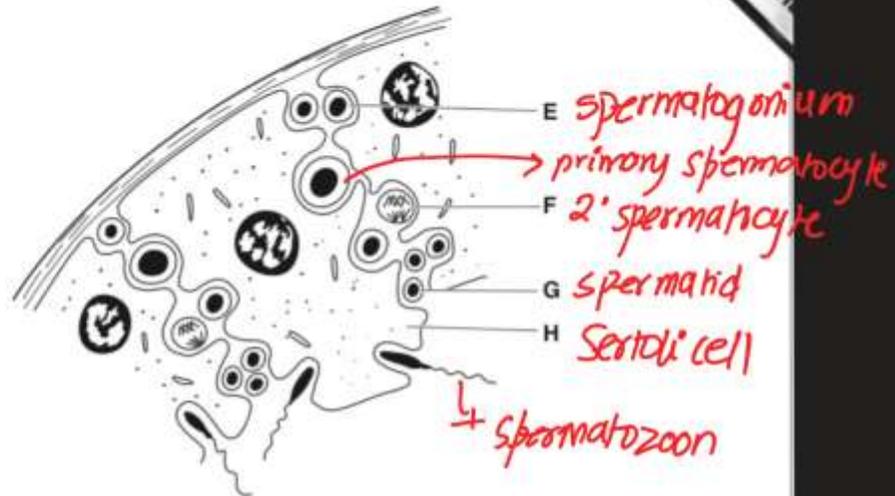


Fig. 3.1

(a) Name cells E to H.

E spermatogonium
F secondary spermatocyte
G Spermatid
H Sertoli cell

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(b) Describe how cell F is produced from cell E in the process of spermatogenesis.

* Spermatogonium is a diploid germ cell
* undergoes a growth phase (increase in size)
* to form a primary spermatocyte
* primary spermatocyte undergoes meiosis I
* to form haploid secondary spermatocyte.

[4]

[Total: 8]

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4 (a) Fig. 4.1 shows the stages in spermatogenesis in a mammal.

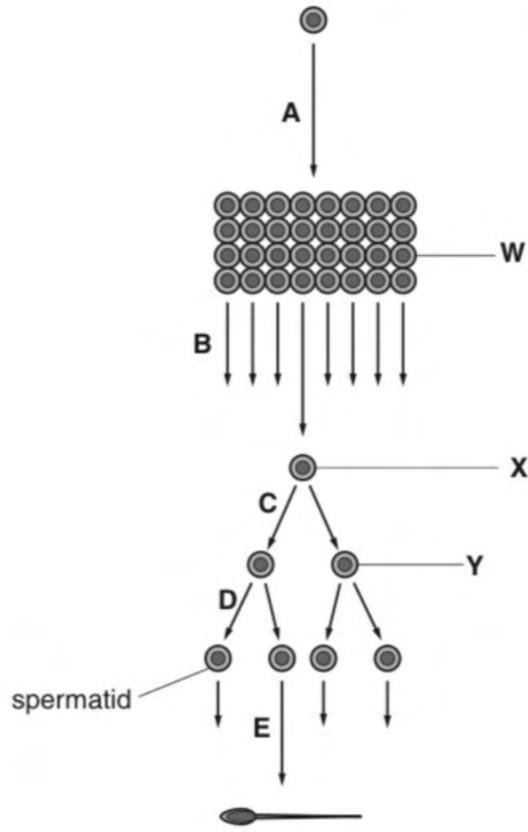


Fig. 4.1

(i) State the letter(s) of the arrow or arrows that represent mitosis.

A

[1]

(ii) Name the cells W, X and Y.

W *Spermatogonium*

X *primary spermatocyte*

Y *secondary spermatocyte*

[3]



- (c) In all animals so far studied, the production of fully functional sperm is sensitive to temperature.

In the nematode worm, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, spermatogenesis takes place in a similar way to mammals. Two proteins known as argonaute proteins are important in the development of sperm. They are coded for by the genes *alg-3* and *alg-4*.

Table 4.1 shows the effect of mutations in one or both of these genes on the fertility of male worms, at temperatures of 20°C and 25°C.

Fertility was measured as the mean number of offspring produced when the male worms mated with normal females.

Table 4.1

male worms	mean number of offspring produced	
	at 20°C	at 25°C
normal at both gene loci	280	150
mutation in <i>alg-3</i> only	125	95
mutation in <i>alg-4</i> only	220	85
mutations in both <i>alg-3</i> and <i>alg-4</i>	90	0

- (i) Describe the effect of increased temperature on the fertility of normal male worms.

* fertility of male worms decreases at higher temp.
* At 20°C, mean no. of offsprings produced = 280
At 25°C, " " " " " " " = 150
.....[2]

- (ii) Compare the effect of increased temperature on the fertility of *alg-3* mutant male worms with the effect on fertility of *alg-4* mutant male worms.

* male worms with mutation in *alg-4* have a more significant decrease in fertility at higher temp.
* mean no. of offsprings decrease from 220 to 85 in *alg-4* mutants whereas they dec. from 125 to 95 in *alg-3* mutants
.....[2]



Q

4 (a) Meiosis has an important role in sexual reproduction. Meiosis occurs during gametogenesis in humans and during the formation of pollen grains and embryo sacs in plants.

(i) Complete Table 4.1 to compare meiosis with mitosis.

For both columns, put a tick (✓) in the box if the statement is correct and put a cross (X) in the box if the statement is incorrect.

Each box must contain either a tick or a cross.

Table 4.1

statement	meiosis	mitosis
chromosome number is maintained	X	✓
homologous chromosomes pair up	✓	X
sister chromatids separate	✓	✓
occurs in prokaryotes	X	X

[2]

(ii) Compare the role of meiosis in gametogenesis to produce sperm cells in humans with the role of meiosis in gametogenesis in producing pollen grains in flowering plants.

* a sperm cell has one haploid nucleus and a pollen grain has two haploid nuclei
* primary spermatocyte undergoes meiosis in spermatogenesis whereas a pollen mother cell undergoes meiosis in pollen grain formation
* Spermatogenesis involves mitosis before meiosis whereas pollen grain formation involves meiosis before mitosis

[4]



Genetic Inheritance

Monoybrid Inheritance

↓ Types

- * Dominant vs Recessive
- * Codominance
- * Multiple alleles
- * Test cross
- * Sex-linkage
- * lethal alleles

Dihybrid Inheritance

without
crossing
over

with
crossing
over





Monohybrid Inheritance

MONOHYBRID INHERITANCE

* Monohybrid inheritance refers to the inheritance of one gene.

* We will be studying the following genetic

crosses as types of monohybrid inheritance:

a) Dominant & Recessive Alleles

b) Codominant alleles (codominance)

c) Multiple Alleles

d) Test Cross

e) Sex linked Alleles

f) Lethal Alleles



Dominant & Recessive alleles

(A) Dominant & Recessive alleles

① Gregor Mendel discovered the fundamental laws of inheritance through his ground-

breaking work on **pea plants**.

② He studied the inheritance of **7 traits** in pea plants.

③ Three of the 7 traits he studied are shown in **Figures 1a, 1b and 1c**.

④ Through his work, he deduced that a gene comes in pairs (**alleles**) → one from each parent.

⑤ An allele is said to be **dominant** if it expresses itself in the phenotype in a homozygote and a heterozygote.

⑥ An allele is said to be **recessive** if it expresses itself in the phenotype only in a homozygote.

⑦ **Genotype** refers to genetic constitution of an organism.

⑧ **Phenotype** refers to the physical detectable characteristic of an organism which results due to interaction b/w

The organism's **genotype** & its **environment**.

⑨ An organism is said to be **homozygous** if it carries identical alleles of a gene.

⑩ An organism is said to be **heterozygous** if it carries different alleles of a gene.

⑪ **Fig 1a** shows a cross between pure breeding tall and short plants. **Pure**

breeding strains are homozygous for a particular allele. When self-fertilised, pure-breeding strains always produce

offsprings having the same genotype and phenotype.

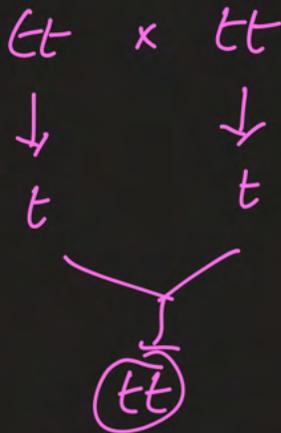
Pure breeding strains



pure breeding short plant

↓ self-fertilise

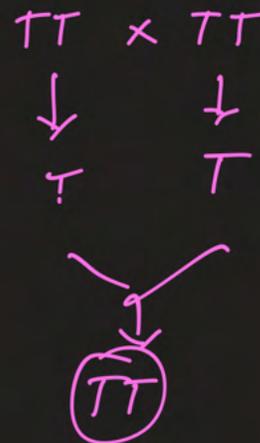
all offsprings are short



pure breeding tall plant

↓ self-fertilise

all offsprings are tall



Mendel experiments

Height of the pea plant

pure breeding parents

Tall x short

F₁ generation

Tall

F₂ generation

Tall : Short
3 : 1

Shape of the seeds

pure breeding parents

Round x Wrinkled

F₁ generation

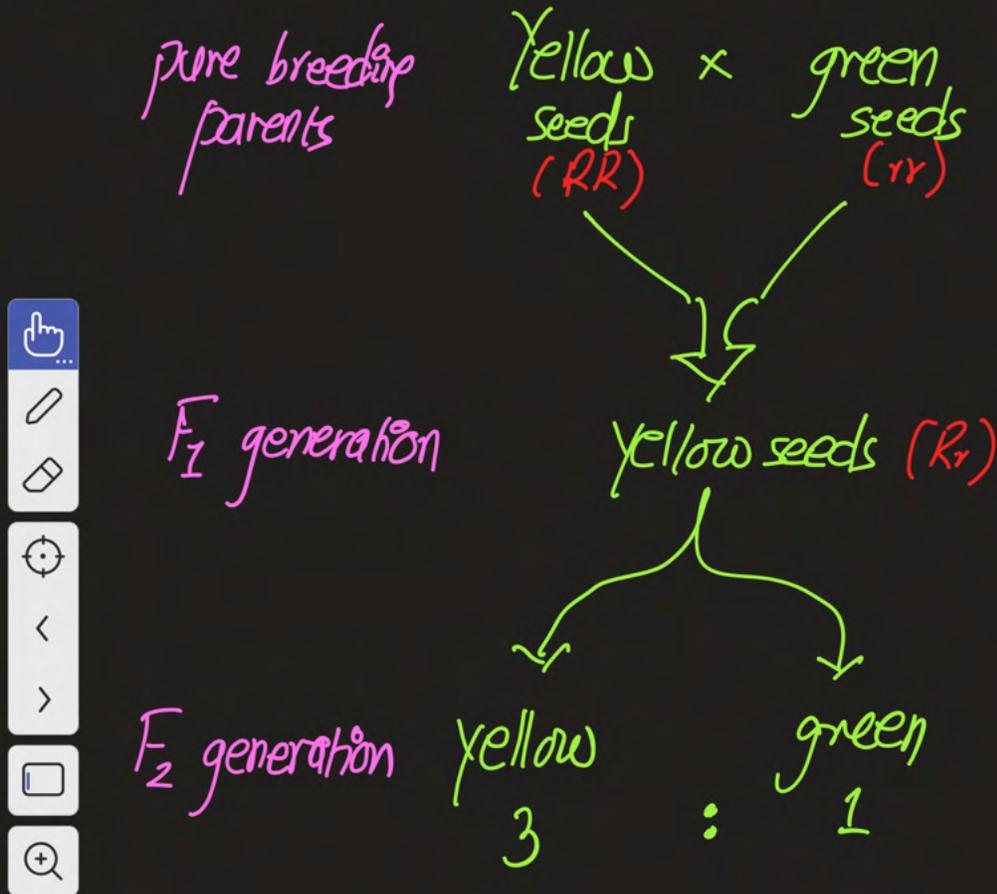
Round seeds

F₂ generation

Round seeds : Wrinkled seeds
3 : 1

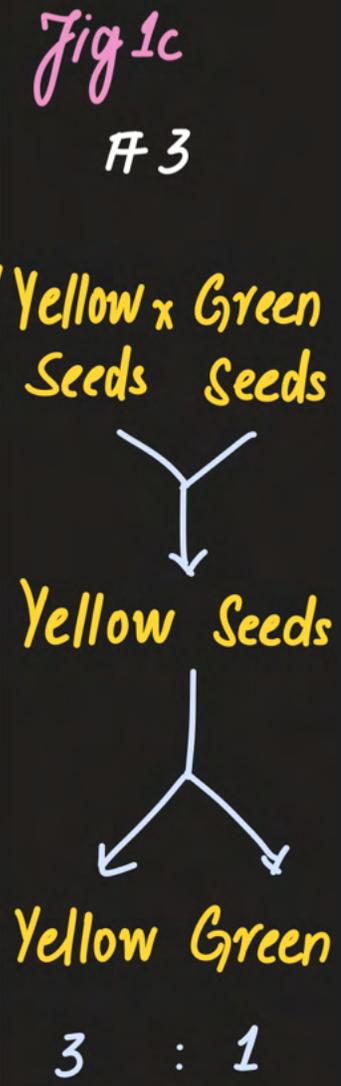
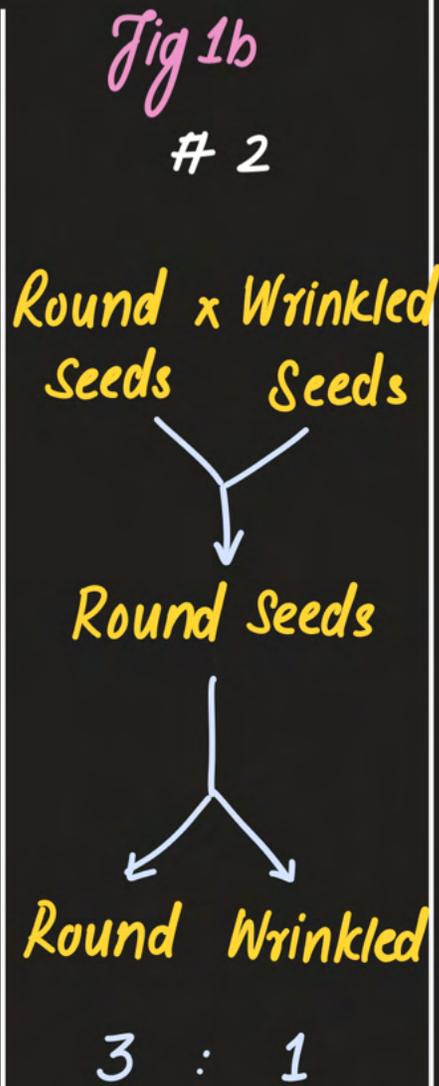
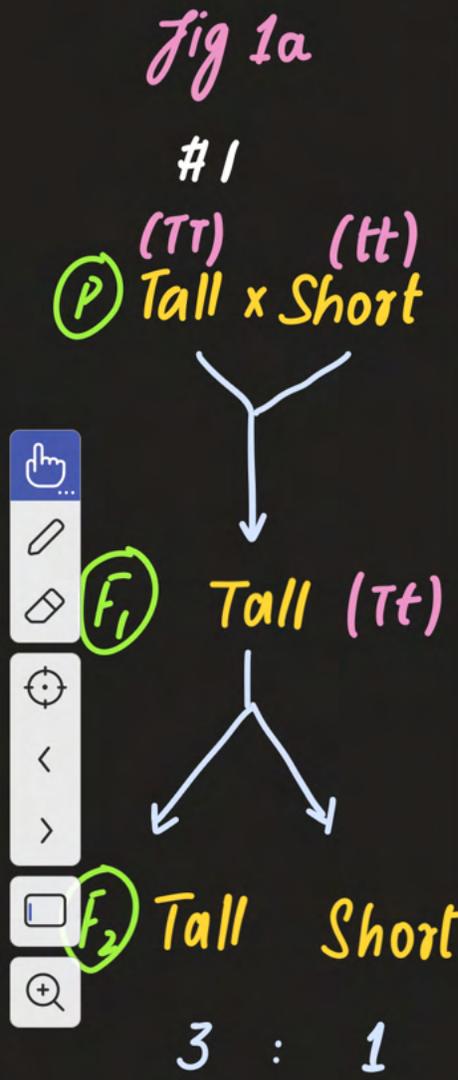


Colour of the seeds



F₁ - first filial generation

F₂ - second filial generation



(11) Cross between pure breeding tall and short plant produces The F_1 generation.

(12) Cross b/w two F_1 organisms produces the

F_2 generation (Figure 2)

The F_1 generation refers to the offsprings that result from a cross between

homozygous dominant organisms and

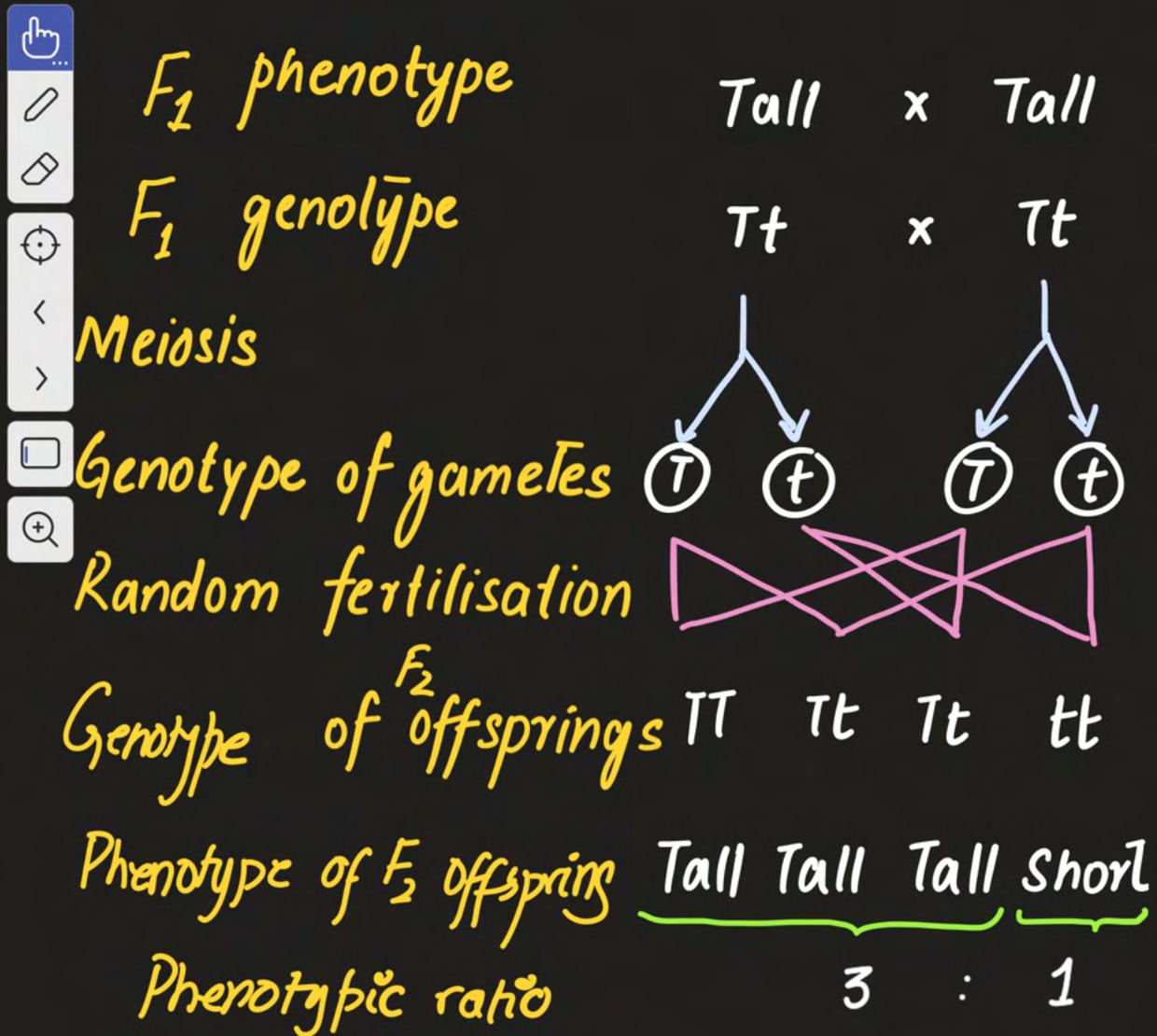
homozygous recessive organisms. All

the offsprings in the F_1 generation are

heterozygous.

① F_2 generation refers to the offsprings that result from a cross b/w two F_1 organisms.

Figure 2





Punnett Square $\begin{cases} \text{male} \rightarrow \text{♂} \\ \text{female} \rightarrow \text{♀} \end{cases}$

$\begin{matrix} \text{♂} \rightarrow \\ \text{♀} \end{matrix}$	$T^{1/2}$	$t^{1/2}$
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Q: Why did Mendel choose pea plants for his experiments?

Ans: (a) Pea plants grow really fast.

 (b) Pea plants can undergo self-pollination and cross-pollination.







 (c) Pea plants have sharply defined traits with two variants.

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without crossing over

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Codominance

(B) Co-dominance

① Two alleles are said to be **co-dominant** if they express themselves equally in the phenotype. The phenotype of the heterozygote is **different** from homozygotes.

