Session – 1

Session Name: Introduction to cell, cell division and cell cycle

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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, students should be able to:

Define the cell as the basic unit of life and explain its significance in biological systems.

Differentiate between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, emphasizing their structural and functional differences.

Identify and describe the major components of a cell, including the nucleus, cytoplasm, organelles, and the plasma membrane.

Explain the importance of cell division in growth, repair, and reproduction.

Differentiate between mitosis and meiosis, including their roles in somatic and germline cells.

Describe the phases of mitosis (prophase, metaphase, anaphase, telophase) and cytokinesis.

Outline the significance of meiosis in genetic diversity through recombination and reductional division.

Cell Cycle:

Define the cell cycle and its phases: interphase (G1, S, G2) and mitotic phase (M phase).

Discuss the role of key regulatory checkpoints in ensuring the fidelity of cell division.

Explain the significance of the G0 phase and conditions under which cells exit the cell cycle.

Introduce the role of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) in cell cycle regulation.

Discuss the consequences of unregulated cell division, including the development of cancer.

Introduce the concept of apoptosis and its role in maintaining cellular homeostasis.

Learning and Application:

Encourage critical thinking through questions about the implications of errors in cell division and cycle regulation.

Foster a practical understanding of cell division and cycle through diagrams, animations, or experimental demonstrations, such as observing onion root tip cells under a microscope.

Materials Required

- **Projector and visuals (images/videos of insects).**
- **Specimens or images for observation activity.**
- **Worksheets or quiz forms for wrap-up.**

Session Plan

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid and Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
5	Introduction to the Cell	Diagram of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells; video clips.	Explain the cell structure and differences between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.	Engage in Q&A; note key points.	Understanding Comprehend cellular structures and functions.
15	Cell Division Overview	Illustrated flowchart of mitosis and meiosis; animations.	Provide an overview of mitosis and meiosis with examples.	Ask questions about real-world applications.	Applying, Relate cell division to growth and reproduction.
15	Phases of Mitosis and Meiosis	Charts, detailed animations; whiteboard diagrams.	Break down phases step-by-step, highlighting key events.	Participate in diagram labeling exercises.	Analyzing, Visual-Spatial: Identify distinct phases of cell division.
10	The Cell Cycle	Schematic of the cell cycle; role of cyclins and checkpoints.	Describe interphase, mitotic phase, and checkpoints in detail.	Discuss regulatory mechanisms in groups.	Evaluating, Interpersonal (Gardner): Assess how regulatory failures affect cell division.
10	Cell Cycle and Disease	Case study: Role of mutations in cancer; video of apoptosis.	Present examples linking unregulated cell division to diseases.	Analyze the case study and provide feedback.	Creating Propose ways to correct errors in cell regulation.
5	**Quick Quiz:** MCQs or **Feedback:**	Discussion Answering	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical

Session Inputs

Introduction

The **cell cycle** is a highly organized sequence of events that cells undergo to grow, replicate their DNA, and divide into two daughter cells. It ensures the proper duplication and distribution of genetic material, maintaining genomic integrity across generations of cells.

Phases of the Cell Cycle

1. The cell cycle is divided into two major phases:
2. **Interphase**
3. **Mitotic Phase (M phase)**

1. Interphase

Interphase is the period of growth and preparation for division. It is further divided into three sub-phases:

a. G1 Phase (Gap 1)

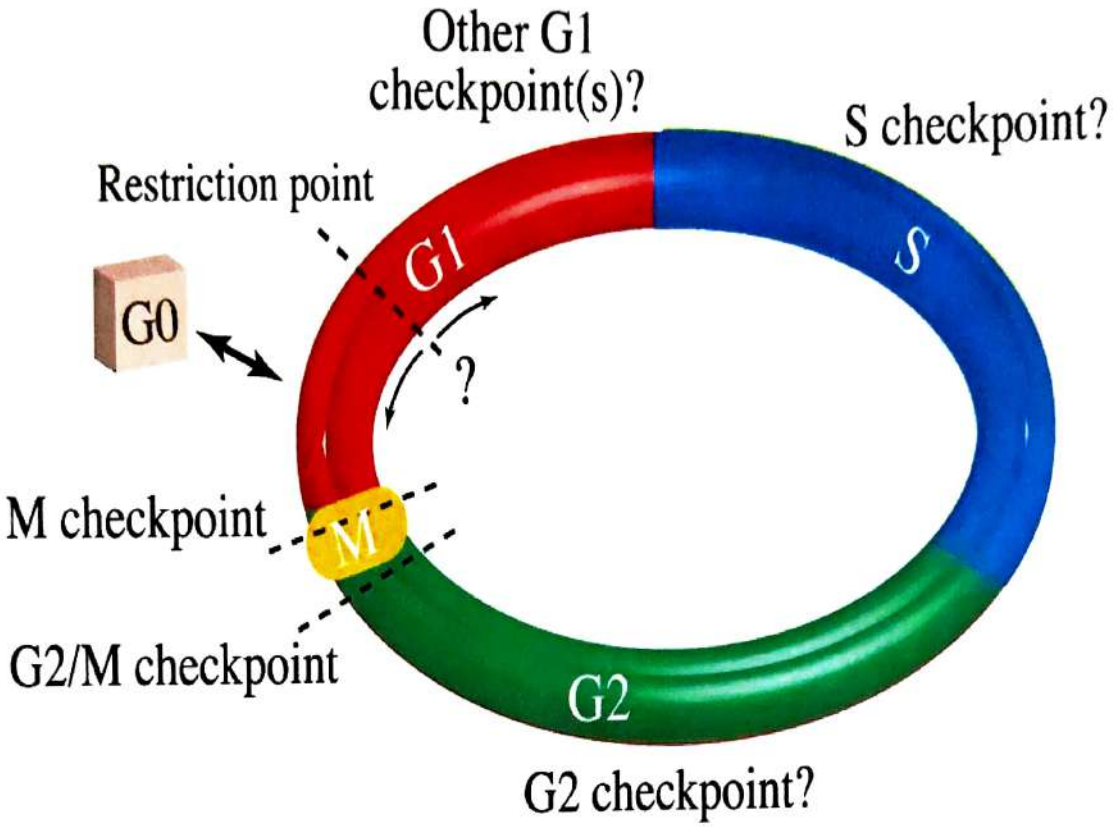
The cell grows in size and synthesizes proteins and organelles.
Cellular metabolism is highly active.
The G1 checkpoint ensures the cell is ready for DNA synthesis.

b. S Phase (Synthesis)

DNA replication occurs, resulting in two identical copies of the genome.
Each chromosome now consists of two sister chromatids.

c. G2 Phase (Gap 2)

The cell prepares for division by synthesizing proteins required for mitosis.
The G2 checkpoint verifies DNA replication integrity and readiness for division.



2. Mitotic Phase (M phase)

The M phase is the process of cell division and is subdivided into:

a. Mitosis (Division of the Nucleus):

Prophase: Chromosomes condense, spindle fibers form, and the nuclear envelope breaks down.

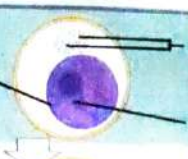
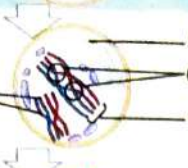
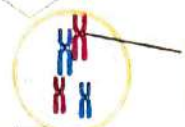
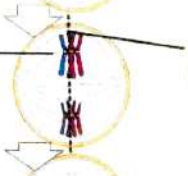
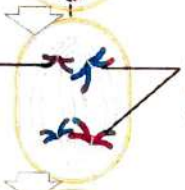
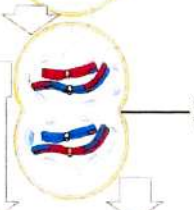
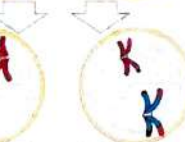
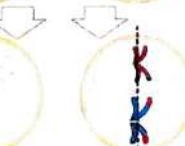
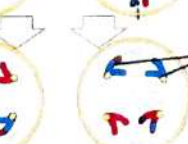
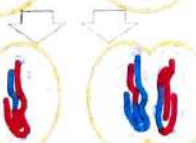
Metaphase: Chromosomes align at the metaphase plate.

Anaphase: Sister chromatids are pulled apart to opposite poles.

Telophase: Nuclear envelopes reform around the separated chromosomes.

b. Cytokinesis (Division of the Cytoplasm):

The cytoplasm divides, forming two daughter cells, each with a complete set of genetic material.

	Stage	Event	Outcome
INTERPHASE	S phase		Chromosomes are duplicated during interphase. The resulting sister chromatids are held together at the centromere. The centrosomes are also duplicated.
MEIOSIS I	Prophase I		Chromosomes condense, and the nuclear envelope fragments. Homologous chromosomes bind firmly together along their length, forming a tetrad. Chiasmata form between non-sister chromatids. Crossing over occurs at the chiasmata. Spindle fibers emerge from the centrosomes.
	Prometaphase I		Homologous chromosomes are attached to spindle microtubules at the fused kinetochore shared by the sister chromatids. Chromosomes continue to condense, and the nuclear envelope completely disappears.
	Metaphase I		Homologous chromosomes randomly assemble at the metaphase plate, where they have been maneuvered into place by the microtubules.
	Anaphase I		Spindle microtubules pull the homologous chromosomes apart. The sister chromatids are still attached at the centromere.
	Telophase I and Cytokinesis		Sister chromatids arrive at the poles of the cell and begin to decondense. A nuclear envelope forms around each nucleus and the cytoplasm is divided by a cleavage furrow. The result is two haploid cells. Each cell contains one duplicated copy of each homologous chromosome pair.
MEIOSIS II	Prophase II		Sister chromatids condense. A new spindle begins to form. The nuclear envelope starts to fragment.
	Prometaphase II		The nuclear envelope disappears, and the spindle fibers engage the individual kinetochores on the sister chromatids.
	Metaphase II		Sister chromatids line up at the metaphase plate.
	Anaphase II		Sister chromatids are pulled apart by the shortening of the kinetochore microtubules. Non-kinetochore microtubules lengthen the cell.
	Telophase II and Cytokinesis		Chromosomes arrive at the poles of the cell and decondense. Nuclear envelopes surround the four nuclei. Cleavage furrows divide the two cells into four haploid cells.

Regulation of the Cell Cycle

The cell cycle is controlled by:

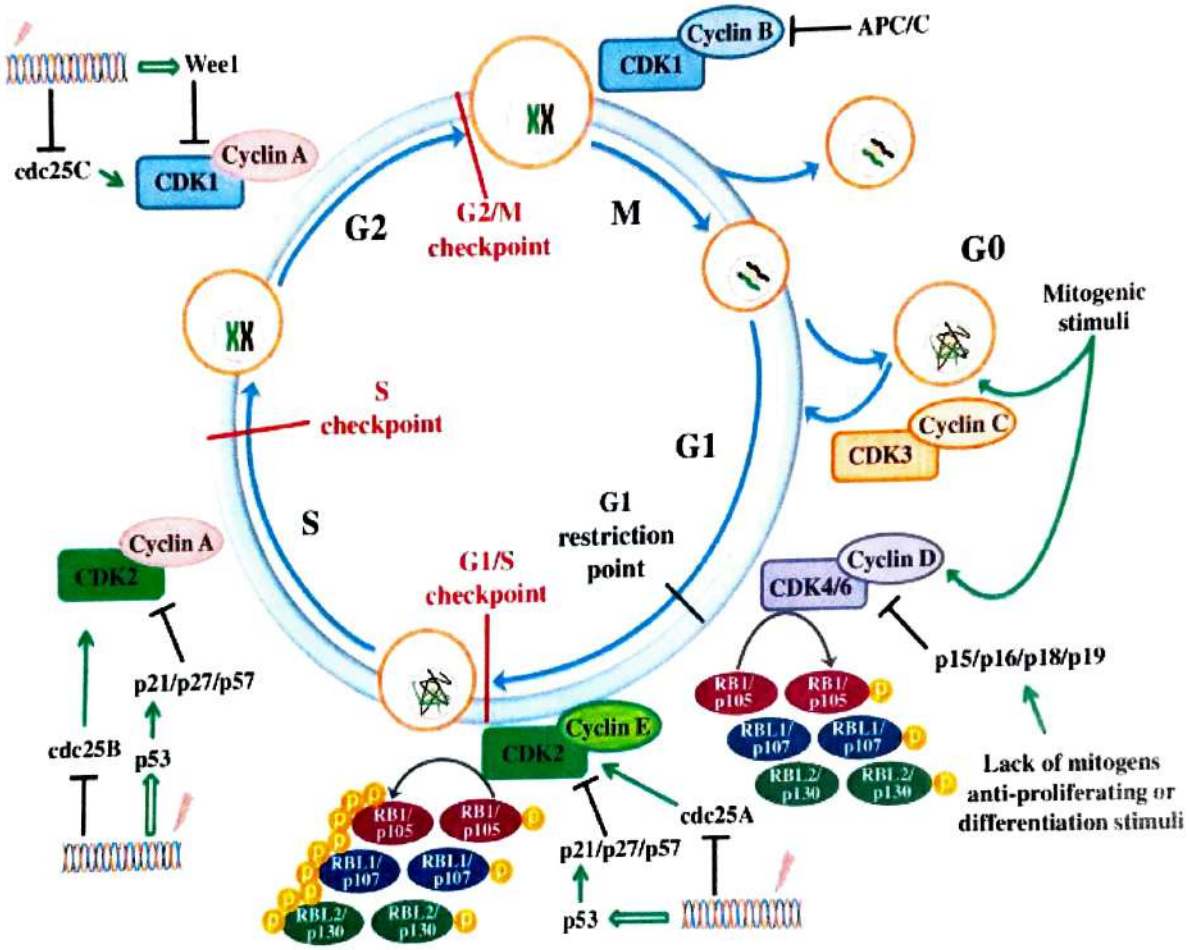
Cyclins and Cyclin-Dependent Kinases (CDKs): Proteins that regulate cell cycle transitions.

Checkpoints:

G1 Checkpoint: Ensures cell size and DNA integrity.

G2 Checkpoint: Verifies DNA replication and readiness for mitosis.

Metaphase Checkpoint: Ensures all chromosomes are properly attached to the spindle apparatus.



Cell Cycle and Disease

Unregulated cell cycle progression can lead to uncontrolled cell division, as seen in cancer. Mutations in genes like **p53**, which regulates the G1 checkpoint, often contribute to tumor formation.

1. Which of the following is a characteristic of prokaryotic cells?
   a) Presence of membrane-bound organelles
   b) DNA enclosed in a nucleus
   c) Lack of a plasma membrane
   d) DNA present in the cytoplasm
   Answer: d
2. The smallest functional unit of life is:
   a) Atom
   b) Molecule
   c) Cell
   d) Tissue
   Answer: c
3. Which organelle is known as the "powerhouse" of the cell?
   a) Ribosome
   b) Nucleus
   c) Mitochondrion
   d) Golgi apparatus
   Answer: c
4. Plant cells differ from animal cells in having:
   a) Mitochondria
   b) Plasma membrane
   c) Chloroplasts and cell wall
   d) Ribosomes
   Answer: c
5. Mitosis results in:
   a) Four haploid cells
   b) Two identical diploid cells
   c) Two non-identical haploid cells
   d) Four identical diploid cells
   Answer: b
6. The stage of mitosis where chromosomes align at the cell's equator is called:
   a) Prophase
   b) Metaphase
   c) Anaphase
   d) Telophase
   Answer: b
7. Crossing over occurs during:
   a) Mitosis
   b) Prophase I of meiosis
   c) Telophase II of meiosis
   d) Cytokinesis
   Answer: b
8. Meiosis is essential for:
   a) Growth and repair
   b) Sexual reproduction and genetic diversity
   c) Asexual reproduction

d) Maintaining chromosome number in somatic cells
Answer: b

9. DNA replication occurs during which phase of the cell cycle?
   a) G1 phase
   b) S phase
   c) G2 phase
   d) M phase
   Answer: b
10. Which checkpoint ensures that DNA is intact before replication?
   a) G1 checkpoint
   b) S checkpoint
   c) G2 checkpoint
   d) Metaphase checkpoint
   Answer: a
11. What ensures that all chromosomes are properly attached to spindle fibers during mitosis?
   a) G1 checkpoint
   b) G2 checkpoint
   c) Metaphase checkpoint
   d) Apoptosis
   Answer: c
12. Cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) regulate:
   a) The plasma membrane
   b) Cell cycle progression
   c) DNA structure
   d) Cellular respiration
   Answer: b
13. Cells exit the cell cycle and enter a non-dividing state called G0 during:
   a) G1 phase
   b) S phase
   c) G2 phase
   d) M phase
   Answer: a
14. Uncontrolled cell division can lead to:
   a) Tissue repair
   b) Cancer
   c) Cellular differentiation
   d) Apoptosis
   Answer: b
15. The process of programmed cell death is known as:
   a) Necrosis
   b) Apoptosis
   c) Cytokinesis
   d) Autophagy
   Answer: b

Short-Answer Questions (3 Marks Each)

1. Define a cell and explain its significance as the basic unit of life.
2. Differentiate between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, providing one example of each.
3. What is the role of the plasma membrane in maintaining cellular homeostasis?
4. Explain the significance of mitosis in the growth and development of multicellular organisms.
5. Describe the main events that occur during the S phase of the cell cycle.
6. What are the major differences between mitosis and meiosis? Provide one example of where each occurs.
7. What is the role of checkpoints in the cell cycle? Name one key checkpoint and its function.
8. Why is meiosis important for sexual reproduction and genetic variation?
9. What happens during the metaphase stage of mitosis? Why is it critical for cell division?
10. Explain the consequences of uncontrolled cell division and its link to cancer.

Assignment:

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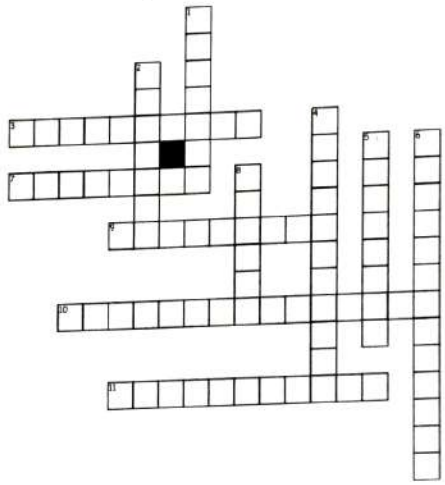
Cell Cycle



Across

3. The first stage in the cell cycle is _____.

7. what is the first phase of mitosis

9. What part of mitosis is the middle stage?

10. What is the part of the cell that goes away during mitosis

11. The last stage of Mitosis

Down

1. What is the first part of interphase called?

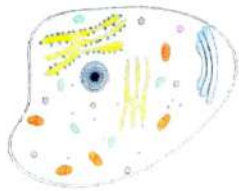
2. what is the last stage of interphase called

4. cells that grow rapidly that can hurt or kill people

5. What do you call a detect in a cell

6. what do you call the strands that attach to the Chromosomes and pull them apart

8. what is the second part of interphase called



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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, students should be able to:

- Explore how insects' morphological features contribute to their survival and adaptability in diverse environments.
- Identify the connection between insect body structures and the ecological roles they play, such as pollination or predation.
- Develop the ability to observe and analyze physical traits in insects to deduce their adaptive significance.
- Highlight the importance of morphological diversity in maintaining ecological balance.
- Use insights into adaptations to support conservation efforts by understanding insects' roles in ecosystems.
- Foster an understanding of similarities and differences in adaptations across species, aiding in broader biological studies.
- Encourage students to pursue research on adaptive mechanisms for applications in fields like biomimicry and environmental management.

