

This tutorial explores goodness of fit tests and confidence intervals.

### Goodness of Fit Test

Context A total of  $n$  observed frequencies over  $g$  classes and a proposed probability model needing  $k$  estimated parameters

Hypothesis  $H_0$  : Model fits data

Test Statistic  $\tau = \sum_i \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = \sum_i \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - n \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi_{g-k-1}^2$

### Confidence Intervals

Proportion Test (approx)  $\hat{p} \pm Z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$

Proportion Test (conservative)  $\hat{p} \pm Z \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$

Z test  $\bar{x} \pm Z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

t test  $\bar{x} \pm t_{n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

2 sample t test  $\bar{x} - \bar{y} \pm t_{n_x+n_y-2} s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y}}$

#### 1. Goodness of Fit Test - no parameters estimated

A sample of 100 plants have genotypes A, B, and C occurring with the frequencies 18, 55 and 100 respectively. We are interested in the null hypothesis that A, B, and C are in the ratio of 1:2:1.

(a) Preparation: Fill out the following table

Genotype	A	B	C	Total
Observed frequency, $O_i$	18	55	27	100
Expected frequency, $E_i$				100

(b) Hypothesis: State  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ .

(c) Assumptions: What are the assumptions for a  $\chi^2$  test and are they valid here?

(d) Test statistic: What is the test statistic and its distribution under  $H_0$ ?

(e) P-value: Calculate the p-value using the  $\chi^2$  tables. Confirm using R.

`> 1-pchi(2.62,2)`

(f) Conclusion: Draw your conclusion based on the p-value.

## 2. Goodness of Fit Test - no parameters estimated

The number of fatal accidents on NSW roads in months with 31 days in 1993 were:

Jan	Mar	May	July	Aug	Oct	Dec
44	56	37	42	59	59	63

Test the claim that the accident rate is the same for all months.

Hint: Show that the  $\tau = 12.09$  and p value is close to 0.05.

## 3. Goodness of Fit Test - no parameters estimated

100 observations are made on a random variable only taking values 0, 1, 2 and 3. The frequencies are shown below:

Value	0	1	2	3
Frequency	22	38	32	8

A goodness of fit test is applied to see if these frequencies are well-described by  $\mathcal{B}(3, 0.5)$  probabilities.

- (a) Show that the  $\chi^2$  goodness-of-fit statistic is 9.653.
- (b) Show that the corresponding p-value is somewhere in the interval (0.01, 0.025).
- (c) What is your conclusion?

## 4. Goodness of Fit Test - 1 parameter estimated

For the previous question, we want to see if another binomial distribution might explain the frequencies better.

- (a) Preparation: Estimate  $p$  using

$$\hat{p} = \text{overall proportion of successes} = \frac{(0)(22) + (1)(38) + (2)(32) + (3)(8)}{(3)(100)}$$

- (b) Preparation: Fill out the frequencies

Value	0	1	2	3	Total
Observed frequency, $O_i$	22	38	32	8	100
Expected frequency, $E_i$					100

$$\text{where } E_i = 100 \binom{3}{i} (\hat{p})^i (1 - \hat{p})^{3-i}.$$

- (c) Test the hypothesis that the frequencies are well-described by  $\mathcal{B}(3, \hat{p})$  probabilities.

## 5. CI based on Z test

A sample of size 100 from a population with known  $\sigma^2 = 25$  produces a sample mean of 75. Construct an *approximate* 95% confidence interval for the population mean  $\mu$ .

## 6. Confidence Interval based on t Test

The following computer summary describes a sample from a normal population with unknown variance:

Size	Mean	StDev	Min	Max
25	35.06	1.62	32.95	37.94

Compute 95% and 99% confidence intervals for the population mean ( $\mu$ ).

## 7. CI based on 2 Sample t Test

Two samples have been taken from two independent normal populations with equal variances. From these samples ( $n_x = 12, n_y = 15$ ) we calculate  $\bar{x} = 119.4, \bar{y} = 112.7, s_x = 9.2, s_y = 11.1$ . Show that the 99% confidence interval for the difference of means  $\mu_x - \mu_y$  is  $(-4.43, 17.83)$ .

## 8. CI based on ProportionTest

A light bulb was tested to estimate the probability  $\rho$  of producing the required light output. A sample of 1000 bulbs was tested and 810 functioned correctly. Estimate  $\rho$ , and find an approximate and a conservative 98% CI for  $\rho$ .

## 9. Extension (Assessing the goodness of fit of a normal distribution - estimating 2 parameters)

This is how to use the Chi-squared Test to assess the fit of a Normal distribution to grouped data. For the Normal distribution, 2 parameters need to be estimated (both mean and sd), hence  $k=2$ . To perform a goodness of fit test based on grouped data, we need to estimate the parameters (mean and sd) from the grouped data.

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> x=scan(file=url("http://www.maths.usyd.edu.au/math1005/r/w13.txt")) # Scan in data
Read 100 items

> hist(x,pr=T) # Produce a histogram of the data

> hist(x,pr=T)$breaks # Display the breaks in the histogram
[1] -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5

> freq=hist(x,pr=T)$counts # Find the counts in each interval
> freq
[1] 7 23 24 18 10 13 5

mids=(-2:4)+.5 # Find the midpoints of the intervals.
> mids
[1] -1.5 -0.5 0.5 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5

> gr.sum=sum(freq*mids) # Find the sum of grouped data
> gr.sum
[1] 110

> gr.sumsq=sum(freq*mids^2) # Find the sum of squares of grouped data
> gr.sumsq
[1] 391

> gr.mean=gr.sum/100 # Find the mean of grouped data
> gr.mean
[1] 1.1

> gr.var=1/99* (gr.sumsq - 1/100* gr.sum^2) # Find the variance of grouped data
> gr.var
[1] 2.727273

> gr.sd=sqrt(gr.var) # Find the mean of grouped data
> gr.sd
[1] 1.651446

> curve(dnorm(x,m=gr.mean,s=gr.sd),lty=2,add=T) # Add Normal PDF to the histogram
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> lower.probs=pnorm(-1:4,m=gr.mean,s=gr.sd)      # Finding expected probabilities
> lower.probs
[1] 0.1017553 0.2526790 0.4758576 0.7071154 0.8750325
[6] 0.9604590

> exp.probs=diff(c(0,lower.probs,1))
> exp.probs
[1] 0.10175530 0.15092370 0.22317860 0.23125775
[5] 0.16791712 0.08542650 0.03954103

> exp.freq= 100* exp.probs      # Expected frequencies
> exp.freq
[1] 10.175530 15.092370 22.317860 23.125775 16.791712
[6] 8.542650 3.954103

> contrib = ((exp.freq-freq)^2)/exp.freq      # Chi squared contributions
> contrib
[1] 0.9910041 4.1431939 0.1267861 1.1361164 2.7470308
[6] 2.3257383 0.2766496

> cbind(freq,exp.freq,contrib)
      freq exp.freq contrib
[1,]    7 10.175530 0.9910041
[2,]   23 15.092370 4.1431939      # High contribution, above Normal curve
[3,]   24 22.317860 0.1267861
[4,]   18 23.125775 1.1361164
[5,]   10 16.791712 2.7470308      # High contribution, below Normal curve
[6,]   13 8.542650 2.3257383      # High contribution, above Normal curve
[7,]    5 3.954103 0.2766496

> tau.obs=sum(((exp.freq-freq)^2)/exp.freq)      # Chi-squared test statistic
> tau.obs
[1] 11.74652

> 1-pchisq(tau.obs, df=length(freq)-2-1)      # P-value
[1] 0.0193392      # Reject the fit of Normal

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