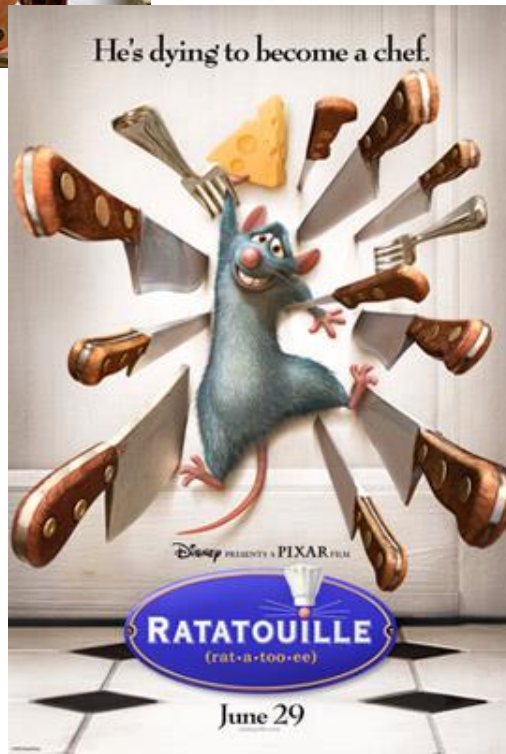




Combine one favor with another,
and something new was created!



Chapter I

Mendel's Law of Inheritance

I. Mendel's breakthrough

Patterns, particles, and principles of heredity

II. Extension to Mendel's laws

Complexities in relating genotype to phenotype

- 1. Single-gene inheritance**
- 2. Multifactorial inheritance**

Chapters in reference books: [H2-H3](#), [D3](#)

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The action of two or more genes

Additive gene interactions

基因互作

Complementary gene action

基因互补

Epistasis

上位效应

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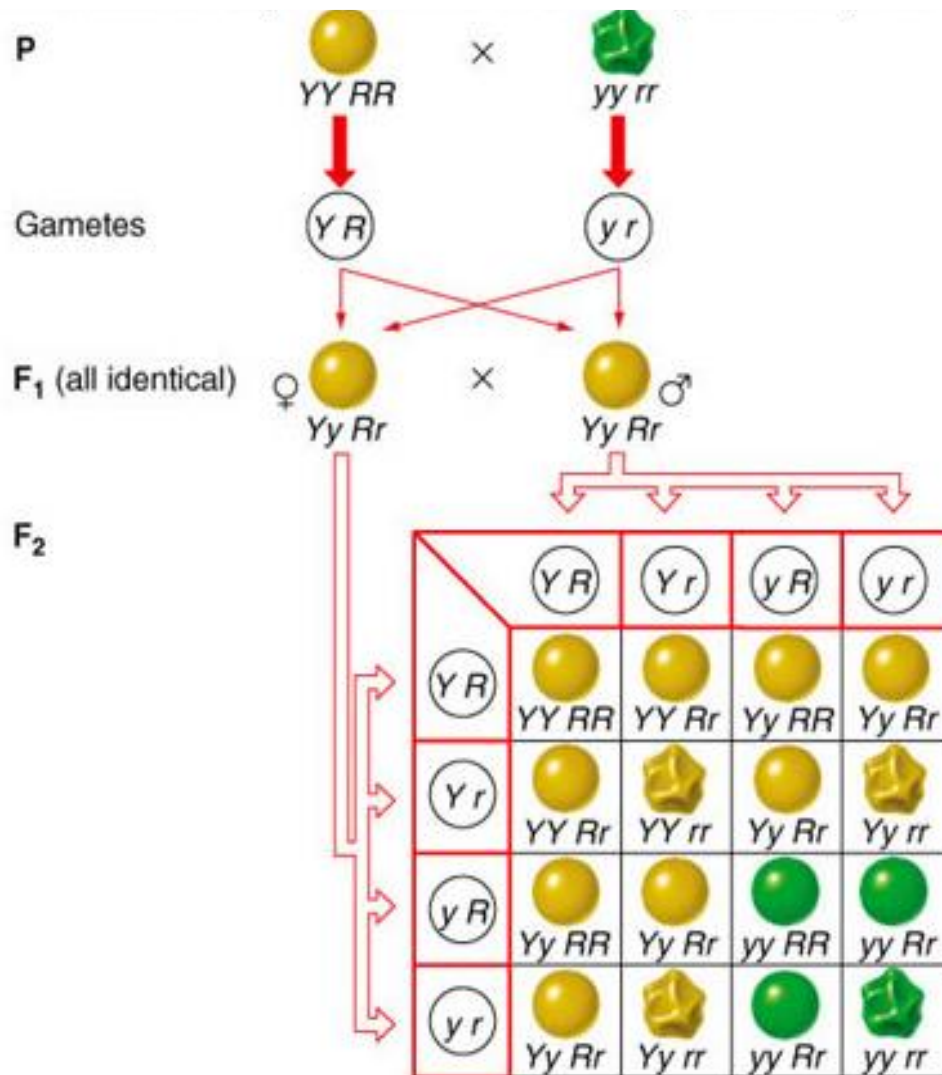
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Interactions between genes and the environment

Key Words

gene interactions (基因互作)
complementary gene action (基因互补)
complementary gene (互补基因)
complementation (互补作用)
complementation test (互补测验)
heterogeneity (异质性)
duplicate effect (叠加效应/重叠效应)
redundancy (基因冗余)
redundant gene (冗余基因)
epistasis, epistatic effect (上位效应/上位性)
epistatic gene (上位基因)
hypostatic gene (下位基因)
recessive epistasis (隐性上位)
dominant epistasis (显性上位)

A dihybrid cross by Mendel



Genotype	Phenotype	Phenotypic ratio
$Y- R-$	 yellow round	9/16
$yy R-$	 green round	3/16
$Y- rr$	 yellow wrinkled	3/16
$yy rr$	 green wrinkled	1/16

9 genotypes; 4 phenotypes

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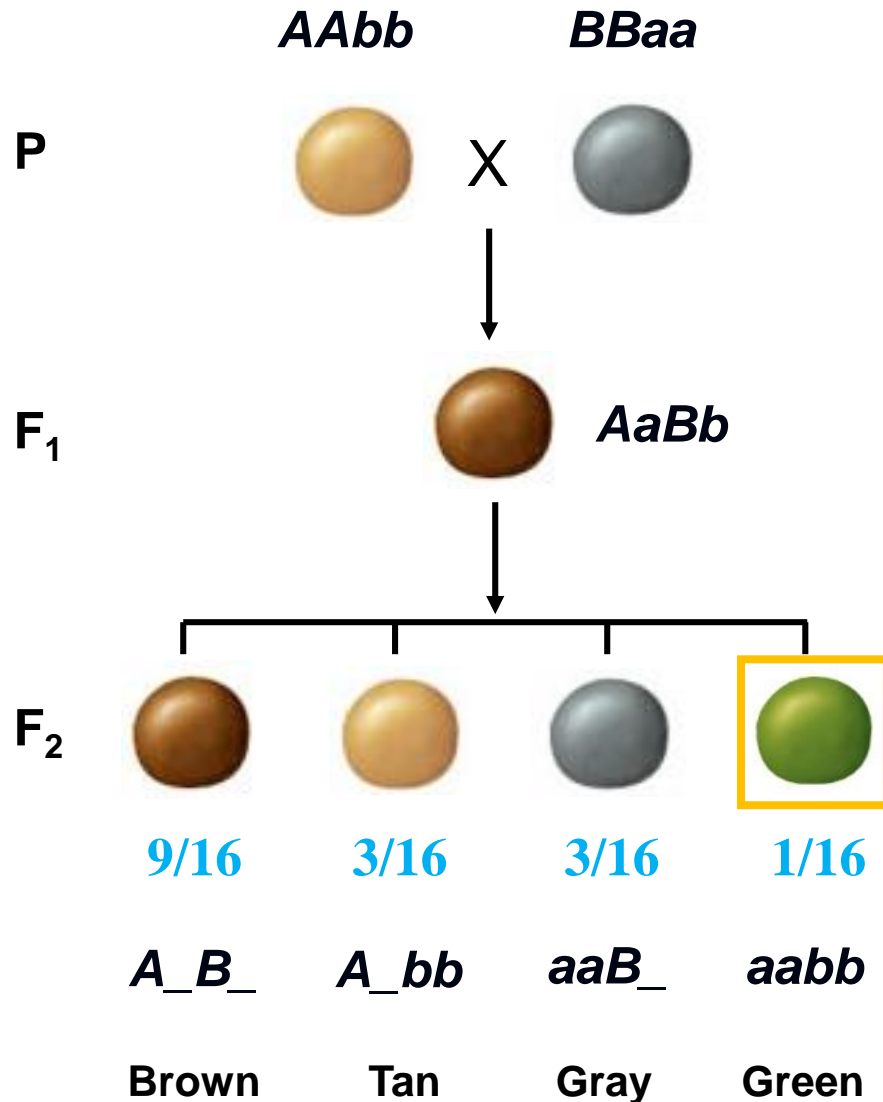
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Two genes can interact to determine one trait

Lentil coat color

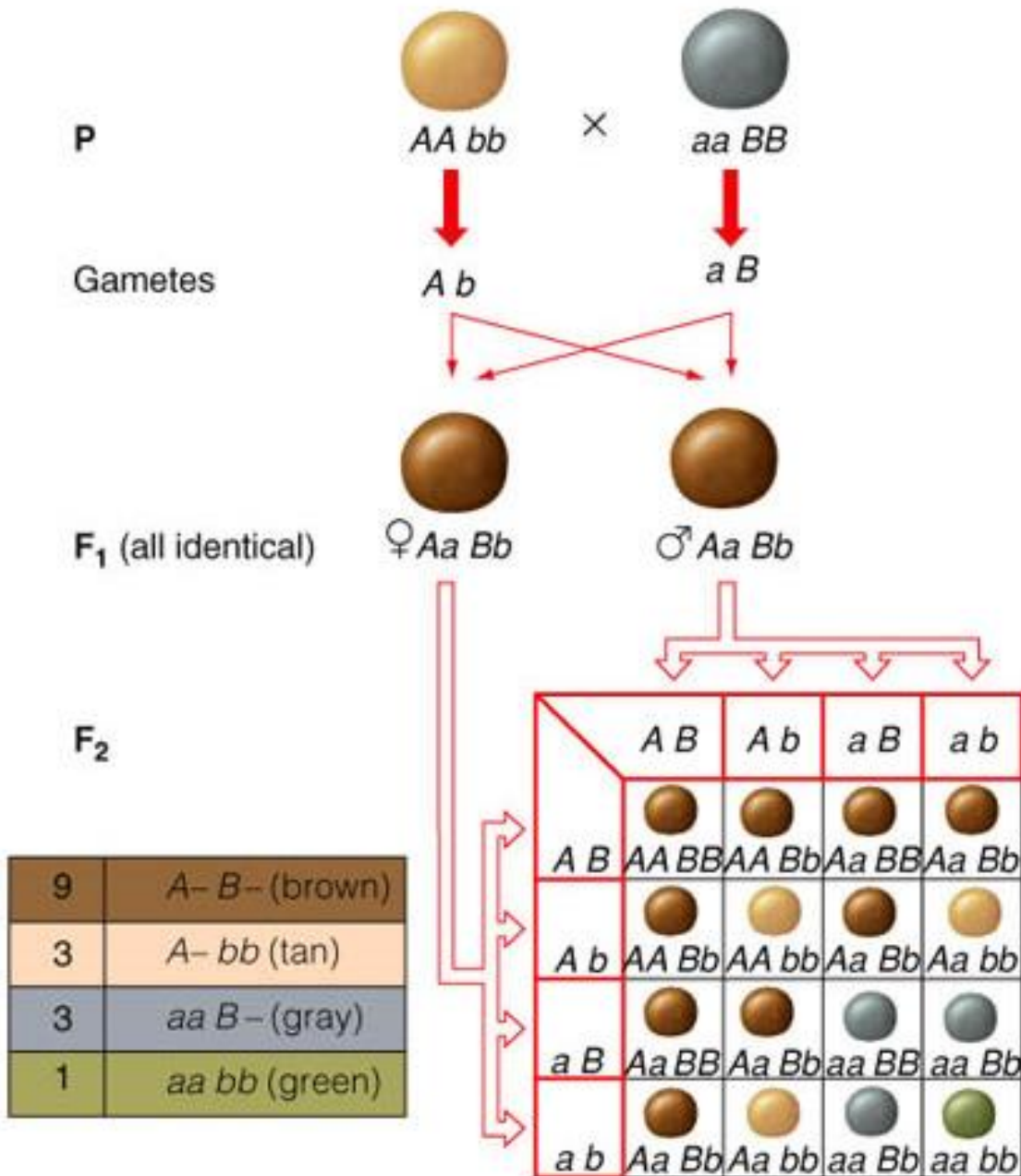


Cross of F₁ produces F₂ with
9 brown : 3 tan : 3 gray : 1 green
→ two independently sorted genes

Novel phenotypes can emerge from the combination of alleles of two genes.