Materials Required

- **Projector and visuals (images/videos of insects).**
- **Specimens or images for observation activity.**
- **Worksheets or quiz forms for wrap-up.**

Session Plan

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5	Introduction	Brainstorming	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	Core Content Delivery	Pictures Presentation	Facilitators	Listens Watches Discuss	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	Hands-On Activity	Animation Colour picture	Explains	Listens Analyzes	Analyzing Intrapersonal Logical Linguistic
5	Wrap-Up and Reflection	Demonstration Discussions	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Analyzes Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Visual-spatial Logical
5	Conclusion	Innovative conclusion	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical
5	**Quick Quiz:** MCQs or **Feedback:**	Discussion Answering	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical

Session Inputs

Introduction

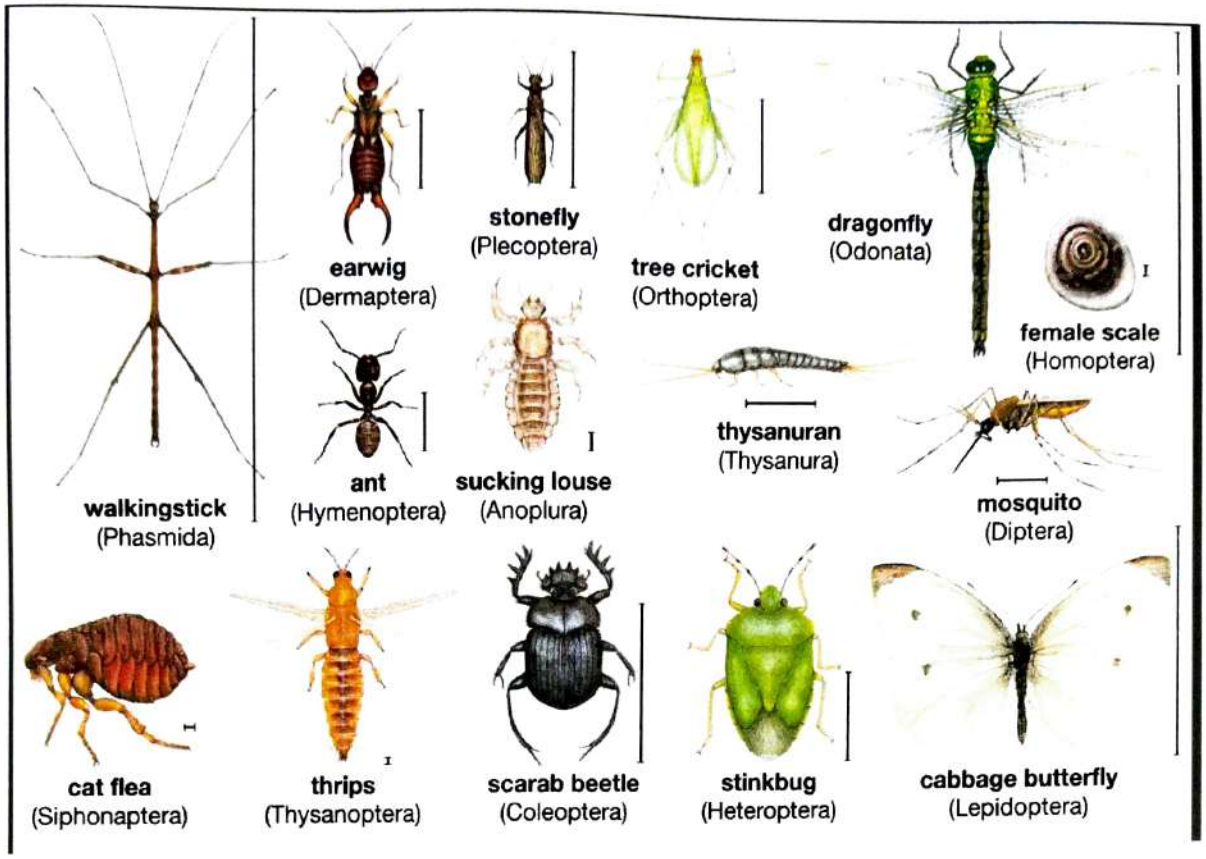
A brief overview of insect diversity.

Major Orders

1. **Coleoptera (Beetles)**: The largest order, with species like ladybugs and weevils.
2. **Lepidoptera (Butterflies and Moths)**: Known for their scaled wings and metamorphosis.
3. **Diptera (Flies and Mosquitoes)**: Includes species with a single pair of wings and halteres for balance.
4. **Hymenoptera (Bees, Wasps, Ants)**: Social and solitary species that play vital roles in pollination and ecosystems.
5. **Orthoptera (Grasshoppers and Crickets)**: Recognized for their jumping legs and chirping sounds.
6. **Hemiptera (True Bugs)**: Includes aphids and cicadas, many of which feed on plant sap.

Taxonomic account of Insects

Presently, 63,760 species of insect (Hexapoda) in 658 families representing 27 orders and three class are reported from India. Of these, eight orders, *viz.* Coleoptera, Lepidoptera, Orthoptera, Diptera, Hemiptera, Odonata, Hymenoptera and Thysanoptera, constitute the bulk 94 percent of the insect fauna.The remaining 21 orders are represented by small numbers (6 percent of species (ZSI, 2012).



"Why do you think insects are so successful in various environments?"

Insects are among the most successful groups of organisms on Earth, thriving in nearly every environment except deep oceans. Their success can be attributed to several key factors:

1. Small Size: Their small body size allows them to exploit a wide range of ecological niches, requiring minimal resources. They can hide from predators and occupy spaces that larger organisms cannot access.

2. Exoskeleton: The chitinous exoskeleton provides protection against physical damage and water loss, enabling survival in harsh environments. It also serves as a barrier against pathogens and predators.

3. Diverse and Adaptable Diet: Insects can consume an incredibly wide variety of foods, including plants, fungi, decaying matter, and even other insects. This dietary flexibility allows them to adapt to changing environments and colonize new habitats.

4. Rapid Reproduction: Many insects reproduce quickly and in large numbers, enabling populations to recover or adapt swiftly after environmental changes. Short generation times allow for faster evolutionary adaptation.

5. Metamorphosis: Complete metamorphosis (e.g., in butterflies and beetles) allows different life stages to occupy distinct ecological niches, reducing competition for resources within the species.

6. Flight: Flight enables insects to escape predators, find mates, and disperse to new habitats, enhancing survival and colonization opportunities.

7. Sensory and Neural Adaptations: Highly developed sensory systems (e.g., compound eyes, antennae) allow them to detect changes in their environment, locate food, and avoid threats. Advanced

nervous systems support complex behaviors such as navigation, communication, and social organization.

8. Diversity and Specialization: Insects exhibit tremendous species diversity and ecological specialization, enabling them to exploit nearly every conceivable habitat and resource.

9. Resilience and Resistance: Many insects can withstand extreme conditions, such as drought, freezing temperatures, or high levels of radiation (e.g., certain beetles and cockroaches).

10. Social Organization (in some species): Insects like ants, bees, and termites form highly organized colonies with division of labor, which increases their efficiency and survival chances in complex ecosystems.

Core Content Delivery

Adaptations in body structure (e.g., exoskeleton, wings, legs).

Insects' body structures are finely tuned to their lifestyles and environments, contributing significantly to their survival and success. Here's a breakdown of key body structure adaptations:

1. Exoskeleton
   - Composition: Made of chitin, a strong and flexible polysaccharide.
   - Functions:
     - Protection: Shields against predators, physical damage, and desiccation (water loss).
     - Support: Provides a rigid framework for muscle attachment and movement.
     - Camouflage or Warning: Can be colored or patterned for camouflage or aposematism (warning coloration).
2. Wings
   - Adaptations for Flight:
     - Membranous Wings: Found in bees, flies, and dragonflies, enabling agile and sustained flight.
     - Scaly Wings: Found in butterflies and moths, often brightly colored for communication or camouflage.
     - Hardened Forewings: In beetles (elytra) and true bugs, these protect the delicate hind wings and body.
   - Flightlessness: Some insects (e.g., ants, fleas) have lost wings entirely to adapt to ground-based or parasitic lifestyles.
3. Legs
   - Adaptations for Movement:
     - Jumping Legs: Enlarged hind legs in grasshoppers and fleas provide powerful leaping ability.
     - Grasping Legs: Praying mantises have spiked forelegs for seizing prey.
     - Digging Legs: Mole crickets possess spade-like forelegs for burrowing.
     - Swimming Legs: Aquatic insects like water beetles have flattened, oar-like legs for paddling.
     - Running Legs: Cockroaches have long, slender legs adapted for speed on land.
   - Specialized Pads: Many insects (e.g., flies) have adhesive pads or hooks on their feet to climb smooth surfaces.
4. Antennae
   - Function: Sensory organs for detecting smell, vibration, and sometimes sound.
   - Adaptations:
     - Long and feathery in moths for detecting pheromones.
     - Short and clubbed in beetles for durability and sensory efficiency.

5. Mouthparts
   - Adaptations for Feeding:
     - Chewing: Strong mandibles in beetles and grasshoppers for grinding plant material.
     - Piercing-Sucking: Needle-like mouthparts in mosquitoes and aphids for extracting fluids.
     - Sponging: Flies have sponge-like structures to soak up liquid food.
     - Siphoning: Butterflies have coiled proboscises to sip nectar.
     - Biting-Cutting: Predatory insects like mantids have sharp mandibles for cutting prey.

6. Eyes
   - Compound Eyes: Provide a wide field of vision and are highly sensitive to movement.
   - Simple Eyes (Ocelli): Detect light intensity and help with orientation.
   - Adaptations:
     - Dragonflies have large compound eyes for precise prey tracking.
     - Nocturnal insects like moths have eyes adapted for low-light conditions.

7. Body Shape
   - Streamlined Bodies: Aquatic insects like water striders and diving beetles are streamlined for swimming.
   - Flattened Bodies: Bedbugs and lice have flat bodies to navigate narrow spaces.
   - Armored Bodies: Beetles have tough exoskeletons for defense.

8. Spiracles and Tracheae
   - Adaptations for Respiration:
     - Spiracles (openings) and a tracheal system allow direct gas exchange without lungs.
     - Some aquatic insects, like water scorpions, use specialized breathing tubes or carry air bubbles.

9. Abdomen
   - Adaptations for Reproduction and Defense:
     - Ovipositors in many female insects for precise egg-laying.
     - Stingers in bees and wasps for defense.
     - Luminescent organs in fireflies for communication.

10. Specialized Structures
   - Cerci: Paired appendages at the rear, used for sensing (e.g., earwigs).
   - Gills: Found in aquatic larvae for underwater respiration.
   - Silk Glands: Caterpillars and spiders use silk for creating cocoons, webs, or shelter.

❖ **Specialized adaptations (e.g., proboscis in butterflies, camouflage in stick insects).**

Insects have developed a remarkable array of specialized adaptations to thrive in their respective environments. Here are some notable examples:

1. Specialized Feeding Adaptations
   - Proboscis in Butterflies and Moths:
     - A long, coiled tube adapted for sipping nectar from flowers.
     - Enables access to deep floral nectaries that other insects cannot reach.
   - Piercing-Sucking Mouthparts:
     - Found in mosquitoes, aphids, and stink bugs for extracting fluids (e.g., blood or plant sap).
   - Mandibles in Predatory Insects:
     - Strong jaws in beetles and praying mantises for catching and chewing prey.

2. Camouflage and Mimicry

- Stick Insects:
  - Resemble twigs or branches, making them nearly invisible to predators.
- Leaf Insects:
  - Mimic the appearance of leaves, complete with "veins" and irregular edges.
- Mimicry in Hoverflies:
  - Resemble bees or wasps to deter predators despite being harmless.

3. Defense Mechanisms

- Chemical Defenses:
  - Bombardier beetles eject hot, noxious chemicals at predators.
  - Stink bugs release foul-smelling substances to deter attackers.
- Aposematic Coloration:
  - Bright colors in monarch butterflies signal toxicity from ingested milkweed.
- False Eyespots:
  - Found in some moths and caterpillars, these patterns mimic eyes to scare off predators.

4. Reproductive Adaptations

- Ovipositors:
  - Grasshoppers and wasps use these specialized structures for laying eggs in soil or inside hosts.
- Parthenogenesis:
  - Aphids can reproduce without mating, ensuring rapid population growth.

5. Locomotion and Escape

- Jumping Adaptations:
  - Enlarged hind legs in grasshoppers and fleas allow powerful leaps to escape predators.
- Flying:
  - Dragonflies have highly maneuverable wings for hunting and evading threats.
- Running:
  - Cockroaches have adapted long, agile legs for rapid movement across surfaces.

6. Communication and Social Organization

- Bioluminescence:
  - Fireflies use light-producing organs to attract mates or communicate.
- Pheromone Production:
  - Ants and bees use pheromones for colony communication and navigation.
- Waggle Dance in Bees:
  - A behavior used to communicate the location of food sources.

7. Specialized Habitats

- Water-Repelling Structures:
  - Water striders have hydrophobic legs to walk on water.
- Breathing Adaptations:
  - Mosquito larvae have breathing tubes to access air from water surfaces.
  - Diving beetles carry air bubbles for underwater respiration.
- Thermal Regulation:
  - Desert-dwelling insects like silver ants have reflective bodies to avoid overheating.

8. Predatory and Defensive Structures

- Raptorial Legs:
  - Found in praying mantises, these spiked forelegs are adapted for grabbing and holding prey.

- Venomous Stingers:
  - Bees, wasps, and certain ants use stingers for defense and subduing prey.
- Trap-Jaw Mandibles:
  - Trap-jaw ants possess mandibles that snap shut with incredible speed to capture prey or defend themselves.

9. Sensory Specializations

- Antennae:
  - Feathery antennae in moths are highly sensitive to pheromones.
- Compound Eyes:
  - Dragonflies have nearly 360-degree vision, ideal for detecting prey and predators.
- Hearing Adaptations:
  - Moths can detect bat echolocation to avoid predation.

10. Parasitic and Symbiotic Adaptations

- Parasitism in Wasps:
  - Parasitoid wasps lay eggs inside or on hosts, with larvae consuming the host.
- Mutualism in Ants and Aphids:
  - Ants protect aphids in exchange for honeydew, a sugary secretion.

11. Extreme Environmental Adaptations

- Antifreeze Proteins:
  - Found in Arctic insects to prevent ice crystal formation in their bodies.
- Heat Resistance:
  - Silver ants in deserts can survive extreme temperatures for short periods.
- Diatoms in Termites:
  - Termites host microorganisms in their guts to digest cellulose.

❖ **Environmental significance (e.g., desert, aquatic, forest insects).**

1. Desert Insects

- Environmental Challenges: High temperatures, scarce water, and limited vegetation.
- Significance:
  - Pollination: Desert bees and beetles pollinate drought-resistant plants, ensuring reproduction and food web stability.
  - Nutrient Recycling: Dung beetles process animal waste, improving soil fertility in arid regions.
  - Prey and Predator Roles: Insects like desert locusts serve as prey for lizards and birds, maintaining the food chain.
  - Adaptation to Extreme Conditions:
    - Silver ants reflect sunlight to avoid overheating.
    - Darkling beetles collect dew for hydration, benefiting microecosystems around them.

2. Aquatic Insects

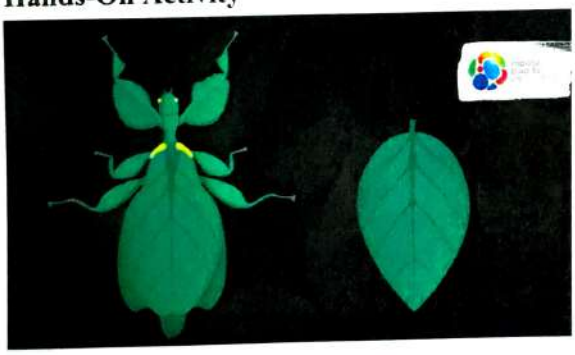
- Environmental Challenges: Water dynamics, oxygen levels, and predation.
- Significance:
  - Water Quality Indicators:
    - Presence of certain species (e.g., mayflies, stoneflies) indicates clean water.
    - Pollution-tolerant species (e.g., midges) signal degraded environments.
  - Nutrient Cycling:

        - Larvae of insects like caddisflies break down organic material, recycling nutrients into aquatic ecosystems.
    - Food Source:
        - Aquatic insects (e.g., mosquito larvae, dragonfly nymphs) are primary food for fish, amphibians, and birds.
    - Pollination in Aquatic Environments:
        - Water beetles and aquatic moths help pollinate plants like water lilies.

3. Forest Insects

- Environmental Challenges: Dense vegetation, competition, and seasonal changes.
- Significance:
    - Pollination:
        - Butterflies, bees, and beetles pollinate flowering plants, supporting biodiversity and seed production.
    - Seed Dispersal:
        - Ants disperse seeds of myrmecochorous plants, aiding forest regeneration.
    - Decomposition and Nutrient Recycling:
        - Termites and wood-boring beetles break down dead trees, recycling nutrients into the soil.
    - Pest Control:
        - Predatory insects like ladybugs and wasps help control herbivorous pest populations, maintaining forest health.
    - Canopy Dynamics:
        - Herbivorous insects like caterpillars influence tree growth and canopy composition through selective feeding.

Hands-On Activity



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Wrap-Up and Reflection

- ***"Which adaptation did you find most fascinating, and why?"***

Conclusion

The morphological adaptations of insects highlight their evolutionary success and ecological flexibility. Traits such as exoskeletons, specialized legs, wings, antennae, and diverse mouthparts have enabled them to thrive in a wide range of habitats, including deserts, aquatic environments, and forests. These features allow insects to move efficiently, obtain food, reproduce, and protect themselves from predators and environmental challenges.

Their ability to develop structures tailored to specific ecological roles has made insects one of the most diverse and abundant groups on the planet. Studying these adaptations provides valuable insights into their interactions with the environment and their critical roles in maintaining ecological balance. This underscores the need to preserve insect diversity for the health and stability of ecosystems.

Assessment

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs

1. What is the primary function of the exoskeleton in insects?

a) Oxygen transport
b) Muscle production
c) Protection and support
d) Energy storage

2. Which adaptation allows grasshoppers to jump great distances?

a) Raptorial forelegs
b) Long hind legs
c) Flattened legs
d) Paddle-shaped legs

3. The proboscis in butterflies is specialized for which function?

a) Sucking nectar
b) Cutting leaves
c) Piercing plant stems
d) Grinding food

4. What is the role of elytra in beetles?

a) Flight propulsion
b) Protecting hind wings
c) Sensory detection
d) Water retention

5. Which insect mouthpart is adapted for piercing and sucking?

a) Mandibles
b) Proboscis
c) Maxillae
d) Stylets

6. What adaptation allows aquatic insects like water striders to walk on water?

a) Flattened legs with hairs
b) Paddles for swimming
c) Hydrophobic leg surfaces

d) Gills for underwater breathing

7. The raptorial legs of praying mantises are adapted for which function?

a) Running
b) Grasping prey
c) Swimming
d) Digging

8. Insects like stick insects use morphological adaptations primarily for which purpose?

a) Flight efficiency
b) Mimicking their surroundings
c) Capturing prey
d) Temperature regulation

9. Which insect structure is primarily responsible for gas exchange?

a) Tracheal system and spiracles
b) Mandibles and maxillae
c) Antennae and cerci
d) Elytra and wings

10. What is the primary purpose of the cerci found in some insects?

a) Locomotion
b) Sensory detection
c) Digestion
d) Water absorption

Short-Answer Questions

1. **What is the function of the proboscis in butterflies, and how does it benefit their survival? [CO-2]**
2. **Explain how the exoskeleton of insects contributes to their survival in harsh environments. [CO-3]**
3. **Why do aquatic insects like water beetles have flattened, paddle-like legs? [CO-3]**
4. **Describe the role of compound eyes in insects and give an example of an insect that benefits from this adaptation. [CO-1]**
5. **What is the purpose of elytra in beetles, and how does this structure differ from wings in other insects? [CO-4]**

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ZOOA-CC14-Unit-7
Session – 2

Session Name: **Allele Frequency and Evolution**
Course: **Evolutionary Biology**
Course Code: **CC14**
Unit: **7 (Population Genetics)**
Level of students: **B.Sc. ZOOA Sem-VI**
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Session Topics
- Gene Pool, Genetic Diversity
- Homozygosity and Heterozygosity
- How allele frequency affect Population Genetics?
- Genetics of Human Blood Group.

