

# PLSC 502 – Autumn 2024

## Measures of Association

November 11, 2024

Our “to do” list:

- *Nominal* Variables: Frequency Tables / Crosstabs, Chi-Square, etc.
- *Binary* Variables: Odds Ratios,  $\phi$  / MCC, and Tetrachoric Correlation
- *Ordinal* Variables:  $\gamma$  and the  $\tau$ s
- *Interval/Ratio* Variables: Linearity,  $r$ , and  $\rho$

From a 1997 CBS/*NYT* poll of  $\approx 1000$  Americans:

*“Do you consider calling someone a feminist to be a compliment, an insult, or a neutral description?”*

```
> summary(Fem)
```

respon	intrace	relgpref	cenreg	timezone
Min. : 1	Asian: 58	Catholic :224	East :191	Bering : 1
1st Qu.: 264	Black:217	Jewish : 15	Midwest:262	Central :275
Median : 523	White:664	None :147	South :316	Eastern :492
Mean : 527		Other : 39	West :170	Hawaii : 2
3rd Qu.: 788		Protestant:514		Mountain: 52
Max. :1050				Pacific :117

race	feminsult
Asian: 11	Compliment: 84
Black: 93	Insult :274
Other: 36	Neutral :581
White:799	

# Frequency Tables

For each category of a nominal  $Y$ , the proportion of observations that have  $Y = y$  is:

$$P_y = \frac{n_y}{N}.$$

Frequency table:

```
> table(Fem$feminsult)
```

Compliment	Insult	Neutral
84	274	581

```
> tab1(Fem$feminsult) # from -epiDisplay-
```

```
Fem$feminsult :
```

	Frequency	Percent	Cum. percent
Compliment	84	8.9	8.9
Insult	274	29.2	38.1
Neutral	581	61.9	100.0
Total	939	100.0	100.0

# Two-Way Crosstabs

For an *outcome* variable  $Y$  and a *predictor* variable  $X$ :

- Conventionally, we place the  $Y$  variable on the “vertical” axis of the table (that is, values of  $Y$  define *rows* of the cross-table) and the  $X$  variable on the “horizontal” axis (values of  $X$  define *columns* of the crosstab).
- *Row proportions* (or percentages) are the proportion of observations in that row of the table (that is, with  $Y = y$ ) falling into the column defined by  $X = x$ . They sum to 1.0 across columns.
- *Column proportions* (or percentages) are the proportion of observations in that column of the table (that is, with  $X = x$ ) falling into the row defined by  $Y = y$ . They sum to 1.0 down rows.
- *Cell proportions* (or percentages) are the proportion of the total number of observations in that cell of the table. They sum to 1.0 over all columns and rows (cells).

# Two-Way Crosstables

Feminist as a compliment/insult, by region:

```
> tabpct(Fem$feminsult, Fem$cenreg)
```

Original table

	Fem\$cenreg				
Fem\$feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Total
Compliment	10	29	26	19	84
Insult	44	68	102	60	274
Neutral	137	165	188	91	581
Total	191	262	316	170	939

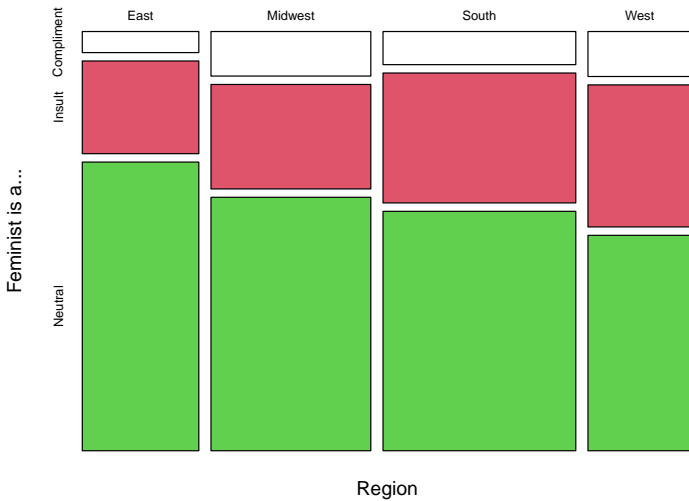
Row percent

	Fem\$cenreg				
Fem\$feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Total
Compliment	10 (11.9)	29 (34.5)	26 (31)	19 (22.6)	84 (100)
Insult	44 (16.1)	68 (24.8)	102 (37.2)	60 (21.9)	274 (100)
Neutral	137 (23.6)	165 (28.4)	188 (32.4)	91 (15.7)	581 (100)

Column percent

	Fem\$cenreg							
Fem\$feminsult	East	%	Midwest	%	South	%	West	%
Compliment	10	(5.2)	29	(11.1)	26	(8.2)	19	(11.2)
Insult	44	(23.0)	68	(26.0)	102	(32.3)	60	(35.3)
Neutral	137	(71.7)	165	(63.0)	188	(59.5)	91	(53.5)
Total	191	(100)	262	(100)	316	(100)	170	(100)

# Mosaic Plot



## Preliminaries:

- $N$  total observations on nominal-level variables  $Y$  and  $X$
- $k_Y / k_X$  = the number of different categories of  $Y$  and  $X$
- $n_{yx}$  = number of observations in the cell corresponding to cell  $\{x, y\}$
- $R_y = \sum_{k_X} n_{yx}$  = “marginals” of  $Y$
- $C_x = \sum_{k_Y} n_{yx}$  = “marginals” of  $X$



Example:  $3 \times 4$  table

$Y =$	$X =$				Total
	East	Midwest	South	West	
<b>Compliment</b>	$n_{CE}$	$n_{CM}$	$n_{CS}$	$n_{CW}$	$R_C$
<b>Insult</b>	$n_{IE}$	$n_{IM}$	$n_{IS}$	$n_{IW}$	$R_I$
<b>Neutral</b>	$n_{NE}$	$n_{NM}$	$n_{NS}$	$n_{NW}$	$R_N$
<b>Total</b>	$C_E$	$C_M$	$C_S$	$C_W$	$N$

For a one-way table, we would expect the number of observations in the cell defined by  $Y = y$  – that is, the *cell frequency* – to be:

$$E_y = N \times \frac{1}{k_Y}$$

For a two-way table, the expected cell frequency is:

$$E_{yx} = \frac{R_y \times C_x}{N}$$

*Statistical independence* implies:

$$H_0 : f(Y|X) = f(Y)$$

This suggests that if  $Y \perp X$ , then

- On average,  $n_{yx} = E_{yx}$ , so
- $n_{yx} - E_{yx}$  should be small

Chi-square statistic:

$$W = \sum \frac{(n_{yx} - E_{yx})^2}{E_{yx}}$$

Because under  $Y \perp X$ :

$$n_{yx} - E_{yx} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_E^2)$$

we can show that:

$$W \sim \chi^2_{[(k_Y-1)(k_X-1)]}.$$

# Chi-Square Examples: Independence ( $N = 90$ )

```
> I
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    10    10    10
[2,]    10    10    10
[3,]    10    10    10
> chisq.test(I)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data:  I
X-squared = 0, df = 4, p-value = 1
```

```
> I
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     5     5     5
[2,]    20    20    20
[3,]     5     5     5
> chisq.test(I)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data:  I
X-squared = 0, df = 4, p-value = 1
```

```
> I
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    20     5     5
[2,]    20     5     5
[3,]    20     5     5
> chisq.test(I)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data:  I
X-squared = 0, df = 4, p-value = 1
```

