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Decisions with Data

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Chi-squared tests

Suspicious dice

- A gambler is accused of using a loaded (6-sided) die, but he pleads innocent.
- A record has been kept of the last 60 throws.

```
1 die \leftarrow c(4,3,3,1,2,3,4,6,5,6,

2 2,4,1,3,3,5,3,4,3,4,

3 3,3,4,5,4,5,6,4,5,1,

4 6,4,4,2,3,3,2,4,4,5,

5 6,3,6,2,4,6,4,6,3,2,

6 5,4,6,3,3,3,5,3,1,4)
```

• Let's summarise these:

```
1 table(die)

die
1 2 3 4 5 6
4 6 17 16 8 9
```

- These counts should be "roughly equal" for a fair die, but these look a bit **too** unequal.
- How can we test if the die is fair?

Box model for (possibly loaded) die

• We are very familiar with our box model for a **fair** die:



ullet A single random draw X from this box has the distribution

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
P(X=x)	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

• A box for a **loaded** die might be

giving

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
P(X=x)	$\frac{1}{8}$	1/8	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	1/8	1/8

Goodness of fit test

- ullet We can define the distribution by a probability vector $oldsymbol{p}=(p_1,\ldots,p_6)$ of (rational) probabilities
 - ightarrow so each $p_j \geq 0$ and $p_1 + \cdots + p_6 = 1$); and
 - we can imagine a box with a certain number of each ticket, so the proportion of tickets with integer j is p_j .
- We would like to test the hypothesis H_0 : $p_1 = \cdots = p_6 = \frac{1}{6}$.
- ullet We are interested in **any alternative that is not** H_0 .
 - ightharpoonup That is, $p_j
 eq rac{1}{6}$ for at least one j in $1,\ldots,6$.
 - \rightarrow In brief the alternative is H_1 : not H_0 .
- This is an example of a **goodness of fit test**:

Expected frequencies after 60 "draws"

- ullet Suppose H_0 is true. we have a fair die.
- Since each value 1,2,...,6 is equally likely, after 60 draws we would **expect** to get 10 of each:

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6
Prob.	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	<u>1</u> 6	$\frac{1}{6}$
Expected frequency	10	10	10	10	10	10

Comparison with observed frequencies

• The table below compares observed and expected frequencies:

Outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6
H_0 Prob.	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
Expected frequency	10	10	10	10	10	10
Observed frequency	4	6	17	16	8	9

- Due to random sampling the observed are not **exactly** equal to the expected, we anticipate some "small" discrepancies.
- We want to know *How different* do these have to be before it gets suspicious??

General formulation

- Suppose we have data X_1, \ldots, X_n only taking k distinct values (categories), modelled as a random sample taken with replacement from a box.
 - \rightarrow The tickets of the box take k distinct values (categories).
 - \rightarrow We use integers $j=1,2,\ldots,k$ (or any other distinct values/labels) to label the categories.
 - The testing procedure we use can deal with general categorical data





- ullet Write $p_j=P(X_1=j)=$ the proportion of tickets in box labelled j (for $j=1,\ldots,k$).
- Write also $oldsymbol{p}=(p_1,\ldots,p_k)$.
- ullet We wish to test H_0 : $oldsymbol{p}=oldsymbol{p_0}$ for some hypothesised $oldsymbol{p_0}=(p_{01},\ldots,p_{0k})$.
- The alternative we are interested in is H_1 : not H_0 .

Observed and Expected frequencies

- ullet We summarise the data to **observed frequencies**: $O_j =$ number of data points labelled j.
- ullet We compare these to the corresponding **expected frequencies**: $E_j=np_{0j}$, i.e. the number of data points labelled j we would expect **under** H_0 .

