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Conceptual model of phenotypic values

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Learning objectives

- Understanding how some types of variation in DNA looks like and how we work with that variation in computers (allele dosages)
- Connect variation in DNA and environment with the variation in phenotypic values
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Conceptual model of phenotypic values

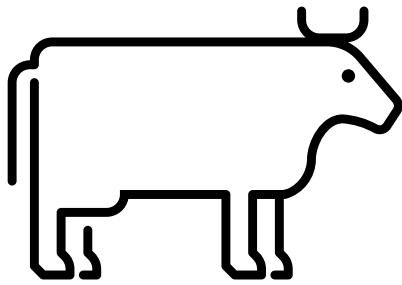
Materials

- These slides (shared PDF) & lecture
- Exercises
- Reading material (shared PDF)
- AlphaSimR on-line course (for later)

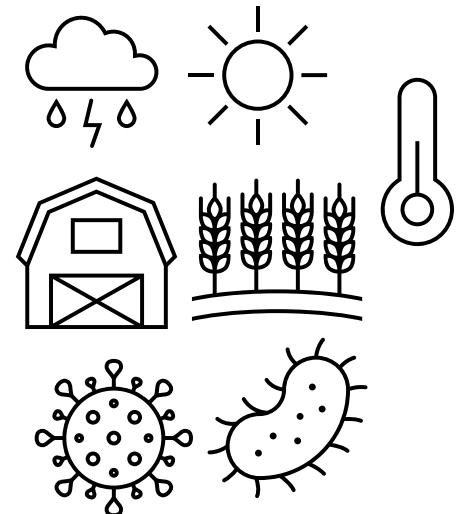
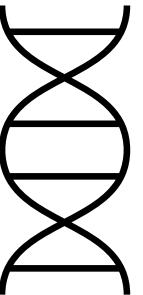


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Phenotypic variation



Phenotype = Genetics + Environment





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Genome (cattle example)

2 x 30 chromosomes



DNA, 2 x 3 billion (3,000,000,000) base pairs

Adenine

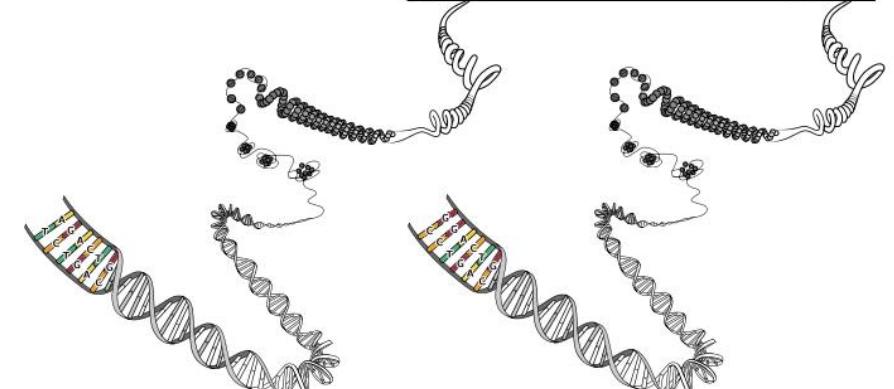
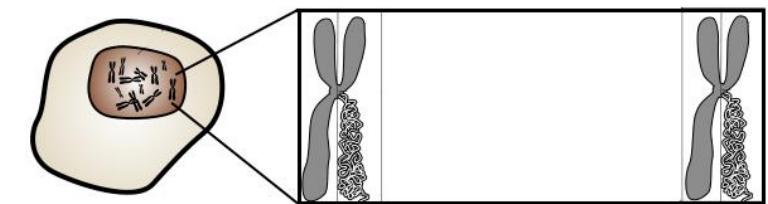
Thymine

A
T

Cytosine

Guanine

C
G





Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

5' → 3'
...-A-T-A-C-**A**-G-A-C-A-...
...-T-A-T-G-**T**-C-T-G-T-...

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How many SNPs and other variants

The sequences of >150,119 genomes in the UK biobank

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-04965-x>

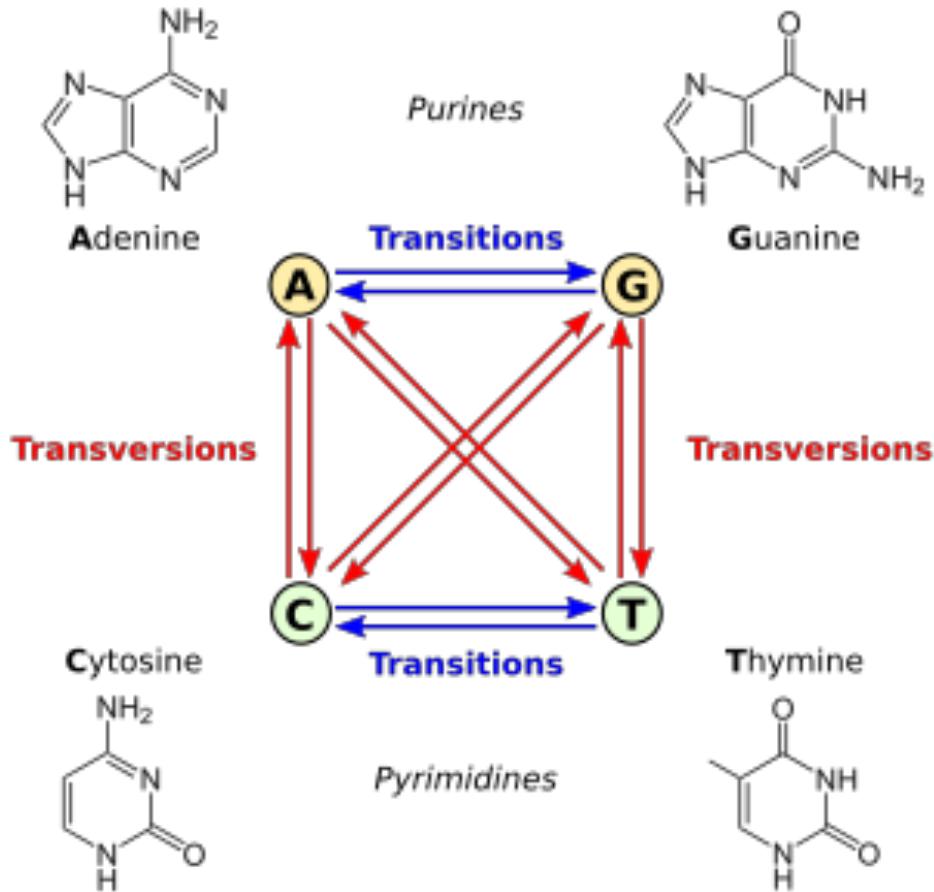
~600M SNPs (representing 7% of all possible human SNPs)

