

# Reasons for Mendel's Success

## 1. Method of working →

- Hybridization of pure form using Emasculation and bagging.
- He maintained statistical record of all the experiments and analysed them.

## 2. Selection of material →

Mendel selected garden pea as his experimental material because it has following features.

- a) It was an annual plant.
- b) Short life cycle - because of which it was possible to study several generations within short period of time.
- c) Bisexual flower.
- d) Easily to handle due to its large size.
- e) Self pollinating.
- f) It is easy to get pure lines for several generations.
- g) Easy to cross by emasculation and Bagging.
- h) Seven pairs of characters were present on four different pairs of chromosomes.

## 3. Selection of trait →

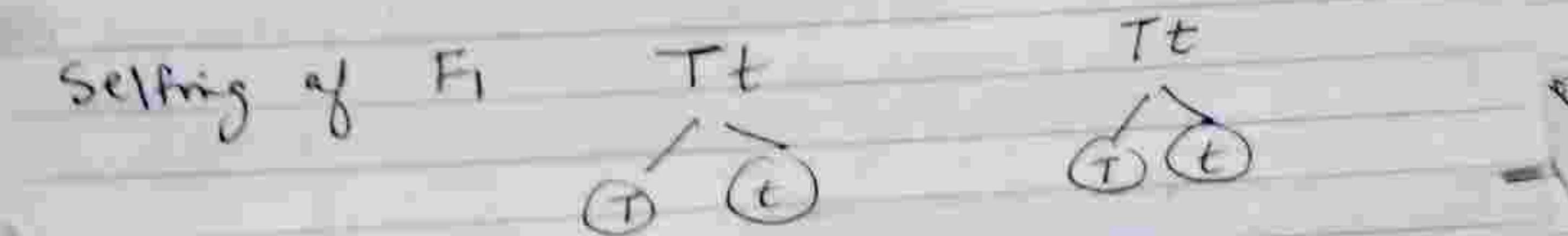
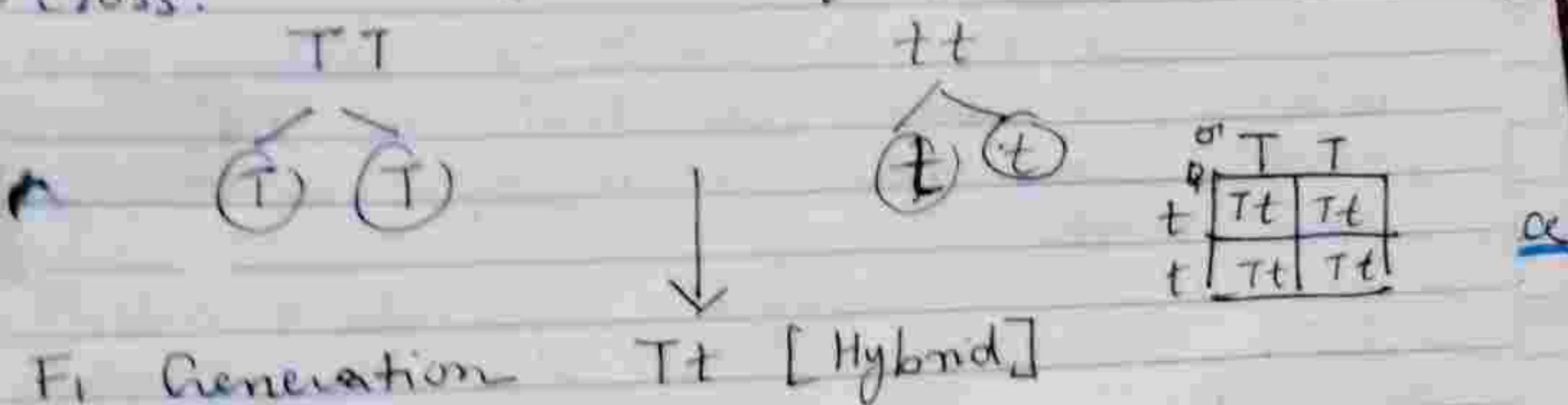
Mendel selected 7 pairs of contrasting character related as dominant and recessive.