Outcome	1	2	 k
H_0 Prob.	p_{01}	p_{02}	 p_{0k}
Expected frequency	$E_1 = np_{01}$	$E_2 = np_{02}$	 $E_k = np_{0k}$
Observed frequency	O_1	O_2	 O_k

Test statistic: Pearson's χ^2 statistic

- A "foundational" paper in modern statistics was by Karl Pearson in 1900.
- He considered the statistic

$$T = rac{(O_1 - E_1)^2}{E_1} + \dots + rac{(O_k - E_k)^2}{E_k} \, .$$

- ullet For categories with larger E_i , the "error" O_i-E_i tends to be bigger;
 - ightharpoonup Dividing $(O_i-E_i)^2$ by E_i , this "normalised squared error" makes each term "comparable".
- ullet He argued that under H_0 , for "large n",

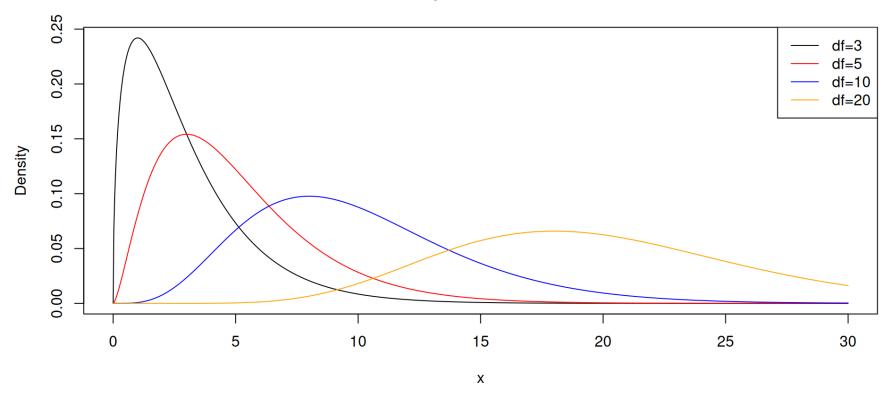
$$T \stackrel{ ext{approx.}}{\sim} \chi^2_{k-1}$$
 ,

the chi-squared distribution with k-1 degrees of freedom.

The χ_d^2 distribution

- ullet Suppose we take d independent (i.e. with replacement) random draws from a N(0,1) box: Z_1,Z_2,\ldots,Z_d .
- ullet Then the sum of squares $Z_1^2+Z_2^2+\cdots+Z_d^2$ has a χ_d^2 distribution.
- ullet It is a skewed (to the right) distribution, but gets more symmetric as d increases.

Chi-square distribution



P-value

- ullet Suppose we have k categories, and the observed value of Pearson's statisic is $t_{
 m obs}$.
- ullet The **larger** $t_{
 m obs}$, the more evidence against H_0 .
 - One-sided test.
 - op The P-value is given by the area under the χ^2_{k-1} curve to the **right** of $t_{
 m obs}$.
- This is the chance of
 - ightharpoonup observing something more extreme than $t_{
 m obs}$, assuming H_0 true.
- Why the degrees of freedom is k-1 in χ^2_{k-1} ?
 - The test statistic T for k categories behaves like the summation of $Z_1^2+\ldots+Z_{k-1}^2$ the actual derivation of this is beyond the scope of this unit.
 - Quick way to remember (more later): there are k elements in the probability vector, but $\sum_{i=1}^k p_j = 1$, so we only need k-1 of "free" probability parameters to define the entire vector.

Our dice example

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- Null hypothesis $(H_0:p_0=(rac{1}{6},\ldots,rac{1}{6}))$: the die is fair.
- Alternative hypothesis $(H_1:)$ at least one of $p_{0j}
 eq rac{1}{6}, j=1,\ldots,6$, indicating the die is loaded.
- $oxed{A}$ We need a sufficiently large n, what else? We will discuss this later.
- $\overline{f T}$ The degrees of freedom is 6-1=5, so χ^2_5 is the test distribution.
 - ullet One-sided test: large values of test statistics argue against H_0 .
 - For the record of results from the die