② Fig. 3A/3B shows the example of **snap dragon plants** which have 2 equally dominant alleles which determine flower colour, C^R for **red** colour and C^W for **white** colour.

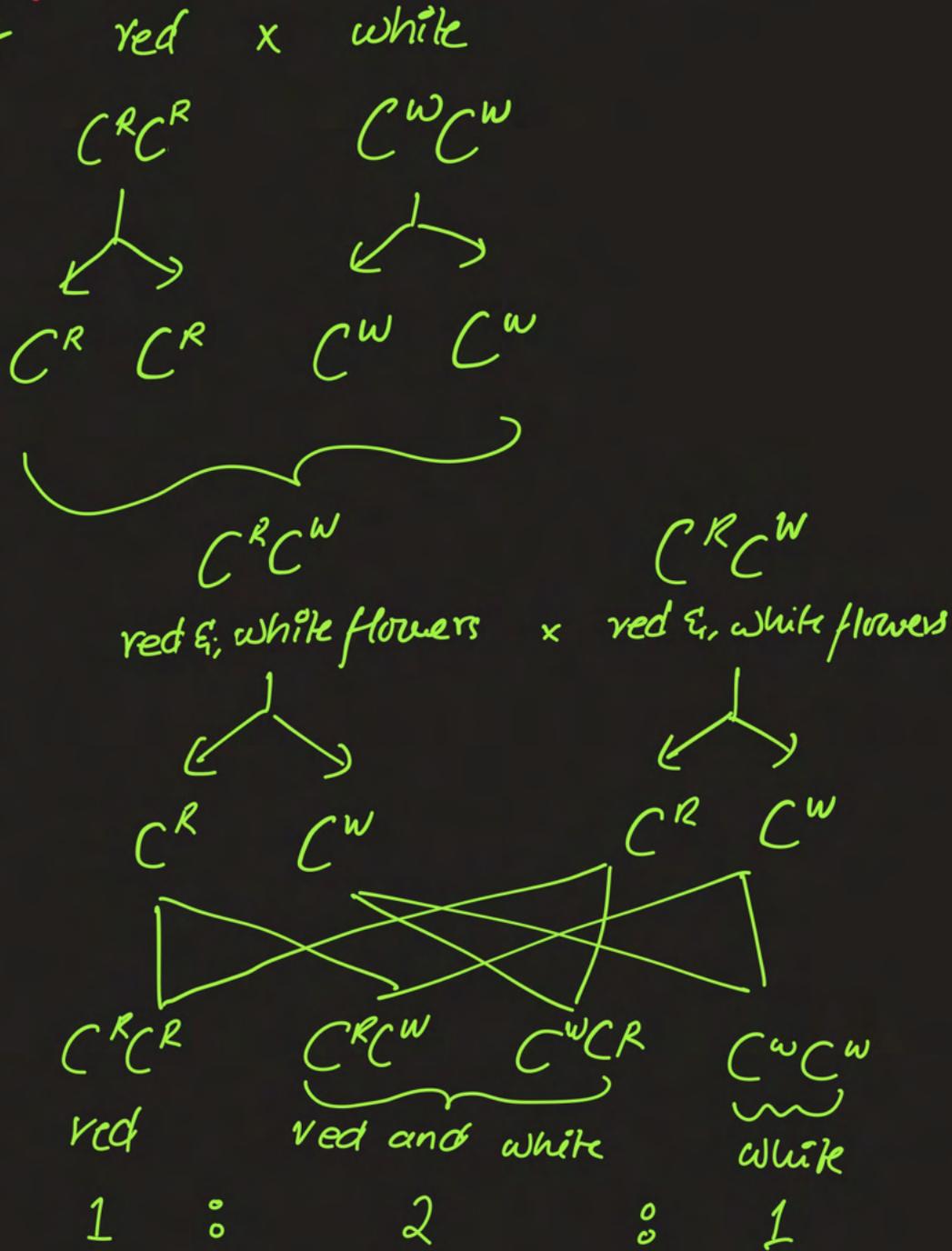
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③ The letter "C" indicates the gene locus for flower colour whereas the superscripts R & W refer to the alleles.

i) A snapdragon plant with red flowers has the genotype $C^R C^R$. A snapdragon with white flowers has the genotype $C^W C^W$. A snapdragon plant having genotype $C^R C^W$ has flowers with red & white patches (such that the flowers appear pink in colour)

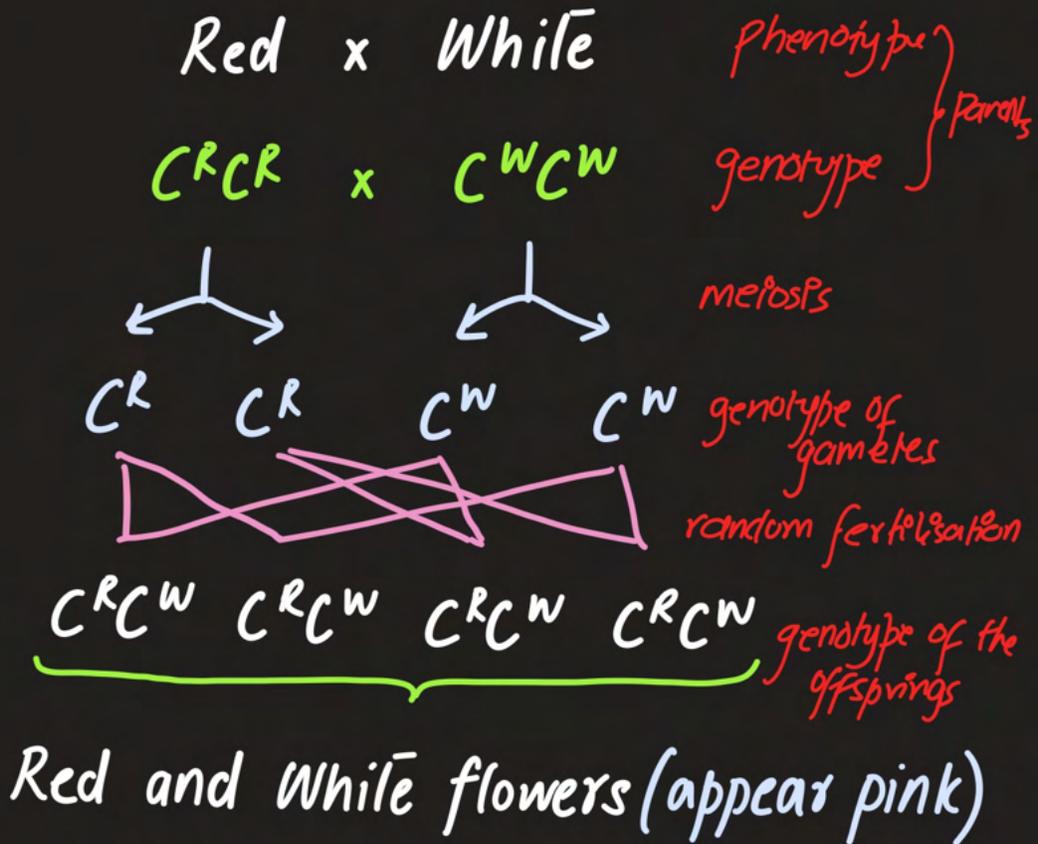
Codominance in snapdragons

Fig 3A



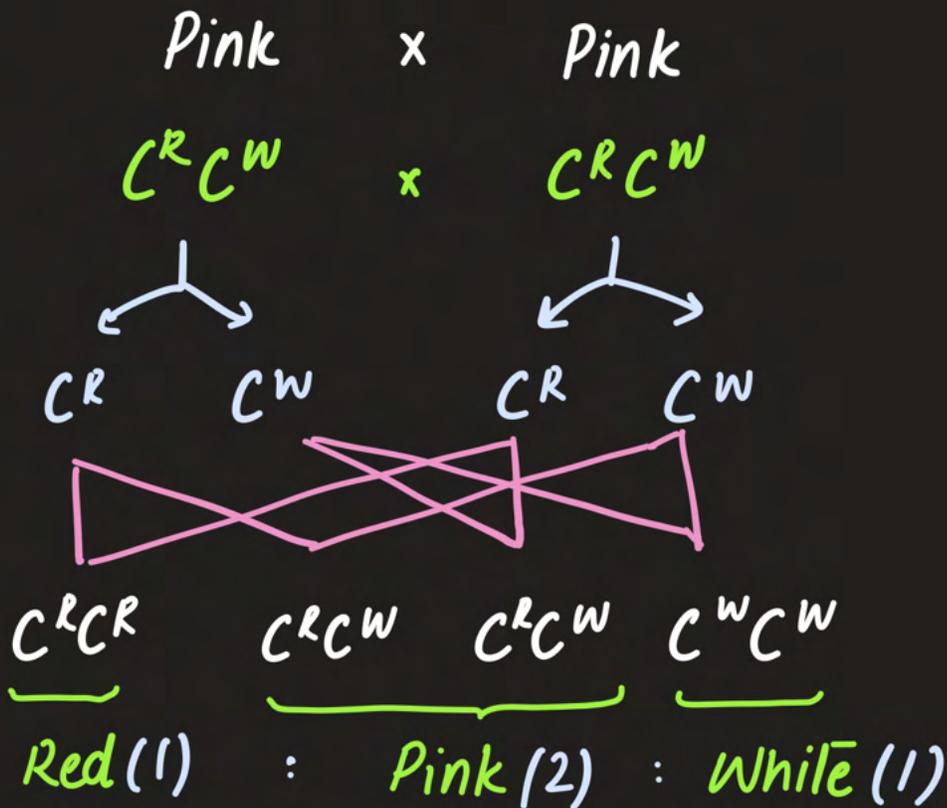
⑤ Fig 3A shows a cross b/w a plant with red flowers and a plant with white flowers. The offspring plants have flowers that appear pink in colour.

Fig 3A



⑥ Fig 3B shows a cross b/w 2 heterozygotes
The offspring plants have The following
phenol̄ype ratio 1: 2: 1 (red: pink: white)

Fig 3B



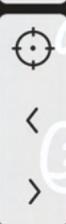
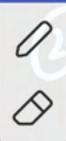


Multiple Alleles

③ Multiple Alleles

① A gene may have more than 2 alleles.

This phenomenon is known as **multiple alleles**.



② Alleles that determine The **ABO** grouping are an example of multiple alleles.

③ The alleles responsible for ABO blood groups are **I^A, I^B, I^O** where The letter

"I" corresponds to The gene locus and The letters **A, B and O** correspond to The alleles.

④ Fig 4 shows a cross b/w 2 heterozygotes
having a blood group A ^($I^A I^O$) and a blood
group B ^($I^B I^O$).

⑤ The offspring have an equal likelihood
of having a blood group A, B, AB or O .



Multiple alleles in ABO grouping

Fig 4.

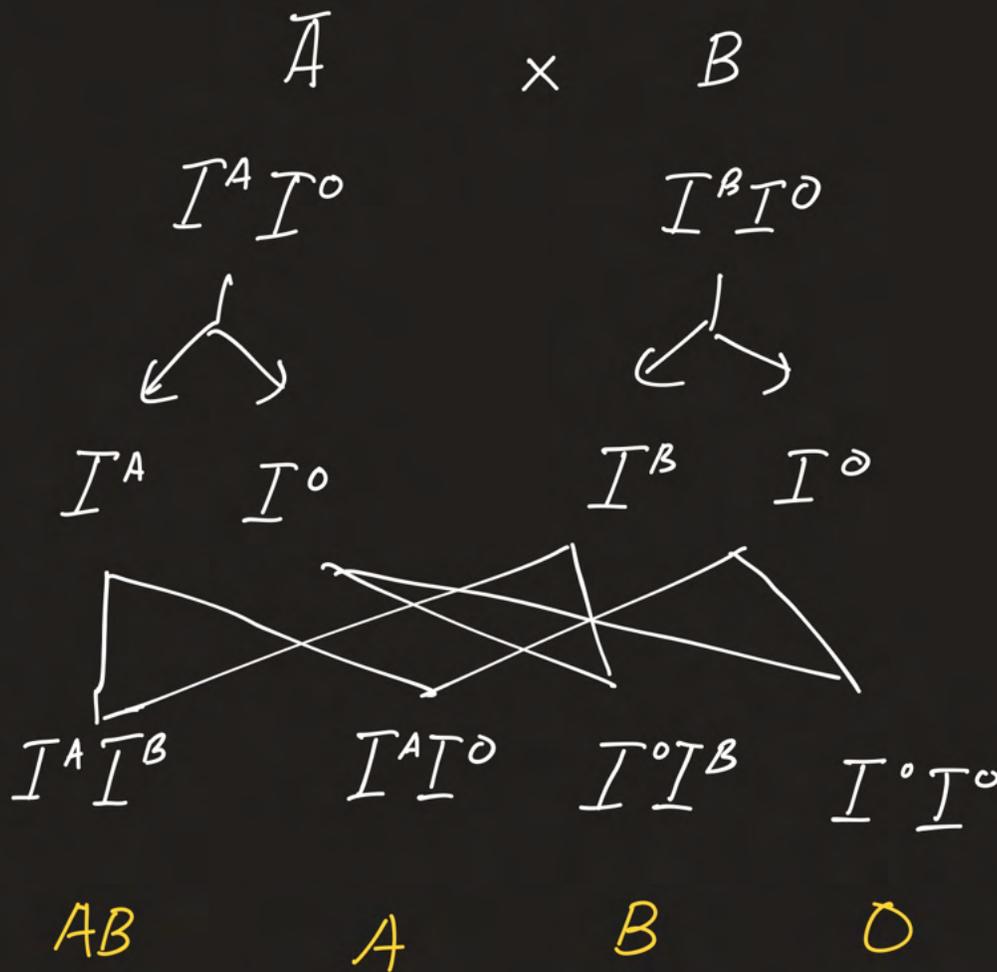


Fig. 4

Parental phenotype

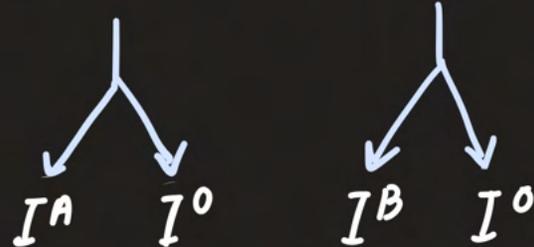
A x B

Parental genotype

$I^A I^O$ x $I^B I^O$

Meiosis

Genotype of gametes



Random fertilisation



Genotype of offsprings

$I^A I^B$ $I^A I^O$ $I^B I^O$ $I^O I^O$

Phenotype

AB A B O



Test Cross

dominant
phenotype

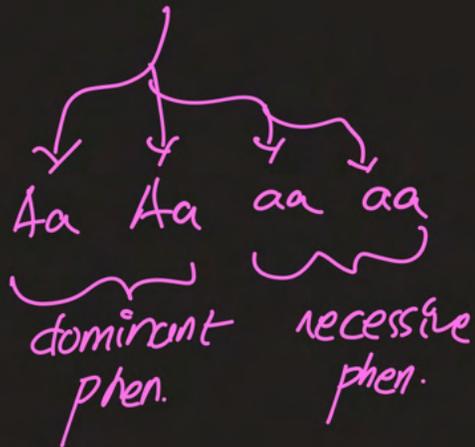
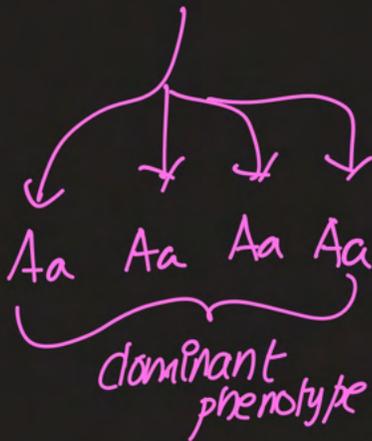
Genotype ?

homozygous
dominant

heterozygous

$AA \times aa$

$Aa \times aa$



① Test Cross

① For alleles that show dominance, it is not possible to tell the genotype of an organism having dominant phenotype.

In such cases, a **test cross** may be used to determine the unknown genotype.

② A Test cross is a **genetic cross** b/w an organism with a dominant phenotype and ^{an} other organism which is homozygous recessive. The phenotype of the offspring can be used to determine if the genotype

is homozygous dominant or heterozygous.

③ Consider the genetic diagrams shown in

Fig 5a and Fig 5b

④ If a cross b/w a tall pea plant and a short pea plant produces offsprings

that are all tall (Fig 5a), it implies that

The genotype of the tall organism is

homozygous dominant.



⑤ If a cross b/w a tall pea plant and a short pea plant produces offsprings that are tall & short (Fig 5b), it implies that the genotype of the tall plant is heterozygous.



Fig 5a

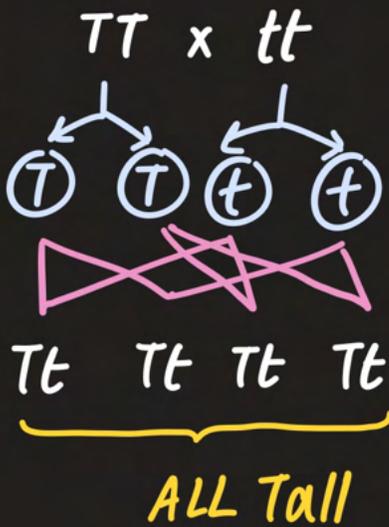
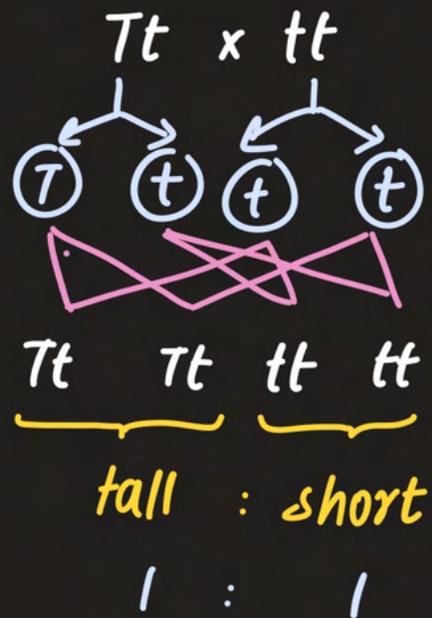


Fig 5b



Sex-linkage



* a gene that is present on the part of the X-chromosome unmatched by the Y-chromosome is said to be sex-linked.

* A male (in humans) will only have one copy of the gene.

* A female (in humans) will have two copies of the gene

⑤ Sex linkage

① Sex linkage refers to the phenomenon of having a gene on the part of the

X chromosome not matched by the Y

chromosome. Males therefore only have

one copy of the gene and females

have two copies of the gene.

② Males (humans) are heterogametic

which implies that they produce gametes

having different sex chromosomes.

③ Females (humans) are **homogametic** which implies that they produce gametes having the same type of sex chromosomes.

④ **Haemophilia** is a sex linked recessive disorder.

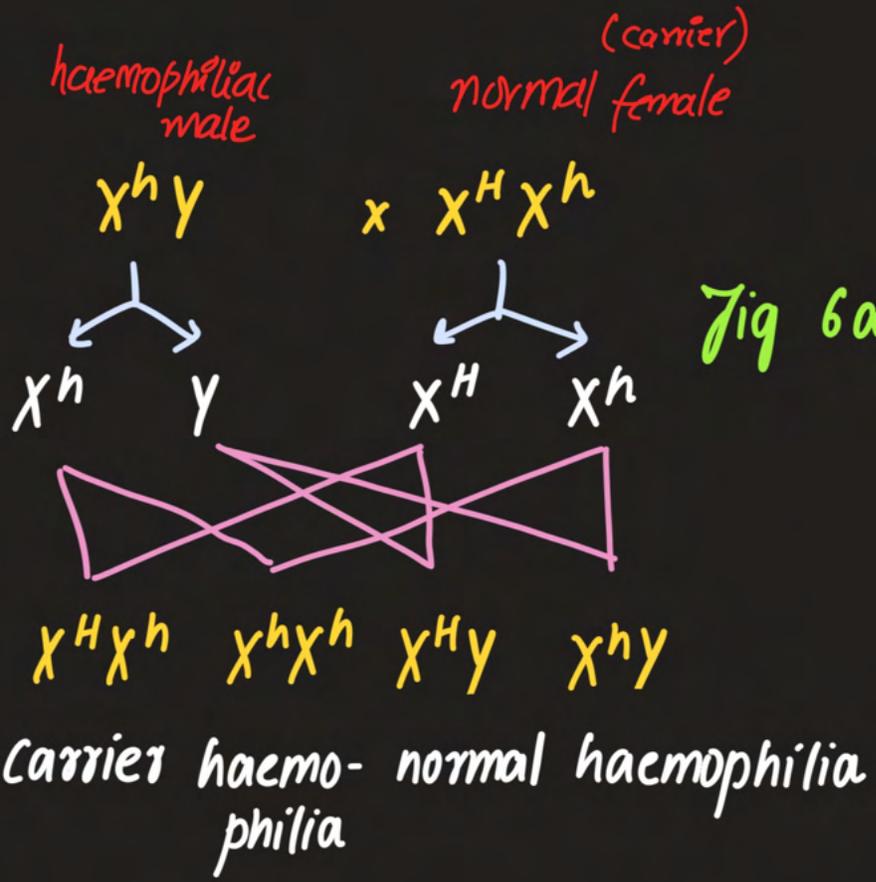
⑤ The haemophilia allele is linked to the X-chromosome. The dominant allele is the normal allele denoted by X^H .

