

# Lecture 35 Chi-square Test For Association/Independence

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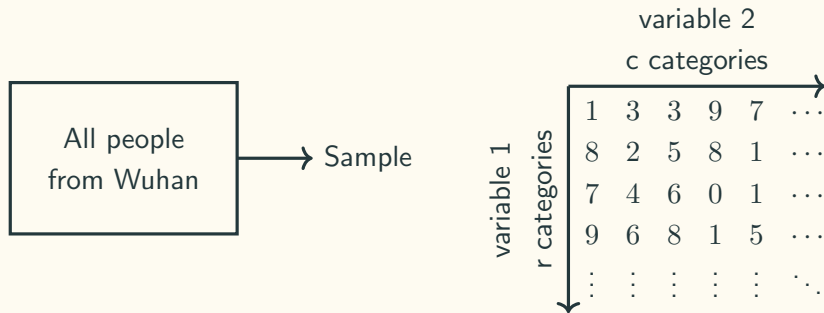
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# ABO Blood Types And COVID-19



$r \times c$  contingency table

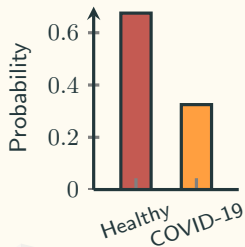
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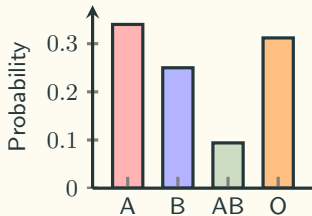
Extended  $r \times c$  contingency table

$Y \backslash X$	A	B	AB	O	Total
Healthy	1,188	920	336	1,250	3,694
COVID-19	670	469	178	458	1,775
Total	1,858	1,389	514	1,708	5,469

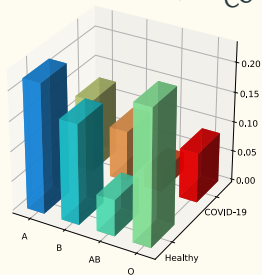
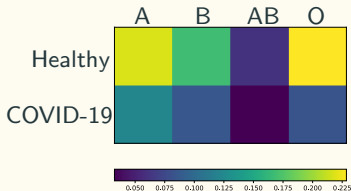
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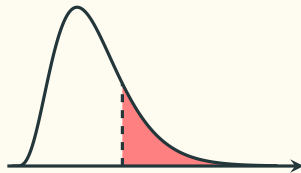
# Chi-square Test For Association/Independence

**Question:** Is there any association/relation between ABO blood groups and COVID-19 susceptibility ?

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & \text{No association/No relation} \\ H_1 : & \text{There is an association/They are related} \end{cases}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} H_0 : & \chi^2 = \sum_{\text{cells}} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = 0 \\ H_1 : & \chi^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \chi^2 > 0 \end{cases}$$



## Constructing The Expected Values In The Contingency Table

		A	B	AB	O	Total
Observed:	Healthy	1,188	920	336	1,250	3,694
	COVID-19	670	469	178	458	1,775
Total		1,858	1,389	514	1,708	5,469

Expected  
(if  $H_0$  were true):

	A	B	AB	O	Total
Healthy	$1858 \times \frac{3694}{5469}$	$1389 \times \frac{3694}{5469}$	$514 \times \frac{3694}{5469}$	$1708 \times \frac{3694}{5469}$	<b>3,694</b>
COVID-19	$1858 \times \frac{1775}{5469}$	$1389 \times \frac{1775}{5469}$	$514 \times \frac{1775}{5469}$	$1708 \times \frac{1775}{5469}$	<b>1,775</b>
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	Healthy	COVID-19	Total
A	1,188	670	1,858
B	920	469	1,389
AB	336	178	514
O	1,250	458	1,708
Total	3,694	1,775	5,469

- Equivalent
- Test statistics are exactly the same
- $p$ -values are exactly the same



## Chi-square Tests $p$ -value Calculation

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Expected:

	A	B	AB	O	Total
Healthy	1254.97	938.19	347.18	1153.66	3,694
COVID-19	603.03	450.81	166.82	554.34	1,775
Total	1,858	1,389	514	1,708	5,469

