# Distribution-free methods (Module 7)



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#### Aims of this module

- Introduce inference methods that do not make strong distributional assumptions
- Explain the highly used Pearson's chi-squared test

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#### Distribution-free methods

- So far, have only considered tests that assume a specified form for the population distribution.
- We don't always want to make such assumptions.
- Instead, we can use distribution-free methods.
- Here, we will learn about various distribution-free hypothesis tests.

## An aside: distribution-free versus non-parametric

- The term non-parametric is also often used to describe methods that do not assume a specific distributional form.
- It is usually a misnomer: the methods typically **do** make use of parameters, but there are usually a large number of them and they adapt to the data.
- Thus, a better term might be super-parameteric.
- (Note: we won't be covering any advanced methods of this form in this subject.)
- In any case, the convention has stuck, so you will see either of the labels 'distribution-free' or 'non-parameteric' being used.

#### Distribution-free tests

- Even without making distributional assumptions, it is possible to obtain exact or asymptotic sampling distributions for various statistics.
- Can use these as a basis for hypothesis tests.
- Often the distribution-free test statistic is approximately normally distributed
- ...the Central Limit Theorem strikes again!

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## Extracting information with fewer assumptions

- How can we assess the information in a sample without assuming a distribution?
- Specifying a distribution is somewhat analogous to specifying a scale of measurement, so. . .
- How do we compare numbers without a scale?
- Two strategies:
  - 1. (Sign) Only record whether a number is smaller or greater than a reference number, i.e. replace them by binary indicator variables.
  - 2. **(Rank)** Only retain information about the order of the numbers, i.e. replace them by their rank order.
- Each of these throws away some information, but hopefully retains enough to be useful.
- We now look at a few methods that use these strategies.

#### Aim: test for the median

- ullet Let X have median m
- We have an iid sample of size n from X
- Can we test  $H_0$ :  $m = m_0$  with very few assumptions?
- (Want to find distribution-free alternatives to tests about the mean, such as the t-test)
- (Typically consider medians rather than means when distribution-free)

# Sign test

- ullet We assume X is continuous
- (No further assumptions!)
- Compute, Y, the number of positive numbers amongst  $X_1-m_0,\ldots,X_n-m_0$
- In other words, replace  $X_i$  with  $sgn(X_i m_0)$
- Under  $H_0$ , we have  $Y \sim \text{Bi}(n, 0.5)$
- Tests proceed as usual...

## Example (sign test)

The time between calls to a switchboard is represented by X.

$$H_0: m = 6.2$$
 versus  $H_1: m < 6.2$ 

$\overline{i}$	$x_i$	$x_i - 6.2$	Sign	i	$x_i$	$x_i - 6.2$	Sign
1	6.80	0.60	+1	11	18.90	12.70	+1
2	5.70	-0.50	-1	12	16.90	10.70	+1
3	6.90	0.70	+1	13	10.40	4.20	+1
4	5.30	-0.90	-1	14	44.10	37.90	+1
5	4.10	-2.10	-1	15	2.90	-3.30	-1
6	9.80	3.60	+1	16	2.40	-3.80	-1
7	1.70	-4.50	-1	17	4.80	-1.40	-1
8	7.00	0.80	+1	18	18.90	12.70	+1
9	2.10	-4.10	-1	19	4.80	-1.40	-1
_10	19.00	12.80	+1	 20	7.90	1.70	+1

- Y is the number of positive signs. Reject  $H_0$  if Y too small. (If median < 6.2 then expect fewer than 1/2 of the observations to be greater than 6.2.)
- Since  $\Pr(Y \le 6) = 0.0577 \approx 0.05$ , an appropriate rejection rule is to reject  $H_0$  if  $Y \le 6$ . (In R: pbinom(6, 20, 0.5))
- We observed y = 11, so cannot reject  $H_0$ .
- The p-value is  $\Pr(Y \le 11) = 0.75 > 0.05$  so cannot reject  $H_0$ . (In R: pbinom(11, 20, 0.5))