Seven pairs of contrasting character in pea plant

<u>pea plant character</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Recessive</u>
1. Stem length	Tall	Dwarf
2. Flower colour	violet	white
3. Flower position	Axial	Terminal
4. Pod shape	Inflated	constricted
5. Pod colour	Green	yellow
6. Seed shape	Round	wrinkled
7. Seed colour	Yellow	Green

## Methods of Analysis

**Lunnet square** — Given by Reginald C Punnett checker board method to calculate probability of all possible genotypes of offspring in a genetic cross.

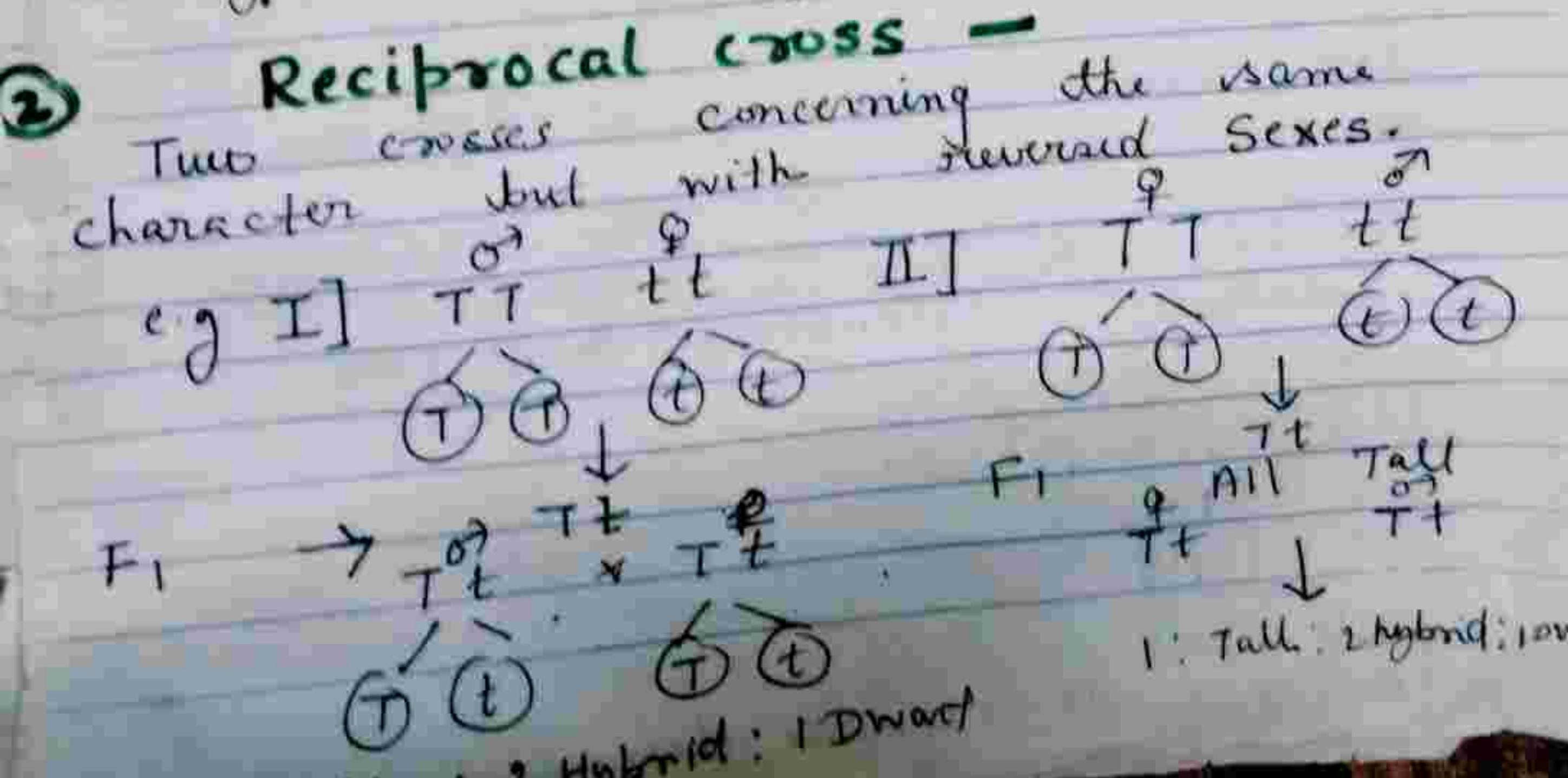


F<sub>2</sub> generation

♂ T	T
♀ T	TT
t	Tt Tt tt

Phenotypic ratio: 3 Tall : 1 Dwarf

Genotypic ratio: 1 TT (Pure tall) : 2 Tt (Hybrid) : 1 tt (Dwarf)



