

**Heredity** : The process of transmission of characters from parents to offspring is known as Heredity.

**Variation**: Small changes / modifications in a particular character that are visible between parents and Offsprings

**Genetics** is the science that deals with heredity and variation. (Father of Genetics **Gregor Johann Mendel**)

### IMPORTANCE OF VARIATIONS

- Variation enables organisms to adjust and adapt better according to the changing conditions of the environment (**Survival advantage**),
- Different kinds of variations in organisms lead to the development of new species.

Seed		Flower		Pod		Stem	
Form	Cotyledons	Color		Form	Color	Place	Size
						Axial pods, Flowers along	Long (6-7ft)
Grey & Round	Yellow	White		Full	Yellow		
						Terminal pods, Flowers top	Short < 1ft
White & Wrinkled	Green	Violet		Constricted	Green		
1	2	3		4	5	6	7

**He selected Garden pea plant as experimental plant :**

- ✓ 7 pairs of distinct easily contrasting characters
- ✓ Short life cycle
- ✓ Easily available Annual herb Bisexual Flower – Self & Cross Pollination.
- ✓ It produces large number of seeds.

He took pea plants with different characteristics – a tall plant and a short plant, produced progeny by crossing them, and calculated the percentages of tall or short progeny.

**MONOHYBRID CROSS** : SINGLE Trait like Height is studied at a time. Like we say that we consider character height and obtain different results.

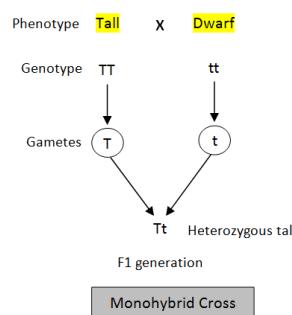
**TT x tt ( Cross)**  
**F1 Progeny -Tt (all are tall)**

**Tt X Tt ( Selfing)**

F2 progeny was : TT: Tt : tt  
Phenotype : tall : dwarf

3 : 1  
Genotype : TT : Tt : tt  
1 : 2 : 1

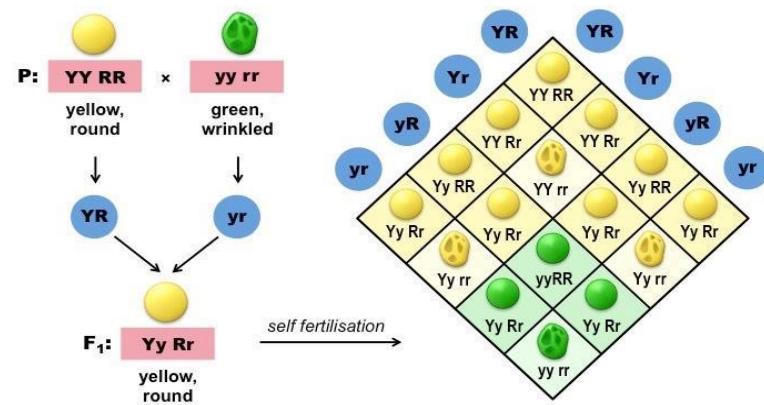
**Phenotype:** The physical expression of an organism **Genotype:** The genetic constitution of an organism



**DIHYBRID CROSS:** a cross in which two characters are studied at a time. For example, if we make cross considering two features : like **Seed Texture( Round/wrinkled)** and **Seed Colour( Yellow/green)** in a plant. Now let us understand the laws with dihybrid cross.

**F2 Ratio : 9: 3:3:1**

Round Yellow	Round green	wrinkled Yellow	wrinkled green
9	3	3	1



### MENDEL'S LAW OF INHERITANCE

**Law of Dominance:** When parents having pure contrasting characters are crossed then only one character expresses itself in the F<sub>1</sub> generation. This character is the dominant character and the character/factor which cannot express itself is called the recessive character.

**Law of Segregation:** The phenomenon of separation of the two alternating factors of one character, during gamete formation so that one gamete receives only one factor of a character is called as Law of Segregation.

**Law of Independent Assortment-** 'When two pairs of traits are combined in a hybrid, segregation of one pair of characters is independent of the other pair of characters'.

### HOW DO TRAITS GET EXPRESSED?

**DNA is regulating the authority to making of proteins in the cell.**

- Gene provides information for one particular protein.
- E.g. the height of a plant depends upon the growth hormone which is in turn controlled by the gene.
- Both parents contribute equally to the DNA of next-generation during sexual reproduction.

### SEX DETERMINATION IN HUMAN

The process of determining the sex of an individual, based on the composition of the genetic makeup is called sex determination.

**Human has 23 pair of chromosomes.**

- Autosome: 22 pairs (44)
- Sex chromosomes: 01 pair (02).

They may be either-

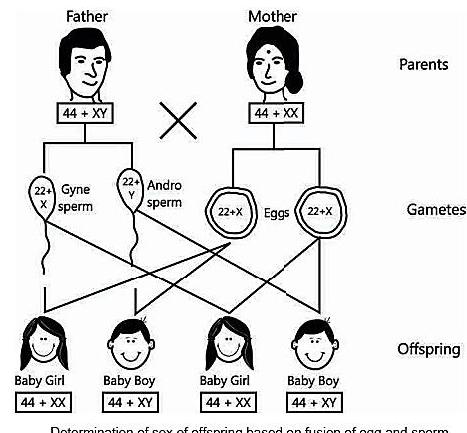
i Homogametic – XX for female (44 +XX)

ii- Heterogametic XY for male (44 +XY)

In some organism-environment also plays a crucial role in the determination of sex-

**In some Reptiles: The temperature at which a fertilized egg is incubated governs the gender.**

**Snails: A particular animal can change gender within one's lifetime.**



Determination of sex of offspring based on fusion of egg and sperm