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INTRODUCTION

The taxonomic keys developed by Hutchinson, Silow and Stephens(9) place great emphasis on the characteristics of the bractiole as critera for separating species within the genus Gossypium. Various species within the genus differ greatly in the morphological characteristics of the bractioles developed around the floral parts. Similiarly, the bractioles of the three tetraploid species of Gossypium recognized by Hutchinson et al. are very different. The bractioles of G. tomentosum Nuttal are ovate-oblong and are serrated along the upper margin into 8 to 10 coarse teeth, the teeth rarely being as much as thrice as long as broad. The bracticles of G. hirsutum Linnaeus are longer than broad and the upper margin is gashed into 7 to 12 long, acuminate teeth which are more than thrice as long as broad. The bractioles of G. barbadense are very similar to those of G. hirsutum. In general, the average bracticle of G. hirsutum and G. barbadense is about two to three times larger than those of G. tomentosum(3).

The first objective of this investigation was to study the inheritance of fourteen quantitative characters of bracticles in an interspecific cross between <u>G. tomentosum</u> and <u>G. hirsu-tum</u>. The second objective was to determine the genetic and developmental relationships of these characters by correlating the fourteen characters in order to better understand

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the relationships between these two species. Attempts were made to determine whether correlations are the result of physiological effects, pleiotrophic genes, or closely linked blocks of genes.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Interspecific crosses have been studied intensively in several genera, primarily in studies to the transfer of certain genes from one species to another by a combination of hybridization, backcrossing, and selection, Allard(1) lists four generalizations on segregation in wide interspecific crosses:

(a) Tremendous diversity of types appear in the F_2 and later generations as a result of the extreme heterozygosity of interspecific F_1 hybrids. Each individual in an F_2 progeny is likely to be different from each other individual in a large number of characters.

(b) Great difficulty is encountered in attempting to account in precise Mendelian terms for inheritance in species crosses. The meiotic processes rarely function with complete normality in interspecific hybrids, so that the segregation often does not fit classical Mendelian patterns.

(c) Although segregation in the F_2 and later generations produces extremely heterogeneous recombination types, the recombinations that actually appear are by no means a random sample of the total possible recombinations of parental characteristics.

(d) Male gametogenesis is more easily upset by chromosomal or genic disharmonies than female gametogenesis. For this reason, the propagation of hybrids often depends on backcrossing the F_1

as the seed parent to one or the other of the parental species.

Skovsted(18) has placed the species of <u>Gossypium</u> into three groups: (a) species with 2n = 26 from America and the Pacific Islands, (b) species with 2n = 26 from Africa, Asia, and Australia, and (c) New World tetraploid species with 2n = 52 from America and the islands in the Pacific Ocean. Subsequent studies have served to elaborate the relations suggested by Skovsted. However, compared to certain other genetically well known genera, interspecific crosses within the genus <u>Gossypium</u> have not been studied extensively.

Silow(13) reported different degrees of specific divergence within the Asiatic diploid section of the genus <u>Gossypium</u>. Silow found that hybrids between <u>G</u>. <u>arboreum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>herbaceum</u> are fully fertile in the F_1 , but showed breakdown in viability in the F_2 . Hybrids between these species and <u>G</u>. <u>anomalum</u> are almost sterile.

Gerstel and Phillips(6) studied the allotetraploid segregations of red lethal, red plant, yellow pollen, yellow petal, and leaf shape in the following species combinations: (a) 4n -<u>G. arboreum x G. herbaceum</u>, (b) 4n - <u>G. thurberi x G. raimondii</u>, (c) Amphiploids between Old World cotton and <u>G. anomalum</u>, and (d) <u>G. arboreum x G. thurberi</u>. The general conclusions drawn from the results of these studies were that genetic ratios of a series of synthetic allotetraploids widen rapidly with decreasing cytotaxonomic affinity of the component species. No recognizable tendency of the chromosomes of <u>G. arboreum x G. herbaceum</u> to associate preferentially was observed. This could be interpret-

ed as meaning that the chromosomes of \underline{G} . <u>arboreum</u> and \underline{G} . <u>herbaceum</u> have remained homologous cytologically.

The amphiploids which were used as the material in this experiment did not produce functional homogenic gametes(RR and rr as opposed to Rr gametes) with equal frequency. Amphiploids sythesized from the wild American species <u>G</u>. <u>thurberi</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>raimondii</u>, which are very different in morphology and in origin, but both with D genomes, gave approximately a 13 : 1 backcross ratio for the one locus studies. The differences between segregation ratios of the 4A and the 4D amphiploids show that amphiploid segregation is much more sensitive to differences in chromosome homology than is F_1 pairing, since pairing of the chromosomes at metaphase is normal in both <u>G</u>. <u>arboreum x G</u>. <u>herbaceum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>thruberi</u> x <u>G</u>. <u>raimondii</u> hybrids. Amphiploids containing the A and B genomes both from the Old World and with high F_1 affinity, gave very wide ratios whereas the 2(AD) amphiploid type were almost completely stable.

The New World tetraploid species are differentaiated into thre species between which genetic isolation barriers exist(9). The center of origin of <u>G</u>. <u>barbadense</u> appears to have been in South America and that of <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> in Southern Mexico and Guatemala. The third species, G. tomentosum, is endemic to the Hawaiian islands. The three tetraploid species intercross freely, giving fully fertile F_1 hybrids which exhibit considerable hybrid vigour. Skosvted(15) explained meiosis in the F_1 's of crosses involving the tetraploids and found it normal. In the F_2 , however, extensive genetic breakdown occurs, giving rise to unbalanced low viability. According to Hutchinson(8). Harland has discussed the nature of the species differentiation in the three species and concluded that threre is no evidence for processes other than gene substitution being involved in differentiation of these tetraploids. In crosses involving G. tomentosum, heavy losses in the seedling stage are the rule, and the raising of large progenies in F_2 and later selfed generations is usually a matter of considerable difficulty. In an F2 of G. hirsutum var. punctax G. tomentosum germination and seedling development were tum as follows(9):

- (a) Seeds with small embryos that failed to germinate.
- (b) Seeds with apparently normal embryos that failed to germinate.
- (c) Seedlings that failed to expand the cotyledons.(d) Seedlings that died within three weeks.
- (e) Unthrifty seedlings at three weeks old.
- (f) Strong seedlings at three weeks old.

The genetic breakdown in the G. tomentosum and G. hirsutum cross began much earlier and was much more serious than in G. hirsutum x G. barbadense; consequently G. tomentosum must be genetically further removed from G. hirsutum than is G. barbadense. Comparable data are not available for G. barbadense x G. tomentosum, but according to Hutchinson(9), Harland considered G. tomentosum to be nearer to G. barbadense than to G. hirsutum, and it is possible that breakdown in that hybrid might not be so severe as in the G. hirsutum cross.

Stephens(16) reported that there is considerable selective elimination of the donor parental genotype in interspecific backcrosses involving G. hirsutum and G. barbadense. In the first

backcross, the elimination, primarily gametic, is operative both in pollen and ovules. The selective elimination can be detected by the significant skewness of specific monofactorial segregation and also by the cumulative tendency for the recurrent parental genotype to be recovered more rapidly than expected as a result of random segregation and recombination. Of four loci which showed selective elimination, two are suspected on independent grounds to be carried on structurally differentiated chromosomes. The results are not explicable by interspecific differentiation based on freely assorting modfier systems, but require some form of internally balanced polygenic complexes. It is considered that the so called polygenic complexes may be structurally differentiated chromosome segments.

From studies of chromosomal translocations in hybrids of the Old World and New World cottons, Gerstel and Sarvella (7) point out that all representatives of <u>G</u>. <u>arboreum</u> carry the same chromosomal arrangement and differ from <u>G</u>. <u>herbaceum</u> by one major segmental interchange involving a major portion of a chromosome arm. These data indicate that the chromosomal arrangements of the tetraploids are closer to that of <u>G</u>. <u>herbaceum</u> than to that of <u>G</u>. <u>arboreum</u>. These cytological results suggest <u>G</u>. <u>herbaceum</u> as a common ancester of all three New World species but are by no means conclusive.

