



Week 4: Statistical Inference / Hypothesis Testing

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Standard Methodology

Problem Definition/goal

- Identify/specify goals of the data analysis
- commit to specific deliverables

Data pre-processing

- Identify appropriate data
- Acquire data (gather, lookup, understand)

Data processing

- ◆ Identify methods (gather, cleanse, store)
- Carry out the analysis (patterns, trends, predictions?)

Data post-processing

- ♦ Visualize and present
- Deploy and evaluate. Iterate, if necessary



Learning Objectives

- To identify the concept of a "hypothesis Test" for making inferences and preconditions to run it
- To identify the computations needed to run a h-test when making inferences with both large (normal distribution) and small sample sizes (student-t distribution)
- To identify commands in a programming environments to run it



Learning Objectives

- To identify and contrast the concept hypothesis testing as a statistical decision making tool.
- To identify and characterize the statistical procedures used for hypothesis testing.
- To identify the concept of "p-value" as a tool to assess the (quality of the) decision and how to calculate it.
- To identify the test "chi-squared" as a tool to measure goodness-of-fit.



Cl and tests of hypothesis

- In the previous module, we are mainly interested in the value of a parameter (interval) estimation.
- Often times, these parameter are calculated in order to make decisions between two competing hypotheses to make a decision.
- Can make this inference directly with a hypothesis test.



Hypothesis Testing (HT): Example 1

- Need decide between two possibilities: is Cassandra "clairvoyant" or not? (seems to be)
 - She can tell any card drawn at random (1/52) and shown the reverse of it
 - She cannot.
- Can show C: 25 cards and see if she can tell them Some successes/failures are not sufficient evidence she is/not. Where to draw the line?
- A decision must be made: yes or no?



.. HT: Example 3

- A steel company is concerned that the mean strength μ of their steel produced meet the minimum government standards. They need to decide between two possibilities:
 - The mean strength μ does not meet the minimum standard.

The mean strength μ exceeds the minimum standard.



Parts of a Statistical Test

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abjHpJ36pIE&feature=related

- Alternative [or Research] hypothesis,
 H_a: A claim (statement) to be decided upon based on some evidence (data)
- Null hypothesis

 H₀: The opposite claim (default statement to be assumed to be true until proven otherwise. It is usually stated first.)
- Test statistic and its *p*-value
 A single statistic calculated from the sample that can be used to reject or not reject H₀.



Decision of a statistical test

- Rejection region
 - a region and a rule are used to decide, depending on where the value of the test statistic falls, whether the null hypothesis H₀ should be rejected.
- Conclusion Either "Reject H₀" or "Failed to reject H₀", with a pre-specified significance level.
- Usually, the significance level is set at $\alpha = .01$ or $\alpha = .05$.



.. Decision of by p-value

It is defined as the probability of observing, just by chance, a test statistic as extreme or even more extreme than what we've actually observed.

If H₀ is rejected, the p-value is the actual probability that we have made an incorrect decision.

If the p-value is smaller than the preassigned significance level, α, then H₀ is rejected.



p-value and its implications

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFXy_UdlQJg&feature=related

- A (very) small p-value is a (strong) indication that the null hypothesis (H₀) is unlikely to be true.
- For a small p-value, if H₀ were true, it is very unlikely one should observe such extreme events. Hence, the only reasonable explanation left is that H₀ is not true.
- There are other ways to do a t-test.



p-value and its computation

- To compute the p-value, we need to know
 - its alternative hypothesis (one-sided or twosided alternative test)
 - ◆ sampling distribution about its test statistic
 (z, t, ...) (under H₀)
 - Like for the estimation problem, its sample distribution is known in many cases.



Common procedures for test statistics

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Let θ be the parameter of interest in a statistical model (such as the population mean). Under the null hypothesis H_0 , depending on the sample size, we can use either z (large n) or t (small n) statistics below:

$$z = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{SE(\theta_0)} \qquad t = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{SE(\theta_0)}$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{SE(\theta_0)}$$

Since a small sample t-test is a more conservative test than a z-test, we will consider only the t-test.