~60M indels

~1M structural variants

~3M microsatellites

MEGA-SCALE DATA



Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)

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Bi-allelic SNP alleles, genotypes & dosages

5' → 3'
....A-T-A-C-**A**-G-A-C-A-...
....T-A-T-G-**T**-C-T-G-T-... Ref. allele --> 0 --> 0
5' → 3' Ref. allele --> 0
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5' → 3'
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....T-A-T-G-**T**-C-T-G-T-... Ref. allele --> 0 ---> 1

5' → 3' Alt. allele --> 1
....A-T-A-C-**G**-G-A-C-A-...
....T-A-T-G-**C**-C-T-G-T-...

5' → 3'
....A-T-A-C-**G**-G-A-C-A-...
....T-A-T-G-**C**-C-T-G-T-... Alt. allele --> 1 ---> 2

5' → 3' Alt. allele --> 1
....A-T-A-C-**G**-G-A-C-A-...
....T-A-T-G-**C**-C-T-G-T-...



Genome-wide haplotypes & genotype

Haplotype 1

0	1	1	0	0	1
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Haplotype 2

1	1	1	1	0	0
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Genotype

1	2	2	1	0	1
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Take home message 1:

Encoding haplotypes as a series of 0 & 1

Encoding genotypes as a series of 0, 1, & 2



SNP allele dosages in haplotypes and genotypes

Haplotype 3

0	0	1	1	0	1
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Haplotype 4

0	0	0	0	1	1
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Genotype

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Genotype

0	0	1	1	1	2
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SNP allele dosages in haplotypes and genotypes

Haplotype 5

1	1	1	0	1	1
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Haplotype 6

1	1	0	0	1	1
---	---	---	---	---	---

Genotype

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SNP allele dosages in haplotypes and genotypes

Haplotype 5

1	1	1	0	1	1
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Haplotype 6

1	1	0	0	1	1
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Genotype

2	2	1	0	2	2
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Summarising SNP genotype data

Table 1: Genotype allele dosages at two loci in five animals and corresponding summary

Animal	SNP1	SNP2
1	0	0
2	2	1
3	2	0
4	1	1
5	0	0
Mean	1.0	0.40
Standard deviation	1.0	0.55
Variance	1.0	0.30
Allele frequency	0.50	0.20
Genic variance	0.50	0.32
Correlation		0.46



Summarising SNP genotype data

Table 1: Genotype allele dosages at two loci in five animals and corresponding summary

Animal	SNP1	
1	0	$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{N}$
2	2	
3	2	$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N - 1}$
4	1	
5	0	
Mean	1.0	
Standard deviation	1.0	$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$
Variance	1.0	
Allele frequency	0.50	$\frac{\sum x_i}{2N}$
Genic variance	0.50	$\bar{x}(1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{2})$
Correlation		$r = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$



Summarising SNP genotype data

Table 1: Genotype allele dosages at two loci in five animals and corresponding summary

Animal	SNP1	
1	0	$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{N} = \frac{0 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 0}{5}$
2	2	
3	2	$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N - 1}$
4	1	$= \frac{(0 - 1)^2 + (2 - 1)^2 + (2 - 1)^2 + (1 - 1)^2 + (0 - 1)^2}{5 - 1}$
5	0	
Mean	1.0	
Standard deviation	1.0	$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{1}$
Variance	1.0	
Allele frequency	0.50	$\frac{\sum x_i}{2N} = \frac{0 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 0}{2(5)}$
Genic variance	0.50	$\bar{x}(1 - \frac{\bar{x}}{2}) = 1(1 - \frac{1}{2})$
Correlation		

$$r = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$



Genotype summary (2)

Animal	SNP3	SNP4
1	1	0
2	0	1
3	2	2
4	0	1
5	0	0

Mean

Standard deviation

Variance

Allele frequency

Genic variance

Correlation



Genotype summary (2)

Animal	SNP3	SNP4
1	1	0
2	0	1
3	2	2
4	0	1
5	0	0
Mean	0.6	0.8
Standard deviation	0.89	0.84
Variance	0.8	0.7
Allele frequency	0.3	0.4
Genic variance	0.42	0.48
Correlation		0.55



Genotype summary (3)

Animal	SNP5	SNP6
1	1	0
2	0	1
3	1	0
4	0	1
5	0	0

Mean

Standard deviation

Variance

Allele frequency

Genic variance

Correlation



Genotype summary (3)

Animal	SNP5	SNP6
1	1	0
2	0	1
3	1	0
4	0	1
5	0	0
Mean	0.6	0.4
Standard deviation	0.55	0.55
Variance	0.3	0.3
Allele frequency	0.3	0.2
Genic variance	0.42	0.32
Correlation		-1