# Chi-Square Examples: Dependence ( $N = 90$ )

```
> D
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    20    5    5
[2,]     5   20    5
[3,]     5    5   20

> chisq.test(D)

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data:  D
X-squared = 45, df = 4, p-value = 0.000000004
```

```
> D
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]     9   12    9
[2,]    12    9    9
[3,]     9    9   12

> chisq.test(D)

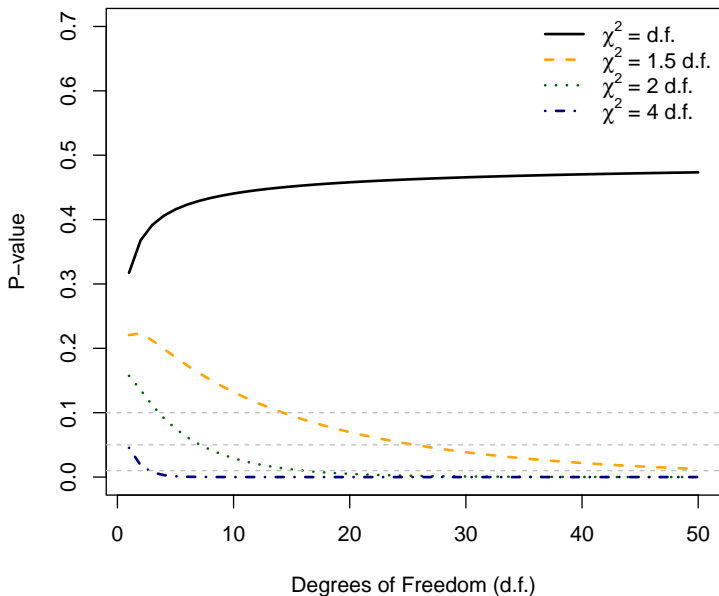
Pearson's Chi-squared test

data:  D
X-squared = 1.8, df = 4, p-value = 0.8
```

## Things to remember:

- Large values of  $W$  are evidence against the (null / independence) hypothesis.
- In general, if  $W \geq 2 \times d.f.$ , then  $P$  is small (see below).
- Can test vs. *any* expectation (e.g., that  $E_{yx} = \frac{N}{k_Y k_X \forall x,y}$ )
- Not recommended when  $E_{yx} < 5...$

# Heuristic $\chi^2$ Values by d.f.



Alternative: “Fisher’s Exact Test” for independence:

$$P = \frac{(R_1!R_2!\dots R_{k_Y}!)(C_1!C_2!\dots C_{k_X}!)}{N! \prod_{k_Y, k_X} n_{yx}!}.$$

- Intuition:
  - There are  $N! \prod_{k_Y, k_X} n_{yx}!$  possible ways in which one could arrange the data on  $N$  observations in a  $k_Y \times k_X$  contingency table
  - The numerator  $(R_1!R_2!\dots R_{k_Y}!)(C_1!C_2!\dots C_{k_X}!)$  reflects the possible orderings with the marginals determined by the values of  $R$  and  $C$ .
- Computation becomes difficult as tables get large...



# One-Way Chi-Square

```
> oneway<-with(Fem, table(feminsult))
```

```
> oneway
```

```
feminsult
```

Compliment	Insult	Neutral
84	274	581

```
> X1<-chisq.test(table(Fem$feminsult))
```

```
> X1
```

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

```
data: table(Fem$feminsult)
```

```
X-squared = 402, df = 2, p-value <0.00000000000000002
```

# Two-Way Chi-Square

```
> region<-with(Fem, table(feminsult,cenreg))
```

```
> region
```

	cenreg			
feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West
Compliment	10	29	26	19
Insult	44	68	102	60
Neutral	137	165	188	91

```
> chisq.test(region)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: region

X-squared = 17, df = 6, p-value = 0.008

# An Alternative: CrossTable

```
> region2<-with(Fem,  
+               CrossTable(feminsult,cenreg,prop.chisq=FALSE,chisq=TRUE))
```

Cell Contents

-----	
	N
	N / Row Total
	N / Col Total
	N / Table Total
-----	

Total Observations in Table: 939

.  
.  
.

# CrossTable (continued)

.  
.  
.

feminsult	cenreg				Row Total
	East	Midwest	South	West	
Compliment	10	29	26	19	84
	0.119	0.345	0.310	0.226	0.089
	0.052	0.111	0.082	0.112	
	0.011	0.031	0.028	0.020	
Insult	44	68	102	60	274
	0.161	0.248	0.372	0.219	0.292
	0.230	0.260	0.323	0.353	
	0.047	0.072	0.109	0.064	
Neutral	137	165	188	91	581
	0.236	0.284	0.324	0.157	0.619
	0.717	0.630	0.595	0.535	
	0.146	0.176	0.200	0.097	
Column Total	191	262	316	170	939
	0.203	0.279	0.337	0.181	

Statistics for All Table Factors

Pearson's Chi-squared test

Chi^2 = 17.26      d.f. = 6      p = 0.008373

Conditioning  $Y$  on two variables (say,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ )...

- Typically can't *show* the table(s)
- Independence:
  - Marginal independence: Variables  $Y$  and (say)  $X_1$  are independent *irrespective of the values of*  $X_2$
  - Conditional independence: Variables  $Y$  and (say)  $X_1$  are independent *for a particular value of*  $X_2$
  - Marginal independence can also be three-way...
  - Testing: the [Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test](#) (see the link for details; also [here](#))

# Three-Way Crosstabs: Example

```
> threeway<-table(feminsult,region,intrace)
> addmargins(threeway)
, , intrace = White
```

	region				
feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Sum
Compliment	10	20	18	14	62
Insult	34	47	71	42	194
Neutral	98	120	131	75	424
Sum	142	187	220	131	680

```
, , intrace = Black
```

	region				
feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Sum
Compliment	1	9	7	2	19
Insult	8	12	26	13	59
Neutral	33	40	49	19	141
Sum	42	61	82	34	219

# Three-Way Crosstabs (continued)

```
, , intrace = Asian
```

	region				
feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Sum
Compliment	0	0	1	4	5
Insult	3	10	5	5	23
Neutral	6	7	12	5	30
Sum	9	17	18	14	58

```
, , intrace = Sum
```

	region				
feminsult	East	Midwest	South	West	Sum
Compliment	11	29	26	20	86
Insult	45	69	102	60	276
Neutral	137	167	192	99	595
Sum	193	265	320	179	957

```
> mantelhaen.test(threeway)
```

Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test

```
data: threeway
```

Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel  $M^2 = 17$ ,  $df = 6$ ,  $p\text{-value} = 0.01$

# Small Cell Frequencies

```
> table(feminsult,race)
```

```
      race  
feminsult  White Black Asian Other  
  Compliment    69   13    1    3  
    Insult     244   21    2    8  
    Neutral    496   61    9   25
```

```
> chisq.test(table(feminsult,race))
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data:  table(feminsult, race)
```

```
X-squared = 6.453, df = 6, p-value = 0.3744
```

Warning message:

```
In chisq.test(table(feminsult, race)) :
```

```
Chi-squared approximation may be incorrect
```



## Small Cell Frequencies (continued)

```
> fisher.test(table(feminsult,race), workspace=20000000)
```

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data:  table(feminsult, race)
```

```
p-value = 0.3681
```

```
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

# Binary Variables

## Binary variables are a bit weird...

- Ambiguous level of measurement...
- Related to proportions... For  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ :
  - $E(Y) \equiv \sum Y/N = \hat{\pi}$
  - Same as  $\Pr(\widehat{Y_i} = 1)$
  - Variance is  $\hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi})$
- Also potentially interval / ratio (as a “count”)

# Differences of Proportions

We know that for two estimates  $\hat{\pi}_1$  and  $\hat{\pi}_2$ , based on samples of size  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ ,

$$z = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2}{\hat{\sigma}_{\pi_1 - \pi_2}}$$

where

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\pi_1 - \pi_2} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_1(1 - \hat{\pi}_1)}{N_1} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_2(1 - \hat{\pi}_2)}{N_2}}$$

We can think about this as samples of  $Y$  drawn from (say)  $X = 0$  and  $X = 1$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\pi_{Y|X=0} - \pi_{Y|X=1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\pi}_{Y|X=0}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{Y|X=0})}{N_{X=0}} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_{Y|X=1}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{Y|X=1})}{N_{X=1}}}$$

We also know that:

$$W = \sum_{k_X k_Y} \frac{(N_{XY} - E_{XY})^2}{E_{XY}}$$

and that:

$$W \sim \chi_1^2$$

when both  $X$  and  $Y$  are binary.

In fact,  $z^2 = W \dots$

