

Multiway Frequency Tables

Multi-way frequency analysis

- A study of gender and eyewear-wearing finds the following frequencies:

Gender	Contacts	Glasses	None
Female	121	32	129
Male	42	37	85

- Is there association between eyewear and gender?
- Normally answer this with chisquare test (based on observed and expected frequencies from null hypothesis of no association).
- Two categorical variables and a frequency.
- We assess in way that generalizes to more categorical variables.

The data file

```
gender contacts glasses none
female 121      32      129
male   42      37      85
```

- This is *not tidy*!
- Two variables are gender and eyewear, and those numbers all frequencies.

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/eyewear.txt"
(eyewear <- read_delim(my_url, " "))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 4
##   gender contacts glasses  none
##   <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 female     121      32    129
## 2 male       42      37     85
```

Tidying the data

```
eyewear %>%  
  pivot_longer(contacts:none, names_to="eyewear",  
               values_to="frequency") -> eyes  
  
eyes
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3  
##   gender eyewear frequency  
##   <chr>   <chr>         <dbl>  
## 1 female contacts      121  
## 2 female glasses       32  
## 3 female none        129  
## 4 male   contacts       42  
## 5 male   glasses       37  
## 6 male   none         85
```

Making tidy data back into a table

- use `pivot_wider`
- or this (we use it again later):

```
xt <- xtabs(frequency ~ gender + eyewear, data = eyes)
xt
```

```
##           eyewear
## gender  contacts glasses none
##   female      121      32  129
##   male        42      37   85
```

Modelling

- Predict frequency from other factors and combos.
- glm with poisson family.

```
eyes.1 <- glm(frequency ~ gender * eyewear,  
  data = eyes,  
  family = "poisson"  
)
```

- Called **log-linear model**.

What can we get rid of?

```
drop1(eyes.1, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## frequency ~ gender * eyewear
```

```
##           Df Deviance   AIC    LRT  Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>           0.000 47.958
```

```
## gender:eyewear  2   17.829 61.787 17.829 0.0001345
```

```
##
```

```
## <none>
```

```
## gender:eyewear ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:
```

```
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
nothing!
```

Conclusions

- drop1 says what we can remove at this step. Significant = must stay.
- Cannot remove anything.
- Frequency depends on gender-wear *combination*, cannot be simplified further.
- Gender and eyewear are *associated*.
- Stop here.

prop.table

Original table:

```
xt
```

```
##           eyewear
## gender  contacts glasses none
##  female      121      32  129
##   male       42      37   85
```

Calculate eg. row proportions like this:

```
prop.table(xt, margin = 1)
```

```
##           eyewear
## gender  contacts glasses      none
##  female 0.4290780 0.1134752 0.4574468
##   male  0.2560976 0.2256098 0.5182927
```

Comments

- `margin` says what to make add to 1.
- More females wear contacts and more males wear glasses.

No association

- Suppose table had been as shown below:

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/eyewear2.txt"
eyewear2 <- read_table(my_url)
eyewear2 %>%
  pivot_longer(contact = none, names_to = "eyewear",
               values_to = "frequency") -> eyes2
xt2 <- xtabs(frequency ~ gender + eyewear, data = eyes2)
xt2
```

```
##           eyewear
## gender  contacts glasses none
## female      150      30  120
## male        75      16   62
```

```
prop.table(xt2, margin = 1)
```

```
##           eyewear
## gender  contacts glasses      none
## female 0.5000000 0.1000000 0.4000000
## male   0.4901961 0.1045752 0.4052288
```

Comments

- Females and males wear contacts and glasses *in same proportions*
 - though more females and more contact-wearers.
- No *association* between gender and eyewear.