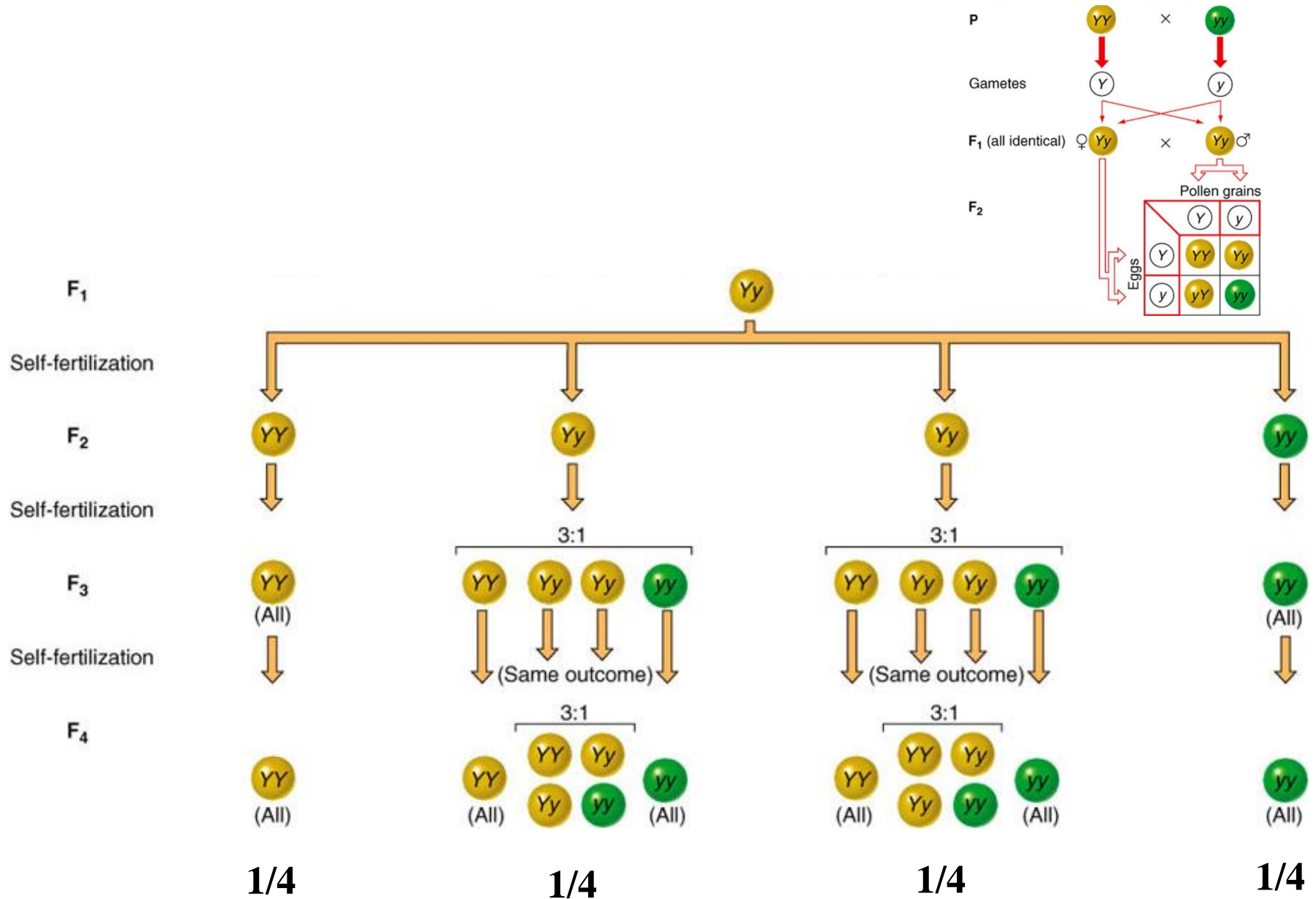
(a) A dihybrid cross with lentil coat colors

How to confirm?



gene interactions
(基因互作)

Further crosses confirm predicted ratios



Further crosses confirm predicted ratios

(b) Self-pollination of the F₂ to produce an F₃

	Phenotypes of F ₂ Individual	Observed F ₃ Phenotypes	Expected Proportion of F ₂ Population*	
<i>aabb</i>	Green	Green	1/16	1/16
<i>AAbb</i>	Tan	Tan	1/16	3/16
<i>Aabb</i>	Tan	Tan, green	2/16	
<i>aaBb</i>	Gray	Gray, green	2/16	3/16
<i>aaBB</i>	Gray	Gray	1/16	
<i>AABB</i>	Brown	Brown	1/16	9/16
<i>AABb</i>	Brown	Brown, tan	2/16	
<i>AaBB</i>	Brown	Brown, gray	2/16	
<i>AaBb</i>	Brown	Brown, gray, tan, green	4/16	

*This 1:1:2:2:1:1:2:2:4 F₂ genotypic ratio corresponds to a 9 brown:3 tan:3 gray:1 green F₂ phenotypic ratio.

9	A- B- (brown)
3	A- bb (tan)
3	aa B- (gray)
1	aa bb (green)

Self pollination of F₂ to produce F₃ shows interaction between two genes.

gene interactions
(基因互作)

(c) Sorting out the dominance relations by select crosses

Seed Coat Color of Parents	F ₁	F ₂ Phenotypes and Frequencies	Ratio
Tan × green	<i>Aabb</i>	231 tan, 85 green	3:1
Gray × green	<i>aaBb</i>	2586 gray, 867 green	3:1
Brown × gray	<i>AaBB</i>	964 brown, 312 gray	3:1
Brown × tan	<i>AABb</i>	255 brown, 76 tan	3:1
Brown × green	<i>AaBb</i>	57 brown, 18 gray, 13 tan, 4 green	9:3:3:1

Each genotypic class (defined in terms of **the presence or absence of the dominant allele of two genes**) determines a particular phenotype:

- 1) both present
- 2) one present
- 3) the other present
- 4) neither present

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3	<i>A- bb</i> (tan)
3	<i>aa B-</i> (gray)
1	<i>aa bb</i> (green)

gene interactions
(基因互作)

The shape of cockscombs

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Walnut



Pea



Rose



Single

Cross 1: Single \times Single \rightarrow Single

Cross 2: Walnut \times Walnut \rightarrow Walnut

Cross 3: Rose \times Pea \rightarrow Walnut (F_1)

$F_1 \times F_1 \rightarrow 93$ Walnut: 28 Rose: 32 Pea: 10 Single

9 : 3 : 3 : 1

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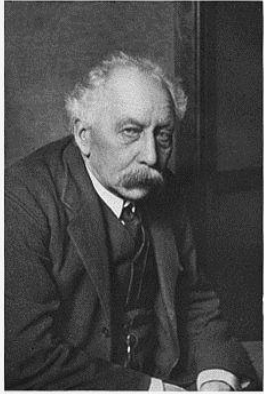
Duplicate effect

叠加效应



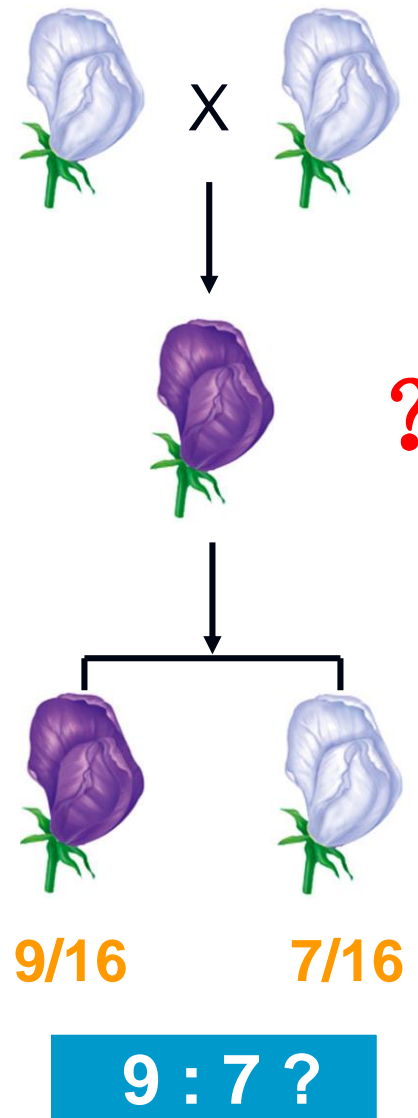
Complementation makes perfect

Complementary gene action – color in sweet peas

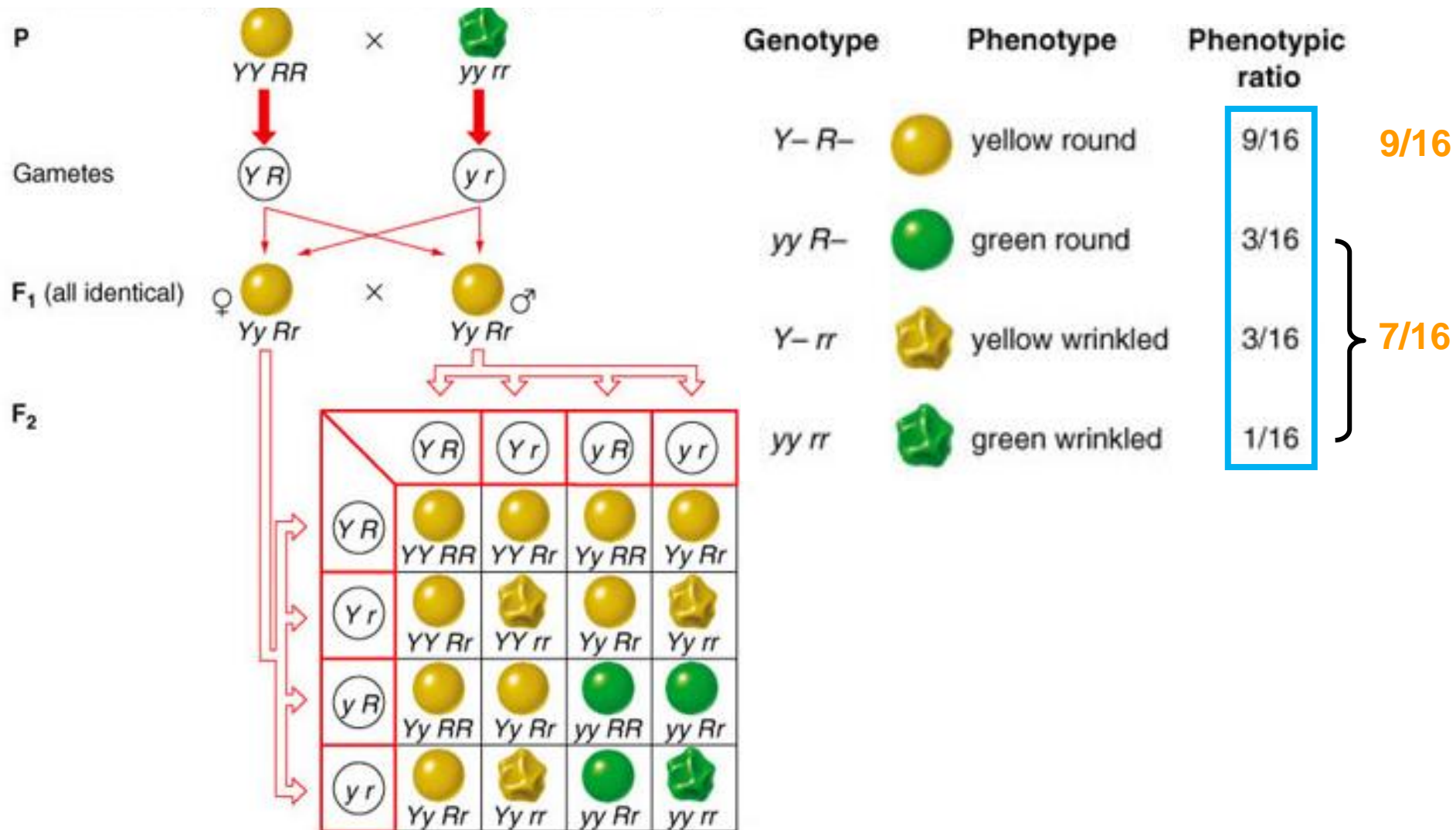


William Bateson

(a) *Lathyrus odoratus* (sweet peas)



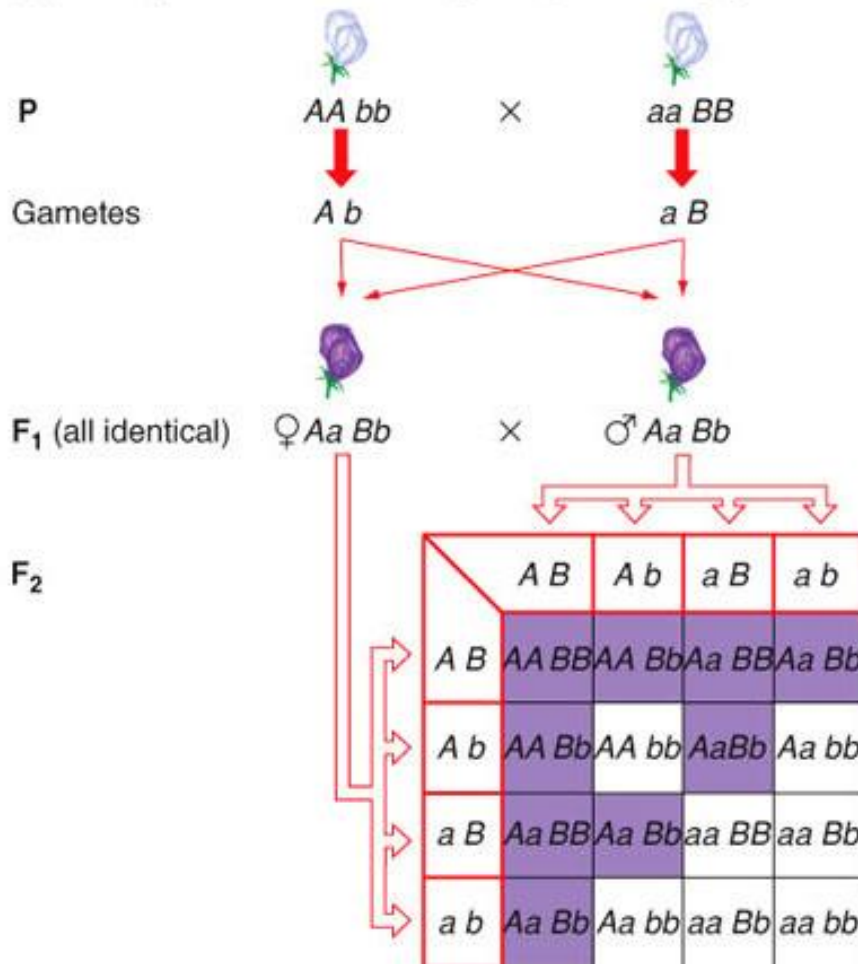
A dihybrid cross by Mendel



Complementary gene action - color in sweet peas

9:7 ratio hints that **one dominant allele of each gene must be present** to produce purple flowers.

