

Epidemiology: risks and contingency tables

Enter the contingency table of counts data. The data from Rosner, page 373, Example 10.2.

```
> counts = c(683,2573,1498,8747)
> Table = matrix(counts,2,2)
> Table
  [,1] [,2]
[1,] 683 1498
[2,] 2573 8747
```

Calculate the absolute, relative, and attributable risks and the odds ratio

```
> R = 683/(683+1498)
> R
[1] 0.3131591
> RR = (683/(683+1498)) / (2573/(2573+8747))
> RR
[1] 1.377754
> AR = (683/(683+1498)) - (2573/(2573+8747))
> AR
[1] 0.08586228
> OR = (683/1498) / (2573/8747)
> OR
[1] 1.549988
```

**# We estimate the probability of developing a disease at 0.210, for people exposed to the risk factor.
This probability is 37.8% higher than for people who are not exposed. The attributable risk of
0.086 represents the additional probability of developing the disease that can be attributed solely
to the risk factor. The odds ratio of developing the disease is 55.0% higher for people exposed to
the risk factor.**

Chi-square test of association

```
> TestResults = chisq.test(Table, correct=0)
> TestResults
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test
X-squared = 73.668, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16

**# The association between the disease and the factor is statistically significant. Next, we can see the
observed and expected counts that were used in the calculation of the chi-square statistic.**

```
> TestResults$observed
  [,1] [,2]
[1,] 683 1498
```

```
[2,] 2573 8747
> TestResults$expected
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] 525.9859 1655.014
[2,] 2730.0141 8589.986
```

**# The chi-square statistic measured how far the observed counts are from the expected counts. The
difference appeared statistically significant.**