```
> T <- table(Y,X)
```

```
> T
```

```
  X
```

```
Y   0 1
```

```
  0 5 3
```

```
  1 4 8
```

```
> chisq.test(T,correct=FALSE)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data:  T
```

```
X-squared = 1.65, df = 1, p-value = 0.2
```

```
> p1<-4/9
```

```
> p2<-8/11
```

```
> p <- 12/20
```

```
> se <- sqrt(((p*(1-p)*(1/9+1/11))))
```

```
> Z <- (p1-p2) / se
```

```
> Z
```

```
[1] -1.2845
```

```
> Z^2
```

```
[1] 1.6498
```

# $\chi^2$ Is *Not* A Measure Of Association

```
> chisq.test(T, correct=FALSE)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: T

X-squared = 1.65, df = 1, p-value = 0.199

```
> X <- rep(X,times=10)
```

```
> Y <- rep(Y,times=10)
```

```
> T10 <- table(Y,X)
```

```
> T10
```

X

Y 0 1

0 50 30

1 40 80

```
> chisq.test(T10,correct=FALSE)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

data: T10

X-squared = 16.5, df = 1, p-value = 0.0000487

# “Contingency Tables”

*Contingency table:*

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	
$Y = 0$	$N_{00}$	$N_{10}$	$N_{\bullet 0}$
$Y = 1$	$N_{01}$	$N_{11}$	$N_{\bullet 1}$
	$N_{0\bullet}$	$N_{1\bullet}$	$N$

**Q: How much more or less likely is  $Y = 1|X = 1$  than  $Y = 1|X = 0$ ?**



Recall that the *odds* of  $Y = 1|X = 1$  are:

$$\begin{aligned}O_{Y=1|X=1} &= \frac{\Pr(Y = 1|X = 1)}{\Pr(Y = 0|X = 1)} \\&= \frac{\hat{\pi}_{Y=1|X=1}}{\hat{\pi}_{Y=0|X=1}} \\&= \frac{N_{11}/N_{1\bullet}}{N_{10}/N_{1\bullet}} \\&= \frac{N_{11}}{N_{10}}\end{aligned}$$

And similarly:

$$O_{Y=1|X=0} = \frac{N_{01}}{N_{00}}$$

The *odds ratio* is then:

$$\begin{aligned} OR &= \frac{O_{Y=1|X=1}}{O_{Y=1|X=0}} \\ &= \frac{N_{11}/N_{10}}{N_{01}/N_{00}} \end{aligned}$$

## Odds ratios (OR):

- $OR$  expresses the *relative* odds of an event ( $Y = 1$ ) under one condition ( $X = 1$ ) versus another ( $X = 0$ ).
- $OR \in [0, \infty)$
- Interpretation:
  - $OR = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  no association
  - $OR > 1 \Leftrightarrow$  positive association
  - $OR < 1 \Leftrightarrow$  negative association
- The “inverse odds ratio” ( $O_{Y=0|X=1}/O_{Y=0|X=0}$ ) is simply the reciprocal of  $OR$ .

# Odds Ratios Illustrated

```
> T
      X
Y      0 1
0      5 3
1      4 8
```

```
> OR <- (T[1,1])*T[2,2] / (T[1,2]*T[2,1])
> OR
[1] 3.33333
```

```
> require(DescTools)
> OddsRatio(T)
[1] 3.33333
```

## Association measure: $\phi$

For the contingency table above,

$$\phi = \frac{N_{11}N_{00} - N_{10}N_{01}}{\sqrt{N_{1\bullet}N_{0\bullet}N_{\bullet 0}N_{\bullet 1}}}$$

Also,

$$\phi^2 = \frac{\chi^2}{N} \quad \text{so} \quad |\phi| = \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2}{N}}$$

# A Few Things About $\phi$

## Fun $\phi$ facts:

- A/K/A the “mean square contingency coefficient” or **Matthews' Correlation Coefficient** (MCC)
- $\phi \in [-1, 1]$  (but see below...)
- In general:
  - $\phi \in [0.7, 1.0]$  = a strong positive association
  - $\phi \in [0.4, 0.7]$  = a moderate positive association
  - $\phi \in [0.1, 0.4]$  = a weak positive association
  - $\phi \in [-0.1, 0.1]$  = no association
  - $\phi \in [-0.1, -0.4]$  = a weak negative association
  - $\phi \in [-0.4, -0.7]$  = a moderate negative association
  - $\phi \in [-0.7, -1.0]$  = a strong negative association
- $\phi$  equals Pearson's correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) applied to two binary variables.
- The equation above means that  $\phi^2 \times N \sim \chi_1^2$ , which can be used for hypothesis testing (e.g., for  $H_0 : \phi = 0$ ).

```
> T
      X
Y      0 1
      0 5 3
      1 4 8

> require(psych)
> phi(T)
[1] 0.29

> cor(X,Y)
[1] 0.287213
```

## $\phi$ Examples (continued)

```
> Tpos<-as.table(rbind(c(10,0),c(0,10)))
> Tpos
  A  B
A 10  0
B  0 10
> phi(Tpos)
[1] 1
```

```
> Tneg<-as.table(rbind(c(0,10),c(10,0)))
> Tneg
  A  B
A  0 10
B 10  0
> phi(Tneg)
[1] -1
```

