



# Chapter 11

Human Heredity

# 11-1 “It runs in the family”

- Many characteristics of human children are genetically determined
- Many human traits are inherited by the action of dominant and recessive allele genes, although other traits are determined through more complicated gene interactions



# The Human Organism – A Review

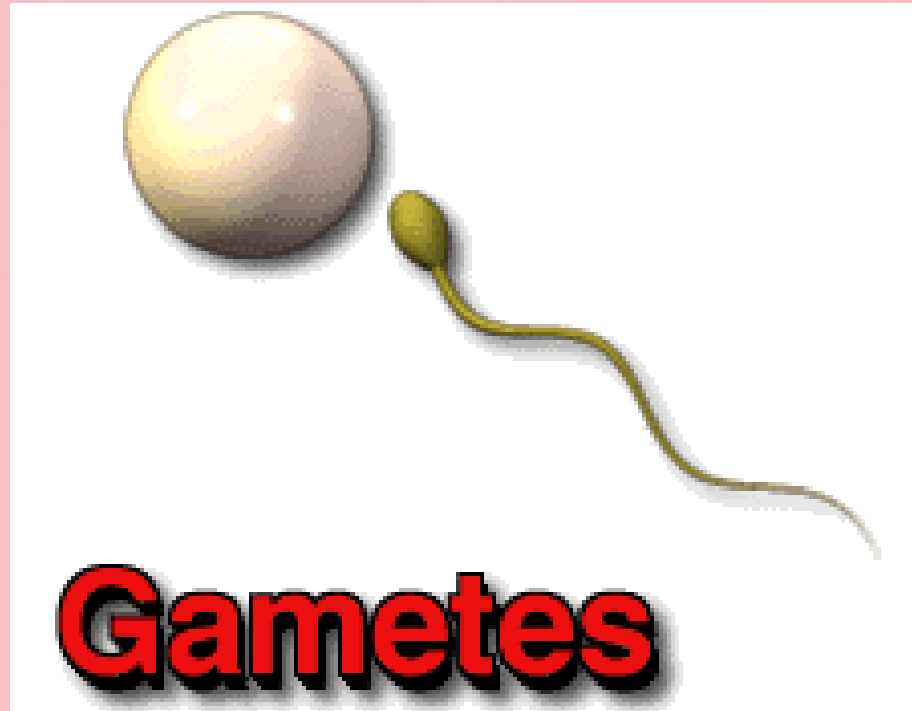
- Diploid cell – 2 sets of homologous chromosomes
  - 46 chromosomes
  - 23 pairs



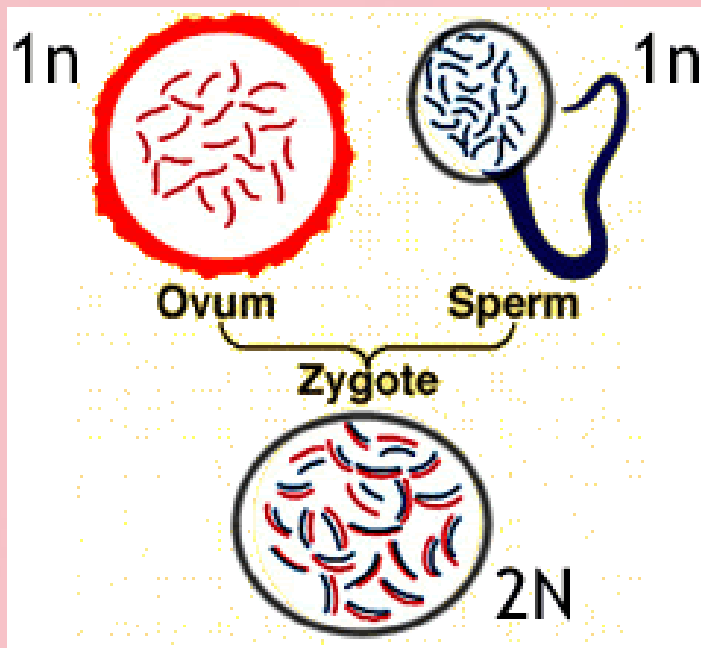
- **6 billion** nucleotide pairs
- 3,000 letters to a page – over 1 million pages



- Gametes – sperm or egg
  - Contain a single copy of a gene



- Zygote – fertilized egg – 46 chromosomes
  - Formed when sperm and egg unite



# Human Traits

- Phenotype is only partly determined by the genotype
- Some traits are strongly influenced by environmental factors (non-genetic)
- Examples – exercise and nutrition



- It is important to consider the influence of the environment on the expression of some genes, it must be understood that environmental effects on gene expression are not inherited;





- Genes that are denied a proper environment in which to reach full expression in one generation can, in a proper environment, achieve full potential in a later generation



# 11-2 The Inheritance of Human Traits

- more than 3,000 human genes have been described



# Human Blood Groups

- Multiple alleles – genes with more than two forms
  - Example – ABO and Rh blood groups
- \* Remember – an organism can have two alleles only!





