

# **Forensic Genetics and Legal Medicine 2019-2020**

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**Kinship testing  
(standard paternity testing)**

**DNA  
isolation**



**Capillary  
electrophoresis**



**DNA  
profiling**

**Comparison of DNA  
profiles**



**LR  
Calculations  
(paternity index,...)**

## Probability of mutually exclusive events

$$\Pr(X \text{ or } Y) = \Pr(X) + \Pr(Y)$$



$$\Pr(1) + \Pr(3) = 2/6$$

## Probability of independent events

$$\Pr(X \text{ and } Y) = \Pr(X) * \Pr(Y)$$



$$\Pr(5) * \Pr(6) = 1/36$$

**Conditional probability:** events are dependent

$$\Pr(B/A) = \Pr(A \text{ and } B) / \Pr(A)$$

or

$$\Pr(A \text{ and } B) = \Pr(B/A) * \Pr(A)$$

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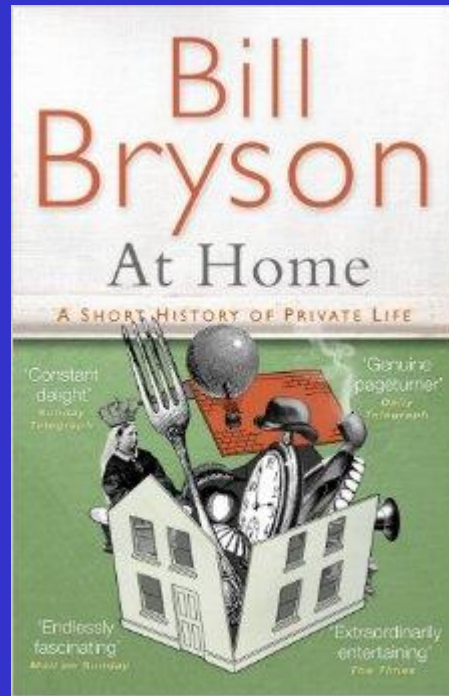
Probability of having two blue eyes?

- ~~$0.25 \times 0.25 = 0.06$~~

$\Pr(\text{left eye is blue} / \text{right eye is blue}) \sim 1$

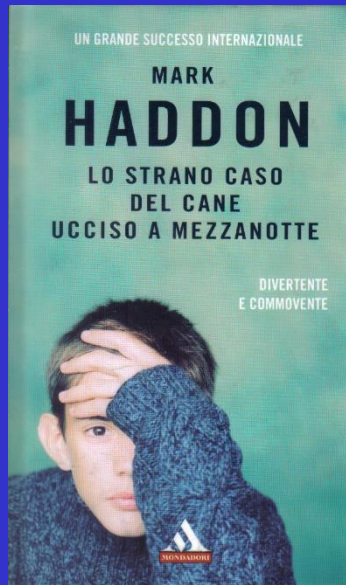
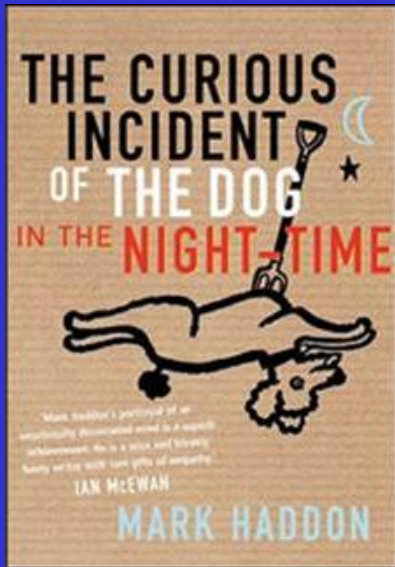
- $\Pr(\text{both left and right eye are blue}) = 1 \times 0.25$





