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STAT4006: Categorical Data Analysis
Problem Sheet 1

The deadline for this Problem Sheet is 5.30pm on Monday 5th October. Please submit your solutions via the link provided on the course Blackboard page - if you must submit your solutions in hard copy, please contact me at jawright@sta.cuhk.edu.hk in advance. **No late submissions will be accepted. A late submission will receive a mark of zero.** Students may discuss set problems with others, but their final submissions must be their own work.

Please answer the following problems. All these questions should be answered using a pen, paper, calculator (good practice for your midterm and final). That said, you may use any software you like to find percentiles (i.e. for finding p -values). Show your working.

1. **(Exercise 1.1 from Agresti (2007))** In the following examples, identify the response variable and the explanatory variables.
 - (a) Attitude toward gun control (favor, oppose), Gender (female, male), Mother's education (high school, college).
 - (b) Heart disease (yes, no), Blood pressure, Cholesterol level.
 - (c) Race (white, nonwhite), Religion (Catholic, Jewish, Protestant), Vote for president (Democrat, Republican, Other), Annual income.
 - (d) Marital status (married, single, divorced, widowed), Quality of life (excellent, good, fair, poor).
2. **(Adapted from Exercise 1.9 from Agresti (2013))** In an experiment on chlorophyll inheritance in maize, for 1103 seedlings of self-fertilized heterozygous green plants, 854 seedlings were green and 249 were yellow. Theory predicts the ratio of green to yellow is 2 : 1. Test the hypothesis that 2 : 1 is the true ratio using the Wald, Score and Likelihood Ratio tests. Report the p -values, and interpret.
3. **(Exercise 1.26 from Agresti (2013))** A binomial sample of size n has $y = 0$ successes.
 - (a) Show that the confidence interval for π based on the likelihood function is $[0, 1 - e^{-z_{\alpha/2}^2/2n}]$. For $\alpha = 0.05$, use the expansion of an exponential function to show that this is approximately $[0, 1.92/n]$.
 - (b) For the score method, show that the confidence interval is $[0, z_{\alpha/2}^2/(n + z_{\alpha/2}^2)]$.
4. For a given sample proportion p and standard normal percentile $z_{\alpha/2}$ show that the end points of the $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ two-tailed Score confidence interval for binomial parameter π are given by the solutions of the equation

$$(1 + z_{\alpha/2}^2/n)\pi^2 + (-2p - z_{\alpha/2}^2/n)\pi + p^2 = 0.$$

Find these solutions and thus derive the so-called Wilson confidence interval for π .

5. The data in the Table 1 is obtained from a multinomial distribution.

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Probability	π_1	π_2	π_3	π_4	π_5
Frequency	10	13	21	23	29

Table 1: Multinomial Data

- (a) Test with $\alpha = 0.05$ the null hypothesis $H_0 : \pi_1 = 0.1, \pi_2 = 0.1, \pi_3 = 0.2, \pi_4 = 0.35$ by using the Pearson chi-square test and the likelihood ratio test.
- (b) Derive the maximum likelihood estimates of $\pi_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$ under the null hypothesis $H_0 : \pi_1 = \pi_2, \pi_3 = \pi_4$.

- (c) Test with $\alpha = 0.05$ the null hypothesis $H_0 : \pi_1 = \pi_2, \pi_3 = \pi_4$ by using the Pearson chi-square test and the likelihood ratio test.
6. Table 2 gives a random sample of size 150 of the random variable X . Do you think X follows the Poisson distribution? Use Pearson's chi-squared test and the likelihood ratio test with ($\alpha = 0.05$).

Values of X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Frequency	5	11	18	29	26	25	15	10	7	4

Table 2: Poisson Data

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