The recessive haemophilia allele is denoted by X^h .

⑥ The normal allele (X^H) codes for a functional clotting factor VIII. The haemophilia allele (x^h) codes for a non-functioning clotting factor viii.

⑦ Fig 6a shows genetic cross b/w a haemophiliac male (x^hY) and a carrier female (X^Hx^h).

The offsprings have a 50% likelihood of having haemophilia.



⑧ Fig 6b shows a genetic cross b/w a carrier female and a normal male. Fig 6a and 6b indicate that a man with haemophilia cannot pass the haemophilia allele to his son but may pass it to his grandson.

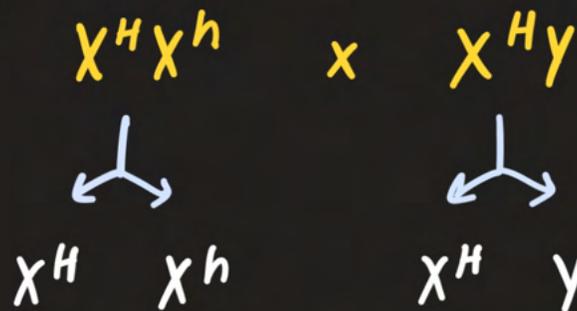
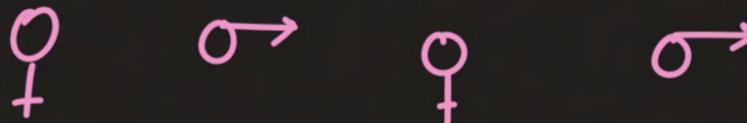


Fig 6b



Normal Normal Carrier Haemophilia



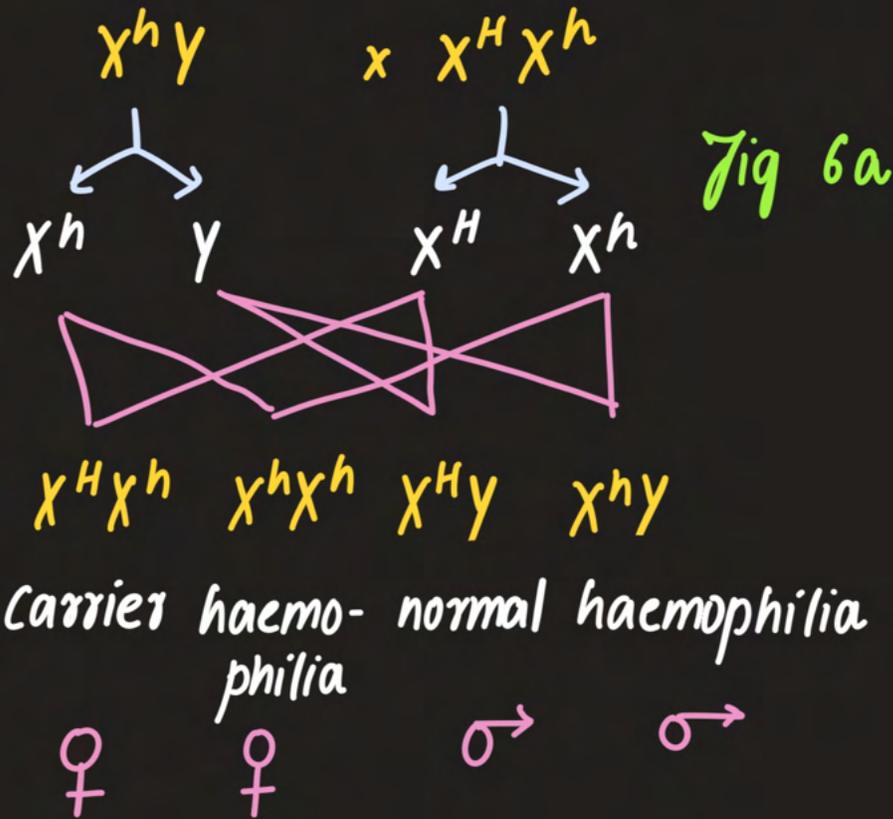
Q: Explain with the help of genetic diagram why a male with haemophilia cannot pass haemophilia allele to his son but may pass to his grandson?

Ans: Haemophilia is a sex-linked recessive disorder. The haemophilia allele is present on the X-chromosome. Males being heterogametic (XY) have only one copy of the allele. Females being homogametic (XX) have 2 copies of the allele.

A man with haemophilia has the genotype $x^h y$. A haemophiliac male can pass on the haemophilia allele to his daughter but not to his son as shown in the figure



below (6a):



The carrier female in the cross shown above may pass on the haemophilia allele to her son as shown in the genetic diagram below (6b):

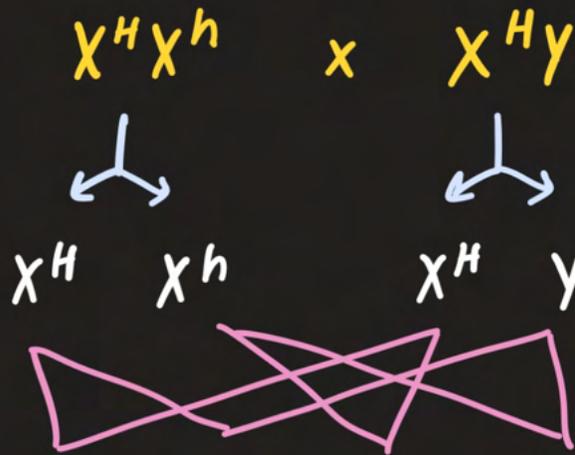
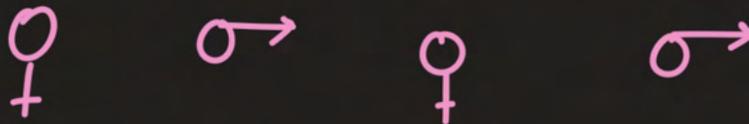


Fig 6b

$X^H X^H \quad X^H Y \quad X^H X^h \quad X^h Y$

Normal Normal Carrier Haemophilia





Questions

Q.

- 3 Some neurones in the brain produce a neurotransmitter known as dopamine. Parkinson's disease occurs when the neurones that produce dopamine die. A person with the disease may experience difficulty in coordinating movement, often seen as tremors (shaking) in different parts of the body.

Parkinson's disease typically occurs in people older than 55 years. Younger people with these symptoms are said to have early onset Parkinson's disease (EOPD).

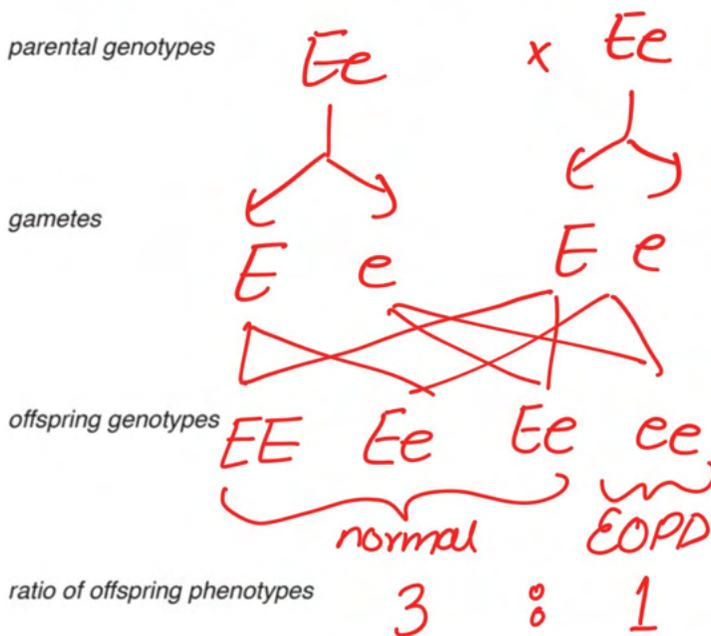
Recessive mutations in a gene known as *PINK1*, located on chromosome 1, an autosome, are believed to be one cause of EOPD. A person with this form of EOPD has a homozygous recessive genotype.

- (a) Draw a genetic diagram of a cross between two individuals who are heterozygous at the *PINK1* gene locus.

key to symbols used for alleles

$E \rightarrow$ normal dominant allele

$e \rightarrow$ recessive EOPD allele



[4]



4 Domestic goats, *Capra hircus*, show a wide range of coat patterns and colours. One gene involved in coat colour and pattern has multiple alleles. Four of these alleles are:

- **A**, the allele for white, is dominant to all others
- **A^b**, the allele for badgerface (stripes on face) and **A^g**, the allele for grey, are codominant
- **a**, the allele for black, is recessive to all others.

(a) State all the possible genotypes of:

a grey badgerface goat $A^b A^g$

a white goat. AA, Aa, AA^g, AA^b

[2]

(b) A cross between a black goat and a white goat produced a white goat. This white offspring was crossed with a grey goat. The genotype of the grey goat was not known.

Use genetic diagrams to show **all** the possible offspring genotypes and phenotypes that could result from the cross between the white offspring and the grey goat.

white goat black goat white offspring
 $A_ \quad \times \quad aa \quad \longrightarrow \quad Aa$

White offspring x grey goat

→ cross 1 $Aa \times A^g A^g$
offspring genotypes → AA^g and $A^g a$
" " phenotypes → white and grey

→ cross 2 $Aa \times A^g a$
offspring genotypes → $AA^g, Aa, A^g a, aa$
" phenotypes → white, grey, black

[4]



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Genetic Inheritance

Monoybrid Inheritance

↓ Types

- * Dominant vs Recessive
- * Codominance
- * Multiple alleles
- * Test cross
- * Sex linkage
- * lethal alleles

Dihybrid Inheritance

without
crossing
over

with
crossing
over





Questions

Q.

8 An autosomal gene controlling fur colour in cats has three alleles:

- allele C^B codes for black fur
- allele C^{CH} codes for chocolate fur
- allele C^{CM} codes for cinnamon (orange-brown) fur.

Allele C^B is dominant to both C^{CH} and C^{CM} .
 Allele C^{CH} is dominant to C^{CM} .

(a) (i) State the name given to the position of a gene on a chromosome.

..... locus [1]

(ii) A cinnamon-coloured cat must be homozygous.

Explain what is meant by the term *homozygous*.

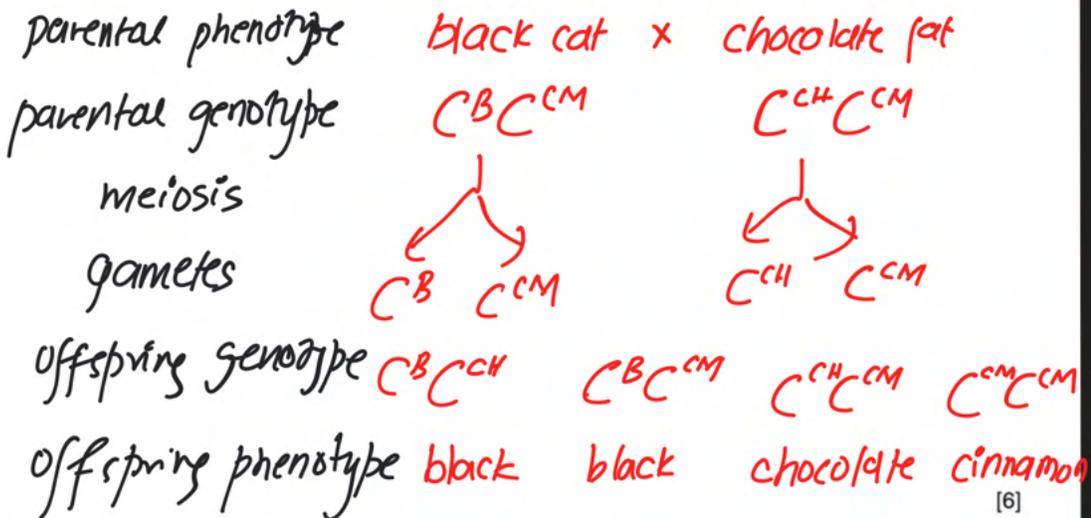
..... * identical alleles of a gene

$C^B C^{CH} \times C^B C^{CM}$ [1]

(b) Two black cats were crossed. Most of their offspring had black fur and a few had chocolate fur. When they were mature, one of the black offspring was crossed with one of the chocolate offspring. Some of the cats in the second generation had cinnamon fur.

Draw a genetic diagram to show how cats with cinnamon-coloured fur were produced in the second generation.

$C^B C^{CH} \times C^B C^{CM} \rightarrow C^B C^B / C^B C^{CM} / C^B C^{CH} / C^{CH} C^{CM}$



[6]

[Total: 8]



(ii) Use a genetic diagram to show how parents who do not have this condition can have a child with the inherited form of DI.

symbols

normal $\rightarrow X^D$
recessive DI $\rightarrow X^d$

parental genotypes

$X^D Y$ x $X^D X^d$

gametes

X^D Y X^D X^d

offspring genotypes

$X^D X^D$ $X^D X^d$ $X^D Y$ $X^d Y$

offspring phenotypes

normal female normal female (carrier) normal male DI male

[4]

[Total: 8]



Lethal Alleles

↓
alleles that cause death of an organism are termed as lethal alleles

dominant
lethals

↓
if the allele causes DEATH in homozygous state or the heterozygous state

recessive
lethals

↓
if the allele causes DEATH only in the homozygous state



⑤ Lethal Alleles

① **Lethal alleles** are alleles that cause the death of an organism.

② Lethal alleles are classified into **recessive lethals** and **dominant lethals**.

③ **Recessive lethals** are lethal alleles that cause the death of an organism in the **homozygous state**. **Dominant lethals** are lethal alleles that cause the death of an organism in the **homozygous or heterozygous state**.

④ Lethal alleles were first discovered while studying the inheritance of coat colour in a certain breed of mice.

⑤ The gene for coat colour in this breed of mice has two alleles:

$Y \rightarrow$ yellow coat colour $Yy \times Yy$
 $y \rightarrow$ grey coat colour $Yy \times Yy$
 $yy \times Yy$

⑥ Fig 7 shows a cross b/w 2 yellow mice which always produces offsprings in the ratio 2 : 1 for yellow: grey mice. This ratio does not obey the expected phenotypic

ratio.

⑦ The **observed** phenotypic ratio results

because the dominant allele **Y** is a lethal

 allele which causes death of an organism



 which is **homozygous dominant**, therefore



 yellow mice can only have the genotype



Yy.

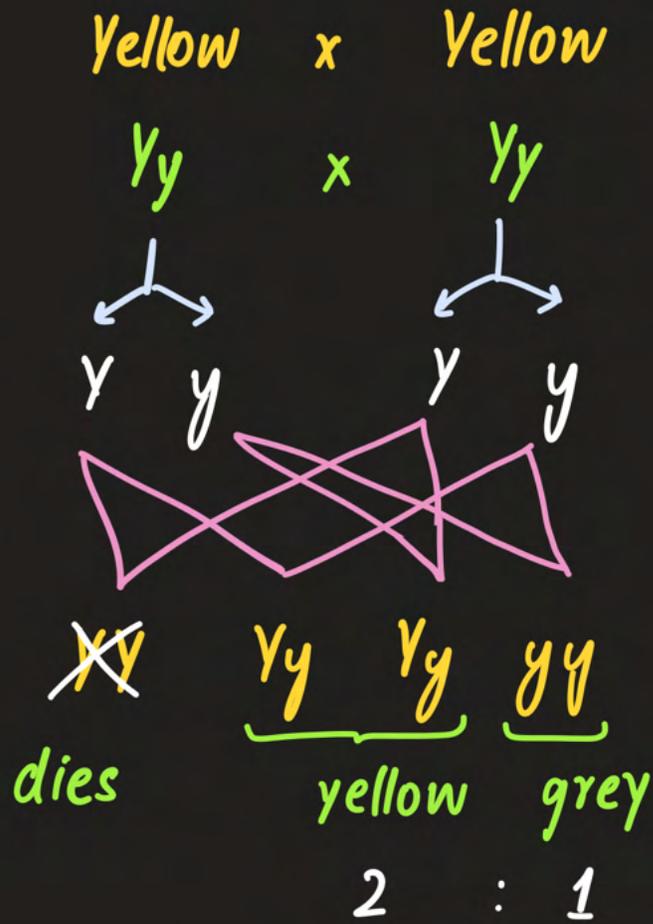


Fig 7

Q.

6 In mice, fur colour is controlled by a gene with multiple alleles. These alleles are listed in no particular order.

black and tan = C^{bt}
 agouti = C^a

yellow = C^y
 black = C^b

(a) Suggest explanations for the results of the following crosses between mice.

(i) Mice with agouti fur crossed with mice with black fur may produce all agouti offspring or some agouti and some black offspring.

Agouti \times Black \rightarrow all agouti
 \rightarrow agouti + black
 $C^a C^a \times C^b C^b$ / $C^a C^b \times C^b C^b$

* agouti allele is dominant to black allele
 * agouti parent may be homozygous or heterozygous

[2]

(ii) Crosses between heterozygous parents with the genotype $C^y C^b$ always produce a ratio of two yellow mice to one black mouse.

$C^y C^b \times C^y C^b$
 $C^y C^b$ $C^y C^b$
 $C^y C^y$ $C^y C^b$ $C^y C^b$ $C^b C^b$
 dies in utero 2 : 1

* yellow allele is dominant to black allele
 * the homozygous genotype $C^y C^y$ is lethal [2]



(iii) Mice with yellow fur crossed with mice with black fur will produce one following outcomes:

- some yellow offspring and some agouti offspring
- some yellow offspring and some black and tan offspring
- some yellow offspring and some black offspring.

Yellow \times black
 $C^Y C^b$ $C^b C^b$

* yellow allele C^Y is dominant to all others.
* all yellow mice are heterozygous

[2]

(b) A test cross is used to determine the genotype of an organism.

Describe how you would carry out a test cross to determine the genotype of a black and tan mouse.

* black and tan mouse will be crossed with
a homozygous recessive black mouse $C^b C^b$
* if all offsprings are black and tan $\rightarrow C^{bt} C^{bt}$
* if some offsprings are black and some are
black and tan $\rightarrow C^{bt} C^b$

[2]

[Total: 8]



Dihybrid Inheritance

Dihybrid Inheritance

A/a B/b

Non-linkage



AaBb

Linkage



(AB)(ab)



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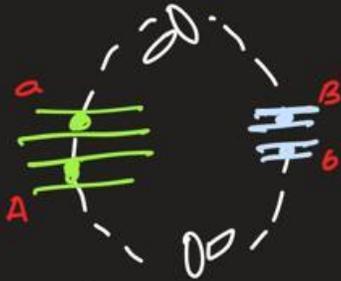
A/a B/b

Non-linkage



AaBb

* Chromosomes can assort independently



Genotype of gametes:

AB ab aB Ab
 1 : 1 : 1 : 1

Linkage

(without crossing over)



(AB)(ab)

* Independent assortment does NOT occur

(AB) (ab)

(AB) (ab)

1 : 1



Dihybrid Inheritance

* refers to inheritance of two genes simultaneously.

(A) Dihybrid Inheritance of Non-linked Genes



• Non-linkage is the phenomenon of having two genes on separate pairs of homologous chromosomes.

• Consider two genes A/a and B/b ;



Q: How do we write the genotype of the organism above?

$AaBb$

Q: State the genotype and probability of the gametes produced. Explain how they are produced.

Gametes \rightarrow $AB : Ab : aB : ab$
 $1 : 1 : 1 : 1$

Gametes are produced as a result of independent assortment.

② Dihybrid Inheritance of Linked Genes without crossing over

• Linkage is the phenomenon of having

two genes on the same pair of homologous chromosome. Linked genes CANNOT assort independently.

• Consider two genes A/a & B/b ;



Q : How do we write the genotype of the organism above?

$(AB)(ab)$

Q : State The genotype and probability of The gametes produced without crossing over ?

Gametes \rightarrow $AB : ab$
 $1 : 1$

© Dihybrid Inheritance of Linked Genes with crossing over

• Crossing over refers to exchange of genetic material b/w non-sister chromatids



Consider two genes A/a and B/b ;



$(AB)(ab)$

meiosis with no crossing over

- ↳ AB
- ↳ ab

meiosis with crossing over

- (more common) ↳ AB } parental gametes
- ↳ ab }
- ↳ Ab } gametes due to crossing over
- ↳ aB }

'recombinant gametes' (less common)

Question:

• Consider two genes A/a & B/b which determine the seed colour and seed shape respectively:

A - yellow B - smooth
 a - green b - wrinkled

Case A \rightarrow Non-linkage
Case B \rightarrow Linkage without crossing over
Case C \rightarrow Linkage with crossing over

Case A : A/a and B/b are non-linked genes.

- Assume the two organisms are heterozygous for both the genes.