Several studies have been made of the inheritance of quantitative characters in interspecific crosses. Worley(18) studied the inheritance of fiber strength in an interspecific cross be-

tween G. hirsutum and G. barbadense. He reported on the F1 and first and second segregating generations of a interspecific cross between DPL(G. hirsutum) and Sea Island(G. barbadense). In Worley's material, fiber strength behaved as a quantitative character. Partial dominance of low Pressley index occurred; however, fiber strength at 0.125 inch index lacked dominance. Attempts were made to estimate the number of genes segregating for fiber strength. Parental means differed by 2.81 units of Pressley index and 2.27 units of 0.125 inch strength index. Three methods for estimating minimum number of genes indicated that fiber strength was conditioned by a relatively small number of genes. There appeared to be more genes segregating for 0.125 inch strength index than for Pressley index. The reliability of the estimates of heritability varied. The third generation (F_2) results were found most reliable in the estimation of heritability. Fifty to sixty per cent of the high strength F2 plants produced high strength F_3 lines.

Kamel(10) studied the inheritance of fiber fineness in the interspecific hybrid <u>G. hirsutum x G. barbadense</u>. The material consisted of the parents, F_1 , F_2 and F_3 populations for the interspecific hybrid DPL(<u>G. hirsutum</u>) x Sea Island(<u>G. barbadense</u>). The characters analyzed were fiber wall thickness and perimeter which are the two major components of weight fineness. The arealometer was used in measuring these characteristics. The three fiber properties behave as quantitative characters, although not typical of such characters in all respects. Abnormal segregates with extra fine and thin walled fibers were encounter-

ed in the two segregating generations.

In studying species crosses, mutual association of characters are of interest to the geneticist for understanding the species differences. Collins(4) has divided the mutual relations of characters into three main groups to which he applied the names "physical", "physiological" and "genetic". Physical correlations are those in which the relation is obviouly causal. In many instances, correlations of this kind are little more than different names for the saim phenomenon or parts of the same phenomenon, as when increased weight is correlated with increased In physical language, one of the characters would be deheight. scribed as a function of the other. Physiological correlations are those where both characters are the result of the same physiological tendency as when long internodes in the main stalk are correlated with long internodes in the branches. This may be looked upon as general a tendency to elongated growth that is manifested in different parts of the plants. Genetic correlations cover the large residue of correlations, the nature and caused of which are questions of controversy, but which are associated with the method or mechanism of heredity. An example of this kind correlation is shown in the association of yellow petals and deeply lobed leawes in Egyptian x Upland cotton hybrids.

Anderson(2) in his analysis of recombination products produced by the hybrid between <u>Nicotiana alata x N. langsdorffi</u> pointed out that if the recombinations of any two characters are considered, the ones actually observed form, more or less, an ellipse running diagonally across the correlation rectangle from one parental combination to the other. From his data, Anderson concluded that even in an infinitely large F_2 population the combinations being studied would fall far short of reaching the upper left-hand and lower right-hand corners of the correlation diagrams, which indicated restrictive segregation.

Kearney(11) studied the inheritance of 39 quantitative characters or grading characters in the parental, F1, F2 generations of a cross between Pima, an Egyptian cotton variety, and Holdon, an Upland type. Comparisons of the coefficients of variation for the graded characters showed Holdon to be decidedly the more variable of the parental populations. In a large majority of the characters, the F1 was less variable than the parental populations which gave the higher coefficient of variation or standard deviation for the character in question. The F_2 was more variable than the respective more variable parental population for most of the characters and was significantly more variable than the F_1 in all but one character. Relatively few bimodal segregations were noted in the F2 most characters showing distributions approaching the normal. Kearney concluded that segregation was taking place and that the apparent nonoccurrance of definite ratios in the F_2 indicated that the characters were each conditioned by several factors. He also pointed out that the relatively small size of the population may have played a part.

Kearney(11) studied the correlations of 39 characters in an Upland-Egyptian cotton hybrid(Pima x Holdon). The coefficients

of correlation were determined for 703 pairs of characters in the second generation of the hybrid of which 93 were probably significant. Many of the correlations are undoubtedly physical or physiological or are of a secondary nature, resulting from the mutual correlation of several characters. Of the 92 pairs of characters which showed a presumably significant correlation in the F_2 , the sign in 66 cases indicated coherence or expression of the characters in the hybrid in the same relation as they were received from the parents. In 27 of the significant correlations, the opposite tendency, disherence, was shown. A few of these disherent correlations obviouly were of a physical or physiclogical nature. The occurrance of disherent correlations also noted by Collins and Kempton(5) in their study of a hybrid between toesinte and maize, seems to be contrary to any generally recognized principle of heredity.

In a study of the inheritance of fiber strength in an interspecific cross, Worley(18) demonstrated that there were no relationships between fiber strength and seed index, lint density index, lint per cent, and immaturity or shape factor in either in F_2 or F_3 population. The 0.125 inch strength index showed a significant negative association with wall thickness and perimeter, and highly significant but low correlation with weight fineness. The correlations between fiber strength and these fiber fineness components were interpreted as being physical in nature. Similiar values were obtained among plants of the parental populations. In the F_2 , the correlation coefficient between the two measurements of fiber strength was 0.74 and among means of F_3 lines 0.62. Both <u>r</u> values are highly significant, indicating relatively close association between the two strength measurements. However, there were several exceptions to this association among the 80 F_2 lines.

A low but significant correlation was found for wall thickness and perimeter by Kamel(10) in his study of the inheritance of fiber fineness in the interspecific hybrid <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum x G</u>. <u>barbadense</u>, implying little difficulty would be encountered in combining the high or low expressions of the two characters, except for large perimeters. High positive and significant correlations were obtained for weight fineness and its two components. Desirable expressions of weight fineness could be reached through selection of one of its two components or both.

Lewis(12) reported that in a hybrid involving three species of <u>Gossypium</u> the correlation between F_2 plants and the mean values of their F_3 progenies was highly significant for leaf index, seed index, and lint strength, length, fineness, and shape, but not significant for lint perimeter and lint index. A high positive correlation between lint fineness and lint shape was found in both the F_2 and F_3 generations, which appears to be a developmental correlation.

In summary, segregations in the interspecific crosses within the genus <u>Gossypium</u> are similiar to those reported in other genera. Some differentiation has occurred between the chromosomes as shown by allotetraploid segregations, but the chromosomes of the various species are remarkably similiar. In

the F_2 , there is considerable breakdown even in the interspecific crosses between the most closely related species. As part of this breakdown, there is considerable selective elimination, so that all possible combinations are not likely to be recovered even in large populations.

In those instances where genetic studies have been carried out on quantitative characters, the inheritance seems similiar to that in intraspecific crosses; but qualitative characters often give skewed ratios in interspecific crosses compared to those obtained in the intraspecific crosses.

Correlations between characters in segregating populations resulting from interspecific crosses are difficult to interpret. They may be due to physical or physiological phenomena or they can be genetic in nature. Even when the correlations are shown to be genetic, they can be the result of either linkage or pleiotropism. The distinguishing of linkage from pleiotropism could be difficult in an interspeicfic cross if the linkage were close, considering the breakdown that occurs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

(1) <u>Strains</u> used:

This investigation was undertaken to obtain a statistical description of fourteen characteristics of the bractioles in one variety of <u>Gossypium hirsutum</u>, of a collection of the species <u>Gossypium tomentosum</u> and of the F_1 and F_2 generations resulting from a cross between these two species and to study the inheritance of these fourteen characters when the two species are crossed. In addition, a population of the backcross to <u>hirsutum</u> was included. The backcross to tomentosum could not be included because of the difficulty of obtaining flowers of <u>tomentosum</u>.

The seed of the F_1 , F_2 and backdross generations used in this study were obtained from Dr. James Meyer of stoneville, Mississippi. These seed resulted from a cross between a tomentosum plant that Dr. Meyer grew in the greenhouse and 8948, a double haploid plant developed from Deltapine 14.

<u>G. tomentosum</u> rarely flowers outside Hawaii and a population of <u>G. tomentosum</u> could not be grown in Oklahoma. The plant material of <u>G. tomentosum</u> used in this study was collected in its native habitat in Hawaii by Dr. Jimmie B. Smith of the University of Hawaii.

(2) <u>Collection of material:</u>

The bracticles on which the measurements were made were collected on the day the flowers opened, removed from the flowers and mounted on papers.

Wherever possible, the six bracticles from two flowers of each plant were collected and measured in all populations. In some cases only the three bracticles from one flower were used.