Variation in phenotypic values

$$y_i = \mu + g_i + e_i + g_i \times e_i$$

y_i - Phenotypic value

μ - Population mean(s)

g_i - Genetic value (deviation from mean)

e_i - Environmental value (deviation from mean)

$g_i \times e_i$ - Genotype-by-environment interaction (deviation from mean)



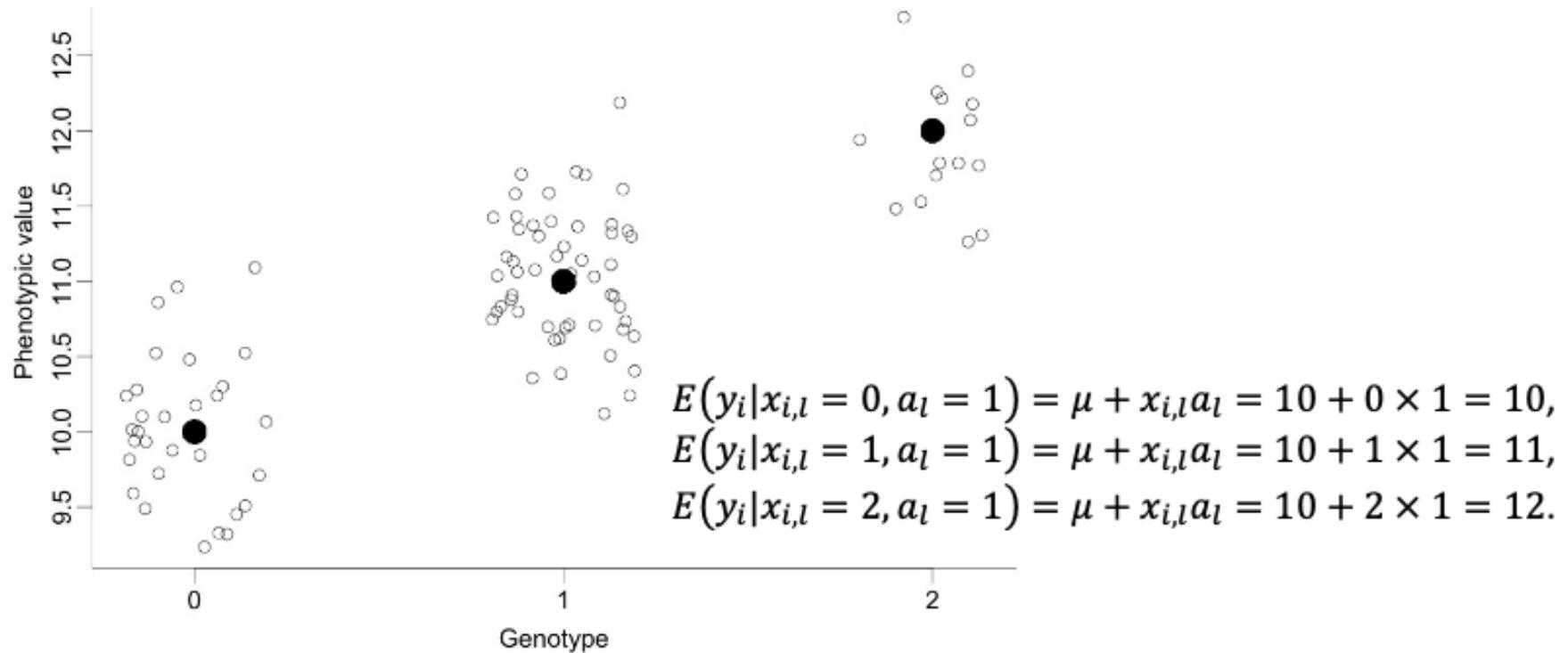
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Genetic values comprise individual DNA locus effects

$$g_i = g_{i,1} + g_{i,2} + \cdots + g_{i,k} + g_{i,1} \times g_{i,2} + \cdots$$



$$y_i = \mu + g_i + e_i$$





3 genotypes (0, 1, 2)

Allele substitution effect (-2)

Population mean (15)

$$y = 15 + 0 \times (-2)$$

$$y = 15 + 1 \times (-2)$$

$$y = 15 + 2 \times (-2)$$

Produce expected phenotype

Sample environment effect ($\sigma_e=1$)

Produce realised phenotype



Multi-locus version

Haplotype 1

0	1	1	0	0	1
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Haplotype 2

1	1	1	1	0	0
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Genotype

1	2	2	1	0	1
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X

+1	+2	-1	+1	+1	-2
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Allele
substitution
effect



Haplotype 1

0	+2	-1	0	0	-2
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-1

Haplotype 2

+1	+2	-1	+1	0	0
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+3 Values

Genotype

+1	+4	-2	+1	0	-2
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+2



Allele dosage to genetic value

Haplotype 3

0	0	1	1	0	1
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Haplotype 4

0	0	0	0	1	1
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Genotype

0	0	1	1	1	2
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Genotype

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X

+1	+1	-3	+2	-2	-1
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Haplotype 3

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Haplotype 4

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Values

Genotype

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Genotype

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Allele dosage to genetic

X

+1	+1	-3	+2	-2	-1
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Haplotype 3

0	0	-3	+2	0	-1
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Haplotype 4

0	0	0	0	-2	-1
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-2

-3 Values

Genotype

0	0	-3	+2	-2	-2
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-5



Allele dosage to genetic value

Haplotype 5

1	1	1	0	1	1
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Haplotype 6

1	1	0	0	1	1
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Genotype

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X

+1	+1	-3	+2	-2	-1
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Haplotype 5

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Haplotype 6

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Values

Genotype

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Allele dosage to genetic value