(b) A dihybrid cross involving complementary gene action



No pigment

↓ **A**

No pigment

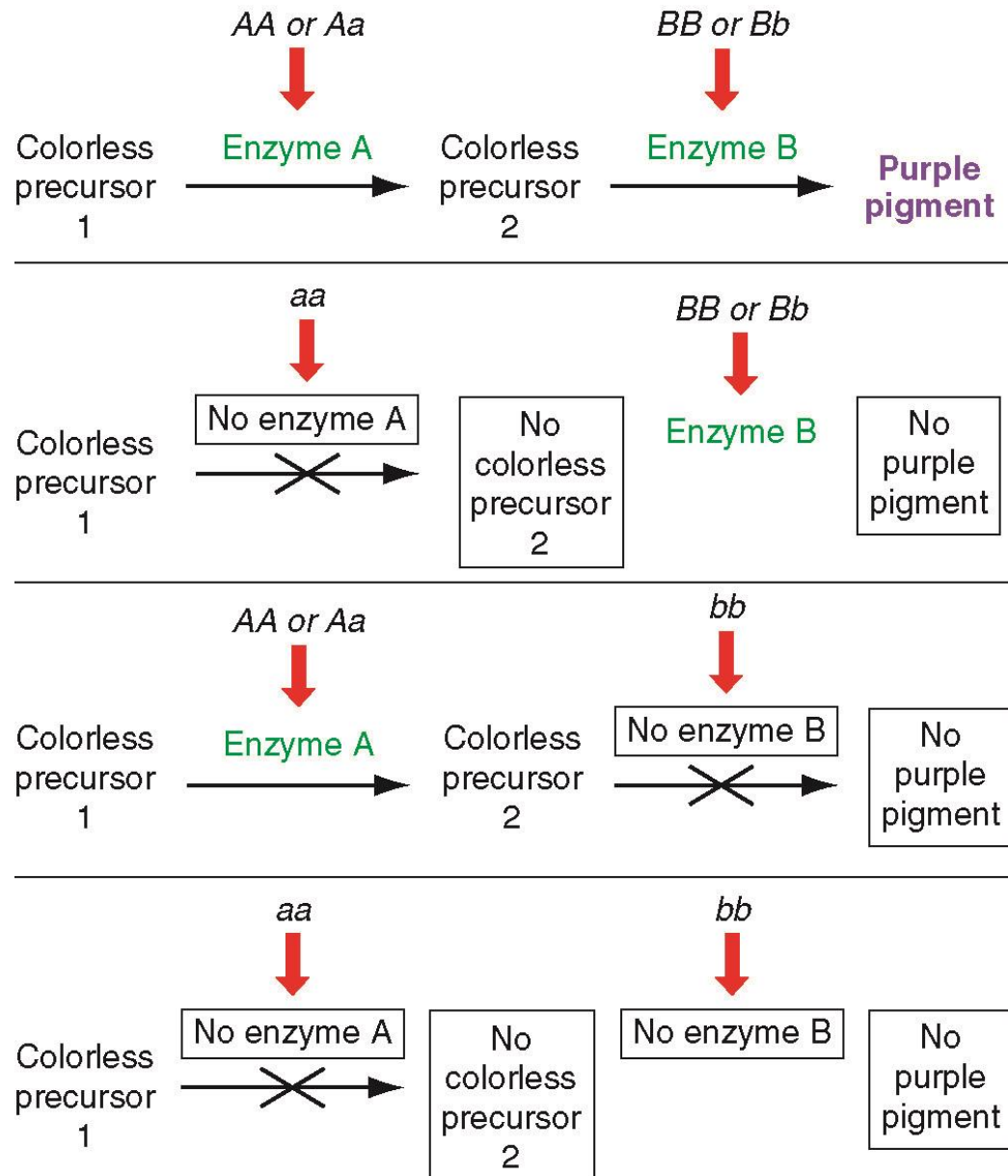
↓ **B**

Purple pigment

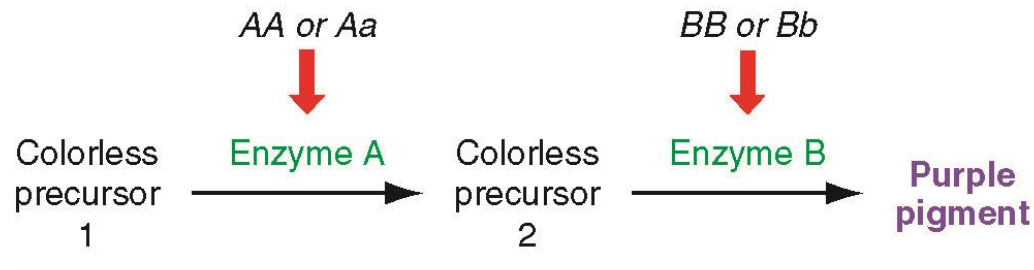
9	$A- B-$ (purple)
7	<div> $(3)A- bb$ $(3)aa B-$ $(1)aa bb$ </div> (white)

complementary
gene action
(基因互补)

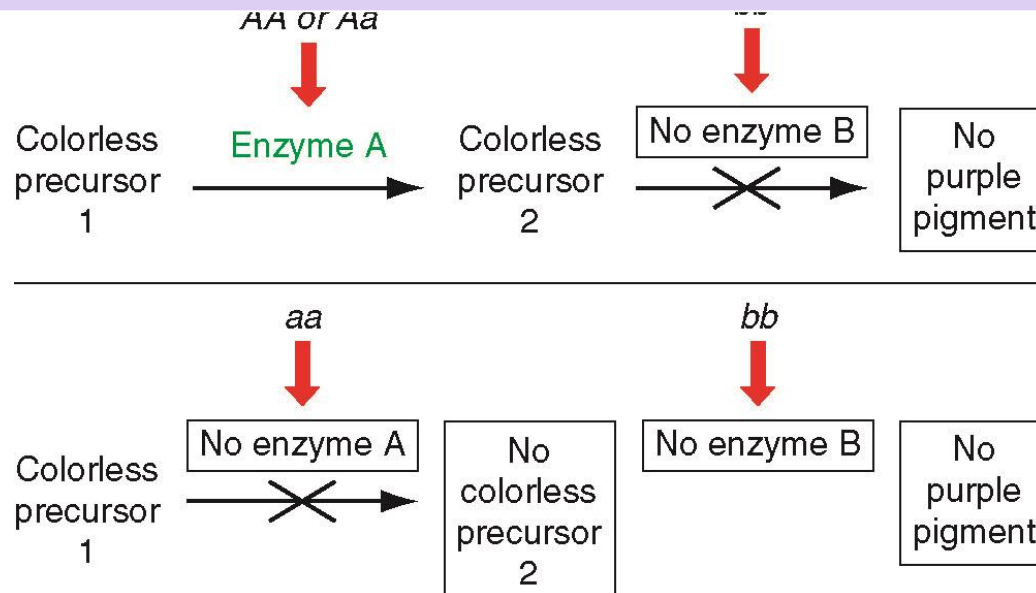
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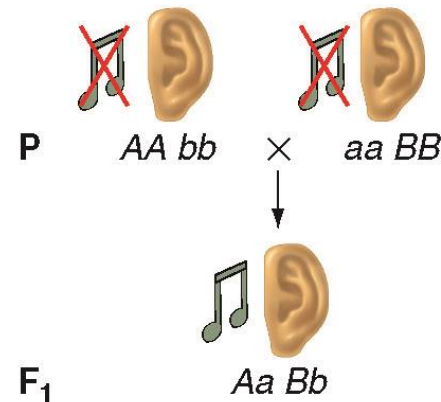
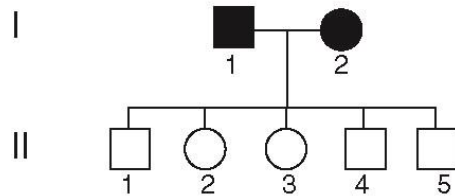


9:7 ratio is a phenotypic signature of complementary gene interaction where dominant alleles of two genes act together ($A_B_$) to produce a trait while other three genotypic classes do not.



Genetic heterogeneity in human deafness

(a) Complementation: mutations in two different genes



Genetic mechanism of complementation

Complementation: if offspring receiving two mutations - one from each parent - express the wild-type phenotype, complementation has occurred.

Complementation test can determine if mutations arise from the same or different genes.

Close to 50 different genes have mutant alleles that can cause deafness in humans

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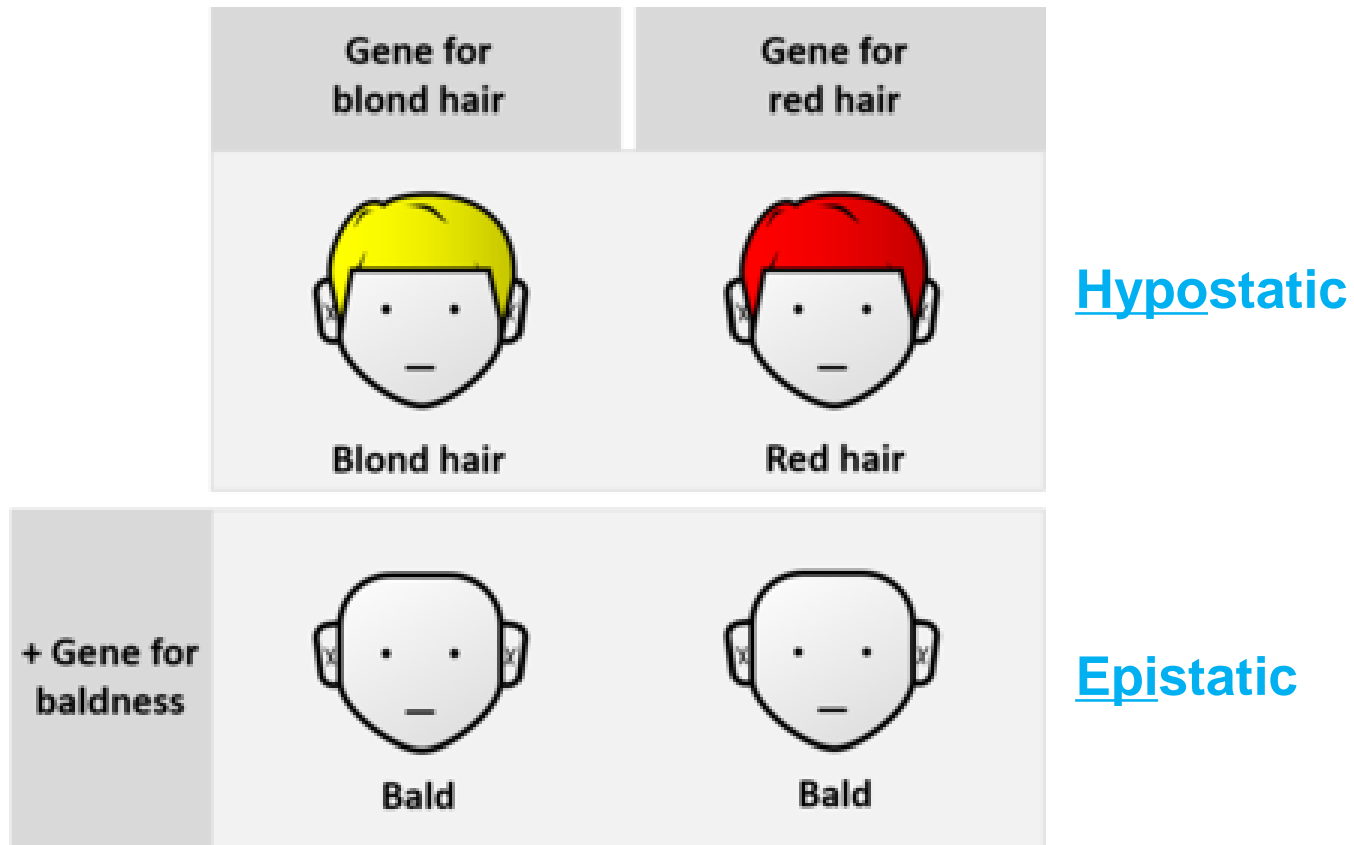
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皮之不存，毛將焉附？