(3) <u>Definition of characters under study</u>:

In order to obtain quantitative descriptions of the bracticles, measurements on 14 characters were made on the bracticles. These 14 characters are diagramed in Figure I and described as follows:

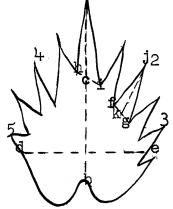


Figure I :- Diagram of a cotton bracticle, showing location of the measurements: length of bracticle (a-b), width of bract.(d-e), base of bract.(b-c), length of tooth(No. 1, a-c, No. 2, j-k), width of tooth(No. 1, h-i, No. 2, f-g).

The length of bracticle: the distance from the top of tooth 1 to the bottom of the bracticle(\underline{a} to \underline{b} in Figure I). The width of bracticle: the width of the bracticle at its widest point(d to e in Figure I).

The length of the base of bracticle: the distance from the base of tooth 1 to the bottom point of the bracticle (\underline{c} to \underline{h} in Figure I).

The number of teeth: the total number of teeth on the bracticle.

The length of the teeth: the distance from the top of the tooth to the center of the tooth where it connects with the bractiole($\underline{j}-\underline{k}$, $\underline{a}-\underline{c}$, in Figure I).

The width of the teeth: the distance across the widest part of the tooth where it connects to the bractiole.

the length and width of five teeth, as shown in Figure I, were studied.

(4) <u>Statistical analysis of quantitative characters</u>:

The total number of plants used in the study were 30 in both of the parental species, 16 in F_1 , 158 in F_2 and 38 in the backcross to <u>hirsutum</u>. The total number of bracticles measured was 100 in both <u>tomestosum</u> and <u>hirsutum</u>, 87 in the F_1 , 925 in the F_2 and 228 in the backcross.

Since the characters under investigation are quantitative in nature, the genetic segregation was studied in terms of heritability and estimation of minimum number of genes, as determined by the formula presented by Sinnott et al.(17). The method used here to estimate the heritability is simply to divide the average variance of the non-segregating generations $(F_1, P_1 \text{ and } P_2)$ by the variance of the F_2 generation and subtract this ratio from 1.00. The formula is as:

Heritability =
$$1 - \frac{\delta_{F_1}^2 + \delta_{P_2}^2 + \delta_{P_2}^2/3}{\delta_{F_2}^2}$$

The relative dominance values were calculated here as being:

Dominance =
$$\frac{F_1 - (X_{p_1} + X_{p_2})/2}{(X_{p_1} + X_{p_2})/2}$$

This method of calculation expresses dominance in terms of a decimal fraction, which may be positive or negative depending on which parent shows dominance. This estimation may not be entirely accurate since the <u>tomentosum</u> plants were grown on the arid shores of Hawaii and the other populations were grown on fertile farm land in Oklahoma.

Correlation coefficients were calculated on all possible combinations of the fourteen characters studied in order to determine whether the same genes or closely linked blocks of genes affect more than one character of the bracticle. In order to see the extent of recombination, correlation diagrams were made for locombinations of characters for which the parental species were most clearly distinguished from each other.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In order to describe the nature of the inheritance of the fourteen bracticle characters under study, the degrees of dominance, hertiabilities, and the frequency distributions were studied, and the minimum number of genes involved were estimated. The means, variances, coefficients of variation, and ranges are presented in Tables I - III.

These data show that all parts of the bracticle of <u>hirsutum</u> are larger than those of <u>tomentosum</u>. On the basis of the variances, the strain of <u>hirsutum</u> appears to be much more variable than <u>tomentosum</u>. However, when the differences in the sizes of the characters are taken into consideration, by use of coefficient of variability, the difference between the relative variabilities of the two species is somewhat different. For the characters that describe the size of the bracticle, namely, length of bracticle, width of the bracticle, base of the bracticle, and number of teeth, <u>hirsutum</u> remains the more variable parent. On the other hand, <u>tomentosum</u> is much the more variable parent for the length and width of all bracticle teeth except tooth 1. The coefficient of variability for the length of tooth 1 is very similiar in both species.

(1) <u>Dominances and Heritabilities</u>:

The estimates of the dominances and heritabilities of

TABLE I

THE MEANS, VARIANCES AND RANGES FOR 14 BRACTIOLE CHARACTERS OF THE PARENTAL POPULATIONS, <u>G. TOMEN-</u> <u>TOSUM</u> AND <u>G. HIRSUTUM</u>

Characters			Tom.			H	ir.	
	Means	<u>8</u> 2	C.V.	Ranges	Means	<u><u> </u></u>	C.V.	Ranges
Length of bract.	14.31	2.89	11.8	1.1-1.9	41.31	17.89	10.2	2.9-5.9
Width of bract.	11.47	1.71	11.4	0.9-1.4	32.29	7.72	8.6	1.2-3.4
Base of bract.	11.67	1.73	20.0	0.9-1.6	26.32	5.75	9.1	1.5-3.0
Number of teeth	8.26	2.43	18.8	5-13	12.15	2.19	12.2	9-15
Length of tooth								· .
No. 1	2.56	0.56	28.3	0.1-0.4	24.86	9.54	12.4	1.1-2.8
No. 2	1.00	0.21	46.1	0.0-0.2	14.29	13.17	25.4	0.6-1.2
No. 3	0.25	0.21	118.4	0.0-0.1	7• 4 7	10.82	44.0	0.2-1.8
No. 4	1.12	1.02	90.1	0.0-0.1	15.05	11.90	22.9	0.5-2.1
No. 5	0.36	1.14	297.0	0.0-0.2	7.71	14.51	49.4	0.0-1.6
Width of tooth								
No. 1	2.82	0.85	100.0	0.1-0.5	7.37	1.12	14.4	0.0-1.6
No. 2	1.53	0.75	57.0	0.0-0.3	6.59	1.93	21.1	0.2-0.8
No. 3	0.41	0.77	214.0	0.0-0.3	5.29	1.93	26.3	0.2-1.0
No. 4	1.38	0.62	57.2	0.0-0.4	6.38	1,29	17.9	0.2-0.9
No. 5	0.30	0.29	180.0	0.0-0.3	5.01	1.41	23.8	0.2-0.6

TABLE II

Characters	$ F_{\mathbf{L}_{\alpha}}$				F2 *			
an a	Means	82	C.V.	Ranges	Means	<u> </u>	C.V.	Ranges
Length of bract.	34.23	11.28	10.6	2.8-4.2	33.82	3 ¹ +•29	17.5	2.4-5.7
Width of bract.	21.59	6.96	12.2	1.7-2.8	20.46	12.61	17.4	1.4-2.9
Base of bract.	21.59	7.96	12.9	1.5-2.6	20.57	13.69	18.0	1.4-3.0
Number of teeth	12.25	3.24	14.7	9-16	11.08	9.73	28.2	5-20
Length of tooth No. 1	12.69	7•3 ¹ +	21.4	0.9-1.8	13.12	16.72	31.1	0.1-3.4
No. 2	5.78	3.06	30.3	0.1-0.9	5.31	11.83	64.8	0.1-2.6
No. 3	1.26	2.43	123.8	0.0-0.5	1.36	3.06	127.8	0.0-1.2
No. 4	5.71	4.62	37•7	0.0-1.0	5.50	11.32	60.9-	0.0-2.2
No. 5	1.11	5.58	218.0	0.0-0.5	1.39	4.00	1 ¹ +3.8	0.0-1.9
Width of tooth No. l	4.95	0.65	14.3	0.3-0.8	4.6l	1.87	29.7	0.2-0.8
No. 2	3.67	1.27	30.8	0.1-0.6	3.23	2.46	46.7	0.0-0.9
No. 3	1.20	1.61	105.8	0.0-0.5	1.15	1.87	119.1	0.0-0.5
No. 4	3.76	1.84	36.2	0.1-0.7	3.20	2.68	51.3	0.0-0.5
No. 5	0.82	0.96	119.5	0.0-0.4	0.99	1.27	114.1	0.0-0.5

THE MEANS, VARIANCES AND RANGES FOR 14 BRACTIOLE CHARACTERS OF THE F1 AND F2 POPULATIONS OF CROSS BETWEEN G. TOMENTOSUM AND G. HIRSUTUM

TABLE III

CHARACTERS IN THE BACKCROSS TO <u>G</u> . <u>HIRSUTUM</u>							
	B	C.					
Characters	Means	<u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u></u>	<u>C.V.</u>	Ranges			
Length of bract.	40.73	41.91	15.9	2.0-5.6			
Width of bract.	25.08	13.23	14.7	1.2-3.6			
Base of bract.	23.40	11.12	14.2	1.1-3.2			
Number of teeth	13.30	6.12	18.6	5-20			
Length of tooth							
No. 1	17.32	24,48	28.8	0.0-3.4			
No. 2	8.84	10.25	40.0	0.0-0.2			
No. 3	2.33	6.59	112.0	0.0-1.3			
No. 4	9.07	10.57	45.0	0.0-2.2			
No. 5	2.16	6.73	120.4	0.0-1.3			
Width of tooth							
No. 1	5.11	1.25	23.5	0.2-0.9			
No. 2	4.19	1.45	30.3	0.1-0.7			
No. 3	1.79	2.48	88.3	0.0-0.5			
No. 4.	4.21	2.34	36.3	0.0-0.8			
No. 5	1.26	1.12	88.1	0.0-0.4			

THE MEANS. VARIANCES AND RANGES OF THE 14 BRACTIOLE

the fourteen characters are presented in Table IV.