Summary on hypothesis testing for large sample size

Summary on hypothesis testing (large sample)

Parameter	Test Statistics
μ	$z = \frac{\bar{x}_{-}\mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$
π	$z = \frac{\hat{\pi} - \pi_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi_0(1 - \pi_0)}{n}}}$
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$	$z = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - D_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$
$\pi_1 - \pi_2$	$z = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$



Summary of small sample tests

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlfLnx8sh-o

Summary on hypothesis testing (small sample)

Parameter	Test Statistics	Degrees of freedom
μ	$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s / \sqrt{n}}$	(n-1)
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (equal variances)	$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - D_0}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$	(n_1+n_2-2)
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (unequal variances)	$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - D_0}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$	(hard to find)
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (paired)	$t = \frac{\bar{d} - D_0}{s_d / \sqrt{n}}$	(n-1)

Polled variance $s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}$



Function t.test() in R

We can use t.test to perform a variety of ttests (for small sample) in R but there is no z.test.

Description

Performs one and two sample t-tests on vectors of data.

Usage



Case 3HT: Testing the difference μ_1 - μ_2

- For two quantitative populations with unknown means μ_1 , μ_2 and standard deviations σ_1 and σ_2 .
- We take a random sample of sizes n_1 and n_2 from the two populations, compute their sample means \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 and sample standard deviations s_1, s_2 .
- We are interested in hypothesis testing about the difference μ₁- μ₂ when the sample sizes are small.



.. Case 3HT: Testing the difference μ_1 - μ_2

- To test H_0 : $\mu_1 \mu_2 = D_0$, where D_0 is a constant, usually 0.
- If we cannot assume equal variance assumption, the test statistic used is the same one used for large sample inference.
- However, hard to find the appropriate number d.f.

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$



.. Case 3HT: Testing the difference μ_1 - μ_2

 Under the additional assumption of equal variance, we first compute "pooled variance"

$$s^{2} = \frac{(n_{1} - 1)s_{1}^{2} + (n_{2} - 1)s_{2}^{2}}{n_{1} + n_{2} - 2}$$

• We then compute that the test statistic $t = \frac{\overline{x}_1 - x_2 - D_0}{\sqrt{s^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$

has a t distribution with certain degrees of freedom.



One-sample vs two-sample inference

- For certain designs of the experiment, assumption of independent samples is intentionally violated.
- For example, for a matched-pairs design (e.g. before vs. after, twins), it is unreasonable to assume independence between "two samples".



One-sample inference

Paired-difference test.

- Paired experiment can eliminate unwanted variability in the experiment.
- We can analyze only the differences,

$$d_i = X_{1i} - X_{2i}$$

to see if there is a difference in the two population means, μ_1 - μ_2 .



The Paired-Difference Test

One sample pair t-test

To test the hypothesis for $H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ for paired sample, we test $H_0: \mu_d = \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$ and we use the test statistic

$$t = \frac{\bar{d}}{s_d/\sqrt{n}},$$

where

- \bullet *n* is the number of pairs
- \bar{d} is the sample mean of the difference
- s_d is the sample s.d. of the difference

Hence, we can perform the test statistic using t(df = n - 1) distribution



Example of paired design

- One Type A and one Type B tire are randomly assigned to each of the rear wheels of several cars.
- The pairs of responses are not independent because measurements are taken on the same car.
- We like to compare the average tire wear for types A and B using a test of hypothesis.

$$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

 $H_a: \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$



Hypothesis testing in R

Description

Performs one and two sample t-tests on vectors of data.

```
t.test(x, y = NULL, alternative =
c("two.sided", "less", "greater"),
mu = 0, paired = FALSE, var.equal =
FALSE, conf.level = 0.95, ...)
```

For the type A&B tire test, you would run:

```
> t.test(x, y, alternative =
"two.sided", paired = TRUE)
```



Statistical Inference about variance(s)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ4jkCpz_Wc

- If the primary parameter of interest is the population variance σ^2 , the test statistic to be constructed will rather follow a Chi-Square distribution.
- If the primary parameter of interest is the equality of two population variances σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 the test statistic to be constructed will rather follow an F distribution.