Analysis for revised data

```
eyes.2 <- glm(frequency ~ gender * eyewear,  
  data = eyes2,  
  family = "poisson"  
)  
drop1(eyes.2, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## frequency ~ gender * eyewear
```

##		Df	Deviance	AIC	LRT	Pr(>Chi)
##	<none>		0.000000	47.467		
##	gender:eyewear	2	0.047323	43.515	0.047323	0.9766

No longer any association. Take out interaction.

No interaction

```
eyes.3 <- update(eyes.2, . ~ . - gender:eyewear)
drop1(eyes.3, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## frequency ~ gender + eyewear
##           Df Deviance      AIC      LRT  Pr(>Chi)
## <none>           0.047   43.515
## gender      1   48.624   90.091   48.577 3.176e-12 ***
## eyewear     2  138.130  177.598  138.083 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

- More females (gender effect)
- more contact-wearers (eyewear effect)

• no association (no interaction)

Chest pain, being overweight and being a smoker

- In a hospital emergency department, 176 subjects who attended for acute chest pain took part in a study.
- Each subject had a normal or abnormal electrocardiogram reading (ECG), were overweight (as judged by BMI) or not, and were a smoker or not.
- How are these three variables related, or not?

The data

In modelling-friendly format:

```
ecg bmi smoke count
abnormal overweight yes 47
abnormal overweight no 10
abnormal normalweight yes 8
abnormal normalweight no 6
normal overweight yes 25
normal overweight no 15
normal normalweight yes 35
normal normalweight no 30
```


First step

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/ecg.txt"
chest <- read_delim(my_url, " ")
chest.1 <- glm(count ~ ecg * bmi * smoke,
  data = chest,
  family = "poisson"
)
drop1(chest.1, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## count ~ ecg * bmi * smoke
```

```
##           Df Deviance    AIC    LRT Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>           0.0000 53.707
```

```
## ecg:bmi:smoke  1   1.3885 53.096 1.3885  0.2387
```

That 3-way interaction comes out.

Removing the 3-way interaction

```
chest.2 <- update(chest.1, . ~ . - ecg:bmi:smoke)
drop1(chest.2, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## count ~ ecg + bmi + smoke + ecg:bmi + ecg:smoke + bmi:smoke
##           Df Deviance    AIC      LRT  Pr(>Chi)
## <none>           1.3885 53.096
## ecg:bmi      1  29.0195 78.727 27.6310 1.468e-07 ***
## ecg:smoke    1   4.8935 54.601  3.5050  0.06119 .
## bmi:smoke    1   4.4689 54.176  3.0803  0.07924 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

At $\alpha = 0.05$, bmi:smoke comes out.

Removing bmi:smoke

```
chest.3 <- update(chest.2, . ~ . - bmi:smoke)
drop1(chest.3, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## count ~ ecg + bmi + smoke + ecg:bmi + ecg:smoke
##           Df Deviance      AIC      LRT  Pr(>Chi)
## <none>           4.469 54.176
## ecg:bmi      1   36.562 84.270 32.094 1.469e-08 ***
## ecg:smoke    1   12.436 60.144  7.968  0.004762 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

ecg:smoke has become significant. So we have to stop.

Understanding the final model

- Thinking of `ecg` as “response” that might depend on anything else.
- What is associated with `ecg`? Both `bmi` on its own and `smoke` on its own, but *not* the combination of both.
- `ecg:bmi` table:

```
xtabs(count ~ ecg + bmi, data = chest)
```

##	bmi		
## ecg	normalweight	overweight	
## abnormal	14	57	
## normal	65	40	

- Most normal weight people have a normal ECG, but a majority of overweight people have an *abnormal* ECG. That is, knowing about BMI says something about likely ECG.

ecg:smoke

- ecg:smoke table:

```
xtabs(count ~ ecg + smoke, data = chest)
```

```
##           smoke
## ecg         no  yes
##  abnormal 16   55
##   normal  45   60
```

- Most nonsmokers have a normal ECG, but smokers are about 50–50 normal and abnormal ECG.
- Don't look at smoke:bmi table since not significant.