```
> T0<-as.table(rbind(c(5,5),c(5,5)))
> T0
  A  B
A  5  5
B  5  5
> phi(T0)
[1] 0
```



From the Stata manual (entry for `tetrachoric`):

from  $-1$  to  $1$ . To illustrate, consider the following set of tables for two binary variables,  $X$  and  $Z$ :

	$Z = 0$	$Z = 1$	
$X = 0$	$20 - a$	$10 + a$	30
$X = 1$	$a$	$10 - a$	10
	20	20	40

For  $a$  equal to 0, 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, and 10, the Pearson and tetrachoric correlations for the above table are

$a$	0	1	2	5	8	9	10
Pearson	0.577	0.462	0.346	0	-0.346	-0.462	-0.577
Tetrachoric	1.000	0.792	0.607	0	-0.607	-0.792	-1.000

# Tetachoric Correlation ( $r_{tet}$ )

Setup:

- $N$  observations, with
- $T_i$  a *latent* trait for each observation;
- Two *raters*,  $\{1, 2\}$ , each of which
  - observes a “noisy” version of  $T_i$ :

$$T_i^{*1} = T_i + e_{1i}$$

$$T_i^{*2} = T_i + e_{2i}$$

- and gives a binary rating to  $i$ ; equals 0 if  $T_i < \tau$ , 1 if  $T_i > \tau$ .  
Call these  $X_{1i}$  and  $X_{2i}$ .
- Assume that  $\{e_{1i}, e_{2i}\} \sim \Phi_2(0, 0, 1, 1, \rho)$  (*bivariate normal*)

## Digression: Bivariate Normals

The Bivariate Normal is:

$$\Pr(X_1, X_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_{X_1}\sigma_{X_2}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left[\frac{-z}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right]$$

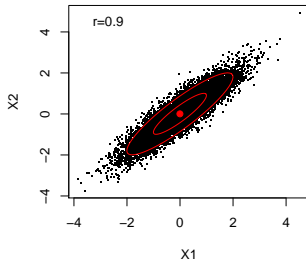
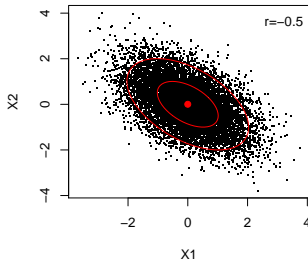
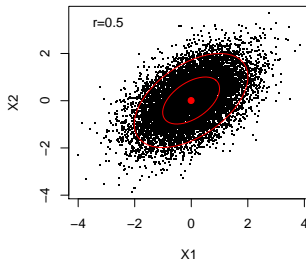
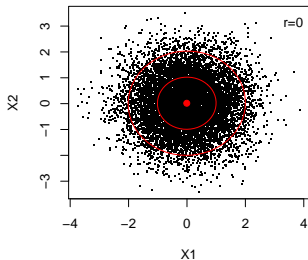
where

$$z = \left[ \frac{(X_1 - \mu_{X_1})^2}{\sigma_{X_1}^2} + \frac{(X_2 - \mu_{X_2})^2}{\sigma_{X_2}^2} - \frac{2\rho(X_1 - \mu_{X_1})(X_2 - \mu_{X_2})}{\sigma_{X_1}\sigma_{X_2}} \right]$$

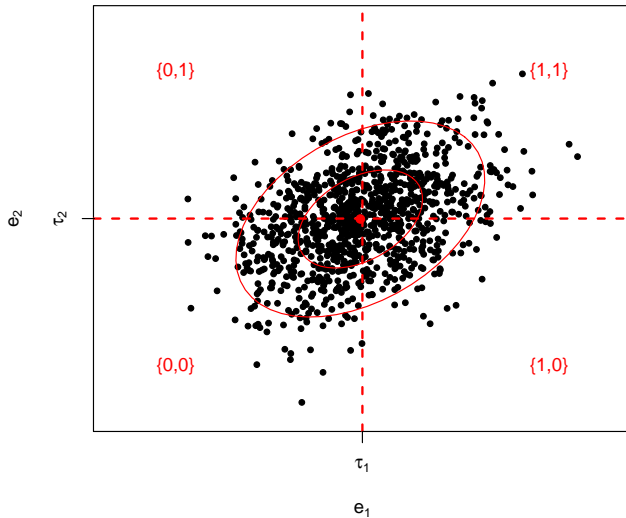
and

$$\rho = \text{corr}(X_1, X_2)$$

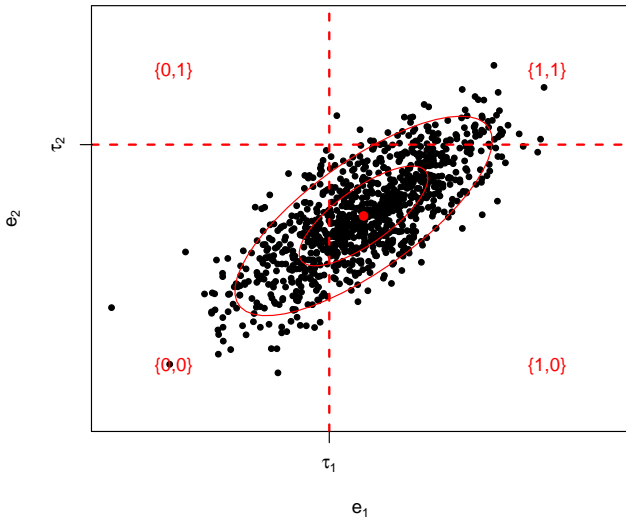
# Bivariate Normals Illustrated



# Back to Tetrachoric Correlation



## Tetrachoric Correlation (continued)



# More Tetrachoric Correlation

Idea: Get as close to:

	$X_1 = 0$	$X_1 = 1$
$X_2 = 0$	$\pi_{00}$	$\pi_{10}$
$X_2 = 1$	$\pi_{01}$	$\pi_{11}$

...using three parameters:  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ , and  $\rho$ .

Tetrachoric correlation  $r_{tet}$ :

- $r_{tet} \in [-1, 1]$
- Assumes two continuous, *Normal* underlying (latent) variables...
- Fitted via ML, etc. but also has a simple approximate formula:

$$r_{tet} \approx \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$$

where

$$\alpha = (OR)^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

```
> require(polycor)
> T
      X
Y    0 1
    0 5 3
    1 4 8

> polychor(T)
[1] 0.4399

> # Compare:
>
> phi(T)
[1] 0.29

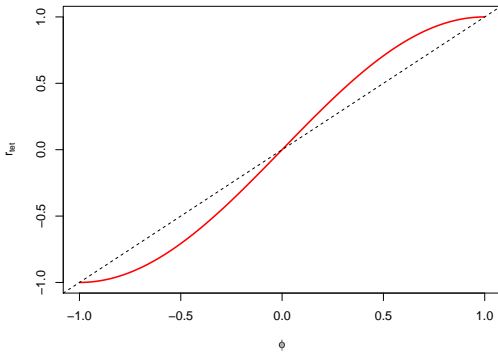
> # Approximate formula:
>
> alpha <- (OR)^(pi/4)
> rtet <- (alpha - 1) / (alpha + 1)
> rtet
[1] 0.440458
```



# $r_{tet}$ vs. $\phi$ : Symmetrical Marginals

```
> addmargins(ST)
```

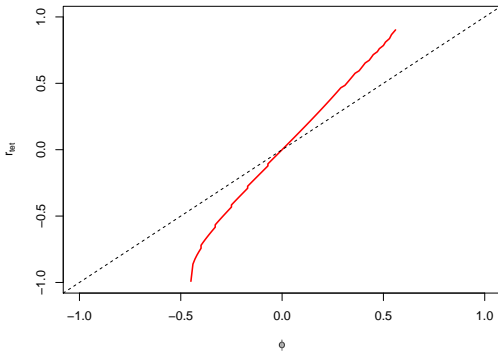
	A	B	Sum
A	0	100	100
B	100	0	100
Sum	100	100	200



## $r_{tet}$ vs. $\phi$ : Asymmetrical Marginals