#### R code

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```
> binom.test(11, 20, alternative = "less")
    Exact binomial test
data: 11 and 20
number of successes = 11, number of trials = 20,
 p-value = 0.7483
alternative hypothesis: true probability of
                        success is less than 0.5
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.0000000 0.7413494
sample estimates:
probability of success
                  0.55
```

# Sign test for paired samples

Can also use the sign test for paired samples: simply replace  $(x_i, y_i)$  with  $\operatorname{sgn}(x_i - y_i)$ .

For example:

i	$x_i$	$y_i$	Sign
1	8.9	10.3	-1
2	26.7	11.7	+1
3	12.4	5.2	+1
4	34.3	36.9	-1

## Use of the sign test

- The sign test requires few assumptions
- But it doesn't use information on the size of the differences, so it can be insensitive to departures from  ${\cal H}_0$
- In other words, large type II error or small power
- Tends to only be used when the data are not numerical but for which comparisons between values are meaningful (e.g. ordinal data)

## Wilcoxon one-sample test

- Now, assume the underlying distribution is also symmetrical (as well as continuous)
- Same null hypothesis ( $H_0$ :  $m=m_0$ ) against a one-sided or two-sided alternative
- Determine the ranks of:  $|X_1 m_0|, \ldots, |X_n m_0|$
- Replace the data by signed ranks,  $X_i$  becomes  $\operatorname{sgn}(X_i m_0) \cdot \operatorname{rank}(|X_i m_0|)$
- ullet The Wilcoxon signed-rank statistic, W, is the sum of these signed ranks
- Using this as a basis for a test gives the Wilcoxon signed-rank test, also known as the Wilcoxon one-sample test.

#### Alternative definitions

- Textbooks and software packages vary in the statistic they use
- ullet We just defined: W is the sum of the signed ranks
- ullet A popular alternative: V is the sum of the positive ranks only
- V is a bit easier to calculate, esp. by hand
- ullet R uses V
- V and W are deterministically related (can you derive the formula?)
- ullet V and W have different (but related) sampling distributions
- Using either statistic leads to equivalent test procedures

# Example (Wilcoxon one-sample test)

- The lengths of 10 fish are: 5.0, 3.9, 5.2, 5.5, 2.8, 6.1, 6.4, 2.6, 1.7, 4.3
- Interested in testing:  $H_0$ : m = 3.7 versus  $H_1$ : m > 3.7

$\overline{i}$	$x_i$	$x_i - 3.7$	$ x_i - 3.7 $	Rank	Signed rank
1	5.0	1.3	1.3	5	5
2	3.9	0.2	0.2	1	1
3	5.2	1.5	1.5	6	6
4	5.5	1.8	1.8	7	7
5	2.8	-0.9	0.9	3	-3
6	6.1	2.4	2.4	9	9
7	6.4	2.7	2.7	10	10
8	2.6	-1.1	1.1	4	-4
9	1.7	-2.0	2.0	8	-8
10	4.3	0.6	0.6	2	2

• The sum of signed ranks is:

$$W = 5 + 1 + 6 + 7 - 3 + 9 + 10 - 4 - 8 + 2 = 25$$

• Alternatively, the sum of positive ranks is:

$$V = 5 + 1 + 6 + 7 + 9 + 10 + 2 = 40$$

#### Decision rule

- What is an appropriate critical region?
- If  $H_1$ : m > 3.7 is true, we expect more positive signs. Then W should be large, so the critical region should be  $W \geqslant c$  for a suitable c.
- (For other alternative hypotheses, e.g. two-sided, need to modify this accordingly.)
- If  $H_0$  is true then  $\Pr(X_i < m_0) = \Pr(X_i > m_0) = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- Assignment of the n signs to the ranks are mutually independent (due to symmetry assumption)
- W is the sum of the integers  $1, \ldots, n$ , each with a positive or negative sign

• Under  $H_0$ ,  $W = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i$  where

$$\Pr(W_i = i) = \Pr(W_i = -i) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- The mean under  $H_0$  is  $\mathbb{E}(W_i) = -i \cdot \frac{1}{2} + i \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0$ , so  $\mathbb{E}(W) = 0$
- Similarly,  $var(W_i) = \mathbb{E}(W_i^2) = i^2$  and

$$var(W) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} var(W_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

• A more advanced argument shows that for large n this statistic approximately follows a normal distribution when  $H_0$  is true. In other words,

$$Z = \frac{W - 0}{\sqrt{n(n+1)(2n+1)/6}} \approx N(0,1)$$

- $\Pr(W \geqslant c \mid H_0) \approx \Pr(Z \geqslant z \mid H_0)$ , which allows us to determine c.
- In this case, for n=10 and  $\alpha=0.05$ , we reject  $H_0$  if

$$Z = \frac{W}{\sqrt{10 \cdot 11 \cdot 21/6}} \geqslant 1.645$$

(because  $\Phi^{-1}(0.95) = 1.645$ ) which is equivalent to

$$W \geqslant 1.645 \times \sqrt{\frac{10 \cdot 11 \cdot 21}{6}} = 32.27$$

ullet For the example data we have w=25, so we do not reject  $H_0$ 

# Using R

- R uses V rather than W
- For small sample sizes R will use the exact sampling distribution (which we haven't explored) rather than the normal approximation.
- To carry out the test, use: wilcox.test
- ullet To work with the sampling distribution of V, use: psignrank
- Note:  $\mathbb{E}(V) = n(n+1)/4$  and  $\mathrm{var}(V) = n(n+1)(2n+1)/24$ . You can derive these in a similar way to W.

