In-Class 1. Categorical Data Analysis

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Overview

Review of Distributions

Testing Goodness of Fit

Distributions

- Most of 615/685 built upon normal distribution
- This course focuses on what happens when this assumption is violated
- Non-normal distributions for categorical and count data
 - Bernoulli
 - Binomial
 - Multinomial
 - Poisson

Bernoulli

Let the random variable X take on two values, 0 and 1, with the following distribution:

$$P(X = 1) = p$$

 $P(X = 0) = 1 - p$

This is called a *Bernoulli* random variable. It is denoted $X \sim Ber(p)$.

Bernoulli

Bernoulli distribution expected value and variance:

$$E[X] = p$$

$$V(X) = p(1 - p)$$

Binomial

Properties of \hat{p} from a Binomial Distribution

- p̂ is a random variable
- \hat{p} is unbiased
- $(\hat{p}) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$
- **1** The MLE for any one-to-one function of p, $\theta = g(p)$ is $\hat{\theta} = g(\hat{p})$

Let **X** be a $k \times 1$ dimensional random vector which has all its components equal to zero, except for one which is equal to 1.

Further, we assume that:

$$\mathbf{X}' = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$$

$$P(X_j = 1) = p_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, k$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$$

Example of a variable with a multinomial distribution (k = 5):

Overall Health Status

1=Excellent

2=Very Good

3=Good

4=Fair

5=Poor

Properties of \hat{p} from a Multinomial Distribution

- p is a random vector
- \hat{p} is unbiased
- **3** $V(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) = n^{-1}[diag(\boldsymbol{p}) \boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p}'], \ V(\hat{p}_i) = \frac{p_i(1-p_i)}{n}, \ C(\hat{p}_i, \hat{p}_j) = \frac{-p_ip_j}{n}$
- **4** For large n, $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}-\boldsymbol{p}) \rightarrow N_k(\boldsymbol{0}, diag(\boldsymbol{p})-\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{p'})$
- **5** The MLE for any one-to-one function $\theta = g(\mathbf{p})$ is $\hat{\theta} = g(\hat{\mathbf{p}})$

We can characterize any element of a multinomial distribution as a binomial of the form:

$$Y_i \sim Bin(n, p_i)$$

 $E[Y_i] = np_i$
 $V(Y_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$

We have 1301 plants from a plant-breeding experiment. The question is, how often does each variety result from this particular combination of plants. The following are the observed counts of each variety:

Variety	Count	
Green	773	
Golden	231	
Green-Striped	238	
Golden-Green-Striped	59	
Sum	1301	

Genetics predicts 9/16, 3/16, 3/16 and 1/16 as the distribution of varieties. We will use these predictions as our H_0 .

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What is the probability that a "Green" variety will result?

$$Pr(Green) = \hat{p}_1 = \frac{773}{1301} = 0.59$$

What is the variance of this estimate?

$$V(\hat{p}_1) = \frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n} = \frac{.59(1-.59)}{1301} = 0.000185345$$

What is the probability that a "Golden" or "Golden-Green-Striped" will result?

Pr(Golden or Golden-Green-Striped)=
$$\hat{p}_2 + \hat{p}_4 = \frac{231+59}{1301} = 0.223$$

What is the variance of this estimate?

$$\begin{split} \hat{V}(\hat{p}_{2} + \hat{p}_{4}) &= \hat{V}(\hat{p}_{2}) + \hat{V}(\hat{p}_{4}) + 2C(\hat{p}_{2}, \hat{p}_{4}) \\ &= \frac{\hat{p}_{2}(1 - \hat{p}_{2})}{n} + \frac{\hat{p}_{4}(1 - \hat{p}_{4})}{n} + 2[\frac{-(\hat{p}_{2}\hat{p}_{4})}{n}] \\ &= \frac{.1776(1 - .1776)}{1301} + \frac{.0453(1 - .0453)}{1301} + 2[\frac{-(.1776[.0453])}{1301}] \\ &= 0.000133143 \end{split}$$

The following R code can also be used to create a solution:

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## Example 1
varieties<-c(773,231,238,59)

p1<-varieties[1]/sum(varieties)
var_p1<-(1-p1)*p1/sum(varieties)

p2_4<-sum(varieties[c(2,4)])/sum(varieties)
var_p2_4<-(1-p2_4)*p2_4/sum(varieties)</pre>
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Poisson

Let Y_i be a Poisson random variable with parameter m_i for i = 1, ..., k. We write $Y_i \sim Poisson(m_i)$. Define $\mathbf{Y}' = (Y_1, ..., Y_k)$.