Genotype of parent: $AaBb \times AaBb$

Genotype in gametes (same in both parents)
: AB, aB, ab, Ab

• A Punnett square can be made to determine the genotype and phenotypic ratio of offsprings:

♂ ♀	$AB^{1/4}$	$Ab^{1/4}$	$aB^{1/4}$	$ab^{1/4}$
$AB^{1/4}$	$AABB^{1/16}$	$AABb$	$AaBB$	$AaBb$
$Ab^{1/4}$	$AABb$	$AAbb$	$AaBb$	$Aabb$
$aB^{1/4}$	$AaBB$	$AaBb$	$aaBB$	$aaBb$
$ab^{1/4}$	$AaBb$	$Aabb$	$aaBb$	$aabb$

Phenotypes: Yellow ξ : Yellow ξ : Green ξ : Green ξ
 Smooth Wrinkled Smooth Wrinkled

Phenotypic ratio: 9 : 3 : 3 : 1

- We will now discuss for the same two genes (A/a and B/b), the expected outcome of offsprings when:

 Case B : The two genes are linked (with NO crossing over)


 Case C : The two genes are linked (with crossing over)



* Before we start, let's look at the two forms of **linkage** with respect to dihybrid inheritance:

① **Autosomal Linkage** → The two genes are present on the same chromosome which is NOT a sex chromosome.

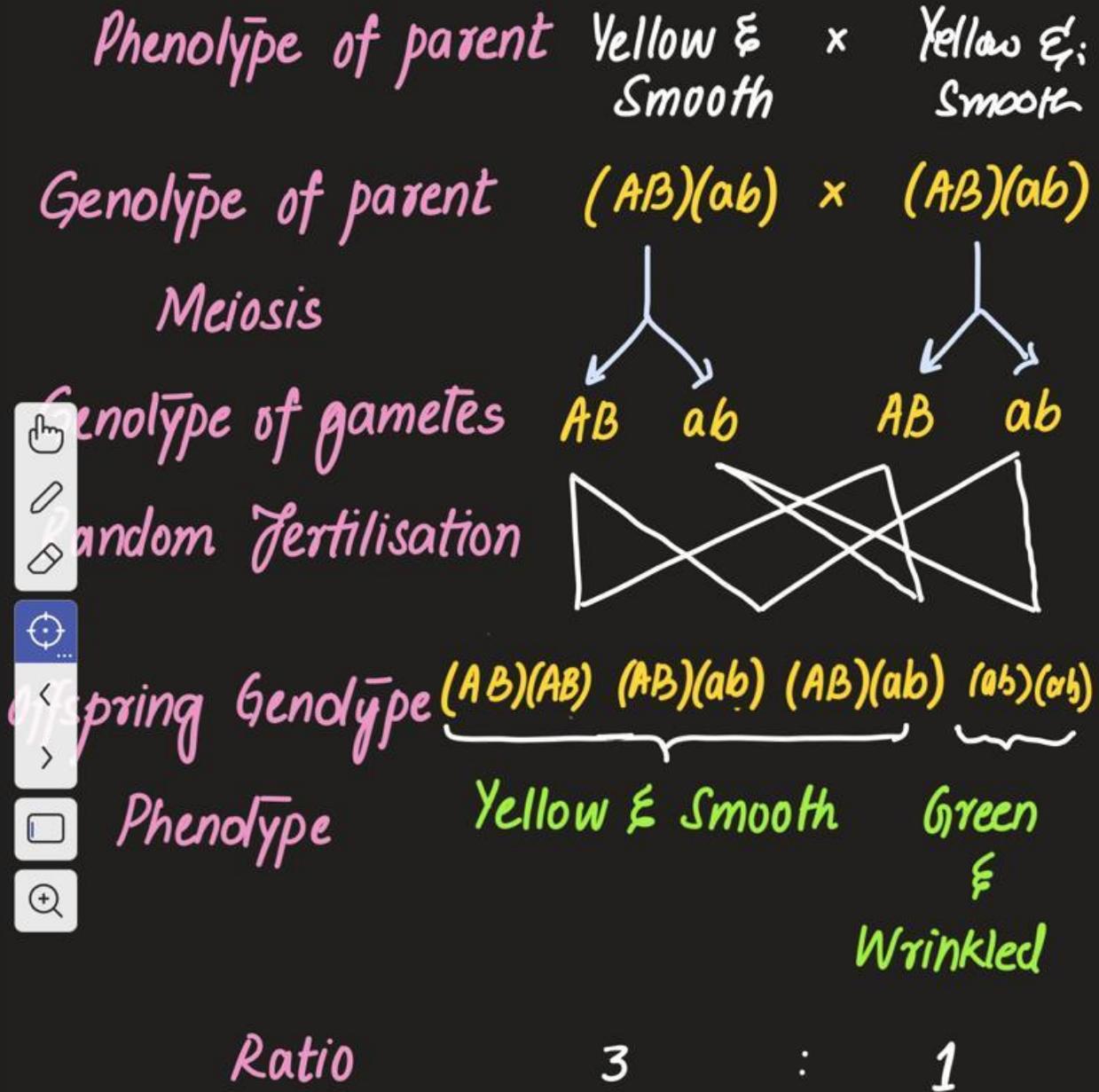
② **Sex linkage** → The two genes are on the X chromosome.

Case B : A/a and B/b have autosomal linkage with no crossing over

* Again assume the two organisms are

heterozygous for both the genes (A/a and B/b)

- Genotype of parent: (AB)(ab) × (AB)(ab)
- Genotype of gametes: AB, ab



Case C: A/a and B/b have autosomal linkage with crossing over

* Again assume the two organisms are

heterozygous for both the genes (A/a and

B/b)

Genotype of parent: (AB)(ab) × (AB)(ab)

Genotype of gametes: → due to crossing

over: Ab, aB

(less common)

= recombinant gametes

→ not due to crossing

over: AB, ab (more

common) = non-reco

mbinant gametes



* The offsprings that result due to recombinant gametes are termed as **recombinants**. Their phenotype is said to be the **recombinant phenotype**.



* Recombinant gametes are produced in **much lesser numbers** than non-recombinant gametes (parental gametes)

* Percentage of recombinants produced can be calculated using the expression:

$$\frac{\text{recombinant}}{\text{total offspring}} \times 100 = \text{cross-over value (COV)}$$



Questions

Q1.

- 3 Flowers of the common morning-glory plant, *Ipomoea purpurea*, can have several different phenotypes. An example of these flowers is shown in Fig. 3.1.



Fig. 3.1

Flower colour in *I. purpurea* is controlled by **two** genes on **different** chromosomes.

Gene **R/r**, which codes for a protein involved in pigment production, has 2 alleles:

- the dominant allele, **R**, allows pigment production
- the recessive allele, **r**, prevents pigment production of any colour, resulting in white flowers.

Gene **T/t**, which determines the type of pigment produced, has two alleles:

- the dominant allele, **T**, results in purple flowers
- the recessive allele, **t**, results in red flowers.

epistasis

- (a) (i) Define the term *allele*.

* alternative forms of a gene
* which have a different nucleotide
sequence

[2]

- (ii) Suggest ways in which the expression of allele **R** allows pigment production.

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(b) Complete Fig. 3.2 to show the results of a cross between two *I. purpurea* plants that are heterozygous at both loci.

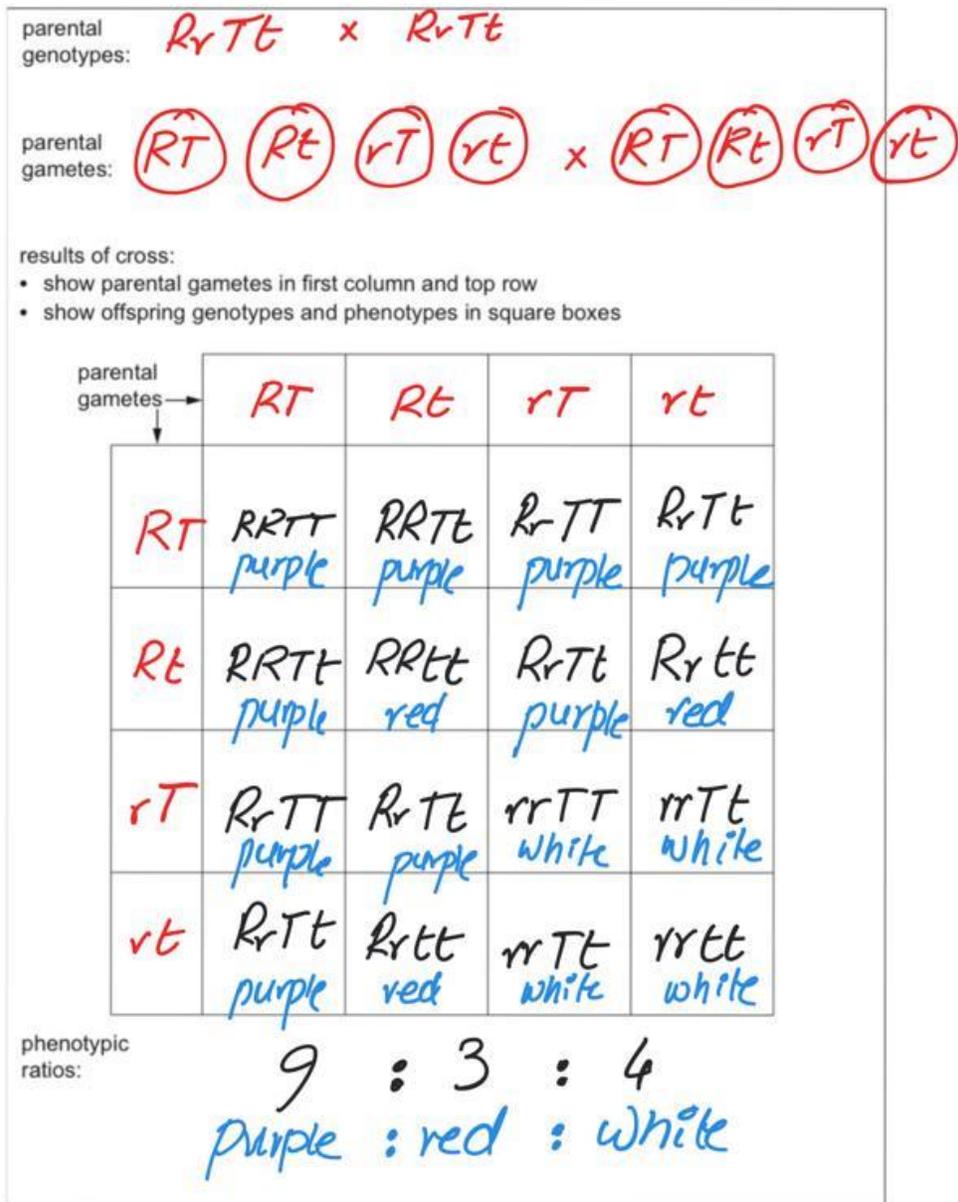


Fig. 3.2

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Dihybrid Inheritance



(A) Non-linkage

↓
genes can assort independently

Linkage

↓
genes CANNOT assort independently

(B) with NO crossing over

(C) with Crossing over



Questions

Q.2.

2 The patty pan squash plant, *Cucurbita pepo*, produces edible fruits that vary in colour.

(a) The colour of the fruits is controlled by two genes, **A/a** and **B/b**, that occur on different chromosomes.

- Allele **A** produces a white fruit colour.
- Allele **a** does not produce a colour by itself but allows the colours coded by gene **B/b** to show in the phenotype.
- Allele **B** produces a yellow fruit colour.
- Allele **b** produces a green fruit colour.

In a dihybrid cross, an **AABB** plant was crossed with an **aabb** plant. All the resulting F1 plants produced white fruits. AaBb

The F1 plants were then crossed with each other to obtain the F2 generation.

(i) Complete Fig. 2.1 with the gametes produced by the F1 parents, the F2 genotypes and the F2 phenotypes.

State the ratio of fruit colours in the F2 offspring.

F1 parents: **AaBb** × **AaBb**

	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB	AABB white (w)	AABb w	AaBB w	AaBb w
Ab	AABb w	AAbb w	AaBb w	Aabb w
aB	AaBB w	AaBb w	aaBB yellow	aaBb yellow
ab	AaBb w	Aabb w	aaBb yellow	aabb green

Fig. 2.1

ratio of fruit colours in F2 offspring **12 : 3 : 1**
white yellow green [4]





Interaction between gene loci
(epistasis)

Interaction blw gene loci (epistasis)

* Epistasis is The phenomenon of interaction blw two or more non-linked genes at different gene loci to influence a given phenotype.

We ^{have} discussed two examples of epistasis in genetic crosses done earlier (question 1 and question 2). The examples of

fruit colour in patty pan squash plant and flower colour in morning glory plant were examples of epistasis.

Q3.

2 The summer squash plant, *Cucurbita pepo*, produces edible fruits that vary in shape. Fig. 2.1 shows the fruits of three different varieties of squash plants.



Fig. 2.1

Fruit shape in squashes is controlled by two genes, **A/a** and **B/b**, that are located on different chromosomes.

- A disc-shaped fruit is produced when both dominant alleles, **A** and **B**, are present.
- A spherical fruit is produced when either allele **A** or allele **B** is present, but not if both **A** and **B** are present.
- A long fruit is produced when both allele **A** and allele **B** are absent.

(a) (i) Table 2.1 shows the possible genotypes of the Patty pan and Alfresco varieties.

Complete Table 2.1 to show the possible genotypes of the Di Nizza variety.

Table 2.1

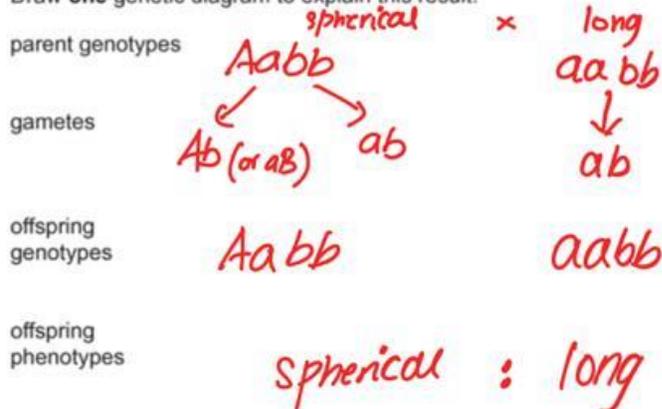
variety	possible genotypes			
Patty pan (disc-shaped)	AABB	AaBB	AABb	AaBb
Di Nizza * (spherical)	<i>Aa.bb</i>	<i>AA.bb</i>	<i>aa.Bb</i>	<i>aa.BB</i>
Alfresco (long)			<i>aabb</i>	

(aabb)

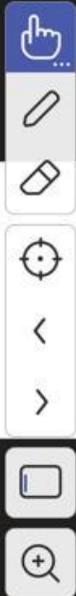
[1]

(ii) A gardener used pollen from a male flower of Alfresco to pollinate a female flower of *Di Nizza. The gardener grew the seeds produced from this cross and found that half the offspring produced spherical fruits and half produced long fruits.

Draw **one** genetic diagram to explain this result.



[4]



(iii) The offspring show genetic variation with respect to fruit shape alleles.

Name the process that occurred during meiosis in the parents that produced this variation **and** state the stage of meiosis at which it occurred.

process *independent assortment*

stage of meiosis *metaphase I* [2]

Q4.

(b) Flower colour is important in sexual reproduction of insect-pollinated plants.

In the rosy periwinkle, *Catharanthus roseus*, flower colour is controlled by three genes, **R/r**, **D/d** and **P/p**, which interact together to control flower colour.

Fig. 4.1 is a drawing of a rosy periwinkle.

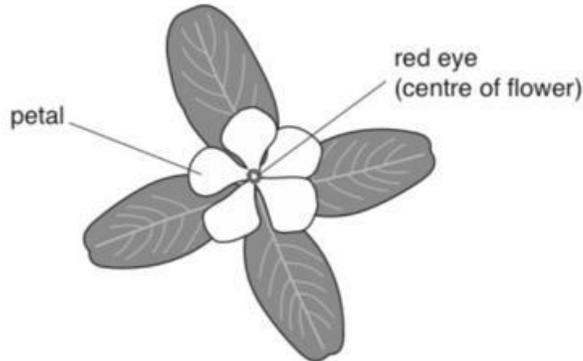


Fig. 4.1

The presence of the **R** allele results in a red pigment in the centre of the flower (red eye).

The **D** allele and the **P** allele are only expressed when the **R** allele is present.

- When the **D** allele and the **R** allele are present, the flower has dark pink petals with a red eye.
- ✓ When the **P** allele and the **R** allele are present, the flower has pale pink petals with a red eye.
- When the **D** allele, the **P** allele and the **R** allele are all present, the flower has dark pink petals with a red eye.
- The recessive alleles **r**, **d** and **p** result in no pigments being produced and the flower has white petals and no red eye.

(i) Deduce the phenotypes of these rosy periwinkle genotypes.

RR dd PP pale pink petals with red eye
Rr Dd Pp dark " " " " " "
rr Dd Pp white petals with no red eye
RR dd pp white petals with a red eye

[4]

Q5.

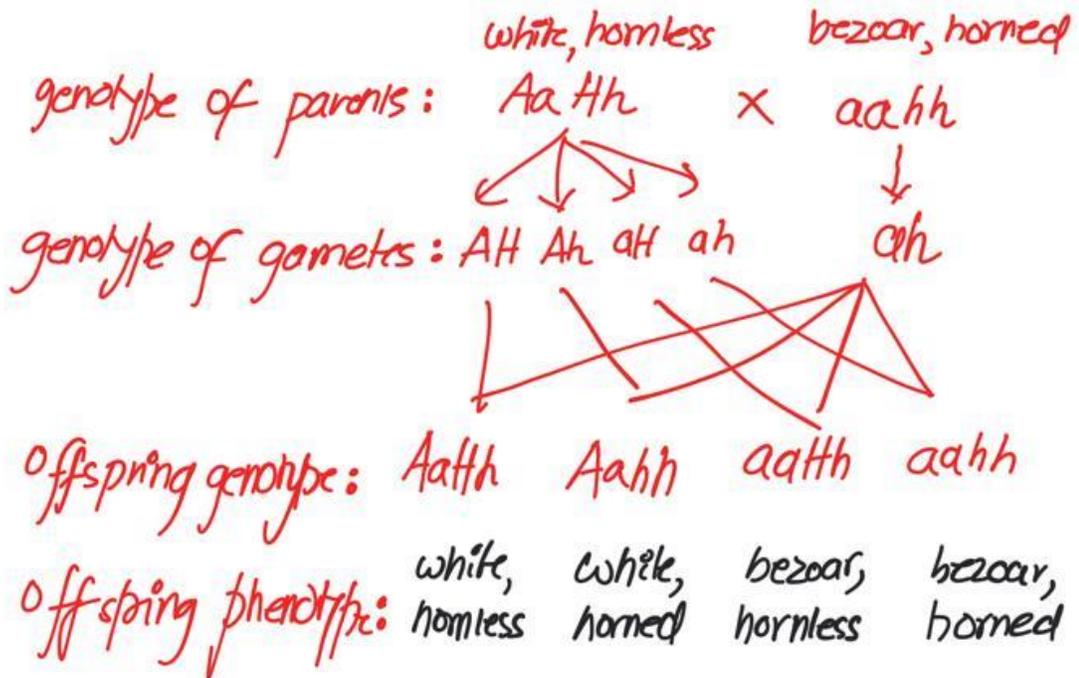
(b) Normal (wild-type) goats have a gold and black coat colour pattern, known as bezoar, and are also horned (have horns). Domestic goats may have a white coat and may be hornless (do not have horns).

These variations are coded for by two unlinked genes:

- white coat colour, coded for by the dominant allele of the gene **A/a**
- hornless, coded by the dominant allele of the gene **H/h**.

A cross between a white hornless goat and a bezoar horned goat produced offspring of four different phenotypes. aahh

Draw a genetic diagram to show the genotypes of the two parents, their gametes and the offspring, and the phenotypes of the offspring.





The next question is on linkage.
Before we attempt that, let's
understand the significance of
cross over value (COV).....

Significance of cross over value (COV)

low COV

high COV

implies that the two genes are close together

implies that the two genes are further apart



Q.6.

- 2 (a) In the sweet pea plant, *Lathyrus odoratus*, one gene codes for flower colour and one gene codes for pollen grain shape. Flower colour is either purple or red. Pollen grain shape is either long or round. The inheritance of these genes is an example of **autosomal linkage**.

- The allele **F** for purple flowers is dominant over the allele **f** for red flowers.
- The allele **G** for long pollen grains is dominant over allele **g** for round pollen grains.

Explain the meaning of the term *autosomal linkage*.