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Haplotype 6

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Genotype

2	2	1	0	2	2
---	---	---	---	---	---

X

+1	+1	-3	+2	-2	-1
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Haplotype 5

+1	+1	-3	0	-2	-1
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-4

Haplotype 6

+1	+1	0	0	-2	-1
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-1

Values

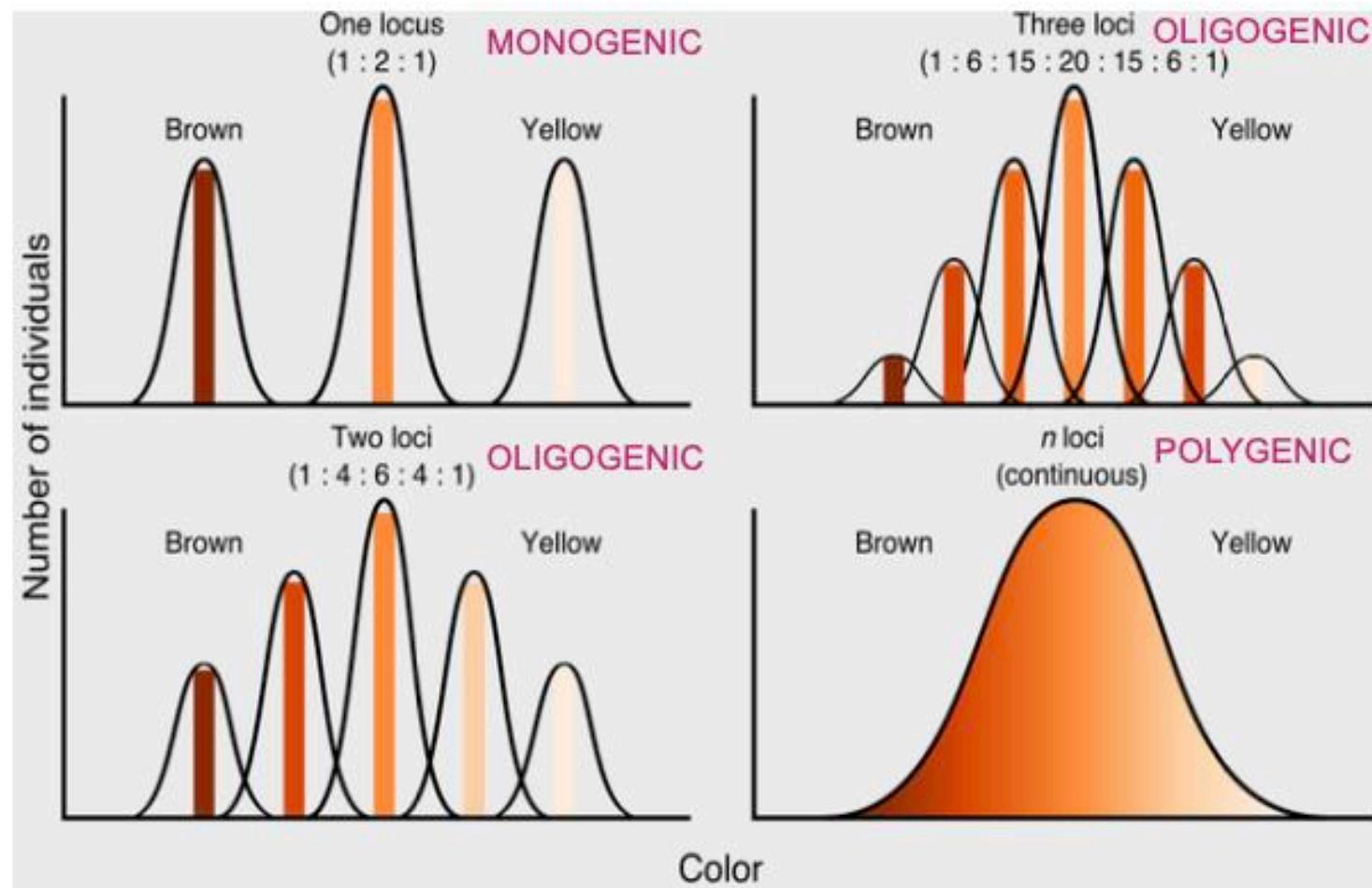
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-5



Hypothetical architecture for cattle coat colour





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Sources of variation between individuals

Discuss!



Sources of variation between individuals

Different DNA

- Due to different mutations
- These were inherited from parents following recombination and segregation of parental genomes
- Individual mutations can have effects
- Combinations of mutations can have effects (dominance and epistasis)

Different environment

- Nutrition, water, health, ...

Different combination of DNA and environment



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Sources of quantitative genetic variation within family





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Sources of quantitative genetic variation within family



F – frizzled
f – normal

<https://www.poultryclub.org/breeds/>

Frizzle

Probability of each
offspring being
frizzled:



50%



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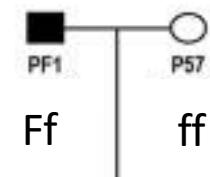
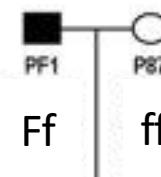
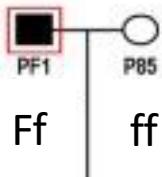
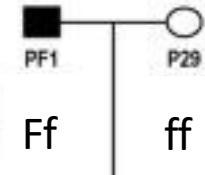
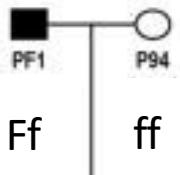
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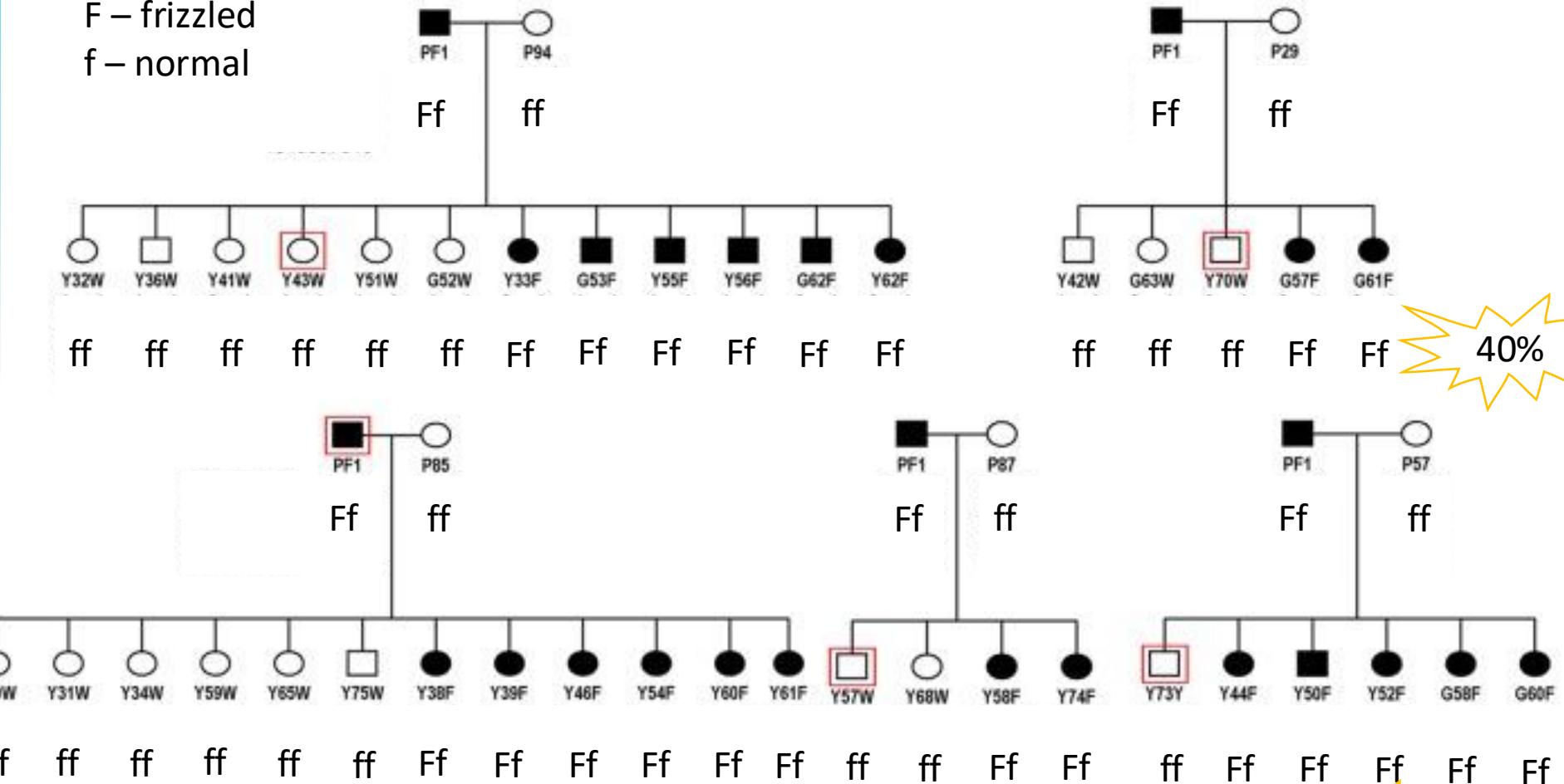