We can write the pmf of Y_i as:

$$Pr(Y_i = y_i) = \frac{e^{-m_i} m_i^{y_i}}{y_i!}$$

for $y_i = 0, 1, \ldots, \infty$.

Poisson

The mean and variance of the Poisson distribution are:

$$E[Y_i] = m_i$$

 $V(Y_i) = m_i$

Poisson

Properties of \hat{m} from Poisson Sampling

- m is a random vector
- \hat{m} is unbiased
- $V(\hat{m}) = diag(m)$
- **1** The MLE for any one-to-one function $\theta = g(\mathbf{m})$ is $\hat{\theta} = g(\hat{\mathbf{m}})$

Tests of Goodness of Fit

Let (n_1, \ldots, n_k) denote the observed responses on a multinomial random vector with parameters n and $\mathbf{p}' = (p_1, \ldots, p_k)$, where $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$.

We want to test the hypothesis: $H_0: \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p_0}$ versus $H_A: \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{p_0}$ where we specify the vector $\mathbf{p_0}$.

Tests of Goodness of Fit

We looked two tests of this hypothesis:

- Pearson Chi-Square Statistic (X²)
- 2 Likelihood Ratio Statistic (G2)

χ^2 Distribution

These statistics (and many others) follow a χ^2 distribution.

They follow this form:

$$\frac{(\widehat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2}{\operatorname{var}(\widehat{\theta})} \tag{1}$$

This class of tests are sometimes called Wald tests

Pearson Chi-Square Statistic

$$X^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(O_{i} - E_{i})^{2}}{E_{i}}$$

where $O_i = n_i$ is the observed count in the i^{th} category, and $E_i = np_{0i}$ is the expected count in the i^{th} category (from H_0).

Likelihood Ratio Statistic

Using the notation from the likelihood:

$$G^2 = 2\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \ln \left(\frac{n_i}{np_{0i}}\right)$$

Or, we can write using the "observed" versus "expected" notation from above:

$$G^2 = 2\sum_{i=1}^k O_i \ln \left(\frac{O_i}{E_i}\right)$$

Likelihood Ratio Statistic

In practice, X^2 and G^2 are quite close, which makes sense as they both have the same asymptotic distribution.

We can show this by rewriting G^2 in the form of X^2 :

$$G^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(O_{i} - E_{i})^{2}}{E_{i}} - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k} O_{i} R\left(\frac{E_{i}}{O_{i}}\right) \approx X^{2}$$

If we assume that $O_i \approx E_i$, then the last part drops out and the two are the same.

- We have the 1301 plants from the plant-breeding experiment.
- Genetics gives us expected counts H_0 of each variety. (9/16, 3/16, 3/16, 1/16)
 - $\frac{9}{16} \times 1301 = 731.815$
 - $\frac{3}{16} \times 1301 = 243.938$
 - \bullet $\frac{1}{16} \times 1301 = 81.313$

Complete the table and interpret the result:

Variety (i)	Observed	Expected	$\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	$2O_{i}ln\left(rac{O_{i}}{E_{i}} ight)$
Green	773	731.815	?	?
Golden	231	243.9375	?	?
Green-Striped	238	243.9375	?	?
Golden-Green-Striped	59	81.3125	?	?
Sum			?	?

The following are the observed and expected quantities:

Variety (i)	Observed	Expected	$\frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$	$2O_i ln\left(\frac{O_i}{E_i}\right)$
Green	773	731.815	2.317805	84.64551
Golden	231	243.9375	0.686155	-25.17638
Green-Striped	238	243.9375	0.14452	-11.72929
Golden-Green-Striped	59	81.3125	6.122646	-37.84995
Sum			9.271126	9.88988

Compare these values to a χ_3^2 with specified α . These values exceed the cutoff value for $\alpha=0.05$ (7.815) but not for $\alpha=0.01$ (11.34).

R Demonstration:

```
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p2_4<-sum(varieties[c(2,4)])/sum(varieties)
var_p2_4<-(1-p2_4)*p2_4/sum(varieties)</pre>
```

R Demonstration (cont.):

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## Hypothesis Test
\exp_p<-c(0.5625, 0.1875, 0.1875, 0.0625)
#Pearson chi-sq
test1<-chisq.test(varieties,p=exp p)
#Likelihood ratio test
sim < -0
for (i in 1:4) sum<-sum+2*(varieties[i]*
log(varieties[i]/(exp p[i]*1301)))
1-pchisq(sum, 3)
1-pchisq(test1$statistic,3)
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