Thomas Bayes

And now ladies and gentlemen, the Monty Hall problem\*



\*Go to last two slides for solution

**BAYES THEOREM:** revising a probability value based on additional information that is later obtained.

- ✓ B1 and B2 are two mutually exclusive and exhaustive events
- ✓ A is the conditioning element

$$\Pr(B1/A) = \frac{\Pr(B1_{\text{and}}A)}{\Pr(A)^*} = \frac{\Pr(B1_{\text{and}}A)}{\Pr(B1_{\text{and}}A) + \Pr(B2_{\text{and}}A)} = \frac{\Pr(A/B1) * \Pr(B1)}{\Pr(A/B1) * \Pr(B1) + \Pr(A/B2) * \Pr(B2)}$$

Imagine you are blindfolded and then asked to pick a ball from a bag...

- ✓ **Pr(B1)** = p of picking a black ball from the bag **1/3**
- ✓ **Pr(B2)** = p of picking a white ball from the bag **2/3**
- ✓ Each ball carries a number (1 or 2)
  - of black balls,  $\frac{3}{4}$  carry number 1: **Pr(A/B1) = 3/4**
  - of white balls,  $\frac{1}{4}$  carry number 1: **Pr(A/B2) = 1/4**
- ✓ **A** = the ball you picked carries number 1!
- \***Pr(A)** = p of picking a number 1 ball is the sum of ps of picking a black number 1 ball or a white number 1 ball

What would you bet, black or white?

And after this additional information?

$$\Pr(B1/A) = 3/5$$



For B2 we'll have:

$$\Pr (B2/A) = \frac{\Pr (A/B2) * \Pr (B2)}{\Pr (A/B2)* \Pr(B2) + \Pr (A/B1)* \Pr(B1)}$$

We can also calculate the ratio of Pr B1 and B2 given A:

$$\frac{\Pr (B1/A)}{\Pr (B2/A)} = \frac{\Pr (A/B1) * \Pr (B1)}{\Pr (A/B1)* \Pr(B1) + \Pr (A/B2)* \Pr(B2)} * \frac{\Pr (A/B2)* \Pr(B2) + \Pr (A/B1)* \Pr(B1)}{\Pr (A/B2) * \Pr (B2)}$$

$$\frac{\Pr (B1/A)}{\Pr (B2/A)} = \frac{\Pr (A/B1)}{\Pr (A/B2)} * \frac{\Pr (B1)}{\Pr (B2)}$$

In our "bag & balls" example,  $\Pr(B1/A) / \Pr (B2/A) = 3/2$

In DNA identity testing the two mutually exclusive and exhaustive hypotheses are:

**A**: the tested subject is the donor of the stain;

**D**: the tested subject is not the donor of the stain.

Additional information comes from genetic data **G**.

$$\frac{\Pr(A / G)}{\Pr(D / G)} = \frac{\Pr(G / A)}{\Pr(G / D)} \times \frac{\Pr(A)}{\Pr(D)}$$

↓

$$\text{Likelihood Ratio (LR)} = \frac{1}{\text{Random match probability}}$$



In paternity testing the two mutually exclusive and exhaustive hypotheses are :

**P**: the tested subject is the biological father;

**N**: the tested subject is not the biological father.

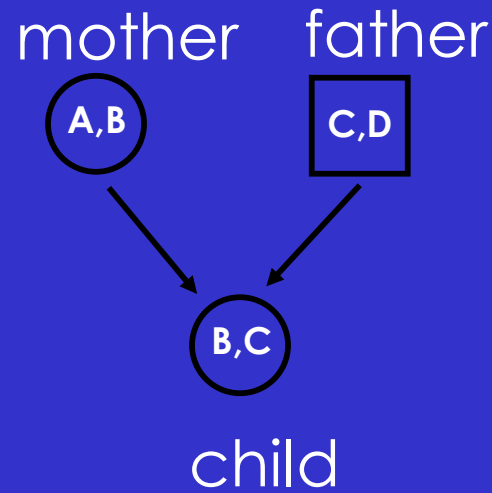
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$$\frac{\text{Pr (P / G)}}{\text{Pr (N / G)}} = \frac{\text{Pr (G / P)}}{\text{Pr (G / N)}} \times \frac{\text{Pr (P)}}{\text{Pr (N)}}$$