```
> wilcox.test(x, mu = 3.7, alternative = "greater",
              exact = TRUE)
Wilcoxon signed rank test
data: x
V = 40, p-value = 0.1162
alternative hypothesis: true location is greater than 3.7
# Calculate exact p-value manually.
> 1 - psignrank(39, 10)
[1] 0.1162109
# Calculate approximate p-value, based on W.
> z < -25 / sqrt(10 * 11 * 21 / 6)
> 1 - pnorm(z)
```

[1] 0.1013108

## Paired samples

- Like other tests, we can use the Wilxcon signed-rank test for paired samples by first taking differences and treating these as a sample from a single distribution.
- The assumption of symmetry is quite reasonable in this setting, since under  $H_0$  we would typically assume X and Y have the same distribution and therefore  $X Y \sim Y X$ .
- Indeed, this test is most often used in such a setting, due to the plausibility of this assumption.

#### Tied ranks

- We assumed a continuous population distribution
- Thus, all observations will differ (with probablity 1)
- In practice, the data are reported to finite precision (e.g. due to rounding), so we could have exactly equal values
- This will lead to ties when ranking our data
- If this happens, the 'rank' assigned for the tied values should be equal to the average of the ranks they span
- Example:

Value: 2.1 4.3 4.3 5.2 5.7 5.7 5.7 5.9 Rank: 1 2.5 2.5 4 6 6 8

• The presence of ties complicates the derivation of the sampling distribution, but R knows how to do the right thing

## Wilcoxon two-sample test

- We can create a two-sample version of the Wilcoxon test.
- Independent random samples  $X_1, \ldots, X_{n_X}$  and  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{n_Y}$  from two different populations with medians  $m_X$  and  $m_Y$  respectively.
- Want to test  $H_0$ :  $m_X = m_Y$  against a one-sided or two-sided alternative
- Order the **combined** sample and let W be the sum of the ranks of  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{n_V}$ . This is the Wilcoxon rank-sum statistic.
- Note: this captures information on X as well as Y! (Why?)
- $\bullet$  The test based on this statistic is called the Wilcoxon rank-sum test, also known as the Wilcoxon two-sample test and the Mann-Whitney U test.

## Rejection region

- Suppose our alternative hypothesis is  $H_1: m_X > m_Y$
- If  $m_X > m_Y$  then we expect W to be small, since the Y values will tend to be smaller than X and thus have smaller ranks
- Therefore, the critical region should be of the form  $W \leqslant c$  for a suitable c.
- Properties of W (derivation not shown):

$$\mathbb{E}(W) = \frac{n_Y(n_X + n_Y + 1)}{2}$$
$$\text{var}(W) = \frac{n_X n_Y(n_X + n_Y + 1)}{12}$$

ullet W is approximately normally distributed when  $n_X$  and  $n_Y$  are large

#### Alternative definitions

- Like for the one-sample version, the definition of the statistic varies
- ullet We just defined: W is the sum of the ranks in the Y sample
- A popular alternative: U is the number of all pairs  $(X_i,Y_j)$  such that  $Y_j \leqslant X_i$  (the number of 'wins' out of all possible pairwise 'contests')
- U and W are deterministically related (can you derive the formula?)
- ullet U and W have different (but related) sampling distributions
- Using either statistic leads to equivalent test procedures
- Note:  $\mathbb{E}(U) = n_X n_Y / 2$  and var(U) = var(W)

# Example (Wilcoxon two-sample test)

Two companies package cinnamon. Samples of size eight from each company yield the following weights:

$\overline{X}$	117.1	121.3	127.8	121.9	117.4	124.5	119.5	115.1
Y	123.5	125.3	126.5	127.9	122.1	125.6	129.8	117.2

Want to test  $H_0$ :  $m_X = m_Y$  versus  $H_1$ :  $m_X \neq m_Y$ 

Use a significance level of 5%

## Using R

- R uses U... but calls it W!
- For small sample sizes R will use the exact sampling distribution, otherwise it will use a normal approximation
- To carry out the test, use: wilcox.test
- ullet To work with the sampling distribution of U, use: pwilcox