Simpson's paradox: the airlines example

Airport	Alaska Airlines		America West	
	On time	Delayed	On time	Delayed
Los Angeles	497	62	694	117
Phoenix	221	12	4840	415
San Diego	212	20	383	65
San Francisco	503	102	320	129
Seattle	1841	305	201	61
Total	3274	501	6438	787

Use status as variable name for “on time/delayed”.

- Alaska: 13.3% flights delayed ($501/(3274 + 501)$).
- America West: 10.9% ($787/(6438 + 787)$).
- America West more punctual, right?

Arranging the data

- Can only have single thing in columns, so we have to construct column names like this:

airport	aa_ontime	aa_delayed	aw_ontime	aw_delayed
LosAngeles	497	62	694	117
Phoenix	221	12	4840	415
SanDiego	212	20	383	65
SanFrancisco	503	102	320	129
Seattle	1841	305	201	61

- Read in:

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/airlines.txt"
airlines <- read_table2(my_url)
```

```
## Warning: `read_table2()` was deprecated in readr 2.0.0.
## Please use `read_table()` instead.
```

Tidying

- Some tidying gets us the right layout, with frequencies all in one column and the airline and delayed/on time status separated out. This uses one of the fancy versions of `pivot_longer`:

```
airlines %>%  
  pivot_longer(-airport,  
               names_to = c("airline", "status"),  
               names_sep = "_",  
               values_to = "freq" ) -> punctual
```


The data frame punctual

```
## # A tibble: 20 x 4
##   airport      airline status   freq
##   <chr>        <chr>   <chr> <dbl>
## 1 LosAngeles   aa      ontime  497
## 2 LosAngeles   aa      delayed  62
## 3 LosAngeles   aw      ontime  694
## 4 LosAngeles   aw      delayed  117
## 5 Phoenix      aa      ontime  221
## 6 Phoenix      aa      delayed  12
## 7 Phoenix      aw      ontime  4840
## 8 Phoenix      aw      delayed  415
## 9 SanDiego     aa      ontime  212
## 10 SanDiego    aa      delayed  20
## 11 SanDiego    aw      ontime  383
## 12 SanDiego    aw      delayed  65
## 13 SanFrancisco aa      ontime  503
## 14 SanFrancisco aa      delayed  102
## 15 SanFrancisco aw      ontime  320
## 16 SanFrancisco aw      delayed  129
## 17 Seattle     aa      ontime  1841
## 18 Seattle     aa      delayed  305
## 19 Seattle     aw      ontime  201
## 20 Seattle     aw      delayed  61
```

Proportions delayed by airline

- Two-step process: get appropriate subtable:

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ airline + status, data = punctual)
xt
```

```
##           status
## airline delayed ontime
##      aa      501   3274
##      aw      787   6438
```

- and then calculate appropriate proportions:

```
prop.table(xt, margin = 1)
```

```
##           status
## airline  delayed   ontime
##      aa 0.1327152 0.8672848
##      aw 0.1089273 0.8910727
```

- More of Alaska Airlines' flights delayed (13.3% vs. 10.9%).

Proportion delayed by airport, for each airline

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ airline + status + airport, data = punctual)
xp <- prop.table(xt, margin = c(1, 3))
ftable(xp,
  row.vars = c("airport", "airline"),
  col.vars = "status"
)
```

##		status	delayed	ontime
##	airport	airline		
##	LosAngeles	aa	0.11091234	0.88908766
##		aw	0.14426634	0.85573366
##	Phoenix	aa	0.05150215	0.94849785
##		aw	0.07897241	0.92102759
##	SanDiego	aa	0.08620690	0.91379310
##		aw	0.14508929	0.85491071
##	SanFrancisco	aa	0.16859504	0.83140496
##		aw	0.28730512	0.71269488
##	Seattle	aa	0.14212488	0.85787512
##		aw	0.23282443	0.76717557

Simpson's Paradox

Airport	Alaska	America West
Los Angeles	11.4	14.4
Phoenix	5.2	7.9
San Diego	8.6	14.5
San Francisco	16.9	28.7
Seattle	14.2	23.2
Total	13.3	10.9

- America West more punctual overall,
- but worse at *every single* airport!
- How is that possible?
- Log-linear analysis sheds some light.

Model 1 and output