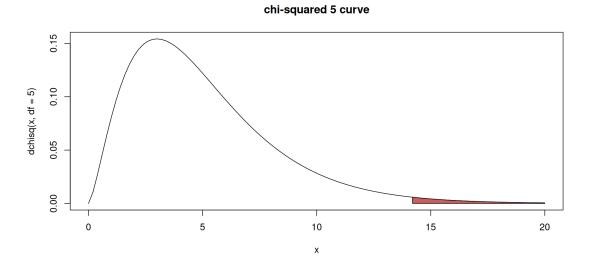
```
1 0i = table(die)
2 Ei = rep(10, 6)
3 rbind( Ei, 0i)

1 2 3 4 5 6
Ei 10 10 10 10 10 10
0i 4 6 17 16 8 9

1 sum(((0i-Ei)^2)/Ei)
[1] 14.2
```

 \overline{P} Obtain P-value using $\overline{pchisq}(\ldots, df=\ldots, lower.tail=F)$: we need the *upper tail* (large values of t_{obs} argue against H_0).

```
1 pchisq(14.2, df=5, lower.tail=F)
[1] 0.01438768
```



- $oxed{\mathrm{C}}$ Is the value $t_{
 m obs}=14.2$ consistent with H_0 ?
 - The P-value is a rather small.
 - ullet At a rather small false alarm rate (e.g., 2%), the data is significantly different from the claim of H_0 (all 6 sides equally likely).
 - Indirectly suggests the die may be loaded.

Using chisq.test()

- We can also use the built-in function chisq.test().
- If we give it a vector of counts, it compares it to the vector of probabilities in p:

```
1 chisq.test(0i, p=c(1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6))
Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: 0i
X-squared = 14.2, df = 5, p-value = 0.01439
```

• Note that by default it takes p as the same length as the vector containing observed frequencies, with equal probabilities:

```
1 chisq.test(0i)

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: 0i
X-squared = 14.2, df = 5, p-value = 0.01439
```

A Assumptions required

- ullet The χ^2_{k-1} distribution is a "large-sample approximation" to the exact sampling distribution of Pearson's statistic when H_0 is true.
- It may not be a good approximation if
 - \rightarrow either the sample size n is not very large
 - or some categories have very small hypothesised probabilities.
- ullet A "rule of thumb" is that if all expected frequencies E_j are at least 5, the χ^2_{k-1} approximation should be reasonably accurate.
 - The R function chisq.test() prints a warning if this condition is violated:

```
1  0i = c(5, 3, 4)
2  chisq.test(0i, p=c(1/3, 1/3, 1/3))
Warning in chisq.test(0i, p = c(1/3, 1/3, 1/3)): Chi-squared approximation may be incorrect
    Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: 0i
X-squared = 0.5, df = 2, p-value = 0.7788
```

Special case: wquivalence with Z-test for 0-1 box

- We can draw a connection between the chi-squared test and a two-sided Z-test for proportion.
- ullet Consider a box containing only $oxed{0}$ s and $oxed{1}$ s, let p denote the proportion of $oxed{1}$ s in the box.
- ullet Suppose we have a random sample X_1,\ldots,X_n taken with replacement from the box.
- ullet Consider testing the null hypothesis $H_0 \colon p = p_0$ with the two-sided $H_1 \colon p
 eq p_0$
- We have already done this using a Z-test with the statistic

$$Z = rac{ar{X} - p_0}{\sqrt{rac{p_0(1-p_0)}{n}}} = rac{S - np_0}{\sqrt{np_0(1-p_0)}} \ ,$$

where $ar{X}=rac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i=S/n$ is the sample proportion of $oxed{1}$ s.

Chi-squared test for 0-1 box

ullet Note that the two-sided P-value P(|Z|>|z|) is the same as

$$P(Z^2>z^2)=P\left(Z^2>rac{(s-np_0)^2}{np_0(1-p_0)}
ight)$$

where $Z^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ and s is the observed sample sum (number of 1's in a sample).

• We may also view this as a χ^2 -test.