- Blood Type – determined by the presence or absence of certain things in the blood
- RBC (Red blood cell) – can carry two different antigens
- Antigens – molecules that can be recognized by the immune system



# Genotypes and Phenotypes

- ii
- $I^A I^A$  or  $I^A i$
- $I^B I^B$  or  $I^B i$
- $I^A I^B$
- Type O
- Type A
- Type B
- Type AB



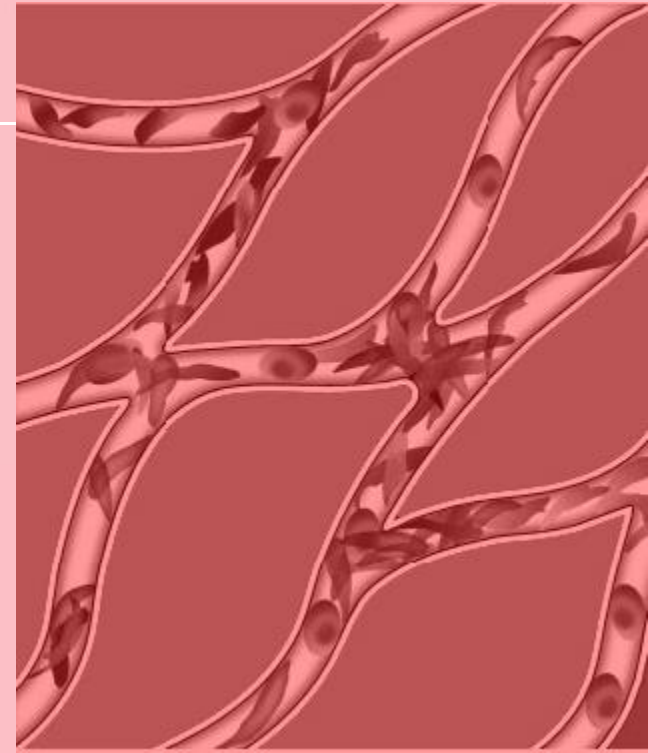
# Rh Blood Groups

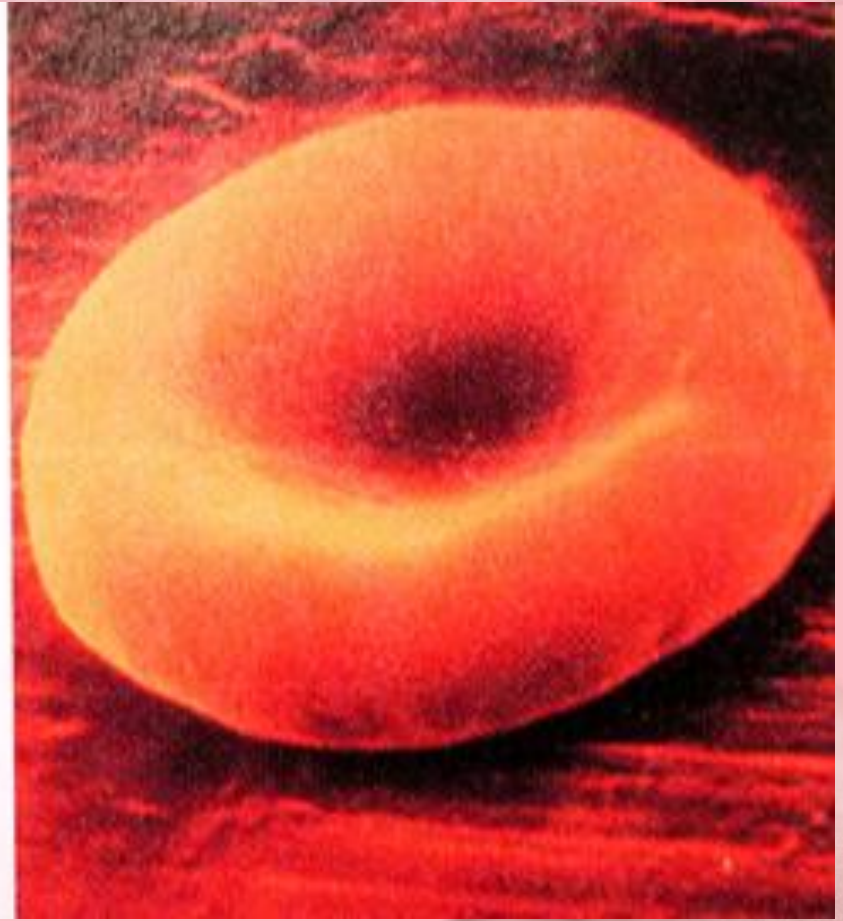
- Rh antigen also on RBC
- Rh<sup>+</sup> - have antigen (Dominant)
- Rh<sup>-</sup> - no antigen (Recessive)