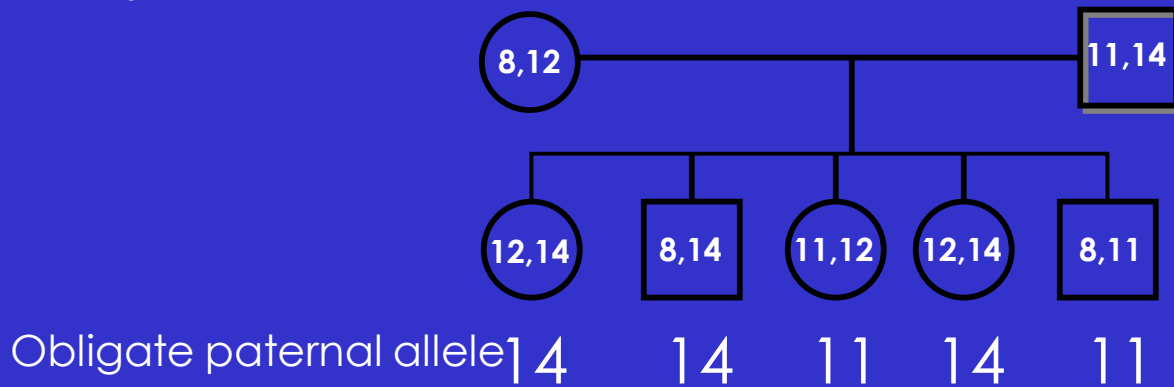
 **Probability of paternity (W)**       Likelihood ratio  
**Paternity index (PI)**

→ from German Wahrscheinlichkeit (probability)

# (A) Mendelian Inheritance



# (B) Example



# PATERNITY INDEX, PI

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$$\Pr(F_{PQ}/M_{QQ} \& P_{PQ}) = \Pr(F_{PQ} \text{ and } M_{QQ} \& P_{PQ}) / \Pr(M_{QQ} \& P_{PQ})$$

Possible couples	Freq. Possible couples	Freq. of children PP	Freq. of children PQ	Freq. of children QQ
PPXPP	$p^4$	$p^4$	-	-
PPXPQ	$2^2 p^3 q$	$2 p^3 q$	$2 p^3 q$	-
PPXQQ	$2 p^2 q^2$	-	$2 p^2 q^2$	-
PQXPQ	$2^2 p^2 q^2$	$p^2 q^2$	$2 p^2 q^2$	$p^2 q^2$
PQXQQ	$2^2 p q^3$	-	$2 p q^3$	$2 p q^3$
QQXQQ	$q^4$	-	-	$q^4$

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PQXPQ	$4 p^2 q^2$	$p^2 q^2$	$2 p^2 q^2$	$p^2 q^2$
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QQXQQ	$q^4$	-	-	$q^4$

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$$\frac{\text{Pr (P / G)}}{\text{Pr (N / G)}} = \frac{\text{Pr (G / P)}}{\text{Pr (G / N)}} \times \frac{\text{Pr (P)}}{\text{Pr (N)}} = \frac{1/2}{p} \times \frac{\text{Pr (P)}}{\text{Pr (N)}}$$

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$$\text{Pr (G / N)} = \text{Pr (F}_{PQ}/M_{QQ}) = \text{Pr (F}_{PQ} \text{ and } M_{QQ}) / \text{Pr (M}_{QQ}) = (p^2q^2 + pq^3) / q^2 = pq^2 \times (p + q) / q^2 = p$$

If  $p = 0.2$  ( $1/5$ ) then  $PI = 5/2 = 2.5$ . The observed genotypes are 2.5 times more likely according to the hypothesis of paternity.