```
> addmargins(AT)
```

	A	B	Sum
A	0	150	150
B	100	150	250
Sum	100	300	400



# Binary Association Summary

## Some general thoughts:

- Odds ratios are natural for describing  $2 \times 2$  associations, *but*
- In general, [we like  \$\phi\$  / MCC](#) as a single measure of binary association, *provided that the marginals are not badly skewed*
- For more skewed marginals,  $r_{tet}$  is probably better (read about this, and the famous Pearson-Yule debate, [here](#))
- Some of the other things we'll discuss next week are also useful for binary responses (e.g., Spearman's  $r$ )
- We'll also discuss binary variables a bit later, in the context of classification...

# Ordinal Variables

## Ordinal variables:

- Key issue: *how to retain the information present in the ordering of the categories without giving the numerical values assigned to them cardinal content.*
- Key concept: **Concordance**

For a pair of values on two observations  $i = \{1, 2\}$  and two variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , a *concordant pair* has:

$$\text{sign}(X_2 - X_1) = \text{sign}(Y_2 - Y_1)$$

and a *discordant pair* has:

$$\text{sign}(X_2 - X_1) = -\text{sign}(Y_2 - Y_1).$$

# A(nother) Contingency Table

Consider two ordinal variables  $X$  and  $Y$ :

		$X$			
		1	2	3	
$Y$	1	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	$n_{13}$	$n_{1X}$
	2	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	$n_{23}$	$n_{2X}$
	3	$n_{31}$	$n_{32}$	$n_{33}$	$n_{3X}$
		$n_{Y1}$	$n_{Y2}$	$n_{Y3}$	$N$

# Concordant and Discordant Pairs

Concordance with  $\{1, 1\}$  observations:

		X			
		1	2	3	
Y	1	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	$n_{13}$	$n_{1X}$
	2	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	$n_{23}$	$n_{2X}$
	3	$n_{31}$	$n_{32}$	$n_{33}$	$n_{3X}$
		$n_{Y1}$	$n_{Y2}$	$n_{Y3}$	$N$

Concordance with  $\{1, 2\}$  observations:

		X			
		1	2	3	
Y	1	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	$n_{13}$	$n_{1X}$
	2	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	$n_{23}$	$n_{2X}$
	3	$n_{31}$	$n_{32}$	$n_{33}$	$n_{3X}$
		$n_{Y1}$	$n_{Y2}$	$n_{Y3}$	$N$

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	3	$n_{31}$	$n_{32}$	$n_{33}$	$n_{3X}$
		$n_{Y1}$	$n_{Y2}$	$n_{Y3}$	$N$

Discordance with  $\{1, 3\}$  observations:

		X			
		1	2	3	
Y	1	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	$n_{13}$	$n_{1X}$
	2	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	$n_{23}$	$n_{2X}$
	3	$n_{31}$	$n_{32}$	$n_{33}$	$n_{3X}$
		$n_{Y1}$	$n_{Y2}$	$n_{Y3}$	$N$



# Concordant and Discordant Pairs

For a  $3 \times 3$  table, the total number of *concordant pairs* is:

$$N_c = n_{11}(n_{22} + n_{23} + n_{32} + n_{33}) + n_{12}(n_{23} + n_{33}) + n_{21}(n_{32} + n_{33}) + n_{22}(n_{33})$$

and the total number of *discordant pairs* is:

$$N_d = n_{13}(n_{21} + n_{22} + n_{31} + n_{32}) + n_{12}(n_{21} + n_{31}) + n_{23}(n_{31} + n_{32}) + n_{22}(n_{31}).$$

This extends to a table of arbitrary size  $M \times N$  straightforwardly...

Gamma ( $\gamma$ ) is the normed difference between the number of concordant and discordant pairs in the data:

$$\gamma = \frac{N_c - N_d}{N_c + N_d}$$

Equivalently:

$$\gamma = \frac{N_c}{N_c + N_d} - \frac{N_d}{N_c + N_d}$$

## Gamma:

- does not count “ties”
- $\gamma \in [-1, 1]$
- $\gamma = 0 \leftrightarrow$  no association between  $X$  and  $Y$ , though it can also happen whenever  $N_c = N_d$ . That is,  $\gamma = 0$  is necessary but not sufficient for statistical independence
- Higher absolute values of  $\gamma$  correspond to stronger associations between  $X$  and  $Y$
- $\gamma = \pm 1.0$  under conditions of (at least) *weak monotonicity* (e.g.,  $\gamma$  will equal 1.0 whenever, as  $X$  increases,  $Y$  only increases or stays the same)

For a  $2 \times 2$  table:

		X		(Total)
		0	1	
Y	0	$n_{00}$	$n_{01}$	$(n_{00} + n_{01})$
	1	$n_{10}$	$n_{11}$	$(n_{10} + n_{11})$
(Total)		$(n_{00} + n_{10})$	$(n_{01} + n_{11})$	$(N)$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\gamma} &= \text{"Yule's Q"} \\
 &= \frac{n_{00}n_{11} - n_{01}n_{10}}{n_{00}n_{11} + n_{01}n_{10}} \\
 &= \frac{OR - 1}{OR + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be shown that:

$$\hat{\gamma} \sim \mathcal{N}(\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2)$$

where

$$\sigma_\gamma^2 = \frac{N(1 - \hat{\gamma}^2)}{N_c + N_d}$$

So we can approximate:

$$t \approx (\hat{\gamma} - \gamma) \sqrt{\frac{N_c + N_d}{N(1 - \hat{\gamma}^2)}}.$$

(Goodman-Kruskal's) "Tau-a":

$$\tau_a = \frac{N_c - N_d}{\frac{1}{2}N(N-1)}$$

(Kendall's) "Tau-b":

$$\tau_b = \frac{N_c - N_d}{\sqrt{[(N_c + N_d + N_{Y^*})(N_c + N_d + N_{X^*})]}}$$

where  $N_{Y^*}$  and  $N_{X^*}$  are the number of pairs *not tied* on  $Y$  and  $X$ , respectively.

(Stuart's) "Tau-c":

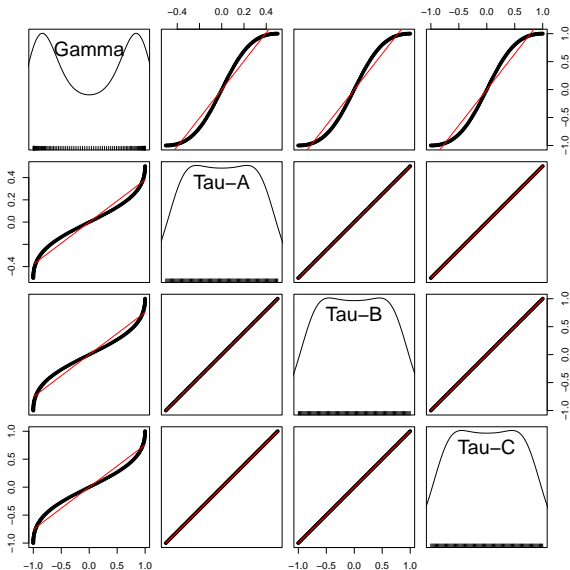
$$\tau_c = (N_c - N_d) \times \left\{ \frac{2m}{[N^2 2(m-1)]} \right\}$$

where  $m$  is the number of rows or columns, whichever is smaller.

## Tau tips:

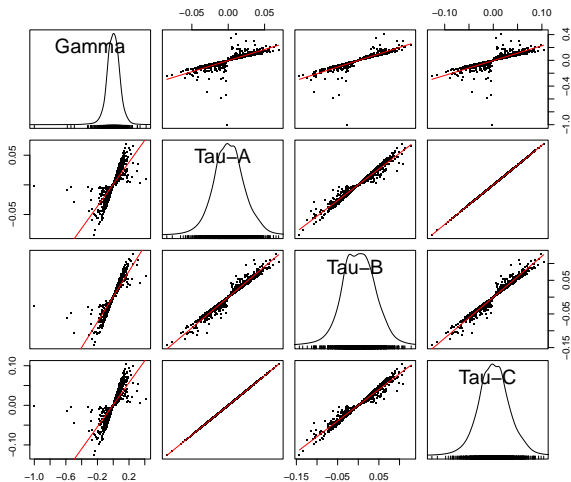
- All except  $\tau_a$  have  $\tau_{(\cdot)} \in [-1, 1]$
- For all  $\tau$ s, the numerator signs the statistic.
- Like  $\gamma$ ,  $\tau_a$  doesn't do "ties"  $\rightarrow$  attenuated range
- $|\tau_b| = 1.0$  only under *strict monotonicity*
- $\tau_b \rightarrow$  "square" tables
- $\tau_c \rightarrow$  "rectangular" (asymmetrical) tables
- $\gamma \geq \tau \forall \tau_{(\cdot)}$

# $\gamma$ and the $\tau$ s Compared ( $2 \times 2$ Tables)





# $\gamma / \tau$ s Comparison (Random $3 \times 3$ Tables)





# Example: Sarah Palin Support...

September 2008 "Battleground" Poll in PA:

```
> summary(MamaGriz)
```

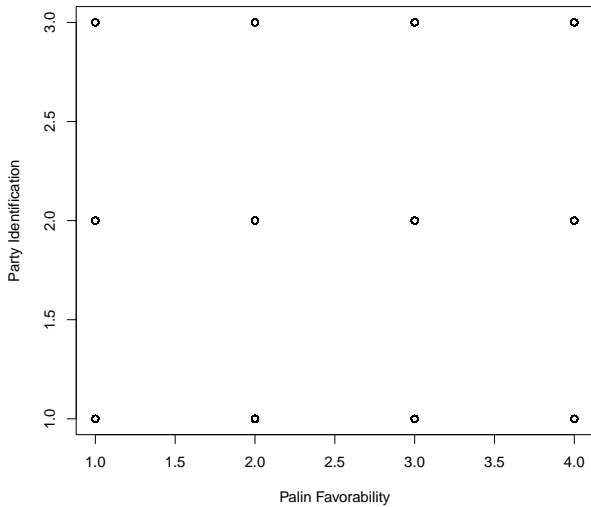
	caseid	female	palin	pid
Min. :	2	Male :2221	Very Unfavorable :1200	Democrat :1709
1st Qu.:	30034	Female:2370	Somewhat Unfavorable: 739	Independent:1391
Median :	31831		Somewhat Favorable :1132	GOP :1491
Mean :	36776		Very Favorable :1520	
3rd Qu.:	60674			
Max. :	62125			