## Back cross

It is cross performed between hybrid and one of its parent [i.e. Dominant or Recessive]

→ Back cross is of two types

Test cross and cross.

1. Test cross — when a cross is made between unknown individual to its recessive parent to know its genotype, is called Test cross.

It is to test the genotype of individual e.g. If plant is Tall then two possibilities are a) TT (Pure tall) b) Tt (Hybrid tall)

a)  $TT \times tt$   
Individual (recessive parent)



	$\delta$	T	T
t		Tt	Tt
t		Tt	Tt

all Tall

$Tt \times tt$



T	t
t	Tt tt
t	Tt tt

1:1 Tall : 1:1 dwarf

② out cross → Crossing of hybrid with dominant Parent e.g.

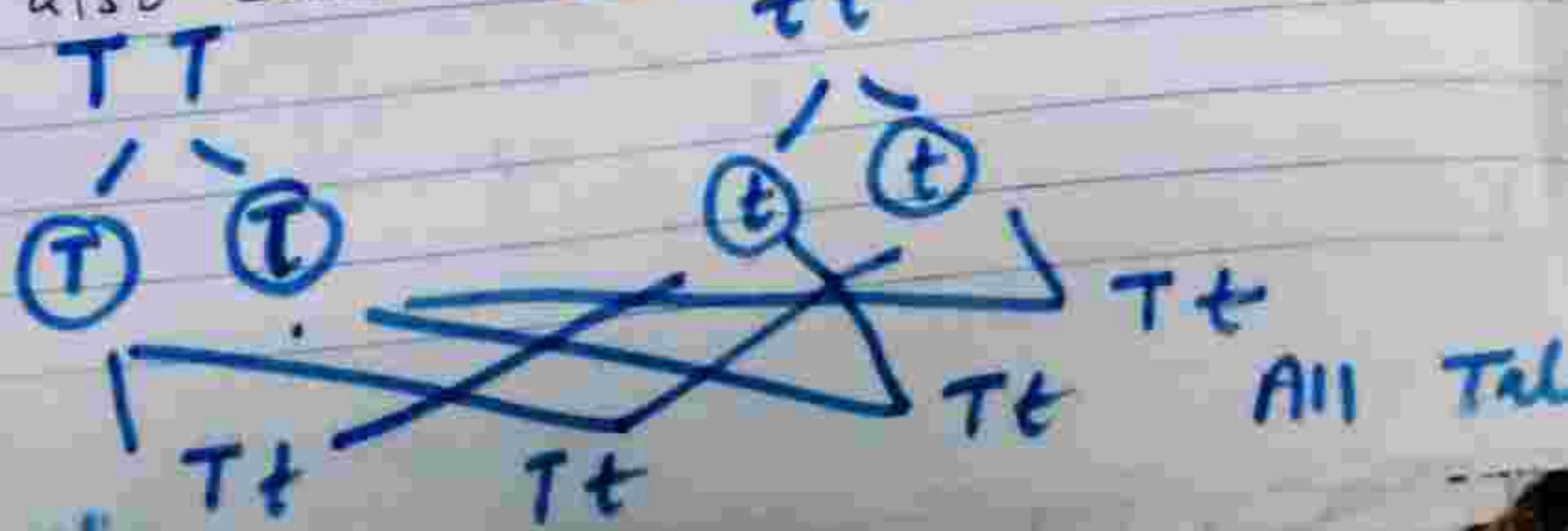
$Tt \times TT$   
(Individual) (Dominant Parent)