Session Objectives
At the end of this session, the learner will be able to:
- Remember the basic concepts and principles of Genetics (Gene, Allele, Genotype, Homozygous, Heterozygous etc.)
- Understanding Genotypic frequency and Allele Frequency of a population.
- Calculate Genotypic frequency and allele frequency from example populations.
- Compare between Genotypic frequency and Allele frequency.

Teaching Learning Material
- Brainstorming
- Presentation slides
- Black Board and Chalk
- Practice activity

Session Plan

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid and Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
10	Concept of Gene, Allele, Genotype, Phenotype, Homozygous, Heterozygous, Hemizygous, Mendel's Law and assumptions	Brainstorming Board and Chalk	Interacts Explains	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
10	Concept of Genotypic Frequency, Calculation and formulation of Genotypic Frequency	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Formulates Facilitates	Listens Take notes Watches Formulates	Learning Understanding Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
10	Concept of Gene/Allele Frequency, Calculation and formulation of Allele Frequency	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Formulates Facilitates	Listens Take notes Watches Formulates	Learning Understanding Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
05	Discussion and Doubt Clearing	Discussions	Facilitates Explains	Participates Analyzes Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Visual-spatial Logical
15	Problem solving: Calculation of Genotypic Frequency and Gene/Allele frequency from theoretical population	Case Study Group Discussions	Facilitates Monitors	Participates Calculates Analyzes	Applying Analyzing Evaluate Intrapersonal Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
10	Conclusion and understanding of Genotypic frequency from Real Life Examples. Linking with the next session for understanding Population Genetics	Innovative Conclusion (Fun Animation on Population Genetics)	Monitors Facilitates	Watches Analyzes	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical

Session Inputs

Population Genetics: Definition:

Population genetics is a branch of genetics that studies the distribution and changes in allele frequencies within populations over time and space. It focuses on how genetic variation is maintained or altered by evolutionary forces such as natural selection, genetic drift, gene flow, and mutation. The primary aim is to understand the genetic structure of populations and how it evolves.

Key Concepts:

- **Allele Frequency:** The proportion of different alleles of a gene in a population.
- **Genetic Drift:** Random changes in allele frequencies that occur in small populations.
- **Gene Flow:** The movement of genes between populations due to migration.
- **Natural Selection:** The process where individuals with advantageous traits are more likely to reproduce.
- **Mutation:** Changes in the DNA sequence that can introduce new genetic variation.

Applications: Population genetics is used to study the genetic diversity of populations, track the effects of evolutionary processes, and understand the impact of environmental changes on genetic variation.

Mendelian Genetics: Definition:

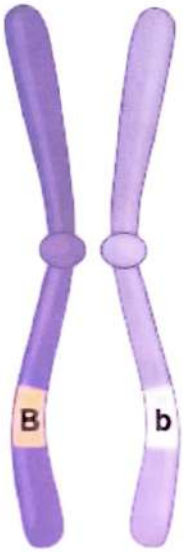
Mendelian genetics is the study of inheritance patterns of traits based on the principles originally described by Gregor Mendel. It focuses on how traits are passed from one generation to the next through the segregation and independent assortment of alleles. Mendelian genetics involves the use of simple mathematical ratios to predict the probability of inheriting specific traits.

Key Concepts:

- **Alleles:** Different versions of a gene that can result in varying traits.
- **Genotype:** The genetic constitution of an individual, i.e., the alleles they possess.
- **Phenotype:** The observable characteristics or traits of an individual, determined by genotype and environment.
- **Law of Segregation:** During the formation of gametes, the two alleles for a trait separate so that each gamete carries only one allele for each gene.
- **Law of Independent Assortment:** Genes for different traits are passed independently of one another from parents to offspring.

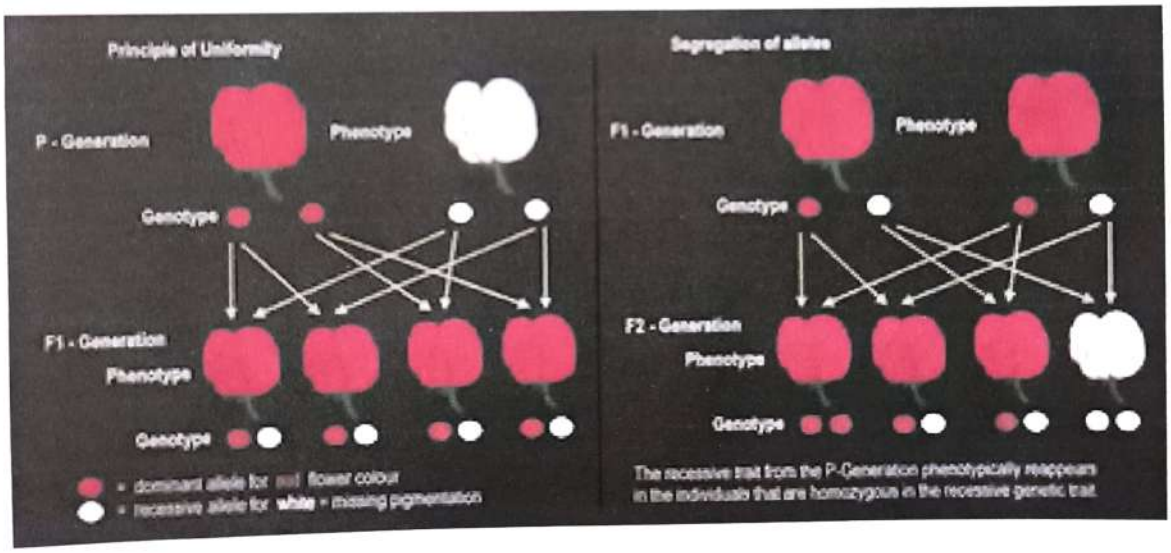
Applications: Mendelian genetics is foundational for understanding basic inheritance patterns, including dominant and recessive traits, and for predicting the likelihood of inheriting specific traits based on parental genotypes.

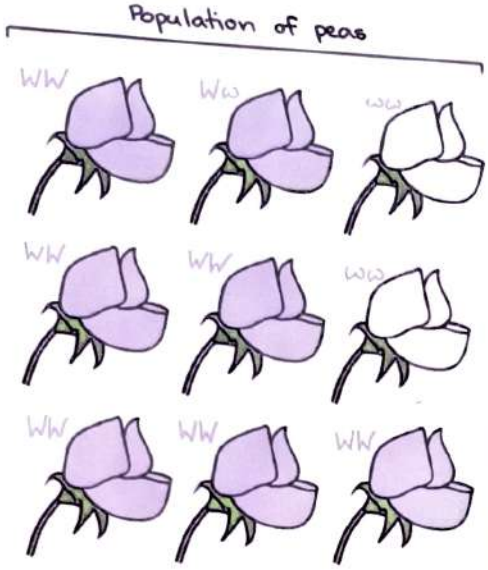
Homozygous
Alleles are same



Heterozygous
Alleles are different

Hemizygous
Only one allele
(e.g. XY)





GENOTYPE FREQUENCY: → How often we see each allele combo (WW, Ww, or ww)

Freq. of WW = 6/9 = 0.67

Freq. of Ww = 1/9 = 0.11

Freq. of ww = 2/9 = 0.22

PHENOTYPE FREQUENCY: → How often we see white vs. purple

Freq. of purple = 7/9 = 0.78

Freq. of white = 2/9 = 0.22

ALLELE FREQUENCY: → How often we see each allele W or w

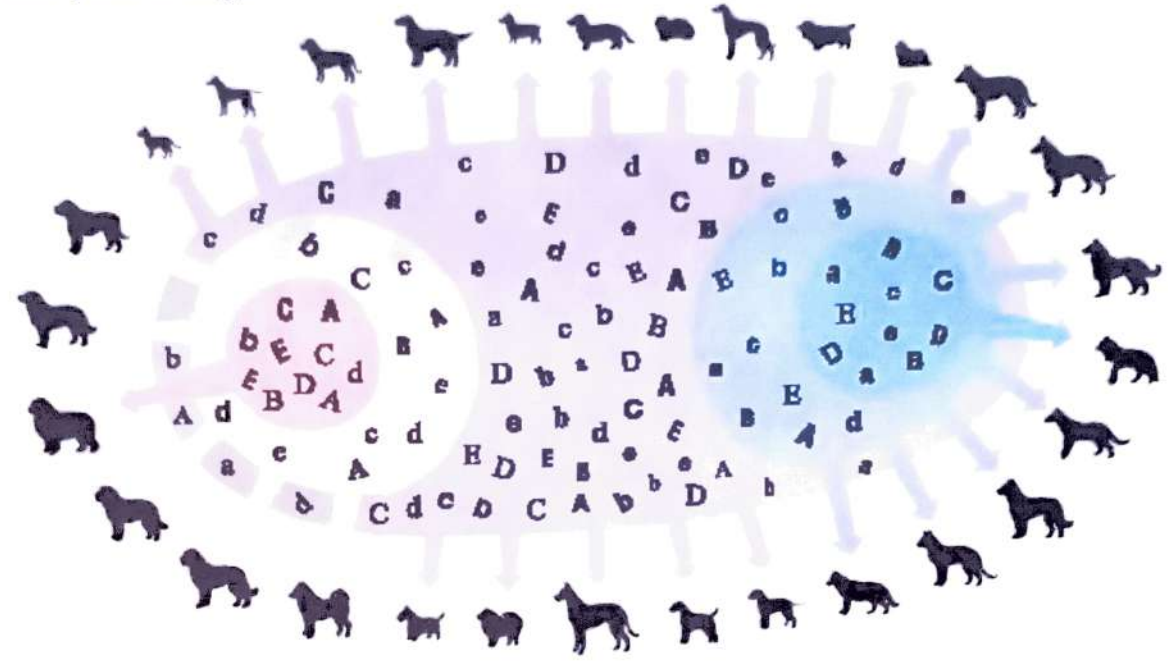
p = Freq. of W = 13/18 = 0.72

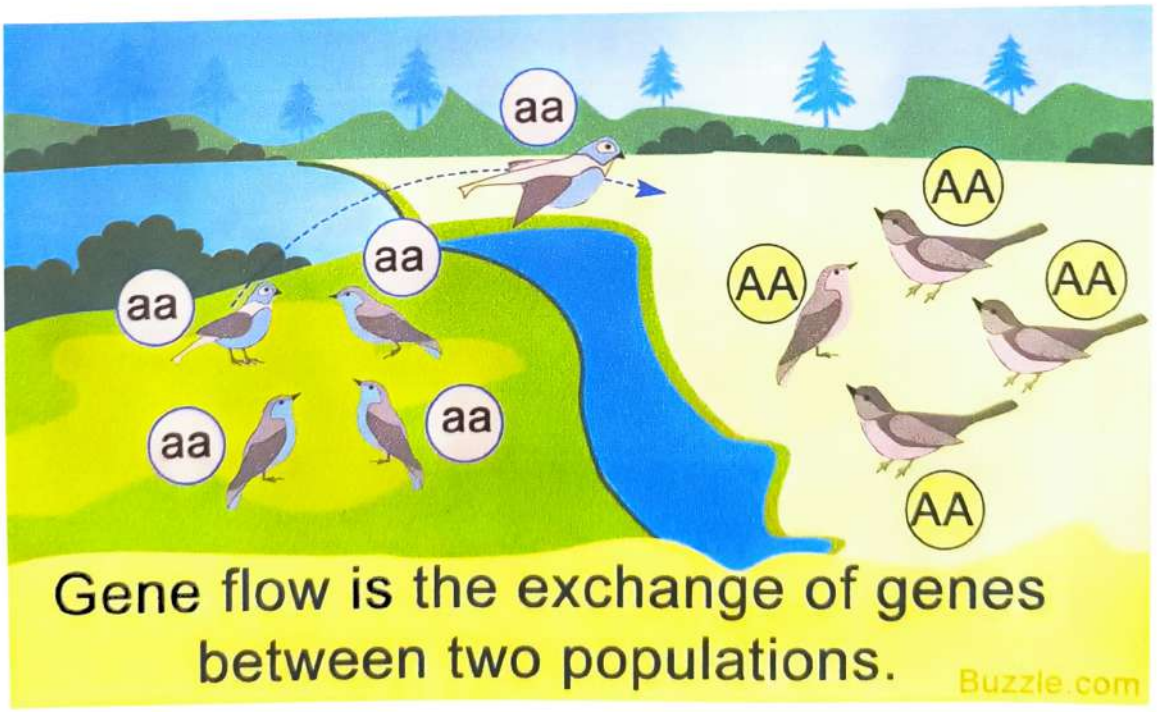
q = Freq. of w = 5/18 = 0.28

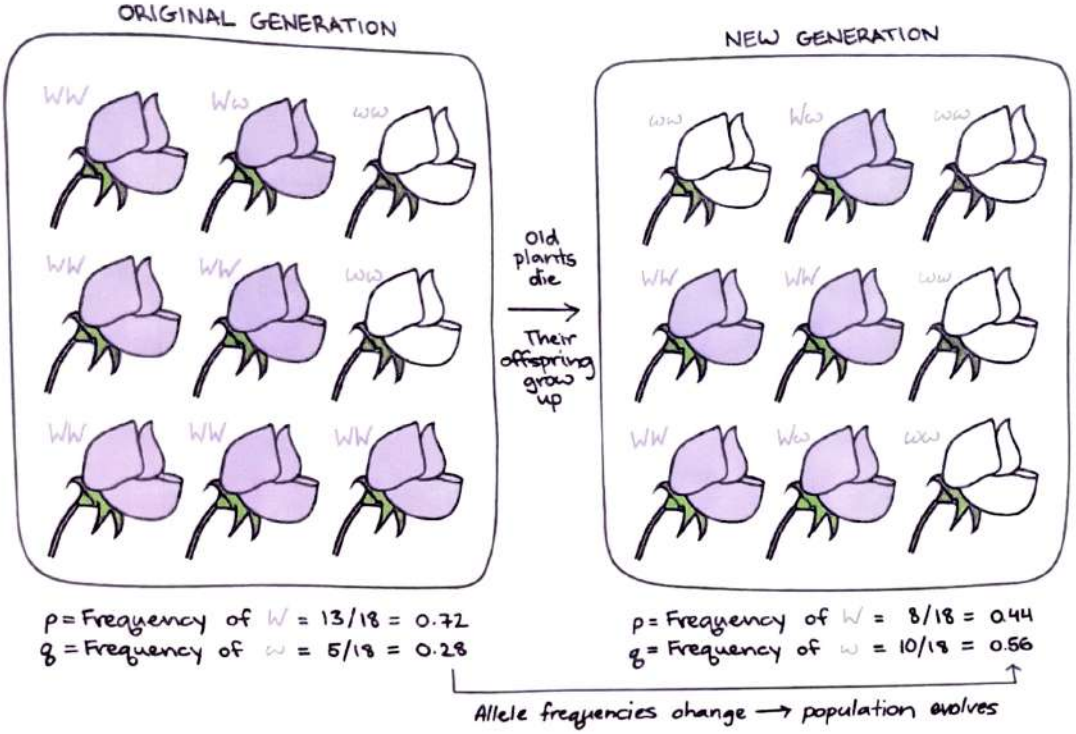
$$\text{Allele frequency} = \frac{\text{Number of copies of an allele in a population}}{\text{Total number of all alleles for that gene in a population}}$$

$$\text{Genotype frequency} = \frac{\text{Number of individuals with a particular genotype in a population}}{\text{Total number of individuals in a population}}$$

Gene pools in Dogs:







Summary

In this session, we learnt:

- Concepts of Population Genetics and Mendelian Genetics.
- Remembering concepts and definitions of gene, allele, genotype, homologous, heterozygous etc.
- Calculation of Genotypic frequency and Allele frequency.
- Concept of Gele Pool and Gene Flow.

Assignment

Calculation of Genotypic and allele frequency from theoretical populations.

- **Q1.** Consider a population of 200 rabbits where a particular gene has two alleles: AA (dominant) and aa (recessive). In this population, 36 rabbits are homozygous dominant (AA), 84 rabbits are heterozygous (Aa), and 80 rabbits are homozygous recessive (aa). Calculate the genotypic frequencies of each genotype in the population and the frequency of allele A.

- **Q2.** Assume that 10% of a population is homozygous albino and 40% of the population is carrier. Calculate the frequency of the normal allele.

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Further Readings:

https://www.khanacademy.org/science/ap-biology/natural-selection/hardy-weinberg-equilibrium/a/allele-frequency-the-gene-pool

Evolution: Population Genetics

The living world has been constantly changing, we call it evolution. Evolutionary biologists have accumulated a large body of evidence about how evolutionary changes occur, and what evolutionary change has occurred in the past. The understanding and application of the mechanism of evolutionary change to biological problems is known as evolutionary theory, i.e. our understanding of the mechanism that result in biological changes in populations over time, and the use of that understanding to interpret changes and interactions of biological organisms.

Darwin and Wallace articulated the concept of Natural Selection as the major driving force of evolution and "The Origin of Species" by Darwin provided exhaustive evidence from many fields to support both Natural Selection and Evolution itself. It is important to remember that Darwin clearly understood, "individuals do not evolve; populations do."

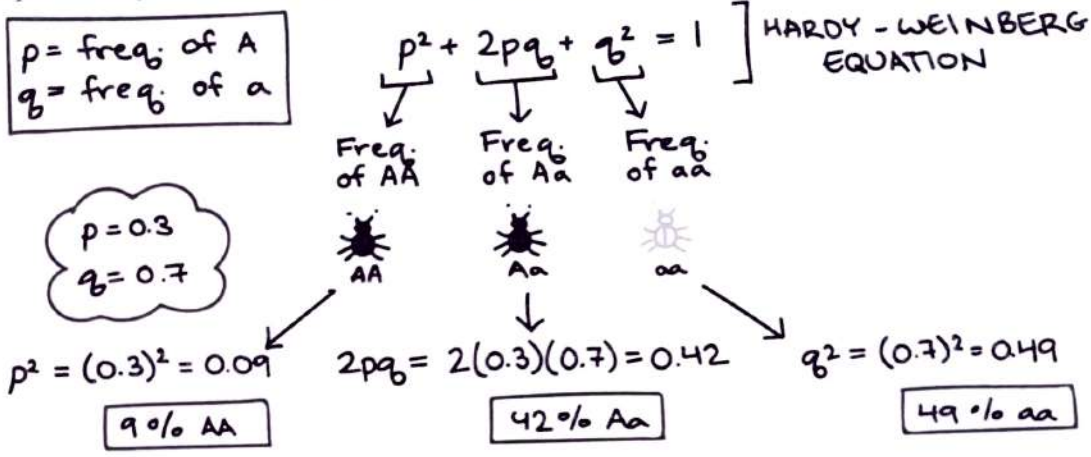
For a population to evolve, its members must possess heritable variation, which is the raw material on which mechanism of evolution act. In everyday life, we do not directly observe the genetic compositions of organisms. What we see are Phenotypes, the physical expressions of organism's genes (including interactions among genes). The features of a phenotype are its characters – eye colour, for example. The specific form of the character is a trait. A heritable trait is a characteristic that is at least partly determined by the organism's genes. The genetic constitution that governs a character is called its genotype. A population evolves when individuals with different genotypes survive or reproduce at different rates.