Epistasis - coat color in Labrador retriever dog



Golden yellow

B_ee or $bb\textcolor{blue}{ee}$



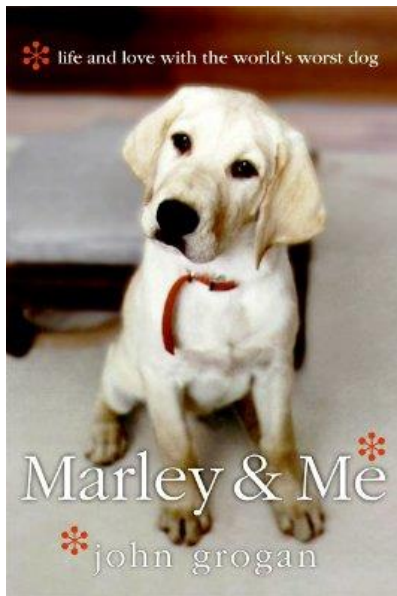
Brown

$bbE_$



Black

$B_E_$

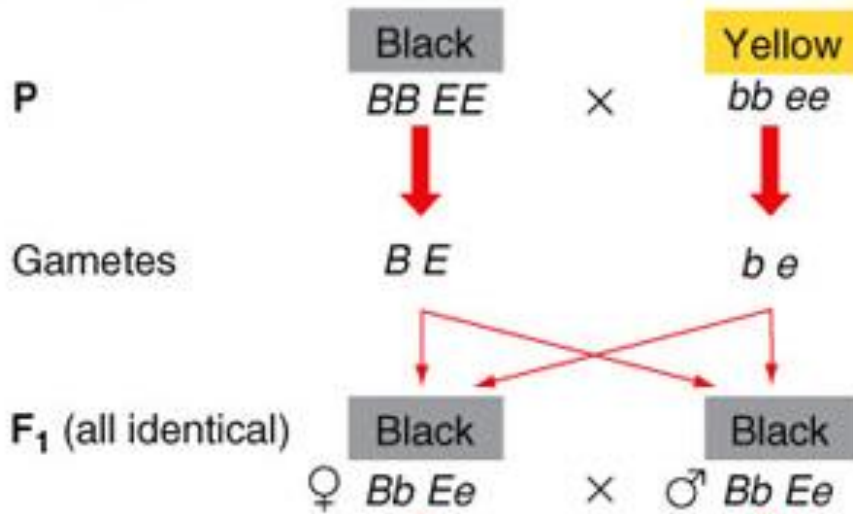


Epistasis:

A gene interaction in which the effects of an allele at one gene **masks** the effects of alleles at another gene

4 Mendelian genotypic classes → **< 4 phenotypes**

(a) A dihybrid cross showing recessive epistasis



The **two genotypic classes** without a dominant E allele ($3 B_ee + 1 bbee$) **combine** to produce yellow phenotype

F₂

9	$B_E_$ (black)
3	$bb E_$ (brown)
4	$_ _ ee$ (yellow)

	BE	Be	bE	be
BE	$BB EE$	$BB Ee$	$Bb EE$	$Bb Ee$
Be	$BB Ee$	$BB ee$	$Bb Ee$	$Bb ee$
bE	$Bb EE$	$Bb Ee$	$bb EE$	$bb Ee$
be	$Bb Ee$	$Bb ee$	$bb Ee$	$bb ee$

B E

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$1 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4}{16}$$

recessive
epistasis
(隱性上位)

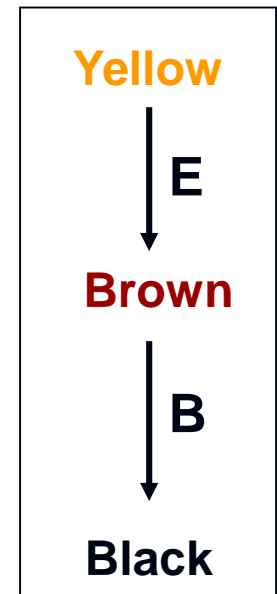
Recessive epistasis

隐性上位

Labrador retriever example – recessive epistasis

- At the presence of *E* allele, *B* allele is dominant and determines black; *b* allele is recessive and determines brown if homozygous.
- However, *e* allele is **recessive** and if homozygous, **hides** effects of black or brown alleles.
- **9:3:4** is a telltale ratio of **recessive epistasis** at F2 generation.

Recessive epistasis: the homozygosity for a **recessive** allele of a gene is required to **hide** the effects of another gene



An intriguing puzzle - Bombay blood type

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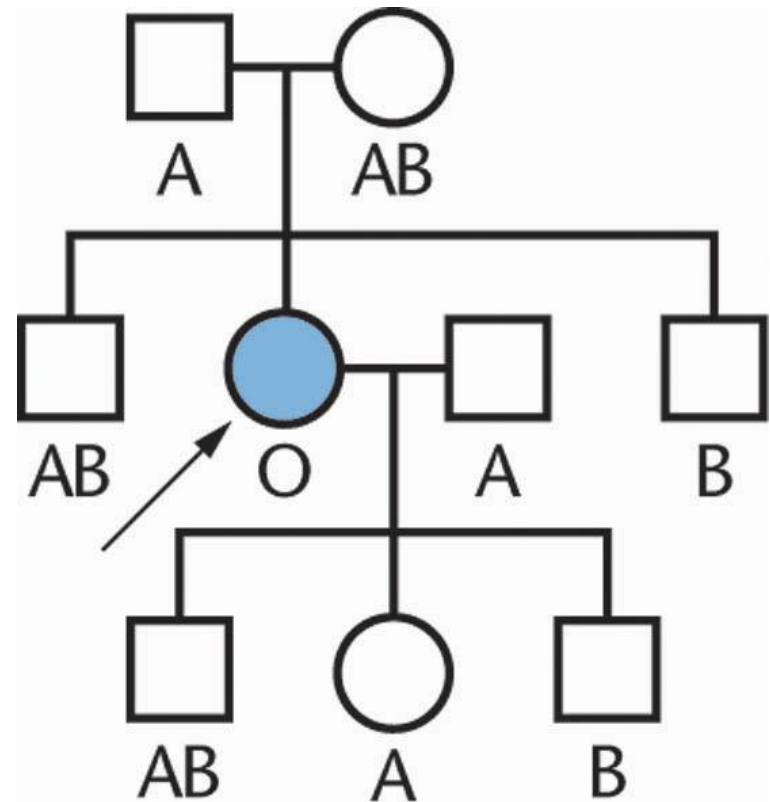
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However,

Her mother was blood type AB

Her husband was blood type A.
Yet they produced children who
were blood type B or blood type
AB!

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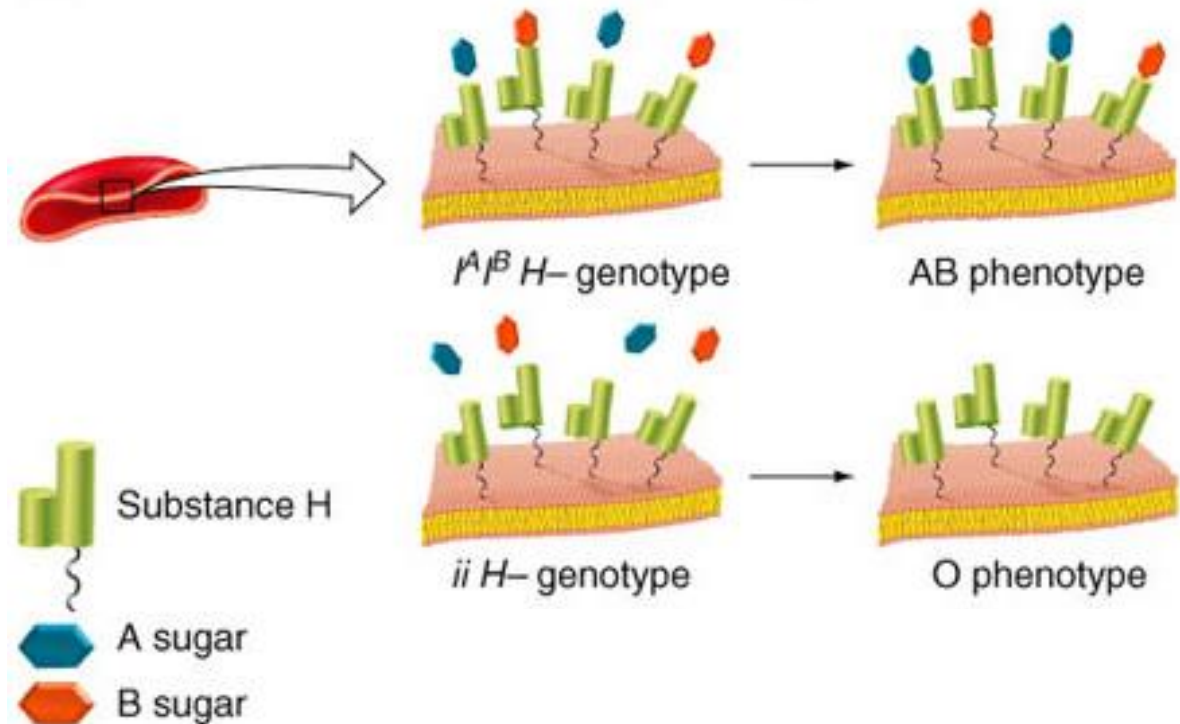


Molecular explanation for recessive epistasis in human blood groups





Bombay phenotype: a mutant **recessive** allele at a second gene (*hh*) **masks** effects of any ABO alleles.

Substance H: a **base** consisting of a sugar polymer

(b) Molecular basis of the Bombay phenotype



hh is **epistatic** to any combinations of I^A , I^B and i alleles

	Gene for blond hair	Gene for red hair
	 Blond hair	 Red hair
+ Gene for baldness	 Bald	 Bald

皮之不存，毛將焉附？

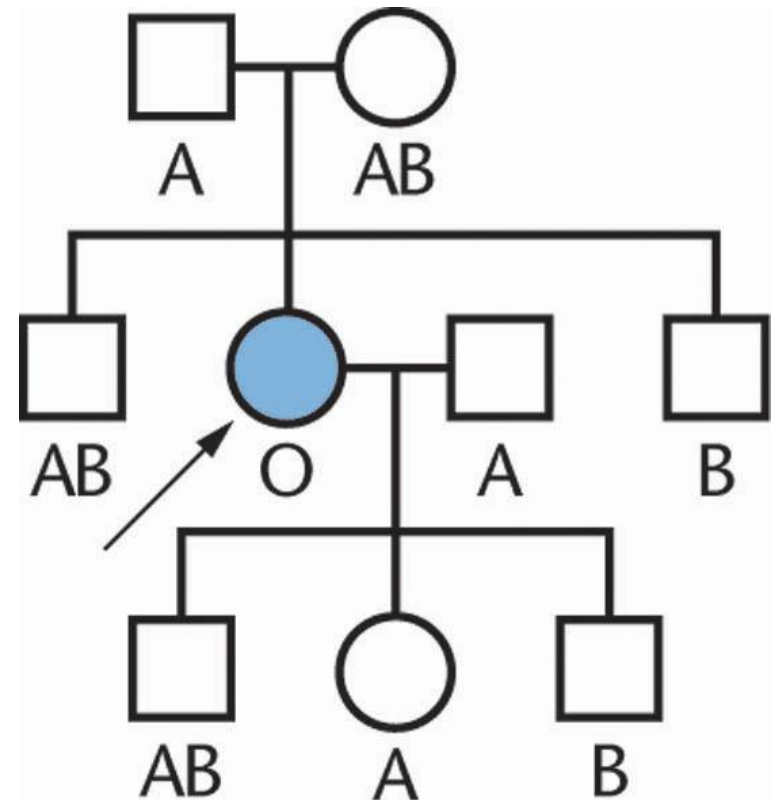
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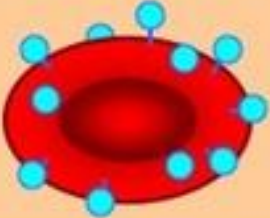




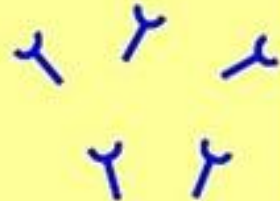
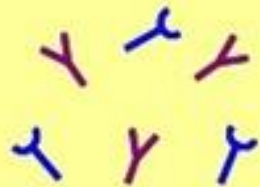


Q1: $I^B i \quad hh$ $I^A I^B \quad hh$

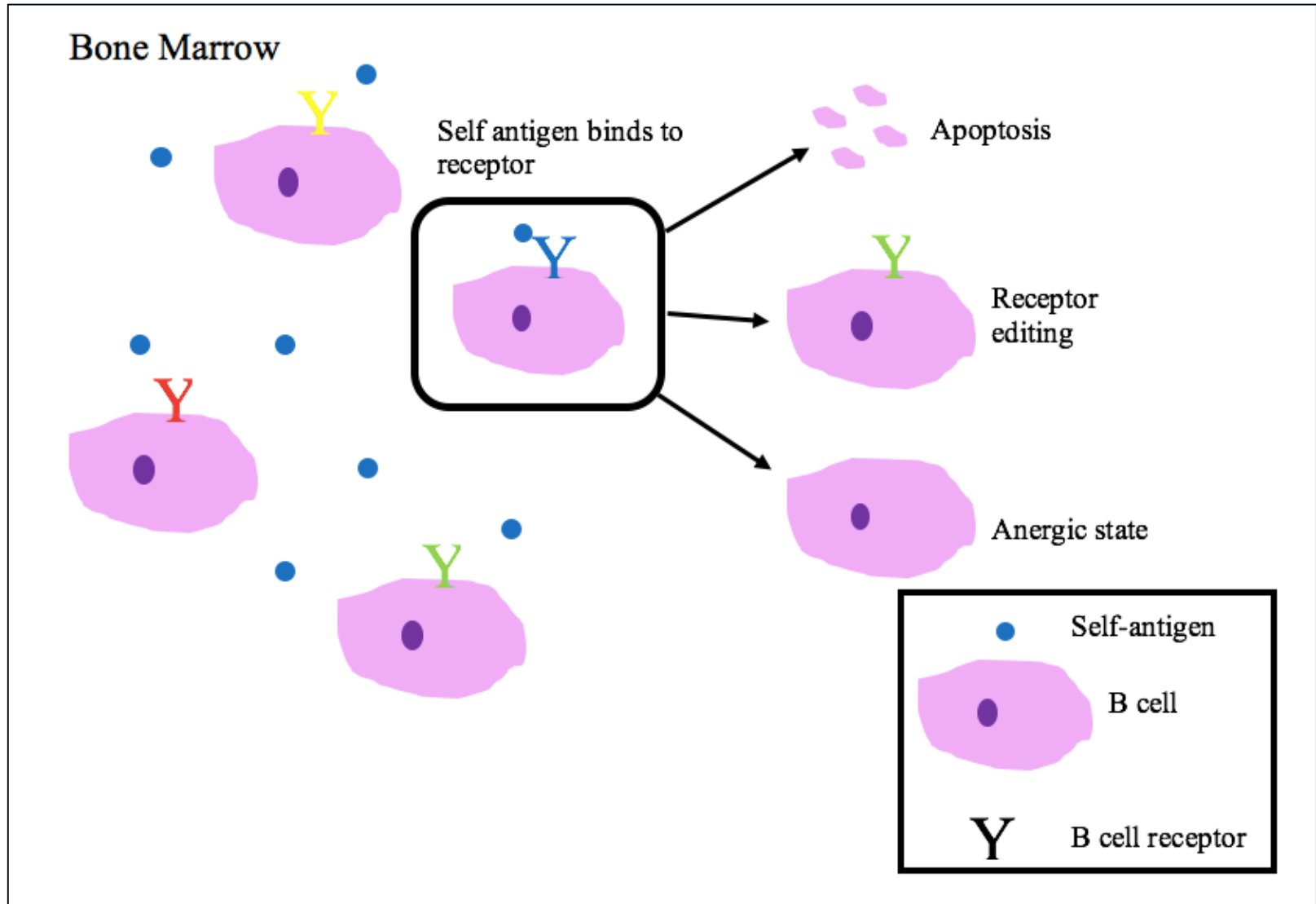
Q2: Bombay blood type - blood transfusion?