TABLE IV

		Dominance			
Characters	Herit.(%)	Degree	Dom. P.		
Length of bract.	0.694	0.2666	Hir.		
Width of bract.	0.567	-0.0132	Tom.		
Base of bract.	0.746	0.1367	Hir.		
Number of teeth	0.755	0.2060	Hir.		
Length of tooth					
No. 1	0.781	-0.0740	Tom.		
No_{\bullet} 2	0.534	-0.1209	Tom。		
No. 3 No. 4	-0.461	-0.65 0 0	Tom.		
$No \cdot 4$	0.452	-0.1772	Tom.		
No. 5	-0.790	~ 0.6407	Tom.		
Width of tooth	_				
No. 1	-0.740	-0.0980	Tom.		
No. 2	0.464	-0.0960	Tom.		
No. 3 No. 4	0.326	-0.5780	Tom.		
No. 4	0.534	-0.0300	Tom.		
<u>No. 5</u>	0.294	-0.6910	Tom.		

DOMINANCE AND HERITABILITY ESTIMATES FOR THE FOURTEEN CHARACTERS

That considerable genetic segregation is occuring in the F_2 is shown by the ranges in the F_2 compared to the F_1 . As shown the F_1 has a range of 0.0 to 0.5 for the length of tooth 3 while the F_2 ranges from 0.0 to 1.5.

The formula used to detect the presence of dominance results in a positive value if the larger parent is dominant and negative value if the smaller parent is dominant. As shown by the data in Table IV, <u>tomentosum</u> exhibited some degree of dominance for eleven of the 14 characters measured. Characters associated with the bracticle and not the teeth were the only ones for which <u>hirsutum</u> showed dominance. <u>Tomentosum</u> shows a degree of dominance for the length and width of all teeth. Since no replication could be carried out on these measurements, no statements of significance can be made. However, the strong similarity of teeth occupying equivalent positions on the bracticle suggests that tooth 4 might serve as a replicate for tooth 2 and that tooth 5 might serve as a replicate for tooth 3. The high degree of dominance exhibited by <u>tomentosum</u> for length and width of teeth 3 and 5 and for length of teeth 2 and 4 are undoubtedly highly significant.

An interesting aspect of these data is the progressively increasing dominance from the apex to the base of the bracticle. For instance, as shown in Table IV, the dominances for length of teeth 1, 2, and 3 are -0.0740, -0.1209 and -0.6500 respectively. The behavior of teeth 4 and 5 is similiar to teeth 2 and 3 respectively.

These data show that except for the length of teeth 3 and 5, all characters considered are highly heritable. The heritability values for the other characters indicate that these characters are highly heritable and that they offer excellent material for studying quantitative inheritance in interspecific crosses. The consistancy of the heritabilities for characters occupying comparable positions on the bracticle adds reliability to the estimates. Because of the similiarities of tooth 2 with tooth 4 and of tooth 3 with tooth 5 and because teeth 2 and 3 occupy positions on the bracticle complementary to those of teeth 4 and 5 respectively, teeth 4 and 5 appear to be controlled by the

same processes as teeth 2 and 3 and will not be given further consideration.

The negative heritability of the width of tooth 1 is due to the extreme variability of <u>tomentosum</u> for this character, for which no explaination is offered. On the other hand, the negative heritabilities of the length of teeth 3 and 5 can probably be explained on the basis of the high degree of dominance exhibited by the <u>tomentosum</u> and the tendency of variances to be proportional to the magnitude of the means. The <u>G. hirsutum</u> parent has a rather large mean and a large variance as shown in Table I. This large component of variation results in an excessively large estimated environmental variance and a negative genetic variance. If the variance of the <u>G. hirsutum</u> is omitted and the calculation of the heritability is carried out on the F1 and F₂ variances, then the heritabilities for the length of tooth 3 and 5 become 0.21 and -0.46 respectively, which is probably more realistic.

(2) <u>Population frequency distributions and estimates of minimum</u> <u>number of genes involved</u>:

In order to estimate the number of genes controlling each character, frequency distributions for each character are presented in Tables V - XIV, and discussed in the following sections.

a. Length of bractiole:

The frequency distributions presented in Table V show that the two parental populations are well separated for this character and that no overlapping occurs between the populations. The <u>hirsutum</u> parent has much larger bracticles but is much more

variable than tomentosum. The position of the F_1 is somewhat intermediate between the two parents, although it is entirely within the range of the <u>hirsutum</u> parent. However, the mode of the F_1 is toward the lower part of the <u>hirsutum</u> parent; and the low dominance value presented in Table IV indicates an intermediate position of the mean.

The F_2 distribution is typical for a quantitative character. The mode is approximately the same as that of the F_1 and the curve is rather smooth across its distribution. Calculation of the number of gene controlling this character by the formula presented by Sinnott et al.(17) indicates that not fewer than 4 pairs are involved. If this estimation is correct then at least 256 individuals would normally be necessary for a <u>tomentosum</u> parental type segregant to occur.

b. Width of bractiole:

As shown in Table VI, the frequency destributions of the two parental populations are similiar to those for the length of the bracticle. However, the width of the frequency-distribution curve for the F_2 is much narrower than that for the length of the bracticle, indicating that a larger number of genes are involved for this characters. In fact, the curve is no wider than that of the F_1 , but there is a higher frequency of the extreme classes of the F_1 in the F_{2i} . Using the formula of Sinnott et al., it appears that at least 10 pairs are controlling bracticle width in this cross.

c. Base of bractiole:

As shown in Table VII, there is a small amount of overlapping

between the two parents. The F_1 distribution appears to be similiar to that of the <u>hirsutum</u> parent except the entire curve is shifted about 0.5 units to the left, indicating the F_1 is somewhat intermediate between the two parents. The F_2 curve is somewhat wider than that of the other populations, but the apparent <u>tomentosum</u>-parent-type segregants are most likely environmental variants of an intermediate type. The least estimate of the numbers of genes involved is five pairs. However, this estimate is undoubtedly low because of the apparent dominance exhibited by the <u>hirsutum</u> parent.

d. <u>Number of teeth</u>:

As shown in Table VIII, <u>tomentosum</u> tends to have fewer teeth than <u>hirsutum</u>, although the two parental populations overlap strongly. The F_1 is similiar to the <u>hirsutum</u> parent for this character, as indicated by both the frequency distributions and the dominance value presented in Table IV. Types similiar to both parental types are found among the segregants. The formula presented by Sinnott et al. indicates less than one pair distinguishes the two species. However, the F_2 curve suggests that transgressive segregation has taken place and that <u>tomentosum</u> has genes for number of teeth that <u>hirsutum</u> does not carry even though <u>hirsutum</u> seems to have a higher number of teeth than <u>tomentosum</u>.

e. Length of tooth 1:

The two species appear to be well separated on the basis of the length of tooth 1. However, there is considerable varia-

tion within each species and <u>hirsutum</u> is particularly variable. The distribution of F_1 is clearly intermediate, substantiating the small dominance value presented in Table IV. These data indicate that at least 7 pair of genes are controlling the length of tooth 1.

f. Length of tooth 2:

As shown in Table X, the two species are well separated for length of tooth 2. The F_1 seems to be approximately intermediate but overlaps both parents. The comparison of the F_1 mean with the two parental means substantiates the dominance estimate presented in Table IV. The distribution of the F_2 population substantiates also the dominance estimate since there is a clustering of F_2 individuals about the <u>tomentosum</u> parental class. With this degree of dominance, any estimate of gene number will be low. However, on the basis of the formula used, a minimum of three pairs are involved. Considering the dominance involved, several more than three pairs must be involved.

g. Length of tooth 3:

The two parental species are not as clearly distinguished on the basis of the length of tooth $3_{0.3}$ s they are for the other characters. Furthermore, the high degree of dominance calculated by a comparison of the F_1 mean with the parental means is substantiated by the prependerance of the F_2 population falling into the same classes as the <u>tomentosum</u> parent. This high degree of dominance invalidates any estimates of gene number made by the formula of Sinnott, et al.(17). On the other hand, the data from both F_2 and the backcross populations suggest that two genes

probably control the length of tooth 3. One of these genes appears to have a high degree of dominance and to be epistatic to the second one. The second gene appears to have more of a modifying effect and to give a general reduction to the tooth of individuals carrying two recessive alleles for the first gene.

h. <u>Width of tooth 1</u>:

As shown in Table XII, there is high degree of overlapping between the two parents; and the F_1 distribution seems to approximate being intermediate between the two parental populations. The extreme overlapping between the parents here makes this character less desirable than the length of the teeth for studying quantitative inheritance in an interspecific cross. Since the width of the distribution curve of the F_2 is only slightly wider than the F_1 , it appears that the two parents differ by a number of genes for this character. On the basis of the data presented here, it appears two and three pairs of genes are involved.

i. Width of tooth 2:

The data presented in Table XIII, show that the two parents overlap consideralby and that the F_1 is approximately intermediate between the two parents. The frequency distribution of the F_2 extends completely across those of both parents, indicating a rather small number of genes. The small gene number hypothesis is substantiated by an estimate of between 2 and 3 genes, which is very close to the estimates for several of the other charac-

ters.

j. Width of tooth 3:

As shown by the data in Table XIV, the two parents overlap considerably and both are rather variable for this character. The relative positions of the F_1 and F_2 frequency distributions in Table XIV substantiate the dominance of <u>tomentosum</u> presented in Table IV. The rather narrow F_2 frequency distribution indicates that a relative large number of partially dominant genes are controlling this character.

(3) <u>Correlations between the characters</u>:

Generally, the evolutionary change in one character is associated with a change in other. The association of the change in one character with others is both interesting in itself and significant for the interpretation of many evolutionary phenomena. Pleiotropy and gene association are the best known genetic mechanisms by which correlated changes in different characters of the same organism may be conditioned. The presence or absence of segregation between two correlated characters would provide good criteria for distinguishing between these two phenomena. Linked genes could give rise to recombinant types. If the correlation were due to pleiotropy, no recombinant types would be possibl

Since several striking differences distinguish the bracticles of <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>tomentosum</u>, a study of the correlations of some of these differences would be important to an understanding of the genetic differences and evolution of <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>tomentosum</u>.

TABLE V

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LENGTH OF BRACTIOLE

	1.0- 1.5	1.6- 2.0	2 .1- 2 . 5	2.6- 3.0	3.1- 3.5	3.6- 4.0	4.1- 4.5	4.6- 5.0	5.1- 5.5	5.6- 6.0	Total
Tom.	66	34									100
Hir.				1	5	18	3 6	28	8	5	100
Fl				8	47	25	5	3			87
F ₂		1	8	25	46	56	13	6	2	1	1 58
B.C.			1	1	5	8	16	6	1		38

TABLE VI

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WIDTH OF BRACTIOLE

Land Strand Strandown (s	0.9-	1.2-	1.5- 1.7	1.8-2.0	2 .1- 2 .3	2.4- 2.6	2.7-2.9	3.0- 3.2	3.3-	3.6- 3.7	3.8- 3.9	<u>Total</u>
Tom.	56	ւեյե										100
Hir.				2	8	20	31	19	11	9	2	100
Fl			3	24	4 0	16	ե					87
F ₂			26	54	50	24	¥					158
B.C.			2	3	9	12	8	3	1			38
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TABLE VII

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BASE OF BRACTIOLE

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Tom. 23	46	26	2											100
Hir.			2	8	2	10	2 1	30	25	5	1		1	100
۳ı			2	8	20	3 2	20	4						87
^F 2		5	13	31	39	31	2 0	12	<u>)</u> 4	1	1	1		1 58
B.C.		1	l	2	4	6	9	8	4	l	1			38

TABLE VIII

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FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NUMBER OF TEETH OF BRACTIOLE

<u>terreterreterreterreterreterreterreter</u>	5 -	7 -	9- 10	11- 12	13- <u>1</u> 4	15- 16	17- 18	19- 20	Total
Tom.	2	49	21	4	2	,		•	100
Hir.			25	51	19	5			100
Fl			12	32	3 2	11			87
F ₂	8	24	39	41	25	15	5	l	1 58
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. ·	0.0-	0.4- 0.6	0.7- 0.9	1.0- 1.2	1.3- 1.5	1.6- 1.8	1.9- 2.1	2.2- 2.4	2.5- 2.7	2.8- 3.0	3.1 3.4	Total
Tom.	88	12										100
Hir.			,		1	2	19	35	25	1 7	3	100
F 1			8	29	32	13						87
F 2	2	5	18	52	38	33	5	4	0	1	1	158
B.C.	1	0	2	4	7	8	10	4	2	1		38

TABLE IX

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TABLE X

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LENGTH OF TOOTH 2

	0.0-	0.3-	0.6-	0.9-	1.2- 1.4	1.5- 1.7	1.8-2.0	2 .1- 2 .3	2.4 2.6	Total	
Tom.	100									100	
Hir.		1	3	22	26	20	16	11	1	100	
F1	5	26	37	4	1.					87	
F ₂	16	54	63	12	3	1	l	1	l	1 58	
B.C.	1	6	10	12	5	3	1			38	

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TABLE XI

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LENGTH OF TOOTH 3

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Tom.	100									100
Hir.			1 6	29	25	18	4	5	3	100
Fl	63	15	9							87
F ₂	90	49	12	4	2	2	l			158
B.C.	18	10	6	2	1	0	l			38

TABLE XII

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WIDTH OF TOOTH 1

	0.0	0.1	0.2	<u>0.3</u>	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	<u>1.0 TO.</u>
Tom.		9	39	52	6	4					100
Hir.				7	12	41	15	3	2		100
Fl				l	10	60	14	2	l		87
F ₂			2	22	30	53	3 2	15	¥		158
B.C.			1	14	10	14	6	24	2	1	38
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TABLE XIII

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WIDTH OF TOOTH 2

<u> </u>	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	Total
Tom.	13	36	39	1 2							100
Hir.				6	14	27	24	20	6	3	100
Fl		1	12	17	3 6	1 6	5				87
F ₂	2	4	20	46	54	24	¥	l	<u>2</u>	l	158
B.C.		1	3	5	14	10	24	l			38

TABLE XIV

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WIDTH OF TOOTH 3

	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	<u>1.0 TO.</u>
Tom	, 76	1)+	9	l							
Hir	•			6	15	38	10	6	5	¥	3
Fl	32	28	13	7	5	2					
^F 2	11	57	53	33	2	2				Ī.	
B.C.	1 2	6	7	8	¥	l					
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All possible combinations of simple correlations were computed for the 14 characters measured. However, from the standpoint of recombination of characters, interpretation of most of the correlation pairs seemed highly speculative because of the tendency for slight overlapping between the two parental populations. Consequently, the correlations presented here are limited to all combinations of the base of the bracticle, width of the bracticle, and the length and width of teeth 1, 2 and 3.

These correlation coefficients are complicated in that nearly as many characters were correlated in the <u>hirsutum</u> parent as were correlated in the F_2 generation, which indicates environment must play a substantial role in the development of the bracticles.

a. Width of the bractiole:

As shown in Table XV, the width of the bracticle is correlated with all characters in the F_2 except the width of tooth 3. Essentially the same correlations are found for the <u>hirsutum</u> parent. However, in the <u>hirsutum</u> parental population, the width of the bracticle is correlated with the width of tooth 3, is not correlated with the width of tooth 2.