# Sickle Cell Anemia

- Caused by a change in one of the polypeptides found in hemoglobin (carries oxygen in RBC)
- One nucleotide difference
- Codominant inheritance pattern –  $H^A H^S$
- $H^A$  - normal allele
- $H^S$  – Sickle Cell allele







- Sickle Cell Anemia – common in people of African ancestry and from tropical regions
- Carriers (heterozygous) of Sickle Cell trait ( $H^A H^S$ ) resistant to malaria



# 11-3 Sex-Linked Inheritance

- Genes on an X chromosome are inherited in a sex linked pattern



# Sex-Linked Genetic Disorders

- Gene for the trait is on the X or Y
- X has many genes – Y has few
- Defects easy to spot – appear more in males



# Colorblindness

- Recessive X linked disorder
- Cannot distinguish colors
- Dominant Gene –  $X^C$
- Recessive Gene -  $X^c$



# Carrier

- A heterozygous female – has the gene but does not express it – can pass it on to her children



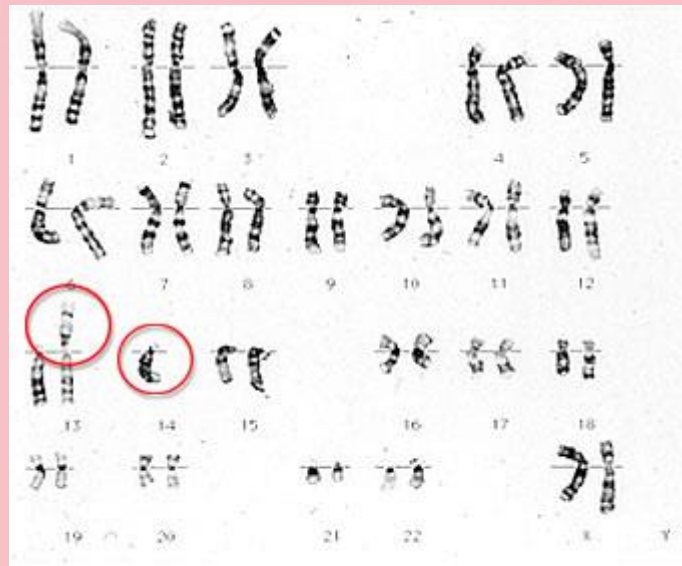
# Hemophilia

- Recessive X linked disorder
- Blood does not clot
- $X^H$  – good gene
- $X^h$  – hemophilia gene

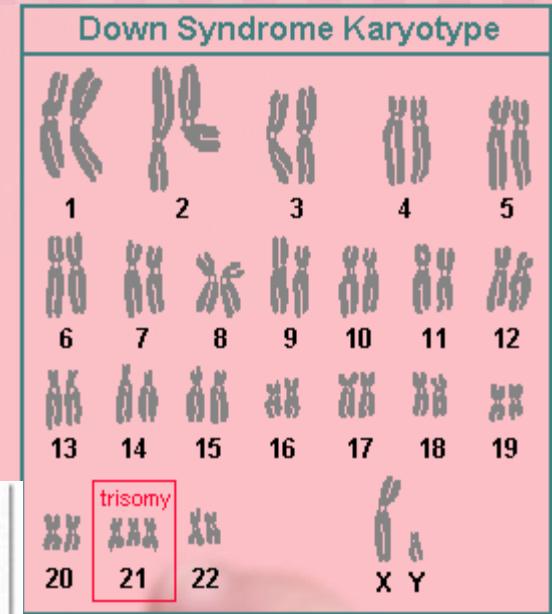


# 11-4 Diagnosis of Genetic Disorders

- Down's Syndrome – Trisomy 21
  - Extra copy of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome
- Can be detected by microscopic examinations of chromosomes
- karyotype



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# Parental Diagnosis

- Amniocentesis – removes fluid from the sac around the baby
  - The fluid can be used to grow cells and make a karyotype
- Chorionic Villus Biopsy – cells are removed from the embryo
  - Faster than amnio.





- CVB and Amnio make it possible to detect chromosomal abnormalities
- Test for: biochemical abnormalities
  - » Presence of certain DNA sequences



- We can detect over 100 disorders
- Knowledge leads to choices and decisions



# Genetic Engineering

- Biologists can engineer a set of genetic changes directly into an organisms DNA



