

## Exam 3 Practice Questions Part II

Preamble: Consider the following contingency table examining the effect of a drug treatment program (randomly assigned to treatment = 1 and randomly assigned to control = 0) on substance use relapse rates (no relapse = 0, relapse = 1).

	$R = 0$	$R = 1$	Total
$T = 0$	322	165	487
$T = 1$	373	119	492
Total	695	284	979

1. Calculate  $p(R = 1|T = 0)$ .

- A. 0.537
- B. 0.662
- C. 0.339
- D. 0.497
- E. 0.242

Solution:

$$p(R = 1|T = 0) = \frac{\text{Number of Controls Who Relapsed}}{\text{Number of Controls}} = \frac{165}{487} = 0.339$$

2. Calculate  $p(R = 1|T = 1)$ .

- A. 0.537
- B. 0.662
- C. 0.339
- D. 0.497
- E. 0.242

Solution:

$$p(R = 1|T = 0) = \frac{\text{Number of Treated Who Relapsed}}{\text{Number of Treated}} = \frac{119}{492} = 0.242$$

3. Calculate the relative risk statistic so that you can comment on how many times more likely it is for a control case to relapse in comparison to a treatment case.
  - A. 0.714
  - B. 1.372
  - C. 1.489
  - D. 2.203
  - E. 1.845

Solution:

$$\text{Relative Risk} = \frac{p(R = 1|T = 0)}{p(R = 1|T = 1)} = \frac{0.339}{0.242} = 1.372$$

4. Calculate the difference between the relapse rates for the two groups.
  - A. 0.097
  - B. 0.124
  - C. 0.308
  - D. 0.031
  - E. 0.242

Solution:

$$\Delta = p(R = 1|T = 1) - p(R = 1|T = 0) = 0.242 - 0.339 = -0.097$$

Note: the difference between the two numbers is a positive number; sometimes people want to calculate a *treatment effect* where one needs to specify which number comes first and which number comes second. Usually, in these cases, we would put  $p(R = 1|T = 1)$  first and  $p(R = 1|T = 0)$  second as we did above. For this example, the treatment effect would be a negative number.

5. Test the hypothesis that treatment and relapse are independent of each other using a chi-square test of independence. Use a 0.01 significance level for your test. What decision do you make?
  - A. reject
  - B. fail to reject
  - C. not enough information to tell

Solution:

Critical value of chi-square test = 6.635 (w/1 degree of freedom)

$$\text{Chi Square Test} = \frac{(O_A - E_A)^2}{E_A} + \frac{(O_B - E_B)^2}{E_B} + \frac{(O_C - E_C)^2}{E_C} + \frac{(O_D - E_D)^2}{E_D}$$

Cell	$O$	$E$	$O - E$	$(O - E)^2$	$[(O - E)^2] / E$
A	322	$695 \times 487 / 979 = 345.725$	-23.725	562.876	$562.876 / 345.725 = 1.628$
B	165	$284 \times 487 / 979 = 141.275$	23.725	562.876	$562.876 / 141.275 = 3.984$
C	373	$695 \times 492 / 979 = 349.275$	23.725	562.876	$562.876 / 349.275 = 1.612$
D	119	$284 \times 492 / 979 = 142.725$	-23.725	562.876	$562.876 / 142.725 = 3.944$

So, now we are able to calculate our chi-square test statistic which is:

$$\text{Chi-Square Test Statistic} = 1.628 + 3.984 + 1.612 + 3.944 = 11.168$$

and, since  $11.168 > 6.635$ , we reject the hypothesis of independence and conclude that the 2 variables (treatment and relapse) are empirically related to each other.

6. Based on the information in this table, estimate Yule's  $Q$  for this table.

- A. -0.108
- B. -0.143
- C. -0.233
- D. -0.314
- E. -0.181

Solution:

$$Q = \frac{AD - BC}{AD + BC} = \frac{322 \times 119 - 165 \times 373}{322 \times 119 + 165 \times 373} = \frac{38318 - 61545}{38318 + 61545} = \frac{-23227}{99863} = -0.233$$

7. Reconsidering the contingency table in problem 11, estimate a 90% confidence interval for Yule's  $Q$ . Does the 90% confidence interval you estimated include the number zero?

- A. yes
- B. no
- C. not enough information to tell

Solution:

$$Q - z\text{-multiplier} \times \sqrt{\frac{(1 - Q^2)(\frac{1}{A} + \frac{1}{B} + \frac{1}{C} + \frac{1}{D})}{4}}$$

$$Q = -0.233$$

$$z\text{-multiplier for two-tailed } \alpha = 0.10 = 1.645$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 0.233^2)^2(\frac{1}{322} + \frac{1}{165} + \frac{1}{373} + \frac{1}{119})}{4}}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 0.054)^2(\frac{1}{322} + \frac{1}{165} + \frac{1}{373} + \frac{1}{119})}{4}}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.895 \times (0.003 + 0.006 + 0.003 + 0.008)}{4}}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.895 \times 0.020}{4}}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.018}{4}}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times \sqrt{0.005}$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times 0.071$$

$$\text{LCL} = -0.233 - 1.645 \times 0.071 = -0.350$$

$$\text{UCL} = -0.233 + 1.645 \times 0.071 = -0.116$$