Sex determination

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	Female	Male
Fruit fly		
Humans		
Birds		

Possibilities

Y ₿ male

XX ♀ female

In humans, the **presence of a Y chromosome** makes a male:

Klinefelter syndrome: XXY

Turner syndrome: XO

How does the Y chromosome cause male-ness?

"TDF" (testis-determining factor) aka SRY gene on the Y chromosome...



- Analyzing pedigrees
 - ◇ The process
 - ♦ An assumption:
 - ◇ The result

Examples

For each of the following pedigrees, can you decide whether the trait is dominant or recessive?







Is this a recessive trait?

Sex-linked traits

X-linked recessive

Consider these pedigrees (to be filled in)



X-linked dominant





What would you predict for a Y-linked trait?

Sex-limited inheritance

e.g., hen-feathering in chicken





Sex-influenced inheritance



For each of the following pedigrees, which modes of inheritance can you eliminate, and why? (Assume complete expressivity and penetrance; also assume that the trait is rare and that unless indicated otherwise, there is no inbreeding.)



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