

(Lect. 37)

10.11 Goodness-of-Fit Test

Here we will discuss a test, which is based on how good a fit we have between the frequency of occurrence of observations in an observed sample and the expected frequencies obtained from the hypothesized distribution.

A goodness-of-fit test between observed and expected frequencies is based on the quantity.

Procedure:

Step 1:

Select a fixed significance level α .

Step 2:

State the Null Hypothesis H_0 and alternative hypothesis H_1 that is we have to test the Null Hypothesis H_0 against the alternative hypothesis H_1

Step 3:

Determine

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}$$

where χ^2 is a value of a random variable whose sampling distribution is approximated very closely by the chi-squared distribution with $v = k - 1$ degrees of freedom.

The symbols o_i and e_i represent the observed and expected frequencies, respectively, for the i^{th} cell.

k represents number of cell.

Step 4:

Determine critical value χ_α^2 using the following equation

$P(\chi^2 > \chi_\alpha^2) = \alpha$ with $k - 1$ degrees of freedom (Use χ^2 distribution table)

Step 5:

Determine the critical region and fail to reject region based on α , using χ^2 -distribution table with $k - 1$ degrees of freedom.

Critical region is $\chi^2 > \chi_\alpha^2$

Fail to reject region is $\chi^2 \leq \chi_\alpha^2$

Question No 80

The grades in a statistics course for a particular semester were as follows:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>f</i>	14	18	32	20	16

(0.1)

Test the hypothesis, at the 0.05 level of significance, that the distribution of grades is uniform.

Solution:

Step 1: Given $\alpha = 0.05$

Step 2:

we have to test the Null Hypothesis

H_0 : Distribution of grades is uniform against the alternative hypothesis

H_1 : Distribution of grades is not uniform

Step 3:

Here $k=5$ = number of cells

o_i : represents the observed frequencies, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$o_1=14, o_2=18, o_3=32, o_4=20, o_5=16$

e_i : represent expected frequencies, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$$e_i = \frac{14 + 18 + 32 + 20 + 16}{5} = 20$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} = \frac{(14 - 20)^2}{20} + \frac{(18 - 20)^2}{20} + \frac{(32 - 20)^2}{20} + \frac{(20 - 20)^2}{20} + \frac{(16 - 20)^2}{20} = 10$$

Step 4:

Determine critical value χ_{α}^2 using the following equation

$P(\chi^2 > \chi_{\alpha}^2) = 0.05$ with $k - 1 = 5 - 1 = 4$ degrees of freedom (Use χ^2 distribution table)

Now $\chi_{\alpha}^2 = \chi_{0.05}^2 = 9.488$

Step 5:

As here $\chi^2 = 10 > \chi_{\alpha}^2 = 9.488$.

So it satisfy critical region (reject region) ($\chi^2 > \chi_{\alpha}^2$)

So we reject the null hypothesis and not to fail alternative hypothesis.

Our conclusion is the distribution of grades is not uniform.

Question No 83

A coin is thrown until a head occurs and the number X of tosses recorded. After repeating the experiment 256 times, we obtained the following results:

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f	136	60	34	12	9	1	3	1

(0.2)

Test the hypothesis, at the 0.05 level of significance, that the observed distribution of X may be fitted by the geometric distribution $g(x; 1/2)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Solution:

Step 1:

Given $\alpha = 0.05$

Step 2:

We have to test the Null Hypothesis

H_0 : Observed distribution of X is fitted by the geometric distribution

$g(x; 1/2)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ against the alternative hypothesis

H_1 : Observed distribution of X is not fitted by the geometric distribution

$g(x; 1/2)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Also we represent $H_0 : f(x) = g(x; 1/2)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

and $H_1 : f(x) \neq g(x; 1/2)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Step 3:

We know the geometric distribution $g(x; p) = pq^{x-1}$

p =Probability of getting head $=\frac{1}{2}$

q =Probability of getting tail $=\frac{1}{2}$

$$g(x; 1/2) = pq^{x-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-1} = \frac{1}{2^x}, x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$g(x; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^x}, x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$g(1; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$g(2; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$g(3; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$g(4; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$g(5; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^5} = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$g(6; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^6} = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$g(7; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^7} = \frac{1}{128}$$

$$g(8; 1/2) = \frac{1}{2^8} = \frac{1}{256}$$

Here $k=8$ = number of cells

o_i : the observed frequencies, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$

$o_1=136, o_2=60, o_3=34, o_4=12, o_5=9, o_6=1, o_7=3, o_8=1$

Total number of observed frequencies $= 136 + 60 + 34 + 12 + 9 + 1 + 3 + 1 = 256$

Now we have to calculate all the expected frequencies, e_i , $i=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8$

$$e_1 = 256(g(1; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{2}) = 128$$

$$e_2 = 256(g(2; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{4}) = 64$$

$$e_3 = 256(g(3; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{8}) = 32$$

$$e_4 = 256(g(4; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{16}) = 16$$

$$e_5 = 256(g(5; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{32}) = 8$$

$$e_6 = 256(g(6; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{64}) = 4$$

$$e_7 = 256(g(7; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{128}) = 2$$

$$e_8 = 256(g(8; 1/2)) = 256(\frac{1}{248}) = 1$$

Now

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^8 \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}$$

$$= \frac{(136 - 128)^2}{128} + \frac{(60 - 64)^2}{64} + \frac{(34 - 32)^2}{32} + \frac{(12 - 16)^2}{16} + \frac{(9 - 8)^2}{8} + \frac{(1 - 4)^2}{4} + \frac{(3 - 2)^2}{2} + \frac{(1 - 1)^2}{1} = 3.125$$

Step 4: Determine critical value χ_{α}^2 using the following equation

$P(\chi^2 > \chi_{\alpha}^2) = 0.05$ with $k - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$ degrees of freedom (Use χ^2 distribution table) Now $\chi_{\alpha}^2 = \chi_{0.05}^2 = 14.067$

Step 5:

As here $\chi^2 = 3.125 < \chi_{\alpha}^2 = 14.067$.

So it satisfy fail to reject region ($\chi^2 \leq \chi_{\alpha}^2$)

So we Fail to reject the null hypothesis.

Our conclusion is $f(x) = g(x; 1/2)$.