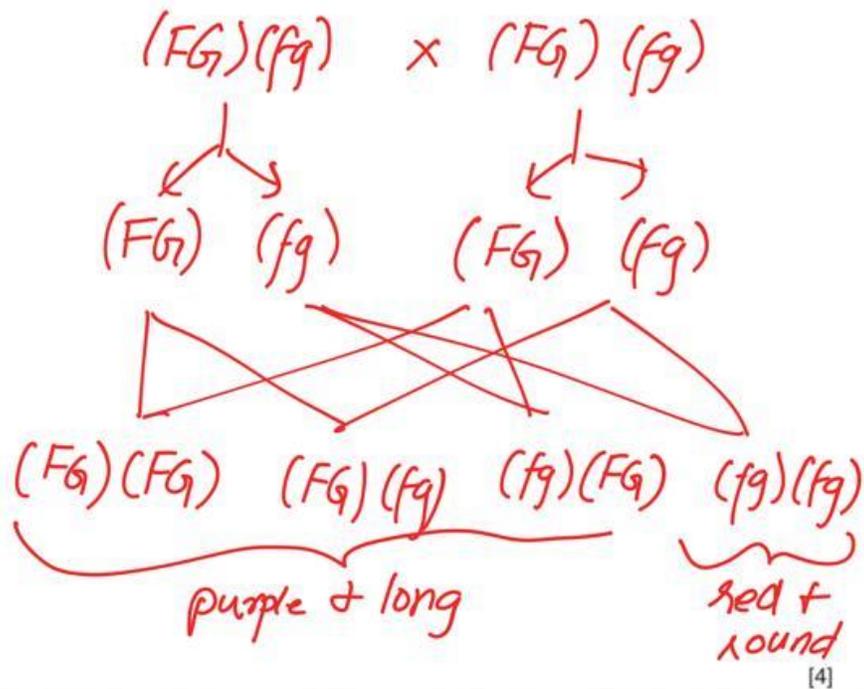
* the two genes are on the same pair of chromosomes
* the chromosomes are NOT sex chromosomes

- (FG)(FG) (fg)(fg) [2]
(b) A dihybrid cross was carried out between homozygous dominant and homozygous recessive sweet pea plant parents to produce the F1 generation. (FG)(fg)

The offspring from the F1 generation were crossed to produce the F2 generation.

- (i) Draw a genetic diagram to show a dihybrid cross between two offspring from the F1 generation.

Assume that these genes are closely linked and that there are **no** crossing over events.



(ii) The actual results of the dihybrid cross are shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1

phenotypes of F2 offspring	number of individuals
purple flowers, long pollen grains	284
purple flowers, round pollen grains	21
red flowers, long pollen grains	21
red flowers, round pollen grains	55

State how the results support the fact that this is an example of autosomal linkage.

** phenotypic ratio is NOT 9:3:3:1*
.....
.....[1]

(c) (i) In a test cross, an individual of **known** genotype is crossed with an individual that has a dominant phenotype but unknown genotype.

State the genotype of the **known** individual in a test cross.

(fg)(fg)
.....[1]



- (ii) A test cross was carried out with sweet pea plants known to be heterozygous for both flower colour and pollen grain shape.

The results of the test cross are shown in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2

phenotypes of offspring of test cross	number of individuals
purple flowers, long pollen grains	215
purple flowers, round pollen grains	30
red flowers, long pollen grains	32
red flowers, round pollen grains	210

The result of a test cross can be used to determine a crossover value (COV). A crossover value is the percentage of the total number of offspring showing recombination.

The crossover value (COV) can be calculated using the formula shown in Fig. 2.1.

$$\text{COV} = \frac{\text{number of recombinants}}{\text{total number of individuals}} \times 100$$

Fig. 2.1

Calculate the COV from the results shown in Table 2.2.

$$\text{COV} = \frac{62}{487} \times 100$$

COV = 12.7% [1]

- (iii) Suggest what information about the relative distance between the linked genes can be gained from crossover values.

low COV implies that the two genes are close together. [1]

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Dihybrid Inheritance



(A) Non-linkage

↓
genes can assort independently

Linkage

↓
genes CANNOT assort independently

(B) with NO crossing over

(C) with Crossing over

Q.

5 Fig. 5.1 shows a cat displaying the recessive phenotype for two unlinked genes.

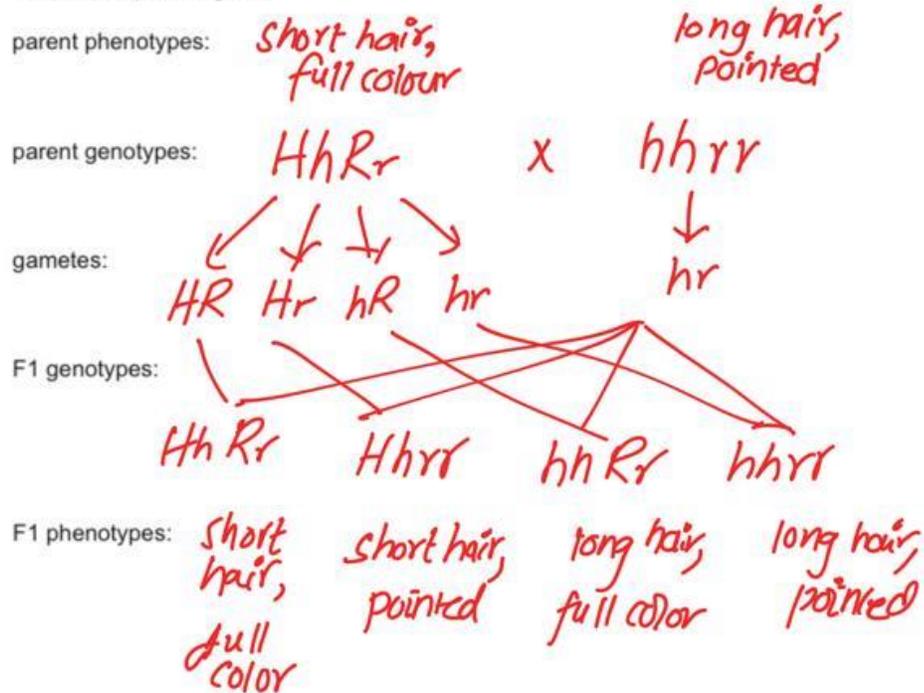
- **H/h** controls hair length. The allele for short hair is dominant to the allele for long hair.
- **R/r** controls coat pattern. The allele for 'full colour', with pigment on all parts of the body, is dominant to the allele for 'pointed', where the pigment is restricted to the ears, face, paws and tail.



hhrr

Fig. 5.1

(a) Draw a genetic diagram to predict the offspring genotypes and phenotypes when the cat in Fig. 5.1 is crossed with a cat that is heterozygous for the hair length gene and heterozygous for the coat pattern gene.



[5]

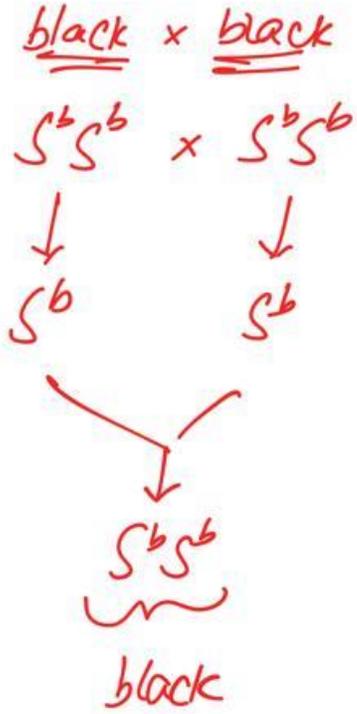
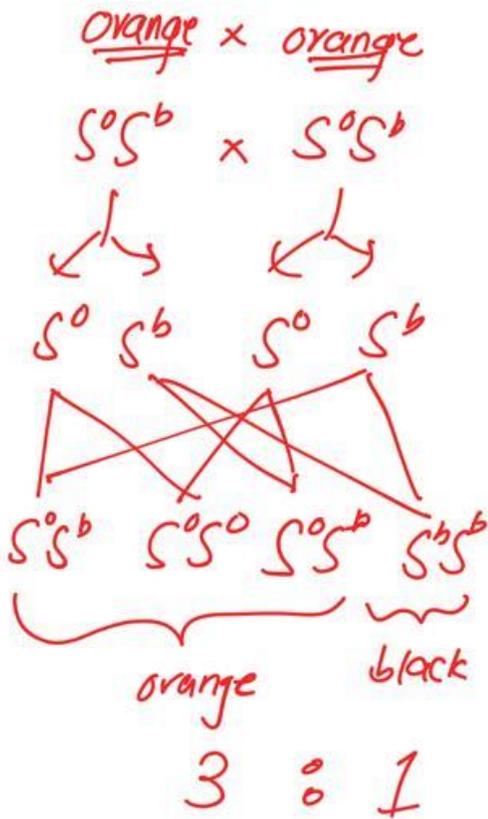
Q.

5 Scallops, which are bivalve molluscs, are important commercially throughout the world. The marine bay scallop, *Agropecten irradians*, has three distinct shell colours, yellow, orange and black. The shell colour is controlled by a gene with three alleles, yellow, S^y , orange, S^o , and black, S^b .

Scallops are hermaphrodite and are able to fertilise themselves to produce offspring. Single mature adult specimens of yellow, orange and black scallops were collected and kept in separate tanks of seawater until they produced young. The young were then scored for shell colour. The results were as follows.

yellow scallop – 25 yellow and 8 black X
 orange scallop – 31 orange and 9 black ✓
 black scallop – 27 black ✓

(a) Explain the results from the orange and black scallops, using the symbols given.



Q.

7 The fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, has many phenotypic variations and has been used in experiments to demonstrate the principles of inheritance.

(a) The majority of fruit flies have red eyes but there is a variant with white eyes.

Fig. 7.1 shows the red-eyed and white-eyed variants of the fruit fly.



Fig. 7.1

The gene for eye colour is located on the X chromosome.

Using suitable symbols, draw a genetic diagram to show the possible offspring of a cross between a heterozygous red-eyed female fruit fly with a white-eyed male fruit fly.

key to symbols:

$X^R \rightarrow$ red allele
 $X^r \rightarrow$ white allele

parental phenotypes	red-eyed female		white-eyed male	
parental genotypes	$X^R X^r$		$X^r Y$	
gametes	X^R	X^r	X^r	Y
offspring genotypes	$X^R X^r$	$X^R Y$	$X^r X^r$	$X^r Y$
offspring phenotypes	red-eyed female	red-eyed male	white-eyed female	white-eyed male

[5]



(b) One of the genes controlling the clotting of blood in humans is also located on the X chromosome. A rare variation of the gene, a recessive allele for haemophilia, can lead to a condition where the blood fails to clot properly.



(i) State why a man who has haemophilia is unable to pass the condition on to his son.

b/c a man passes on the Y chromosome to his son.....[1]

(ii) Queen Victoria of Great Britain in the 19th century was a carrier of haemophilia, but did not have the condition.

State the term used to describe the genotype of a carrier.

heterozygous.....[1]

(iii) Neither of Queen Victoria's parents carried the allele for haemophilia.

Suggest how Queen Victoria could have become a carrier.

** Random mutation*.....[1]

Q.

7 (a) The stems of raspberry plants have spines.

Fig. 7.1 shows part of a raspberry plant.

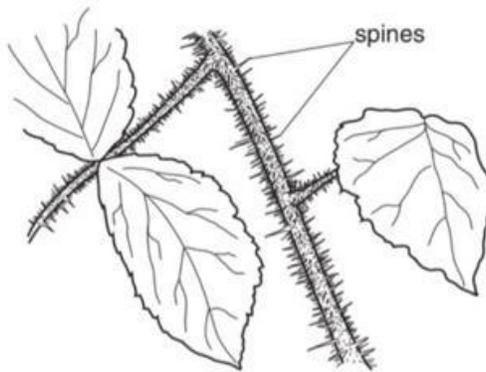


Fig. 7.1

The colour of the spines is controlled by two genes, **A/a** and **B/b**. The two genes are on different pairs of chromosomes.

- Allele **A** produces a pink anthocyanin pigment in the spines.
- Allele **B** has no effect by itself, but increases the colour produced by allele **A** to give red spines.
- Alleles **a** and **b** have no effect on colour.
- In the absence of anthocyanin, the spines are green.

State the colour of the spines of raspberry plants with the genotypes **Aabb** and **aaBB**.

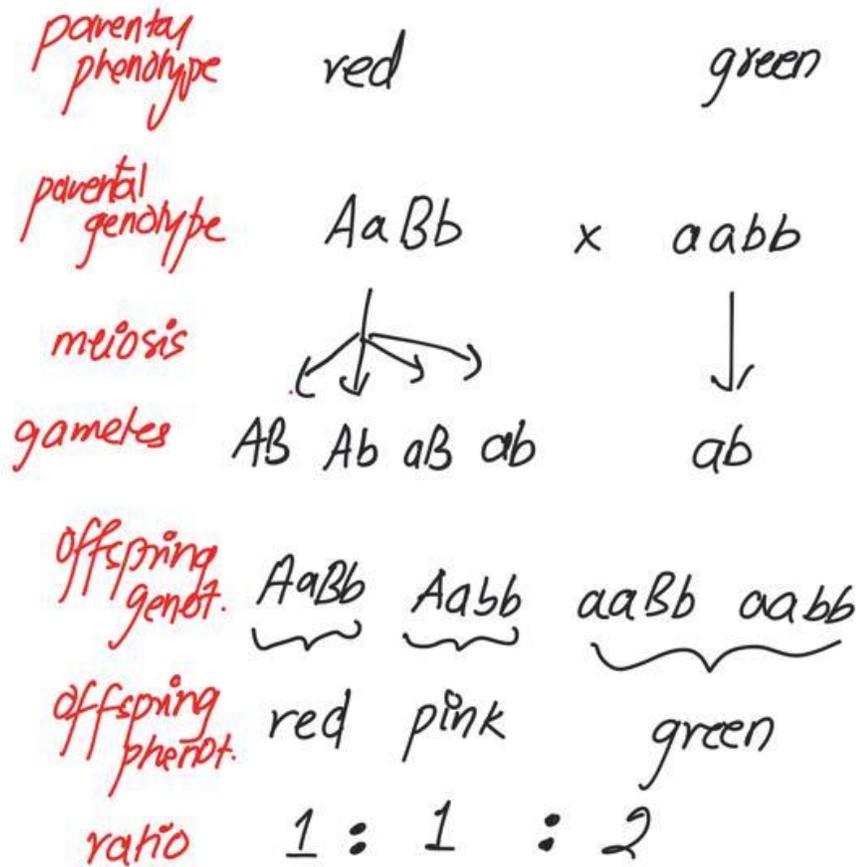
Aabb *pink*

aaBB *green* [2]



(b) Plants with the genotype **AaBb** were crossed with plants with the genotype **aabb**. The resulting seeds were sown and the seedlings grown until their stems developed spines.

Use a genetic diagram to show the outcome of this cross, including the ratio of offspring phenotypes.



[5]

(c) Suggest why the ratio you have given in your genetic diagram would be different if the genes **A/a** and **B/b** were on the same homologous pair of chromosomes.

- * the two genes will be inherited together
- * with no independent assortment
- * there will be only two phenotypes

[2]

Q.

7 (a) Explain what is meant by the term *heterozygous genotype*.

heterozygous *different alleles of a gene*

genotype *genetic constitution of an organism*

[2]

(b) The budgerigar, *Melopsittacus undulatus*, is a small type of parrot that is native to Australia.

Fig. 7.1 shows a budgerigar.



Fig. 7.1

A budgerigar can have blue, green, yellow or white feathers.

Two genes, **A/a** and **D/d**, are involved in the inheritance of feather colour in budgerigars.

- A bird which has at least one dominant allele **A** but is homozygous for **d** has blue feathers. *Aadd AAdd*
- A bird which has at least one dominant allele **D** but is homozygous for **a** has yellow feathers. *aaDd aaDD*
- A bird with at least one dominant **A** allele and one dominant **D** allele has green feathers. *AaDd AADd AaDD AADD*
- A bird that is homozygous for **a** and **d** has white feathers. *aadd*

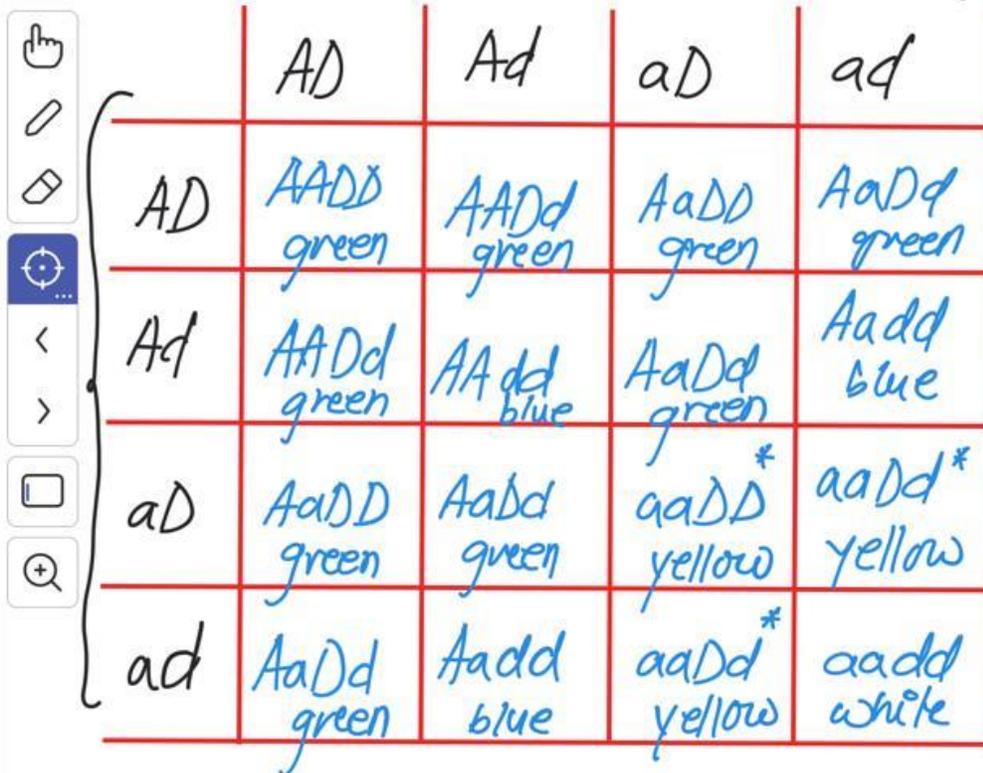


(c) Two green-feathered budgerigars, heterozygous at both gene loci, were crossed.

Draw a genetic diagram of this cross to show the probability of producing offspring with yellow feathers.

parental genotypes $\rightarrow AaDd \times AaDd$

genotype of gametes



	AD	Ad	aD	ad
AD	AADD green	AADd green	AaDD green	AaDd green
Ad	AADd green	AA dd blue	AaDd green	Aadd blue
aD	AaDD green	AaDd green	aaDD* yellow	aaDd* yellow
ad	AaDd green	Aadd blue	aaDd* yellow	aadd white

probability of yellow feathers = $3/16$



χ^2 -test

χ^2 -test

* In pea plants, yellow colour of the seeds is dominant to green colour. Seed colour is determined by a gene with two alleles:

R → yellow

r → green



Pure-breeding pea plants with yellow seeds (RR)

were crossed with pure-breeding pea plants with green seeds (rr) . All the offsprings had

yellow seeds (Rr) . These seeds were grown and

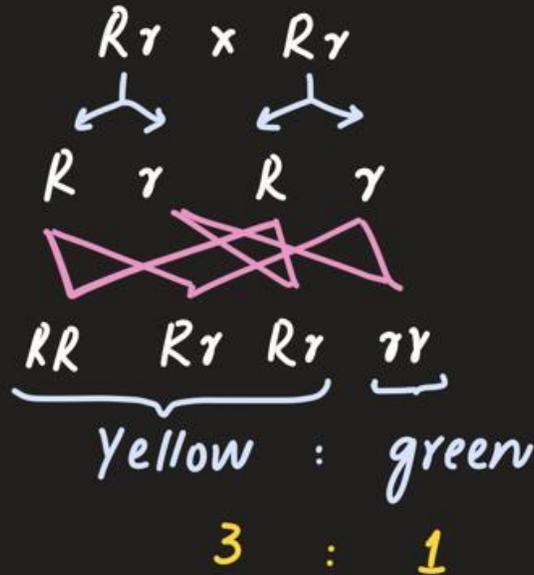
The resultant plants were allowed to self-pollinate yielding 600 offsprings with the following characteristics:

405 yellow seeds
195 green seeds

* We will refer to these results as the
'observed' results.

Q: What were our 'expected results'?

Ans: We expected the offsprings of heterozygous
parents to be in the ratio 3:1.



E ⇒ 450 : 150
O ⇒ 405 : 195

* In the case of 600 offsprings, our 'expected' numbers would have been:

	Yellow	Green
Expected (E)	450	150
Observed (O)	405	195



Q : Are the 'OBSERVED' numbers SIGNIFICANTLY
DIFFERENT from our 'EXPECTED' numbers?
OR is the difference just DUE TO
CHANCE?

* χ^2 -test can help us determine that !!!

* χ^2 -test is used to determine the χ^2 -value

which can help us answer if there is a

significant difference b/w the observed and

expected numbers.

* Before we calculate the χ^2 -value, let's

make a **NULL HYPOTHESIS** =>

"There is no significant difference b/w

The observed (o) and expected (e) numbers'

① We will 'reject the null hypothesis' if the χ^2 -value ascertains there is a significant difference.

② We will 'accept the null hypothesis' if the χ^2 -value ascertains there is no significant difference. The difference is due to chance.

* Now, let's determine the χ^2 -value :

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$$

* for our case,

	Yellow	Green
0	405	195
ϵ	450	150
$(0-\epsilon)$	-45	+45
$(0-\epsilon)^2$	2025	2025
$(0-\epsilon)^2/\epsilon$	4.5	13.5

$$\chi^2 = \sum (4.5 + 13.5) = 18 //$$

Q: What's the next step?

Ans: Determine the degrees of freedom (ν) for this case.

(ν) degrees of freedom = $n - 1$

• where n = no. of categories

- The different phenotypes are the categories in this case.