Outcome	0	1
Prob.	$1-p_0$	p_0
Expected frequency	$E_0 = n(1 - p_0)$	$E_1=np_0$
Observed frequency	$O_0 = n - S$	$O_1 = S$

Both tests are equivalent for 0-1 box

Pearson's statistic is then

$$T = \frac{(O_0 - E_0)^2}{E_0} + \frac{(O_1 - E_1)^2}{E_1}$$

$$= \frac{\left[(n - S) - n(1 - p_0)\right]^2}{n(1 - p_0)} + \frac{(S - np_0)^2}{np_0}$$

$$= \frac{(n - S - n + np_0)^2}{n(1 - p_0)} + \frac{(S - np_0)^2}{np_0}$$

$$= \frac{(S - np_0)^2}{n} \left(\frac{1}{1 - p_0} + \frac{1}{p_0}\right)$$

$$= \frac{(S - np_0)^2}{n} \left(\frac{p_0 + (1 - p_0)}{p_0(1 - p_0)}\right)$$

$$= \frac{(S - np_0)^2}{np_0(1 - p_0)}$$

$$= Z^2.$$

ullet The chi-squared test is **exactly** a two-sided Z-test for 0-1 box, as for $Z\sim N(0,1)$, Z^2 follows χ_1^2 .

Example: 5% level of significance

```
1 round(qchisq(.95, df=1),2)
[1] 3.84
```

- An upper 5% percentage point for χ_1^2 is
 - ightharpoonup The critical region of rejection is T>3.84.

```
1 round(qnorm(0.975),2)
[1] 1.96
1 round(qnorm(0.975)^2,2)
[1] 3.84
```

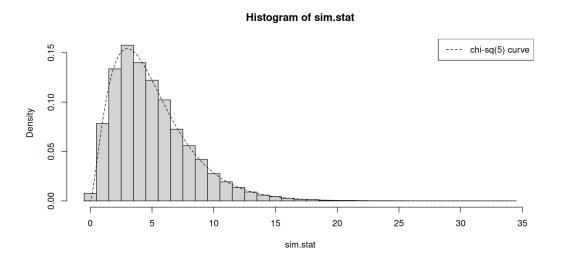
- ullet An upper 2.5% percentage point (97.5% quantile) for N(0,1) is approximately 1.96
 - ightarrow P(|Z|>1.964) is the same as $P(|Z|^2=Z^2>1.96^2pprox 3.84)$
 - ightharpoonup The region of rejection is |Z|>1.96 or $Z^2>3.84$.
- The chi-squared test may be viewed as a **generalisation** of the **two-sided** Z-test for a proportion, to a box with more than 2 different values in it.

Simulation

Using simulation: the dice example

- We can approximate the sampling distribution of the test statistic by simulating an appropriate (approximate if necessary) box model.
- ullet Straightforward for chi-sq tests H_0 completely specifies the distribution of X_i , and hence the box.

```
sim.stat=0 # the dice example
for(i in 1:100000) {
    sim.rolls=sample(1:6, size=60, replace=T)
    freqs = tabulate(sim.rolls, nbins=6) # works even with zero freqs, better than table()
    sim.stat[i] = chisq.test(freqs)$stat # save the test statistics
}
```



ullet Nice agreement between the histogram of simulated Pearson statisics and the χ^2_5 curve.

Simulated P-value

• The observed Pearson statistic

```
1  0i = table(die)
2  Ei = rep(10, 6)
3  rbind( Ei, 0i)

    1  2  3  4  5  6
Ei 10 10 10 10 10 10
0i  4  6 17 16  8  9

1  stat=sum(((0i-Ei)^2)/Ei)
2  stat
[1] 14.2
```

- P-value obtained using the simulated test distribution
 - Note that it's a one-sided test

```
1 mean(sim.stat≥stat)
[1] 0.0139
```

ullet P-value obtained using the theoretical χ^2_5

```
1 chisq.test(0i)$p.value
[1] 0.01438768
```

ullet The simulation-based P-value is close to that obtained using the χ^2_5 approximation.

Small expected frequencies

- Consider another example where we the assumptions are not reasonable:
 - \rightarrow suppose we draw a sample of size n=10 from the box (with 11 tickets)

- How does Pearson's statistic behave when we test H_0 : $p_0 = \left(\frac{4}{11}, \frac{4}{11}, \frac{1}{11}, \frac{1}{11}, \frac{1}{11}, \frac{1}{11}\right)$?
- Note that H_0 is ture in this example.
- The expected frequencies are then all < 5:

```
1 n = 10

2 p0=c(4,4,1,1,1)/11

3 n*p0

[1] 3.6363636 3.6363636 0.9090909 0.9090909
```

ullet So we suspect the χ_4^2 approximation may not be so good.

