

100. Probability-theoretic Investigations on Inheritance. XIII₂. Estimation of Genotypes.

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3. Estimation without reference to spouse.

The problem discussed in §2 concerned the case where the type of a spouse of an individual in question is also taken into account. The corresponding problem may be treated independently of the type of a spouse.

We first consider again the simplest case, *the Q blood type*. Let an individual of phenotype Q be given. Then, the type q of its child is impossible unless the individual is heterozygotic. Hence, we have only to consider the case where all the n children of the individual are of the type Q . In this case, we denote by

$$\Pr\{Q=QQ|\rightarrow Q^n\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pr\{Q=Qq|\rightarrow Q^n\}$$

the probabilities a posteriori of the individual to be of homozygote QQ and of heterozygote Qq , respectively, which will be determined in the following lines.

Now, the probabilities a priori of QQ and Qq among Q are regarded as $\overline{QQ}/\overline{Q}=u/(1+v)$ and $\overline{Qq}/\overline{Q}=2v/(1+v)$, respectively, the ratio being $u:2v$. An individual QQ produces Q alone, while an individual Qq produces Q with probability

$$\frac{\pi(Qq; QQ) + \pi(Qq; Qq)}{\overline{Qq}} = \frac{1+u}{2},$$

the π 's denoting the probabilities of mother-child combinations defined in §1 of IV, which may also be regarded as those of father-child combinations. Thus, based on the Bayes' theorem, we get the desired probabilities

$$(3.1) \quad \Pr\{Q=QQ|\rightarrow Q^n\} = \frac{u \cdot 1^n}{u \cdot 1^n + 2v \left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)^n} = \frac{2^{n-1}u}{2^{n-1}u + v(1+u)^n},$$

$$(3.1') \quad \Pr\{Q=Qq|\rightarrow Q^n\} = 1 - \Pr\{Q=QQ|\rightarrow Q^n\} = \frac{v(1+u)^n}{2^{n-1}u + v(1+u)^n}.$$

We proceed to deal with *the ABO blood type*. Let an individual of phenotype A be given. If it is homozygotic, then the type of a child is restricted to A or AB , while if it is heterozygotic, then any type of a child is possible. Accordingly, if there exists at least one