

40. Probability-theoretic Investigations on Inheritance. VIII₁. Further Discussions on Non-Paternity Problems.

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1. Problems to be discussed.

In the last chapter of preceding Note¹⁾, we have discussed various problems on proving non-paternity, with the aid of probabilities on mother-child combinations with respect to one child family. The problems treated there have concerned, however, exclusively those in which the paternity for a child is deniable by a third person against its parents or its mother. More precisely spoken, a typical problem has been to determine at how many rate a person can assert his non-paternity based upon an inheritance character under consideration, if he falls under suspicion to be a father of a child produced from a couple.

Besides the problems of this sort, there may occur those of another sort, which will be discussed in the present chapter; namely, *non-paternity problems amongst a couple*. To speak more precisely, a typical problem is as follows: If a wife has become intimate with a man and given birth to a child, at how many rate can her husband assert his non-paternity, based upon an inherited character, against the child? Hence, while the previous problem has concerned the non-paternity of a *defendant* in case of adultery, the present problems concerns that of a *plaintiff*.

From a view-point of the whole probability of proving non-paternity, both problems lead, of course, to quite an identical result. Indeed, in either of the problems, given a pair of a woman and her child, it is to be determined, at how many rate a man being not a father of the child—a third man in the previous problem or a husband of the woman in the present problem—can be proved as really not to be a true father. Consequently, every sub-pro-

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bability with respect to the given type of a woman in question coincides also each other. The results which will be afresh obtained by discussions of the present problem are thus the sub-probabilities with respect to pairs of matings.

By summing up the sub-probabilities under consideration, we shall again confirm a result on the whole probability derived in the preceding chapter. Besides a decomposition of the whole probability into such sub-probabilities, we shall consider later a decomposition with respect to type of child, by means of which a mutual relation between two decompositions will be made still more clear. In fact, the position of child will show a strong similarity in both problems.

We now consider, as before, an inherited character consisting of m allelomorphic genes $A_i (i=1, \dots, m)$. Given a fixed mating, the number of possible types of a child is then evidently equal to 1 or 2 if mother is homozygotic and to 2 or 3 or 4 if she is heterozygotic. On the other hand, as shows a table on mother-child combinations listed in § 1 of IV, the number of possible types of a child produced from a fixed mother of homozygotic or heterozygotic type is equal to m or $2m-1$, respectively. Hence, the respective differences $m-1$ or $m-2$ and $2m-3$ or $2m-4$ or $2m-5$ represent the numbers of possible types of a child against whom the husband can assert non-paternity, according to the wife (the mother of child) of homozygotic or heterozygotic type.

As stated in (1.1) of I, there exists, in general, $\frac{1}{2}m(m+1)$ possible genotypes. However, those except the above-stated m or $2m-1$ genotypes of child are out of question. Since those exceptional types can never appear in a child of a given mother, the protest against her unchastity is then quite unreasonable so that she must be released from responsibility concerning unchastity.

2. Sub-probability with respect to a type of wife.

If a wife and her husband are both of the same homozygote, A_{ii} say, then a child produced by this couple must be always also of the same type. On the other hand, possible types of child produced by a mother A_{ii} are, in general, those containing the gene A_i , i.e., A_{ii} and $A_{ij} (j \neq i)$. Hence, the husband can assert his non-paternity against any heterozygotic child $A_{ij} (j \neq i)$ among them. The probability in which a mother A_{ii} produces a child A_{ij} is equal to p_j . In fact, while in the table in § 1 of IV the probability $\pi(ii; ij) = p_i^2 p_j$, the frequency $\bar{A}_{ii} = p_i^2$ of a wife (mother of child) being also taken into account, has been listed, a fixed type of wife is considered in the present problem and hence the value $\pi(ii; ij) / \bar{A}_{ii} = p_j$ must be used; cf. (1.27) of IV.

Now, given a couple of wife $A_{ij}(i \leq j)$ and her husband $A_{hk}(h \leq k)$, let the probability in which the husband can assert his non-paternity against a child produced by the wife together with a man chosen at random with respect to types be denoted by

$$(2.1) \quad U(ij, hk) \quad (i, j, h, k=1, \dots, m; i \leq j; h \leq k);$$

the symmetry relations analogous to (1.3) of IV being taken into account. Then, the above argument leads to

$$(2.2) \quad U(ii, ii) = \sum_{j \neq i} \pi(ii; ij) / \bar{A}_{ii} = \sum_{j \neq i} p_j = 1 - p_i.$$

If a couple consists of a wife A_{ii} and her husband $A_{ih}(h \neq i)$, then possible types of a child produced by this couple are A_{ii} and A_{ih} , and hence we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad U(ii, ih) = \sum_{j \neq i, h} p_j = 1 - p_i - p_h \quad (h \neq i);$$

we get similarly

$$(2.4) \quad U(ii, hh) = p_i + \sum_{j \neq i, h} p_j = 1 - p_h \quad (h \neq i),$$

$$(2.5) \quad U(ii, hk) = p_i + \sum_{j \neq i, h, k} p_j = 1 - p_h - p_k \quad (h, k \neq i; h \neq k).$$

The cases of heterozygotic wives can be treated also in a similar manner. If a couple consists of a wife $A_{ij}(i \neq j)$ and her husband A_{ii} , then he can assert his non-paternity against any child of types, produced by her, except A_{ii} and A_{ij} , i.e., against $A_{jj}, A_{ik}, A_{jk}(k \neq i, j)$. Hence, we get

$$(2.6) \quad U(ij, ii) = \left(\pi(ij; jj) + \sum_{k \neq i, j} (\pi(ij; ik) + \pi(ij; jk)) \right) / \bar{A}_{ij} \\ = \frac{1}{2} p_j + \sum_{k \neq i, j} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_k + \frac{1}{2} p_k \right) = 1 - p_i - \frac{1}{2} p_j \quad (i \neq j).$$

In quite a similar manner, we obtain the following results:

$$(2.7) \quad U(ij, ij) = \sum_{k \neq i, j} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_k + \frac{1}{2} p_k \right) = 1 - p_i - p_j \quad (i \neq j),$$

$$(2.8) \quad U(ij, ih) = \frac{1}{2} p_j + \sum_{k \neq i, j, h} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_k + \frac{1}{2} p_k \right) = 1 - p_i - \frac{1}{2} p_j - p_h \quad (i \neq j; h \neq i, j),$$

$$(2.9) \quad U(ij, hh) = \frac{1}{2} p_i + \frac{1}{2} p_j + \frac{1}{2} (p_i + p_j) + \sum_{k \neq i, j, h} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_k + \frac{1}{2} p_k \right) = 1 - p_h \\ (i \neq j; h \neq i, j),$$

$$(2.10) \quad U(ij, hk) = \frac{1}{2} p_i + \frac{1}{2} p_j + \frac{1}{2} (p_i + p_j) + \sum_{i \neq i, j, h, k} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_l + \frac{1}{2} p_l \right) = 1 - p_h - p_k \\ (i \neq j; h \neq k; h, k \neq i, j).$$

All the possible cases have thus essentially been worked out. For instance, $U(ij, jj)$ and $U(ij, jh)$ can immediately be written down in view of (2.6) and (2.8), respectively.