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Question: Fabry disease in humans is a X-linked disease. The probability (in percentage) for a phenotypically normal father and a carrier mother to have a son with Fabry disease is?

Solution:

$n=2$ shows the 2 possible X-chromosomes from mother

$p=0.5$ is probability of disease carrying X-chromosome from mother

parameter	value	description
n	2	Number of trials
p	$\frac{1}{2}$	probability of success
$\binom{n}{k}$		Binomial coefficient

TABLE 0: Info Table

$$F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad (1)$$

$$F(1) = 0.5 + 0.25 \quad (2)$$

$$= 0.75 \quad (3)$$

$$F(0) = 0.25 \quad (4)$$

Calculating the probability of having a child with the disease:

$$\Pr(X = 1) = F(1) - F(0) \quad (5)$$

$$= 0.75 - 0.25 \quad (6)$$

$$= 0.5 \quad (7)$$

Since the probability of having a son = 0.5,

Total Probability

$$= \Pr(X = 1) * 0.5 \quad (8)$$

$$= 0.25 \quad (9)$$