

102. Probability-theoretic Investigations on Inheritance. III₁. Further Discussions on Cross-Breeding.

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1. Preliminaries.

In two previous papers¹⁾ we have developed a general theory of inheritance of a character consisting of m distinct genes denoted by A_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$), the inheritance of which is assumed to be subjected to Mendelian law. Especially, in §4 of I and §1 of II, we have promised to discuss the case in detail where the buffer effect grows gradually through several generations. In the present paper we shall treat such a problem. For the sake of brevity, we shall now confine ourselves to consider a population X composed of two sub-races X' and X'' . Suppose that these two sub-races are initially both *in equilibrium states*, then denoting the frequencies of genes A_i by p'_i and p''_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$), the frequencies of phenotypes are then given by the formulae

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} A'_{ii} = p_i'^2, \\ \bar{A}'_{ij} = 2p'_i p'_j; \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \bar{A}''_{ii} = p_i''^2, \\ \bar{A}''_{ij} = 2p''_i p''_j \end{cases} \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, m; i < j).$$

Suppose further that two races X' and X'' are mixed at a rate $\lambda' : \lambda''$ ($\lambda' + \lambda'' = 1$), then the frequencies of the A_i in the limit distribution of X are, in view of the general result (1.7) of II, given by

$$(1.2) \quad p_i = \lambda' p'_i + \lambda'' p''_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, m),$$

and hence those of genotypes in the limit distribution of X are then, because of (1.8) of II expressed in the form

$$(1.3) \quad \bar{A}_{ii}^* = (\lambda' p'_i + \lambda'' p''_i)^2, \quad \bar{A}_{ij}^* = 2(\lambda' p'_i + \lambda'' p''_i)(\lambda' p'_j + \lambda'' p''_j) \quad (i \neq j).$$

On the other hand, let the initial distribution of X , i.e., the distribution of X at the moment of mixture, be denoted by $\bar{A}_{ij}(0)$ ($i \leq j$), while in the previous paper II it was denoted merely by \bar{A}_{ij} (cf. (1.9) of II). By general relations established in (1.9) of II, we then obtain

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{A}_{ii}(0) &= \lambda' \bar{A}'_{ii} + \lambda'' \bar{A}''_{ii} = \lambda' p_i'^2 + \lambda'' p_i''^2, \\ \bar{A}_{ij}(0) &= \lambda' \bar{A}'_{ij} + \lambda'' \bar{A}''_{ij} = 2(\lambda' p'_i p'_j + \lambda'' p''_i p''_j) \end{aligned} \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, m; i < j).$$

1) Y. Komatu, Probability-theoretic investigations on inheritance. I. Distribution of genes; II. Cross-breeding phenomena. Proc. Jap. Acad., **27** (1951), I, 371-377; II, 378-383, 384-387. These will be referred to as I and II respectively.