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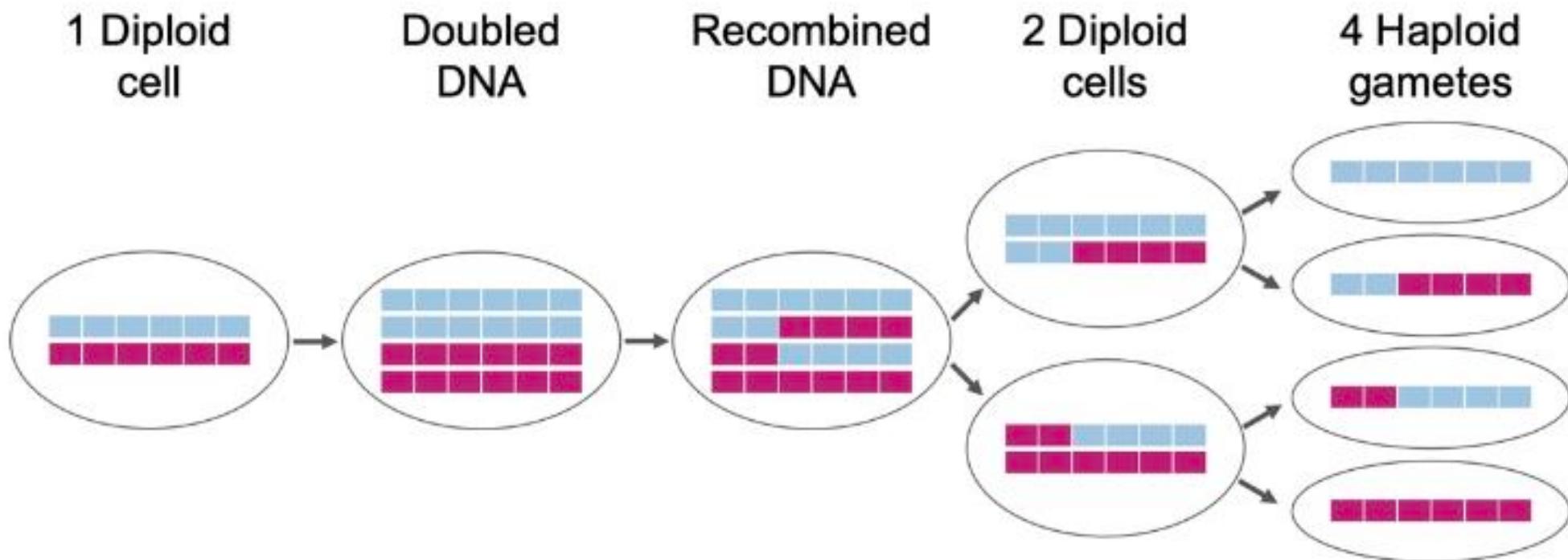
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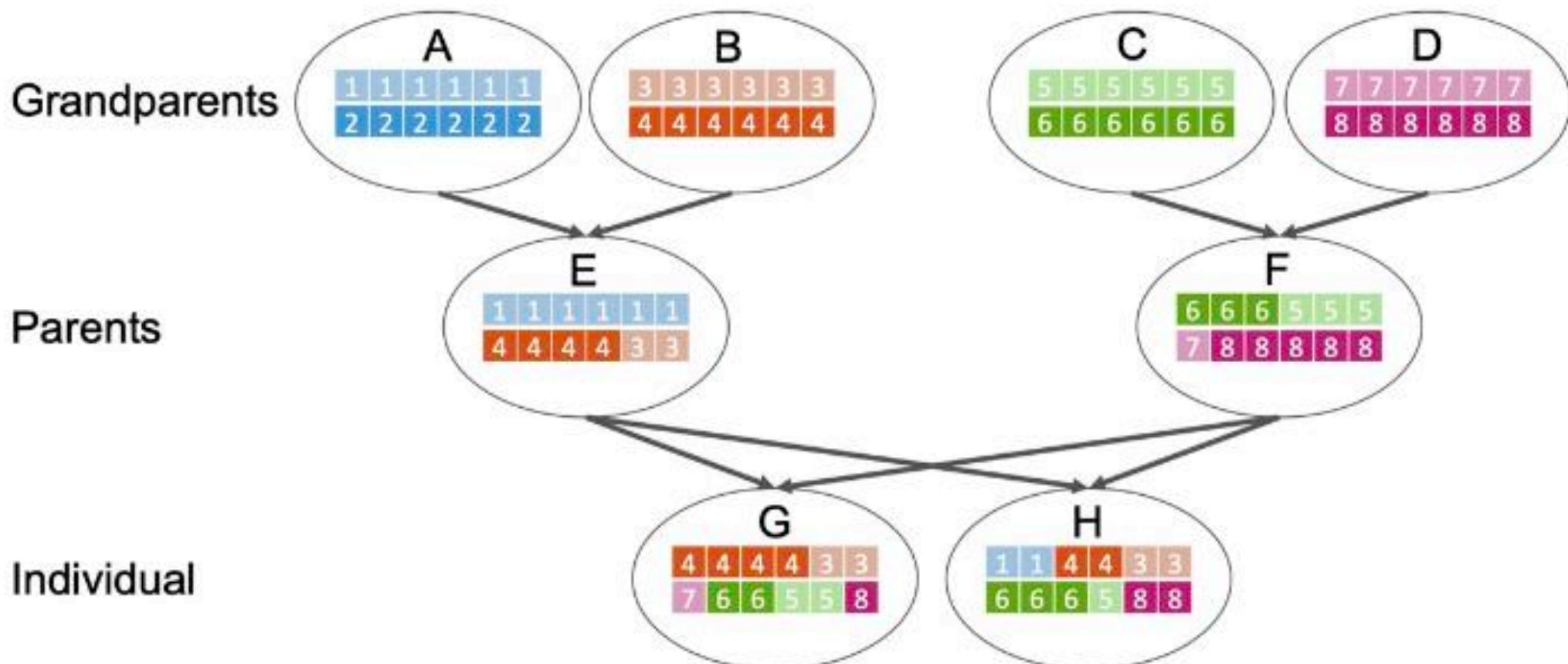
Generate combinations of father's chromosomes in his gametes

- 1 chromosome pair [1L 1D]
- 2 chromosome pairs [1L 1D, 2L 2D]
- 3 chromosome pairs [1L 1D, 2L 2D, 3L 3D]



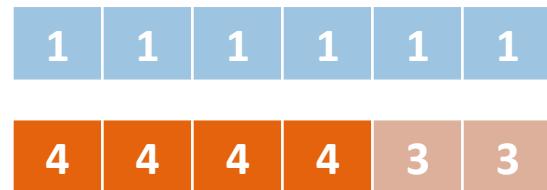


Meiosis in a pedigree (IBS and IBD)





