

131. *Probability-theoretic Investigations on Inheritance.*IV₄. *Mother-Child Combinations.*

(Further Continuation.)

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4. *Mother-children combination concerning families with several children.*

We have discussed, in the preceding section, the probabilities of mother-children combinations concerning families with two children. The results can be further generalized to several children case. We now consider the set of a mother and her n children produced from a common father, n being arbitrary but fixed.

Consider again an inherited character consisting of m genes A_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$) with distribution-probability $\{p_i\}$, the distribution being here also supposed to be in an equilibrium state. In general, the number of permutations, admitting the repetition, of selecting any n types of children without kinship is equal to

$$(4.1) \quad 2^{-n} m^n (m+1)^n.$$

But, if the children are restricted such that they have a common mother, then the corresponding number becomes

$$(4.2) \quad m^n \quad \text{or} \quad (2m-1)^n$$

according to the mother of a homozygote or of a heterozygote, respectively. If they are further restricted such as to have a father also in common, then number of possible permutations reduces to a very small one. In fact, corresponding to that in §3 of IV, we get the following table.

Mating	$A_{ii} \times A_{ii}$	$A_{ii} \times A_{ik}$	$A_{ii} \times A_{ih}$	$A_{ii} \times A_{hk}$	$A_{ij} \times A_{ij}$	$A_{ij} \times A_{ik}$	$A_{ij} \times A_{hk}$
Permutation	1	2^n	1	2^n	3^n	4^n	4^n

Making use of a table on one-child case written in §3 of IV, we can easily construct the corresponding table on n -children case.

We denote by $\pi(A_{ij}; A_{h_1 k_1}, \dots, A_{h_n k_n})$ or briefly by

$$(4.3) \quad \pi(ij; h_1 k_1, \dots, h_n k_n) \quad (i, j, h_\nu, k_\nu = 1, \dots, m; \nu = 1, \dots, n)$$

the probability of appearing of a combination of a mother A_{ij} and her n children among which ν th child is of type $A_{h_\nu k_\nu}$ for $\nu = 1, \dots, n$. This quantity is, as before, equal to zero provided either of n relations holds: