

CORRELATION

Proxy variables

Variables used in place of some unmeasurable q_y of interest; highly correlated with this unmeasurable q_y

PEARSON'S CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_x Z_y}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n \sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

$$r_{\text{sample}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{n-1}$$

$$\cdot r(A+BX, C+DY) = \begin{cases} -r(x, y) & \text{if } \text{sign}(B) \neq \text{sign}(D) \\ r(x, y) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$r^2 = R^2$ score (coefficient of determination)

$$\cdot r \in [-1, 1]$$

$\cdot r$ may be zero even when there is a strong non-linear relationship

HYPOTHESIS TEST

Let ρ be the population corr. coefficient

$$H_0: \rho = 0$$

$$H_A: \rho \neq 0$$

Sampling distribution of r :

approx. t-distribution

(n-2) dof { we are estimating two means }

$$\mu = \rho$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1-\rho^2}{n-2}}$$

Test statistic:

$$t = \frac{r - \rho}{\sqrt{\frac{1-\rho^2}{n-2}}}$$

$$\rho = 0$$

$$t = r \sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}}$$

SPEARMAN'S RANK CORRELATION

ordinal

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^2}{n(n^2-1)}$$

$D_i = x_i - y_i$
difference in rank
for case i under X, Y

Same sampling distribution:

$$\mu = \rho_s \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1-\rho_s^2}{n-2}} \quad df = n-2$$

POINT BI-SERIAL CORRELATION

continuous \leftrightarrow binary

X: continuous Y: dichotomous (binary)

- ① Group X based on Y $\rightarrow x_0, x_1$
- ② Calculate means \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1
- ③ Let $n_0 = |x_0|, n_1 = |x_1|, s_x \rightarrow$ std deviation of whole X

$$r_b = \frac{\bar{x}_0 + \bar{x}_1}{s_x} \sqrt{\frac{n_0 n_1}{n(n-1)}}$$

$$s_x = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

Same results as if you used Pearson's

Sampling distribution same

PHI COEFFICIENT

binary \leftrightarrow binary

Create contingency table

	$Y=0$	$Y=1$	Total
$X=0$	N_{00}	N_{01}	$N_{0\cdot}$
$X=1$	N_{10}	N_{11}	$N_{1\cdot}$
Total	$N_{\cdot 0}$	$N_{\cdot 1}$	

$$\phi = \frac{\text{prod(Agree)} - \text{prod(Disagree)}}{\sqrt{\text{prod(row/col totals)}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{N_{11}N_{00} - N_{10}N_{01}}{\sqrt{N_{0\cdot}N_{1\cdot}N_{\cdot 0}N_{\cdot 1}}} \quad \frac{11:00 - 10:01}{\text{root(totals)}}$$