Chapter 9-10 Confidence Intervals and Hypothesis Testing Goodness of Fit Tests

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Tests for Independence for Categorical Data

• The chi-squared test procedure could also be used to test the hypothesis of independence of two variables of classification.

- Example: Suppose we want to determine whether being a fan of a team is dependent on the gender or not.
- To do this we need data about the two variables for the residents in our sample.

- A random sample of residents from the region is drawn and each resident is asked two questions:
- 1. A question about the favorite team (Variable 1)
- 2. A question about their gender (Variable 2)
- For the chi-squared test of independence the data are grouped using the answers to these two questions (variables of classification).

 We count how many residents fall in each subgroup and place these frequencies in a contingency table as follows

		Team		
Gender	GS	FB	BJK	TOTAL
Male	182	213	203	598
Female	154	138	110	402
Total	336	351	313	1000

The contingency table entries are the observed frequencies.

Contingency Tables

- In general a contingency table may have r rows and c columns.
- The row and column totals are called marginal frequencies.
- We form the hypotheses:
- H_0 : The two variables are independent (gender has no effect on the fav. team).
- H_1 : The two variables are NOT independent (the favorite team and the gender are somehow related).

Events and Probabilities in Contingency Tables

- To calculate expected frequencies under H_0 we define the events:
 - G: A person selected at random is a fan of GS.
 - F: A person selected at random is a fan of FB.
 - B: A person selected at random is a fan of BJK.
 - *M*: A person selected at random is male.
 - *E*: A person selected at random is female.

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 Using the marginal frequencies we can calculate the probabilities of these events as follows

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$$P(G) = 336/1000, P(F) = 351/1000, P(B) = 313/1000$$

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$$P(M) = 598/1000, P(E) = 402/1000$$

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Gender	GS (G)	FB (F)	BJK (B)	TOTAL
Male (M)	182	213	203	598
Female (F)	154	138	110	402
Total	336	351	313	1000

• Under H_0 the two variables gender and favorite team are independent, hence we calculate the joint probabilities from:

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$$P(G \cap M) = (0.336)(0.598) = 0.2$$

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$$P(G \cap E) = (0.336)(0.402) = 0.135$$

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$$P(F \cap M) = (0.351)(0.598) = 0.21$$

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$$P(F \cap E) = (0.351)(0.402) = 0.14$$

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- P(G) = 336/1000
- P(F) = 351/1000
- P(B) = 313/1000
- P(M) = 598/1000
- P(E) = 402/1000

Joint Probabilities in Contingency Tables

- Since expected frequency = probability x sample size,
- we can generalize the formula for calculating expected frequencies using the joint probabilities under ${\cal H}_0$ (independence assumption) as follows:

expected frequency = (column total) x (row total) / (grand total)

The expected frequencies are shown in the table within brackets.

Now, we use chi-squared test statistic X^2 as defined before and the same decision rule like the goodness-of-fit test:

Reject
$$H_0$$
 if $X^2 > \chi^2_{\alpha}$.

where χ^2_{α} has degrees of freedom = v = (r-1)(c-1).

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column total

row total

grand total = sample size

EXAMPLE 3. Test for Independence

• Applying this procedure, we calculate the test statistic:

$$C^{2} = \frac{(182 - 200.9)^{2}}{200.9} + \frac{(213 - 209.9)^{2}}{209.9} + \frac{(203 - 187.2)^{2}}{187.2} + \frac{(154 - 135.1)^{2}}{135.1} + \frac{(138 - 141.1)^{2}}{141.1} + \frac{(110 - 125.8)^{2}}{125.8} = 7.85,$$

- DECISION RULE : Reject H_0 if $X^2 > \chi^2_{0.05} = 5.99$,
- where the chi-square has v = (2-1)(3-1) = 2 degrees of freedom.

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- The test statistic = $\chi^2 = 7.85$
- Critical value for $\alpha = 0.05 = \chi^2_{0.05} = 5.99$
- **Decision**: We reject the null hypothesis.
- **P-value** = $P(X^2 > 7.85) \approx 0.02$. (For 2 degrees of freedom)
- Conclusion: Being a fan of a team is not independent of the gender.
- Gender affects the favorite team.