Linkage and Gene Mapping



Basics?

- Homologous chromosomes are paired chromosomes that carry the same genes, but may have different alleles of those genes
- One member of each homologous pair comes from an organism's mom, the other from its dad.
- Crossing over: homologous chromosomes randomly exchange matching fragments.





(a) No crossing over



(b) Crossing over





- When genes are on separate chromosomes, they **assort independently**. That is, when the genes go into gametes, the allele received for one gene doesn't affect the allele received for the other.
- Genes on separate chromosomes assort independently because of the random orientation of homologous chromosome pairs during meiosis.



• When genes are on the same chromosome but very far apart, they assort independently due to **crossing over** (homologous recombination).



- When genes are very close together on the same chromosome, crossing over still occurs, but the outcome (in terms of gamete types produced) is different.
- Instead of assorting independently, the genes tend to "stick together" during meiosis. That is, the alleles of the genes that are already together on a chromosome will tend to be passed as a unit to gametes.

• Linked genes: when two genes are so close together that they cannot be separated during crossing over





<u>if closely linked</u>: cross-overs less likely to occur between A&B





<u>if farther apart</u>: cross-overs more likely to occur between A&B

Finding recombination frequency

Let's suppose we are interested in seeing whether two genes in the fruit fly (*Drosophila*) are linked to each other, and if so, how tightly linked they are.

In our example, the genes are: •The *purple* gene, with a dominant *pr*+ allele that specifies normal, red eyes and a recessive *pr* allele that specifies purple eyes.

•The *vestigial* gene, with a dominant *vg*+ allele that specifies normal, long wings and a recessive *vg* allele that specifies short, "vestigial" wings.



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- Recombination frequency = distance between genes (map distance)
- In linkage maps, distances expressed as centimorgans or map units rather than recombination frequencies
- There's a direct relationship among these values: 1% recombination frequency is equivalent to 1 centimorgan or 1 map unit

 $\label{eq:Recombination} \text{Recombinants} \text{ requency (RF)} = \frac{\text{Recombinants}}{\text{Total offspring}} \times 100\%$

So, for the cross above, we can write our equation as follows:

$$\mathrm{RF} = rac{151+154}{1339+1195+151+154} imes 100\% = 10.7\%$$

The recombination frequency between the *purple* and *vestigial* genes is 10.7%.

CIS and TRANS configuration

CIS configuration (coupling)



TRANS configuration (repulsion)



Three point test cross

Three point test cross in Drosophila:

- Wild-type Male *Drosophila* was crossed with female *Drosophila* homozygous for three recessive X-linked mutations—scute (sc) bristles, echinus (ec) eyes, and crossveinless (cv) wings to obtain F1 progeny.
- Wild Male Drosophila= (sc+, ec+, cv+)
- Mutated female Drosophila = (sc, ec, cv)





 F_2

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	Scute, echinus, crossveinless	SC	ес	cv		1158		
2	Wild-type	SC+	ec+	CV+		1455		
3	Scute	SC	ec+	CV+		163		
4	Echinus, crossveinless	SC+	ec	cv		130		
5	Scute, echinus	SC	ес	CV+		192		
6	Crossveinless	SC+	ec+	cv		148		
7	Scute, crossveinless	SC	ec+	CV		1		
8	Echinus	SC+	ec	CV+		1		
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- There are three possible gene orders :
- 1. sc—ec—cv



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Map distance =
$$\frac{295}{3248} \neq 100 = 9.1$$
 centiMorgans



Map distance =
$$\frac{342}{3248} \neq 100$$
 = 10.5 centiMorgans

Total map distance:

- Combining the data for the two regions, the map is sc—9.1—ec—10.5—cv
- Thus map distances between sc and cv = 9.1 cM +10.5 cM =19.6 cM

Question

In Drosophila, Bar eye (B) is a dominant mutation while miniature wing (m) and yellow body colour () are recessive mutations. Heterozygous females for these mutations were crossed to normal eyed miniatur winged and yellow body coloured males. Assume the following progeny was obtained:

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	Phenotypes		Number			at the state				
	$B^* m^* y^*$		30							
	B m y [*]		25							
	Bm^+y^+	-	165	-						
	$B^{\dagger}my^{\dagger}$	-	120 -							
	Bmy	-	20							
	$B^+ m y$		185	rely .						
	B m ⁺ y		110	-						
	B^*m^*y		45	2						
Based on the result obtained, the or	der of genes	will be	: 0	12						
A. Bmy	-									
B. m B v										
The genetic distance between B and	y will be:									
C. 40 cM										
D. 17.1 cM										
The correct combination answer is										

B and C

B and D

b)

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a) A and C A and D C

Step 1: Finding Parental and Double crossovers; Gene order

Bmtyt Btmy BT mt yt / B my + / Brmy / $B \times M^{+} \times y^{+}$ B $M^{+} M y^{+}$ Bmyt Bt mt y

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Step 2: Finding Single crossovers; Distance between B and y



Phenotypes	Number
$B^*m^*y^*$	30
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$B^* m y^+$	120
Bmy	20
$B^* m y$	185
B m [*] y	110
B^*m^*y	45

Distance bet B and y: 120+110+30+20/700 x 100 = 280/700 x 100 = 40 cM

Step 3: Finding Single crossovers; Distance between m and B



Phenotypes	Number
$B^*m^*y^*$	30
B m y*	25
B m ⁺ y ⁺	165
$B^* m y^*$	120
Bmy	20
$B^* m y$	185
B m [*] y	110
$B^* m^+ y$	45

Distance bet m and B: 25+45+30+20/700 x 100 = 120/700 x 100 = 17.14 cM