```
punctual.1 <- glm(freq ~ airport * airline * status,  
  data = punctual, family = "poisson"  
)  
drop1(punctual.1, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## freq ~ airport * airline * status
```

```
##           Df Deviance    AIC    LRT
```

```
## <none>           0.0000 183.44
```

```
## airport:airline:status  4    3.2166 178.65 3.2166
```

```
##           Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>
```

```
## airport:airline:status  0.5223
```

Remove 3-way interaction

```
punctual.2 <- update(punctual.1, ~ . - airport:airline:status)
drop1(punctual.2, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## freq ~ airport + airline + status + airport:airline + airport:status +
##      airline:status
```

```
##              Df Deviance      AIC      LRT  Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>              3.2   178.7
```

```
## airport:airline    4   6432.5 6599.9 6429.2 < 2.2e-16
```

```
## airport:status     4    240.1  407.5  236.9 < 2.2e-16
```

```
## airline:status     1     45.5  218.9   42.2 8.038e-11
```

```
##
```

```
## <none>
```

```
## airport:airline ***
```

```
## airport:status ***
```

```
## airline:status ***
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:
```

Understanding the significance

- `airline:status:`

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ airline + status, data = punctual)
prop.table(xt, margin = 1)
```

```
##           status
## airline  delayed  ontime
##      aa 0.1327152 0.8672848
##      aw 0.1089273 0.8910727
```

- More of Alaska Airlines' flights delayed overall.
- Saw this before.

Understanding the significance (2)

- `airport:status:`

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ airport + status, data = punctual)
prop.table(xt, margin = 1)
```

##	status	
## airport	delayed	ontime
## LosAngeles	0.13065693	0.86934307
## Phoenix	0.07780612	0.92219388
## SanDiego	0.12500000	0.87500000
## SanFrancisco	0.21916509	0.78083491
## Seattle	0.15199336	0.84800664

- Flights into San Francisco (and maybe Seattle) are often late, and flights into Phoenix are usually on time.
- Considerable variation among airports.

Understanding the significance (3)

- airport:airline:

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ airport + airline, data = punctual)
prop.table(xt, margin = 2)
```

```
##                airline
## airport          aa          aw
##  LosAngeles  0.14807947 0.11224913
##   Phoenix    0.06172185 0.72733564
##  SanDiego     0.06145695 0.06200692
##  SanFrancisco 0.16026490 0.06214533
##   Seattle    0.56847682 0.03626298
```

- What fraction of each airline's flights are to each airport.
- Most of Alaska Airlines' flights to Seattle and San Francisco.
- Most of America West's flights to Phoenix.

The resolution

- Most of America West's flights to Phoenix, where it is easy to be on time.
- Most of Alaska Airlines' flights to San Francisco and Seattle, where it is difficult to be on time.
- Overall comparison looks bad for Alaska because of this.
- But, *comparing like with like*, if you compare each airline's performance *to the same airport*, Alaska does better.
- Aggregating over the very different airports was a (big) mistake: that was the cause of the Simpson's paradox.
- Alaska Airlines is *more* punctual when you do the proper comparison.

Ovarian cancer: a four-way table

- Retrospective study of ovarian cancer done in 1973.
- Information about 299 women operated on for ovarian cancer 10 years previously.
- Recorded:
 - stage of cancer (early or advanced)
 - type of operation (radical or limited)
 - X-ray treatment received (yes or no)
 - 10-year survival (yes or no)
- Survival looks like response (suggests logistic regression).
- Log-linear model finds any associations at all.