In the <u>tomentosum</u> parental population, the length of tooth 2 is the only character with which the width of the bracticle is correlated.

b. <u>Base of the bractiole</u>:

As shown on Table XVI, the base of the bracticle shows a significant positive correlation with only 4 characters in the F_2 . Likewise, there are only a few significant correlations in the F_1 and <u>tomentosum</u>-parental populations. On the other hand, most of the characters were significantly correlated in the <u>hirsutum</u> parent, making any intrepretation of the F_2 difficult. In the F_2 generation, the base of the bracticle was negatively correlated with the number of teeth. The base of the bracticle with the width of the bracticle.

c. Length of tooth 1:

As shown in Table XVII, the length of tooth 1 is highly correlated with all other characters in the F_2 except the number of teeth. The length of tooth 1 was negatively correlated with length of tooth 3 in the <u>tomentosum</u> parent. In the <u>hirsutum</u> population, these two characters showed a significantly positive correlation. These results show that the length of tooth 1 is associate with big bracticles and big teeth. However, in <u>hirsutum</u> the size of tooth 3 apparently is not associated with the size of tooth 1. These results show that the cross has induced variables into the population that were not in the parental populations and that these variables affect the whole bracticle except tooth number in the same direction as they do the length of tooth 1.

d. Length of tooth 2:

Except for the base of the bracticle and the width of

TABLE XV

SIMPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR THE WIDTH OF THE BRACTIOLE WITH THE OTHER NINE CHARACTERS IN THE PARENTAL, F1, F2 AND BACKCROSS POPULATIONS

Correlated pairs	Tom.	Hir.	Fl	^F 2	B.C.
Length of Bract.	. 213*	• 551**	•402**	·++7**	•633** <u>1</u> /
Base of Bract.	.167	•324**	.19 7**	•+30**	.183**
Number of teeth	•386**	•374**	.175	• 304**	•566**
Length of tooth No. 1	•177	•443**	.101	•270 * *	•396**
No. 2	. 21 1 **	.491**	•1 ¹⁺⁾⁺	.180**	•307**
No. 3	•054	.127	.109	•115**	•292 * *
Width of tooth No. 1	≈ <i>∎</i> 077	• 44 7**	.170	•378**	• 480**
No. 2	"1 60	.158	.102	•270 * *	•493**
No. 3	•040	•2 1 2*	•034	.017	.175*

1/ * significant at 5% level
** significant at 1% level

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TABLE XVI

1.

SIMPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR THE BASE OF THE BRACTIOLE WITH THE OTHER NINE CHARACERS IN THE PARENTAL, F1, F2 AND BACKCROSS POPULATIONS

Correlated pairs	Tom.	Hir.	Fl	F ₂	В.С.
Length of Bract.	• 90 0**	•698**	•630**	•676**	• 705* *
Width of Bract.	•213* [±]	•324**	•197*	•430**	.184**
Number of teeth	195*	•197*	.1 68	0 85*	.106
Length of tooth No. 1	•3 ¹ +7**	.1 82	.1 34	•117**	•294**
No. 2	.107	•245*	. 206*	.009	•227 * *
No. 3	122	.151	.1 48	.030	•139*
Width of tooth No. 1	. 088	。 290**	.203	•115**	•307* *
No. 2	004	•415**	.014	. 052	•340**
No. 3	019	•197*	•054	019	.146

TABLE XVII

SIMPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 1 WITH THE OTHER NINE CHARACTERS IN THE PARENTAL, F1, F2 AND BACKCROSS POPULATIONS

C orrel ated pairs	Tom	Hir.	Fl	F ₂	B.C.
Length of Bract.	.661**	.817**	•568*	•729**	•776**
Width of Bract.	•177	•1443**	.101	•270**	•369**
Base of Bract.	•347**	.182	•134	.117*	•2 94
Number of teeth	.001	,01 7	150	.037	.133
Length of tooth No. 2	•028	.415* *	•361**	•447**	• 44 2**
No. 3	 27 0* *	. 2 1 2**	019	•225 * *	.164*
Width of tooth No. 1	•003	•491**	.059	•254**	•443**
No. 2	.008	.124	•311**	.102**	•268 * *
No. 3	174	.143	176	.107**	.126

TABLE XVIII

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SIMPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 2 WITH THE OTHER NINE CHARACTERS IN THE PARENTAL, F₁, F₂ AND BACKCROSS POPULATIONS

Correlated pairs	Ton.	Hir. F ₁	F ₂	в.С.
Length of Bract.	.075	• 44 3** •323**	•340**	•468**
Width of Bract.	.211**	•491** •144	.180**	•307**
Base of Bract.	.107	.245** .206**	.009	•227**
Number of teeth	.136	•234**-•114	• 25 6**	•319**
Length of tooth No. 1	.028	•415** • • 361**	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • 	, 14)42**
No. 3	•046	•234** •032	•389* <u>*</u>	•2 92* *
Width of tooth No. 1	226**	•223**-•074	.018	•272**
No. 2	•517**	•593** •095	•301**	•26 9* *
No. 3	072	.106025	•264**	•247**

TABLE X IX

SIMPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS FOR THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 3 WITH THE OTHER NINE CHARACTERS IN THE PARENTAL, F_1 , F_2 AND BACKCROSS POPULATIONS

Correlated pairs	Tom.	Hir.	Fl	^F 2	B _• C•
Length of Bract.	- ,225*	.245*	.081	•133**	•195**
Width of Bract.	•054	.127	.109	•715**	•292**
Base of Bract.	122	.151	.1 48	030	.139*
Number of teeth	•485**	•234*	•385**	•302**	. 489**
Length of tooth No. 1	270**	•212* ³	019	•225**	.1 64*
No. 2	•046	•234*	•032	•389**	•292**
Width of tooth No. 1	038	•760**	 237*	099*	• • 064
No. 2	• 0 ¹⁺¹⁺	.149	118	•036	•133
No. 3	• 51+0*	•406**	•673**	•547**	•652**

tooth 1, the length of tooth 2 was highly correlated with all characters in the F_2 . Only the width of the bracticle and the width of tooth 1 were correlated in <u>hirsutum</u>. Here it appears that segregation in the F_2 has resulted in added variation, which affects most of the parts of the bracticle but not the base of the bracticle and the width of tooth 1.

e. Length of tooth 3:

As shown in Table XIX, the length of tooth 3 is correlated with all characters except the base of the bracticle, and the widths of teeth 2 and 4. In the <u>hirsutum</u> population, the same relationships were found except the length of tooth 3 was not correlated with the width of the bracticle. These results show that tooth 3 must develop rather independent of tooth 2.

(4) <u>Recombination of characters as shown by correlation diagrams</u>:

<u>Gossypium tomentosum and G. hirsutum</u> are considered to be the most distantly related of the tetraploid species of <u>Gossy-</u> <u>pium</u>. Consequently, in order to get additional information on the comparative genetics of these distantly related species, studies were made of the amount of recombination occuring between five of the quantitative characters under consideration. The characters studied in this section are the five for which the parents appear to be most distinct. These characters are the width of the bracticle, base of the bracticle, and the lengths of teeth 1, 2 and of 3. The correlation diagrams for all combinations of these characters are presented in Figures II to XI and the results are considered in the following sections.

a. <u>Base of the bracticle and width of the bracticle</u>:

As shown by the data diagramed in Figure II, <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> the <u>G</u>. <u>tomentosum</u> are well distinguished on the basis of both the base and the width of the bracticle. The F_2 population is rather intermediate for the base of the bracticle, but like the F_1 many of the F_2 individuals are similiar to the <u>hirsutum</u> parent for the base of the bracticle size. From the data presented in Figure II and the distribution of the F_1 data on the characters in Tables VI and VII, a few F_2 individuals with a base of the bracticle greater than would be expected for the hirsutum population can be distinguished. Considering the number of genes estimated to be involved, recombination of the genes appears to be rather free. However, the number of genes involved is so large that the new recombinant types, particularly the extreme, occur in low frequency. In addition to gene number restricting recombination, linkage also may be involved.

b. Base of bractiole and length of tooth 1:

As shown by the data presented in Figure III, the recombination between these two characters is similiar to that between the two just discussed, although somewhat less restrictive. As shown by these data, the F_2 population is intermediate between the two parental species, but overlaps both parental populations considerably for base of the bracticle and overlaps <u>hirsutum</u> for the length of tooth 1. A comparison of the distributions and variances of the F_2 with those of the parents and the F_1 indicates recombination occur more freely between these two characters than it dows between the base of the bracticle and the width

of the bracticle. The greater freedom of recombination between these characters might indicate less linkage. On the other hand, the length of tooth 1 appears to be controlled by fewer genes than is the width of the bracticle, thus allowing more freedom of recombination. Another possible explanation is that several of the genes controlling the base of the bracticle size are also involved in controlling the width of the bracticle resulting in a certain degree of physiological correlation. However, since the length of tooth 1 is an expression of the degree of serration of the outer edge of the bracticle, tooth length might be expected to show less physiological association than would be expected for the width of the bracticle with base of the bracticle.

c. Base of the bractiole and length of tooth 2:

As shown by the data presented in Figure IV, Table VII and Table X, recombination between these two characters is similiar to that between the base of the bracticle and the length of tooth 1. However, the two populations are less widely separated on the basis of the length of tooth 2 than on the length of tooth 1. A few of the individuals which fell in the lower right of the correlation diagram appear to represent recombinations.

d. Base of the bracticle and length of tooth 3:

The recombination between the base of the bracticle and the length of tooth 3 is similiar to that between the base of the bracticle and the length of tooth 2, as shown by the data dia-

gramed in Figure V. Considering the number of genes involved, these results show rather clearly that recombination of genes controlling these characters is rather free. However, the number of genes controlling length of tooth 3 appears to be smaller which may partially explain the apparently greater recombination between these two character.

e. <u>Width of the bracticle and length of tooth 1:</u>

As shown by the data in Figure VI, recombination is similiar to that between the base of the bracticle and the length of tooth 1.

f. Width of bracticle and length of tooth 2:

The F_2 and parental populations are presented in Figure VII. The pattern of recombination between these two characters is similiar to that between the base of the bracticle and the lengt of tooth 2. The <u>hirsutum</u> population does not overlap the <u>to-</u> <u>mentosum</u> population for these two characters. The F_2 is intermediate between the two parents, no individual overlaps the <u>to-</u> <u>mentosum</u> parental population for these two characters and only one individual overlaps the <u>hirsutum</u> population. A few individuals in the upper left corner of the graph and a few in the lower right corner of the figure may represent recombinants. These data indicate that recombination between these characters is small but that it does occur.

g. Width of the bracticle and length of tooth 3:

As shown in Figure VIII, the F₂ population is approximately intermediate between the two parents. It is difficult to deter-

mine whether recombination is occuring for these two characters. However, again there are a few individuals falling in the lower right and a few in the upper left corners of the diagram that appear to represent recombinant types.

h. Length of tooth 1 and length of tooth 2:

As shown by the arrangement of the data diagramed in Figure IX, recombination between the length of tooth 1 and length of tooth 2 is rather limited when the frequency distributions for the length of these teeth in the F_1 (table IX to X) are taken into consideration. Only one individual in the upper left can be suspected as being a recombinant type rather than some intermediate for both characters. The arrangement of these three populations in an ellipse diagonally across the figure indicates strongly that recombination between these two characters is very limited. It appears that either many of the same genes control these characters or that the genes controlling these two characters are very closely linked.

i. Length of tooth 1 and length of tooth 3:

From the data presented in Figure X and the distribution of the F_1 and parental populations which were shown in Tables X and XI, the genes controlling the lengths of teeth 2 and 3 are similiar to those controlling the lengths of teeth 1 and 3. However, the variability in <u>hirsutum</u> for these characters makes the detection of recombinant types difficult.

j. Length of tooth 2 and length of tooth 3:

As shown by the arrangement of the data in Figure XI, the

dominance of the <u>tomentosum</u> parent for the length of tooth 3 is evident. These data indicate the amount of genetic recombination occruing between these two characters is rather limited, although certain individuals show that there has been a certain degree of recombination.

In summary, the data diagramed and discussed in this section indicate that a large number of gene pairs distinguish <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> from <u>G</u>. <u>tomentosum</u> for bracticle characteristics and that although recombination is restricted, it does occur. The apparent recombination between the characters indicates that at least some of the parts of the bracticle are affected by different genes. On the other hand, the correlations and diagrams show that recombination is not completely free and indicates that at least some genes may affect more than one part of the bracticle. The minimum numbers of genes estimated to be controlling the various characters and the recombination involved indicates that <u>G</u>. <u>to-</u><u>mentosum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> differ by a large number of gene pairs for these bracticle characters.

FIGURE II

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE BASE OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE WIDTH OF THE BRACTIOLE OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE $\rm F_2$ POPULATIONS

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Base of Bract.	0.9-	1.1-	1.3-	1.5- 1.6	1.7- 1.8	1.9-2.0	2 .1- 2 . 2	2 .3- 2 . 4	2.5-2.6	2.7-2.8	2.9-	3.1- 3.2	3.3- 3.4	3.5-	3.7-
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2.0-2.1				\bigcirc	Ø	0	B	8	5	$\bigcirc \Delta$			Δ		
1.8-1.9		<		\bigcirc	6	B	8	4	2						
1.6-1.7			\Box	S	5	4	2	Ð	C						
1.4-1.5		6	\Box	3	6	Ø									
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0.8-0.9														v	
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FIGURE III

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE BASE OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 1 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE F2 POPULATIONS

				adramijum (postoral)			Leng t	<u>h of</u>	tooth	No.	1			الأأجير حيران واست	-	-
Base of Bract.					0.9- 1.0	1.1- 1.2	1.3- <u>1.4</u>	1.5- 1.6	1.7-	1.9- <u>2.0</u>	2.1-			2.7-	2.9-	3.1-
3.4-3.5															\triangle	
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2.2-2.3			\oslash	\oslash	\oslash	Ð	8	6	3	2			A	\triangle	Δ	
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FIGURE IV

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE BASE OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 2 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE F2 POPULATIONS

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Base of O.C Bract.	0.1-	0.3- 0.4	0.5-	0.7- 0.8	0.9- 1.0	1.1- 1.2	1.3- <u>1.4</u>	1.5- 1.6	1.7- 1.8	1.9- 2.0	2.1- 2.2	2.3- 2.4	2.5- 2.6
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2.6-2.7		\bigcirc	\mathcal{O}	3/	\triangle	\triangle			À	A			
2.4-2.5 0	3	3A	8	\boxtimes		À		A	A	\mathbb{A}	\triangle		
2.2-2.3	2	Ø	Ø	\mathfrak{A}	\bigcirc		A	A		a,			
2.0-2.1	5	(4)	B	5	3	2	\mathbb{A}				- -		
1.8-1.9 0	5	8	0	٦	Ø	\bigcirc		Ð					
1.6-1.7	Ø	4	8	8	\odot			\bigcirc			2		
1.4-1.5	06	(a)	${}^{}$	3	3								
1.2-1.3 7	30				-								
1.0-1.1 4	40	7											
0.8-0.9	4			-									

FIGURE V

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE BASE OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 3 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE F₂ POPULATIONS

				<u> </u>	Lena		<u>f_too</u>	th No	<u>_3_</u>				
Base of O Bract.	•0		0.3- 0.4	0.5-	0.7-	0.9-	1.1- 1.2	1.3- <u>1.4</u>	1.5- <u>1.6</u>	1.7-	1.9-2.0	2.1- 2.2	
3.4-3.5									Δ				
3.2-3.3													Δ
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2.2-2.3	Ø	ß	ØΔ	A	7 3	-	\triangle						
2.0-2.1	0	Æ	6			\triangle							
1.8-1.9		(15)	6				\bigcirc						
1.6-1.7	4		\oslash	\bigcirc	• . •								
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1.2-1.3	36	8			-								
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0.8-0.9	3	7						وحجا وبمراحات فاستك					

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FIGURE VI

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE WIDTH OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 1 OF THE TWO PARENATAL AND THE $\rm F_2$ POPULATIONS