Using chisq.test()

• Sure enough, chisq.test() tells us this: suppose we draw the sample

```
1 samp
 [1] 1 3 3 2 3 2 2 2 2 2
  1 table(samp) # skips categories with zero frequency, can't be used here
samp
1 2 3
1 6 3
  1 Obs.freq = tabulate(samp, nbins=5) # works even if some values don't appear
  2 Obs.freq
[1] 1 6 3 0 0
 1 chisq.test(Obs.freq, p=p0)
Warning in chisq.test(Obs.freq, p = p0): Chi-squared approximation may be
incorrect
    Chi-squared test for given probabilities
data: Obs.freq
X-squared = 10.075, df = 4, p-value = 0.03918
```

• the function tabulate(samp, nbins=5) counts the frequencies of categories from 1 to 5 in this case, without skipping labels.

Using simulation

ullet Simulate the box under H_0

```
box = c(1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5)
sim.stat=0
for(i in 1:100000) {
    sim.obs = sample(box, size=n, replace=T)
    freqs = tabulate(sim.obs, nbins=5)
    sim.stat[i] = suppressWarnings(chisq.test(freqs, p=p0)$stat)
    # without supressWarnings() we get
# 10000 "approximation may be incorrect"
# warnings
# warnings
```

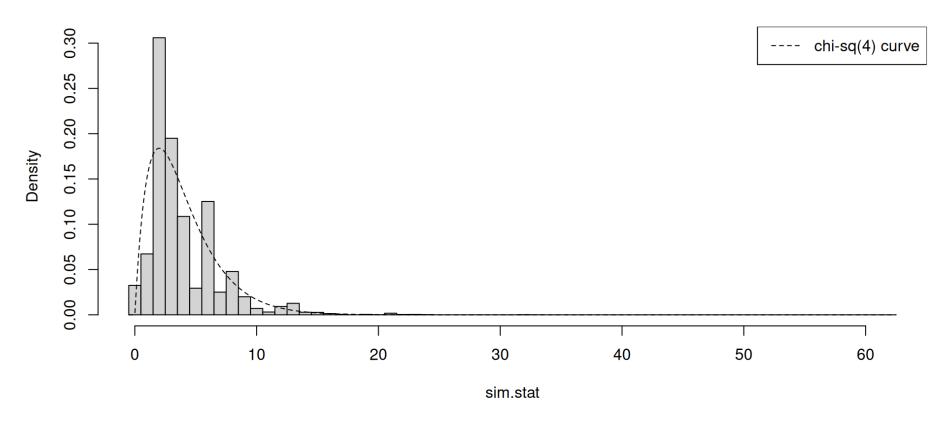
• Compare the quantiles of simulated Pearson's statistics with the theoretical ones

```
1 quantile(sim.stat, probs=c(0.95, 0.98, 0.99))
95% 98% 99%
8.975 12.550 14.200

1 qchisq(c(.95, .98, .99), df=4)
[1] 9.487729 11.667843 13.276704
```

• The upper 2% and 1% points are bigger than χ_4^2 would suggest.

Histogram of sim.stat



- ullet The distribution is multi-modal and there are more large values than χ_4^2 would suggest.
- Our earlier observed Pearson's statistic gives a simulation-based P-value of

```
1 stat = chisq.test(Obs.freq, p=p0)$stat
2 mean(sim.stat≥stat)
[1] 0.04037
```

Using chisq.test(..., simulate=T)

The simulate=T argument gives a similar result.

```
1 stat = chisq.test(Obs.freq, p=p0)$stat
2 mean(sim.stat≥stat)

[1] 0.04037

1 chisq.test(Obs.freq, p=p0, simulate=T, B = 100000)

Chi-squared test for given probabilities with simulated p-value (based on 1e+05 replicates)

data: Obs.freq
X-squared = 10.075, df = NA, p-value = 0.04034
```

• B = ... specify the number of samples used in the simulation.