The data

after tidying:

```
stage operation xray survival freq
early radical no no 10
early radical no yes 41
early radical yes no 17
early radical yes yes 64
early limited no no 1
early limited no yes 13
early limited yes no 3
early limited yes yes 9
advanced radical no no 38
advanced radical no yes 6
advanced radical yes no 64
advanced radical yes yes 11
advanced limited no no 3
advanced limited no yes 1
advanced limited yes no 13
advanced limited yes yes 5
```

Reading in data

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/cancer.txt"
cancer <- read_delim(my_url, " ")
cancer %>% slice(1:6)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##   stage operation xray  survival  freq
##   <chr> <chr>      <chr> <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 early radical   no    no       10
## 2 early radical   no    yes      41
## 3 early radical   yes   no       17
## 4 early radical   yes   yes      64
## 5 early limited   no    no        1
## 6 early limited   no    yes      13
```

Model 1

hopefully looking familiar by now:

```
cancer.1 <- glm(freq ~ stage * operation * xray * survival,  
  data = cancer, family = "poisson"  
)
```

Output 1

See what we can remove:

```
drop1(cancer.1, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## freq ~ stage * operation * xray * survival
##              Df Deviance      AIC
## <none>              0.00000 98.130
## stage:operation:xray:survival  1  0.60266 96.732
##                               LRT Pr(>Chi)
## <none>
## stage:operation:xray:survival 0.60266   0.4376
```

Non-significant interaction can come out.

Model 2

```
cancer.2 <- update(cancer.1, . ~ . - stage:operation:xray:survival)
drop1(cancer.2, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## freq ~ stage + operation + xray + survival + stage:operation +
##      stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + operation:survival +
##      xray:survival + stage:operation:xray + stage:operation:survival +
##      stage:xray:survival + operation:xray:survival
```

```
##              Df Deviance    AIC    LRT
```

```
## <none>              0.60266 96.732
```

```
## stage:operation:xray      1  2.35759 96.487 1.75493
```

```
## stage:operation:survival  1  1.17730 95.307 0.57465
```

```
## stage:xray:survival      1  0.95577 95.085 0.35311
```

```
## operation:xray:survival  1  1.23378 95.363 0.63113
```

```
##              Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>
```

```
## stage:operation:xray      0.1853
```

```
## stage:operation:survival  0.4484
```

```
## stage:xray:survival      0.5524
```

```
## operation:xray:survival  0.4269
```

Least significant term is stage:operation:survival

Take out stage:xray:survival

```
cancer.3 <- update(cancer.2, . ~ . - stage:xray:survival)
drop1(cancer.3, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## freq ~ stage + operation + xray + survival + stage:operation +
##       stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + operation:survival +
##       xray:survival + stage:operation:xray + stage:operation:survival +
##       operation:xray:survival
##
##           Df Deviance    AIC    LRT
## <none>           0.95577 95.085
## stage:operation:xray      1  3.08666 95.216 2.13089
## stage:operation:survival  1  1.56605 93.696 0.61029
## operation:xray:survival   1  1.55124 93.681 0.59547
##
##           Pr(>Chi)
## <none>
## stage:operation:xray      0.1444
## stage:operation:survival   0.4347
## operation:xray:survival    0.4403
```

operation:xray:survival comes out next.

Remove operation:xray:survival

```
cancer.4 <- update(cancer.3, . ~ . - operation:xray:survival)
drop1(cancer.4, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## freq ~ stage + operation + xray + survival + stage:operation +
##      stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + operation:survival +
##      xray:survival + stage:operation:xray + stage:operation:survival
```

	Df	Deviance	AIC	LRT
## <none>		1.5512	93.681	
## xray:survival	1	1.6977	91.827	0.1464
## stage:operation:xray	1	6.8420	96.972	5.2907
## stage:operation:survival	1	1.9311	92.061	0.3799