People who carry Bombay blood type, about 1 in 10,000 Indians, can accept blood only from another Bombay blood type individual, and not from anyone who is O, A, B or AB type. But these people are universal donors

Human ABO Blood Group

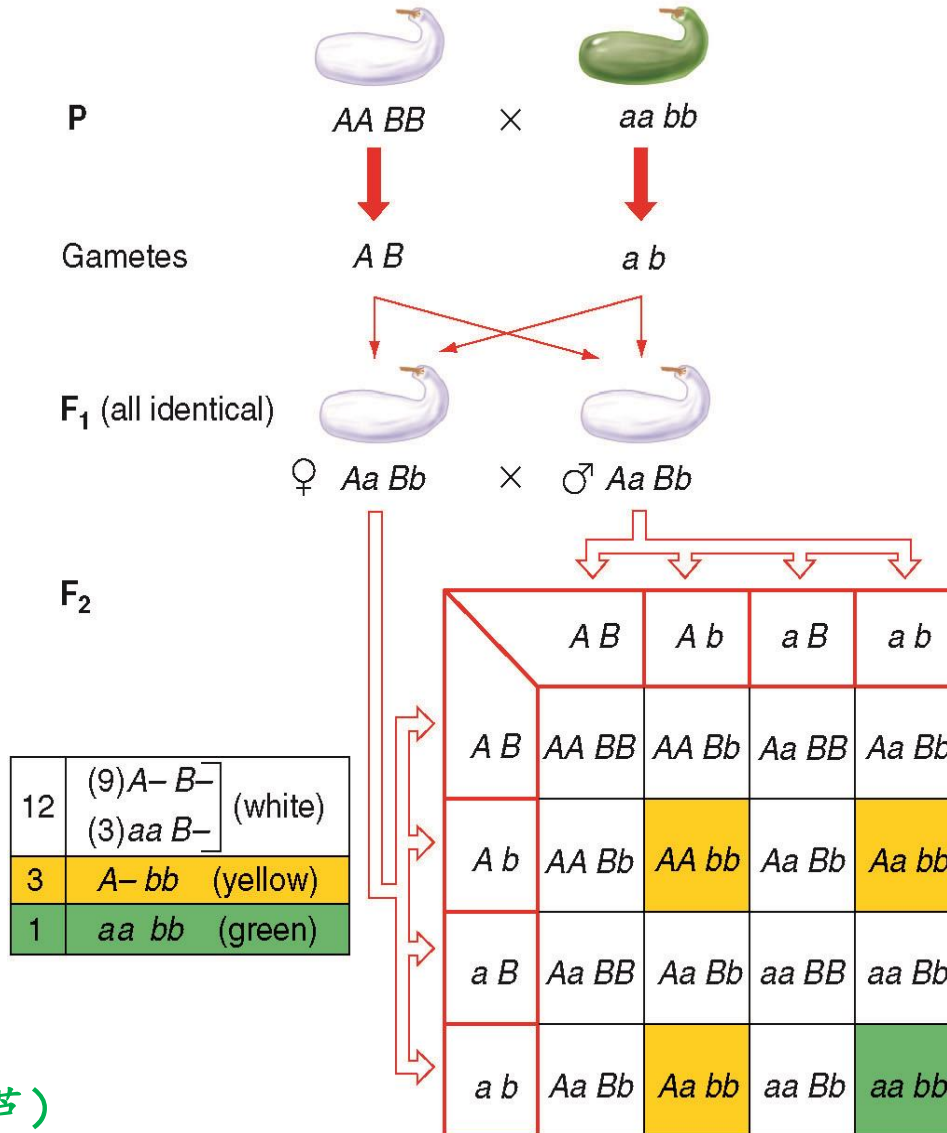
ABO Blood Groups				
Antigen (on RBC)	Antigen A 	Antigen B 	Antigens A + B 	Neither A or B 
Antibody (in plasma)	Anti-B Antibody 	Anti-A Antibody 	Neither Antibody	Both Antibodies 
Blood Type	Type A Cannot have B or AB blood Can have A or O blood	Type B Cannot have A or AB blood Can have B or O blood	Type AB Can have any type of blood Is the universal recipient	Type O Can only have O blood Is the universal donor

B cell tolerance



Dominant epistasis in summer squash

(a) *B* is epistatic to *A* and *a*.



B_{-} is epistatic to any genotype of the Aa gene

Dominant epistasis: the dominant allele of one gene **hides** the effects of another gene

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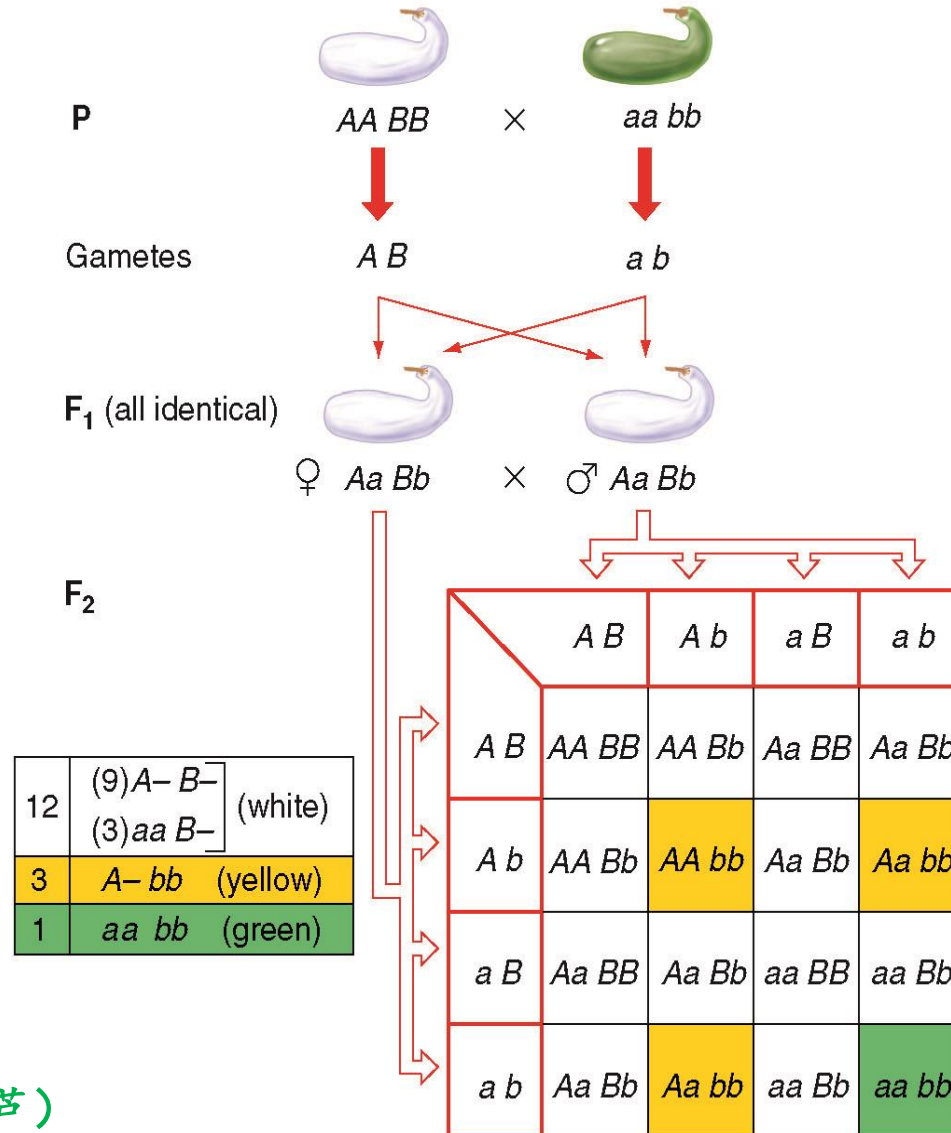
12:3:1

dominant
epistasis
(显性上位)

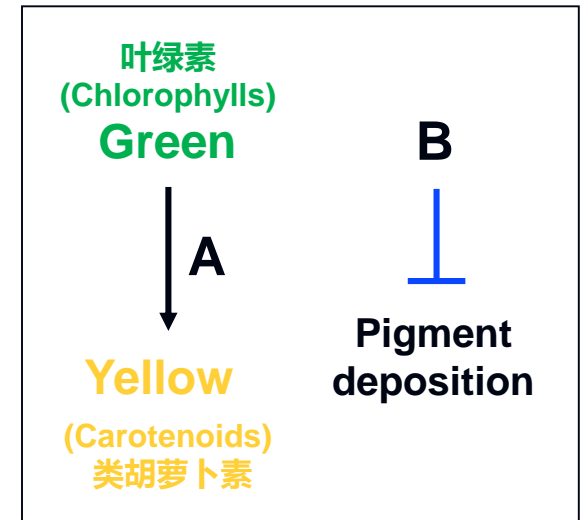
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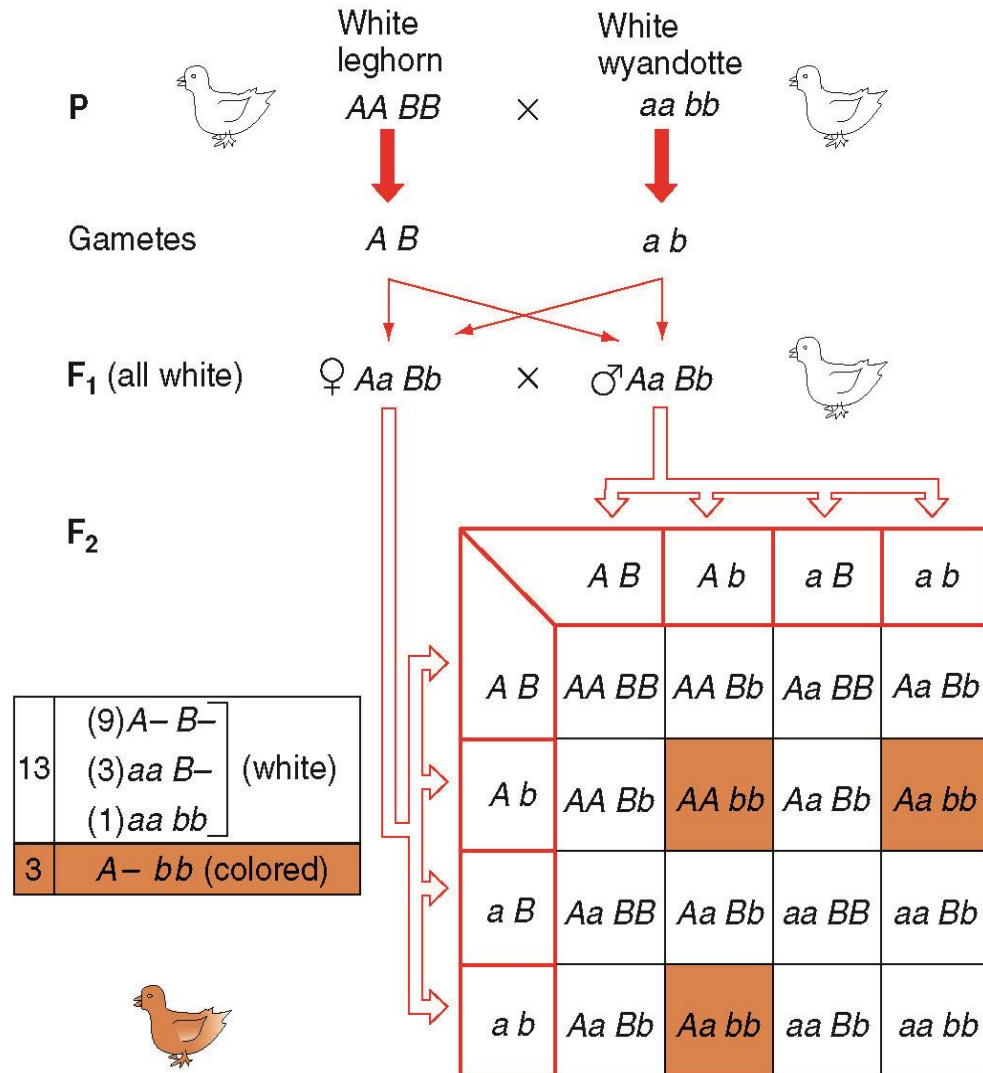
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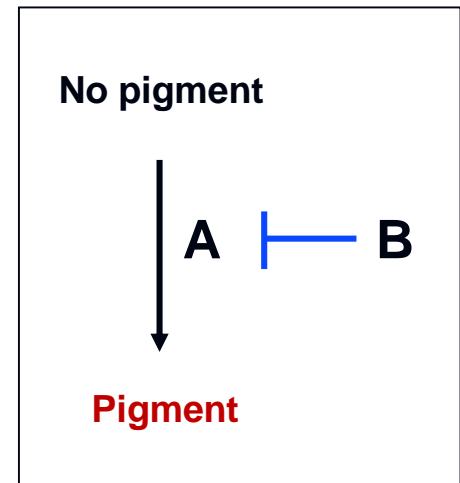
Dominant epistasis in chicken feather

(b) *A* produces color only in the absence of *B*.



