

Practice: Using the Table Analysis Task to Perform Tests and Measures of Association

The insurance company wants to determine whether a vehicle's safety score is associated with either the region in which it was manufactured or the vehicle's size. The **safety** data set contains the data about vehicle safety.

- Use the Table Analysis task to create the crosstabulation of the variables Region by Unsafe. Along with the default output, generate the expected frequencies, the chi-square test of association, and the odds ratio.
 - 1. In the Navigation pane, select **Tasks and Utilities**.
 - 2. Expand Tasks.
 - 3. Expand Statistics and open the Table Analysis task.
 - 4. Select the **stat1.safety** table.
 - 5. Assign **Region** to the Row variables role and **Unsafe** to the Column variables role.
 - 6. On the OPTIONS tab, expand **PLOTS** and select the **Suppress plots** check box.
 - 7. Expand FREQUENCY TABLE.
 - Under Frequencies, select Expected in addition to Observed, which should already be selected.
 - 9. Under Percentages, select Cell, Row, and Column.
 - Under Statistics, select Odds ratio and relative risk (for 2X2 tables) in addition to Chisquare statistics, which should already be selected.
 - 11. Click Run.

Here are the results.

2. For the cars made in Asia, what percentage had a Below Average safety score?

Region is a row variable, so look at the Row Pct value in the *Below Average* cell of the *Asia* row. Of the cars made in Asia, 42.86% have a Below Average safety score.

3. For the cars with an Average or Above safety score, what percentage was made in North America?

Look at the Col Pct value in the *Average or Above* cell of the *N America* row. Of the cars with an Average or Above safety score, 69.70% were made in North America.

4. Do you see a statistically significant (at the 0.05 level) association between **Region** and **Unsafe**?

The association is not statistically significant at the 0.05 alpha level. The p-value is 0.0631.

5. What does the odds ratio compare? What does this suggest about the difference in odds between Asian and North American cars?

The odds ratio compares the odds of Below Average safety for North America versus Asia. The odds ratio of 0.4348 means that cars made in North America have 56.52% lower odds for being unsafe than cars made in Asia.

Note: Recall that the odds ratios in the Estimates of Relative Risk table are calculated by comparing

row1/row2 for column1. In this problem, this comparison is Asia to N America and the outcome is Average or Above in safety. The value 0.4348 is interpreted as the odds of an Average or Above car made in Asia is 0.4348 times the odds for American-made cars. If you want to compare N America to Asia, still using Average or Above for safety, the odds ratio would be the inverse of 0.4348, or approximately 2.3. This is interpreted as cars made in North America have 2.3 times the odds for being safe than cars made in Asia. This single inversion would also create the odds ratio for comparing Asia to N America but Below Average in safety. If you want to compare N America to Asia using Below Average in safety, you invert your odds ratio twice and return to the value 0.4348.

- 6. Use the Table Analysis task to create the crosstabulation of the variables **Size** and **Unsafe**. Along wtih the default output, generate the measures of ordinal association.
 - 1. Modify the **Table Analysis** task by assigning **Size** to the Row variables role.
 - a. Select Region and click the Remove Column icon.
 - b. Assign Size to the Row variables role.
 - 2. On the OPTIONS tab, clear the option to include **Expected** frequencies.
 - 3. Under Statistics, select Measures of association.
 - Modify the code to include confidence bounds in the table. On the CODE tab, click the Edit SAS code icon.
 - 5. Enter cl in the options list (after the slash) in the TABLES statement.
 - 6. Click Run.

Here are the results.

7. What statistic do you use to detect an ordinal association between Size and Unsafe?

The Mantel-Haenszel chi-square detects an ordinal association.

8. Do you reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis at the 0.05 level?

You reject the null hypothesis at the 0.05 level.

9. What is the strength of the ordinal association between Size and Unsafe?

The Spearman Correlation is -0.5425.

10. What is the 95% confidence interval around the statistic that measures the strength of the ordinal association?

The confidence interval is (-0.6932, -0.3917).

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