```
> palinpid<-with(MamaGriz, xtabs(~palin+pid))
```

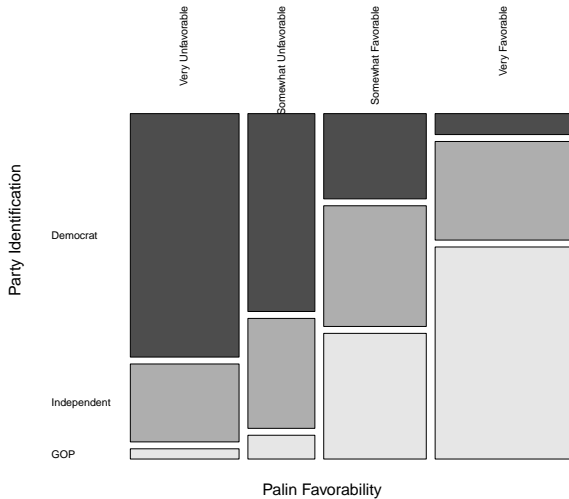
```
> addmargins(palinpid)
```

	pid			
palin	Democrat	Independent	GOP	Sum
Very Unfavorable	881	282	37	1200
Somewhat Unfavorable	441	245	53	739
Somewhat Favorable	291	412	429	1132
Very Favorable	96	452	972	1520
Sum	1709	1391	1491	4591

## Plotting: Don't



# Plotting: Do



# Estimating $\gamma$ and the $\tau$ s

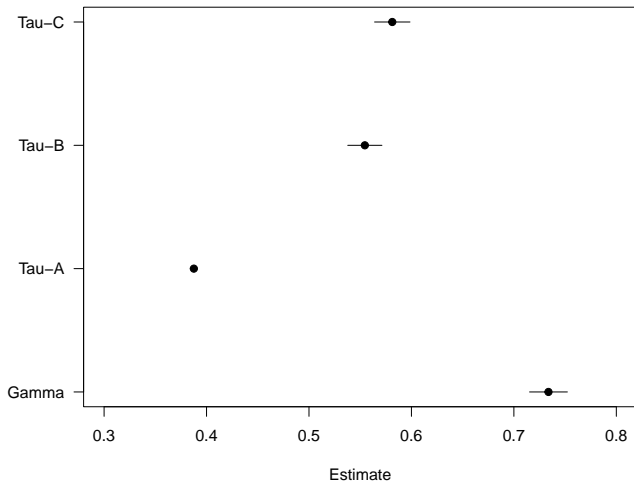
```
> # Gamma:
>
> GoodmanKruskalGamma(palinpids, conf.level=0.95)
      gamma lwr.ci ups.ci
0.73376 0.71529 0.75223
```

```
> #Tau-A:
>
> KendallTauA(palinpids, conf.level=0.95)
      tau_a lwr.ci ups.ci
0.38762 0.38639 0.38884
```

```
> # Tau-B:
>
> KendallTauB(palinpids, conf.level=0.95)
      tau_b lwr.ci ups.ci
0.55453 0.53784 0.57121
```

```
> # Tau-C:
>
> StuartTauC(palinpids, conf.level=0.95)
      tauc lwr.ci ups.ci
0.58130 0.56401 0.59859
```

# $\gamma$ and the $\tau$ s: Party Identification



## Men vs. Women on Palin

```
> palinfemale<-with(MamaGriz, xtabs(~palin+female))
```

```
> addmargins(palinfemale)
```

	female		
palin	Male	Female	Sum
Very Unfavorable	508	692	1200
Somewhat Unfavorable	328	411	739
Somewhat Favorable	575	557	1132
Very Favorable	810	710	1520
Sum	2221	2370	4591



## Men vs. Women on Palin

```
> GoodmanKruskalGamma(palinfemale,conf.level=0.95)
```

```
      gamma      lwr.ci      ups.ci  
-0.136410 -0.179514 -0.093306
```

```
> KendallTauA(palinfemale,conf.level=0.95)
```

```
      tau_a      lwr.ci      ups.ci  
-0.050259 -0.051137 -0.049382
```

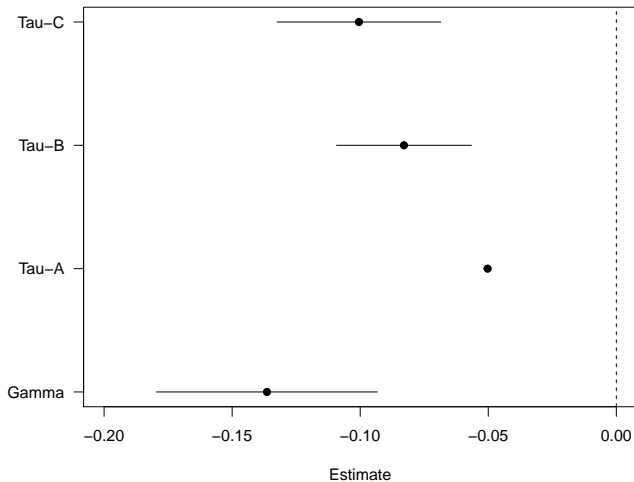
```
> KendallTauB(palinfemale,conf.level=0.95)
```

