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the natural progression for Mendel was to study 2 characteristics at the same time.

The study of 2 pairs of contrasting traits at the same time = a dihybrid cross
 ex. round yellow seeds X wrinkled green seeds

## **Mendel's Law**

#### The Law of Independent Assortment

- During gamete formation, segregating pairs of unit factors assort independently of each other.
  - the two traits are inherited totally independently of each other



# **Solving Dihybrid Crosses**

Follow the steps

If you were to cross a homozygous yellow wrinkled plant with a homozygous green round plant, what would your phenotypic and genotypic ratios be?

# Step 1: Make a Key

If yellow is dominant over green and round is dominant over wrinkled:

- Y= yellow
- y = green
- R = round
- r = wrinkled

### **Step 2: Assign genotypes of the parents**

Homozygous yellow wrinkled = YYrr
Homozygous green round = yyRR

• P = YYrr x yyRR

#### **Step 3: Determine the Gametes**

If Parents = YYrr X yyRR

YYrr can produce the combinations Yr, Yr, Yr, Yr

yyRR can produce the combinations yR, yR, yR, yR

## **Step 4: Fill in the Punnett square**

<u>Note</u>: Keep the alleles for each gene together and write the dominant allele first. Ex. YyRr NOT YRyr

	Yr	Yr	Yr	Yr
yR				

# **Step 5: Answer any questions**

Genotype probabilities:

= 100% YyRr (all 16 possible combinations)

Phenotype probabilities:
 = 100% yellow round (all 16 possible combinations)

Key Y= yellow y = green R = round r = wrinkled

# Now try: F<sub>1</sub> X F<sub>1</sub> = YyRr X YyRr

Remember to determine the gametes for your Punnett square.

Gamete combinations: YR, Yr, yR, yr and YR, Yr, yR, yr

## **Fill in the Punnett Square**

	YR	Yr	yR	yr	
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# **Results:**

# Genotyes: ? YYRR ? YYRR

- ? YYrr
- YyRR
- ? YyRr
- ? Yyrr
- yyRR
- ? yyRr
- ? yyrr



- Y= yellowR = roundy = greenr = wrinkled
- Phenotypes:
  - 9 Yellow Round
    - Dominant Dominant
  - 3 Yellow Wrinkled
    - Dominant Recessive
  - 3 Green Round
    - Recessive Dominant
  - 1 Green Wrinkled
    - Recessive Recessive



# Try this:

- I = Inflated Pod i = constricted pod
- T = Tall t = dwarf
- The cross: a plant <u>heterozygous for inflated pod and</u> <u>heterozygous tall</u> is crossed with a another <u>heterozygous inflated</u> <u>pod and heterozygous tall plant</u>. What are the genotypic and phenotypic ratios?
  - The parents are:
    - IiTt x IiTt

## **Gamete Combinations**

### If Parents are liTt x liTt

Gamete Combinations are IT, It, iT, it and IT, It, iT, it

## **Fill in the Punnett Square**



# **Results:**

Genotypes: • 1 IITT 2 IITt • 1 ||tt 2 IiTT • 4 liTt **2** litt 1 iiTT 2 iiTt 1 iitt

- KeyI= inflated podT = talli = constricted podt = dwarf
- Phenotypes: 9 Inflated pod Tall Dominant Dominant 3 Inflated pod Dwarf Dominant Recessive 3 Constricted pod Tall Recessive Dominant I Constricted pod Dwarf Recessive Recessive Ratio = 9:3:3:1