

## Genetics problem set 3. Solution

1.

A) The appearance of 4 different colors and a classic dihybrid ratio of offspring make me suspect 2 genes control color in these bean plants.

B) Perhaps 2 genes control pigment:

The genotype A\_\_ gives a yellow pigment: The genotype aa gives no yellow pigment

The genotype B\_\_ gives blue pigment: The genotype bb gives no blue pigment

If both yellow and blue are produced in the same bean plant, the beans appear green.

In the theoretical dihybrid cross:

AaBb X AaBb (both parents would appear green)

Theoretical offspring ratio:

9 : A\_\_B\_\_ (green due to yellow and blue pigment production)

3: A\_\_bb (Yellow pigment only)

3: aaB\_\_ (blue pigment only)

1: aabb (white)—due to lack of either yellow or blue pigment

C) If the strains were true breeding---Yellow X Blue (AAbb X aaBB)

2. The ratio is similar to that seen in the example of lethal alleles.

$T^L$  is dominant over  $T^S$ . When long tailed mice are bred, the offspring always include some short tailed mice, so the long tailed mice are not homozygous/true-breeding.

It appears that the  $T^L$  allele is a recessive lethal.

Long tailed mice are always heterozygotes.

$T^L T^S$  X  $T^L T^S$  Should give 1:  $T^L T^L$  : 2  $T^L T^S$  : 1  $T^S T^S$

But  $T^L T^L$  dies leaving 2 long tailed mice : 1 short tailed mouse for a theoretical ratio

	$T^L$	$T^S$
$T^L$	$T^L T^L$	$T^L T^S$
$T^S$	$T^L T^S$	$T^S T^S$

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$AaBb$      $AaBb$   
Brown x Brown



16 : 6 : 8      → 9 : 3 : 4  
brown : black : white

↓  
indicates 2 genes  
and recessive  
epistasis

$A-$  → production of pigment  
 $aa$  → no pigment (white)

$B-$  → pigment converted to brown  
 $bb$  → pigment converted to black

- 9  $A-B-$  - brown
- 3  $A-bb$  - black
- 3  $aaB-$  - white
- 1  $aa bb$  - white

\* Parents of litter of brown mice found in Mendel's

$AABB$  x  $aabb$   
(brown)      (white)

or

$AAbb$  x  $aaBB$   
(black)      (white)

4. The alleles for color of scales seem to show co-dominance.

Fish showing both colors of scales are assumed to be heterozygous and should produce a ratio of offspring. 1 all silver: 2 silver and gold : 1 all gold

5.

- Only son 1 with type B and daughter 2 with type A could be the biological children of this couple.
- Daughter 1 could be the father's child from a previous marriage. The mother of Daughter 2 would have had to have A, B, or AB blood type.
- Son 2 could be a child from the mother's previous marriage. The father of Son 2 could have been type A or B (if he is heterozygous), or O blood type.

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White x White



Pink x Pink



9 : 7  
Pink White

resembles  
Complementary  
Gene action.

2 genes - A ? B

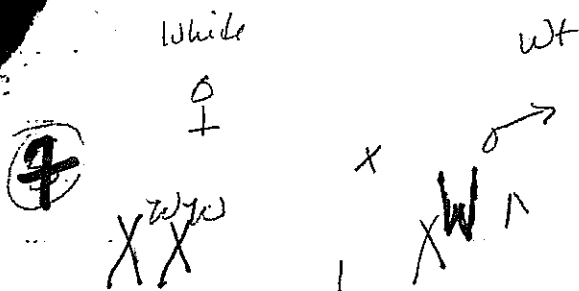
- one dom allele of each results in  
Pink

Aa Bb = Pink bunny's  
parents were AA bb x aa BB  
(white) (white)  
USA Canada

↓  
Aa Bb  
(Pink)

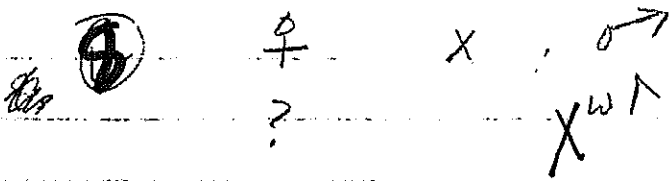


9 A- B- - Pink  
3 A- bb }  
3 aa B- } white  
1 aa bb }



♀ Ww = red  
 ♂ WY = white

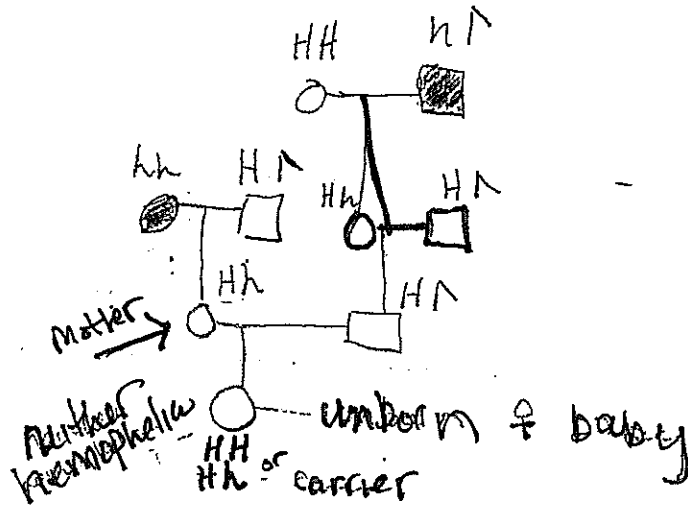
(all females red eyed)  
 50 red-eyed females  
 (all males white eyed)  
 50 white-eyed males



♀  
 1: WW  
 1: Ww  
 ♂  
 1: WY  
 1: wY

♀ = Ww → She had red eyes

9



\* Since the baby's father is not hemophiliac the baby has received an X chrom with the WT allele from him. The baby could have received a mutant or a WT allele from her mother → The baby will NOT have hemophilia but could be a carrier. Future children have 50% chance of having hemophilia.

