

Branching Problem Set

- Genes A and B are unlinked autosomal genes. In both cases, wild type is dominant to mutant ($A > a$ and $B > b$). Determine the F₂ phenotypic ratios using **GENOTYPIC** branching for the dihybrid cross **a x b**.
- Genes A B and D are unlinked autosomal genes. In both cases, wild type is dominant to mutant ($A > a$ and $B > b$ $D > d$). Use branching to determine the F₂ **phenotypic** ratios for the trihybrid cross **ab x d**.
- Genes A B and F are unlinked autosomal genes. For A and B, wild type is dominant to mutant ($A > a$ and $B > b$). For F, wild type and mutant are semidominant. Use branching to determine the **phenotypic** ratios for the trihybrid cross **a x bf**.
- In Drosophila the gene for white eyes (w) is X-linked and the gene for black body (b) is autosomal. In both genes, the wild type is dominant to the mutant. Use **BRANCHING** to determine the F₂ **PHENOTYPIC** ratios in the cross.
male black body x female white eyes
- In Drosophila the gene for white eyes (w) is X-linked and the gene for black body (b) is autosomal. The gene for vestigial wing (v) is also autosomal and is not linked to black body. In all genes, the wild type is dominant to the mutant. Use **BRANCHING** to determine the F₂ **PHENOTYPIC** ratios in the cross. .
male white eyes black body x female vestigial wing

Branching Problem Set – Answers Key

Problem 1

	↗ 1BB = 1	AB	
1AA	→ 2Bb = 2	AB	9 AB
	↘ 1bb = 1	Ab	
	↗ 1BB = 2	AB	3 Ab
2Aa	→ 2Bb = 4	AB	3 aB
	↘ 1bb = 2	Ab	
	↗ 1BB = 1	aB	
1aa	→ 2Bb = 2	aB	1 ab
	↘ 1bb = 1	ab	

Problem 2

			↗ 3D	27	ABD
		3B			
3A	↗		↘ 1d	9	ABd
			↗ 3D	9	AbD
		1b			
			↘ 1d	3	Abd
			↗ 3D	9	aBD
		3B			
1a	↗		↘ 1d	3	aBd
			↗ 3D	3	abD
		1b			
			↘ 1d	1	abd

Problem 3

			↗ 1F	9	ABF	
		3B	→ 2Ff	18	ABFf	
3A	↗		↘ 1f	9	ABf	
			↗ 1F	3	AbF	
		1b	→ 2Ff	6	AbFf	* Ff = heterozygous phenotype
			↘ 1f	3	Abf	
			↗ 1F	3	aBF	
		3B	→ 2Ff	6	aBFf	
1a	↗		↘ 1f	3	aBf	
			↗ 1F	1	abF	
		1b	→ 2Ff	2	abFf	
			↘ 1f	1	abf	

Problem 4

F1 = WYbb (male) x wwBB (female)

F2 = wYBb (male) x WwBb (female)

			↗ 3B	3	WB	female
		W				
w	↗		↘ 1b	1	Wb	“
			↗ 3B	3	wB	“
		w				
			↘ 1b	1	wb	“
			↗ 3B	3	WB	male
		W				
Y	↗		↘ 1b	1	Wb	“
			↗ 3B	3	wB	“
		w				
			↘ 1b	1	wb	“

Problem 5

F1 = wYbbVV (male) x WWBBvv (female)

F2 = WYBbVv (male) x WwBbVv (female)

			↗ 3V	9	WBV	<i>female</i>	
		↗ 3B	↘ 1v	3	WBv	“	
	↗ W		↗ 3V	3	WbV	“	
	↘ 1b		↘ 1v	1	Wbv	“	
W			↗ 3V	9	WBV	“	
	↗ W		↘ 3B	↘ 1v	3	WBv	“
			↗ 3V	3	WbV	“	
	↘ 1b		↘ 1v	1	Wbv	“	
			↗ 3V	9	WBV	<i>male</i>	
		↗ 3B	↘ 1v	3	WBv	“	
	↗ W		↗ 3V	3	WbV	“	
	↘ 1b		↘ 1v	1	Wbv	“	
Y			↗ 3V	9	wBV	“	
	↗ W		↘ 3B	↘ 1v	3	wBv	“
			↗ 3V	3	wbV	“	
	↘ 1b		↘ 1v	1	wbv	“	

note that the ratios for the females are duplicated. You could simplify the results by combining the two sets.