The field of Population Genetics has three goals:

- To explain the patterns and organization of genetic variation.
- To explain the origin and maintenance of genetic variation.
- To understand the mechanism that cause changes in allele frequencies in population.

Mendelian Population
Hardy Weinberg Law
Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium and its derivation
Factors controlling the equilibrium

genotype frequencies we'd expect to see (*if* the population is in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium) by plugging in allele frequencies as shown below:



p^22start superscript, 2, end superscript+ 2pq + q^2 = 12=1start superscript, 2, end superscript, equals, 1

p = frequency of A, q = frequency of a

Frequency of *AA*= p^22start superscript, 2, end superscript= 0.7^22start superscript, 2, end superscript= 0.49

Frequency of *Aa*= 2pq = 2 (0.7)(0.3) = 0.42

Frequency of *aa*= 0.3^22start superscript, 2, end superscript= 0.09

[What is the difference between allele and genotype frequency?]

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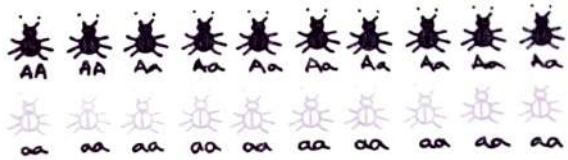
Small population of 20 beetles:



ALLELE FREQUENCIES:

Freq. of allele A = p = 12/40 = 0.3

Freq. of allele a = q = 28/40 = 0.7

GENOTYPE FREQUENCIES:

Freq. of AA = 2/20 = 0.1

Freq. of Aa = 8/20 = 0.4

Freq. of aa = 10/20 = 0.5

- 20202/20 = 0.12, slash, 20, equals, 0, point, 1

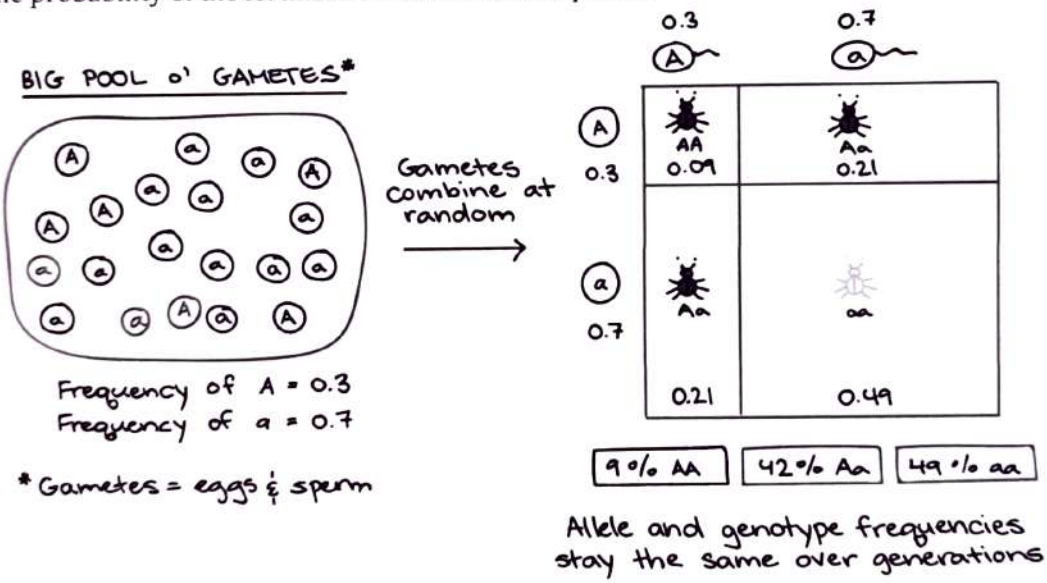
Let's imagine that these are, in fact, the genotype frequencies we see in our beetle population (9\%9%9, percent *AA*, 42\%42%42, percent *Aa*, 49\%49%49, percent *aa*). Excellent—our beetles appear to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium! Now, let's imagine that the beetles reproduce to make a next generation. What will the allele and genotype frequencies will be in that generation?

To predict this, we need to make a few assumptions:

First, let's assume that none of the genotypes is any better than the others at surviving or getting mates. If this is the case, the frequency of *A* and *a* alleles in the pool of gametes (sperm and eggs) that meet to make the next generation will be the same as the overall frequency of each allele in the present generation.

Second, let's assume that the beetles mate randomly (as opposed to, say, black beetles preferring other black beetles). If this is the case, we can think of reproduction as the result of two random events: selection of a sperm from the population's gene pool and selection of an egg from the same gene pool. The probability of getting any offspring genotype is just the probability of getting the egg and sperm combo(s) that produce that genotype.

We can use a modified Punnett square to represent the likelihood of getting different offspring genotypes. Here, we multiply the frequencies of the gametes on the axes to get the probability of the fertilization events in the squares:



As shown above, we'd predict an offspring generation with the exact same genotype frequencies as the parent generation: 9\%9%9, percent *AA*, 42\%42%42, percent *Aa*, and 49\%49%49, percent *aa*. If genotype frequencies have not changed, we also must have the same allele frequencies as in the parent generation: 0.30.30, point, 3 for *A* and 0.70.70, point, 7 for *a*.

What we've just seen is the essence of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. If alleles in the gamete pool exactly mirror those in the parent generation, and if they meet up randomly (in an infinitely large number of events), there is no reason—in fact, no way—for allele and genotype frequencies to change from one generation to the next.

In the absence of other factors, you can imagine this process repeating over and over, generation after generation, keeping allele and genotype frequencies the same. Since **evolution** is a change in allele frequencies in a population over generations, a population in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium is, by definition, not evolving.

But is that realistic?

As we mentioned at the beginning of the article, populations are usually not in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (at least, not for all of the genes in their genome). Instead, populations tend to evolve: the allele frequencies of at least some of their genes change from one generation to the next.

In fact, population geneticists often check to see if a population is in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium *because* they suspect other forces may be at work. If the population's allele and genotype frequencies are changing over generations (or if the allele and genotype frequencies don't match the predictions of the Hardy-Weinberg equation), the race is on to find out why.

Hardy-Weinberg assumptions and evolution

What causes populations to evolve? In order for a population to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, or a non-evolving state, it must meet five major assumptions:

1. **No mutation.** No new alleles are generated by mutation, nor are genes duplicated or deleted.
2. **Random mating.** Organisms mate randomly with each other, with no preference for particular genotypes.
3. **No gene flow.** Neither individuals nor their gametes (e.g., windborne pollen) enter or exit the population.
4. **Very large population size.** The population should be effectively infinite in size.
5. **No natural selection.** All alleles confer equal fitness (make organisms equally likely to survive and reproduce).

[Are there other assumptions?]

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If any one of these assumptions is not met, the population will not be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. Instead, it may evolve: allele frequencies may change from one generation to the next. Allele and genotype frequencies within a single generation may also fail to satisfy the Hardy-Weinberg equation.

Some genes may satisfy Hardy-Weinberg, while others do not

Note that we can think about Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium in two ways: for just one gene, or for all the genes in the genome.

- If we look at just one gene, we check whether the above criteria are true *for that one gene*. For example, we would ask if there were mutations in that gene, or if organisms mated randomly with regards to their genotype for that gene.

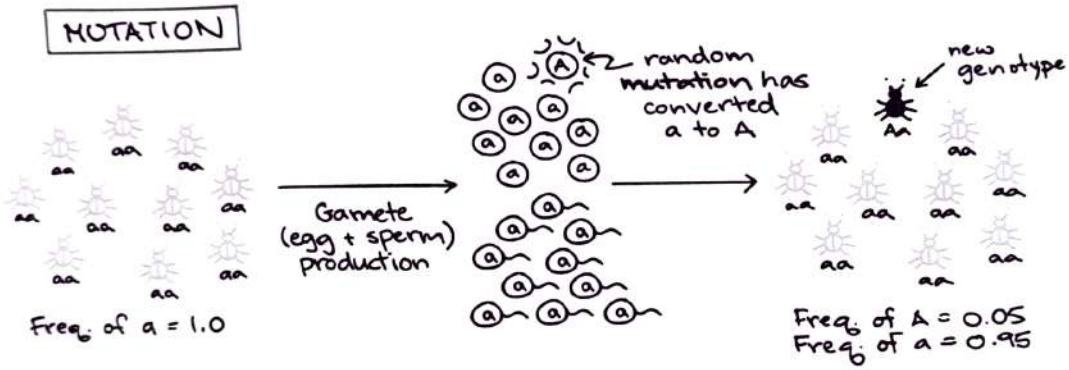
- If we look at *all the genes in the genome*, the conditions have to be met for every single gene.

  While it's possible that the conditions will be more or less met for a single gene under certain circumstances, it's very unlikely that they would be met for all the genes in the genome. So, while a population may be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for some genes (not evolving for those genes), it's unlikely to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for all of its genes (not evolving at all).

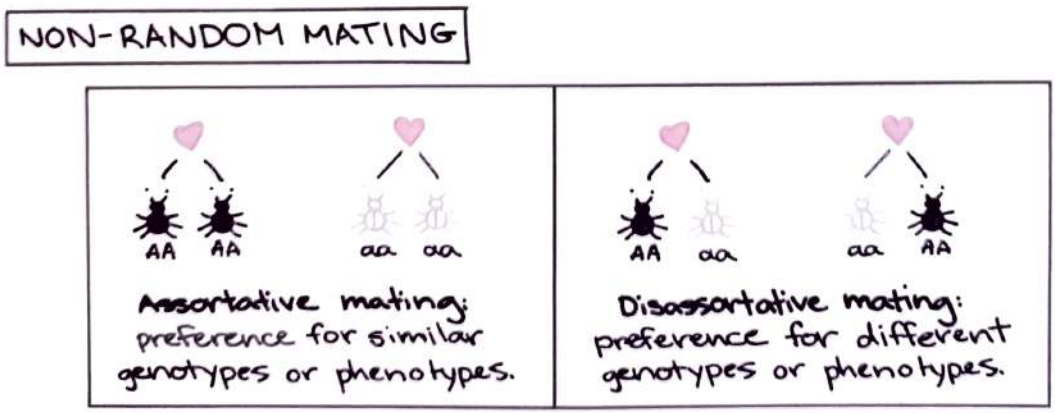
Mechanisms of evolution

Different Hardy-Weinberg assumptions, when violated, correspond to different mechanisms of evolution.

- **Mutation.** Although mutation is the original source of all genetic variation, mutation rate for most organisms is pretty low. So, the impact of brand-new mutations on allele frequencies from one generation to the next is usually not large. (However, natural selection *acting* on the results of a mutation can be a powerful mechanism of evolution!)

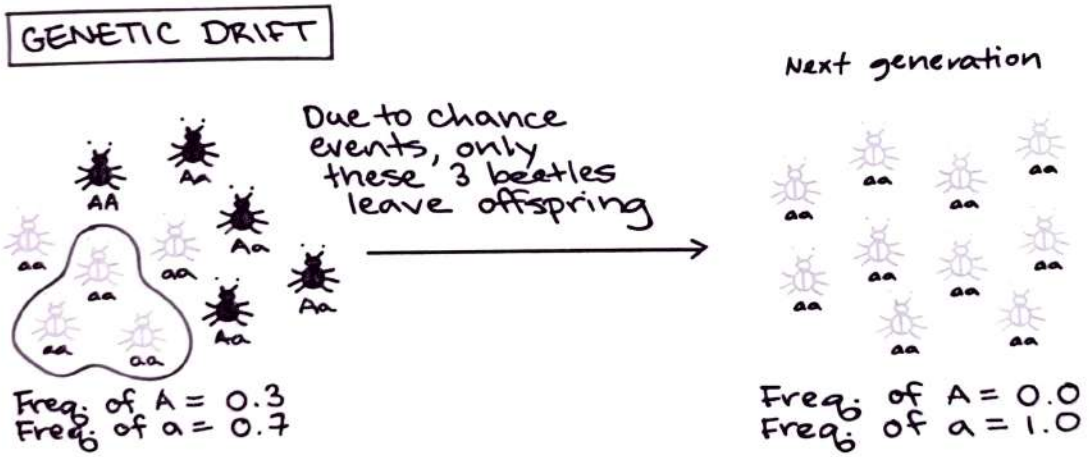


- **Non-random mating.** In non-random mating, organisms may prefer to mate with others of the same genotype or of different genotypes. Non-random mating won't make allele frequencies in the population change by itself, though it can alter genotype frequencies. This keeps the population from being in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, but it's debatable whether it counts as evolution, since the allele frequencies are staying the same.

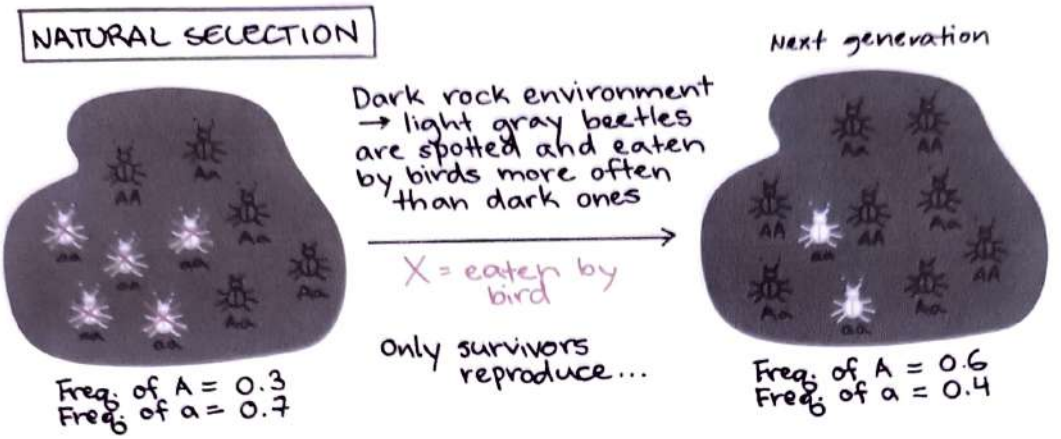


- **Gene flow.** Gene flow involves the movement of genes into or out of a population, due to either the movement of individual organisms or their gametes (eggs and sperm, e.g., through pollen dispersal by a plant). Organisms and gametes that enter a population may have new alleles, or may bring in existing alleles but in different proportions than those already in the population. Gene flow can be a strong agent of evolution.

- **Non-infinite population size (genetic drift).** Genetic drift involves changes in allele frequency due to chance events – literally, "sampling error" in selecting alleles for the next generation. Drift can occur in any population of non-infinite size, but it has a stronger effect on small populations. We will look in detail at genetic drift and the effects of population size.



- **Natural selection.** Finally, the most famous mechanism of evolution! Natural selection occurs when one allele (or combination of alleles of different genes) makes an organism more or less fit, that is, able to survive and reproduce in a given environment. If an allele reduces fitness, its frequency will tend to drop from one generation to the next. We will look in detail at different forms of natural selection that occur in populations.



All five of the above mechanisms of evolution may act to some extent in any natural population. In fact, the evolutionary trajectory of a given gene (that is, how its alleles change in frequency in the population across generations) may result from several evolutionary mechanisms acting at once. For instance, one gene's allele frequencies might be modified by both gene flow and genetic drift. For another gene, mutation may produce a new allele, which is then favored (or disfavored) by natural selection.

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ZOOA-CC12-Unit-2
Session – 1

Session Name: Introduction to Linkage and Crossing Over: Complete and Incomplete Linkage

Course:	**Principle of Genetics**
Course Code:	**CC12**
Unit:	**2**
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Session Topics

- Concepts of Linkage and Crossing Over
- Complete & Incomplete Linkage

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, the learner will be able to:

- Understand the concept of linkage and its impact on Mendelian inheritance principles.
- Differentiate between independent assortment and linkage in genes.
- Analyze examples of linked genes in organisms like *Drosophila*.
- Explore the implications of linkage in understanding genetic inheritance patterns.

Teaching Learning Material

- Brainstorming
- Presentation slides
- Black Board and Chalk
- Practice activity

Session Plan – Class 1

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid & Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
05	**Introduction:** Discuss the historical discovery of linkage and its importance in genetics.	Discussion	Engage Interacts Explains	Recall Mendelian laws and how linkage modifies inheritance patterns.	**Remembering** Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
10	**Concept of Linkage:** Define linkage and explain types (complete and incomplete linkage) with examples.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Facilitates	Listens Understands Take notes Watches Formulates	Learning **Understanding** Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	**Complete Linkage:** Explain complete linkage with examples, such as Drosophila body color and wing type genes.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Formulates Facilitates	Listens Take notes Describe & differentiate complete linkage.	Learning Understanding **Apply** Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	**Incomplete Linkage:** Explain incomplete linkage and recombination. Use examples, such as sweet pea flower color and pollen shape.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Facilitates Explains	Participates Analyze recombination. Discusses	Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Logical
15	**Activity:** Students analyze a given cross showing complete/incomplete linkage and predict offspring ratios.	Group Discussions	Facilitates Monitors	Participates Calculates Analyzes	Applying Analyzing Evaluate Intrapersonal Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic

Session Plan – Class 2

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid & Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
05	**Recap:** Review the concepts of complete and incomplete linkage covered in the previous class.	Recall previous learning and connect to today's session.	Engage Interacts	Recall Mendelian laws and how linkage modifies inheritance patterns.	**Remembering** Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	**Crossing Over:** Define crossing over, explain its mechanism, and introduce chiasmata formation.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Facilitates	Listens **Understands** Take notes Watches Formulates	Learning **Understanding** Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	**Linkage Mapping:** Discuss recombination frequency and how it helps in creating linkage maps.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Explains Formulates Facilitates	Listens Take notes Describe & differentiate complete linkage.	Learning Understanding **Apply** Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
15	**Interactive Problem-**Examples showing three-factor crosses to calculate recombination frequencies.	Board and Chalk PPT Presentation	Facilitates Explains	Participates **Analyze** recombination Discusses	Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Logical
10	**Evaluation:** Conduct a quick quiz or ask students to explain the significance of linkage and crossing in their own words.	Group Discussions Assessment	Facilitates Monitors	Participates Calculates Analyzes	**Applying** Analyzing Evaluate Intrapersonal Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic

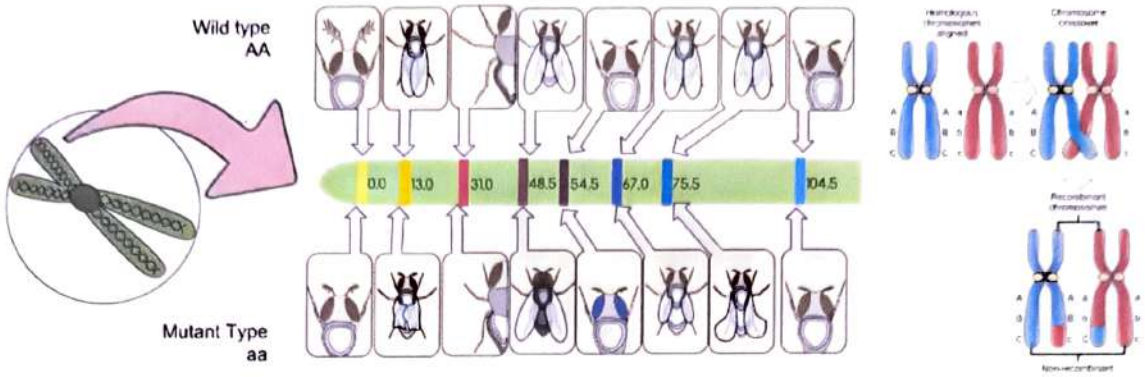
Session Inputs

Linkage and Crossing - Complete & Incomplete Linkage

1. Key Concepts

1.1. Definition of Linkage

- Linkage refers to the phenomenon where genes located close to each other on the same chromosome tend to be inherited together during meiosis.