```
> wilcox.test(x, y)
    Wilcoxon rank sum test
data: x and y
W = 13, p-value = 0.04988
alternative hypothesis:
    true location shift is not equal to 0
# Calculate exact p-value manually.
> 2 * pwilcox(13, 8, 8)
[1] 0.04988345
```

We reject  $H_0$  and conclude that we have sufficient evidence to show that the median weights differ between the two companies.

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#### Goodness-of-fit tests

- How well does a given model fit a set of data?
- E.g. if we assume a Poisson model for a set of data, is it reasonable?
- We can assess this with a 'goodness-of-fit' test
- The most commonly used is Pearson's chi-squared test
- Unlike most of the other tests we've seen, this operates on categorical (discrete) data
- Can also apply it on continuous data by first partitioning the data into separate classes

### Binomial model

- Start with a binomial model  $Y_1 \sim \text{Bi}(n, p_1)$
- Our usual test statistic for this is

$$Z = \frac{Y_1 - np_1}{\sqrt{np_1(1 - p_1)}} \approx N(0, 1)$$

• Therefore,

$$Q_1 = Z^2 \approx \chi_1^2$$

• To test  $H_0$ :  $p=p_1$  versus  $H_1$ :  $p \neq p_1$ , we would reject  $H_0$  if |Z| (and, hence,  $Q_1$ ) is too large.

Next, notice that

$$Q_1 = \frac{(Y_1 - np_1)^2}{np_1(1 - p_1)} = \frac{(Y_1 - np_1)^2}{np_1} + \frac{(Y_1 - np_1)^2}{n(1 - p_1)}$$

and

$$(Y_1 - np_1)^2 = (n - Y_1 - n(1 - p_1))^2 = (Y_2 - np_2)^2$$

where  $Y_2 = n - Y_1$  and  $p_2 = 1 - p_1$ .

• Therefore,

$$Q_1 = \frac{(Y_1 - np_1)^2}{np_1(1 - p_1)} = \frac{(Y_1 - np_1)^2}{np_1} + \frac{(Y_2 - np_2)^2}{np_2}$$

- $Y_1$  is the observed number of successes,  $np_1$  is the expected number of successes
- $Y_2$  is the observed number of failures,  $np_2$  is the expected number of failures
- So

$$Q_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{(Y_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \approx \chi_1^2$$

where  $O_i$  is the observed number and  $E_i$  is the expected number.

• Even though there are two classes, we have only **one** degree of freedom. This is due to the constraint  $Y_1 + Y_2 = n$ .

### Multinomial model

- Generalize to k possible outcomes (a multinomial model)
- $p_i$  = probability of the *i*th class  $(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1)$
- Suppose we have n trials, with  $Y_i$  being the number of outcomes in class i
- $\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = np_i$
- Now we get,

$$Q_{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(Y_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \approx \chi_{k-1}^2$$

• k-1 degrees of freedom because  $Y_1 + \cdots + Y_k = n$ 

### Setting up the test

- Specify a categorical distribution:  $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_k$
- We use the  $Q_{k-1}$  statistic to test whether are data are consistent with this distribution
- The null hypothesis is that they do (i.e. the  $p_i$  define the distribution)
- The alternative is that they do not (i.e. a different set of probabilities define the distribution)
- Under the null, the test statistic will tend to be small (it measures 'badness-of-fit')
- Therefore, reject the null if  $Q_{k-1}>c$  where c is the  $1-\alpha$  quantile from  $\chi^2_{k-1}$ .

### Remarks

- We are approximating a binomial with a normal
- ullet Good approximation if n is large and the  $p_i$  are not too small
- Rule of thumb: need to have all  $E_i = np_i \geqslant 5$
- The larger the k (i.e. more classes), the more powerful the test. However, we need the classes to be large enough
- If any of the  $E_i$  are too small, can combine some of the classes until they are large enough
- If  $Q_{k-1}$  is very small, this indicates that the fit is 'too good'. This can be used as a test for rigging of experiments / fake data. Typically need very large n to do this.
- Often refer to the test statistic as  $\chi^2$

## Example (completely specified distribution)

 Proportions of commuters using various modes of transport, based on past records:

Bus	Train	Car	Other
0.25	0.15	0.50	0.1

• After a 3-month campaign, a random sample (n = 80) found:

Bus	Train	Car	Other
26	15	32	7

- Did the campaign alter commuters behaviour?
- The expected frequencies are:

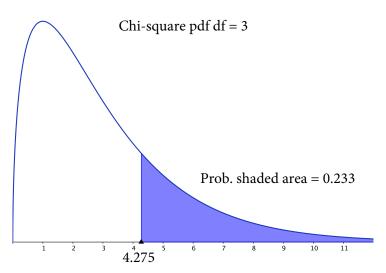
Bus	Train	Car	Other
20	12	40	8

• The value of the test statistic is:

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(26-20)^2}{20} + \frac{(15-12)^2}{12} + \frac{(32-40)^2}{40} + \frac{(7-8)^2}{8} = 4.275$$

- H<sub>0</sub>: proportions have not changed,
   H<sub>1</sub>: proportions have changed
- We have 4 classes, so the test statistic here has a  $\chi^2_3$  distribution.
- The 0.95 quantile is 7.81, which is greater than  $\chi^2=4.275$
- Therefore, there is insufficient evidence that the proportions have changed
- The p-value is

$$p = \Pr(\chi_3^2 > 4.275) = 0.233 > 0.05$$



### Using R