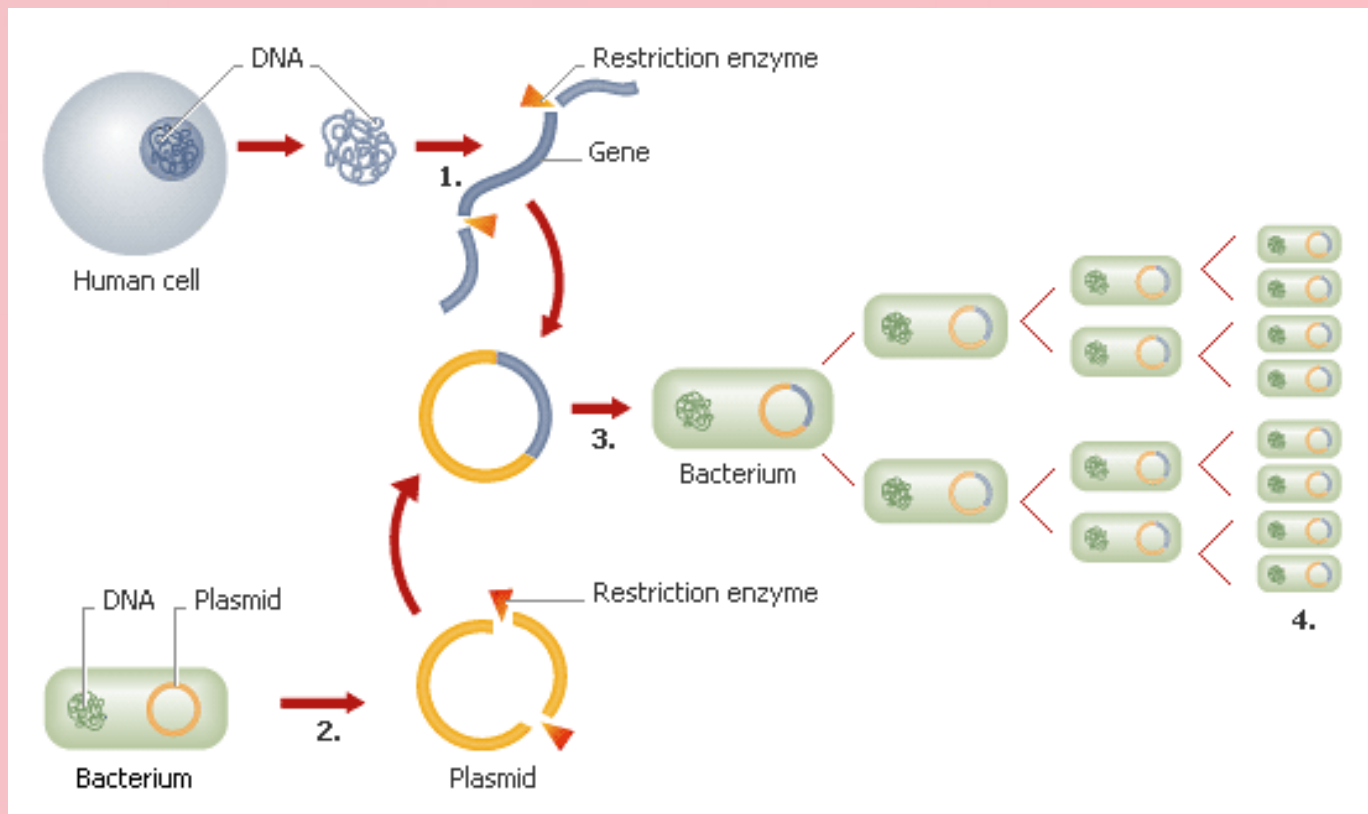
# Restriction Enzymes

- Proteins that cut genes at specific DNA sequences



# Engineering New Organisms

- Transgenic – organisms that contain foreign genes



# Transgenic Bacteria

- put genes in bacteria and they make things humans need
- Ex. Growth hormone

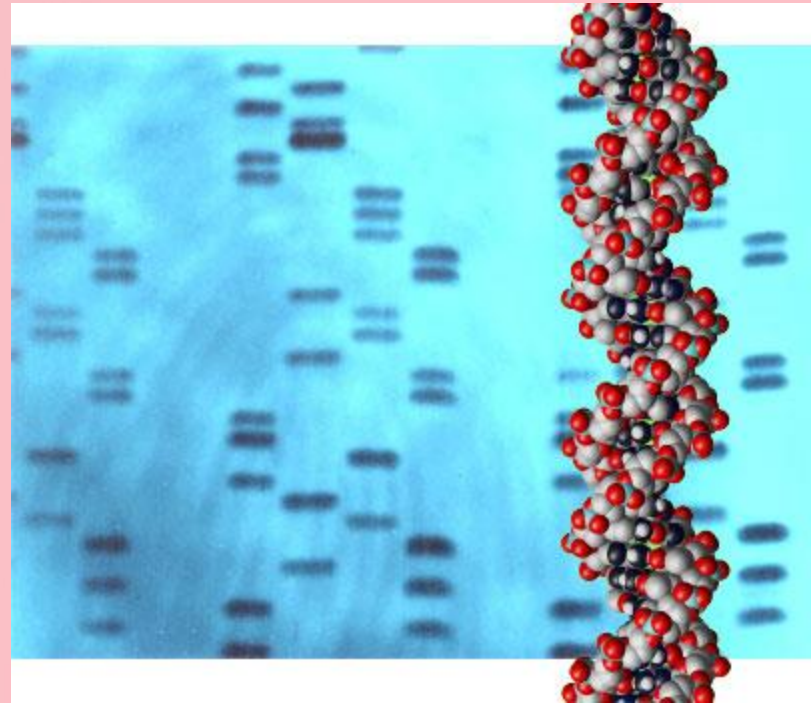


- Curing genetic diseases – 5% of babies in USA born with one
- Decoding the human genome (determine the nucleotide sequence of about 3 billion nucleotides or about 100,000 genes and to map their location on every chromosome)
- Personal Id
- Diagnosis of disease – 4,000 human genetic disorders