Therefore, $v = 2 - 1 = 1$

* Now we have the $\rightarrow X^2$ -value = 18
 $\rightarrow v = 1$



* We will now move to the X^2 -table for our final answer.

Q: What is a X^2 -table?

Ans: It shows the distribution of X^2 -values for various degrees of freedom and p-values

Q: What is a p-value?

Ans: p-value is the probability that the 'null hypothesis is correct'. In biological experiments, the null hypothesis is rejected

ONLY if the p-value is LESS THAN 0.05!!!

① if the calculated χ^2 -value corresponds to

$p < 0.05 \rightarrow$ the null hypothesis is rejected.

There is a significant difference b/w the observed and expected results. The difference in results is

NOT due to chance.

③ if the calculated χ^2 -value corresponds to

$p \geq 0.05 \rightarrow$ the null hypothesis is accepted.

There is no significant difference b/w the observed and expected results. The difference

in results is just due to chance.

* χ^2 -test is generally used in genetics & ecological sampling.

* For the χ^2 -test to be used:

- 1) The data must be discrete (categorical)
- 2) The sample size should be greater than 20.

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Q₁. WHEN ??

Ans * to find out if there is a significant difference bw the observed (O) and the expected (E) results
* when the data is discrete

Q₂. How ??

- Ans
- ① Make a null hypothesis
 - ② Calculate the χ^2 -value
 - ③ Determine the degree of freedom (df)
 - ④ Consult the χ^2 -table

If the χ^2 value is GREATER than the critical value at $p=0.05$

It implies that $p < 0.05$,

- reject the null hypothesis
- there is a significant diff bw the O and E results
- difference in results is NOT due to chance

If the χ^2 value is LESSER than or EQUAL to the critical value at $p=0.05$

It implies that $p \geq 0.05$

- accept the null hypothesis
- NO significant diff. bw O and E results
- diff. in results is due to chance

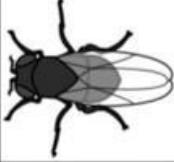
Q1.

6 The fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, has eyes, a striped abdomen and wings longer than its abdomen. This is called a 'wild-type' fly.

Mutation has resulted in many variations of these features.

Table 6.1 shows diagrams of a wild-type fly and three other flies, each of which shows **one** recessive mutation.

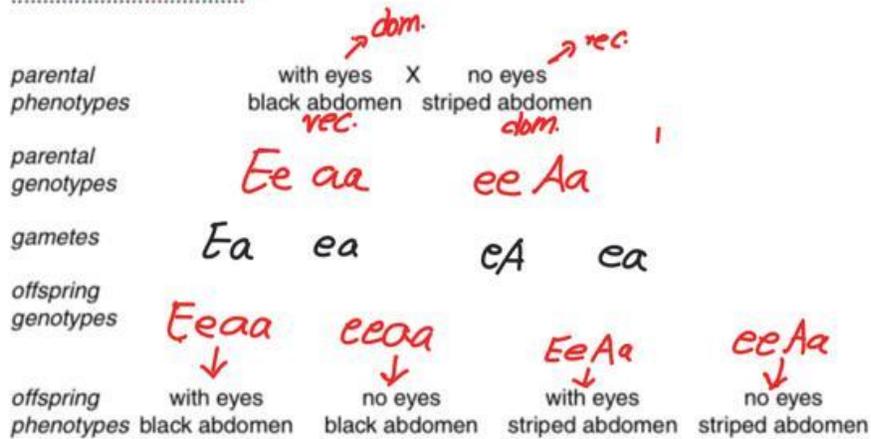
Table 6.1

	^{wild} 			
eyes	present	present	absent <i>recessive</i>	present
abdomen	striped	black <i>recessive</i>	striped	striped
wing description	long	long	long	short <i>recessive</i>

(a) Using appropriate symbols, complete the genetic diagram below.

symbols

$E \rightarrow$ with eyes
 $e \rightarrow$ no eyes
 $A \rightarrow$ striped
 $a \rightarrow$ black



[4]



(b) State how you would carry out a test cross.

cross it with a homozygous recessive organism (no eyes, black abdomen, short wings) [1]

(c) A cross was carried out between a fly heterozygous for striped abdomen and long wings and a fly with a black abdomen and short wings. *(aa ww) (Aa Ww)*

The results are shown below in Table 6.2.

Table 6.2

	offspring	number
①	striped abdomen long wing	86
②	black abdomen long wing	87
③	striped abdomen short wing	81
④	black abdomen short wing	78
	total	332

*Aa Ww aa ww
 ↓
 AW a w
 Aw
 aW
 aw*

A chi-squared test (χ^2) was carried out on these data.

Complete Table 6.3 and calculate the value of χ^2 .

Table 6.3

observed number (O)	expected number (E)	O - E	(O - E) ²	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
86	<i>83</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0.11</i>
87	<i>83</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0.19</i>
81	<i>83</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0.05</i>
78	<i>83</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>0.30</i>
332	332			

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$$

Σ = sum of...

df = 4 - 1 = 3

$\chi^2 = 0.65$ [3]



(d) Table 6.4 shows χ^2 values.

Table 6.4

$\chi^2 = 0.65$

degrees of freedom	probability						
	0.50	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.001
3	2.37	4.64	6.25	7.82	9.84	11.34	16.27

Using Table 6.4, explain what conclusions can be made about the results of the χ^2 test.

- * χ^2 value is greater than the critical value (7.84) which corresponds to $p > 0.05$.
- * This implies that there is no significant diff between the observed and expected results.

[2]

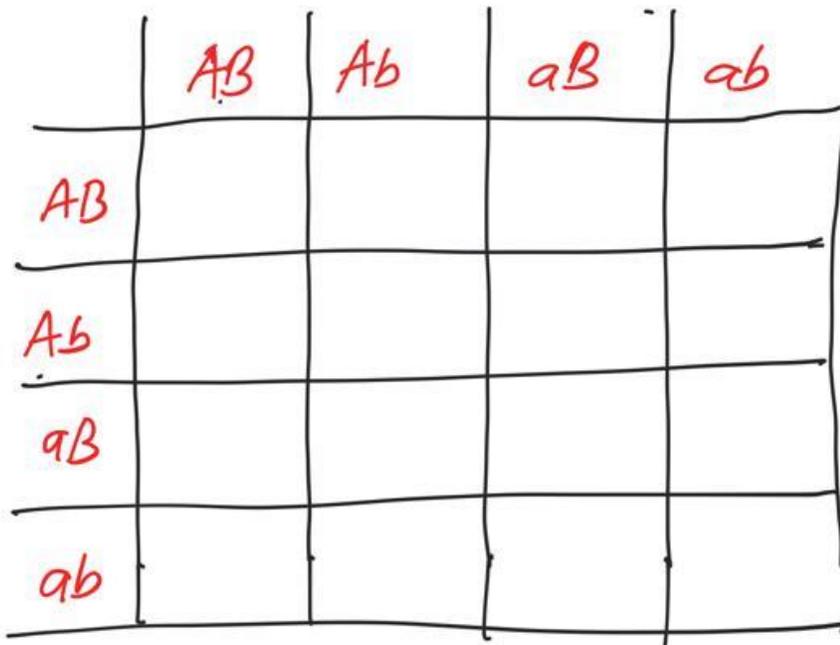
Q2.

2 A maize plant produced a total of 381 grains, 216 purple and smooth, 79 purple and shrunken, 65 yellow and smooth and 21 yellow and shrunken.

(a) Using the symbols **A** for purple and **a** for yellow and **B** for smooth and **b** for shrunken, draw a genetic diagram to explain these results.

parental genotype: $AaBb \times AaBb$

parental gametes: $AB \ Ab \ aB \ ab$



	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB				

[4]

(b) Explain why yellow shrunken grains breed true.

b/c it is homozygous recessive for both the genes ($aabb$)

[2]

A chi-squared test was carried out to test the significance of the differences between the observed and expected results.

Table 2.1

grain phenotype	observed number	observed ratio	expected ratio	expected number	[obs no. – exp no.] ² ÷ expected no.
purple and smooth	216	10.3	9	$381 \times 9/16 = 214$	$4/214 = 0.019$
purple and shrunken	79	3.8	3	$381 \times 3/16 = 71$	$64/71 = 0.901$
yellow and smooth	65	3.1	3	$381 \times 3/16 = 71$	0.507
yellow and shrunken	21	1.0	1	$381 \times 1/16 = 24$	0.375
total number	381			chi square value	1.80

(c) Complete the missing spaces in the Table 2.1 [3]

Table 2.2

degrees of freedom	probability greater than						
	0.50	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.001
3	2.37	4.64	6.25	7.82	9.84	11.34	16.27

(d) Use the calculated values of chi-squared test and the table of probabilities to find the probability of the observed ratio of phenotypes differing significantly from the expected.

$p > 0.50$ [1]

(e) State what conclusions may be drawn from the probability found in (d).

* no significant diff b/w observed and expected results b/c the calculated χ^2 values is lesser than the critical value (7.82).[2]

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Inherited Change

χ^2 - test



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Q₁. WHEN ??

Ans * to find out if there is a significant difference bw the observed (O) and the expected (E) results
* when the data is discrete

Q₂. How ??

- Ans
- ① Make a null hypothesis
 - ② Calculate the χ^2 -value
 - ③ Determine the degree of freedom (df)
 - ④ Consult the χ^2 -table

If the χ^2 value is GREATER than the critical value at $p=0.05$

It implies that $p < 0.05$,
→ reject the null hypothesis
→ there is a significant diff. bw the O and E results
→ difference in results is NOT due to chance

If the χ^2 value is LESSER than or EQUAL to the critical value at $p=0.05$

It implies that $p \geq 0.05$
→ accept the null hypothesis
→ NO significant diff. bw O and E results
→ diff. in results is due to chance



Questions



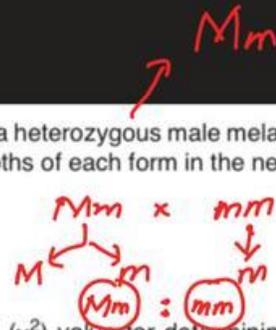
Q3.

2 Melanism (dark-coloured wings) in a species of moth is controlled by a gene with two alleles. The dominant allele codes for the melanic form and the recessive allele codes for the non-melanic form (pale, speckled wings). Birds are a predator of this species.

The melanic form is better camouflaged in areas polluted by carbon deposits from smoke. The non-melanic form is better camouflaged in areas unpolluted by smoke.

(e) The investigators carried out test crosses by breeding a heterozygous male melanic moth with several female non-melanic moths. The number of moths of each form in the next generation was recorded.

✓ melanic 56
 ✓ non-melanic 48



(i) Complete Table 2.1 to calculate the chi-squared (χ^2) value for determining whether or not these results were significantly different from those expected for crosses of this type.

The formula for calculating χ^2 is:

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E} \quad v = c - 1$$

v = degrees of freedom c = number of classes

Table 2.1

category	O	E	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
melanic	56	52	0.31
non-melanic	48	52	0.31
$\chi^2 =$			0.62

[3]

(ii) Table 2.2 shows some critical values for χ^2 at different probabilities.

Table 2.2

degrees of freedom	probability						
	0.99	0.95	0.90	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.001
1	0.0002	0.0039	0.0158	2.706	3.841	6.635	10.827
2	0.0201	0.1026	0.2107	4.605	5.991	9.210	13.815

Use Table 2.2 to explain whether or not the χ^2 value calculated in Table 2.1 is significant.

χ^2 value corresponds to $p > 0.05$ which implies that there is no significant difference between observed and expected results.

[1]



Q4. (ecological samplers)

2 Cereal crops are often sprayed with selective herbicides which can reduce the population of the local wildlife. One method of helping to conserve wildlife is to leave a 6m strip, called a headland, around fields where cereal crops are grown. The headland is not sprayed with any herbicides.

An investigation was carried out into the effect on the butterfly populations of leaving headlands unsprayed.

- Two groups of 20 fields growing the same cereal crop were studied.
- The headlands of one group of 20 fields were left unsprayed by herbicide.
- The headlands of the other group of 20 fields were sprayed with herbicide.
- The total number of each species of butterfly was counted in each group of 20 fields.
- A chi-squared (χ^2) test was used to find out if the differences in the butterfly populations were significant.

(a) State two variables that were standardised in this investigation.

- 1 number of fields studied.....
- 2 width of the headland.....[1]

(b) (i) State a reason why the chi-squared (χ^2) test is suitable to use for comparing the butterfly populations.

to determine the diff. bw observed and expected results.....[1]

(ii) State a null hypothesis for the chi-squared test for this investigation.

no significant difference bw the no. of butterflies of each species when headland sprayed and when not sprayed.....[1]

(iii) Table 2.1 shows the results for one of the species of butterfly, species Q.

Complete Table 2.1 to calculate the value of χ^2 using the equation below.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$$

$$v = c - 1$$

O = observed result

E = expected result

v = degrees of freedom

c = number of classes

Table 2.1

species Q	O	E	$(O - E)^2$	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
number on headland sprayed with herbicide	3	20	289	14.45
number on headland not sprayed with herbicide	37	20	289	14.45

$\chi^2 =$ 28.9.....[3]



Table 2.2 shows some chi-squared (χ^2) values.

Table 2.2

degrees of freedom	p <			
	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.001
1	2.71	<u>3.84</u>	6.64	10.83
2	4.61	5.99	9.21	13.82
3	6.25	7.82	11.34	16.27

< 0.001
↑
28.9

(iv) State the critical value at $p < 0.05$ for this chi-squared test. 3.84 [1]

(v) State what you conclude from the result of the chi-squared test for species Q.

there is a significant difference in the butterfly population. [1]

due to herbicide spray

Q5. (ecological sampling)

3 (a) Grassland, grazed by goats, was compared to grassland ungrazed for varying amounts of time. Moths were trapped, their numbers counted and then the moths were released. The effect of grazing on a species of rare moth was investigated. A chi-squared (χ^2) test was used to test the significance of the results obtained.

- (i) State the null hypothesis.
no significant difference in the population of moth in grazed and ungrazed land (for varying amount of time) [1]
- (ii) Complete Table 3.1 to calculate the value of χ^2 from the equation below.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E} \quad \begin{matrix} O = \text{Observed result} \\ E = \text{Expected result} \end{matrix}$$

Table 3.1

site	O	E	(O - E) ²	$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
grazed for 2 years	36	80	1936	24.2
ungrazed for 10 years	90	88	100	1.25
ungrazed for 30 years	114	80	1156	14.45

$\chi^2 = \underline{\underline{39.9}}$ [4]

Table 3.2 shows some chi-squared values.

Table 3.2

degrees of freedom	probability greater than			
	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.001
1	2.71	3.84	6.64	10.83
2	4.60	5.99	9.21	13.82
3	6.25	7.82	11.34	16.27
4	7.78	9.49	13.28	18.46
10	15.99	18.31	23.21	29.59
20	28.40	31.41	37.57	45.31

$p < 0.001$

→ 39.9





(b) (i) State the number of degrees of freedom. *2* [1]

(ii) State the probability of the value calculated for χ^2 *p < 0.001* [1]

(iii) Explain the significance of these results and suggest the consequences to this species of moth if grazing land is increased.

grazing has a significant effect on the population of moth. Increasing the grazed land will decrease the moth population due to habitat destruction

..... [3]

Q6.

7 (a) The fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, feeds on sugars found in damaged fruits. A fly with normal features is called a wild type. It has a striped body and its wings are longer than its abdomen. There are mutant variations such as an ebony coloured body or vestigial wings. These three types of fly are shown in Fig. 7.1.

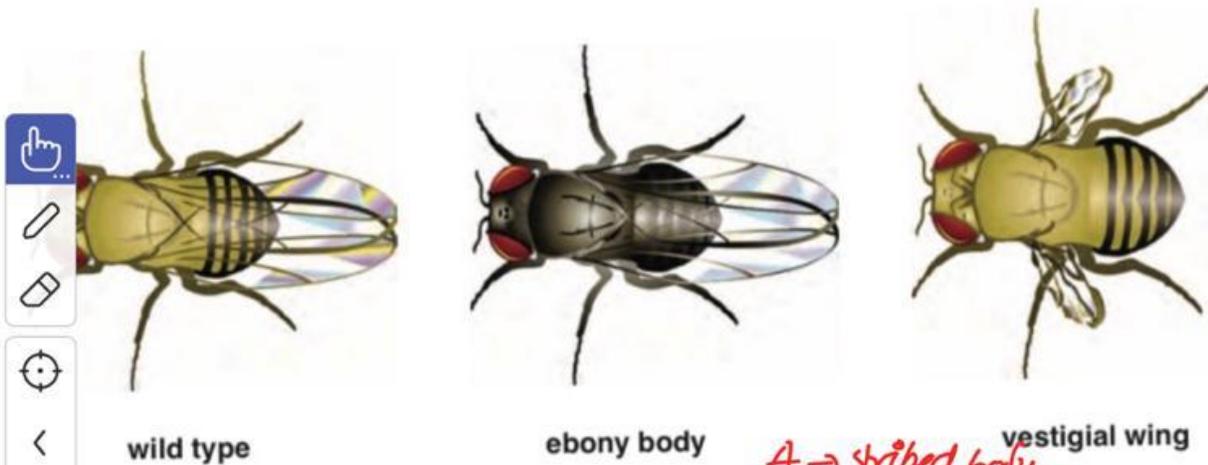


Fig. 7.1

A → striped body
a → ebony bodied
B → long wings
b → short wings

Wild type features are coded for by dominant alleles, **A** for wild type body and **B** for wild type wings.

Explain what is meant by the terms *allele* and *dominant*.

allele ... *alternative forms of a gene*

dominant ... *an allele is said to be dominant if it expresses itself in the homozygote and the heterozygote* [2]

(b) Two wild type fruit flies were crossed. Each had alleles **A** and **B** and carried alleles for ebony body and vestigial wings.

Draw a genetic diagram to show the possible offspring of this cross.

parental genotype $AaBb \times AaBb$
gamete AB, Ab, aB, ab

	AB	Ab	aB	ab
AB				

9 : 3 : 3 : 1

[6]

- (c) When the two heterozygous fruit flies in (b) were crossed, 384 eggs hatched and developed into adult flies.

A chi-squared (χ^2) test was carried out to test the significance of the differences between observed and expected results.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$$

where Σ = sum of
 O = observed value
 E = expected value

- (i) Complete the missing values in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1

	phenotypes of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>			
	grey body long wing	grey body vestigial wing	ebony body long wing	ebony body vestigial wing
observed number (O)	207	79	68	30
expected ratio	9	3	3	1
expected number (E)	216	72	72	24
O - E	-9	7	-4	6
(O - E) ²	81	49	16	36
$\frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$	0.38	0.68	0.22	1.50

[3]

- (ii) Calculate the value for χ^2 .

$$\chi^2 = 2.78 \dots \dots \dots [1]$$



Table 7.2 relates χ^2 values to probability values.

As four classes of data were counted the number of degrees of freedom was $4 - 1 = 3$. Table 7.2 gives values of χ^2 where there are three degrees of freedom.

Table 7.2

probability greater than	0.50	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.001
values for χ^2	2.37	4.64	6.25	7.82	11.34	16.27

2.78

- (iii) Using your value for χ^2 , and Table 7.2, explain whether or not the observed results were significantly different from the expected results.

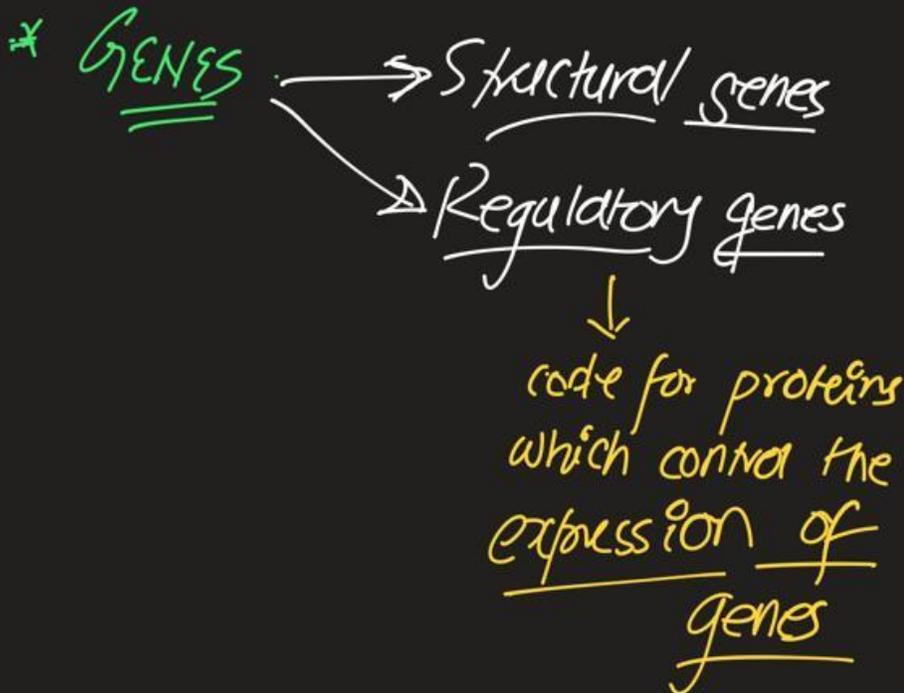
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[2]

Gene Control

* controlling the expression of a gene
transcription + translation

* is achieved via transcription factors
(proteins)



Gene Control

① Gene control refers to the control of **gene expression** in cells.