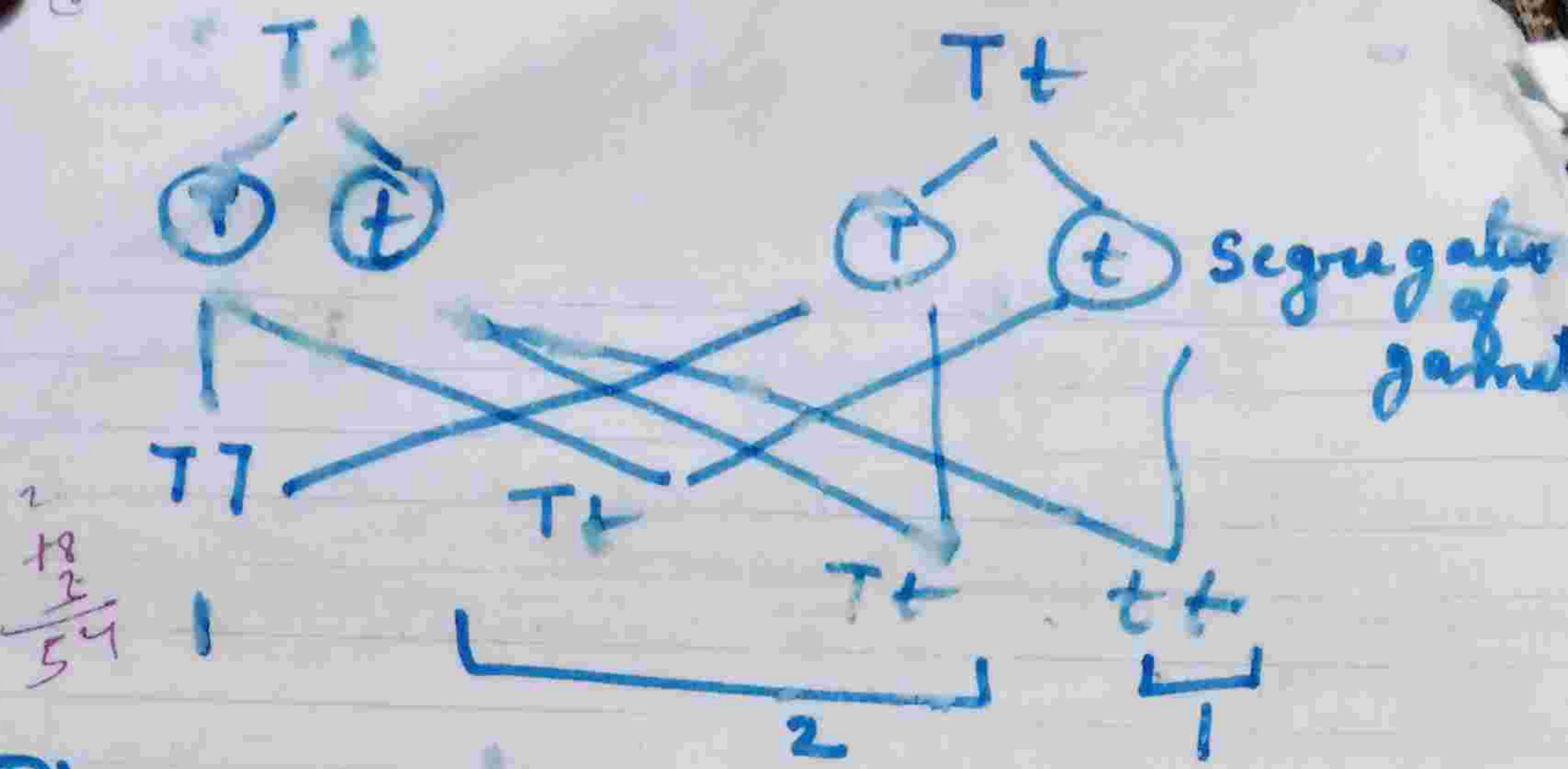


T	T	T	T
t		Tt	Tt
t		Tt	Tt

# Mendel's experiment and Laws of Inheritance

- Mendel has done experiment on Pea plant  
Mendel's First Law i.e. Law of Dominance and II Law i.e. Law of Segregation is based on Monohybrid cross.
- Mendel's II Law is based on Dihybrid cross (self pollinated)
  - Mendel crossed Pure tall and dwarf plants.  
In F<sub>1</sub> generation all plants were tall.  
It is Law I Law i.e. It occurs due to dominance
  - Mendel explain that when tall is crossed with dwarf then in F<sub>1</sub> generation all are tall because only dominant trait character is expressed in F<sub>1</sub> generation. This is Law of dominance.
  - In an individual the factors occur in pairs. one from either parent.
- During gamete formation the unit factors segregate so that each gamete gets only one of the two alternative factors.
- When F<sub>1</sub> hybrids are selfed then gametes fuse freely and therefore even those characters which were not expressed in F<sub>1</sub> generation was expressed in F<sub>2</sub> generation. so the Phenotypic ratio is 3:1 and genotypic ratio is 1:2:1. This is Law of Segregation of Gamete. It is also called Law of Purity of Gamete.