1.2. Types of Linkage

1. **Complete Linkage:**
   - Genes are so close together on the same chromosome that they are always inherited together.
   - No recombination occurs between these genes.
   - Example: Body color and wing type in *Drosophila melanogaster*.
   - Result: Parental phenotype ratios only (1:1).
2. **Incomplete Linkage:**
   - Genes are located on the same chromosome but are far enough apart that crossing over can occur.
   - This results in recombinants along with parental types.
   - Example: Flower color and pollen shape in *Lathyrus odoratus* (sweet pea).
   - Result: Both parental and recombinant phenotypes are observed (not a 1:1 ratio).

1.3. Importance of Linkage

- It modifies Mendelian inheritance ratios.
- Helps in understanding gene positioning on chromosomes.

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2. Supporting Examples

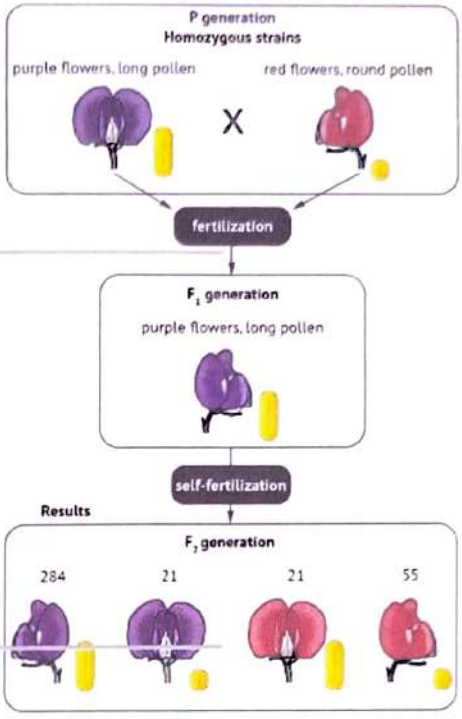
1. **Complete Linkage Example: Drosophila**
   - In a dihybrid cross involving body color (grey or black) and wing type (normal or vestigial):
     - No crossing over observed.
     - Only parental types appear in offspring.

Example : Complete Linkage in male *Drosophila melanogaster*

- **Morgan and Lynch (1911) had found that in *Drosophila*, the genes for body colour (gray vs. black) and wing size (long vs. vestigial) were linked to each other.**
- **It is also to be noted that the allele for gray body colour is dominant over black and the allele for long wings is dominant over vestigial wings.**

[Long wings : Normal functional wings
Vestigial wings : Shriveled or crumpled, non-functional wings]

2. **Incomplete Linkage Example: Sweet Pea**
    - Flower color (purple or red) and pollen shape (long or round):
        - Crossing over occurs.
        - Parental and recombinant phenotypes observed in specific ratios.



3. Mechanism of Linkage

- Genes physically close on the same chromosome are less likely to be separated by crossing over during meiosis.
- Genes further apart have a higher likelihood of recombination.

4. Comparison Table: Complete vs. Incomplete Linkage

Aspect	Complete Linkage	Incomplete Linkage
Recombination	Absent	Present
Phenotype Ratios	Only parental types (1:1)	Both parental and recombinant types
Gene Distance	Very close on the chromosome	Farther apart on the chromosome
Examples	Body color and wing type in *Drosophila*	Flower color and pollen shape in *Sweet Pea*

5. Illustrative Diagrams

1. Chromosomal arrangement of genes in complete and incomplete linkage.
2. Punnett squares showing parental and recombinant outcomes.

6. Practice Problem

Question:

In a dihybrid cross between two plants with genotypes AaBb × AaBb, if genes A and B show complete linkage, what will be the phenotype ratio in the offspring?

Answer:

- Only parental combinations (AB and ab) will appear.
- Phenotype ratio = 1:1.

7. Homework/Reflection

- Solve problems involving linked genes using recombination data.
- Explain how linkage violates Mendel's Law of Independent Assortment.

Suggested Reading

1. Genetics textbooks (e.g., *Principles of Genetics* by Snustad & Simmons).
2. Research on historical discoveries by T.H. Morgan regarding linkage in *Drosophila*.

Summary

In this session, we learnt:

- **Understand** the concepts of complete and incomplete linkage and crossing over.
- **Analyze** genetic cross data to distinguish between types of linkage.
- **Apply** recombination frequencies to construct linkage maps.
- **Evaluate** the significance of linkage and crossing in genetic inheritance and research.

Additional Notes:

Session – 1

Session Name: Definitions: Classification, Systematics and Taxonomy; Taxonomic Hierarchy

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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, students should be able to:

- Define classification, systematics, and taxonomy.
- Explain the importance of studying these concepts.
- Understand the taxonomic hierarchy and its levels.

Materials Required

- Whiteboard/Markers or Digital Presentation Tools.
- Diagrams of the taxonomic hierarchy.
- Flashcards or images of organisms for group activity.
- Handouts with key definitions and examples (optional).

Session Plan

Time (in min)	*Content*	Learning Aid and Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
0-5 min	*Introduction*	Lecture with real-world examples.	Briefly introducing the topics and their relevance in biology.	Understanding	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
5–15 min	*Definitions*	Slides for definitions and diagrams.	Defining classification, systematics, and taxonomy. Explain the distinctions and connections.	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
15-25 min	*Importance of Classification*	Interactive discussion (e.g., asking students for examples of organisms and grouping them).	Discussing why classification and taxonomy are critical for understanding biodiversity.	Listens Participates Discusses	Analyzing Intrapersonal Logical Linguistic
25-35 min	*Taxonomic Hierarchy*	Slides for definitions and diagrams.	Explaining the hierarchy from Domain to Species with examples for each level.	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Visual-spatial Logical
35-45	*Interactive Activity: Organism Sorting*	Group activity using digital tools.	Providing students with pictures or names of organisms. Ask them to group them into categories.	Listens Participates Discusses	Applying Analyzing Evaluate Intrapersonal Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic

45-55 min	*Recap and Q&A*	Opening floor for questions. Use mnemonic for reinforcement.	Summarizing key points and clarify doubts. Discuss mnemonic for the taxonomic hierarchy.	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical
55-60 min	*Quiz/ Reflection*	Multiple-choice or true/false quiz.	Conducting a short quiz or reflective discussion to assess learning.	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical

Session Inputs

Introduction

The study of classification, systematics, and taxonomy is essential for understanding the diversity of life on Earth. These fields help scientists organize and categorize the millions of species that exist, providing a structured way to study their similarities, differences, and evolutionary relationships.

- Classification involves grouping organisms based on shared characteristics.
- Systematics goes further by studying the evolutionary relationships between these groups, revealing how life has diversified over time.
- Taxonomy focuses on naming, describing, and organizing species into a standardized framework.

At the core of these fields is the taxonomic hierarchy, a systematic arrangement of organisms into levels such as Domain, Kingdom, and down to the most specific level, Species. This hierarchy helps scientists communicate and conduct research effectively across disciplines.

Understanding these concepts is fundamental for anyone exploring biology, biodiversity, and the interconnectedness of all living organisms.

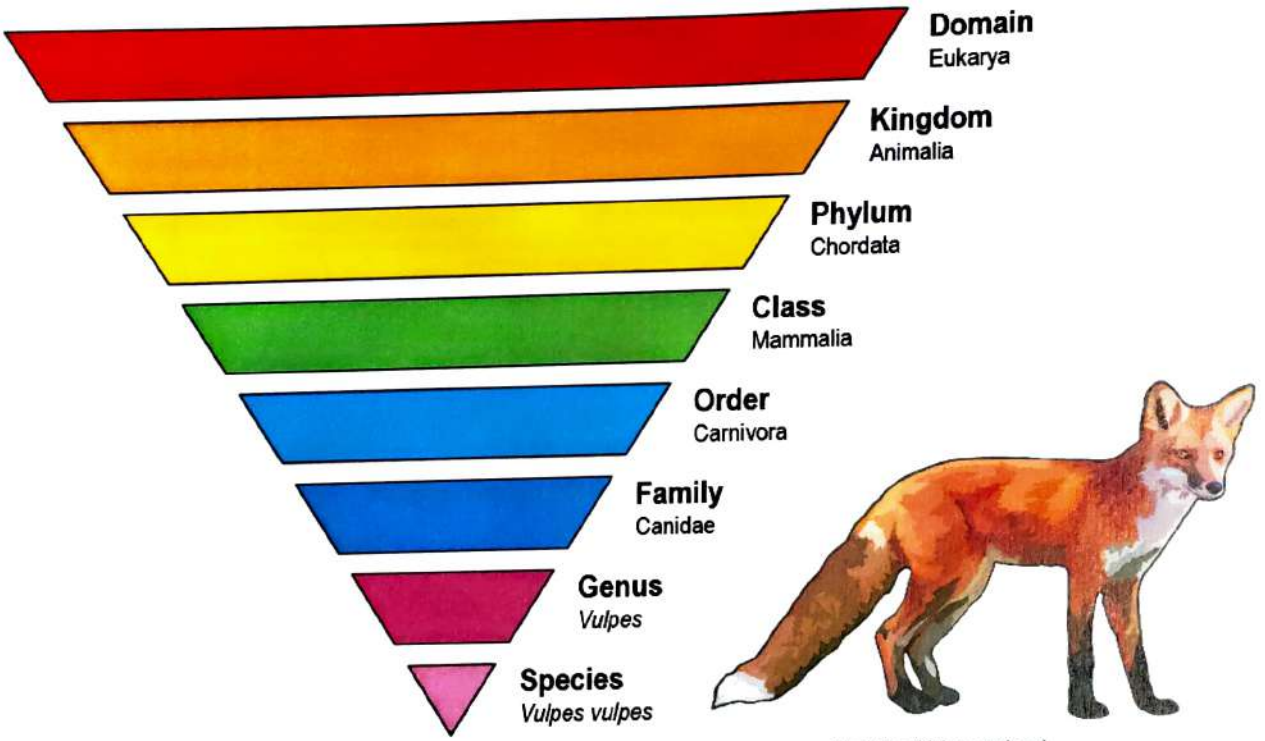
Definitions

1. Classification:
   The systematic arrangement of organisms into groups or categories based on shared characteristics, traits, or evolutionary relationships to simplify their study and understanding.
2. Systematics:
   The scientific study of the diversity of organisms and their evolutionary relationships, integrating taxonomy with phylogenetics to understand the lineage and connections among species.
3. Taxonomy:
   The branch of science concerned with naming, describing, and classifying organisms into an organized system based on their morphology, genetics, and evolutionary history.
4. **Taxonomic Hierarchy:**

A structured framework in biology that organizes living organisms into successive levels of classification, ranging from the broadest category, Domain, to the most specific, Species.

Hierarchy Levels

- Domain > Kingdom > Phylum > Class > Order > Family > Genus > Species



Red fox *(Vulpes vulpes)*

Importance of Classification

Classification plays a crucial role in biology and other sciences by offering a structured way to study and understand the diversity of life. Its importance includes:

1. Understanding Biodiversity:

- Helps organize millions of species into categories, making it easier to study and compare them.
- Provides insight into the variety of life forms and their ecological roles.

2. Simplifying Identification:
   - Enables scientists and researchers to identify and name organisms systematically.
   - Avoids confusion caused by local or regional names by using universally accepted scientific names.
3. Revealing Evolutionary Relationships:
   - Highlights evolutionary connections between organisms, tracing common ancestry and divergence.
   - Aids in constructing phylogenetic trees that map out evolutionary pathways.
4. Facilitating Scientific Communication:
   - Creates a universal language for biologists and researchers across the globe, ensuring consistency in studies and reports.
5. Aiding in Conservation Efforts:
   - Identifies species that are endangered or critical for ecosystem stability.
   - Prioritizes conservation strategies for unique or vulnerable species.
6. Advancing Medical and Agricultural Research:
   - Assists in discovering new species with potential applications in medicine or agriculture.
   - Helps in understanding pests, diseases, and their control measures by classifying pathogens and vectors.
7. Predicting Characteristics:
   - Groups organisms based on traits, allowing predictions about unknown species within a group.
   - Simplifies studying the behaviour, ecology, and physiology of related species.

Interaction Activity: Organism Sorting

Q & A:

1. **What is Systematics?**

Definition:
Systematics is the scientific study of the diversity of organisms and their evolutionary relationships. It integrates taxonomy with evolutionary biology.

2. **What is Taxonomy?**

Definition:
Taxonomy is the branch of biology concerned with naming, describing, and classifying organisms.
Components of Taxonomy:
Identification: Determining what a particular organism is.
Nomenclature: Assigning a scientific name.
Classification: Organizing organisms into a hierarchical framework.
Example:
Classifying the domestic dog as *Canis lupus familiaris*.

3. **How Do Classification, Systematics, and Taxonomy Interrelate?**

Taxonomy provides tools for identifying and naming organisms.
Classification organizes organisms into groups based on taxonomy.
Systematics connects classification with evolutionary history.

Analogy:
Think of taxonomy as naming and labelling folders, classification as organizing them in a filing system, and systematics as adding an evolutionary timeline to explain their arrangement.

MCQs:

1. Which of the following best defines taxonomy?
A) The study of ecosystems and their interactions.
B) The process of naming, describing, and classifying organisms.
C) The study of evolutionary relationships among organisms.
D) Grouping organisms based on their habitat preferences.

2. What is the correct sequence of the taxonomic hierarchy from broadest to most specific?
A) Species → Genus → Family → Class → Order → Kingdom → Domain
B) Domain → Kingdom → Phylum → Class → Order → Family → Genus → Species
C) Domain → Class → Kingdom → Phylum → Family → Genus → Species → Order
D) Kingdom → Phylum → Domain → Class → Order → Family → Genus → Species

3. Systematics primarily focuses on:
A) Describing and naming organisms.
B) Studying evolutionary relationships and diversity.
C) Identifying new species in an ecosystem.
D) Dividing organisms based on physical traits.

4. Which taxonomic rank directly precedes 'Genus' in the hierarchy?
A) Family
B) Order
C) Class
D) Species
Correct Answer: A

5. Which of the following is an example of a binomial nomenclature?
A) *Homo*
B) *Homo sapiens*
C) Mammalia
D) Eukarya

Assignment

1. **Make a comparison of Classification, Systematics and Taxonomy**

Session – 1

Session Name: DNA Replication: Mechanism of Initiation in Prokaryotes

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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, students should be able to:

- Describe the structure of the prokaryotic origin of replication (OriC).
- Explain the key steps involved in the initiation of DNA replication.
- Identify the roles of key enzymes and proteins involved.
- Relate the initiation process to the overall regulation of replication.

Materials Required

- **Slides with diagrams and animations.**
- **Handouts (e.g., OriC blank diagram, protein-function matching table).**
- **Online polling or quiz platform (e.g., Kahoot, Mentimeter).**

Session Plan

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid and Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
5	Introduction	Brainstorming	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
10	Prokaryotic Origin of Replication (OriC) Structure	Pictures Presentation	Facilitators	Listens Watches Discuss	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Verbal-linguistic
20	Mechanism of Initiation	Animation Colour picture	Explains	Listens Analyzes	Analyzing Intrapersonal Logical Linguistic
10	Key Proteins and Enzymes	Demonstration Discussions	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Analyzes Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal Intrapersonal Visual-spatial Logical
5	Regulation of Initiation	Discussions	Explains	Participates Identifies Discusses	Applying Analyzing Evaluate Intrapersonal Interpersonal Verbal-linguistic
5	Conclusion	Innovative conclusion	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical
5	**Quick Quiz:** MCQs or short-answer questions. **Feedback:**	Discussion Answering Crossword Puzzle	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying Intrapersonal Logical

Session Inputs

Introduction

- The specific structure of the replication origin varies somewhat from species to species, but all share some common characteristics such as high AT content.
- Prokaryotes have single replication origin per circular chromosome except Archaea have several replication origins. It is called as OriC in *E. coli*.
- It is called as theta replication as the structure resembles the Greek alphabet theta (θ).
- The replication in prokaryotes occurs in three steps:

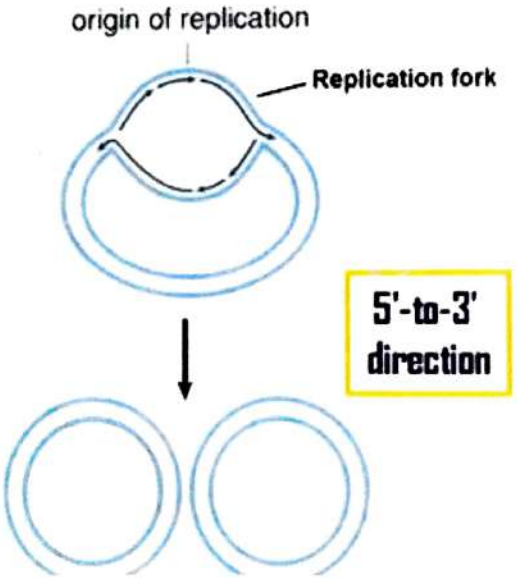
  1.) Initiation: at replication origin

  2.) Elongation: at replication fork

  3.) Termination: at termination sequence
- Replication is bidirectional Y-shaped formation of replication fork runs in both directions.
- Replication is semi-continuous:

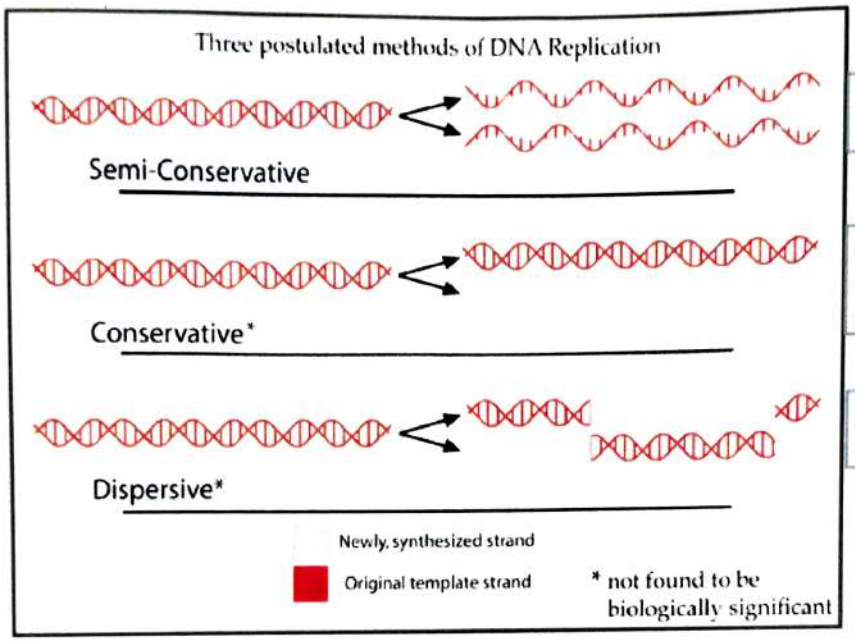
  Leading strand –continuous

  Lagging strand –fragmented (Okazaki fragments)



Mode of replication

- Replication is performed by semiconservative mode, i.e., one strand of DNA is conserved (template strand) while other strand is not conserved.