```
      tau_b      lwr.ci      ups.ci  
-0.082912 -0.109268 -0.056556
```

```
> StuartTauC(palinfemale,conf.level=0.95)
```

```
      tauc      lwr.ci      ups.ci  
-0.100497 -0.132442 -0.068552
```

# $\gamma$ and the $\tau$ s: Men vs. Women



# Interval + Ratio-Level Variables

Linearity means:

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} = m;$$

$$Y = mX + b$$

Other monotonic + “smooth” alternatives:

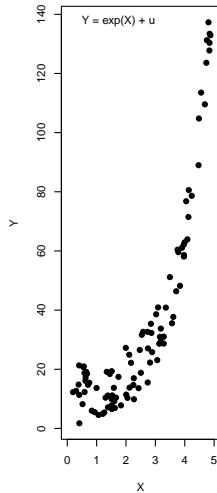
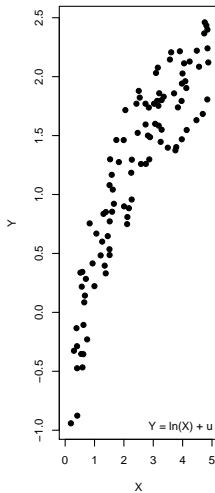
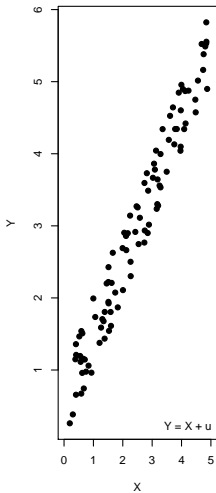
- *Logarithmic:*

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X \partial X} < 0$$

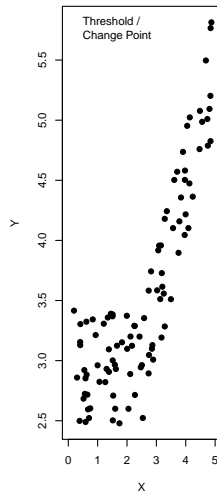
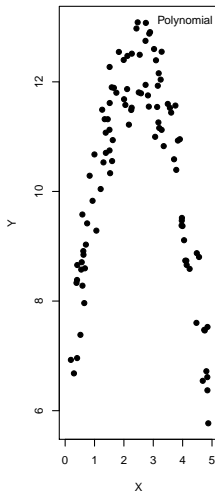
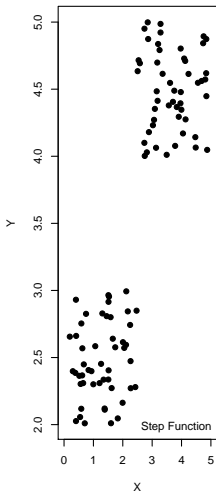
- *Exponential:*

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X \partial X} > 0$$

# Linear, Logarithmic, Exponential



# Other Possibilities

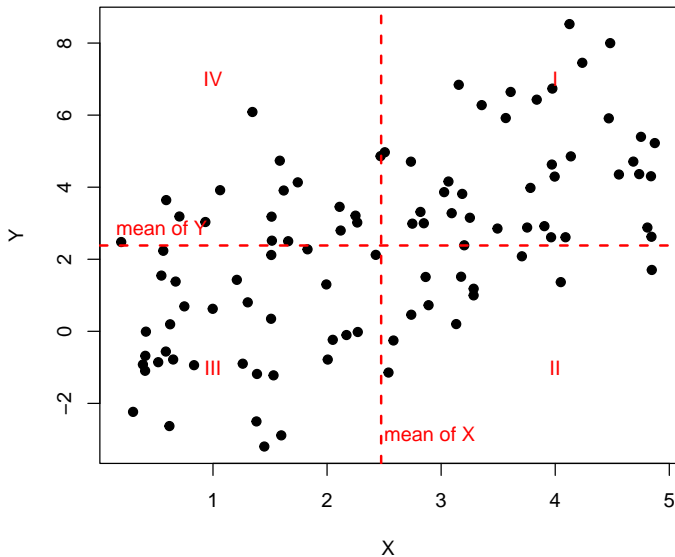


# Linear Association: Pearson's $r$

“Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient”:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s_X} \right) \left( \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{s_Y} \right)}{N - 1} \end{aligned}$$

# Pearson's $r$ : Intuition

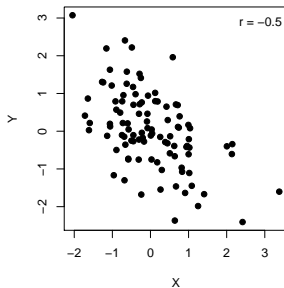
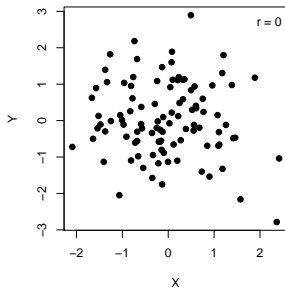
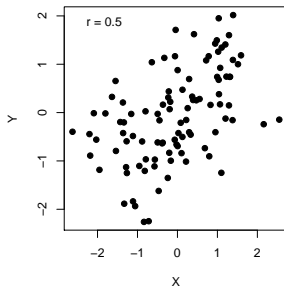
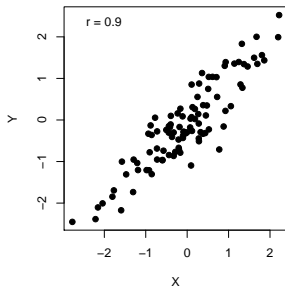




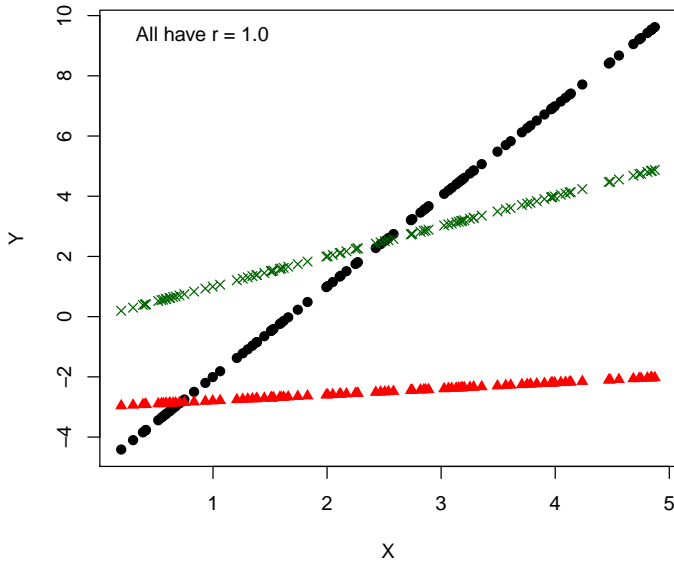
## Pearson's $r$ : Characteristics

- $r \in [-1, 1]$
- $r = 0 \leftrightarrow$  no *linear* association between  $Y$  and  $X$ .
- $\text{Sign}(r) \rightarrow$  “direction” of the *linear* association
- $|r| \rightarrow$  “strength” of the *linear* association
- In general:
  - $|r| < 0.3 \rightarrow$  “weak” linear association
  - $0.3 < |r| < 0.7 \rightarrow$  “moderate” linear association
  - $|r| > 0.7 \rightarrow$  “strong” linear association

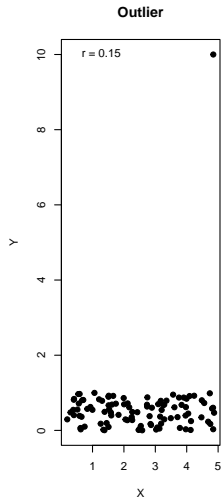
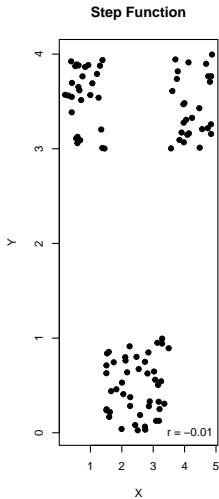
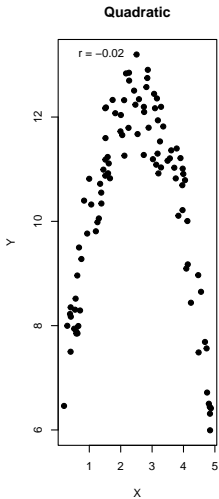
# Examples



$$r = \pm 1.0 \rightarrow ?$$



# Nonlinearity, etc.



The sampling distribution of  $r$  is:

- complex, and
- skewed as  $|r| \rightarrow 1.0$ .

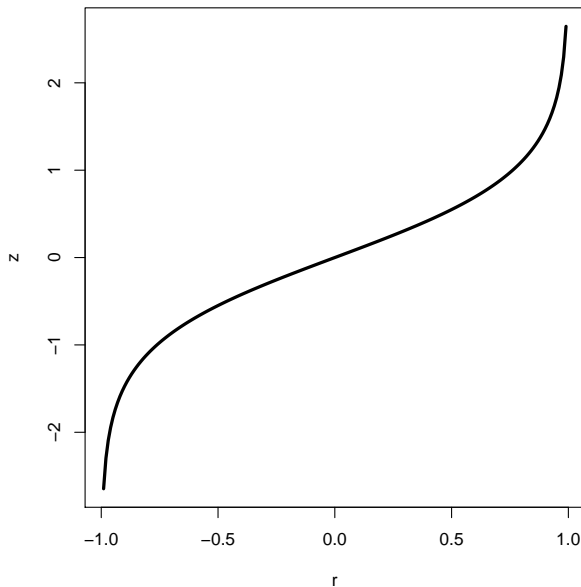
Fisher:

$$\hat{w} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \hat{r}}{1 - \hat{r}} \right) \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \hat{r}}{1 - \hat{r}} \right), \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-3}} \right]$$

implying:

$$z_r = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \hat{r}}{1 - \hat{r}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + r}{1 - r} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N-3}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

# Fisher's $z$ Transformation of $r$



## Alternative Approach ( $t$ )

Under  $r = 0$ , the standard error of  $\hat{r}$  is:

$$\sigma_r = \sqrt{\frac{1 - r^2}{N - 2}}$$

This means that we can construct confidence intervals using a  $t$  distribution, as:

$$\frac{\hat{r}}{\sigma_r} = \frac{\hat{r}\sqrt{N-2}}{\sqrt{1-\hat{r}^2}} \sim t_{N-2}.$$

Note that this converges to  $z$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Alternative Measure: Spearman's $\rho$

For sorted data on  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $R_{Y_i}$  and  $R_{X_i}$  are the respective ranks,

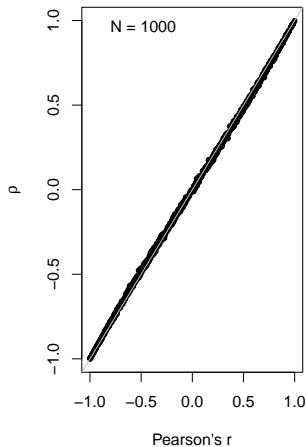
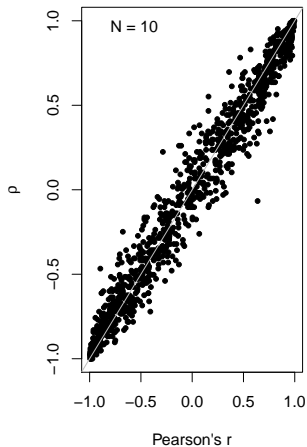
$$\rho = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^N (R_{Y_i} - R_{X_i})^2}{N(N^2 - 1)}$$

Characteristics:

- $\rho \in [-1, 1]$
- Same interpretation as  $r$ .
- Also appropriate for use with ordinal data; but
- When many “ties” occur, calculate Pearson's  $r$  on the ranks  $R_{Y_i}$  and  $R_{X_i}$ , and assign “partial” (or “half”) ranks to tied individuals.



## $r$ vs. $\rho$ Comparison (Simulation)

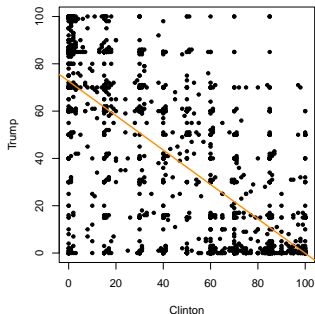


# Real Data: ANES 2016 Feeling Thermometers

