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### Investigation 2

#### II. INDEPENDENT EVENTS OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY

- Both heads:  $1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4$ ; one head, one tail:  $1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4$ ; head on one coin and tail on the other:  $1/4 + 1/4 = 1/2$ ; both coins tails:  $1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/4$ . Two coins fall heads, heads about 1/4 of the time; heads, tails (and vice versa) about 1/2 of the time; and tails, tails, about 1/4 of the time. Stated as a ratio instead of a fraction, the expected result is 1:2:1.

Table 2.3

Classes	Combinations	Class Occurring	Observed	Expected (O-E)
3 heads	HHH	$1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/8$		7
2 heads, 1 Tail	HHT, HTH, TTH	$3(1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2) = 3/8$		21
1 head, 2 Tails	HTT, THT, TTH	$3(1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2) = 3/8$		21
3 tails	TTT	$1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/8$		7
Total	8 possible	$8/8=1$	56	56

- Table 2.4

Classes	Combinations	Probability of Each Class Occurring
4 heads	HHHH	$1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/16$
3 heads : 1 tail	HHHT, HHTH, HTHH, THHH	$4(1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2) = 4/16$
2 heads : 2 tails	HHTT, HTTH, THHT, TTHH, HTHT, THTH	$6(1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2) = 6/16$
3 tails : 1 head	HTTT, THTT TTHT, TTTT	$4(1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2) = 4/16$
4 tails	TTTT	$1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 = 1/16$

- $(1/2)^4 = 1/16$
  - $4(1/2)^3(1/2) = 4/16 = 1/4$
  - $6(1/2)^2(1/2)^2 = 6/16 = 3/8$
  - Two boys and two girls. There are more ways (6) in which a family can consist of 2 boys and 2 girls.
  - A boy 1/2, a girl 1/2.



III. BINOMIAL EXPANSION

1. a.  $(1/2)^5 = 1/32 = a^5$       d.  $10(1/2)^2 (1/2)^3 = 10/32 = 5/16 = 10a^2b^3$   
     b.  $5(1/2)^4(1/2) = 5/32 = 5a^4b$       e.  $5(1/2)(1/2)^4 = 5/32 = 5ab^4$   
     c.  $10(1/2)^3(1/2)^2 = 10/32 = 5/16 = 10a^3b^2$       f.  $(1/2)^5 = 1/32 = b^5$
2. a. 1 boy and 5 girls:  $6!/5!1! (1/2)(1/2)^5 = 6/64 = 3/32$   
     b. 3 boys and 3 girls:  $6!/3!3! (1/2)^3(1/2)^3 = 20/64 = 5/16$   
     c. All 6 girls:  $6!/0!6! (1/2)^0(1/2)^6 = (1/2)^6 = 1/64$
3. A normal child:  $3/4$ ; an albino:  $1/4$ .  
     a. All 4 normal:  $(3/4)^4 = 81/256$   
     b. 3 normal and 1 albino:  $4(3/4)^3 (1/4) = 108/256 = 27/64$   
     c. 2 normal and 2 albino:  $6(3/4)^2 (1/4)^2 = 54/256$   
     d. 1 normal and 3 albinos:  $4(3/4)(1/4)^3 = 12/256$   
     e. All 4 albinos:  $(1/4)^4 = 1/256$

IV. EITHER-OR SITUATIONS (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE EVENTS)

1. Either C or c gametes;  $1/2 + 1/2 = 1$  or 100%
2. Either the genotype AA or the genotype Aa:  $1/4 + 2/4 = 3/4$   
     a. Either aaB- or aabb:  $3/16 + 1/16 = 4/16 = 1/4$   
     b. Either aabb or AaBb:  $1/16 + 4/16 = 5/16$   
     c. Either A-bb or AAbb:  $3/16 + 1/16 = 5/16$   
     d. Either A-B- or aabb:  $9/16 + 1/16 = 10/16 = 5/8$

V. PROBABILITY AND GENETIC COUNSELING

- a. 4 x 7:  $1(aa) \times 1(Aa) \times 1/2 = 1/2$
- b. 5 x 1:  $1(Aa) \times 2/3(Aa) \times 1/4 = 2/12 = 1/6$
- c. 6 x 13:  $1(Aa) \times 1/2(Aa) \times 1/4 = 1/8$
- d. 10 x 14:  $2/3(Aa) \times 1/2(Aa) \times 1/4 = 2/24 = 1/12$
- e. 3 x 17:  $2/3(Aa) \times 1/3(Aa) \times 1/4 = 2/36 = 1/18$

Note: #17 has a  $1/3$  probability because his overall is his mother's probability of being heterozygous ( $2/3$ ) times his probability ( $1/2$ ) if his mother was heterozygous.

- f. 3 x 15:  $2/3(Aa) \times 1/2(Aa) \times 1/4 = 2/24 = 1/12$
- g. 16 x 17:  $1/2(Aa) \times (2/3 \times 1/2)(Aa) \times 1/4 = 2/48 = 1/24$