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{cells}} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = 38.00$$

$$df = (r - 1)(c - 1) = 3$$

$$p = P(\chi_3^2 \geq 38.00) = 2.82 \times 10^{-8}$$

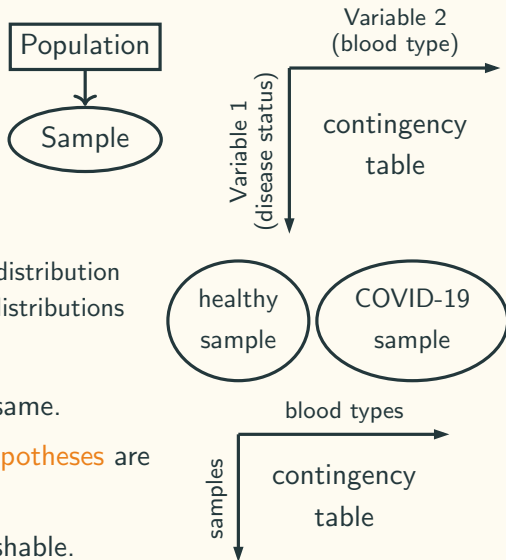
# Chi-square Tests For Homogeneity vs Association/Independence

- Association/Independence:

- $H_0$ : no association between variables 1 & 2
- $H_1$ : association between variables 1 & 2

- Homogeneity:

- $H_0$ : from the same population/have the same distribution
  - $H_1$ : from different populations/have different distributions
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- The test statistics and  $p$ -values are exactly the same.
  - The way of **drawing samples** and **formulating hypotheses** are different.
  - Sometimes extremely similar or even indistinguishable.



## Assumptions When Using Chi-square Test

- Randomness, independence
- Because we used normal approximation for the binomial, we need large sample size:  $np \geq 10$  and  $nq \geq 10$ . This means: all cells in the expected table should be at least 10.
- When normal approximation cannot be used: Fisher's exact test.

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$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{cells}} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = 38, \quad p = P(\chi_3^2 \geq 38) < 0.05$$

**Conclusion:** we reject  $H_0$ , which means the data suggest there is some relationship between ABO blood types and COVID-19 susceptibility.

**What's next?:** We can do *post hoc* tests.

## Post hoc Tests

To correct for multiple testing: **how many tests are we doing?**

**Rule of thumb: Define your question and decide the tests in advance.**

1. Which blood types have association with COVID-19 ?

**One category vs all the rest.**

	A	Non-A	Total
Healthy	1,188	2,506	3,694
COVID-19	670	1,105	1,775
Total	1,858	3,611	5,469

	AB	Non-AB	Total
Healthy	336	3,358	3,694
COVID-19	178	1,597	1,775
Total	514	4,955	5,469

	B	Non-B	Total
Healthy	920	2,774	3,694
COVID-19	469	1,306	1,775
Total	1,389	4,080	5,469

	O	Non-O	Total
Healthy	1,250	2,444	3,694
COVID-19	458	1,317	1,775
Total	1,708	3,761	5,469

2. I don't know what I'm looking for, so I'm going to perform tests among all possible pairs:

- A vs non-A
- B vs non-B
- AB vs non-AB
- O vs non-O
- A & B vs AB & O
- A & O vs B & AB
- A & AB vs B & O
- B & AB vs A & O
- B & O vs A & AB
- ... ..

## Post hoc Tests

One category vs all the rest

	A vs non-A	B vs non-B	AB vs non-AB	O vs non-O
$\chi^2$	16.679	1.457	1.224	36.047
$p$	$4.427 \times 10^{-5}$	0.227	0.268	$1.926 \times 10^{-9}$

From the paper  $\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{cells}} \frac{(|O_i - E_i| - 0.5)^2}{E_i}$ , Yates correction (Frank Yates)

	A vs non-A	B vs non-B	AB vs non-AB	O vs non-O
$\chi^2$	16.431	1.378	1.117	35.674
$p$	$5.045 \times 10^{-5}$	0.240	0.291	$2.333 \times 10^{-9}$
<b>OR</b>	1.279	1.083	1.114	0.680
<b>95% CI</b>	[1.136, 1.440]	[0.952, 1.232]	[0.920, 1.349]	[0.599, 0.771]

## Odds Ratio

	Exposed	Unexposed	Total
Disease	a	b	a+b
No disease	c	d	c+d
Total	a+c	b+d	n

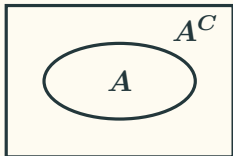
$$\text{Odds ratio: } OR = \frac{P(\text{disease} \mid \text{exposed})/[1 - P(\text{disease} \mid \text{exposed})]}{P(\text{disease} \mid \text{unexposed})/[1 - P(\text{disease} \mid \text{unexposed})]}$$

$$\hat{OR} = \frac{[a/(a+c)]/[c/(a+c)]}{[b/(b+d)]/[d/(b+d)]} = \frac{a/c}{b/d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

Convenient to calculate, but confusing for understanding.