```
## Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>
```

## xray:survival	0.70196
## stage:operation:xray	0.02144 *
## stage:operation:survival	0.53768

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:
```

```
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Comments

- `stage:operation:xray` has now become significant, so won't remove that.
- Shows value of removing terms one at a time.
- There are no higher-order interactions containing both `xray` and `survival`, so now we get to test (and remove) `xray:survival`.

Remove xray:survival

```
cancer.5 <- update(cancer.4, . ~ . - xray:survival)
drop1(cancer.5, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## freq ~ stage + operation + xray + survival + stage:operation +
##      stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + operation:survival +
##      stage:operation:xray + stage:operation:survival
##              Df Deviance      AIC      LRT
## <none>              1.6977 91.827
## stage:operation:xray      1   6.9277 95.057 5.2300
## stage:operation:survival  1   2.0242 90.154 0.3265
##              Pr(>Chi)
## <none>
## stage:operation:xray      0.0222 *
## stage:operation:survival  0.5677
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Remove stage:operation:survival

```
cancer.6 <- update(cancer.5, . ~ . - stage:operation:survival)
drop1(cancer.6, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
## freq ~ stage + operation + xray + survival + stage:operation +
##      stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + operation:survival +
##      stage:operation:xray
```

	Df	Deviance	AIC	LRT
## <none>		2.024	90.154	
## stage:survival	1	135.198	221.327	133.173
## operation:survival	1	4.116	90.245	2.092
## stage:operation:xray	1	7.254	93.384	5.230

Pr(>Chi)

```
## <none>
```

## stage:survival	<2e-16 ***
## operation:survival	0.1481
## stage:operation:xray	0.0222 *

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:
```

```
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Last step?

Remove operation:survival.

```
cancer.7 <- update(cancer.6, . ~ . - operation:survival)
drop1(cancer.7, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Single term deletions
```

```
##
```

```
## Model:
```

```
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##      stage:xray + operation:xray + stage:survival + stage:operation:xray
```

```
##           Df Deviance      AIC      LRT
```

```
## <none>                4.116  90.245
```

```
## stage:survival         1  136.729 220.859 132.61
```

```
## stage:operation:xray   1    9.346  93.475  5.23
```

```
##           Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## <none>
```

```
## stage:survival        <2e-16 ***
```

```
## stage:operation:xray  0.0222 *
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:
```

```
## '0' means '0.001', '0.01', '0.05', '0.1', '1' means 'not significant'
```

Conclusions

- What matters is things associated with survival (survival is “response”).
- Only significant such term is stage:survival:

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ stage + survival, data = cancer)
prop.table(xt, margin = 1)
```

```
##           survival
## stage           no      yes
##  advanced 0.8368794 0.1631206
##   early   0.1962025 0.8037975
```

- Most people in early stage of cancer survived, and most people in advanced stage did not survive.
- This true *regardless* of type of operation or whether or not X-ray treatment was received. These things have no impact on survival.

What about that other interaction?

```
xt <- xtabs(freq ~ operation + xray + stage, data = cancer)
ftable(prop.table(xt, margin = 3))
```

```
##                stage  advanced      early
## operation xray
## limited  no          0.02836879 0.08860759
##          yes          0.12765957 0.07594937
## radical  no          0.31205674 0.32278481
##          yes          0.53191489 0.51265823
```

- Out of the people at each stage of cancer (since `margin=3` and `stage` was listed 3rd).
- The association is between `stage` and `xray` *only for those who had the limited operation*.
- For those who had the radical operation, there was no association between `stage` and `xray`.
- This is of less interest than associations with `survival`.

General procedure

- Start with “complete model” including all possible interactions.
- drop1 gives highest-order interaction(s) remaining, remove least non-significant.
- Repeat as necessary until everything significant.
- Look at subtables of significant interactions.
- Main effects not usually very interesting.
- Interactions with “response” usually of most interest: show association with response.