Generate more progeny with parents E & F





$$g_i = \frac{1}{2} g_{f(i)} + \frac{1}{2} g_{m(i)} + r_i$$

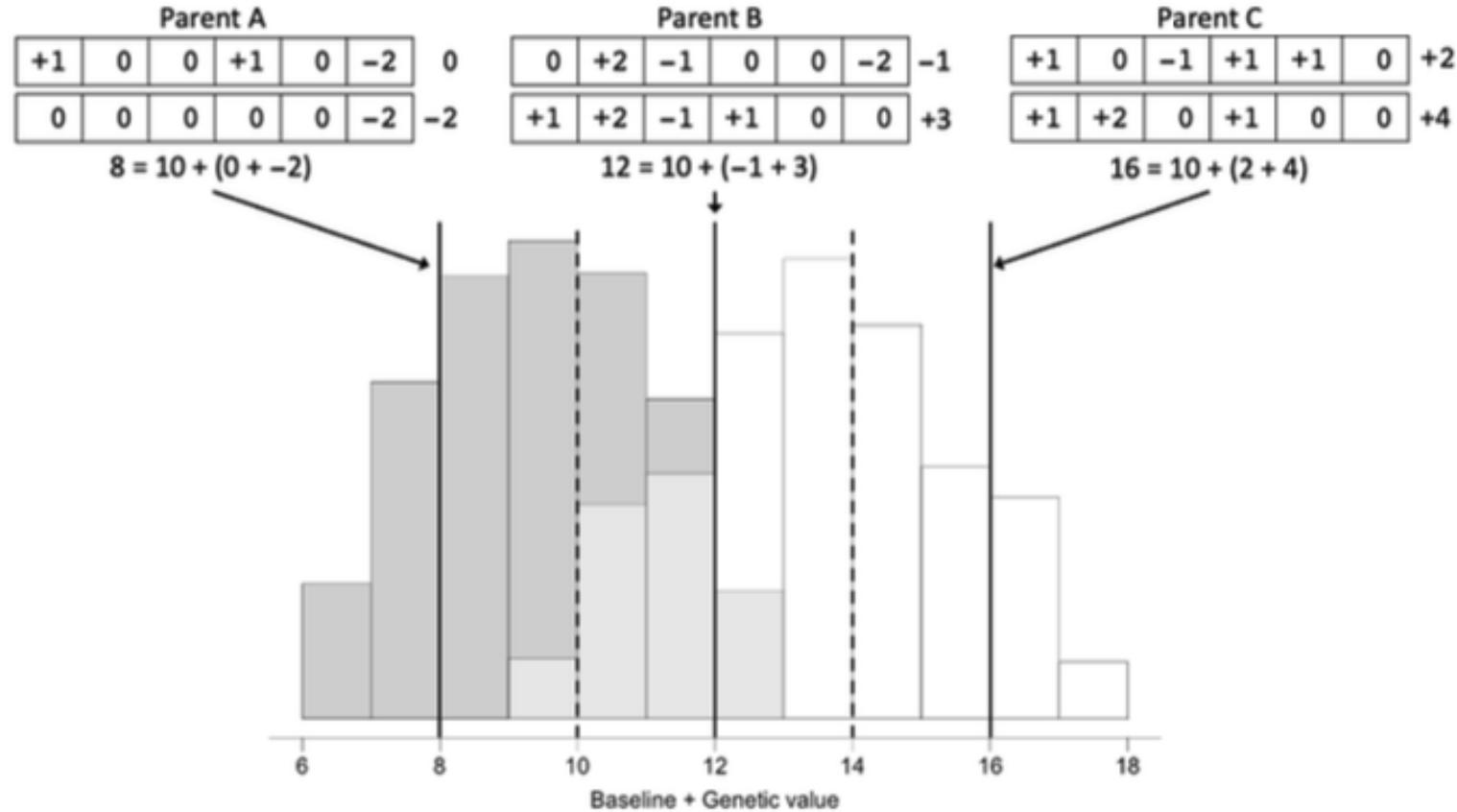
$$g_i = g_{i,1} + g_{i,2},$$

$$g_{i,1} = \frac{1}{2} g_{f(i),1} + \frac{1}{2} g_{f(i),2} + r_{i,1},$$

$$g_{i,2} = \frac{1}{2} g_{m(i),1} + \frac{1}{2} g_{m(i),2} + r_{i,2}.$$

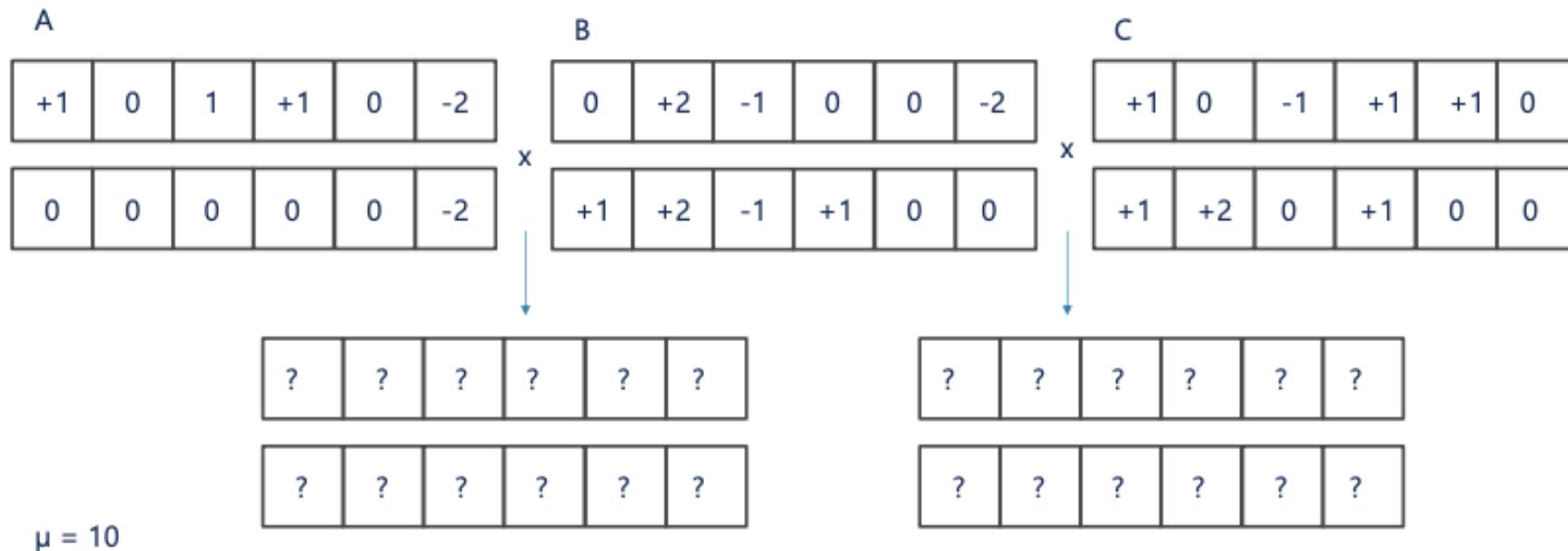


Between and within family genetic variation



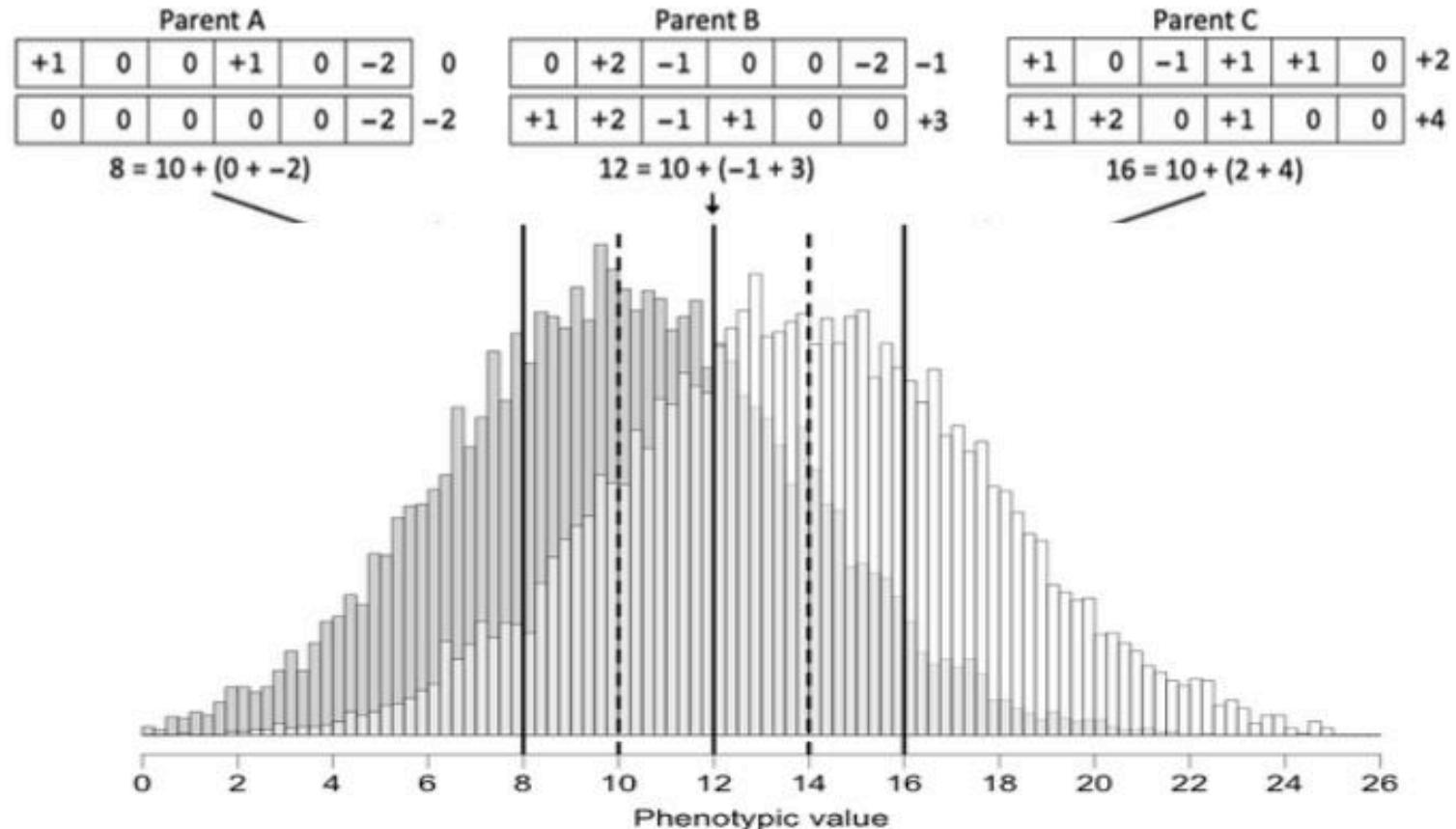


Generate progeny from the pairs and calculate their genetic value





Between and within family phenotypic variation





Take the 4 genetic values from the previous example and add environment effect
(can use the rnorm())

```
for (Year in 1:10) {  
  Pop = randCross2(males = Sires,  
                  females = Dams,  
                  nCrosses = 750,  
                  nProgeny = 100)  
  Dams = selectInd(Pop,  
                  nInd = 750,  
                  sex = "F")  
  Sires = selectInd(Pop,  
                  nInd = 25,  
                  sex = "M")  
}
```



```
for (Year in 1:10) {  
  Variety = selectInd(EYT, nInd = 1)  
  EYT = selectInd(AYT, nInd = 10)  
  AYT = selectInd(PYT, nInd = 50)  
  PYT = selectInd(HDRW, nInd = 500)  
  HDRW = makeDH(F1, nDH = 100)  
  Parents = c(EYT, AYT)  
  F1 = randCross(Parents, nCrosses = 100)  
}
```



Free short online course

Breeding Programme Modelling with AlphaSimR



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edX platform

<https://www.edx.org/learn/animal-breeding/the-university-of-edinburgh-breeding-programme-modelling-with-alphasimr>

5 weeks (~20+ hours)

1. The big question
2. Simulation of DNA and phenotypes
3. DNA lottery
4. Selection
5. Breeding programme



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