**PI values obtained with a standard set of 16 independent STRs can be freely multiplied, reaching, on average, PI combined values of  $\sim 5 \times 10^{10}$**

## PROBABILITY OF PATERNITY (W)

It is reasonable to assume that, a priori, the probability of paternity and non paternity are equal (Essen-Moeller transformation), consequently:

$$\Pr (P / G) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr (N / G) = p$$

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If  $p = 0.2$ ,  $PI = 5/2$  given the observed genotypes: it means that in 5 cases out of 7 (71%) paternity is true, whereas in 2 cases out of 7 the observed genetic compatibility is adventitious.  $5/7 = 5/2 / (5/2+1)$

W is then calculated according to the general formula:

$$W = \frac{PI}{PI + 1}$$

## What PI/W to enough paternity?

- Gendiagnostikgesetz (new German law regulating human genetics as well as paternity analyses, 2013):  $W > 99.9\%$  ( $PI > 1000$ )
- Italian Society for Human Genetics (SIGU, 2013):  $PI > 10000$
- Italian working group of the International Society for Forensic Genetics (GeFI, 2018):  $W > 99.99\%$  ( $PI > 10000$ )



G<sub>c</sub> = child  
 G<sub>m</sub> = mother  
 G<sub>tm</sub> = alleged father

#	G <sub>c</sub>	G <sub>m</sub>	G <sub>tm</sub>	Numerator (X)	Denominator (Y)	Paternity Index (PI)
1	PP	PP	PP	1	p	1/p
2			PQ	1/2	p	1/2p
3			QR	0	p	0
4		PQ	PP	1/2	p/2	1/p
5			PQ	1/4	p/2	1/2p
6			PR	1/4	p/2	1/2p
7			QR	0	p/2	0
8	PQ	PP	QQ	1	q	1/q
9			PQ	1/2	q	1/2q
10			QR	1/2	q	1/2q
11			RS	0	q	0
12		PQ	PP	1/2	(p+q)/2	1/(p+q)
13			PQ	1/2	(p+q)/2	1/(p+q)
14			PR	1/4	(p+q)/2	1/[2(p+q)]
15			QR	1/4	(p+q)/2	1/[2(p+q)]
16			RS	0	(p+q)/2	0
17		QR	QQ	0	p/2	0
18			PQ	1/4	p/2	1/2p
19			QR	0	p/2	0
20			QS	0	p/2	0
21			RS	0	p/2	0

$$\Pr(\text{PP}|\text{PP}) = \frac{[p(1-\theta) + 2\theta] [p(1-\theta) + 3\theta]}{(1+\theta)(1+2\theta)}$$

$$\Pr(\text{PQ}|\text{PQ}) = \frac{2[p(1-\theta) + \theta] [q(1-\theta) + \theta]}{(1+\theta)(1+2\theta)}$$

$\theta / F_{ST}$  = the probability that two alleles, one taken at random from each of two individuals are identical by descent (0.01-0.03)

Formulas can be modified in order to accommodate:  
 • Coancestry

# Mutations

Mutation rate of standard forensic STRs ( $\mu$ ) is on average 2 out of 1000 meiosis (i.e. 3% chance of mutation whit a 15 STRs panel).

$\mu$  varies according to:

- parent's sex (higher in males than females depending on gametogenesis)
- Father's age (higher in older fathers)
- STR molecular structure (higher for more complex STRs)

Dedicated software treat mutation according to mutation models of different complexity. Easiest way:

$PI_{\mu}$  = PI at a locus showing a mismatch

$\mu$  = locus specific mutation rate

$PE_x$  = locus specific average probability of exclusion

$$PI_{\mu} = \mu / PE_x$$



$$H^2(1-2H(1-H)^2)$$

H = locus heterozygosity

$$H = 1 - \sum p^2$$

p = frequency of each allele for that STR

Apparent Mutations Observed at STR Loci In the Course of Paternity Testing\*

STR System	Maternal Meioses (%)	Paternal Meioses (%)	Number from either	Total Number of Mutations	Mutation Rate
C8F1PO	95/304,307 (0.03)	982/643,118 (0.15)	410	1,487/947,425	0.16%
FGA	205/408,230 (0.05)	2,210/692,776 (0.32)	710	3,125/1,101,006	0.28%
TH01	31/327,172 (0.009)	41/462,382 (0.009)	28	100/779,554	0.01%
TPOX	18/400,061 (0.004)	54/467,420 (0.012)	28	100/857,481	0.01%
VWA	184/564,398 (0.03)	1,482/873,547 (0.17)	814	2,480/1,437,945	0.17%
D8 S1S58	60/405,452 (0.015)	713/558,836 (0.13)	379	1,152/964,288	0.12%
D6 S813	111/461,736 (0.025)	763/655,603 (0.12)	385	1,259/1,107,339	0.11%
D7 S820	59/440,562 (0.013)	745/644,743 (0.12)	285	1,089/1,085,305	0.10%
D8 S1178	96/409,869 (0.02)	779/489,968 (0.16)	364	1,239/899,837	0.14%
D13 S317	192/482,136 (0.04)	881/621,146 (0.14)	485	1,558/1,103,282	0.14%
D18 S638	129/467,774 (0.03)	540/494,465 (0.11)	372	1,041/962,239	0.11%
D15 S51	186/296,244 (0.06)	1,094/494,098 (0.22)	466	1,746/790,342	0.22%
D21 S11	464/435,388 (0.11)	772/526,708 (0.15)	580	1,816/962,096	0.19%
Penta D	12/18,701 (0.06)	21/22,501 (0.09)	24	57/41,202	0.14%
Penta E	29/44,311 (0.065)	75/55,719 (0.135)	59	163/100,030	0.16%
D2 S1338	15/72,830 (0.021)	157/152,310 (0.10)	90	262/225,140	0.12%
D18 S433	38/70,001 (0.05)	78/103,489 (0.075)	71	187/173,490	0.11%
8E33 (ACTEP2)	0/330 (<0.30)	330/51,610 (0.64)	None reported	330/51,940	0.64%

