Is gender independent of education level? A random sample of 395 people were surveyed and each

person was asked to report the highest education level they obtained. The data that resulted from the

survey is summarized in the following table:

|  | **High School** | **Bachelors** | **Masters** | **Ph.d.** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Female** | 60 | 54 | 46 | 41 | 201 |
| **Male** | 40 | 44 | 53 | 57 | 194 |
| **Total** | 100 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 395 |

Question: Are gender and education level dependent at 5% level of significance? In other words,

given the data collected above, is there a relationship between the gender of an individual and the

level of education that they have obtained?

**Solution:**

Here's the table of expected counts:

|  | **High School** | **Bachelors** | **Masters** | **Ph.d.** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Female** | 50.886 | 49.868 | 50.377 | 49.868 | 201 |
| **Male** | 49.114 | 48.132 | 48.623 | 48.132 | 194 |
| **Total** | 100 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 395 |

So, working this out,

χ2 = (60−50.886)^2 / 50.886 + . . . + (57−48.132)^2 / 48.132 = 8.006

The critical value of χ2 with 3 degree of freedom is 7.815. Since 8.006 > 7.815, therefore we reject

the null hypothesis and conclude that the education level depends on gender at a 5% level of

significance.