

Observed frequencies

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Vote in 2007 election	Did vote	Count	938	119	1057
	Did not vote	Count	99	42	141
Total		Count	1037	161	1198
Total (%)			0.87%	0.13%	100%

How likely is it that we obtained these numbers by chance?

That is: if there was no relationship between ownership and voting in the population, how likely is it we get numbers which are so far away from what we would expect (or more extreme)?

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- If ownership and vote were not related, how many respondents should we expect in cell A?

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Vote in 2007 election	Did vote	Count	A = 88%*0.87%	C = 88%*0.13%	1057	88%
	Did not vote	Count	B = 12%*0.87%	D = 12%*0.13%	141	12%
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- If ownership and vote were not related, how many respondents should we expect in cell A?
 - If among all voters, 88% did vote, we would expect that among owners, also 88% would vote.
 - If among all owners, 87% did vote, we would expect that among voters, also 87% would vote.

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- If ownership and vote were not related, how many respondents should we expect in cell A?
- Expected frequency (f_e) = row margin * $\frac{\text{column margin}}{\text{total}}$
- $f_e = 1037 * \frac{1057}{1198}$
- $f_e = 1037 * 0.88 = 914.9$

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- B: $f_e = 1037 * 141 / 1198 = 122.1$
- C: $f_e = 1057 * 161 / 1198 = 142.1$
- D: $f_e = 141 * 161 / 1198 = 18.9$

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$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e}$$

$$\text{Cell A: } \frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e} = \frac{(938 - 914.9)^2}{914.9} = \frac{533.61}{914.9} = 0.58$$

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Cell B: $\frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e} = \frac{(99 - 122.1)^2}{122.1} = \frac{533.61}{122.1} = 4.37$

Cell C: $\frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e} = \frac{(119 - 142.1)^2}{142.1} = \frac{533.61}{142.1} = 3.76$

Cell D: $\frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e} = \frac{(42 - 18.9)^2}{18.9} = \frac{533.61}{18.9} = 28.23$

Chi squared

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e}$$

$$\chi^2 = .58 + 4.37 + 3.76 + 28.23 = 36.94$$

Interesting, but what does that mean?

Chi squared

- We need to compare the chi squared we **obtained** with the **critical** value for chi squared.
- If $\chi^2_{\text{obtained}} > \chi^2_{\text{critical}}$ we can conclude that it is unlikely that the relationship we found is just due to sampling error.

The critical value

- First, we need to set a **confidence level**, normally 95%
- This corresponds to a ***p* value** of 0.05 (1 – 95/100).
- Second, we need to know the **degrees of freedom**: $df = (c-1)(r-1)$

The critical value

In our example:

- The degrees of freedom:
 - 2 rows
 - 2 columns
 - $df = (2 - 1) * (2 - 1) = 1 * 1 = 1$
- The critical value corresponding $df = 1$ and $p = 0.05$ is found in Field, appendix A.4:

A.4. Critical values of the chi-square distribution

p				
df	0.05	0.01	df	0.05
1	3.84	6.63	25	37.65
2	5.99	9.21	26	38.89
3	7.81	11.34	27	40.11
4	9.49	13.28	28	41.34
5	11.07	15.09	29	42.56
6	12.59	16.81	30	43.77
7	14.07	18.48	35	49.80
8	15.51	20.09	40	55.76

Comparing obtained and critical value

- $\chi^2_{\text{obtained}} = 36.94$
- $\chi^2_{\text{critical}} = 3.84$
- As $\chi^2_{\text{obtained}} > \chi^2_{\text{critical}}$ we conclude that there is a statistically significant relationship.