**Phenotypic ratio**       $3 : 1$  Tall : ~~Dwarf~~

**Genotypic ratio**       $1 : 2 : 1$  ~~Dwarf~~  
Pure Tall      Hybrid tall

### Dihybrid cross

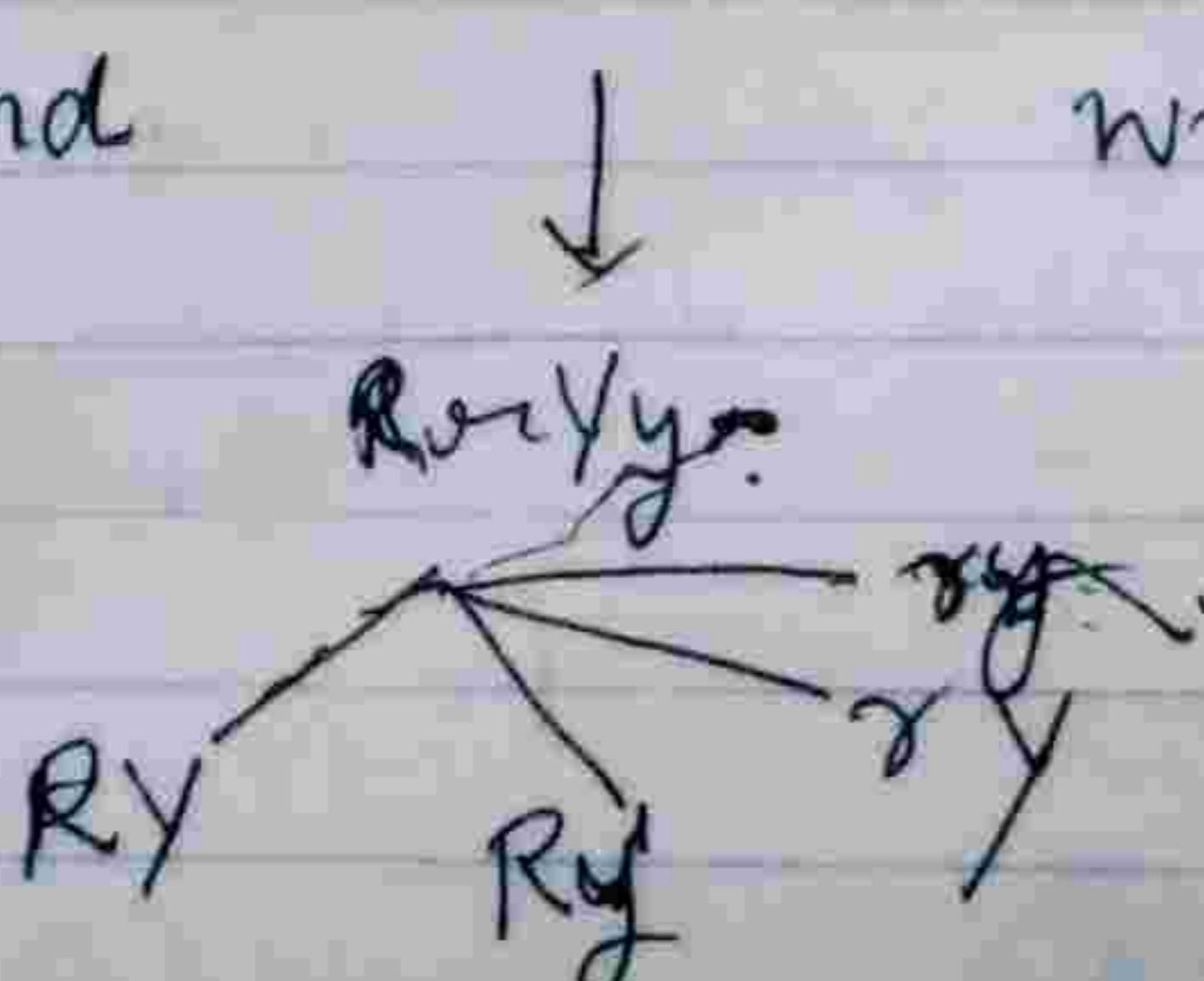
Cross between two pairs of contrasting traits. This experiment was done by Mendel to study Segregation and transmission of two pairs of contrasting traits at a time.

→ Cross is made between Round yellow and wrinkled green seeds.

→ In  $F_1$ , all were tall [Law of dominance]  
→ In  $F_2$  gamete segregation [Law of Segregation]  
→ As factor for different characters are not dependent on each other i.e. assort independently,