Prokaryotic Origin of Replication (OriC) Structure

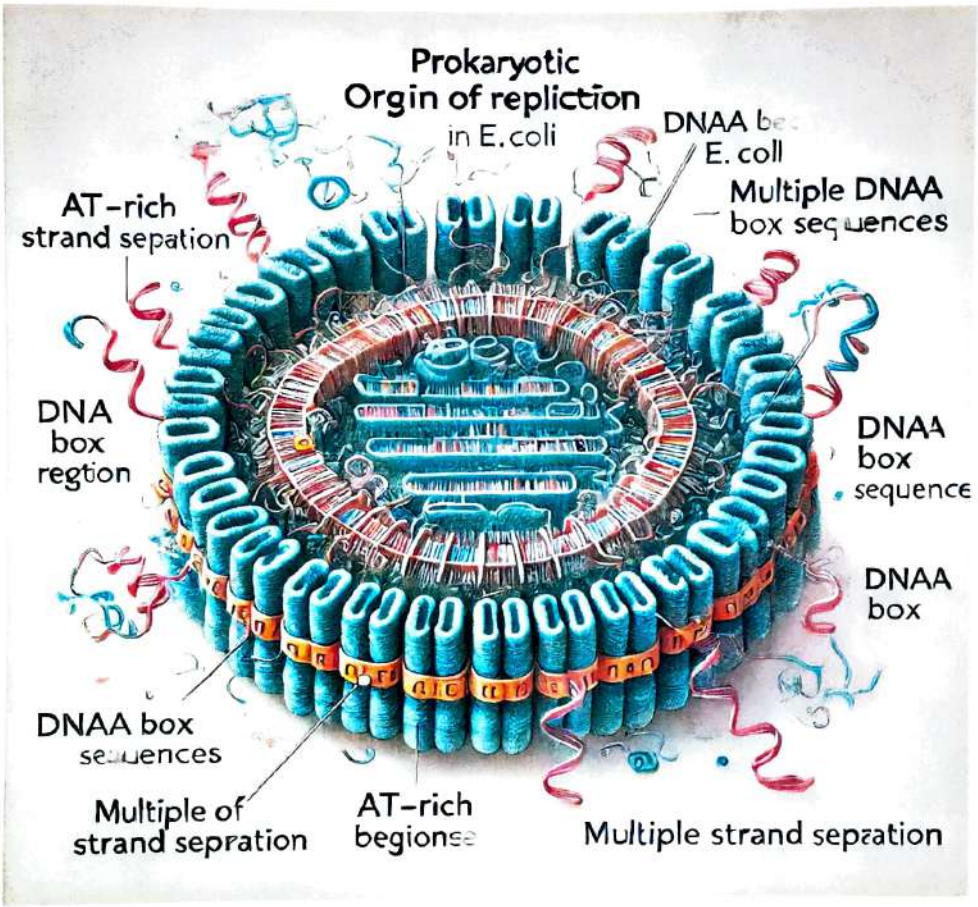
The origin of replication (OriC) in prokaryotes, particularly in *Escherichia coli*, is a well-characterized DNA sequence that initiates the process of DNA replication. It contains specific features that facilitate the assembly of the replication machinery and the unwinding of DNA. Key Features of OriC in *E. coli*

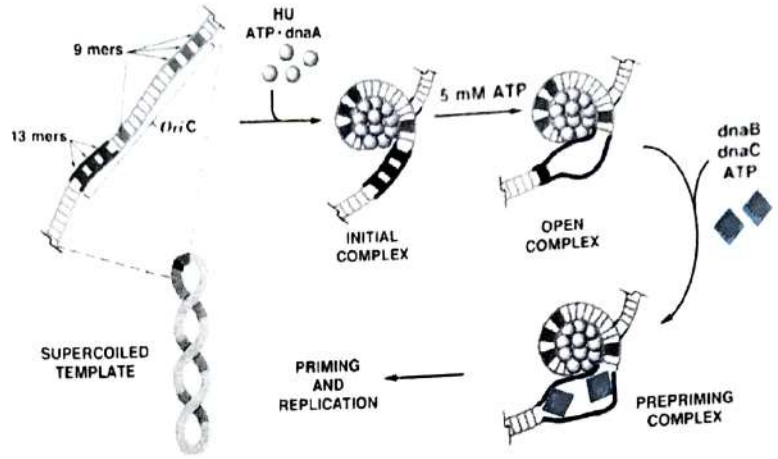
1. Length and General Characteristics:
   - Approximately 245 base pairs in size.
   - Contains multiple regulatory elements essential for initiating replication.
2. Core Elements of OriC:
   - AT-Rich Region:
     - Located near the center of OriC.
     - Composed of adenine (A) and thymine (T) bases, which are easier to separate due to their two hydrogen bonds.
     - This region facilitates the unwinding of the DNA double helix.
   - DnaA Boxes:
     - Repeated 9-base-pair sequences (5′-TTATCCACA-3′) where the initiator protein DnaA binds.
     - There are typically 4 to 5 DnaA boxes in OriC, and their specific arrangement helps stabilize the replication complex.
   - Regulatory Sites:

- IHF and FIS Binding Sites: Integration Host Factor (IHF) and Factor for Inversion Stimulation (FIS) proteins assist in DNA bending, facilitating DnaA binding.
- GATC Methylation Sites: Recognized by Dam methylase, these sites are methylated to regulate replication timing by preventing premature re-initiation.

Significance of OriC in Replication Regulation:

- Single Origin in Prokaryotes: Prokaryotes typically have one origin, ensuring precise and controlled replication.
- Regulatory Mechanisms: OriC ensures that replication occurs only once per cell cycle through methylation and DnaA protein regulation.





Mechanism of Initiation of DNA Replication in Prokaryotes

The initiation of DNA replication in prokaryotes, such as Escherichia coli, is a highly regulated process that ensures accurate and efficient duplication of the genome. The process begins at a single origin of replication, the OriC, and involves a series of coordinated steps carried out by various proteins and enzymes.

Steps in the Mechanism of Initiation

Recognition and Binding of Initiator Protein (DnaA):

- The initiator protein DnaA binds to the DnaA boxes within the OriC region.
- DnaA binding is facilitated by ATP, which promotes the cooperative assembly of multiple DnaA molecules into a nucleoprotein complex.
- This binding causes localized unwinding of the adjacent AT-rich region, forming an open complex.

Strand Separation:

- The unwinding at the AT-rich region creates a bubble where the two DNA strands separate.
- Single-stranded DNA is stabilized by single-strand binding proteins (SSBs), preventing reannealing.

Recruitment of Helicase (DnaB):

- The helicase, DnaB, is loaded onto the single-stranded DNA by the helicase loader protein DnaC.
- DnaC uses ATP to help DnaB attach to the unwound DNA and then dissociates.
- DnaB helicase moves along the DNA, unwinding it further to extend the replication bubble.

Formation of the Pre-Priming Complex:

- The unwound DNA at the replication forks is coated by SSBs to maintain stability.
- Topoisomerase (e.g., gyrase) relieves supercoiling stress caused by helicase activity.

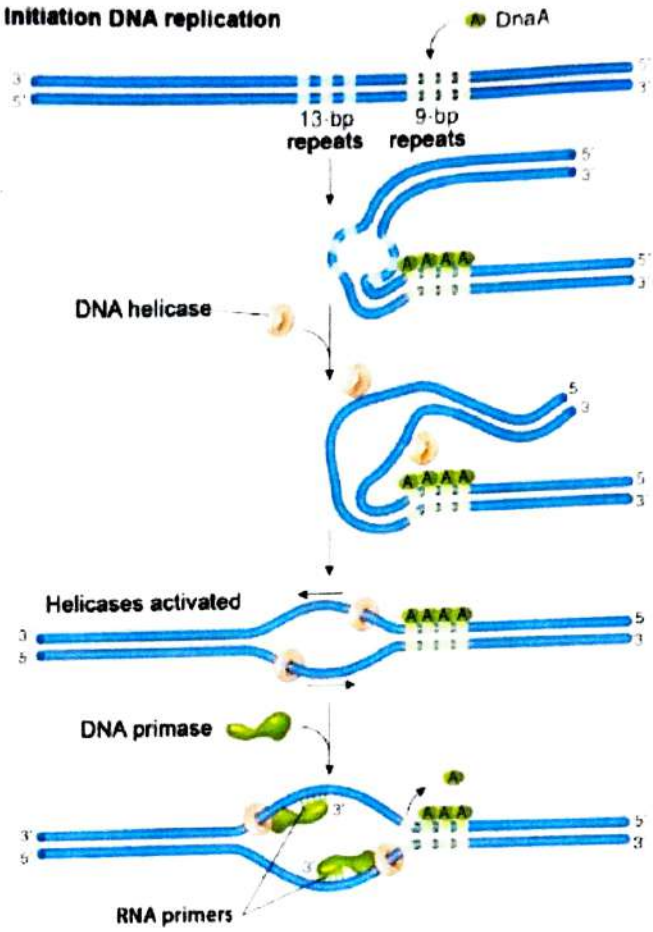
Primase Activity (RNA Primer Synthesis):

- Primase (DnaG) synthesizes short RNA primers complementary to the template strands.
- These primers provide the free 3'-OH group needed for DNA polymerase to initiate DNA synthesis.

Assembly of the Replisome:

- DNA Polymerase III is recruited to the RNA primers.
- The replication machinery, including sliding clamps and clamp loaders, assembles to form the replisome.

- The replisome begins DNA synthesis, marking the transition to the elongation phase.



Key Enzymes and Proteins Involved

Protein/Enzyme----------Function
DnaA ----------Recognizes OriC and unwinds AT-rich region.
DnaB (Helicase)----------Unwinds the DNA at the replication fork.
DnaC ----------Helps load DnaB onto the DNA.
DnaG (Primase)----------Synthesizes RNA primers.
SSBs ----------Stabilize single-stranded DNA to prevent reannealing.
Topoisomerase (Gyrase)-Relieves supercoiling stress during unwinding.
DNA Polymerase III-----Synthesizes the new DNA strands.

Regulation of Initiation

- Methylation: OriC contains GATC sequences that are methylated by Dam methylase. Full methylation is required for re-initiation, preventing premature replication.
- DnaA-ATP vs. DnaA-ADP: The activity of DnaA is regulated by its ATP or ADP-bound state, ensuring replication occurs only once per cell cycle.

Conclusion

1. DnaA binds OriC, unwinding the AT-rich region.
2. DnaB helicase and DnaC are recruited, extending the replication bubble.
3. Primase synthesizes RNA primers.
4. DNA Polymerase III is recruited, transitioning to the elongation phase.

This carefully orchestrated process ensures that DNA replication starts precisely and accurately, setting the stage for genome duplication.

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

1. **Which of the following is the site where DNA replication begins in prokaryotes?**
   a) Promoter
   b) OriC
   c) Operator
   d) Terminator
   Answer: b) OriC
2. **The AT-rich region in the OriC is crucial for replication initiation because:**
   a) It provides binding sites for DnaA proteins.
   b) It is easily unwound due to fewer hydrogen bonds.
   c) It serves as a termination sequence.
   d) It recruits DNA polymerase III directly.
   Answer: b) It is easily unwound due to fewer hydrogen bonds.
3. **Which protein binds first to the OriC to initiate DNA replication in prokaryotes?**
   a) DnaB
   b) DnaA
   c) DnaG
   d) DnaC
   Answer: b) DnaA
4. **What is the role of DnaC during DNA replication initiation?**
   a) Synthesizes RNA primers.
   b) Stabilizes single-stranded DNA.
   c) Loads helicase (DnaB) onto DNA.
   d) Relieves supercoiling stress.
   Answer: c) Loads helicase (DnaB) onto DNA.
5. **Which enzyme synthesizes the RNA primer during DNA replication in prokaryotes?**
   a) DNA polymerase III
   b) DnaG (Primase)
   c) Helicase
   d) Topoisomerase
   Answer: b) DnaG (Primase)
6. **What prevents premature re-initiation of DNA replication at the OriC?**
   a) SSB proteins
   b) Dam methylation of GATC sequences
   c) ATP hydrolysis by DnaA
   d) Helicase inhibition
   Answer: b) Dam methylation of GATC sequences
7. **Which of the following proteins stabilizes the unwound single-stranded DNA?**
   a) DnaA

b) SSB
c) DnaC
d) Topoisomerase
Answer: b) SSB

Short-Answer Questions

1. **What is the role of DnaA in the initiation of DNA replication in prokaryotes?**
   Answer: DnaA binds to the DnaA boxes in the OriC region, causing local unwinding of the AT-rich region and forming an open complex.
2. **Why is the AT-rich region important for DNA replication initiation?**
   Answer: The AT-rich region is easier to unwind because adenine and thymine are connected by only two hydrogen bonds, making it an ideal starting point for strand separation.
3. **Explain the function of DnaC during the initiation process.**
   Answer: DnaC acts as a helicase loader, helping DnaB (helicase) attach to the unwound DNA. It uses ATP to complete this process and then dissociates.
4. **What is the significance of Dam methylation in regulating DNA replication initiation?**
   Answer: Dam methylase methylates GATC sequences in the OriC. Fully methylated OriC ensures that replication can begin, while hemimethylation prevents premature re-initiation in the same cell cycle.
5. **How does the activity of DnaA-ATP differ from DnaA-ADP in replication initiation?**
   Answer: DnaA bound to ATP is active and can initiate replication by forming the nucleoprotein complex at OriC, while DnaA bound to ADP is inactive and cannot initiate replication.
6. **What role does helicase (DnaB) play in the replication initiation process?**
   Answer: Helicase unwinds the DNA at the replication fork, creating single-stranded DNA templates for replication.
7. **Describe the sequence of events at OriC leading to the formation of the replication bubble.**
   Answer:
   - DnaA binds to DnaA boxes, causing the AT-rich region to unwind.
   - DnaC loads DnaB helicase onto the single-stranded DNA.
   - Helicase extends the unwound region, stabilizing it with SSBs.
   - Primase synthesizes RNA primers, forming the pre-priming complex.

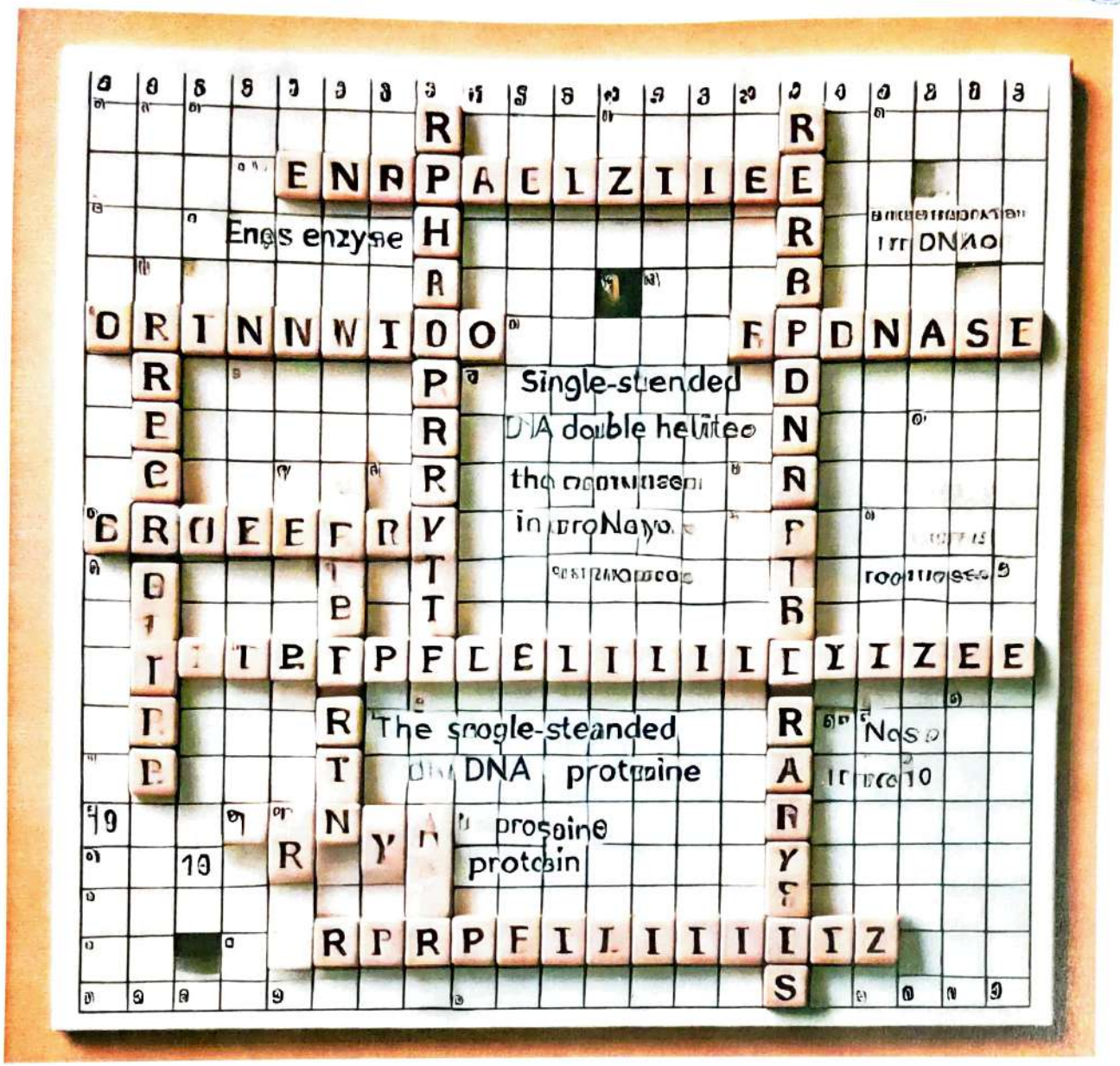
Clues for the Crossword Puzzle:

Across

1. The enzyme that unwinds the DNA double helix during replication initiation. (8 letters)
2. The location on the DNA where replication begins. (6 letters)
3. The short RNA sequence required to start DNA replication. (4 letters)
4. Protein that binds to the origin of replication to initiate DNA unwinding. (7 letters)
5. The process of making an exact copy of DNA. (11 letters)

Down 2.

