# Cell division: MITOSIS 

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## 3 Types of Cell Division

| Type of Cell <br> Division | Type of Cells it occurs in | Function |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Binary Fission | Prokaryotes | Asexual Reproduction |
| Mitosis | Eukaryotes | Asexual Reproduction <br> Growth of Individual <br> Repair/Maintenance of Tissues |
| Meiosis | Eukaryotes | Sexual Reproduction |



## The Cell Cycle

$\square$ The cell cycle is the period from the beginning of one division to the beginning of the next.

- The cell cycle consists of 2 major phases:
$\square$ Interphase (cell growth and copying of chromosomes in preparation for cell division
$\checkmark \mathrm{G}_{1}$ - primary growth phase
$\checkmark S$ - synthesis; DNA replicated
$\checkmark \mathrm{G}_{2}$ - secondary growth phase
collectively these 3 stages are called interphase
$\square$ Mitotic (M) phase


## The Cell Cycle and the Checkpoints



## 1. Cell Growth Checkpoint

- Occurs toward the end of growth phase 1 (G1).
- Checks whether the cell is big enough and has made the proper proteins for the synthesis phase.
- If not, the cell goes through a resting period (G0) until it is ready to divide.

2. DNA Synthesis Checkpoint

- Occurs during the synthesis phase (S).
- Checks whether DNA has been replicated correctly.
- If so, the cell continues on to mitosis (M).

3. Mitosis Checkpoint

- Occurs during the mitosis phase (M).
- Checks whether mitosis is complete.
- If so, the cell divides, and the cycle repeats.


## Mitosis

$\checkmark$ Division of the nucleus called karyokinesis
$\checkmark$ Division of the cytoplasm called Cytokinesis




# Prophase 

Chromatin condenses into chromosomes

Nucleolus disappears

## Metaphase



## Metaphase

Chromosomes line up along metaphase plate (imaginary plane)


The best stage at which the total number of chromosomes can be counted in any species is metaphase

## 3-Anaphase

- Each centromere splits making two chromatids free


## Anaphase

chromosomes move towards opposite poles of the cell

- Each chromatid moves toward a pole
- Cell begins to elongate, caused by microtubules not associated with the kinetochore

Occurs rapidly
$\checkmark$ Sister chromatids are pulled apart to
opposite poles of the cell by kinetochore
fibers

## 4. Telophase

- Formation of nuclear membrane and nucleolus

Short and thick chromosomes begin to elongate to form long and thin chromatin

- Formation of the cleavage furrow - a shallow groove in the cell near the old metaphase plate
$\square$ Formation of cell plate starts at telophase
- Cytokinesis $=$ division of the cytoplasm
$\checkmark$ Sister chromatids at opposite poles
$\checkmark$ Spindle disassembles
$\checkmark$ Nuclear envelope forms around each set of sis $_{\text {Nucleus }}$
$\checkmark$ Nucleolus reappears
$\checkmark$ CYTOKINESIS occurs
$\checkmark$ Chromosomes reappear as chromatin



## Comparison of Anaphase \& Telophase



## Cytokinesis

## $\checkmark$ Means division of the cytoplasm

$\checkmark$ Division of cell into two, identical halves called daughter cells
$\checkmark$ cleavage furrow forms to split cell

- Nuclear membranes form around the two new sets of chromosomes.
- The spindle fiber disappears.
- Chromosomes start to uncoil (chromatin) and become less visible.
- Cell starts to make a groove (furrow) in the middle to eventually split into two identical cells.
$\square$ If cells undergo mitosis and not cytokinesis, this will result in cell with two nuclei.



## The Key Roles of Cell Division

- The ability of organisms to produce more of their own kind best distinguishes living things from nonliving matter
- The continuity of life is based on the reproduction of cells, or cell division
- In unicellular organisms, division of one cell reproduces the entire organism
- Multicellular organisms depend on cell division for
- Development from a fertilized cell
- Growth
- Repair
- Cell division is an integral part of the cell cycle, the life of a cell from formation to its own division
- Most cell division results in genetically identical daughter cells
- Most cell division results in daughter cells with identical genetic information, DNA
- The exception is meiosis, a special type of division that can produce sperm and egg cells


## Cell-division- Meiosis

## Comparison of Divisions

## Mitosis

## Meiosis

| Number of divisions | 1 | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of daughter cells | 2 | 4 |
| Genetically identical? | Yes | No |
| Chromosome | Same as parent | Half of parent |
| Where | Somatic cells | Cerm cells |
| When | Throughout life | At sexual |
| Role | Growth and repair | Sexual reproduction |



## Prophase I

- Longest and most complex phase
- $90 \%$ of the meiotic process is spent in Prophase I
- This stage is composed of $\mathbf{5}$ stages:

1- Leptotene(thin threads )
2- Zygotene (Homologus bivalent = synapsis )
3- Pachytene (condense short \&thick)
4- Diplotene (crossing -over)
5- Diakinesis + (nuclear memb \& nucleoles disappear)

- Chromosomes condense.
- Synapsis occurs: homologous chromosomes come together to form a tetrad.
- Tetrad is two chromosomes or four chromatids


## Tetrads Form in Prophase I



## Crossing-Over

## Homologous Synapsis: Pairing of

chromosomes in a tetrad
cross over each other

Pieces of chromosomes or
genes are exchanged

## Produces Genetic

 recombination in the offspring
## Metaphase II

- The chromosomes are positioned on the metaphase plate in a mitosis-like fashion
- Chromosomes align
- along equator of cell


## Anaphase II

- The centromeres of sister chromatids finally separate
- The sister chromatids of each
 pair move toward opposite poles
- Sister chromatids separate and move to opposite poles.



## Telophase II and Cytokinesis

- Nuclei form at opposite poles of the cell and cytokinesis occurs
- After completion of cytokinesis there are four daughter cells
- All are haploid (n)
- Nuclear envelope assembles.
- Chromosomes decondense.
- Spindle disappears.

- Cytokinesis divides cell into two.



## Results of Meiosis



Gametes (egg \& sperm) form

Four haploid cells with one copy of each chromosome

Different combinations for different genes along the chromosome

## Genetic Diversity

$\square$ Meiosis increases genetic diversity.
$\square$ Genetic Variation Among Offspring
$\square$ Two points of genetic recombination.
$>$ Crossing-over of non sister chromatids—Prophase 1
$>$ Independent assortment of


Independent assortment
homologous chromosomes during Metaphase 1