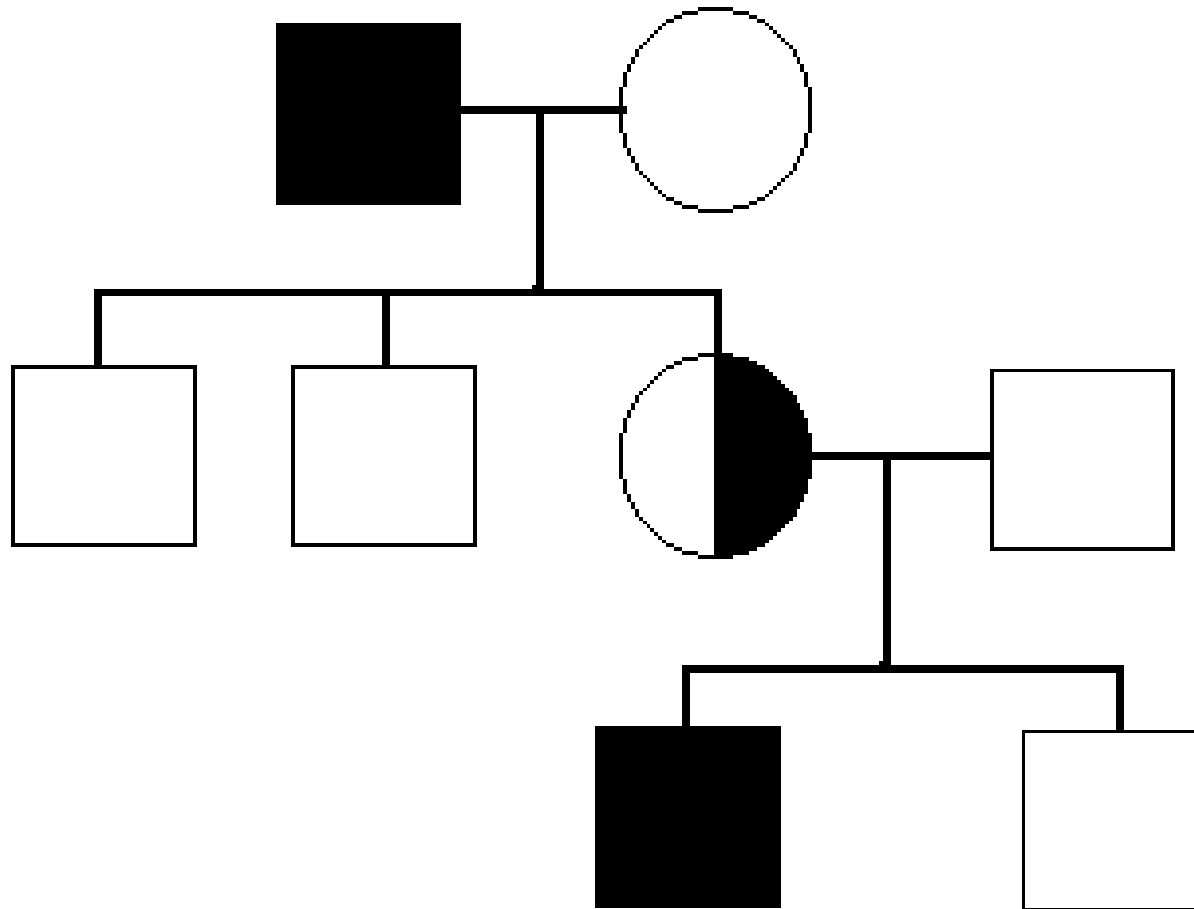


# Genetic Counseling

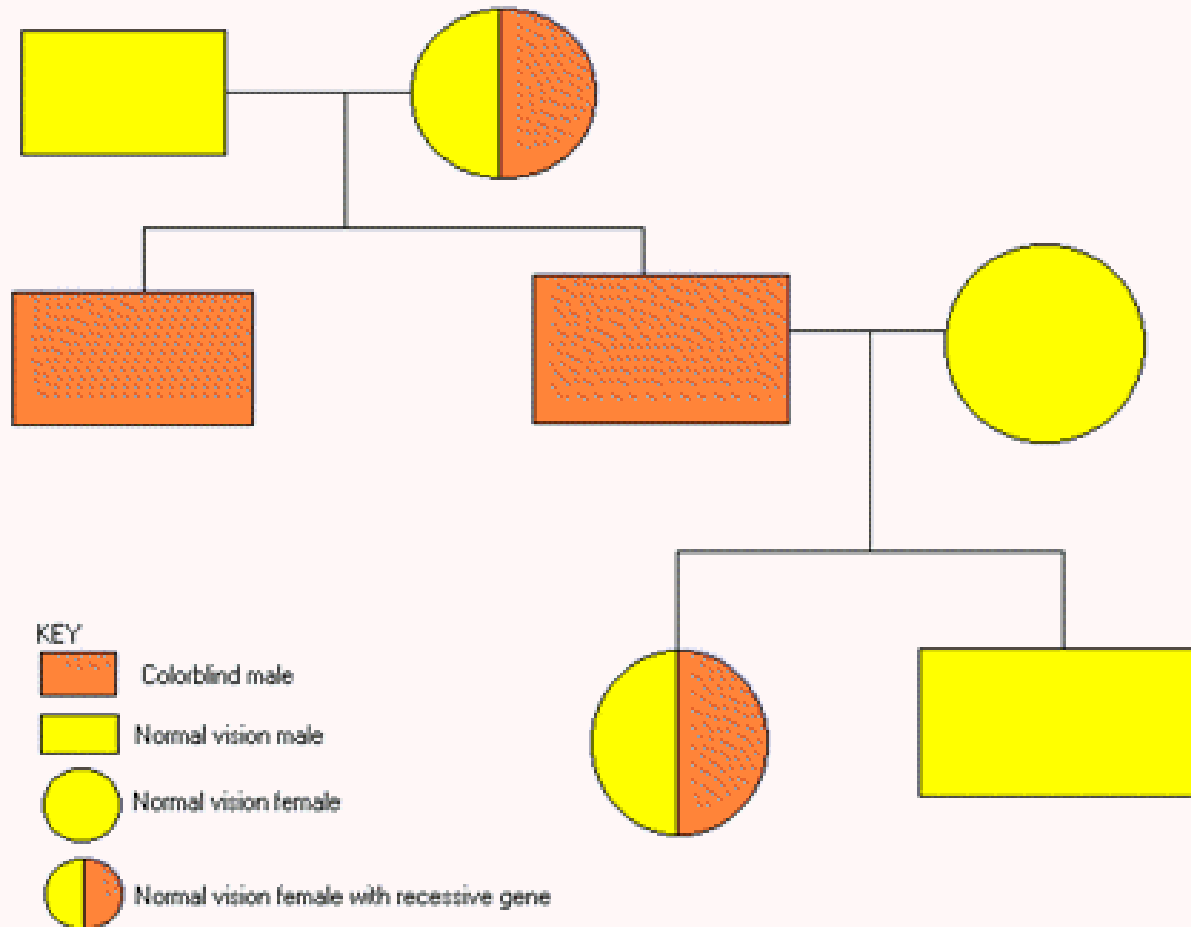
- Karyotype
- DNA Fingerprint
- CVB
- Amniocentesis
- Family History