A produces color
only in the absence of
B

?



13:3

dominant
epistasis
(显性上位)

Dominant epistasis

显性上位

- Presence of dominant allele at second gene hides effects of alleles at a gene.
- **12:3:1** and **13:3** are telltale ratios for dominant epistasis.

dominant
epistasis
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Duplicate effect in shepherd's purse

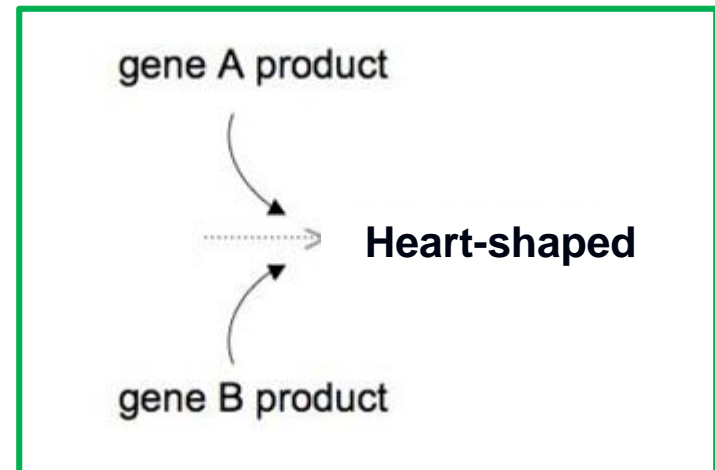
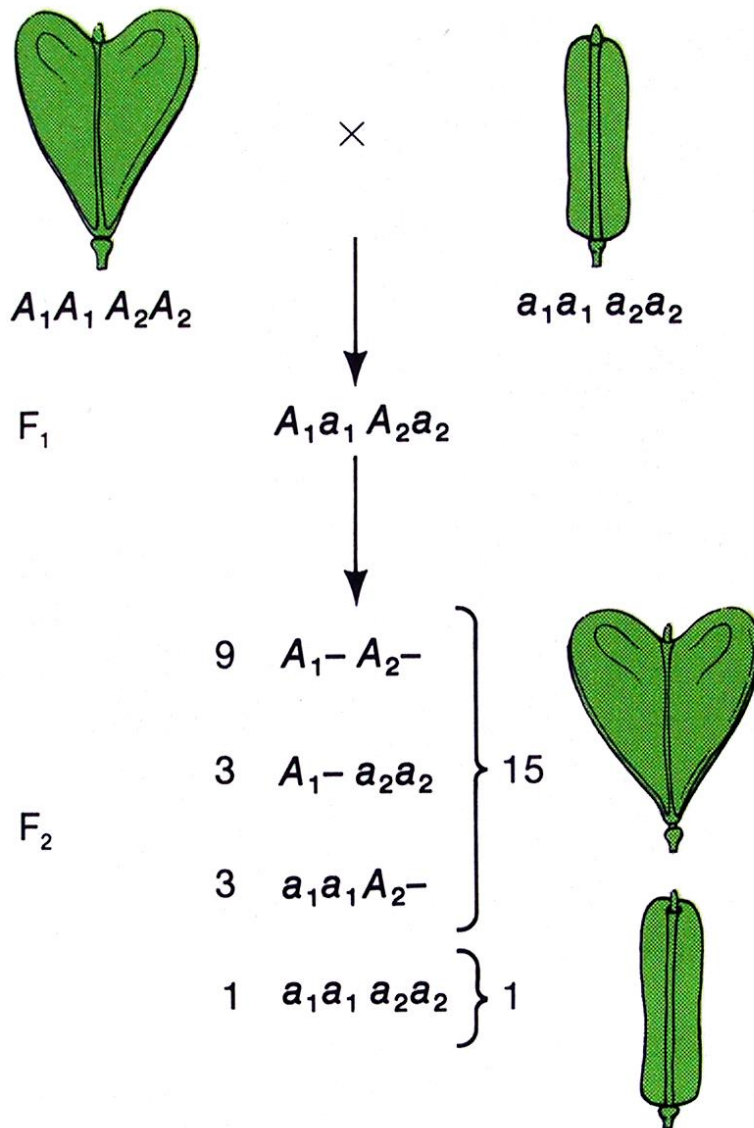
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15:1

Fruit shape: heart-shaped or narrow

Duplicate genes provide alternative genetic determination of a specific phenotype.

Redundancy



Summary of discussed gene interactions

TABLE 3.2 Summary of Discussed Gene Interactions

Gene Interaction	Example	F ₂ Genotypic Ratios from an F ₁ Dihybrid Cross				F ₂ Phenotypic Ratio
		A- B-	A- bb	aa B-	aa bb	
None: Four distinct F ₂ phenotypes	Lentil: seed coat color (see Fig. 3.11)	9	3	3	1	9:3:3:1
Complementary: One dominant allele of each of two genes is necessary to produce phenotype	Sweet pea: flower color (see Fig. 3.12b)	9	3	3	1	9:7
Recessive epistasis: Homozygous recessive of one gene masks both alleles of another gene	Retriever: coat color (see Fig. 3.13a)	9	3	3	1	9:3:4
Dominant epistasis I: Dominant allele of one gene hides effects of both alleles of another gene	Summer squash: color (see Fig. 3.14a)	9	3	3	1	12:3:1
Dominant epistasis II: Dominant allele of one gene hides effects of dominant allele of another gene	Chicken: feather color (see Fig. 3.14b)	9	3	3	1	13:3

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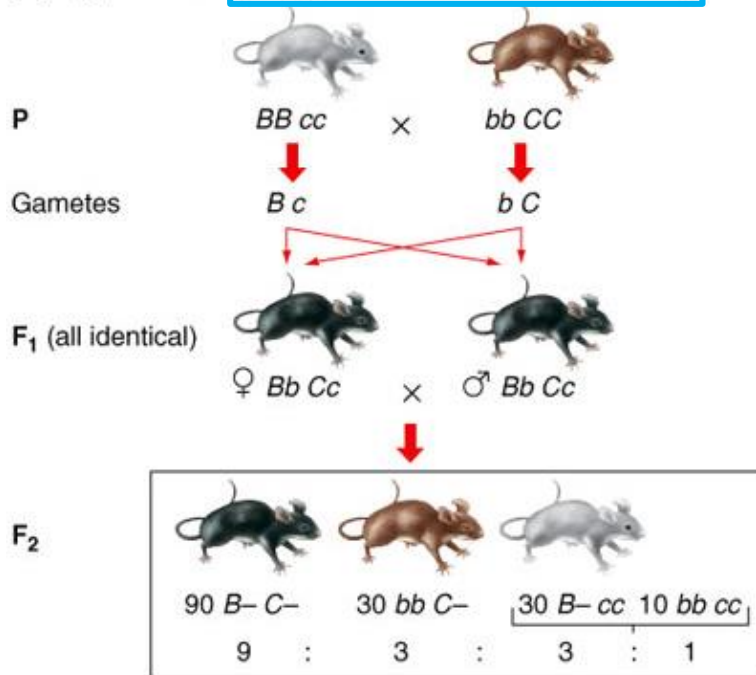
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None	9	3	3	1	9:3:3:1
Complementary	9	7			9:7
Recessive epistasis	9	3	4		9:3:4
Dominant epistasis	12		3	1	12:3:1
Duplicate	15			1	15:1

Breeding studies help determine inheritance of a trait

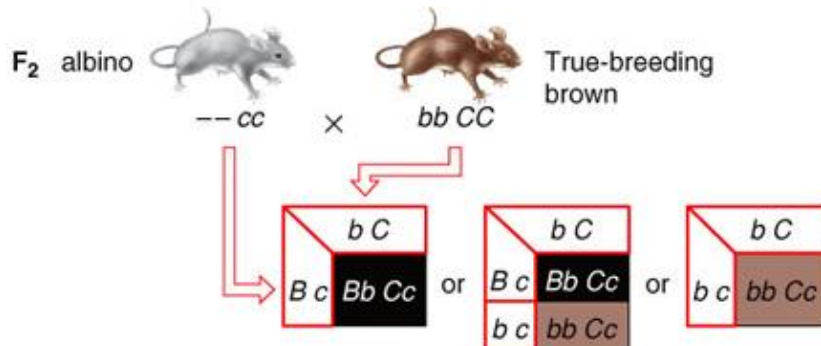
- How do we know if a trait is caused by one gene or two genes that interact?
 - Ratios such as 9:3:3:1, 9:7, 9:3:4, 12:3:1, 13:3 or 15:1 indicate potential gene interaction.
 - Further breeding studies can confirm the hypotheses.

Testing two gene and one gene hypothesis

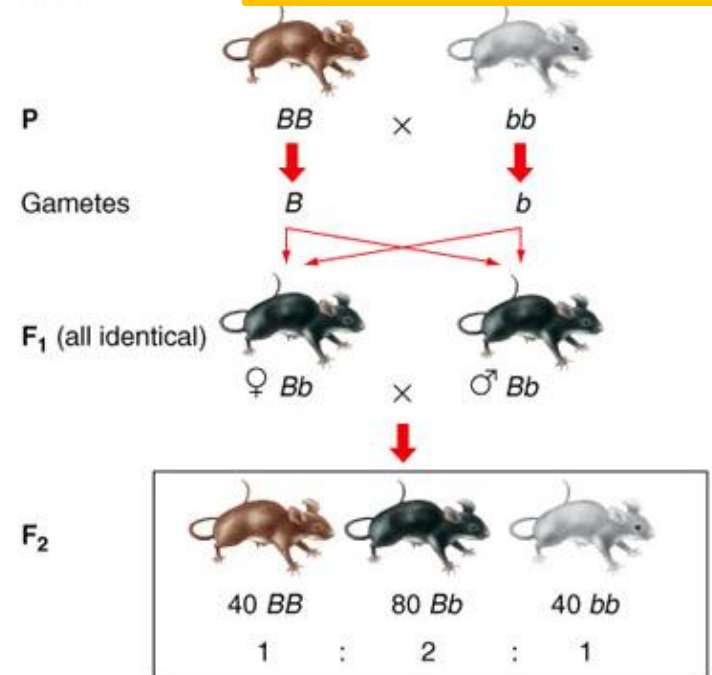
(a) Hypothesis 1 (two genes with recessive epistasis)



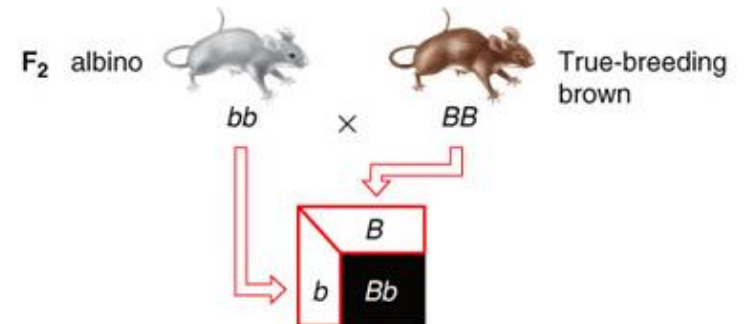
If two-gene hypothesis is correct:



(b) Hypothesis 2 (one gene with incomplete dominance)



If one-gene hypothesis is correct:



Pedigree analysis can be used to test trait inheritance hypotheses in humans

OCA (ocular-cutaneous albinism)

produces little or no pigmentation in skin, hair, and eyes.

Can you determine the inheritance from pedigrees?