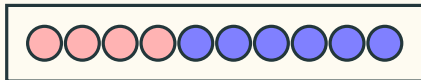
# Probability vs Odds

Sample space  $\Omega$



Probability:  $P(A) = \frac{\text{area of } A}{(\text{area of } A) + (\text{area of } A^C)}$

Odds: a measurement **in favour of** an event,  $\frac{P(A)}{P(A^C)} = \frac{P(A)}{1 - P(A)}$



Randomly choose a ball from the box:

$$P(\text{red ball}) = \frac{\text{4 red balls}}{\text{4 red balls} + \text{6 blue balls}}$$

$$\text{Odds}(\text{red ball}) = \frac{\text{4 red balls}}{\text{6 blue balls}}$$



## Odds Ratio (OR)

	Category X	Category Y	Total
EOI	a	b	a+b
The rest	c	d	c+d
Total	a+c	b+d	n

**Risk** (Probability): Risk<sub>EOI</sub>, Risk<sub>EOI</sub> under X is  $\frac{a}{a+c}$ , Risk<sub>EOI</sub> under Y is  $\frac{b}{b+d}$

**Relative risk** (ratio of probability):  $RR = \frac{\text{Risk}_{\text{EOI}} \text{ under X}}{\text{Risk}_{\text{EOI}} \text{ under Y}}$

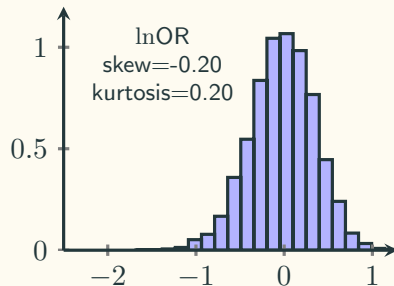
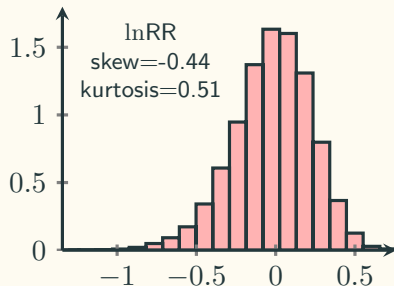
**Odds** (ratio of probability): Odds<sub>EOI</sub>, Odds<sub>EOI</sub> under X is  $\frac{a/(a+c)}{c/(a+c)} = \frac{a}{c}$ , Odds<sub>EOI</sub> under Y is  $\frac{b/(b+d)}{d/(b+d)} = \frac{b}{d}$

**Odds ratio** (ratio of ratio of probability):  $OR = \frac{\text{Odds}_{\text{EOI}} \text{ under X}}{\text{Odds}_{\text{EOI}} \text{ under Y}} = \frac{a/c}{b/d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$

## Sampling Distribution of $\ln RR$ & $\ln OR$

	Category X	Category Y	Total
EOI	a	b	a+b
The rest	c	d	c+d
Total	a+c	b+d	n

10,000 simulations under the null hypothesis and keep records of RR and OR:



## Sampling Distribution of $\ln \text{OR}$

	Category X	Category Y	Total
EOI	a	b	a+b
The rest	c	d	c+d
Total	a+c	b+d	n

- $\ln \hat{\text{OR}} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$
- 95% CI:  $\ln \hat{\text{OR}} \pm Z_{0.025} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}}$  or  $\ln \hat{\text{OR}} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}}$
- 95% CI with continuity correction:  $\ln \hat{\text{OR}} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{a+0.5} + \frac{1}{b+0.5} + \frac{1}{c+0.5} + \frac{1}{d+0.5}}$

# Reproduce The Result

One category vs the rest *post hoc* tests (with continuity correction):

	A vs non-A		B vs non-B		AB vs non-AB		O vs non-O	
<b>Healthy</b>	1,188	2,506	920	2,774	336	3,358	1,250	2,444
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$\chi^2$	16.431		1.378		1.117		35.674	
$p$	$5.045 \times 10^{-5}$		0.240		0.291		$2.333 \times 10^{-9}$	
<b>OR</b>	0.782		0.924		0.898		1.471	
<b>95% CI</b>	[0.695, 0.880]		[0.812, 1.051]		[0.741, 1.087]		[1.296, 1.667]	

Results from the paper:

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