Parameters

- In Pearson's test
 - Observed frequency O of each category is compared with expected frequency E=np, where p is the probability of "landing" in that category.
 - We test **goodness of fit**, i.e. a null hypothesis H_0 specifies probabilities for each category next we will see they possibly depend on some parameters.
 - riangleright alternative hypothesis is then $H_1\colon\mathsf{not}\;H_0$.
- ullet Pearsons statistic T is the sum of $\frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$ over all categories.
- ullet When H_0 is true, T has an approximate χ^2_d distribution, where the degrees of freedom parameter d is given by

(no. free parameters under full model) – (no. free parameters under H_0).

Completely specified probability vector

- In the previous examples, we had k categories and a vector of probabilities $m{p}=(p_1,\ldots,p_k)$ for each category.
- Then under the full model (where any probability vector is allowed), we have
 - \rightarrow k parameters but
 - ightharpoonup only k-1 of these are **free** since they add to 1, if we know p_1,\ldots,p_{k-1} ,

$$p_k=1-(p_1+\cdots+p_{k-1})$$

is automatically determined.

- ullet In H_0 : $m{p}=m{p_0}=(p_{01},\ldots,p_{0k})$, we had a completely specified probability vector $m{p_0}$.
 - ightharpoonup Then there are zero free parameters under H_0 .
- ullet Therefore, T is approx. χ^2_d with

$$d= (ext{no. free parameters under full model}) - (ext{no. free parameters under } H_0) = (k-1) - 0 = k-1$$
.

Two-way tables: test of independence

• Consider the following data giving biological sex (row categories) and handedness (column categories) for 2,237 people:

	Right-handed	Left-handed	Ambidextrous	Total
Men	934	113	20	1067
Women	1070	92	8	1170
Total	2004	205	28	2237

- Do the data suggest any evidence against that the handedness and the gender are independent?
 - Note that, if they are independent, there is no difference in handedness between men and women.

Pearson's statistic

• The statistic takes the same basic form: we add terms like $\frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$, but over all cells in the table:

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^{2}}{E_{ij}}$$

and so is now a "double sum".

- Here,
 - $ightharpoonup O_{ij}$ is the observed frequency in row i, column j
 - $lacktriangleright E_{ij}$ is the expected frequency in row i, column j under the null hypothesis.
- How do we formulate the null hypothesis exactly?
- ullet How do we determine the expected frequencies, the E_{ij} s?

Full model

ullet Full model: rc different categories, unconstrained probabilities

	Col 1	Col 2		$\operatorname{Col} c$	Total
Row 1	p_{11}	p_{12}		p_{1c}	p_{1ullet}
Row 2	p_{21}	p_{22}	• • •	p_{2c}	p_{2ullet}
•	•	•	٠.	•	•
$\operatorname{Row} r$	p_{r1}	p_{r2}		p_{rc}	p_{rullet}
Total	$p_{ullet 1}$	$p_{ullet 2}$	• • •	$p_{ullet c}$	1

- ullet We thus have rc-1 free parameters under the full model.
- Here we use "dot" notation for sums. E.g.,
 - $p_{ullet 1} = \sum_{i=1}^r p_{i1}$ (sum over a rows for a specified column)
 - $p_{1ullet} = \sum_{j=1}^c p_{1j}$ (sum over columns for a specified row)
- ullet The row sums $p_{ullet j}$ gives the marginal probabilities for every column. That is,
 - \rightarrow the chance of landing in j-th column category of the table. E.g., handedness in this example.
- ullet The column sums p_{iullet} gives the marginal probabilities for for every rom. That is,
 - \rightarrow the chance of landing in i-th row category of the table. E.g., biological sex in this example.