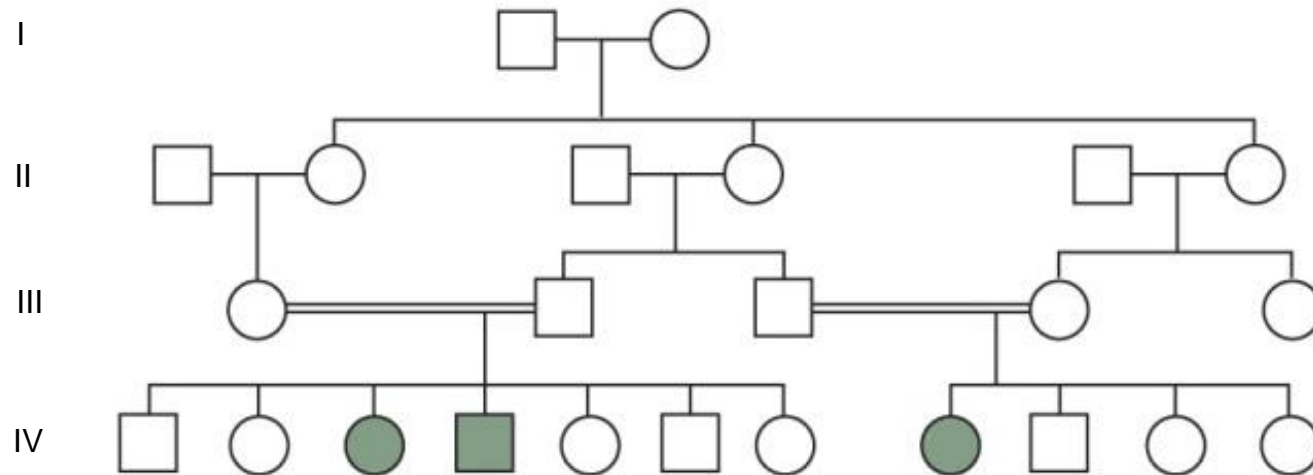
(a) Ocular-cutaneous albinism (OCA)



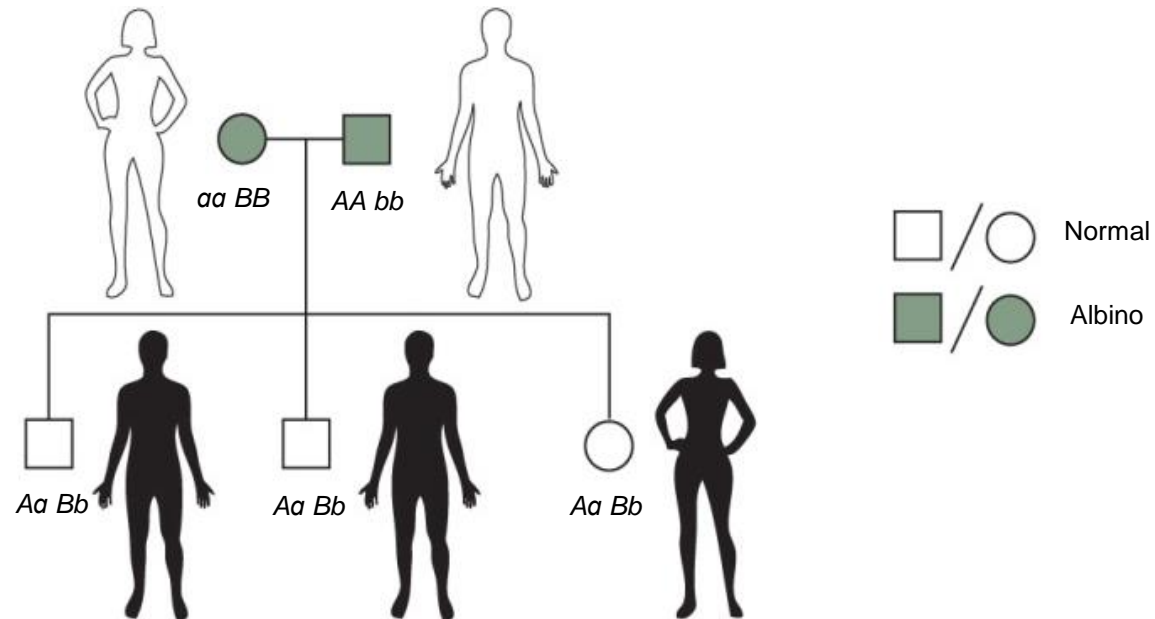
An albino Nigerian girl

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OCA is dominant or recessive?



Complementation for albinism



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The action of two or more genes

Interactions between genes and the environment

Penetrance (外显率)

Expressivity (表现度)

Modifier gene (修饰基因)

Major gene (主要基因)

Phenocopy (表型模拟)

Key Words

penetrance (外显率)
expressivity (表现度)
incomplete penetrance
variable expressivity
discrete trait (不连续性状)
discontinuous trait

quantitative trait (数量性状)
continuous trait (连续性状)
modifier gene (修饰基因)
major gene (主要基因)

temperature sensitive (温度敏感)
permissive [许可 (温度、条件)]
restrictive [限制性 (温度、条件)]
conditional lethal (条件致死)
phenocopy (拟表型, 表型模拟)

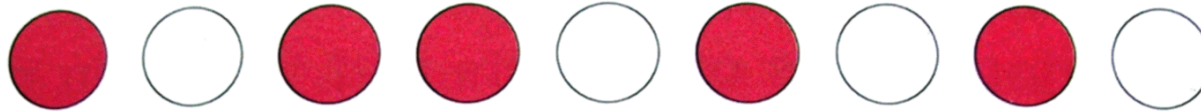
The same genotype does not always produce the same phenotype

Phenotype often depends on penetrance and expressivity:

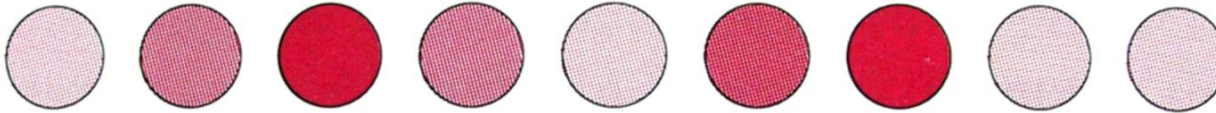
- **Penetrance** - **percentage** of a population with a particular genotype that **show** the expected phenotype
 - Penetrance can be complete (100%) or incomplete (e.g., retinoblastoma penetrance is 75%).
- **Expressivity** - **degree or intensity** with which a particular genotype is expressed in a phenotype
 - Expressivity can be variable or unvarying.

Penetrance vs. expressivity

Phenotypic expression
(each circle represents an individual) (same genotype)



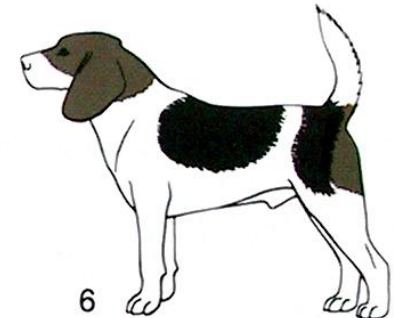
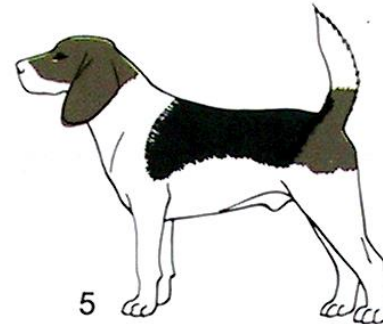
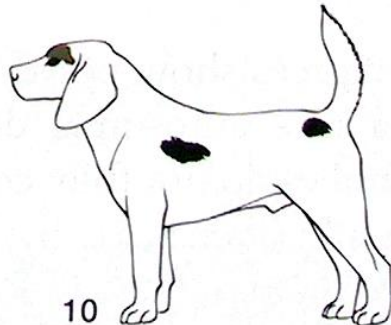
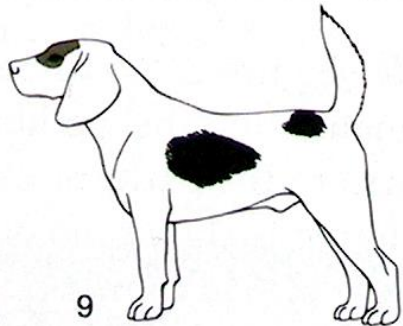
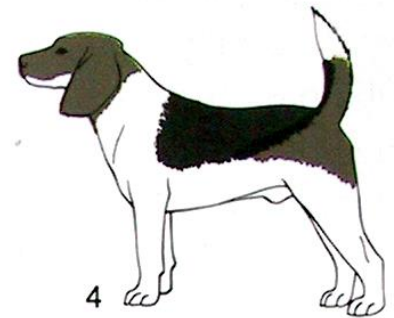
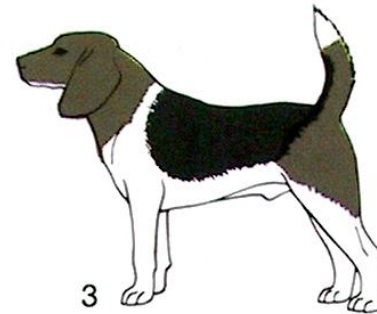
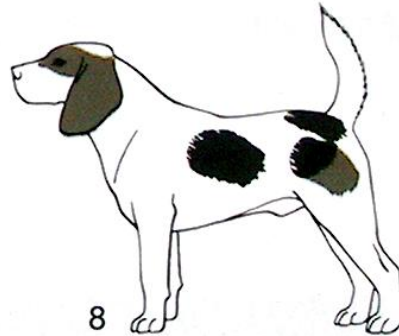
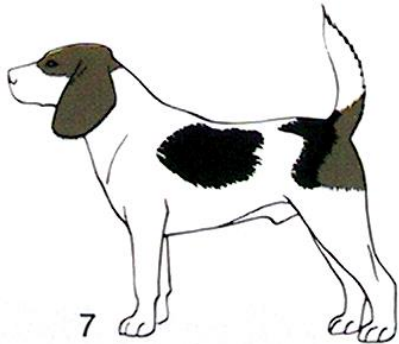
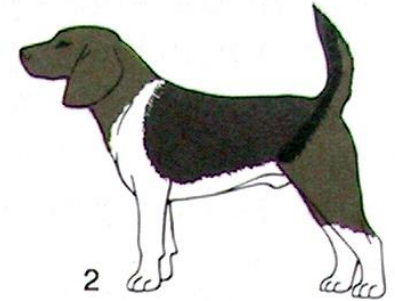
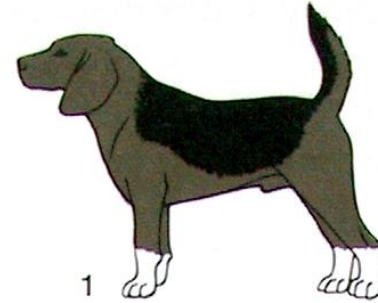
Variable penetrance



Variable expressivity

Piebald spotting in dogs

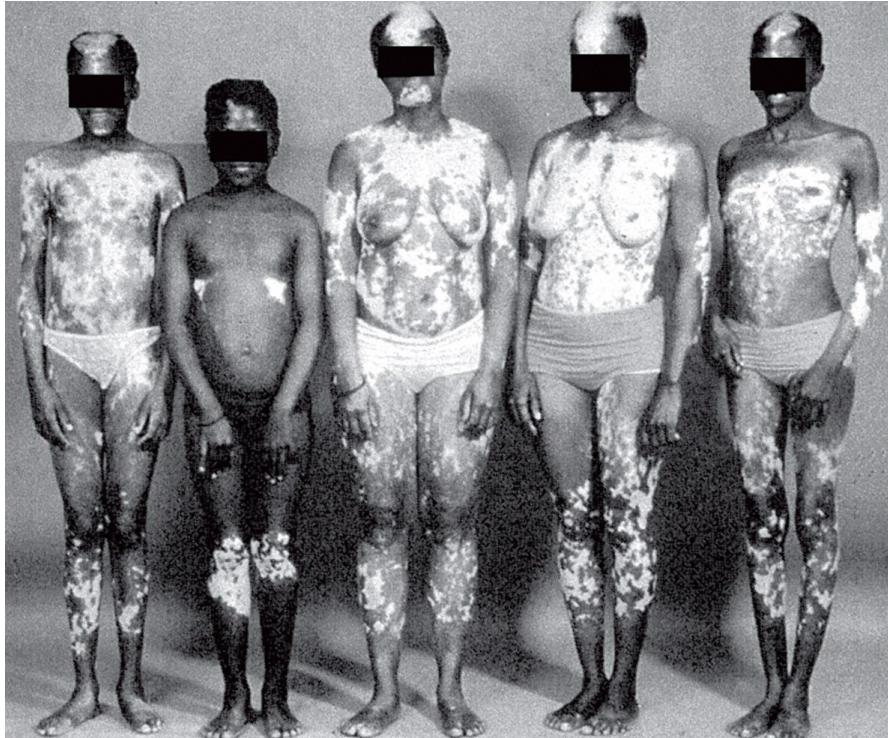
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Piebald spotting in humans (piebaldism)

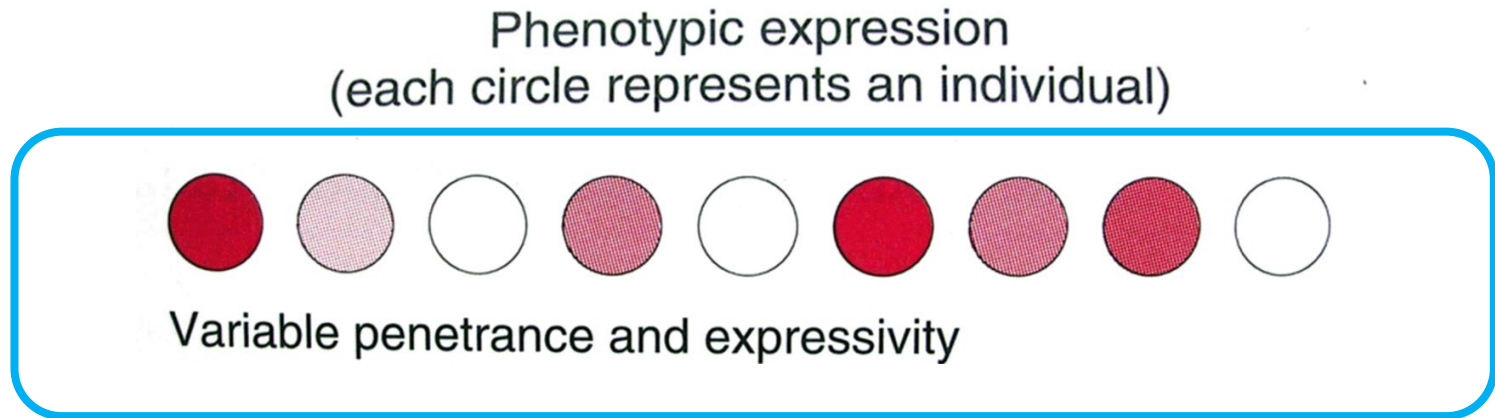
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人类的白斑病



Dominant inheritance

Variable penetrance and expressivity



The trait caused by a genotype is expressed to various degrees or in a variety of ways in different individuals.