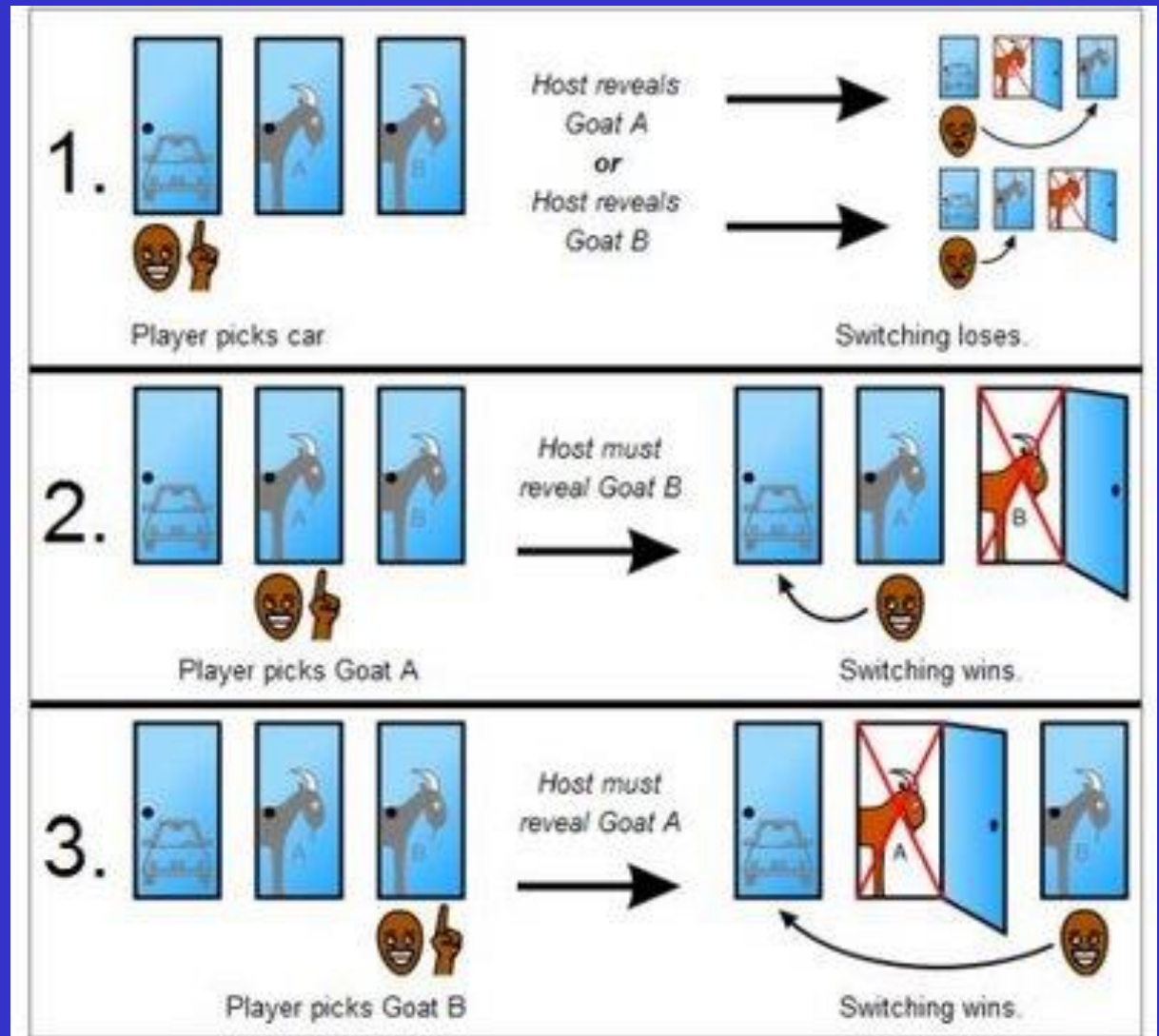
\*Data used with permission from American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) 2003 Annual Report.

## How many mismatches are enough to exclude paternity?

- Gendiagnostikgesetz (new German law regulating human genetics as well as paternity analyses, 2013): at least 15 STR need to be typed and  $>3$  mismatches need to be observed to declare paternity exclusion
- Italian Society for Human Genetics (SIGU, 2013): regardless of the number of observed mismatches, it is always necessary to perform LR (PI) calculations and paternity can be excluded when  $PI < 0.0001$
- Italian working group of the International Society for Forensic Genetics (GeFI, 2018): at least 15 STR need to be typed and  $>2$  mismatches need to be observed to declare paternity exclusion (PI calculation optional)

→ Formally correct, but possibly unpractical for Courts

# And now ladies and gentlemen, the Monty Hall problem...solved



A priori

$$\Pr(N) = \Pr(\text{car not changing door}) = \Pr(\text{car}) = 1/3$$

$$\Pr(C) = \Pr(\text{car changing door}) = \Pr(\text{door chosen does not hide car}) *$$

$$\Pr(\text{new door picked doesn't hide goat}) = 2/3 * 1/2 = 1/3$$

...to change or not to change is irrelevant

Additional information (A)

Monty (who knows where the car is) shows that, behind one of the doors which was not chosen, there's a goat

Conditional probability

$$\Pr(A/N) = \Pr(\text{Monty shows that goat, given that the door initially chosen hides the car}) = 1/2$$

$$\Pr(A/C) = \Pr(\text{Monty shows that goat, given that the door initially chosen hides a goat}) = 1$$

A posteriori

$$\frac{\Pr(N/A)}{\Pr(C/A)} = \frac{\Pr(A/N)}{\Pr(A/C)} * \frac{\Pr(N)}{\Pr(C)} = \frac{1/2}{1} * \frac{1/3}{1/3} = 1/2$$

...twice more likely to win the car if changing door!!!