Null hypothesis

• The null hypothesis says: the events $\{ being \ in \ Row \ i \}$ and $\{ being \ in \ Col \ j \}$ are independent. That is

$$p_{ij} = P\{\text{in Row } i \text{ and Col } j\} = P\{\text{in Row } i\} \times P\{\text{in Col } j\} = p_{i \bullet} p_{\bullet j}$$

ullet Under H_0 , the probability of each cell is

	Col 1	Col 2		$\operatorname{Col} c$	Total
Row 1	$p_{1ullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$p_{1ullet}p_{ullet2}$		$p_{1ullet}p_{ullet c}$	p_{1ullet}
Row 2	$p_{2ullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$p_{2ullet}p_{ullet 2}$		$p_{2ullet}p_{ullet c}$	$p_{2\bullet}$
:	•	:	٠.	÷	÷
$\operatorname{Row} r$	$p_{rullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$p_{rullet}p_{ullet 2}$		$p_{rullet}p_{ullet c}$	p_{rullet}
Total	$p_{ullet 1}$	$p_{ullet 2}$		$p_{ullet c}$	1

Observed and expected frequencies

• Observed frequencies:

	Col 1	Col 2		$\operatorname{Col} c$	Total
Row 1	O_{11}	O_{12}		O_{1c}	O_{1ullet}
Row 2	O_{21}	O_{22}	• • •	O_{2c}	O_{2ullet}
:	•	:	٠.	:	•
$\operatorname{Row} r$	O_{r1}	O_{r2}		O_{rc}	O_{rullet}
Total	$O_{\bullet 1}$	$O_{ullet 2}$		$O_{ullet c}$	n

ullet Expected frequencies under null hypothesis: $E_{ij}=np_{iullet}p_{ullet j}$

	Col 1	$\operatorname{Col} 2$		$\operatorname{Col} c$	Total
Row 1	$np_{1ullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$np_{1ullet}p_{ullet 2}$		$np_{1ullet}p_{ullet c}$	np_{1ullet}
Row 2	$np_{2ullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$np_{2ullet}p_{ullet 2}$	• • •	$np_{2ullet}p_{ullet c}$	np_{2ullet}
:	÷	:	٠.	:	:
$\operatorname{Row} r$	$np_{rullet}p_{ullet 1}$	$np_{rullet}p_{ullet 2}$	• • •	$np_{rullet}p_{ullet c}$	np_{rullet}
Total	$np_{ullet 1}$	$np_{ullet 2}$		$np_{ullet c}$	n

ullet We need to estimate the marginal probabilities p_{iullet} s and the $p_{ullet j}$ s.

Estimate marginal probabilities p_{iullet} s and p_{ullet} s

• Under H_0 , we can collapse all the rows into a single row (last row of the observed table) to form a single sample from the "column" box. We can then estimate the column probability $P\{\text{in Col }j\}$ using

$$\hat{p}_{\bullet j} = rac{O_{ullet j}}{n} \,,$$

• Similarly, we can collapse all the columns into a single column (last column of the observed table) to form a single sample from the "row" box. We can then estimate the row probability $P\{\text{in Row }i\}$ using

$$\hat{p}_{iullet}=rac{O_{iullet}}{n}$$

• This gives expected frequencies

$$E_{ij} = n\hat{p}_{i\bullet}\hat{p}_{\bullet j} = n \frac{O_{i\bullet}}{n} \frac{O_{\bullet j}}{n} = \frac{(\text{Row } i \text{ total}) \times (\text{Col } j \text{ total})}{\text{Grand total}},$$

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Degrees of freedom

- Pearson's statistic approximately follows a χ^2 distribution under H_0 with degrees of freedom given by $(\text{no. free parameters under full model}) (\text{no. free parameters under } H_0)$.
- There are rc-1 free parameters under the full model.
- Under the null hypothesis there are
 - ightharpoonup r row probabilities, giving r-1 free parameters
 - ightharpoonup c column probabilities, giving c-1 free parameters
 - ightharpoonup there are thus (r-1)+(c-1) free parameters under H_0 .
- The difference is

$$(rc-1)-(r-1)-(c-1)=rc-r-c+1=(r-1)(c-1)$$
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Handedness example

• Observed frequencies:

Row and column sums:

```
1 R = rowSums(0ij)
2 R

men women
1067 1170

1 C = colSums(0ij)
2 C

RH LH Ambi
2004 205 28
```

Pearson's statistic and P-value

Pearson's statistic

ullet P-value, Pearson's statistic approximately follows $\chi^2_{(r-1)(c-1)}$

```
1 r=length(R)
2 c=length(C)
3 d=(r-1)*(c-1)
4 d

[1] 2
1 pchisq(stat, df=d, lower.tail=F)

[1] 0.002731055
```

