Series 1: Cross Diagrams

There are two alleles for each trait in a diploid organism

In C. elegans gene symbols are ALWAYS italicized.

To represent two different genes on the same chromosome:

When both genes are wild-type: + is the wild type or non-mutant form of a gene:

+ +	The phenotype of this worm is wild type
+ +	

When both genes are mutant:

dpy unc
dpy unc

The phenotype of this worm is double mutant Dpy and Unc phenotype.

When one gene is wild type and the other mutant:



To represent two different genes on different chromosomes:

There is noticeable space between the two chromosomes

+	+	The phenotype of this worm is wild type
—	—	
+	+	

When both genes are mutant:

dpy unc	The phenotype of this worm is double mutant
dpy unc	Dpy and Unc.

When one gene is wild type and the other mutant:

+ unc + unc	The phenotype of this worm is Unc
dpy + dpy +	The phenotype of this worm is Dpy
dpy + + unc	The phenotype of these worms is wild type

Mating symbols:

dpy

unc

+

- X symbolizes mating between two different individuals
- (X) symbolizes a self cross when the hermaphrodite worms fertilize their own eggs

NAME:

To investigate patterns of inheritance in three strains of double mutant animals with the same phenotype, you must understand expectations in the ratios of progeny for each of the following possible scenarios:

- 1) Both genes on the same autosome (linkage)
- 2) Both genes of the sex-chromosome (linkage)
- 3) One autosomal gene and one X-linked gene (unlinked)

Work through the expectations for each cross scenario as you will obtain different expected ratios of progeny for each one. Show all work and answer all questions for full credit.

Autosomal and linked genes

Double mutant hermaphrodites x to wild type males



We will now self-cross the F1 progeny to determine what we expect to see in the F2 generation.

Carry the F1 progeny genotype over to this page:

 Self cross (basically like crossing to a worm of the same genotype

 List the gametes this worm can make

 Parental gametes

 Recombinant gametes? List them if they can be made

What are the genotypes of the progeny that can be created from the above F1 self cross gametes? List them here:

What are the phenotypes of the progeny from the above F1 self cross?

Can you determine the ratio of each phenotype from this self cross? If yes give the ratio with corresponding phenotype. If NO explain why.

Autosomal and unlinked genes

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One Autosomal and one sex-linked gene

Double mutant hermaphrodites x to wild type males

dpy unc	2 X +	+	Parental Generation Genotype
\overline{dpy} unc	* +	0	
			List the gametes each parent can produce
	↓		-
Hermaph.	Male		Give the genotype of the F1 progeny
Hermaph.	Male	_	Give the phenotype of the F1 progeny

From the results of the F1 progeny you can determine which gene is sexlinked. WHY?

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