

Assignment

EE23010: Probability and Random Processes

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Question: A cytoplasmic male-sterile female plant with the restorer (nuclear) genotype rr is crossed to a male-fertile male plant with the genotype RR . Both RR and Rr can restore the fertility, whereas rr cannot. When an F_1 female plant with Rr genotype was test-crossed to a male-fertile male plant with the rr genotype, the percentage of the population that is male fertile would be?

Solution:

On crossing between rr and RR we get:

| | | |
|-----|------|------|
| | R | R |
| r | Rr | Rr |
| r | Rr | Rr |

TABLE 0
TABLE1: CROSSING BTW RR AND rr

$$F_1 = Rr, Rr, Rr, Rr \quad (1)$$

When F_1 (Rr) is test-crossed with rr we get:

| | | |
|-----|------|------|
| | r | r |
| R | Rr | Rr |
| r | rr | rr |

TABLE 0
TABLE2: CROSSING BTW Rr AND rr

Now, Let X be the random variable representing the genotype of the male offspring.

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & Rr \\ 0 & rr \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

So, From the table 0 we know:

$$p_X(1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3)$$

\therefore The percentage of the population that is male fertile would be 50%