Lecture 23: Tests for Independence in Two-Way Tables

Chapter 6.4

Example from Chapter 6.4 page 297: Google is always tinkering with its search ranking algorithm. Say we want to compare the following 3 algorithms:

- 1. the current version
- 2. new test algorithm 1
- 3. new test algorithm 2

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The two levels of new search are independent of algorithm: regardless of which algorithm used, the proportion of new searches stays the same.

Now say instead we observed the following results:

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In this case, they are dependent: depending on which algorithm used, the proportion of new search is different.

Hypothesis Test

Different Names

Let's make the values match the example from the textbook on page 299:

	algorithm			
new search	Current	Test 1	Test 2	Total
No new search	3511	1749	1818	7078
New search	1489	751	682	2922
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Are we observing what we expect? i.e. What is the degree of this deviation?

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New search	$1461 = 0.2922 \times 5000$	730.5	730.5	2922
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Chi-Square Statistic

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Conditions/Assumptions

In the case of χ^2 tests, the degrees of freedom is the number of values needed before you specify all values in the cells of the table.

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i.e. if we know these two values, we can fill the rest of the table.