Chi-Square distribution and F-distribution

- Both Chi-Square distribution and F-distribution have important applications in other areas of Statistics.
- Chi-Square distribution will be used in contingency tables.
- F- distribution will be used in ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) table.
- We will study their distributions after we describe the corresponding examples.



Inference Concerning a Population Variance

- If the primary parameter of interest is the population variance σ^2 , we choose a random sample of size n from a normal distribution.
- The sample variance s² can be used in its standardized form:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

which has a Chi-Square distribution with *n* - 1 degrees of freedom.



Inference Concerning Two Population Variances

- We can make inferences about the ratio of two population variances σ_1^2/σ_2^2 .
- Two independent random samples of size n_1 and n_2 from normal distributions.
- If the two population variances are equal, the statistic

$$F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2}$$

has an F distribution with $df_1 = n_1 - 1$ and $df_2 = n_2 - 1$ degrees of freedom.



Chi-squared distribution

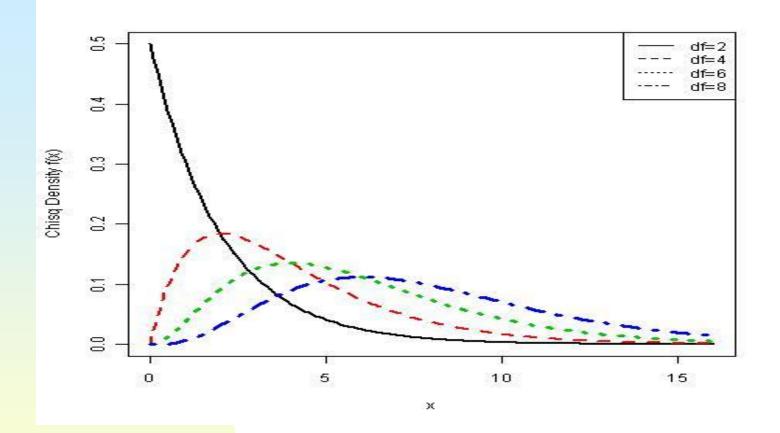
 χ^2 distribution

 $X \sim \chi^2(v)$ if and only if $X \sim Gamma(v/2, 2)$.

- 1. In R: df=v, ncp=0 (default) distribution function=chisq.
- 2. E(X) = v.
- 3. Var(X) = 2v



Plot of chisq densities





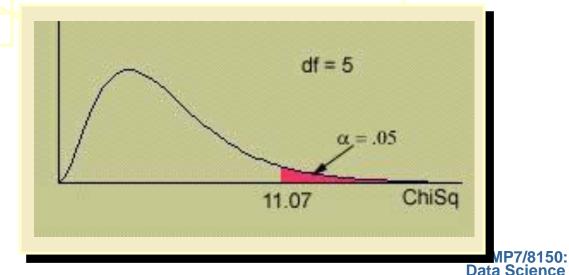
Chi square in R

```
\times <- c(0:160)*0.1
\rightarrow y1 <- dchisq(x,2)
y2 < - dchisq(x, 4)
y3 < - dchisq(x, 6)
\mathbf{y}4 <- dchisq(x,8)
- y <- cbind(y1,y2,y3,y4)
 matplot(x, y, type="l", ylab="Chisq
  Density f(x)", lwd=c(2.5, 2.5, 3.5,
  3.5))
 legend("topright",
  c("df=2","df=4","df=6","df=8"),
  \frac{1ty=c(1,2,3,4)}{1}
```



Percentiles of the chi-square distribution in R





Interval Estimation of a Population Variance

To construct confidence interval for σ^2 , we use the fact that

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2.$$

Let A and B be the lower and upper $\alpha/2$ percentiles of χ_{n-1}^2 distribution.