		1]	Leng	th of	too	oth N	- Andrew Street						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Width of Bract.	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7 0.8	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5 1.6	1.7 1.8	1.9 2.0	2.1 2.2	2.3	2.5 2.6	2.7 2.8	2.9	3.1	3.3
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3.5-3.6											\triangle	\triangle	\mathbb{A}	∡	\triangle	\triangle	
3.3-3.4								1		&		A	\triangle	◬	A	\triangle	
3.1-3.2					-			Δ		\triangle	A	⊿	A	A	\wedge		
2.9-3.0								•		\bigcirc	A	4	◬	A			
2.7-2.8						\bigcirc) 1 2		A			\triangle		\triangle		
2.5-2.6				\oslash		\bigcirc	3	3	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	2						
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1.1-1.2	22	30															
0.9-1.0	[2]	[4]															

FIGURE VII

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE WIDTH OF THE BRACTTOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 2 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE $\rm F_2$ POPULATIONS

	2000 (1000)				Le	ngth		oth N		·				
Width of Bract.	0.0	0.1-	0.3- 0.4	0.5-	0.7-	0.9- 1.0	1.1-	1.3- 1.4	1.5- 1.6	1.7- 1.8	1.9-	2.1-2.2	2.3- 2.4	2.5-
Bract. 3.9-4.0											\triangle		\triangle	
3.7-3.8									\bigtriangleup		\mathbb{A}			\triangle
3.5-3.6								À	à	\underline{A}	A	Δ		·
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2.9-3.0					\triangle	\mathbb{A}		A	\triangle	A			A.	
2.7-2.8			${\bf 2}$			\triangle	A	A	æ		t			
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FIGURE VIII

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE WIDTH OF THE BRACTIOLE AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 3 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE $\rm F_2$ POPULATIONS

					Lei	ngth (of to	oth No	⊳. 3_				
Width of Bract.	0.0	0.1-0.2	0.3-	0.5-	0.7- 0.8	0.9- 1.0	1.1-	1.3-	1.5- 1.6	1.7- 1.8	1.9- 2.0	2 .1- 2 . 2	2 . 3- 2 . 4
3.9-4.0				à									
3.7-3.8				\triangle	æ	\triangle	\triangle	\triangle			\triangle		\triangle
3.5-3.6	•		\bigtriangleup	ß	æ		\triangle	Δ	\triangle		\triangle		
3.3-3.4			A	\triangle	\triangle	A		Δ		Δ			
3.1-3.2				ð	À	\triangle							
2.9-3.0					A	\triangle		\triangle		\triangle			
2.7-2.8			Q_{Δ}	\triangle	A	\triangle	Δ	Δ					
2.5-2.6			\triangle	u.	. `								
2.3-2.4	4	4	4	\bigcirc									
2.1-2.2	Ð		4										
1.9-2.0	Ø	в	S	Z		\bigcirc							
1.7-1.8	B	æ	5	2	•	`							
1.5-1.6		Ġ	S										
1.3-1.4	[6]	5	3	0	()								
1.1-1.2	37	14											
0.9-1.0	21	5								. •			

Length of tooth No. 3

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FIGURE IX

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CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 1 AND THE LENGTH OF TOOTH NO. 2 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE F2-POPULATIONS

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Length of	0.0	0.1-0.2	0.3-	0.5- 0.6	0.7- 0.8	0.9- 1.0	1.1-	1.3- 1.4	1.5- 1.6	1.7- 1.8	1.9- 2.0	2.1-2.2	2.3- 2.4	2.5- 2.6
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2.9-3.0					\triangle			\triangle	A	${\Bbb A}$	\bigtriangleup	Δ		\triangle
2.7-2.8							A	A	\triangle	A	A	\triangle		
2.5-2.6		14	\triangle		\mathbb{A}	\triangle	${\Bbb A}$	${}$	ØÀ		A	\triangle		
2.3-2.4		•.		$\langle \Delta \rangle$	A		A			A	\triangle			
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1.9-2.0		\bigcirc				Ø	ØA	\triangle	\triangle	\triangle				
1.7-1.8				4	6	2	•						. *	
1.5-1.6	•		Ø	0	6	(2)								
1.3-1.4		3	B	\mathcal{O}	B	Ð								
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0.7-0.8		\otimes	9	${}^{\textcircled{\sc e}}$										
0.5-0.6		\bigcirc	2	\bigcirc										
0.3-0.4	8	48												
0.1-0.2	4	36												

FIGURE X

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE LENGTH OF TEETH NO. 1 AND 3 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE F2 POPULATIONS

Length of tooth No. 1

Length of tooth No.3	0.1	0.3 0.4	0.5	0.7 0.8	0.9 1.0	1.1 1.2	1.3 1.4	1.5 1.6	1.7 1.8	1.9 2.0	2.1	2.3 2.4	2.5 2.6	2.7 2.8	2.9	3.1 3.2		
2.3-2.4																\triangle		
1.9-2.0												\triangle		\triangle				
1.7-1.8												\triangle	\triangle				\triangle	\triangle
1.5-1.6																		
1.3-1.4					•						\triangle		\triangle	\triangle		\wedge		
1.1-1.2									O		\triangle		\triangle	\triangle				
0.9-1.0									Ø	A	\triangle	A	A	À				
0.7-0.8					-					\triangle	A			\				
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FIGURE XI

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE LENGTH OF TEETH NO. 2 AND 3 OF THE TWO PARENTAL AND THE $\rm F_2$ POPULATIONS

	Length of tooth No. 2											
Length of tooth No. 3	0.0-	0.2-	0.4-	0.6- 0.7	0.8-	1.0-	1.2-	1.4-	1.6-	1.8-	2.0-2.2- 2.1 2.3	
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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A study was made of the inheritance of fourteen morphological characters of the bracticle in an interspecific cross between <u>G. tomentosum</u> and <u>G. hirsutum</u>. The fourteen characters are designated as the length, width, and base of the bracticle, the number of teeth, and the lengths and widths of teeth 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The data presented show that for the characters that discribe the size of the bracticle, namely, the length, width and base of the bracticle, and the number of teeth, <u>hirsutum</u> is the more variable parent. On the other hand, <u>tomentosum</u> is much the more variable parent for the lengths and widths of all bracticle teeth except tooth 1.

<u>Tomentosum</u> exhibited dominance for the width of the bracticle and for both the lengths and widths of all teeth. Characters associated with the bracticle and not the teeth were the only ones for which <u>hirsutum</u> showed dominance. The data also show a progressively increasing dominance from the apex to the base of the bracticle.

The data show all the characters considered are highly heritable, except the length of teeth 3 and 5 which showed a negative heritability. However, considerable genetic segregation did occur for these two characters in the F_2 as shown by the variability of the F_2 compared to the F_1 . The nega-

tive heritability is probably due to the extreme variability of <u>hirsutum</u> for these characters.

The data on the segregation of the bractiole characters indicate that at least 4 pairs of genes control the length of the bractiole, that at least 10 pairs control the bractiole width, and that at least 5 pairs control the base of the bractiole. The data indicateless than one pair of genes distinguish the two species for the number of teeth, but transgressive segregation for this character indicates that the two species must be distinguished by more than a single pair of genes. The data also show at least 7 pairs of genes control the length of tooth 1, that at least 3 pairs control the length of tooth 2, that at least two pairs control the length of tooth 3, and that at least 2 to 3 pairs control the widths of teeth 1 and 2. The data indicate that a relatively large number of partially dominant genes control the width of tooth 3.

All possible combinations of simple correlations were computed for the 1⁴ characters in order to estimate the degree of genetic differentiation between the two species. The correlation coefficients are complicated in terms of heredity in that nearly as many characters were correlated in the <u>hirsutum</u> parent as were correlated in the F_2 generation, which indicates the environment must play a substantial role in the development of the bractioles.

For additional information on the comparative genetics of these two related species, studies of recombination were made

between the following five characters: the width of the bractiole, the base of the bractiole, and the lengths of teeth 1, 2 and 3. In view of the numbers of genes estimated to be involved, these data show that recombination of the genes appears to be rather free but that the number of genes involved is so large that the new recombinant types occur in low frequency. In some cases, it is difficult to determine whether recombination is occurring between the two characters. In addition to gene number restricting recombination, linkage may also be involved, since the number of genes is so large.

In conclusion, all characters studied appear to be controlled by several pairs of genes. Since some recombination of characters does occur, at least part of the genes concerned with the bracticle characters affect only part of the bracticle characters. These observations show that many different pairs of genes controlling the bracticle characters separate <u>G</u>. <u>hirsutum</u> and <u>G</u>. <u>tomentosum</u>. Therefore, the bracticle characters appear to be reliable taxonomic criteria.

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