```
> x <- c( 26, 15, 32, 7)
> p <- c(0.25, 0.15, 0.5, 0.1)
> t1 <- chisq.test(x, p = p)
> t1

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: x
X-squared = 4.275, df = 3, p-value = 0.2333
```

```
> rbind(t1$observed, t1$expected)
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1.] 26 15 32
[2,] 20 12 40 8
> t1$residuals
[1] 1.3416408 0.8660254 -1.2649111 -0.3535534
> sum(t1$residuals^2)
[1] 4.275
> 1 - pchisq(4.275, 3)
[1] 0.2332594
```

## Fitting distributions

- We don't always have an exact model to compare against
- We might specify a family of distributions but still need to estimate some of the parameters
- For example,  $Pn(\lambda)$  or  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- $\bullet$  We would need to estimate the parameters using the sample, and use these to specify  $H_0$
- We need to adjust the test to take into account that we've used the data to define  $H_0$  (by design, it will be 'closer' to the data than if it we didn't need to do this)
- The 'cost' of this estimation is 1 degree of freedom for each parameter that is estimated
- The final degrees of freedom is k-p-1, where p is the number of estimated parameters

## Example (Poisson distribution)

- ullet X is number of alpha particles emitted in 0.1 sec by a radioactive source
- Fifty observations:
  7, 4, 3, 6, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3, 2, 5, 4, 3, 3, 7, 6, 6, 4, 3, 9, 11, 6, 7, 4, 5, 4, 7, 3, 2, 8, 6, 7, 4, 1, 9, 8, 4, 8, 9, 3, 9, 7, 7, 9, 3, 10
- Is a Poisson distribution an adequate model for the data?
- $H_0$ : Poisson,  $H_1$ : something else
- We have only specified the family of the distribution, not the parameters
- Estimate the Poisson rate parameter  $\lambda$  by the MLE,  $\hat{\lambda}=\bar{x}=5.4$
- Now we ask: does the Pn(5.4) model give a good fit?

First, find an appropriate partition of the value (collapse the data):

```
> X1 <- cut(X, breaks = c(0, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, Inf))
> T1 <- table(X1)
> T1
X1
```

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(0,3.5] (3.5,4.5] (4.5,5.5] (5.5,6.5] (6.5,7.5] (7.5,Inf]

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Then, prepare the data for the test:

```
> x <- as.numeric(T1)</pre>
> x
[1] 13 9 6 5 7 10
> n <- sum(x)
> p1 <- sum(dpois(0:3, 5.4));
> p2 <- dpois(4, 5.4)
> p3 <- dpois(5, 5.4)
> p4 <- dpois(6, 5.4)
> p5 <- dpois(7, 5.4)
> p6 < -1 - (p1 + p2 + p3 + p4 + p5)
> p < -c(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6)
```

Then, run the test:

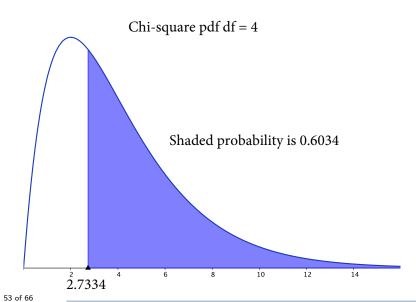
$$> chisq.test(x, p = p)$$

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

$$X$$
-squared = 2.7334, df = 5, p-value = 0.741

But this is the wrong df! Need to adjust manually:

[1] 0.6033828



- Needed to adjust p-values as we have estimated the mean
- The critical value is the 0.95 quantile from  $\chi^2_4$ , which is 9.488, so we cannot reject  $H_0$
- Not enough evidence against the Poisson model
- Therefore, this is an adequate fit (at least, until further data proves otherwise)

	0–3	4	5	6	7	+8
Observed	13.0	9.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	10.0
Expected	10.7	8.0	8.6	7.8	6.0	8.9

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## Contingency tables

- Suppose we have multiple categorical variables (which could be continuous variables partitioned into classes)
- A contingency table records the number of observations for each possible cross-classification of these variables
- We are often interested in whether two categorical variables are related to each other
- For example, height and weight
- Define height classes  $A_1, \ldots, A_r$ , and weight classes  $B_1, \ldots, B_c$
- Each person is assigned to a single combination  $(A_i, B_j)$
- A sample of people can be summarised with a  $r \times c$  table of counts (a contingency table)

### Independence model

A general model for these data is:

$$p_{ij} = \Pr(A_i \cap B_j), \quad i = 1, \dots, r, \quad j = 1, \dots, c$$

- Are the two variables independent?
- We can set this up as a hypothesis test:

$$H_0 \colon p_{ij} = \Pr(A_i) \Pr(B_j)$$
 versus  $H_1 \colon p_{ij} \neq \Pr(A_i) \Pr(B_j)$ 

- This has the same structure as a goodness-of-fit test, can use Pearson's chi-squared statistic
- Show how this works through an example...

# Example (contingency table)

150 executives were classified by sex, A, and whether or not they were firstborn, B:

	Firstborn	Not firstborn	Total
Male	34	74	108
Female	20	22	42
Total	54	96	150