The confidence interval for σ^2 is

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{B} < \sigma^2 < \frac{(n-1)s^2}{A}.$$



Hypothesis Testing about Pop Variance

To test the hypothesis for $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$, we use the fact that

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2.$$

Hence, we can use the test statistic using χ^2 distribution

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2}.$$



F-distribution

F distribution

$$Y = \frac{X_1/v_1}{X_2/v_2},$$

where $X_1 \sim \chi^2(v_1)$ independent of $X_2 \sim \chi^2(v_2)$.

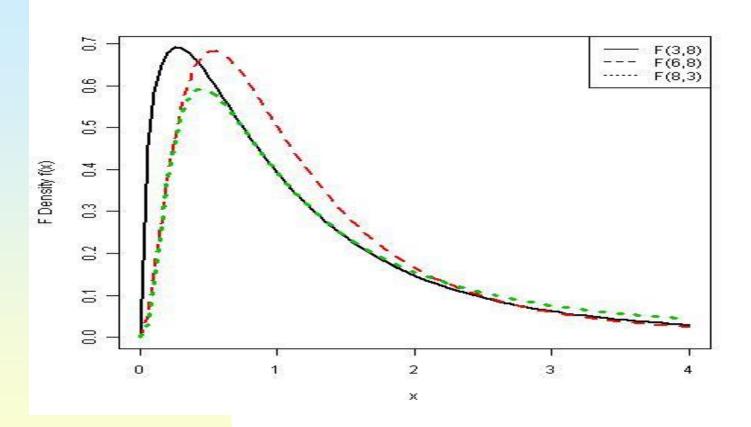
- 1. In R: $df1=v_1$, $df2=v_2$, ncp=0 (default), distribution function=f.
- 2. $E(X) = \frac{v_2}{v_2-2}$. (when $v_2 > 2$).
- 3. $Var(X) = 2\left(\frac{v_2}{v_2-2}\right)^2 \frac{v_1+v_2-2}{v_1(v_2-4)}$ (when $v_2 > 4$).

Connection with t distribution:

If $X \sim t(v)$, then $Y = X^2 \sim F(1, v)$. (why?)



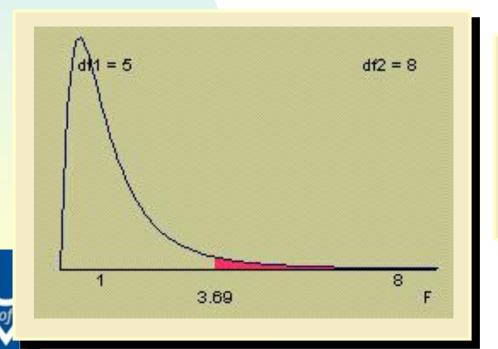
Plot of various F-distributions





Percentiles of an F-distribution

```
> options(digits=2)> p <- c(0.01, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.9,
> .95, 0.975, 0.99)
> qf(p, 5, 8)
  [1] 0.097 0.148 0.208 0.299 2.726 3.687 4.817 6.632
```



For example, the value of F that cuts off .05 in the upper tail of the distribution with $df_1 = 5$ and $df_2 = 8$ is F =3.69.

Confidence Interval for Ratio of Two Population Variances

To construct confidence interval for σ_1^2/σ_2^2 , we use the fact that

$$\frac{s_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{s_2^2/\sigma_2^2} \sim F_{n_1-1,n_2-1}.$$

Let A and B be the lower and upper $\alpha/2$ percentiles of F_{n_1-1,n_2-1} distribution.

