Problem Set 2

Applied Stats/Quant Methods 1

Due: October 15, 2023

Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in `R`, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the `.R` file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on GitHub.
- This problem set is due before 23:59 on Sunday October 15, 2023. No late assignments will be accepted.

Question 1: Political Science

The following table was created using the data from a study run in a major Latin American city.[1] As part of the experimental treatment in the study, one employee of the research team was chosen to make illegal left turns across traffic to draw the attention of the police officers on shift. Two employee drivers were upper class, two were lower class drivers, and the identity of the driver was randomly assigned per encounter. The researchers were interested in whether officers were more or less likely to solicit a bribe from drivers depending on their class (officers use phrases like, "We can solve this the easy way" to draw a bribe). The table below shows the resulting data.

[1] Fried, Lagunes, and Venkataramani (2010). "Corruption and Inequality at the Crossroad: A Multi-method Study of Bribery and Discrimination in Latin America. *Latin American Research Review.* 45 (1): 76-97.

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper class	14	6	7
Lower class	7	7	1

(a) Calculate the χ^2 test statistic by hand/manually (even better if you can do "by hand" in `R`).

Note: Refer to PSO2AF R and ProblemSet2 Excel files for the code and manual calculations.

Expected frequency E

Table 1:

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper Class	13.500	8.357	5.143
Lower Class	7.500	4.643	2.857

Chi Squared Statistic

Table 2:

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper Class	0.018	0.665	0.671
Lower Class	0.033	1.197	1.207

I sum all the chi squared statistic values to get my final answer X2 test statistic = TOTALSUM(O-E)X2 = 3.79

Degrees of Freedom DF = (Number of Rows -1)*(Number of Columns-1) DF = (2-1)*(3-1) DF = 2

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: Political Science X-squared = 3.7912, df = 2, p-value = 0.1502

(b) Now calculate the p-value from the test statistic you just created (in R).[2] What do you conclude if $\alpha = 0.1$?

Assuming I did not get p value using the R code: chi-sq-result ¡- chisq.test(Political-Science) I can replace the values of chisq and DF into my formula p value = 1-PWhere my X-suared is 3.7912, if I go to my statistic table I can see the following number: as my df is 2 and my significance level is 0.1 I have 4.610 Now my formula looks like this p value = 1-POn R will be P-value ¡- 1-pchisq(3.7912, df = 2) p-value = 0.1502

if $\alpha = 0.1$ then I will fail to reject my null hypothesis. I do not have enough evidence to conclude that there is a significant linear relationship between my variables. My p-value is 0.1502 is greater than my significance level 0.1.

In this research, we are interested to see if officers were more or less likely to solicit a bribe from drivers depending on their social class.

Null Hypothesis HO: There is no association between the driver's social class and the likelihood of officers soliciting a bribe. In other words, social class and bribe solicitation are independent.

Alternative Hypothesis H1: There is an association between the driver's social class and the likelihood of officers soliciting a bribe. Social class and bribe solicitation are not independent.

As I fail to reject my null hypothesis, it means that the data does not provide sufficient evidence to conclude that there is a significant association between social class and bribe solicitation.

[2] Remember frequency should be > 5 for all cells, but let's calculate the p-value here anyway.

(c) Calculate the standardized residuals for each cell and put them in the table below.

Table 3:

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper Class	0.322	-1.642	1.523
Lower Class	-0.322	1.642	-1.523

(d) How might the standardized residuals help you interpret the results?

It helps me to identify outliers (I can identify data points that are far from the mean) A larger absolute value suggests a stronger deviation from what would be expected by random chance. The positive or negative sign tells me the direction of the deviation. In our dataset Upper Class not stopped and Stopped/given warning is higher than we expected, same with Lower Class Bribe requested. While Upper Class Bribe requested, Lower Class Not stopped and Stopped/given warning is lower than expected.

Conclusion: "Upper Class" individuals are significantly more likely to be in the "Stopped/given warning" category (large positive value) and significantly less likely to be in the "Bribe requested" category (large negative value) compared to what would be expected by random chance.

"Lower Class" individuals are significantly more likely to be in the "Bribe requested" category (large positive value) and significantly less likely to be in the "Stopped/given warning" category (large negative value) compared to what would be expected by random chance.

Question 2: Economics

Chattopadhyay and Duflo were interested in whether women promote different policies than men.[3] Answering this question with observational data is pretty difficult due to potential confounding problems (e.g. the districts that choose female politicians are likely to systematically differ in other aspects too). Hence, they exploit a randomized policy experiment in India, where since the mid-1990s, $\frac{1}{3}$ of village council heads have been randomly reserved for women. A subset of the data from West Bengal can be found at the following link: `https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kosukeimai/qss/master/PREDICTION/women.csv`

Each observation in the data set represents a village and there are two villages associated with one GP (i.e. a level of government is called "GP"). Figure **??** below shows the names and descriptions of the variables in the dataset. The authors hypothesize that female politicians are more likely to support policies female voters want. Researchers found that more women complain about the quality of drinking water than men. You need to estimate the effect of the reservation policy on the number of new or repaired drinking water facilities in the villages.

[3] Chattopadhyay and Duflo. (2004). "Women as Policy Makers: Evidence from a Randomized Policy Experiment in India. *Econometrica*. 72 (5), 1409-1443.

(a) State a null and alternative (two-tailed) hypothesis.

Null Hypothesis (Ho): The reservation policy has no effect on the number of new or repaired drinking water facilities in the village.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1): The reservation policy has a significant effect on the number of new or repaired drinking water facilities in the villages.

Significance level: .05

(b) Run a bivariate regression to test this hypothesis in `R` (include your code!).

Please refer to R for the step by step code, additionally you can find the manual calculation on tab 3 bivariate linear regression of the excel file.

Because my p-value is 0.0197, which is less that my significance level of 0.05 I have enough evidence to reject my null hypothesis (H0) So, there is statistical evidence to suggest that the reservation policy has a significant effect on the number of new or repaired drinking water facilities in the villages.

Note: If I had chosen a significance level of 0.01 it will be the opposite.

(c) Interpret the coefficient estimate for reservation policy.

First thing is to focus on the Intercept / Estimate which is 14.738, this is the estimated value of "water" when there is no policy The coefficient estimate for the reservation policy is 9.252. This means that, on average, villages with a reserved seat for women are expected to have 9.252 more new or repaired drinking water facilities compared on villages without such a reservation, while holding all other variables constant. In other words, the reservation policy is associated with a statistically significant increase in the number of these facilities in the villages.