Using chisq.test()

- The R function chisq.test() can also be used to test for relationships between rows and columns of two-way tables.
- The observed frequencies need to be in a matrix.

```
1 Oij

RH LH Ambi
men 934 113 20
women 1070 92 8

1 chisq.test(Oij)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: Oij
X-squared = 11.806, df = 2, p-value = 0.002731
```

Using simulation

- As with other tests, the chi-squared approximation may not be reasonable in some circumstances,
 - if either the overall sample size is small; or
 - we have too many small expected frequencies.
- In such a case, it is possible to use the simulation-based P-value (setting simulate=T).

```
1 chisq.test(Oij, simulate=T)

Pearson's Chi-squared test with simulated p-value (based on 2000 replicates)

data: Oij
X-squared = 11.806, df = NA, p-value = 0.003498
```

- The simulation for two way table is rather complicated (we skip the details here).
- Note that the chi-squared approximation gives a P-value that is about half the size it should be here:
 - trusting approximations blindly can lead to false significance in some cases.

Summary

- Pearson's statistic adds $\frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$ over each category, where O is the observed frequency and E is the expected frequency under the null hypothesis.
 - ightharpoonup We may need to estimate parameters to compute the Es.
- \circ For large enough sample sizes, the statistic has an approximate χ^2 distribution under the null hypothesis, with degrees of freedom given by

(no. free parameters under full model) – (no. free parameters under H_0).

- If we estimate parameters, we need to make sure they are estimated "properly" for this to be true.
- We can always use chisq.test(..., simulate=T) if unsure.
 - It is good practice to always compare the two.

Example: test of independence

Example

• The table below shows the results of a random sample of 100 males being classified according to amount of smoking (row categories) and age (column categories).

	Under 40 years	Over 40 years
< 20 cigarettes/day	50	15
≥ 20 cigarettes/day	10	25

```
1 under.40 = c(50, 10)
2 over.40=c(15, 25)
3 Of = cbind(under.40, over.40)
4 rownames(Of)=c("less.20", "more.20")
5 Of

    under.40 over.40
less.20     50     15
more.20     10     25
```

Manual calculation: use rowSums(), colSums() and outer().

Row and column sums may be obtained using apply():

```
1  rsums = rowSums(0f)
2  csums = colSums(0f)
3  rsums

less.20 more.20
65    35

1  csums

under.40  over.40
60    40
```

• Expected frequencies may be obtained using outer():

Pearson's statistic and (theoretical) P-value

```
1 stat = sum(((0f-Ef)^2)/Ef)
2 stat

[1] 22.16117

1 pchisq(stat, df=1, lower.tail=F)

[1] 2.506928e-06
```

• This is a very small P-value, providing very strong evidence against the hypothesis that smoking level and age are independent.

Using chisq.test() in the 2-by-2 case

- When we have a 2-by-2 table, the R function chisq.test() applies a (Yates') "continuity correction" by subtracting 0.5 from each |O-E| before squaring.
 - This is designed to improve the chi-squared approximation.
 - We **do not want this** though: it confuses the issue (we prefer to use simulation if the chi-squared approximation is not reliable).
- We must thus use chisq.test(..., correct=F).
- With the correction we get a *slightly smaller* statistic:

```
1 chisq.test(Of)

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

data: Of
X-squared = 20.192, df = 1, p-value = 7.003e-06
```

• Without the correction we get results that agree with our manual calculation:

```
1 chisq.test(Of, correct=F)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: Of
X-squared = 22.161, df = 1, p-value = 2.507e-06
```

• We can also use chisq.test()'s built-in simulate=T option to obtain the simulated P-value:

```
1 chisq.test(Of, simulate=T)

Pearson's Chi-squared test with simulated p-value (based on 2000 replicates)

data: Of
X-squared = 22.161, df = NA, p-value = 0.0004998
```

• For all methods, we get a very small P-value: this data provides very strong evidence of a relationship between age and smoking level.