$RRYY$   
Yellow round

$rryy$ .  
Wrinkled green

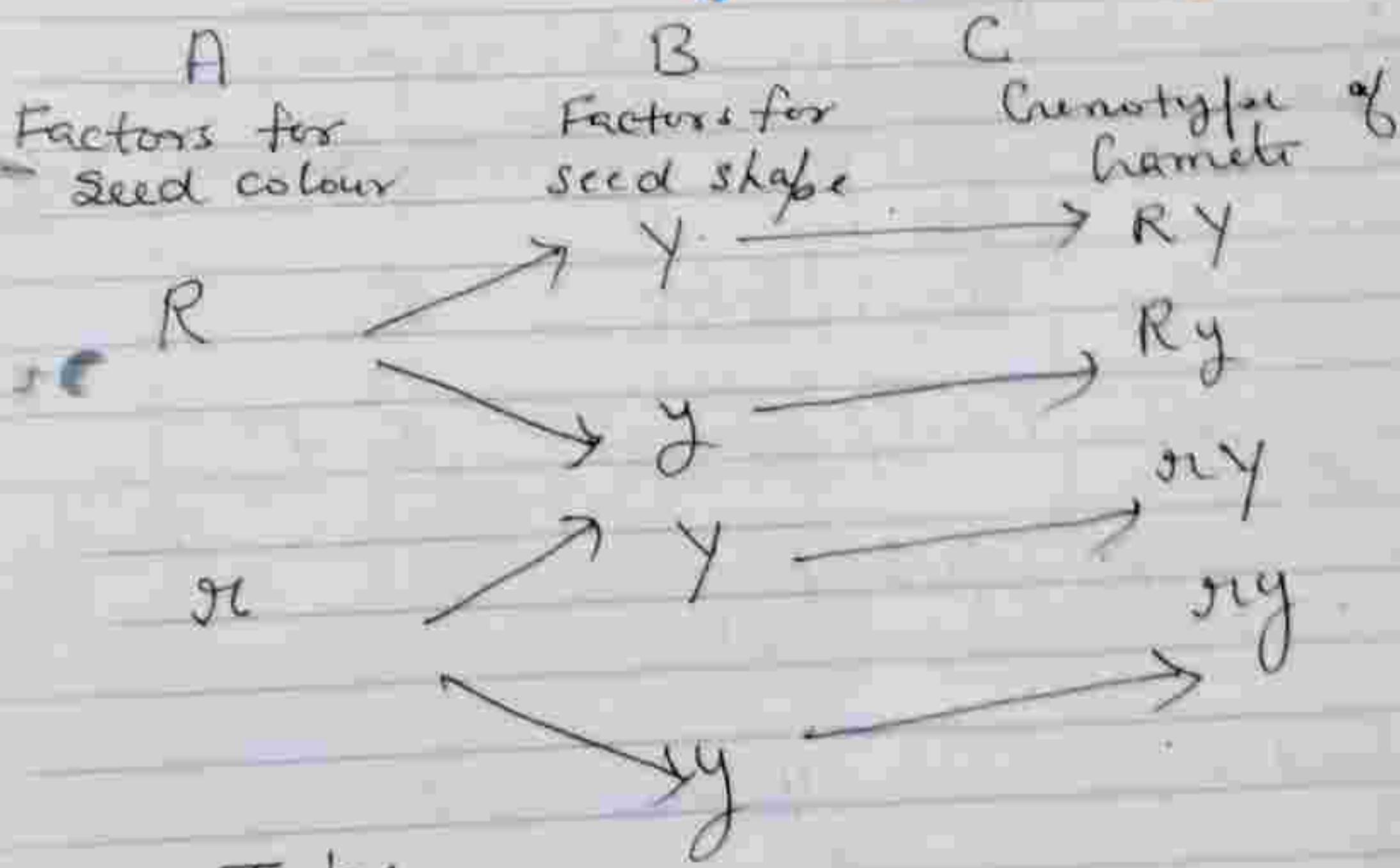


P		F <sub>1</sub>				F <sub>2</sub>	
R	y	Ry	Yy	RRyy	RYYy	RRyy	Ryy
R	y	RRYy	RRyy	Ryy	Ryy	Ryy	Ryy
Y	y	RYYy	Ryy	RYYy	Ryy	Ryy	Ryy
rr	yy	Rryy	Rryy	Rryy	Rryy	Rryy	Rryy
YY	YY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY
rr	yy	rryy	rryy	rryy	rryy	rryy	rryy
YY	YY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY	RRYY

Round yellow - 9  
wrinkled yellow green - 3  
Round green - 1

Round wrinkled yellow

## Forkline method for gamete formation



Type No of ~~no.~~ of gamete —  $2^n$   
n - no. of factors — n is not hybrid

e.g. n = 2 in RYYy

$$2^2 = 4$$

n = 3 in AaBbCc

$$2^3 = 8$$

No of F<sub>2</sub> Phenotype —  $2^n$   
No of F<sub>1</sub> Genotype —  $3^n$