Let's test whether these two variables are independent.

### Estimating the marginals

• Recall discrete bivariate distributions:

	Firstborn	Not firstborn	Total
Male	$p_{11}$	$p_{12}$	$p_1$ .
Female	$p_{21}$	$p_{22}$	$p_2$ .
Total	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$p_{\cdot 2}$	1

• The marginals are:

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$$p_{i\cdot} = \sum_{j=1}^{c} p_{ij} = \Pr(A_i)$$
$$p_{\cdot j} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} p_{ij} = \Pr(B_j)$$

• The null hypothesis of independence is just,  $H_0 \colon p_{ij} = p_{i\cdot}p_{\cdot j}$ 

• Data:

	Firstborn	Not firstborn	Total
Male	$y_{11}$	$y_{12}$	$y_1$ .
Female	$y_{21}$	$y_{22}$	$y_2$ .
Total	$y_{\cdot 1}$	$y_{\cdot 2}$	n

• Estimates:

$$\hat{p}_{i\cdot} = \frac{y_{i\cdot}}{n}$$

$$\hat{p}_{\cdot j} = \frac{y_{\cdot j}}{n}$$

where

$$y_{i\cdot} = \sum_{j=1}^{c} y_{ij}$$
$$y_{\cdot j} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} y_{ij}$$

• Pearson's  $\chi^2$  statistic for given  $p_{ij}$  is

$$Q = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \frac{(Y_{ij} - np_{ij})^2}{np_{ij}}$$

• Under  $H_0$ , an estimator of  $p_{ij}$  is

$$\hat{p}_{ij} = \hat{p}_{i\cdot}\hat{p}_{\cdot j} = \frac{Y_{i\cdot}Y_{\cdot j}}{n^2}$$

This gives the following,

$$Q = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \frac{(Y_{ij} - Y_{i} \cdot Y_{.j}/n)^{2}}{Y_{i} \cdot Y_{.j}/n} \approx \chi^{2}_{(r-1)(c-1)}$$

### Explanation for degrees of freedom

- ullet Recall that we should have k-p-1 degrees of freedom
- Here, k = rc, the total number of cells in the table
- We estimated r-1 marginal probabilities for the rows and c-1 for the columns, which makes p=(r-1)+(c-1)
- Therefore, the number of degrees of freedom remaining is:

$$\mathsf{df} = rc - (r-1) - (c-1) - 1 = (r-1)(c-1)$$

### Using R: set up the data

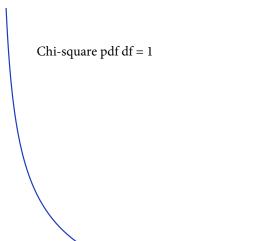
## Using R: run the test

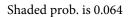
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> c1 <- chisq.test(x, correct = FALSE)
> c1
```

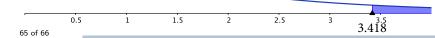
Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data: x
X-squared = 3.418, df = 1, p-value = 0.06449
```

We do not have enough evidence to reject  $H_0$  at a 5% significance level.







# Using R: more output