# Pedigrees





*Male*



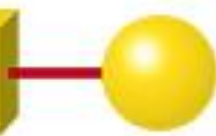
*Female*



*Affected male*



*Affected female*



*Mating*



*Parents*



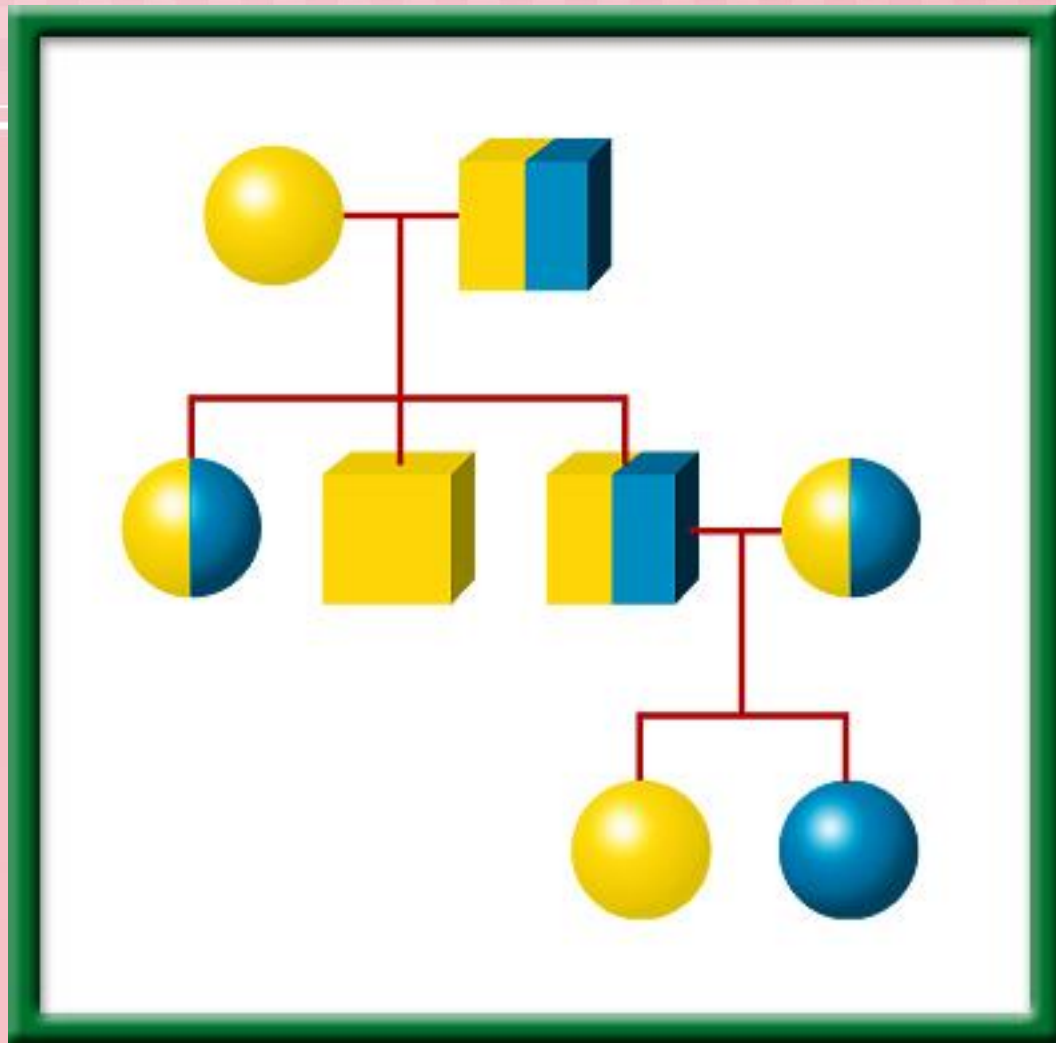
*Siblings*

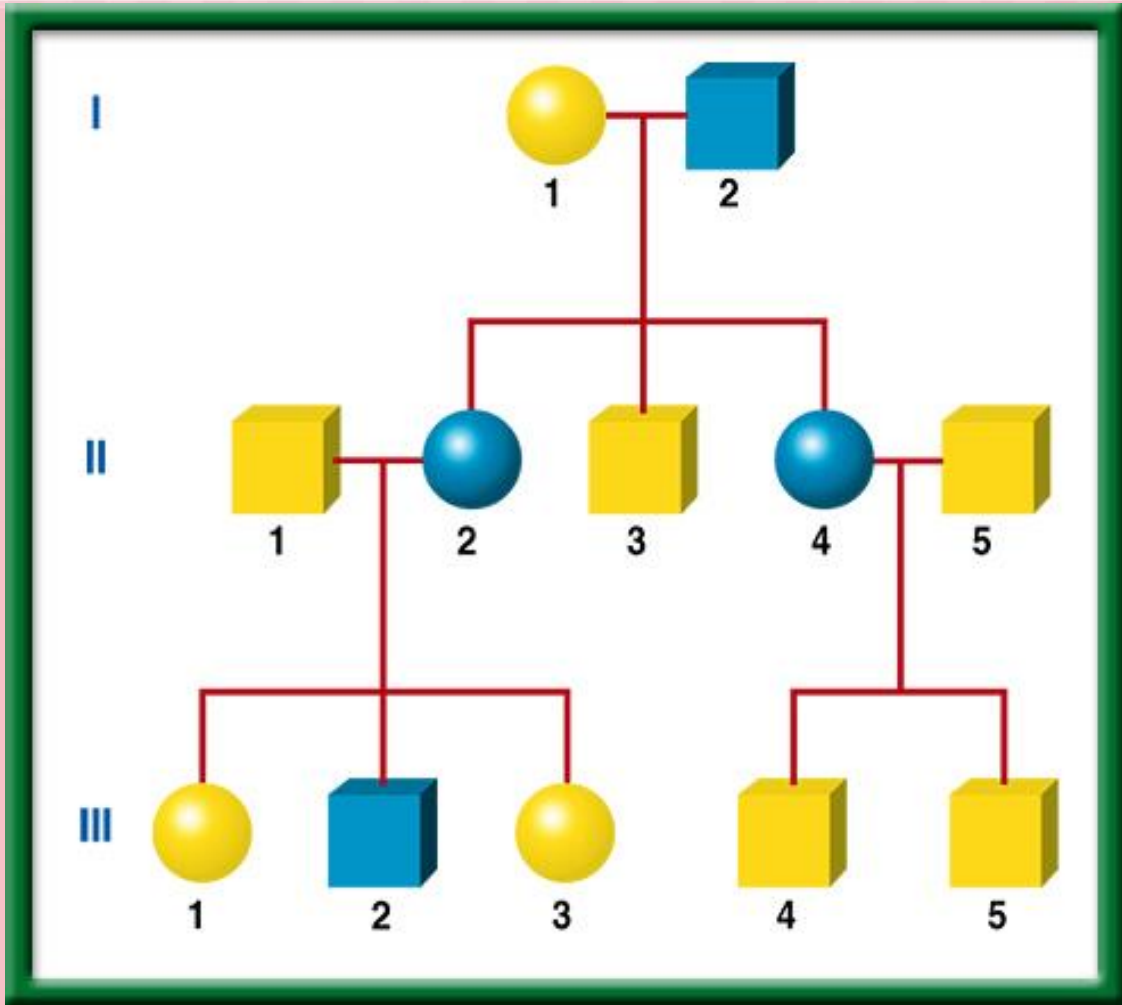


*Known heterozygotes for recessive allele*

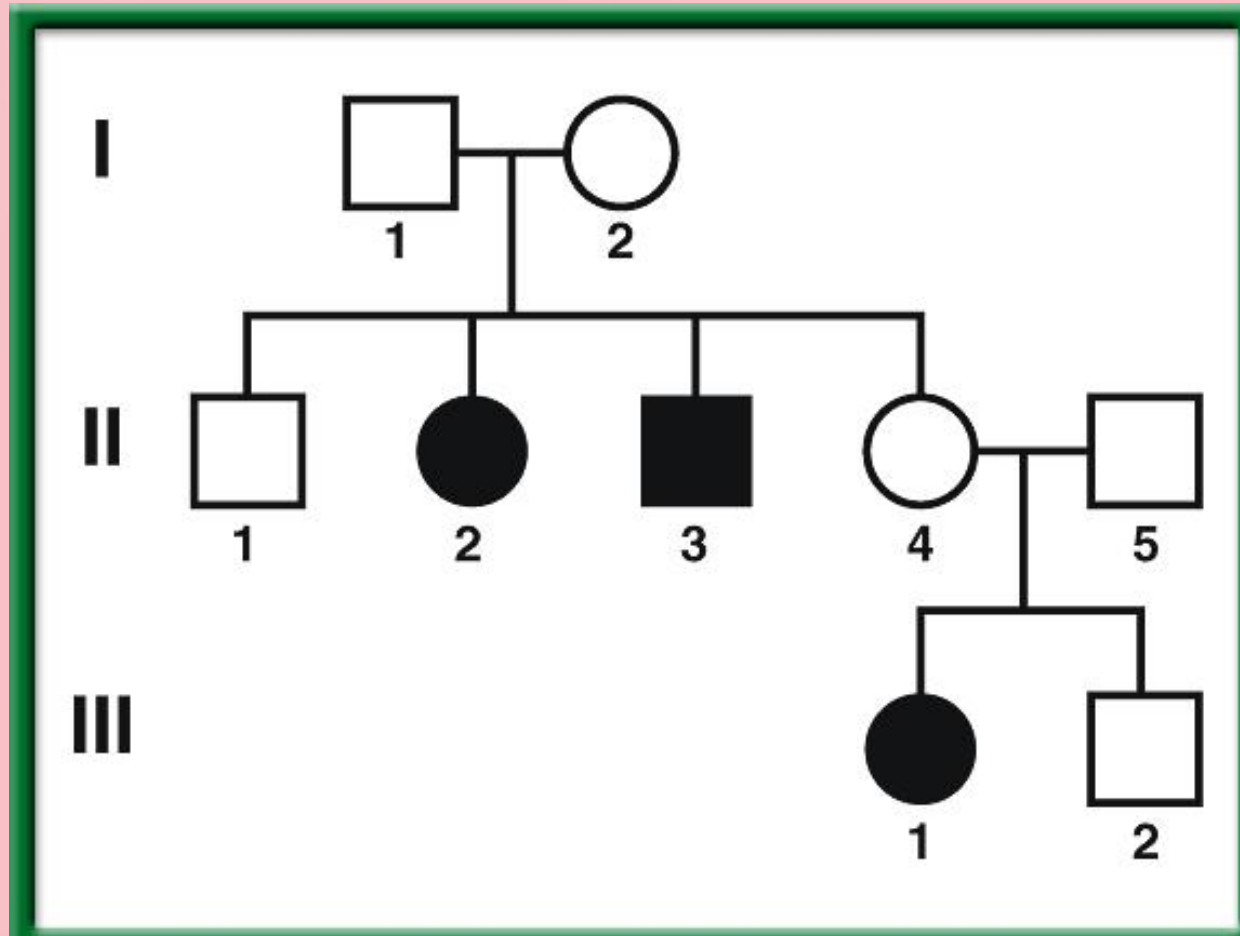


*Death*





- Which type of inheritance pattern is shown in the above pedigree?
- What is individual II-4's genotype?
- How many different genotypes are possible for individual III-2?



# In notes

□ : Male ○ : Female

□—○ : Parents

■ ● : Has trait

□ ○ □ : Offspring

I, II .... : Generations

1, 2, 3 .... : Individuals