② Gene control is essential so that proteins are produced in appropriate quantities at appropriate times in a specific cell.

③ **Transcription factors** are proteins which control gene expression.

④ The larger the genome, the greater the number of genes which code for transcription factors.

⑤ Genes can be classified into the following two types :

A) **Structural genes**, which code for proteins that are needed for a functional role

within the cell, for e.g. enzymes & hormones

B) **Regulatory genes**, which code for proteins

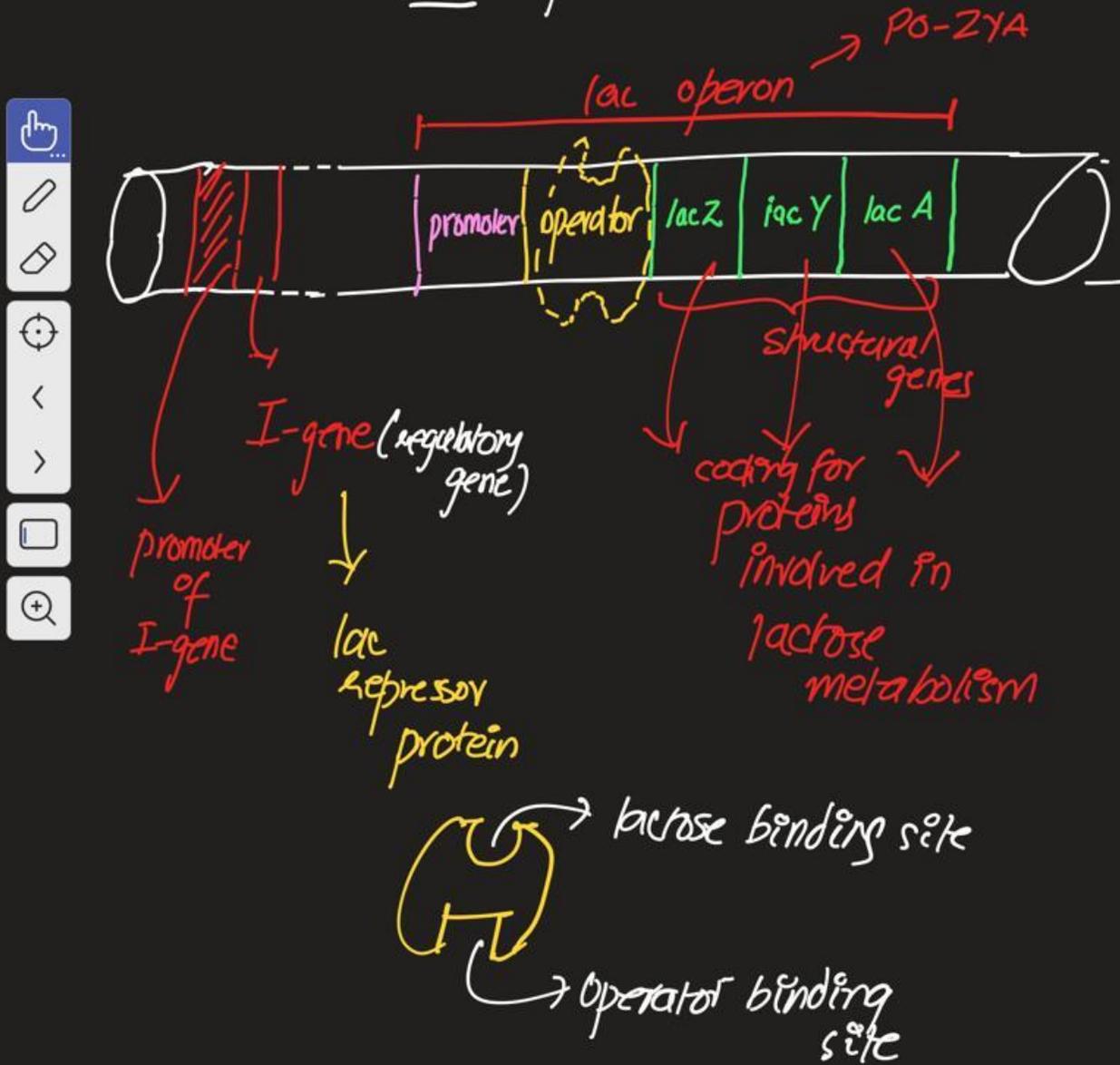
that regulate the expression of the other

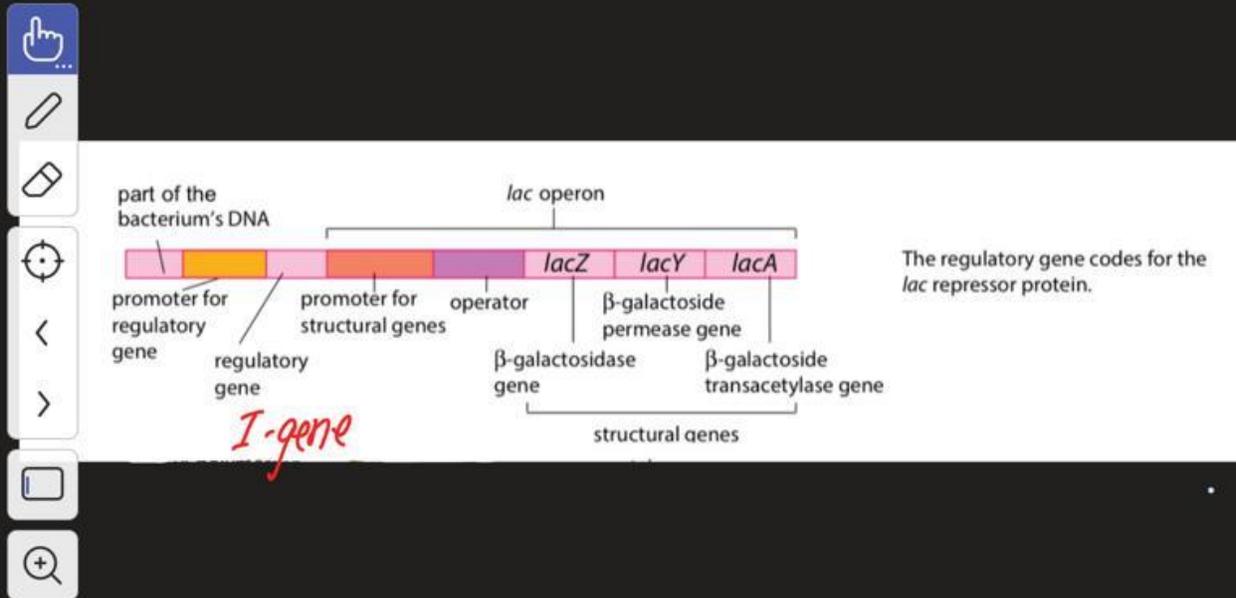
genes (such as transcription factors)

Gene Control in Prokaryotes

⇒ Lac Operon

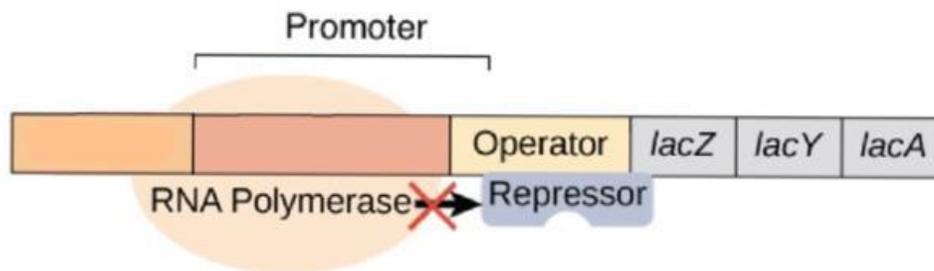
(lactose operon)





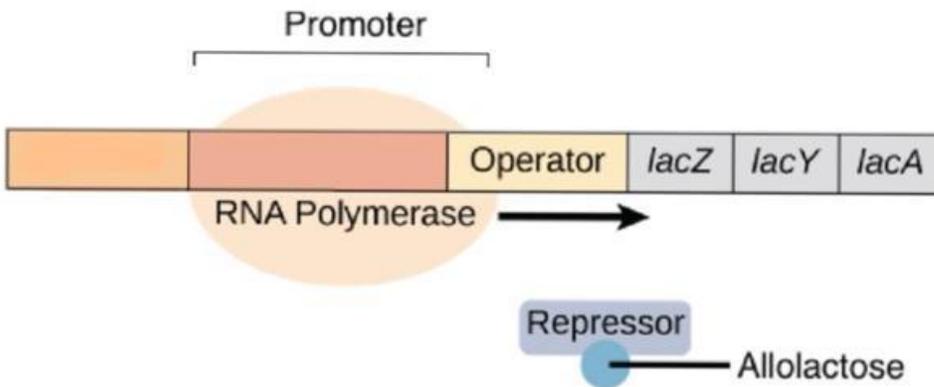
No lactose:

When lactose is absent, the *lac* repressor binds tightly to the operator. It gets in RNA polymerase's way, preventing transcription.



With lactose:

Allolactose (rearranged lactose) binds to the *lac* repressor and makes it let go of the operator. RNA polymerase can now transcribe the operon.



Lac Operon : Gene Control in Prokaryotes

* An operon is a length of DNA which contains a cluster of genes and serves as a unit of gene expression.

* A lac operon controls the expression of genes which code for proteins involved in lactose metabolism in the bacterium *E. coli*.

* It consists of:

A) A Promoter site to which the RNA Polymerase binds.

B) An Operator site to which the repressor protein binds.

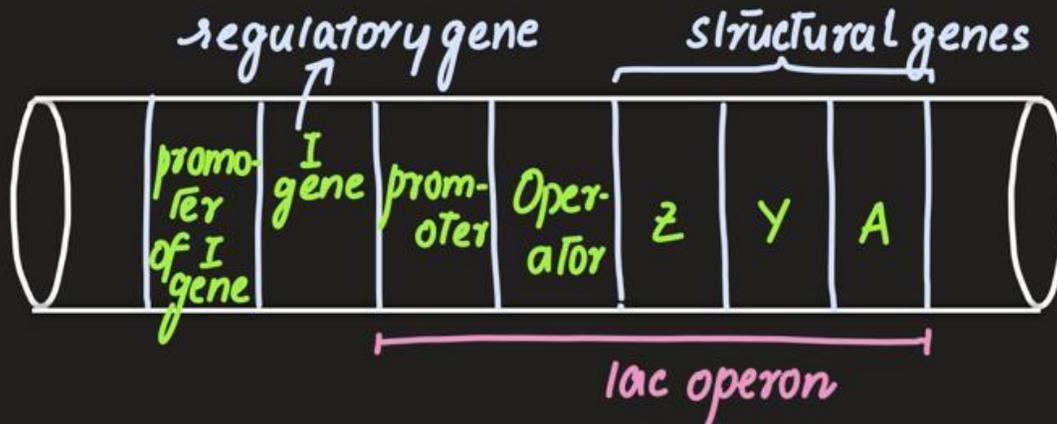
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ii) Lac Y codes for the protein Lactose Permease.

iii) Lac A codes for the protein Trans-acetylase.



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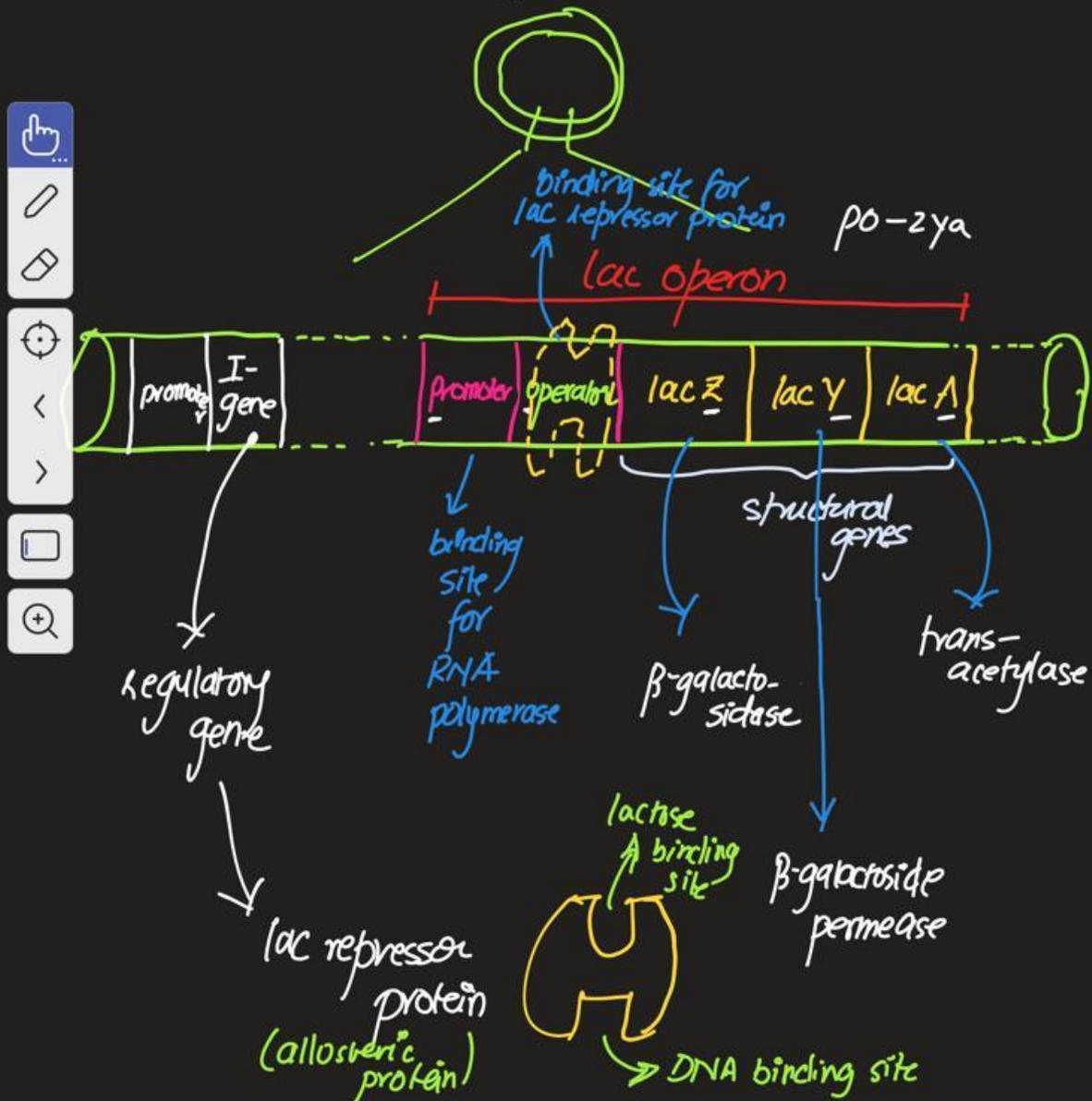


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(lactose)



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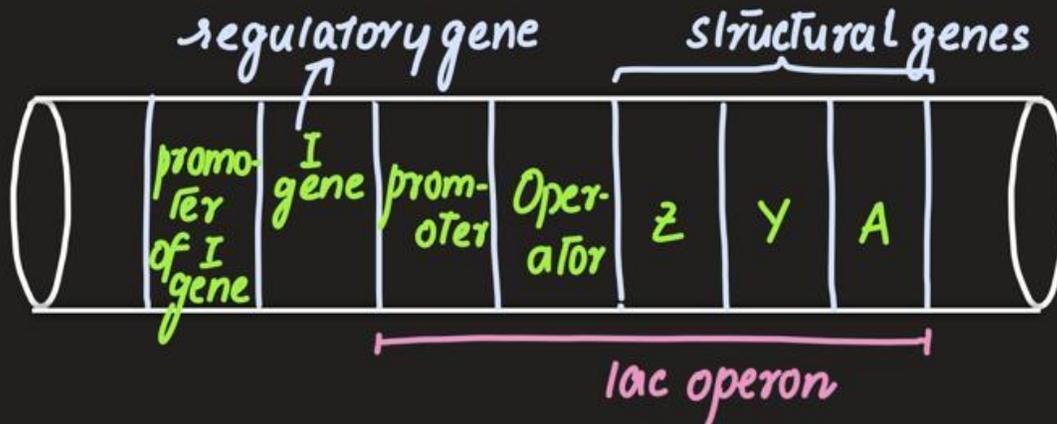
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* When lactose is absent:

① The lac repressor protein binds to the operator region.

② The promoter is blocked and RNA polymerase can't bind to the promoter.

③ Structural genes are therefore **NOT** transcribed.

* When lactose is present:

① Lactose binds to the repressor protein causing a change in its shape (allosteric effect).



② This change in shape unbinds the repressor from the operator thereby unblocking the promoter.

③ RNA polymerase can now bind to the promoter and transcribe the structural genes Lac Z, Lac Y and Lac A.

① **Lac Z** codes for β -galactosidase which breaks down lactose into glucose & galactose.

② **Lac Y** codes for Lactose Permease which is a transmembrane protein to allow up-



take of lactose through the phospholipid

bilayer of *E. coli*.

③ **Lac A** codes for Transacetylase, the

function of which is **NOT** clearly known.

I-gene & constitutive proteins

* I-gene is a regulatory gene which is expressed at all times in a cell. Such genes are said to have a constitutive expression.



* The protein products of such genes are therefore termed as constitutive proteins.

* These proteins are produced all the time because the cell needs them at all times.

* Lac repressor protein is a constitutive protein.

Inducible & Repressible enzymes

* β -galactosidase is an example of **inducible enzyme**. An enzyme is said to be inducible

if its production is 'switched on' in the

presence of its inducer (usually its substr-

ate). In case of β -galactosidase, lactose is

the inducer.

* Unlike β -galactosidase, some enzymes

are **repressible**. These enzymes are prod-

uced by the cell by default but their

production can be stopped in the presence

of a repressor protein.

* The benefit of gene control in prokaryotes

(using a lac operon for example) is that

The bacteria does NOT waste amino acids

or ATP in synthesizing proteins NOT

needed by the cell.





Gene Control in Eukaryotes

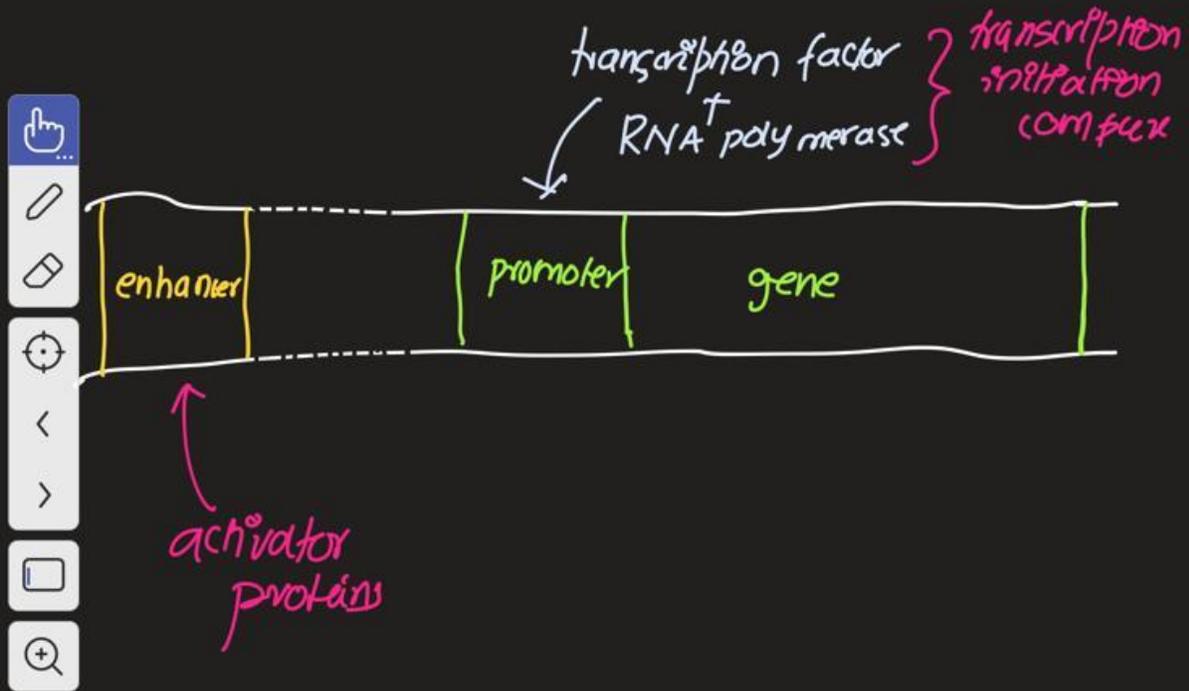
Gene Control in Eukaryotes

1. Only 2% of the human DNA consists of gene coding for proteins with functional role. These are **structural genes**.



2. Of the remaining 98%, some of the DNA consists of **regulatory genes** and **control sequences** (such as promoters) that control gene expression.

Gene Expression in Eukaryotes



enhancer + promoter → egs. of control sequences

Q : How does a gene express (transcribe) itself in an eukaryote?

Ans: * Transcription is controlled by general transcription factors in eukaryotes.