The confidence interval for σ_1^2/σ_2^2 is

$$\frac{1}{B}\frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} < \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2} < \frac{1}{A}\frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2}.$$



Hypothesis Testing for Ratio of Two Population Variances

To test the hypothesis for $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$, we use the fact that

$$F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} \sim F_{n_1 - 1, n_2 - 1}.$$

Hence, we can use the test statistic using F distribution

$$F = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2}.$$



Summary of small sample tests

Parameter	Test Statistic	Degrees of Freedom	
μ	$t = \frac{\overline{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$	n-1	
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (equal variances)	$t = \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{s^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$	$n_1 + n_2 - 2$	
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (unequal variances)	$t \approx \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$		
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (paired samples)	$t = \frac{\overline{d} - \mu_d}{s_d / \sqrt{n}}$	n-1	
σ^2	$\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2}$	n-1	
σ_1^2/σ_2^2	$F = s_1^2/s_2^2$	$n_1 - 1$ and $n_2 - 1$	



Multinomial Experiment

- Let us start with a simple experiment of drawing 100 random digits (0,1,...,9). Suppose that the count for all digits are summarized as:
 - 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 - ◆13 16 9 10 9 7 8 12 7 9
- In R
 - x <- trunc(10 * runif(100))</p>
 - table(x)
- Here's an interesting problem (to be solved later):
 - Test the hypothesis that all digits



.. Multinomial Experiment

- The experiment has *n* identical trials.
- Each trial results in one of k categories.
- The probability of falling into category i on a single trial is p_i and remains constant.

$$p_1 + p_2 + ... + p_k = 1$$
.

The trials are independent.



.. Multinomial Experiment

- Observation from the experiment: the number of outcomes in each category, $O_1, O_2, \dots O_k$ with $O_1 + O_2 + \dots + O_k = n$.
- We are interested in testing whether or not the data, $O_1, O_2, \dots O_k$ is consistent with the hypothesis

$$H_0$$
: $p_i = p_{i0}$ for i=1,2,...,k.

 A popular test statistic is the chi-squared statistic (or goodness-of-fit)



Pearson's Chi-Square Statistic

- We want to use sample information to test if the values of the p_i 's are equal to some specified values c_i , i.e., $p_0 = c_0$, ... $p_9 = c_9$.
 - for example whether they are equally likely, i.e., $p_i = c_i = 1/k$.
- The expected number of times that outcome i will occur is $E_i = nc_i$.
- If the observed cell counts, O_i , are too far from what we hypothesized under H_0 , it is more likely that H_0 should be rejected.



.. Pearson's Chi-Square Statistic

Test statistics: Pearson's chi-square statistic:

$$X^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

- If H₀ is true, the differences | O-E| will be small, but large when H₀ is false.
- Reject H₀ for large values of X² using the chisquare distribution with degrees of freedom is k-1.



The Goodness of Fit Test

- A single categorical variable is measured, and exact numerical values are specified for each of the cell probability $p_i = p_{i0}$
- the expected cell counts are $E_i = np_{i0}$
- Degrees of freedom: df = k-1

Test statistic :
$$X^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$



Chi-square test in R

Pearson's Chi-squared Test for Count Data

- Description
- chisq.test performs chi-squared contingency table tests and goodness-of-fit tests.
- Usage
- chisq.test(x, ...)
- #default parameter for p_i=1/k
- #read pages 114-118 for some examples.



..Chi-square test in R

Returning to our previous experiment using R:

```
> table(x)
x
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
13 16 9 10 9 7 8 12 7 9
> chisq.test(table(x)) # NOT 'chisq.test(x)'!
```

```
Chi-squared test for given probabilities
data: table(x) X-squared = 7.4, df = 9, p-value
= 0.5955
```



.. Chi-square test in R

- X-squared = 7.4, df = 9, p-value = 0.5955
- Since the p-value is > 0.05, the data failed to provide evidence to reject H₀.
- We will verify the test via direct computation in R:

```
> Oi <- table(x); Ei <- 100*0.1;
> sum((Oi-Ei)^2/Ei)
[1] 7.4
> 1-pchisq(7.4,9)
[1] 0.5955485
```



Contingency Tables: A Two-Way Classification

- Consider two qualitative variables (usually one as explanatory variable X, and other as response variable Y) to cross-classify the sampled data.
 - X:treatment (Y/N) and Y:disease outcome(Y/N)
 - X: gender(F/M) and Y:voting preference(D/R)
 - X: seatbelt use(Y/N) and Y:fatality(Y/N)
- Summarize the data by counting the observed number of outcomes in each of the intersections of category levels in a contingency table.