```
> describe(Therms,range=FALSE)
```

	vars	n	mean	sd	skew	kurtosis	se
Asian-Americans	1	2387	70.17	20.20	-0.38	0.02	0.41
Hispanics	2	2387	69.35	20.91	-0.41	0.01	0.43
Blacks	3	2387	69.00	21.19	-0.35	-0.24	0.43
Illegal Immigrants	4	2387	42.54	27.31	0.13	-0.71	0.56
Whites	5	2387	71.63	19.40	-0.46	0.08	0.40
Dem. Pres. Candidate	6	2387	44.12	34.91	0.12	-1.42	0.71
GOP Pres. Candidate	7	2387	40.53	35.65	0.23	-1.43	0.73
Libertarian Pres. Candidate	8	2387	43.61	19.92	-0.58	0.25	0.41
Green Pres. Candidate	9	2387	43.20	20.87	-0.54	0.22	0.43
Dem. VP	10	2387	48.24	25.91	-0.22	-0.44	0.53
GOP VP	11	2387	49.59	33.42	-0.10	-1.21	0.68
John Roberts	12	2387	53.75	18.39	-0.41	1.44	0.38
Pope Francis	13	2387	69.55	25.17	-0.73	0.14	0.52
Christian Fundamentalists	14	2387	48.59	28.48	-0.07	-0.72	0.58
Feminists	15	2387	56.94	26.65	-0.24	-0.47	0.55
Liberals	16	2387	52.27	27.35	-0.24	-0.67	0.56
Labor Unions	17	2387	56.70	24.74	-0.27	-0.29	0.51
Poor People	18	2387	72.20	19.63	-0.36	-0.06	0.40
Big Business	19	2387	49.34	22.52	-0.15	-0.18	0.46
Conservatives	20	2387	55.22	25.91	-0.24	-0.45	0.53
SCOTUS	21	2387	59.34	19.38	-0.32	0.54	0.40
Gays & Lesbians	22	2387	62.83	26.86	-0.46	-0.20	0.55
Congress	23	2387	41.17	22.32	0.02	-0.34	0.46
Rich People	24	2387	53.53	20.69	-0.13	0.52	0.42
Muslims	25	2387	55.80	25.64	-0.29	-0.23	0.52
Christians	26	2387	74.40	23.80	-0.87	0.35	0.49
Jews	27	2387	72.20	21.19	-0.45	-0.14	0.43
Tea Party	28	2387	42.97	27.08	-0.06	-0.70	0.55
Police	29	2387	75.57	22.50	-1.15	1.13	0.46
Transgender People	30	2387	57.29	26.88	-0.28	-0.31	0.55
Scientists	31	2387	77.74	19.23	-0.77	0.39	0.39
BLM	32	2387	48.26	32.66	-0.06	-1.15	0.67

# Feeling Thermometers: Clinton vs. Trump



```
> rCT<-with(Therms, cor('Dem. Pres. Candidate',  
                        'GOP Pres. Candidate'))
```

```
> rCT  
[1] -0.71227
```

```
> rCT2<-with(Therms, cor.test('Dem. Pres. Candidate',  
                              'GOP Pres. Candidate'))
```

```
> rCT2
```

Pearson's product-moment correlation

data: Dem. Pres. Candidate and GOP Pres. Candidate

t = -49.6, df = 2385, p-value <2e-16

alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-0.73148 -0.69192

sample estimates:

cor  
-0.71227

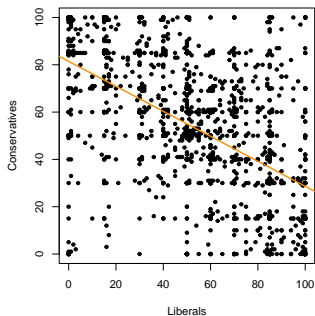
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> # Identical:
```

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>
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```
> (rCT*sqrt(nrow(Therms)-2)) / sqrt(1-(rCT^2))
```

```
[1] -49.557
```

# Liberals and Conservatives



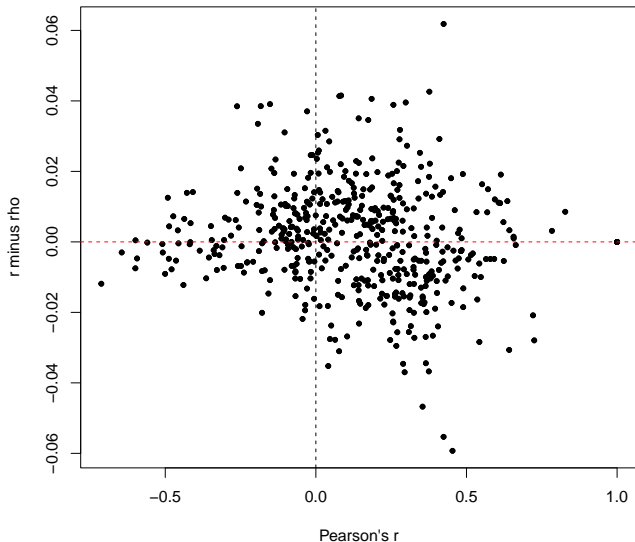
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> rLC<-with(Therms, cor.test(Liberals,Conservatives))  
> rLC
```

Pearson's product-moment correlation

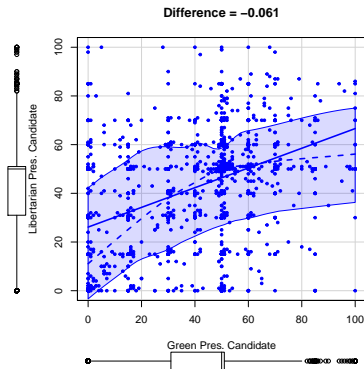
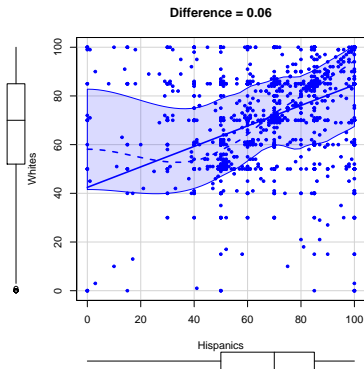
```
data: Liberals and Conservatives  
t = -28.2, df = 2385, p-value <2e-16  
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0  
95 percent confidence interval:  
-0.52983 -0.46966  
sample estimates:  
cor  
-0.50035
```

```
> rhoLC<-with(Therms, SpearmanRho(Liberals,Conservatives))  
> rhoLC  
[1] -0.49128
```

# Pairwise FT Differences between $r$ and $\rho$



# Biggest Differences Between $r$ and $\rho$



# Summary: Measures of Association

Which bivariate measure of association should I use?

		X			
		Nominal	Binary	Ordinal	Interval/Ratio
Y	Nominal	$\chi^2$	$\chi^2$	$\chi^2$	t-test (and $\eta$ )
	Binary	$\chi^2$	$\phi, Q$	$\gamma, \tau_c$	t-test
	Ordinal	$\chi^2$	$\gamma, \tau_c$	$\gamma, \tau_a, \tau_b$	Spearman's $\rho$
	Interval / Ratio	t-test (and $\eta$ )	t-test	Spearman's $\rho$	$r$