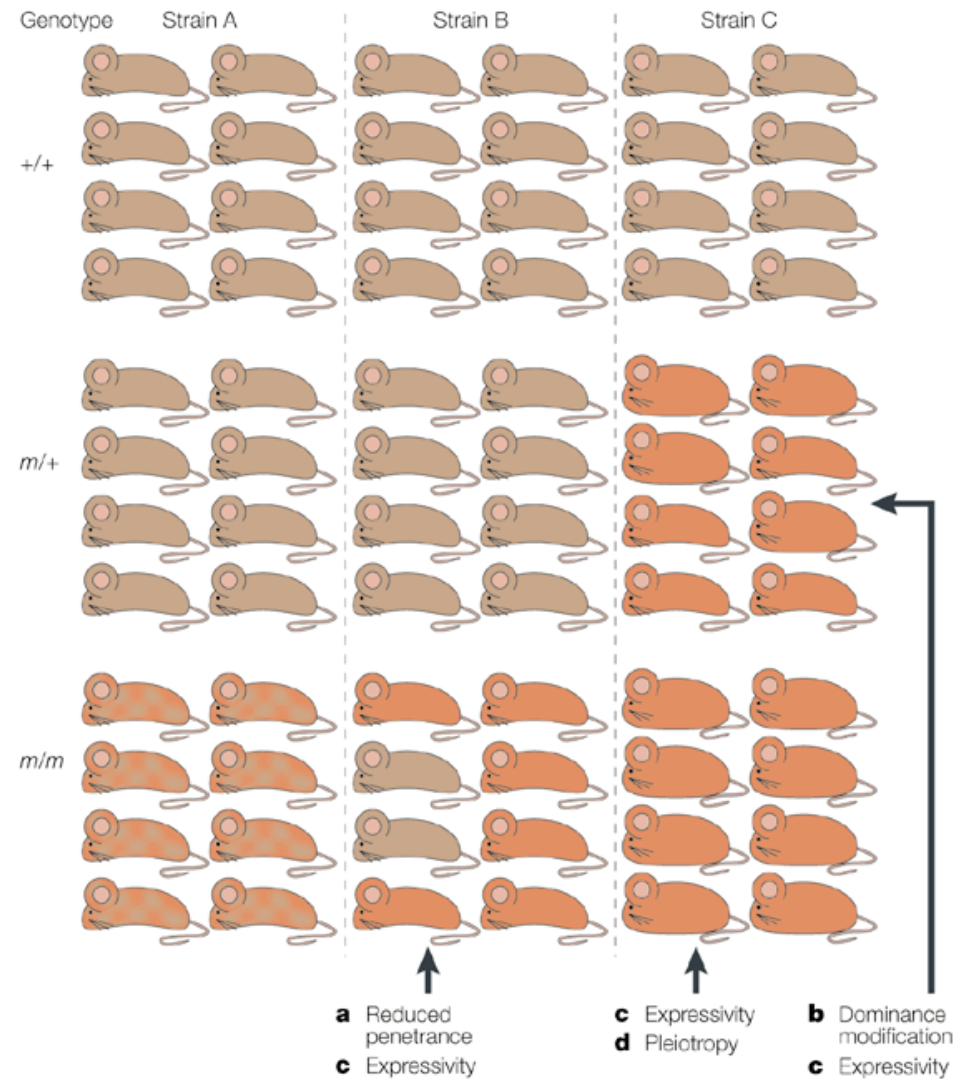
Factors that alter the phenotypic expression of genotype include:

- **Modifier genes**
- **The environment (temperature, diet, exercise, etc.)**
- **Chance**

Modifier genes

Not all genes that influence the appearance of a trait contribute equally to the phenotypes

Modifier genes have a more subtle, secondary effect, while **major genes** have a large influence.



Environmental effects on phenotype

- Temperature
- Chemicals or other environmental agents
- Diet and exercise

Hydrangea (绣球花)



The more alkaline the soil, the pinker the flowers

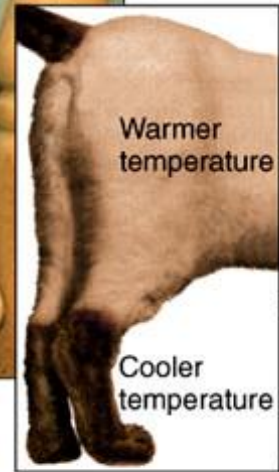


Siamese cat - **temperature** sensitive pigmentation

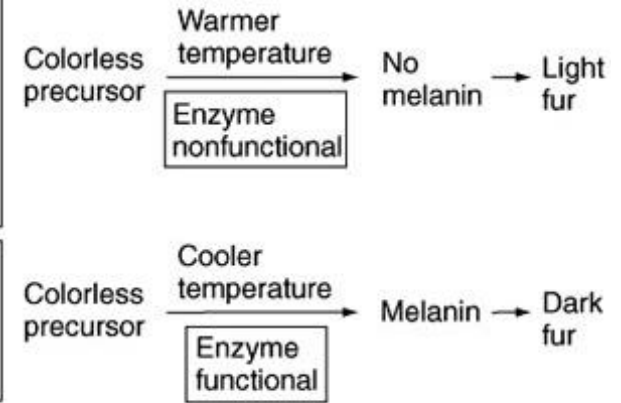
暹罗猫



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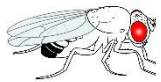
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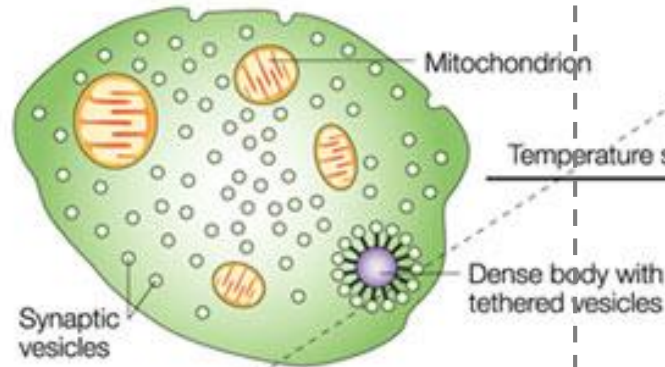
Melanin is produced only in the cooler extremities.

Temperature and viability

Permissive
condition



19°C (permissive)



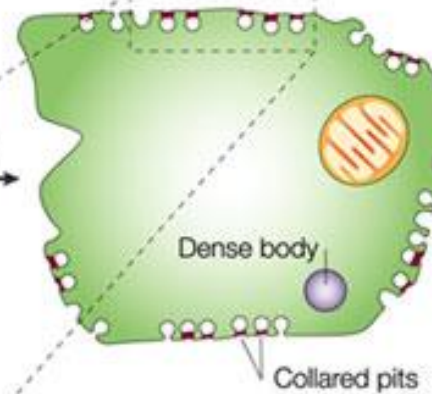
Temperature shift

Restrictive
condition

paralysis



8 min at 29°C
(non-permissive)



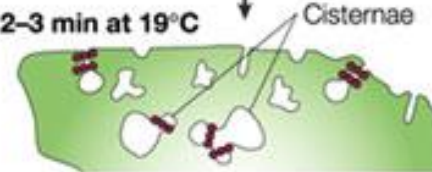
Temperature shift

Permissive
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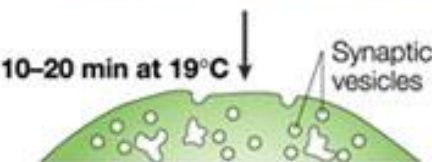
1 min at 19°C



2-3 min at 19°C



10-20 min at 19°C



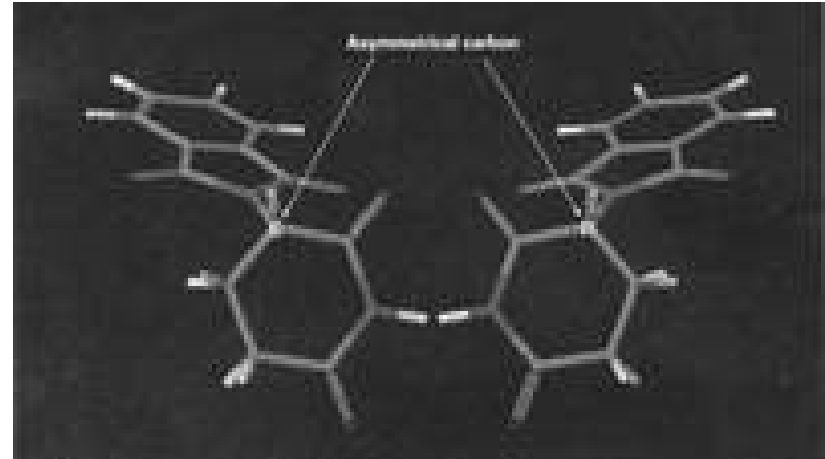
shibire^{ts} mutant in fruit fly

Conditional lethal

Phocomelia – **chemical** exposure



Phocomelia (短肢畸形)

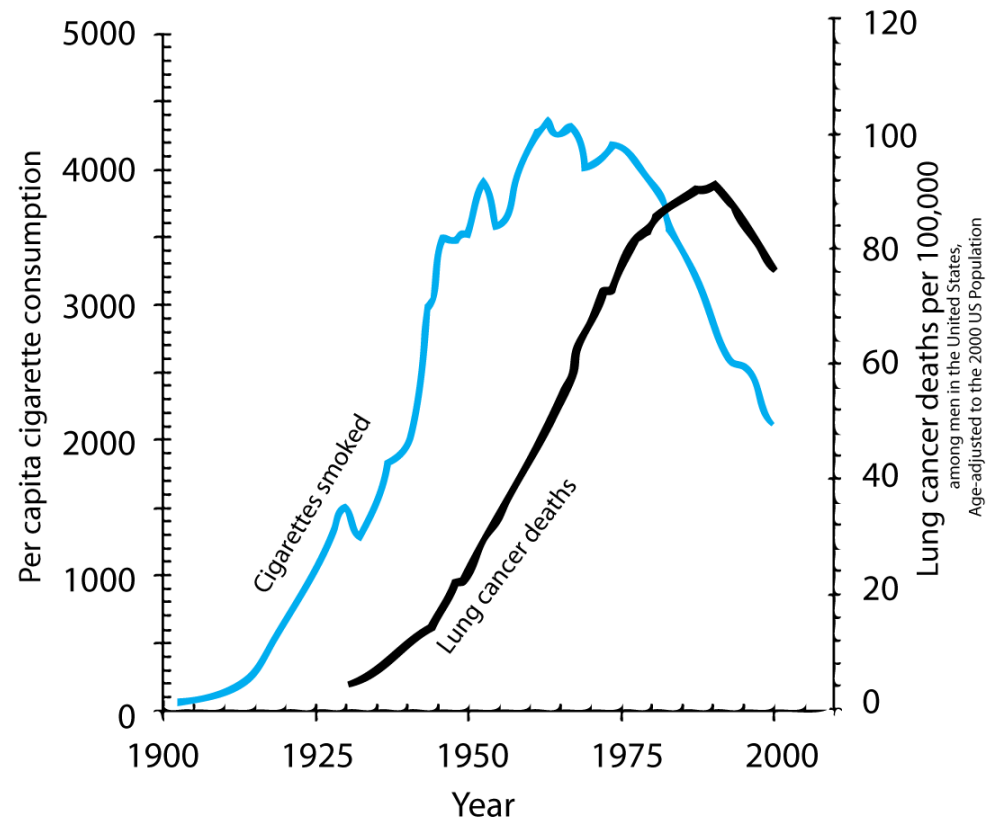
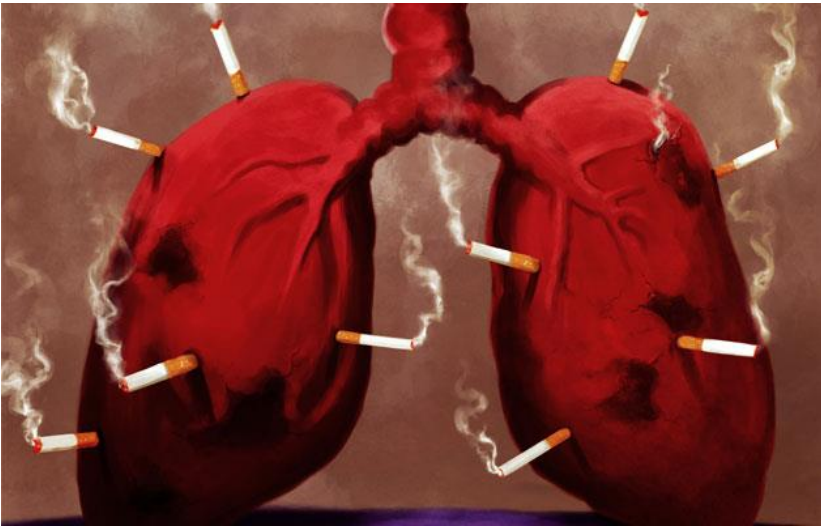


Thalidomide - sedative (反应停)

In the early 1960s, ingestion of Thalidomide by pregnant women led to disrupting of limb development in fetuses.

Phenocopy: a change in phenotype arising from environmental agents that mimics the effect of a mutation at a gene

Smoking and lung cancer



Chapter I

Mendel's Law of Inheritance

I. Mendel's breakthrough

Patterns, particles, and principles of heredity

II. Extension to Mendel's laws

Complexities in relating genotype to phenotype

- 1. Single-gene inheritance**
- 2. Multifactorial inheritance**

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