2x2 contingency table example

- We want to study the relationship (effect), if any, between seatbelt use (Y/N) and fatality (Y/N) in a traffic accident.
- 200 traffic reports are classified a the following 2x2 table :

	Fatality(N)	Fatality(Y)
Seat belt(N)	20	20
Seat belt(Y)	75	25



.. 2x2 contingency table example

- The goal of the previous study is whether the seat belt use (Y/N) can affect the outcome of fatality (Y/N).
- One way to analyze this is to compute the fatality rates among subpopulation not using seat belt (0.50=20/40) and those using seat belt (0.25=25/100). Then treat it as the problem of comparing two binomial populations.
- We can use contingency table to analyze the data with two (or more) possible outcomes.

	Fatality(N)	Fatality(Y)
Seat belt(N)	20	20
Seat belt(Y)	75	25



Example simulated in R

> # both x and y are generated from binomial distn with the same p's > x < - rbinom(40, 1, 0.5)> y <- rbinom(100, 1, 0.5) > Tx <- table(x) > Ty <- table(y) > Txy <- rbind(Tx,Ty); Txy 0 1 Tx 23 17 Ty 51 49 > chisq.test(Txy) Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction data: Txy X-squared = 0.2587, df = 1, p-value = 0.611



can't reject H₀

Another simulation example

```
> #different binomial distribution w/ different p's
> x <- rbinom(40, 1, 0.5)
> y <- rbinom(100, 1, 0.75)
> Tx <- table(x)
> Ty <- table(y)
> Txy <- rbind(Tx,Ty); Txy
    0 1
Tx 20 20
Ty 27 73
> chisq.test(Txy)
     Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction
data: Txy
X-squared = 5.7853, df = 1, p-value = 0.01616
```





Example for comparing two multinomial experiments

Consider three simulation samples (x,y,z)
 on generating random digits (0,1,...,9)
 with the following R codes:



.. Example for comparing two multinomial experiments

Suppose that we are given another data:

Txyz
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Tx 11 9 12 7 11 11 11 9 11 8
Ty 26 16 22 12 24 27 20 16 22 15
Tz 12 17 16 11 20 14 16 14 13 17

- Q: Can we test the hypothesis that three samples (Tx, Ty, Tz) have the same method to produce random digits?
 - we can run chisq.test(Txyz) in R as before.



I x J Contingency Table

- It has I rows and J columns: IxJ total cells.
- We would like to see the relationship between the two classification variables.

	1	2		J
1	<i>O</i> ₁₁	O_{12}	•••	$O_{1\mathrm{J}}$
2	O_{21}	O_{22}	•••	$O_{2\mathrm{J}}$
I	O_{11}	O_{12}	•••	$O_{ m IJ}$



Mechanics of Chi-Square Test of Independence

H₀: classification variables are independent

H_a: classification variables are dependent

- •Observed cell counts are O_{ij} for row i and column j.
- •Expected cell counts are $E_{ij} = np_{ij}$

✓ Under $H_0: p_{ij} = p_i p_j$ and we can use the same chi-square test for goodness-of-fit test.

$$X^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$



Other topics

- We will delay the discussion on ANOVA model which is given in a later module.
- The following topics will not be discussed. You can read the textbook for the method, application and procedure.
 - ◆ Multiple comparison (page 122)
 - ◆ Response curves (page 125)
 - ◆ Data with nested structure (page 127)
 - ◆ Re-sampling methods (page 128)



Questions?