* These general transcription factors bind to the promoter region located before the start of the gene.

* The enzyme RNA polymerase thereafter binds to the promoter to form the transcription initiation complex (transcription factors + RNA polymerase bound to promoter).

* Transcription of the template strand of the gene begins once the transcription complex has assembled.

* The rate of transcription can be increased when the **activator proteins** bind to **enhancer site** on the DNA (located upstream).



* **enhancer**: binding site for activator proteins

* **promoter**: binding site for:

- ① general transcription factors
 - ② RNA polymerase
- +
- } transcription
initiation
complex



Q : Which genes code for transcription factors?

Ans: Regulatory genes



Cell cycle & growth of organisms is controlled by Transc. factors

Sex determination is achieved via transcription factor



Gene control in eukaryotes via transcription factors → examples

Response to external stimuli is also controlled by Transc. factors

Gibberellins & their role in seed germination

Transcription factors in eukaryotes → EXAMPLES

Some examples of the significance of transcription factors in eukaryotes are as

follows:

1) Testicular determining factor (TDF) is a

transcription factor coded by the TDF gene

on the Y chromosome. This transcription

factor is responsible for the determination of male sex in humans.

② Certain transcription factors coded by tumor suppressor genes and/or protooncogenes control cell cycle and growth in eukaryotic organisms.

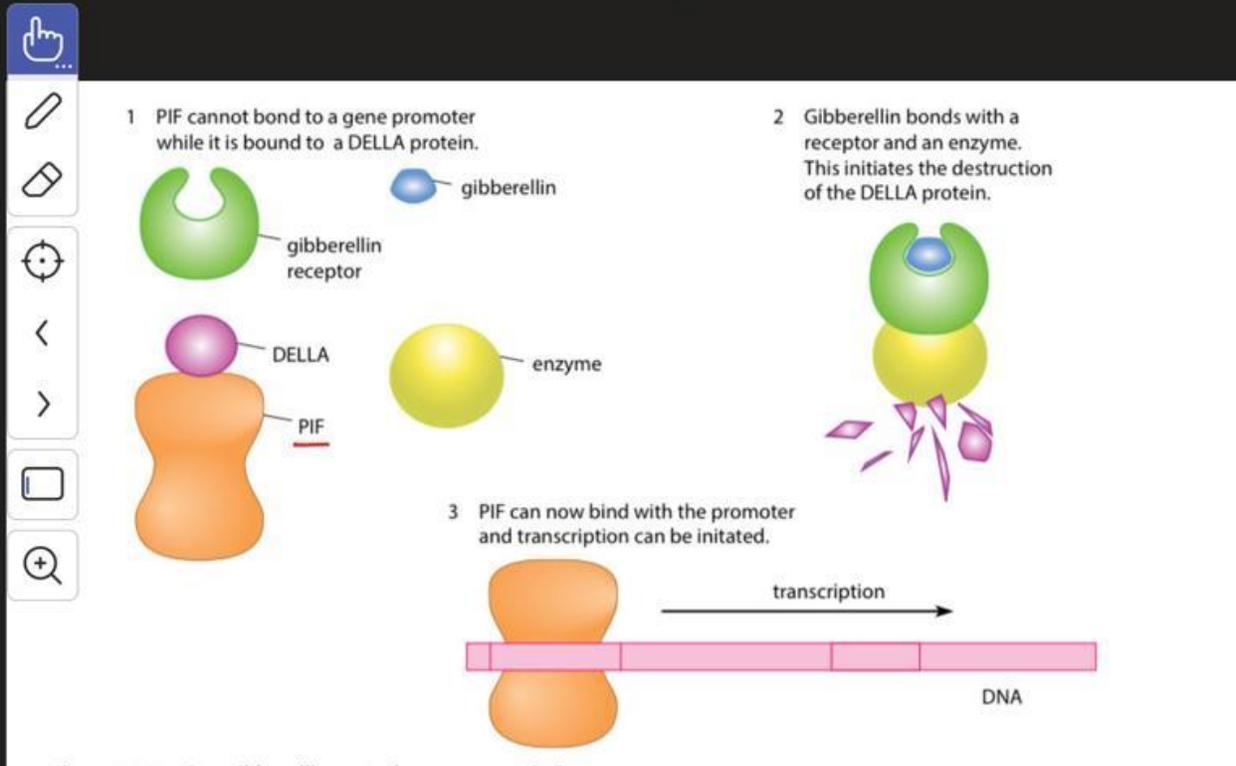
③ Transcription factors enable eukaryotes to respond to external environmental stimuli by 'switching on' or 'switching off' genes.

④ Certain plant hormones such as gibberellins exert their effect via transcription factors.



Seed germination &
role of gibberellins

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PIF → phytochrome interacting factor

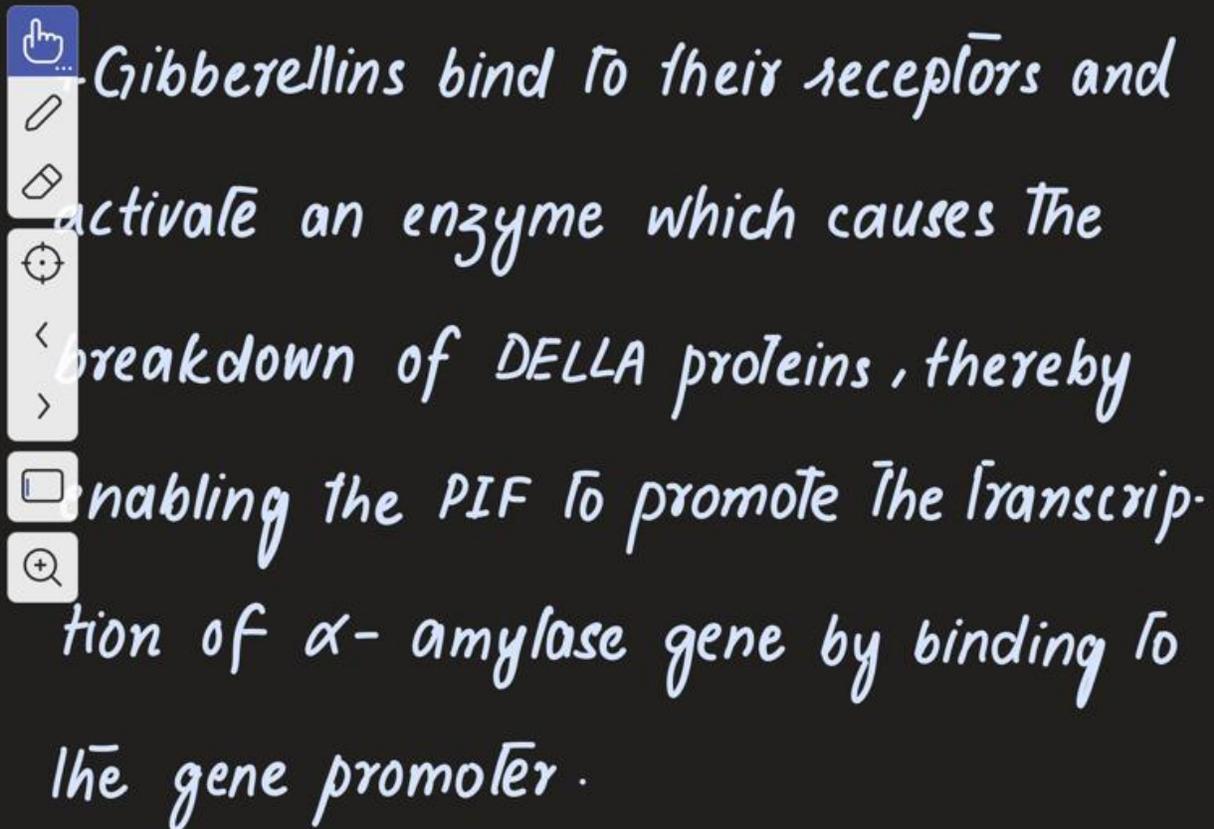
SEED GERMINATION & ROLE OF GIBBERELLINS

1- Gibberellins are responsible for promoting seed germination by enabling the Transcr.

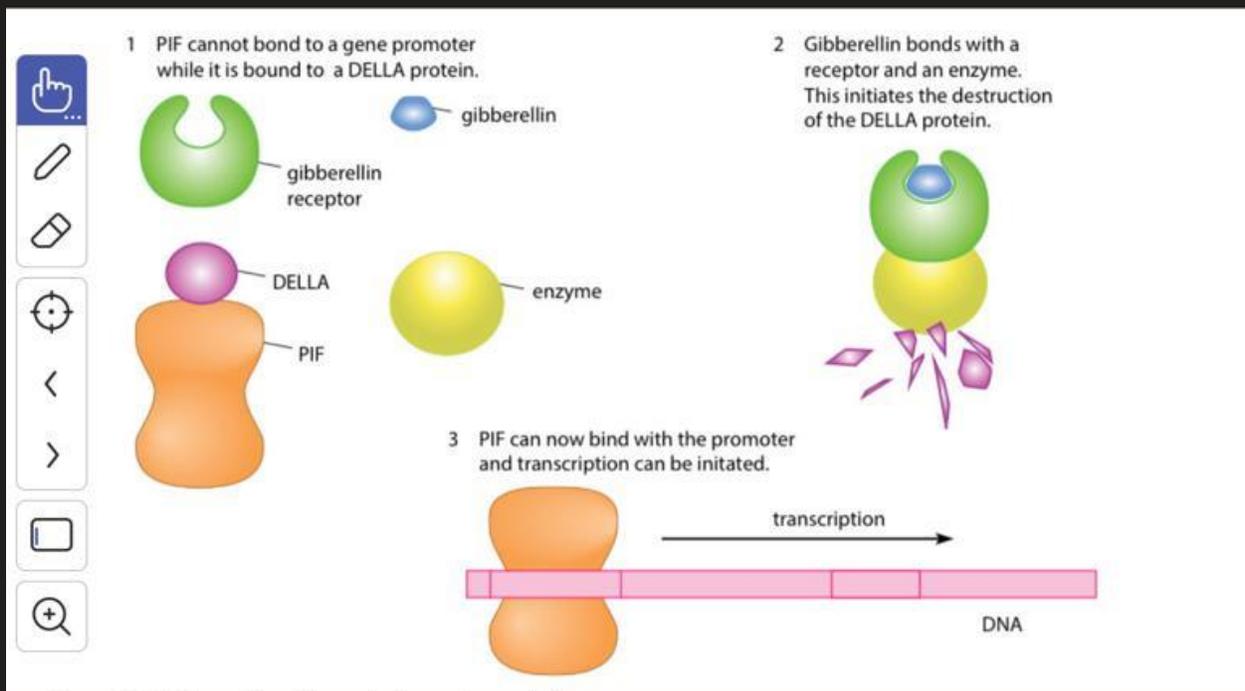
ription of The gene which codes for the α -amylase enzyme.

2- Gibberellins carry out this effect by promoting the destruction of DELLA proteins which inhibits a transcription factor from binding to The promoter of The α -amylase gene.

3. The transcription factor is the **phytochrome interacting factor (PIF)** which is inhibited when bound to DELLA proteins.



Gibberellins bind to their receptors and activate an enzyme which causes the breakdown of DELLA proteins, thereby enabling the PIF to promote the transcription of α -amylase gene by binding to the gene promoter.



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Mutations &
Changes in phenotype

Mutations and changes in Phenotype

① Mutations are classified into → Gene Mutation
→ Chromosomal Mutations

② We discussed gene mutations in detail

in AS.

③ Chromosomal mutation refers to a change in the structure or whole number of chromosomes. Examples of diseases which result due to a chromosomal mutation

are: (a) **Down's Syndrome** (47 chromosomes - extra chromosome 21)

(b) **Turner's Syndrome** (45 chromosomes - one less X chromosome in females)

Q: Describe the ways by which gene mutation can occur? (6)

Ans: A gene mutation is defined as an alteration in the sequence of nucleotides

of a particular gene which may alter the primary structure of the polypeptide.

There are three different types of gene mutations, namely: 1) **Base substitution**

which involves replacement of a normal nucleotide with a mutant nucleotide having a different **base**

2) **Base addition** which involves addition of one or more nucleotides in a particular gene.

3) **Base deletion** which involves removal of one or more nucleotides from a particular gene.

Base addition and base deletion may lead to frameshift mutation. These mutations occur during DNA replication which leads

to formation of mutant allele. At times a gene mutation may result due to a

spontaneous (random) event such as exposure to ionising or ultraviolet radiation.

* We will be discussing three diseases as examples of gene mutations;

1) Sickle cell Anaemia (autosomal recessive)

2) Albinism (autosomal recessive)

3) Huntington's disease (autosomal dominant)

SICKLE CELL DISEASE

- * Is an autosomal recessive disorder.
- * Results due to a gene mutation which involves base substitution.



* Mutation occurs in the gene that codes for the β -globin polypeptide of the protein Haemoglobin.

* The sixth amino acid in the normal β -globin chain is glutamic acid coded by the triplet CTC. A base substitution changes CTC to CAC which codes for

amino acid **Valine**.

* Glutamic acid is hydrophilic while valine is hydrophobic. This change in nature of amino acid causes haemoglobin to become

less soluble and precipitate when not bound to oxygen. These haemoglobin molecules stick with each other to form long fibres which exert a pull on the RBC membrane causing them to become **sickle-shaped**.

* The sickle-shaped RBCs have reduced oxygen carrying capacity thereby causing symptoms of **Anaemia**.

Signs and symptoms include **fatigue**, **shortness of breath** and **myocardial infarctions** in severe cases.

* Allele which causes sickle cell anaemia is **Hb^S** whereas the normal allele is **Hb^A**.

* Individuals with sickle cell anaemia have the genotype **Hb^SHb^S**.

* Individuals with $Hb^A Hb^S$ genotype have sickle cell trait. These individuals have some sickle-shaped RBCs in their blood but don't develop signs and symptoms

of sickle cell anaemia.

Individuals with genotype $Hb^A Hb^A$ have no sickle-shaped RBCs in their blood.

The sickle cell allele is now common in parts of the world where malaria is endemic because individuals with sickle cell trait are less likely to die due to complications of malaria.

Albinism

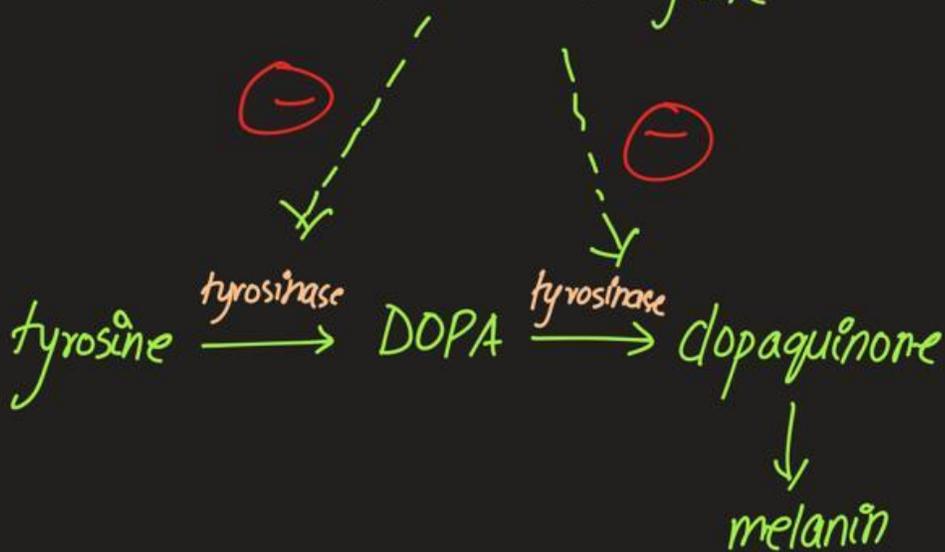
↓
autosomal recessive

↓
TYR gene

↓
tyrosinase

{ enzyme essential for
the production of melanin }

Mutation in TYR gene



ALBINISM

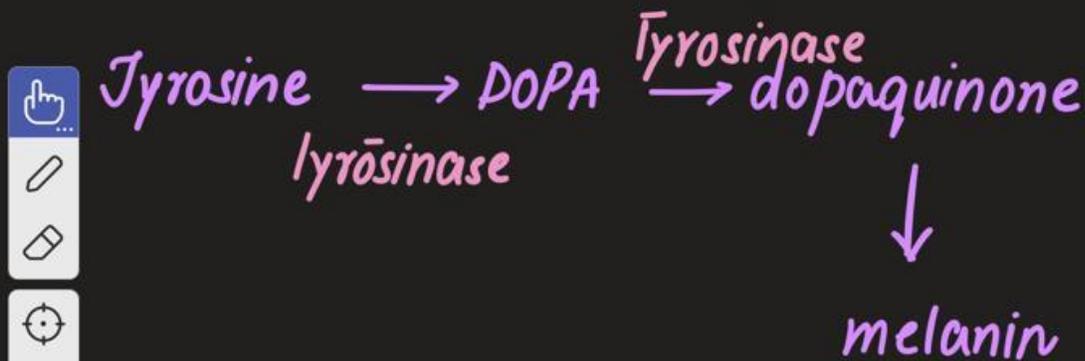
* May result due to many different mutations, most common of which is an autosomal recessive one.

* The mutations occur in the gene (TYR gene) which codes for enzyme Tyrosinase.

* Tyrosinase is essential for production of melanin in melanocytes.

* Tyrosinase is a transmembrane protein present in the membrane of melanosomes within the melanocytes.

* Tyrosinase is involved in the production of melanin, through the following biochemical pathway:



The gene mutation which causes albinism leads to the production of inactive Tyrosinase or no Tyrosinase at all, which thereafter reduces or stops melanin production.

* The signs and symptoms of albinism include:

A. Pale skin colour and pale hair colour

B. Pink or light blue iris

C. Rapid movement of the eyes (nystagmus)

D. Poor vision

E. Photophobia

F. Skin burns & increased susceptibility

to skin cancers.

Q: Explain how the presence of a mutant allele results in albinism?

Ans: Albinism is an autosomal recessive disease. It only occurs in individuals

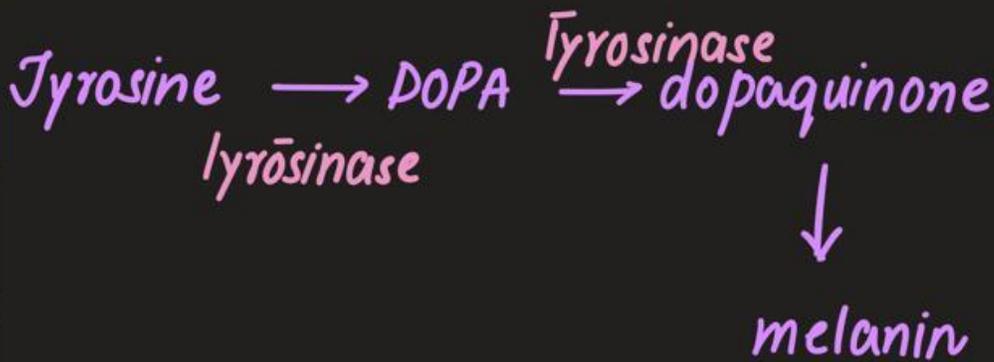
homozygous for the mutant recessive allele of the gene TYR.

The dominant allele of the TYR gene codes for a functional copy of the enzyme

tyrosinase. This enzyme is located in the membrane of organelles known as

melanosomes. These organelles are found in melanin producing cells known as

melanocytes. Tyrosinase catalyses the reactions in the biochemical pathway involved in production of melanin:



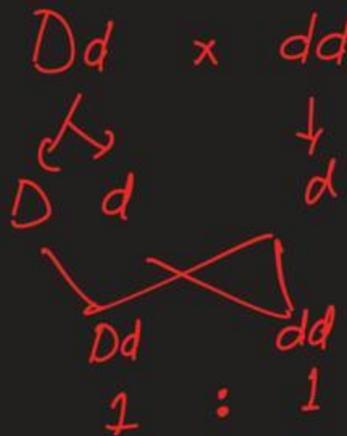
The mutant recessive allele of TYR gene codes for a non-functional tyrosinase which leads to reduced or no melanin production. The phenotypic changes associated with the disorder include fair skin and fair hair colour.

Huntington's Disease

→ chorea

↓
autosomal dominant

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MOST with HD have
a heterozygous genotype



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gene mutation in
the HTT gene → codes for a
protein huntingtin



HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

* It is an autosomal dominant disorder.

* Occurs due to a triplet repeat mutation

in the gene **HTT** that codes for the protein

Huntingtin. This gene is present on chrom-

osome number 4.

* Most individuals with Huntington's

disease are heterozygous therefore there's

a 50% likelihood that a child born will

also have Huntington's disease.

* The triplet repeat mutation involves a large number of **CAG repeats** in an unstable segment of the gene which codes for the protein huntingtin. These repeats are also

termed as **stutters**.

There's a roughly inverse correlation

between the no. of repeats and the age of

onset of Huntington's disease. The greater

the number of repeats, the earlier the age of onset.

* Symptoms usually manifest at middle age.

* Signs and symptoms include:

A. Loss of brain cells

B. Enlargement of brain ventricles

C. Involuntary muscular movements

 termed as chorea.


 D. Dementia (memory loss)


< * Huntingtin is essential for the normal
>

 functioning of neurones.

