

**60. Probability-theoretic Investigations on Inheritance,
X₂. Non-Paternity Concerning Mother-Child-Child
Combinations.**

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3. Probability a posteriori of a father against a mother-child combination.

A new essential problem, being characteristic with respect to mother-child-child combination, will arise; i. e., given a mother-child-child combination, at how much rate a father of first child can assert his non-paternity against second child? In the problem discussed in § 1, the whole of men except a father of second child having been taken into account against a given mother-child-child combination, the relation to first child has not been directly necessary to be considered, and hence the use has been made of the quantities (1.1) consisting of the V 's concerning general distribution-frequencies. In the present problem, however, the object in question being restricted to a father of first child, the possible types of him are limited according to mother-child-child combinations, and hence the V 's in (1.1) must be replaced by probabilities a posteriori of a father for combinations of mother and her first child.

The probabilities a posteriori in question can be estimated by means of Bayes' theorem on probability of causes referred to at the end of § 1 in IV. In fact, we may take, as probability a priori, the frequency of general distribution. On the other hand, the probability of an event that a father produce a child of each type with a mother of given type has been listed in a table in § 3 of I, a remark stated immediately subsequent to (1.8) of IV being here also to be remembered.

Now, in general, given a pair $(A_{ij}; A_{hk})$ of a mother and her child, the probability a posteriori of a father to be of type A_{ab} be denoted by

$$(3.1) \quad Z(ab, ij; hk),$$

which will be explicitly determined in the following lines. Of course, only the cases are essential where at least a suffix among h, k coincides with a or b and with i or j ; otherwise, the quantity (3.1) may be understood to be equal to zero.

We first consider a mother-child combination consisting of the