The cell cycle or cell-division cycle:

Is the series of events that take place in a cell leading to its division and duplication of its DNA (DNA replication) to produce two daughter cells.



- The main stages of the cell cycle are gap 1, synthesis, gap 2, and mitosis.
- Gap 1 (G₁): cell growth and normal functions
- DNA synthesis (S): copies DNA
- *Sister chromatids* identical structures that result from chromosome replication, formed during S phase
- Gap 2 (G₂): additional growth (chromatids become replicated chromosomes)
- Mitosis (M): includes division of the cell nucleus (mitosis) and division of the cell cytoplasm (cytokinesis)
- Mitosis occurs only if the cell is large enough and the DNA undamaged.
- <u>Interphase</u>
- Cells spend the majority of their cell cycle in interphase.
- The purpose of interphase is for cell growth.

• By the end of interphase a cell has two full sets of DNA (chromosomes) and is large enough to begin the division process.

Mitosis

- The purpose of mitosis is cell division: making two cells out of one.
- Each cell has to have its own cytoplasm and DNA.
- The DNA is replicated in interphase when two chromosome strands became four strands (two strands per chromatid).
- In mitosis the four strands (two sister chromatid) have to break apart so that each new cell only has one double-stranded chromosome.
- Two sister chromatids together make a chromosome



<u>Prophase</u> is characterized by four events:

- 1. Chromosomes condense and are more visible.
- 2. The nuclear membrane (envelope) disappears.
- 3. Centrioles have separated and taken positions on the opposite poles of the cell.
- 4. Spindle fibers form and radiate toward the center of the cell.



Metaphase (the shortest phase of mitosis) is characterized by two events:

- 1. Chromosomes line up across the middle of the cell.
- 2. Spindle fibers connect the centromere of each sister chromatid to the poles of the cell.
- 3. During metaphase, chromosomes line up in the middle of the cell.



Anaphase is characterized by three events:

- 1. Centromeres that join the sister chromatids split.
- 2. Sister chromatids separate becoming individual chromosomes.
- 3. Separated chromatids move to opposite poles of the cell.



Telophase (the last phase of mitosis) consists of four events:

- 1. Chromosomes (each consisting of a single chromatid) uncoil.
- 2. A nuclear envelope forms around the chromosomes at each pole of the cell.
- 3. Spindle fibers break down and dissolve.
- 4. Cytokinesis begins.



Cytokinesis

- Cytokinesis is the division of the cytoplasm into two individual cells.
- Cytokinesis differs in animal and plant cells
 - In animal cells, the membrane pinches closed.
 - In plant cells, a <u>cell plate</u> forms.





<u>Meiosis</u>

A division of the nucleus that reduces chromosome number by half.

- Important in sexual reproduction
- Involves combining the genetic information of one parent with that of the other parent to produce a genetically distinct individual
- Diploid two sets of chromosomes (2n), in humans 23 pairs or 46 total
- *Haploid* one set of chromosomes (n) gametes or sex cells, in humans 23 chromosomes
- Homologous pair
 - each chromosome in pair are identical to the other (carry genes for same trait)
 - only one pair differs sex chromosomes X or Y

Phases of Meiosis

- A diploid cell replicates its chromosomes
- Two stages of meiosis
 - Meiosis I and Meiosis II
 - Only 1 replication

Original Gamete Metaphase Anaphase Telophase Cytokinesis



2 Daughter Cells Metaphase 2 Anaphase 2 Telophase 2 Cytokinesis – 4 Gametes



Prophase I

- Chromosomes condense
- Homologous chromosomes pair w/ each other
- Each pair contains four sister chromatids tetrad

Metaphase I

• Tetrads or homologous chromosomes move to center of cell



> Anaphase I

Homologous chromosomes pulled to opposite poles



- > Telophase I
- Daughter nuclei formed ,These are haploid (1n)



Meiosis II:

- Daughter cells undergo a second division; much like mitosis
- No additional replication occurs
- Prophase II
 - Spindle fibers form again



again, following a brief interphase in which DNA does not replicate

> Metaphase II

- Sister chromatids move to the center
 Metaphase II
 Anaphase II
 Anaphase II
 Final Anaphase I
 - > Anaphase II
 - Centromeres split
 - Individual chromosomes are pulled to poles

Telophase II & Cytokinesis

> Four haploid daughter cells results from one original diploid cell



divide Review Mitosis & Meiosis

- Both are forms of nuclear division
- Both involve replication
- Both involve disappearance of the nucleus, and nucleolus, nuclear membrane
- Both involve formation of spindle fibers
- DIFFERENCES
- *Meiosis* produces daughter cells that have **1/2** the number of chromosomes as the parent. Go from 2n to 1n.
- Daughter cells produced by meiosis are not genetically identical to one another.
- In *meiosis* cell division takes place twice but replication occurs only once.