1. The enzyme that synthesizes the new DNA strand. (9 letters)
2. The single-stranded DNA-binding protein that stabilizes unwound DNA. (5 letters)
3. The term for the region of DNA where the replication fork is formed. (10 letters)
4. The enzyme that removes the RNA primer during replication. (8 letters)



Assignments

1. What is the significance of the AT-rich region in the origin of replication? [CO-3]
2. Describe the roles of DnaA, DnaC, and DnaB in initiating DNA replication. How do they work together? [CO-1 and CO-4]
3. How does DNA polymerase differentiate between the leading and lagging strands during replication? [CO-4]
4. What would happen if the primase function was impaired? How would DNA replication be affected? [CO-5]
5. Why is the removal of RNA primers necessary for completing DNA replication? [CO-5]

Session – 2

Session Name: Muscular system

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Session Plan:

Time (in min)	Content	Learning Aid and Methodology	Faculty Approach	Typical Student Activity	Learning Outcomes (Blooms + Gardeners)
5	Introduction	Brainstorming	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Discusses	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal
10	Structure of animal muscular system	Pictures Presentation	Facilitators	Listens Watches Discuss	Remembering Understanding Interpersonal
20	Mechanism of muscular movement	Animation Colour picture	Explains	Listens Analyses	Analyzing Intrapersonal
10	Key biomolecules involved in muscular activity	Demonstration Discussions	Facilitates Explains	Listens Participates Analyses Discusses	Remembering Understanding
5	Feedback Regulation	Discussions	Explains	Participates Identifies Discusses	Applying Analyzing Evaluate
5	Conclusion	Innovative conclusion	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying
5	**Quick Quiz:** MCQs and Assignments	Discussion Answering Crossword Puzzle	Monitors Facilitates	Participates	Remembering Understanding Applying

Topic: Muscular System

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, students will be able to:

1. Classify and describe the histology of different types of muscles (skeletal, cardiac, and smooth).
2. Explain the ultra-structure of skeletal muscle fibers.
3. Understand the molecular and chemical basis of muscle contraction.
4. Describe the characteristics of muscle fibers.

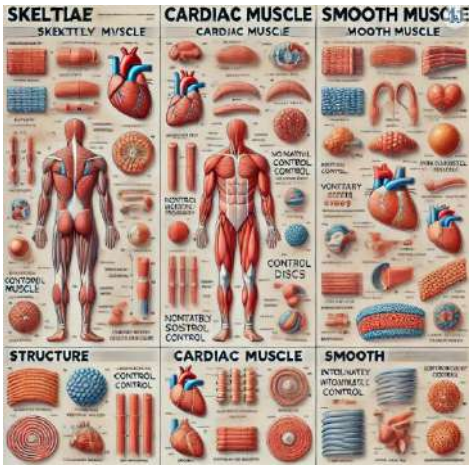
Session Outline

1. Introduction to the Muscular System

The muscular system is a vital organ system in the human body responsible for movement, stability, and maintaining essential bodily functions. It consists of specialized cells called muscle fibers that contract and generate force. The system works in coordination with the skeletal system, the nervous system, and other organ systems to perform various tasks.

2. Structure of animal muscular system : Key Components of the Muscular System:

1. **Muscle Types:**
   - **Skeletal Muscles:** Attached to bones and responsible for voluntary movements. These muscles enable activities like walking, running, and lifting.
   - **Smooth Muscles:** Found in internal organs such as the stomach, intestines, and blood vessels. These muscles function involuntarily to regulate processes like digestion and blood flow.
   - **Cardiac Muscle:** Found only in the heart, it is responsible for pumping blood throughout the body. Like smooth muscle, it works involuntarily.



2. Functions of the Muscular System:
   - Movement: Skeletal muscles contract to produce movement by pulling on bones.
   - Posture and Stability: Muscles work to stabilize joints and maintain posture.
   - Circulation and Respiration: The heart's cardiac muscle pumps blood, while muscles like the diaphragm assist in breathing.
   - Temperature Regulation: Muscle contractions generate heat, helping to maintain body temperature.

- Protection: Muscles cushion vital organs and protect them from external impacts.

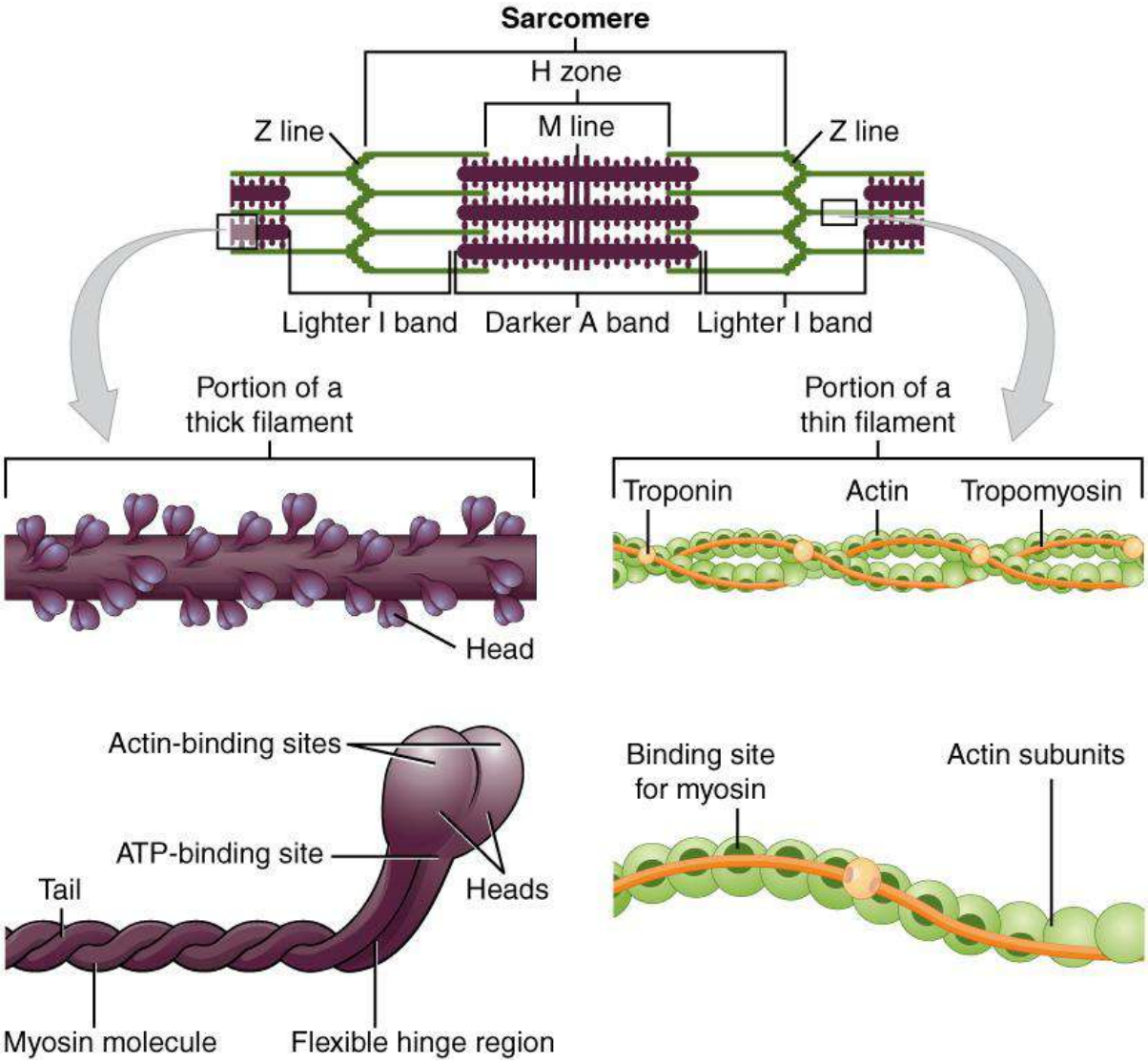
3. Structure:
    - Each muscle is made up of bundles of muscle fibers.
    - Muscle fibers contain myofibrils, which are composed of smaller units called sarcomeres. Sarcomeres are the functional units of muscle contraction.

3. Ultra-Structure of Skeletal Muscle

The ultrastructure of skeletal muscle refers to the detailed organization of its cellular and subcellular components, observed under an electron microscope. Skeletal muscle is highly specialized for contraction, allowing for movement and force generation. Below is an overview of its ultrastructure:

1. Muscle Fiber (Myofiber):

- Basic Unit: A single skeletal muscle cell, also called a muscle fiber, is long, cylindrical, multinucleated, and surrounded by a plasma membrane called the sarcolemma.
- Nuclei: Located at the periphery of the cell, beneath the sarcolemma, to accommodate the densely packed contractile proteins.



2. Sarcoplasm:
   - The cytoplasm of a muscle fiber, rich in:
     - Mitochondria: Provide ATP for muscle contraction.
     - Myoglobin: Stores oxygen for aerobic respiration.
     - Glycogen Granules: Serve as energy reserves.
3. Myofibrils:
   - Definition: Long, cylindrical organelles that run parallel within the muscle fiber. They are composed of repeating contractile units called sarcomeres.
   - Arrangement: Myofibrils are aligned in such a way that the muscle appears striated (striped) under the microscope.
4. Sarcomere:
   - The Functional Unit of Contraction:
     - Sarcomeres are the repeating segments along the length of the myofibril.
     - Defined by Z-discs (Z-lines), which mark the boundaries of each sarcomere.
   - Key Components:
     - Actin Filaments (Thin Filaments): Anchored to the Z-disc, composed of actin, tropomyosin, and troponin.

- Myosin Filaments (Thick Filaments): Located in the center of the sarcomere, composed of myosin molecules with protruding heads for cross-bridge formation.
- Bands:
  - A-band: The dark band containing the entire length of the thick filament, including overlapping thin filaments.
  - I-band: The light band containing only thin filaments and extending across two sarcomeres.
  - H-zone: The central region of the A-band where there are no thin filaments.
  - M-line: The central line within the H-zone where thick filaments are anchored.

4. Mechanism of muscular movement: Steps in the Mechanism of Muscular Movement

A. Signal Transmission and Activation

1. Nerve Impulse:
   - A motor neuron transmits an action potential to the neuromuscular junction.
   - This leads to the release of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine (ACh) into the synaptic cleft.
2. Depolarization:
   - ACh binds to receptors on the muscle fiber's sarcolemma, triggering an action potential across the membrane.
   - The action potential travels down the T-tubules to the interior of the muscle fiber.

B. Calcium Release

3. Role of Sarcoplasmic Reticulum (SR):
   - The action potential causes the sarcoplasmic reticulum to release calcium ions (Ca^{2+}) into the sarcoplasm.
   - Calcium ions are critical for initiating muscle contraction.

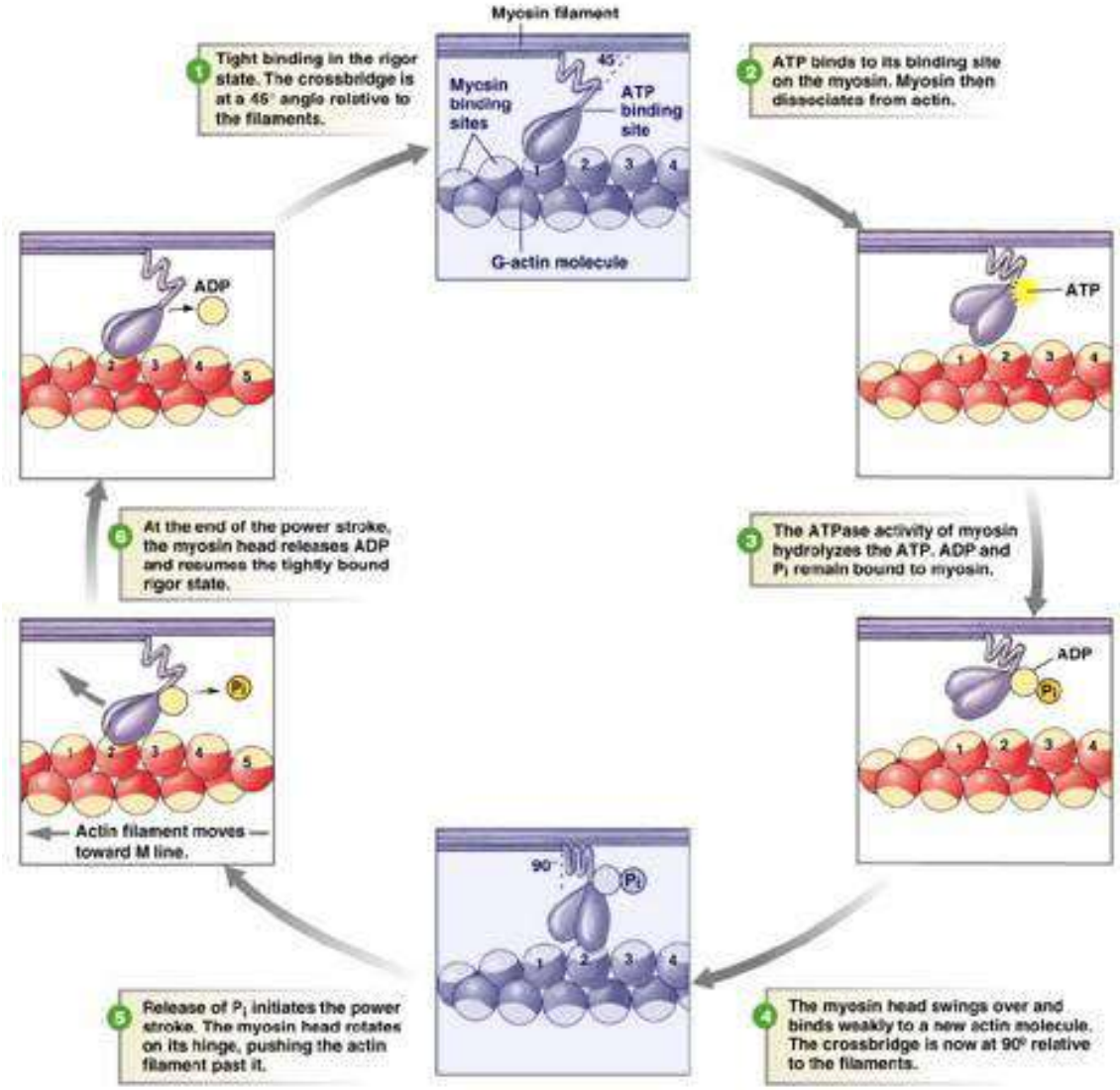
C. Cross-Bridge Formation

4. Binding to Troponin:
   - Calcium ions bind to the protein troponin on the actin filament.
   - This binding causes tropomyosin, another protein, to shift and expose the myosin-binding sites on actin.
5. Attachment:
   - Myosin heads (on the thick filaments), energized by ATP, bind to the exposed sites on actin, forming cross-bridges.

D. Power Stroke

6. Sliding Filament Action:
   - The myosin head pivots, pulling the actin filament toward the center of the sarcomere. This is called the power stroke.
   - ADP and inorganic phosphate (Pi), released during the stroke, provide energy for this motion.

E. Detachment and Re-Cocking



7. ATP Binding:
    - A new ATP molecule binds to the myosin head, causing it to detach from actin.
8. ATP Hydrolysis:
    - The myosin head hydrolyzes ATP into ADP and Pi, returning to its original cocked position, ready for another cycle.

F. Relaxation

9. Signal Termination:
    - When the nerve impulse stops, calcium ions are actively pumped back into the sarcoplasmic reticulum.
    - Troponin returns to its original shape, allowing tropomyosin to block the myosin-binding sites on actin.
10. Relaxation:
    - Without cross-bridge formation, the muscle relaxes, and the sarcomere lengthens.

6. Key biomolecules involved in muscular activity

1. Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP):

2. Contractile Proteins

Actin:

Myosin:

Tropomyosin:

Troponin:

3. Structural Proteins

Titin:

Dystrophin:

4. Ions

Calcium Ions (Ca^{2+}):

Sodium (Na^{+}) and Potassium (K^{+}):

Magnesium (Mg^{2+}):

5. Neurotransmitters

Acetylcholine (ACh):

6. Oxygen and Oxygen-Carrying Molecules

Oxygen (O_2):

Myoglobin:

7. Metabolic Enzymes

Glycolytic Enzymes:

Oxidative Enzymes:

8. Lactic Acid

9. Hormones

Adrenaline (Epinephrine):

- Stimulates glycogen breakdown and increases blood flow to muscles during activity.

Insulin:

- Facilitates glucose uptake by muscle cells, replenishing energy stores.

Cortisol:

- Promotes protein breakdown for energy during prolonged activity or stress.

10. Antioxidants

- Protect muscles from oxidative stress caused by free radicals during intense activity.

7. Feedback Regulation

Feedback regulation in muscular movements involves mechanisms that monitor and adjust muscle activity to ensure smooth, coordinated, and efficient movements. This regulation occurs through a combination of nervous system feedback loops and mechanical feedback within muscles.

8. Conclusion

The muscular system is a fundamental organ system responsible for movement, posture, and vital physiological processes. It comprises three types of muscles: skeletal, smooth, and cardiac, each uniquely specialized to perform specific roles. The skeletal muscles facilitate voluntary movements and posture, smooth muscles regulate involuntary functions in organs, and the cardiac muscle powers the heartbeat.

Through intricate mechanisms such as the sliding filament theory and feedback regulation, the muscular system works in harmony with the nervous, skeletal, and circulatory systems. This integration enables precise control, efficient energy usage, and adaptability to varying demands. Key biomolecules, including ATP, calcium ions, and contractile proteins, play critical roles in muscle contraction and relaxation.

Maintaining the health of the muscular system requires proper nutrition, regular exercise, and adequate rest. Disorders or injuries affecting this system can significantly impact mobility and overall well-being, underscoring its importance to human health.

In summary, the muscular system not only drives physical activity but also sustains essential life functions, highlighting its indispensable role in the body's functionality and survival.

8. Recap and Q&A

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3. Relevant diagrams and microscopy resources.

This plan ensures that the students receive a comprehensive understanding of the muscular system while keeping the session engaging and interactive

1. Question: What is the basic structural and functional unit of a muscle fiber?
Answer: The sarcomere is the basic structural and functional unit of a muscle fiber. It is the segment of a myofibril between two Z-discs and is responsible for muscle contraction.

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2. Question: What are the two main types of filaments in the sarcomere, and what are they composed of?
Answer: The two main types of filaments are:
Thin filaments: Composed of actin, tropomyosin, and troponin.
Thick filaments: Composed of myosin.
3. Question: What is the role of calcium ions in muscle contraction?
Answer: Calcium ions bind to troponin on the thin filament, causing a conformational change that moves tropomyosin away from myosin-binding sites on actin. This allows myosin to form cross-bridges with actin and initiate contraction.
4. Question: How does the sliding filament theory explain muscle contraction?
Answer: According to the sliding filament theory, muscle contraction occurs when myosin heads attach to actin and pull the thin filaments toward the center of the sarcomere, shortening the sarcomere and the entire muscle fiber.

5. Question: What is the function of the sarcoplasmic reticulum in muscle cells?
Answer: The sarcoplasmic reticulum stores calcium ions and releases them during muscle contraction. It also reabsorbs calcium ions during muscle relaxation.
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Answer: ATP is required for:
Powering the myosin heads to perform the power stroke during contraction.
Detaching myosin heads from actin after the power stroke.

Pumping calcium ions back into the sarcoplasmic reticulum during relaxation.
7. Question: What are T-tubules, and why are they important?

Answer: T-tubules (transverse tubules) are invaginations of the sarcolemma that conduct electrical impulses deep into the muscle fiber, ensuring synchronized calcium release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum for efficient contraction.
8. Question: What happens to the I-band, A-band, and H-zone during muscle contraction?
Answer: During muscle contraction:
The I-band shortens as thin filaments slide inward.
The A-band remains the same length because it corresponds to the length of the thick filaments.
The H-zone disappears as the thin filaments move closer together.
9. Question: What is the difference between fast-twitch and slow-twitch muscle fibers in terms of ultrastructure?
Answer:
Fast-twitch fibers: Have fewer mitochondria, less myoglobin, and rely on anaerobic metabolism for quick, powerful contractions.
Slow-twitch fibers: Contain more mitochondria, more myoglobin, and rely on aerobic metabolism for endurance and sustained activity.
10. Question: What is the role of tropomyosin in muscle contraction?
Answer: Tropomyosin blocks myosin-binding sites on actin in a relaxed muscle. When calcium binds to troponin, tropomyosin shifts, exposing the binding sites and allowing contraction to occur.
. **Puzzle Name:** ***Muscle Mastermind***

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   - C) A-band *(Correct Answer: C)*
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Session – 1

Session Name: General idea of endocrine system

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Session Plan:

Time	Topic	Key Points	Teaching Tools/Activities
0–10 min	Introduction to the Endocrine System	Definition and role of the endocrine system.	Comparison with the nervous system (speed and function).
10–25 min	Overview of Major Endocrine Glands	Glands and their functions: Hypothalamus, Pituitary, Thyroid, Parathyroid, Adrenals, Pancreas, Gonads, Pineal.	Interactive slides- Quick Q&A to reinforce learning.
25–35 min	Hormones and Their Roles	Definition and mechanism of hormone action (endocrine signaling).	Short video or animation (optional)- Real-life examples for context.
35–45 min	Feedback Mechanisms	Role of feedback loops (negative vs. positive).	Diagram of feedback loops - Interactive discussion on examples.
45–55 min	Disorders of the Endocrine System	-Common disorders: Diabetes, hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome.	Case studies or relatable examples. - Brief explanation of diagnostic tools.
55–60 min	Recap and Q&A	- Summary of key concepts.	Short verbal quiz or reflective questions.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, students will be able to:

1. Identify major endocrine glands and their locations in mammals.
2. Explain the functions of hormones produced by key glands.
3. Understand the concept of feedback mechanisms in hormonal regulation. Here is the diagram illustrating the feedback mechanism of hormone action, including both negative and positive feedback loops. It highlights the roles of glands, hormones, and target organs in maintaining homeostasis and physiological processes.
4. Relate the endocrine system to homeostasis.

Session Input:

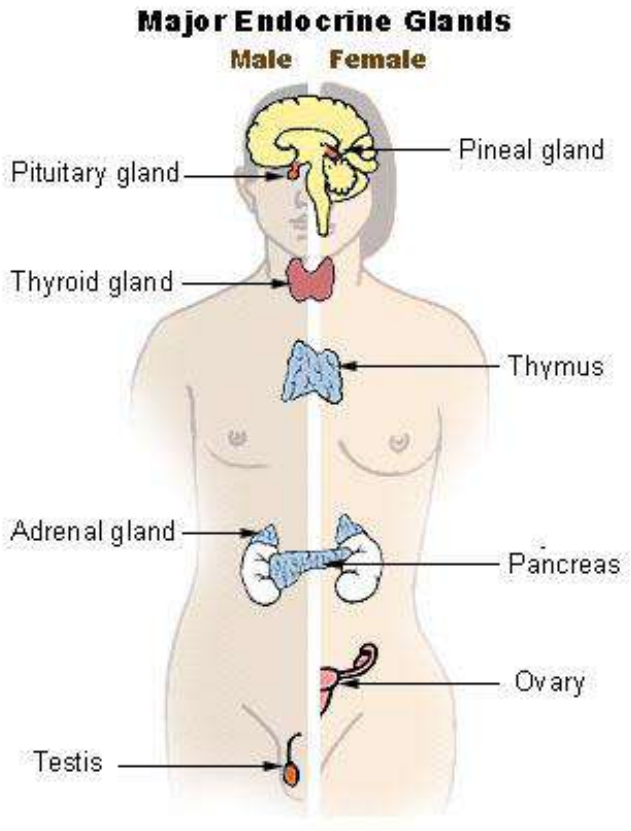
- **Introduction to the Endocrine System**

The endocrine system is a network of glands and organs that produce, store, and secrete hormones—chemical messengers that regulate various physiological processes throughout the body. It works in close coordination with the nervous system to maintain homeostasis, growth, development, and reproduction. While the nervous system provides rapid, short-term responses, the endocrine system ensures slow, sustained regulation.

Key Features of the Endocrine System

1. **Glands and Organs**:
    - Major endocrine glands include the hypothalamus, pituitary, thyroid, parathyroids, adrenal glands, pancreas, gonads (ovaries and testes), and pineal gland.
    - Each gland releases specific hormones that target organs or tissues.
2. **Hormones**:
    - Hormones are chemical messengers released into the bloodstream.
    - They act on specific target cells with matching receptors.
3. **Functions**:
    - Regulates metabolism (e.g., thyroid hormones).
    - Controls blood sugar levels (e.g., insulin from the pancreas).
    - Manages stress responses (e.g., cortisol and adrenaline from adrenal glands).
    - Supports growth and development (e.g., growth hormone).
    - Influences reproduction (e.g., estrogen and testosterone).

❖ **Overview of Major Endocrine Glands**



These glands include:

1. **Pituitary Gland**: Often called the "master gland," it controls other endocrine glands. It is located at the base of the brain and is divided into two parts:
    - **Anterior pituitary**: Produces hormones like growth hormone (GH), thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH), and others.
    - **Posterior pituitary**: Stores and releases oxytocin and antidiuretic hormone (ADH), which are produced by the hypothalamus.
2. **Thyroid Gland**: Located in the neck, it produces thyroid hormones (thyroxine/T4 and triiodothyronine/T3) that regulate metabolism, growth, and development. It also produces calcitonin, which helps regulate calcium levels in the blood.
3. **Parathyroid Glands**: These are small glands located behind the thyroid gland. They produce parathyroid hormone (PTH), which regulates calcium and phosphorus levels in the blood.
4. **Adrenal Glands**: Located on top of each kidney, these glands produce hormones like cortisol (stress hormone), aldosterone (regulates sodium and potassium balance), and adrenaline (epinephrine), which helps in the body's fight-or-flight response.
5. **Pancreas**: Located behind the stomach, the pancreas has both endocrine and exocrine functions. Its endocrine part releases insulin and glucagon to regulate blood sugar levels.

6. **Gonads (Ovaries and Testes)**:
    - **Ovaries (in females)**: Produce estrogen, progesterone, and small amounts of testosterone, which regulate the menstrual cycle, pregnancy, and secondary sexual characteristics.
    - **Testes (in males)**: Produce testosterone, which is responsible for male sexual characteristics and sperm production.
7. **Pineal Gland**: Located in the brain, the pineal gland produces melatonin, which regulates the sleep-wake cycle.
8. **Thymus Gland**: Located in the chest, it is involved in immune function and produces thymosin, which helps in the maturation of T-lymphocytes (a type of white blood cell).

❖ **Hormones and Their Roles**

1. Pituitary Gland

- **Growth Hormone (GH)**: Stimulates growth, cell reproduction, and regeneration. It promotes the growth of bones and muscles and regulates metabolism.
- **Thyroid-Stimulating Hormone (TSH)**: Stimulates the thyroid gland to produce thyroid hormones (T3 and T4), which regulate metabolism.
- **Adrenocorticotropic Hormone (ACTH)**: Stimulates the adrenal glands to produce cortisol, which helps the body respond to stress and regulate metabolism.
- **Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (FSH)**: In females, it stimulates the growth of ovarian follicles; in males, it stimulates sperm production.
- **Luteinizing Hormone (LH)**: In females, it triggers ovulation and the production of estrogen and progesterone; in males, it stimulates the production of testosterone.
- **Prolactin**: Stimulates milk production in the mammary glands after childbirth.
- **Oxytocin**: Stimulates uterine contractions during labor and the release of milk during breastfeeding.
- **Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH)**: Regulates water balance in the body by promoting water reabsorption in the kidneys, thus reducing urine output.

2. Thyroid Gland

- **Thyroxine (T4) and Triiodothyronine (T3)**: These hormones regulate metabolism, energy production, and growth. They increase the metabolic rate of cells and influence processes like heart rate and body temperature.
- **Calcitonin**: Lowers blood calcium levels by inhibiting the release of calcium from bones and increasing its excretion through urine.

3. Parathyroid Glands

- **Parathyroid Hormone (PTH)**: Increases blood calcium levels by stimulating the release of calcium from bones, increasing calcium reabsorption in the kidneys, and activating vitamin D to promote calcium absorption in the intestines.

4. Adrenal Glands

- **Cortisol**: Known as the "stress hormone," it helps regulate metabolism, control inflammation, and manage the body’s response to stress.
- **Aldosterone**: Regulates sodium and potassium balance in the blood by promoting sodium retention and potassium excretion in the kidneys, which helps maintain blood pressure.
- **Epinephrine (Adrenaline) and Norepinephrine (Noradrenaline)**: These hormones are involved in the body's fight-or-flight response. They increase heart rate, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels, preparing the body for intense physical activity.

5. Pancreas

- **Insulin**: Lowers blood glucose levels by promoting the uptake of glucose into cells for energy or storage as glycogen in the liver and muscles.

- **Glucagon**: Raises blood glucose levels by stimulating the liver to release stored glucose (glycogen) into the bloodstream.
- **Somatostatin**: Inhibits the release of insulin and glucagon, helping regulate the balance of these hormones.

6. Gonads (Ovaries and Testes)

- **Estrogen**: In females, it regulates the development of female secondary sexual characteristics (e.g., breast development, menstrual cycle regulation) and supports pregnancy.
- **Progesterone**: Prepares the uterus for pregnancy and maintains pregnancy by regulating the menstrual cycle and supporting early stages of fetal development.
- **Testosterone**: In males, it stimulates the development of male secondary sexual characteristics (e.g., facial hair, deep voice) and supports sperm production and libido.

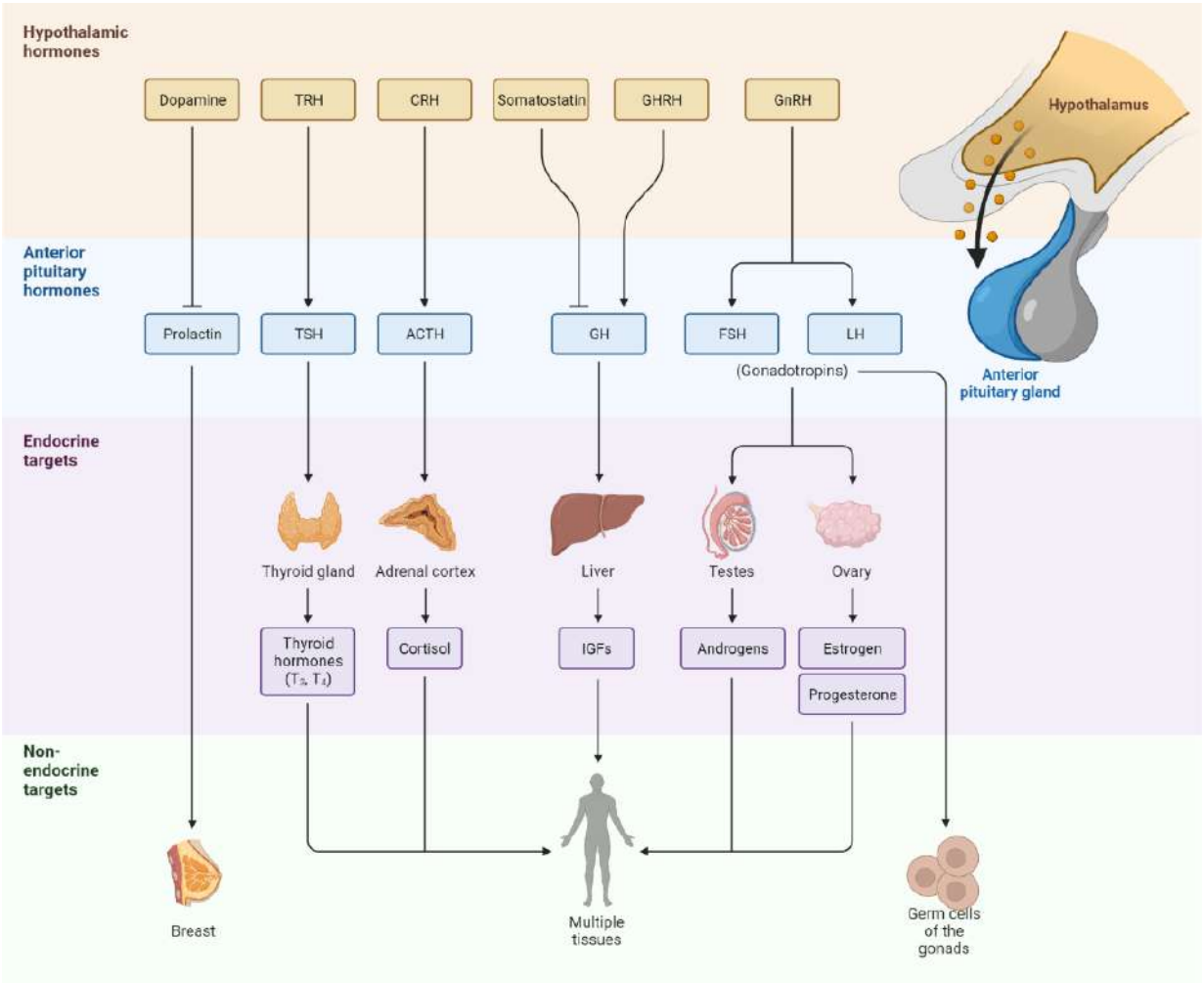
7. Pineal Gland

- **Melatonin**: Regulates the sleep-wake cycle, promoting sleep in response to darkness. It helps maintain circadian rhythms and seasonal biological rhythms.

8. Thymus Gland

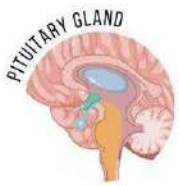
- **Thymosin**: Promotes the development and maturation of T-lymphocytes (a type of white blood cell) that are essential for the immune response.

❖ **Feedback Mechanisms**



❖ **Disorders of the Endocrine**

ENDOCRINE DISORDERS

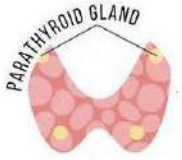


DIABETES INSIPIDUS	SIADH
Not enough ADH being released ↓ ***Loses too much water*** from the body	***Too much*** ADH being released ↓ Retains ***excess water*** in the body

DKA	HHNS
Complication of T1D ↓ ***NO*** working insulin receptors ↓ s/s hyperglycemia, ketones, abd pain, kussmaul respirations	Complication of T2D ↓ ***FEW*** working insulin receptors ↓ Does not have ketones, abd pain or kussmaul respirations

ADDISONS	CUSHINGS
Not enough cortisol & aldosterone being released ↓ ***Low*** symptoms	***Too much*** cortisol being released ↓ ***High*** symptoms

HYPOTHYROIDISM	HYPERTHYROIDISM
Not enough T3/T4 produced and released ↓ ***Hashimotos*** ↓ ***Low & slow*** symptoms	***Too much*** T3/T4 produced and released ↓ ***Graves disease*** ↓ ***High & hot*** symptoms



HYPOPARATHYROIDISM	HYPERPARATHYROIDISM
Not enough PTH being produced ↓ ***Low*** calcium & ***high*** phosphorus	***Too much*** PTH being produced ↓ ***High*** calcium & ***low*** phosphorus

❖ **Recap and Q&A**

1. What are endocrine glands?

Answer: Endocrine glands are specialized organs that produce and secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream. These hormones regulate various physiological processes in the body, including metabolism, growth, reproduction, and stress responses.

2. How do endocrine glands work?

Answer: Endocrine glands release hormones into the bloodstream. These hormones travel to target organs or tissues where they exert their effects by binding to specific receptors, triggering a response that regulates bodily functions.

3. What is the role of the pituitary gland?

Answer: The pituitary gland is often referred to as the "master gland" because it controls other endocrine glands. It produces hormones that regulate growth, metabolism, and reproductive functions. It also releases hormones that stimulate the thyroid, adrenal glands, and gonads.

4. What hormones does the thyroid gland produce?

Answer: The thyroid gland produces thyroid hormones, primarily **thyroxine (T4)** and **triiodothyronine (T3)**, which regulate metabolism. It also produces **calcitonin**, which helps lower blood calcium levels.

5. What is the function of the pancreas in the endocrine system?
Answer: The pancreas has both endocrine and exocrine functions. The endocrine part produces **insulin**, which lowers blood glucose levels, and **glucagon**, which raises blood glucose levels. Together, these hormones regulate blood sugar balance.
6. What is the function of adrenal glands?
Answer: The adrenal glands produce hormones that help the body respond to stress, regulate metabolism, and maintain electrolyte balance. These include **cortisol**, **adrenaline (epinephrine)**, and **aldosterone**.
7. What is the role of the ovaries and testes in the endocrine system?
Answer: The ovaries (in females) and testes (in males) are the gonads that produce sex hormones. The ovaries produce **estrogen** and **progesterone**, which regulate the menstrual cycle and support pregnancy. The testes produce **testosterone**, which is responsible for male sexual characteristics and sperm production.
8. What is the function of the parathyroid glands?
Answer: The parathyroid glands produce **parathyroid hormone (PTH)**, which regulates calcium and phosphorus levels in the blood by promoting the release of calcium from bones and increasing its absorption in the kidneys and intestines.
9. What hormones are produced by the pineal gland?
Answer: The pineal gland produces **melatonin**, a hormone that regulates the sleep-wake cycle and helps maintain circadian rhythms.
10. What is the significance of growth hormone (GH)?
Answer: Growth hormone (GH) is produced by the anterior pituitary and stimulates growth, cell reproduction, and regeneration. It is crucial for normal physical development in children and helps maintain muscle and bone health in adults.
11. How do the hormones of the adrenal glands prepare the body for stress?
Answer: When faced with stress, the adrenal glands release **epinephrine (adrenaline)** and **norepinephrine (noradrenaline)**, which increase heart rate, blood pressure, and blood glucose levels, preparing the body for the fight-or-flight response. The adrenal cortex also releases **cortisol**, which helps manage stress over a longer period by regulating metabolism and immune function.
12. How does the body regulate blood sugar levels?
Answer: The pancreas plays a key role in regulating blood sugar. When blood sugar is too high, it releases **insulin**, which helps cells absorb glucose. When blood sugar is too low, it releases **glucagon**, which stimulates the liver to release stored glucose into the bloodstream.
13. Why is the thyroid important for metabolism?
Answer: Thyroid hormones **T3** and **T4** regulate metabolism by controlling how the body uses energy. These hormones affect the metabolic rate, heart rate, body temperature, and the breakdown of fats and carbohydrates.
14. What is the role of calcitonin?
Answer: Calcitonin, produced by the thyroid gland, helps regulate calcium levels in the blood by inhibiting the release of calcium from bones, thus lowering blood calcium levels.
15. What happens if there is too much or too little thyroid hormone?
Answer:

- **Hypothyroidism** (too little thyroid hormone) can lead to fatigue, weight gain, cold intolerance, and slow heart rate.
- **Hyperthyroidism** (too much thyroid hormone) can cause weight loss, rapid heart rate, anxiety, and heat intolerance.