# Discrete Data Analysis with R: Solutions and Hints to Exercises

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## **Chapter 1**

#### Introduction

These questions are all conceptual. No solutions are provided.

Exercise 1.1 A web page, "The top ten worst graphs," http://www.biostat.wisc.edu/~kbroman/topten\_worstgraphs/ by Karl Broman lists his picks for the worst graphs (and a table) that have appeared in the statistical and scientific literature. Each entry links to graph(s) and a brief discussion of what is wrong and how it could be improved.

- (a) Examine a number of recent issues of a scientific or statistical journal in which you have some interest. Find one or more examples of a graph or table that is a particularly bad use of display material to summarize and communicate research findings. Write a few sentences indicating how or why the display fails and how it could be improved.
- (b) Do the same task for some popular magazine or newspaper that uses data displays to supplement the text for some story. Again, write a few sentences describing why the display is bad and how it could be improved.

**Exercise 1.2** As in the previous exercise, examine the literature in recent issues of some journal of interest to you. Find one or more examples of a graph or table that you feel does a *good* job of summarizing and communicating research findings.

- (a) Write a few sentences describing why you chose these displays.
- (b) Now take the role of a tough journal reviewer. Are there any features of the display that could be modified to make them more effective?

**Exercise 1.3** Infographics are another form of visual displays, quite different from the data graphics featured in this book, but often based on some data or analysis. Do a Google image search for the topic "Global warming" to see a rich collection.

- (a) Find and study one or two images that attempt some visual explanation of causes and/or effects of global warming. Describe the main message in a sentence or two.
- (b) What visual and graphic features are used in these to convey the message?

**Exercise 1.4** The Wikipedia web page en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Global\_warming gives a few data-based graphics on the topic of global warming. Read the text and study the graphs.

- (a) Write a short figure title for each that would announce the conclusion to be drawn in a presentation graphic.
- (b) Write a figure caption for each that would explain what is shown and the important graphical details for a reader to understand.

Exercise 1.5 The R Graph Gallery, http://rgraphgallery.blogspot.com/, contains a large collection of examples of graphs in R, tagged by type or content, together with the R code to produce them. Explore this collection for the terms (a) association plot (b) bar chart (c) categorical data (d) fluctuation diagram (e) mosaic plot Find one or two you particularly like and write a few sentences saying why you do.

# Chapter 2

#### **Working with Categorical Data**

Exercise 2.1 The packages vcd (Meyer et al., 2015) and vcdExtra (Friendly, 2015) contain many data sets with some examples of analysis and graphical display. The goal of this exercise is to familiarize yourself with these resources.

You can get a brief summary of these using the function datasets () from vcdExtra. Use the following to get a list of these with some characteristics and titles.

(a) How many data sets are there altogether? How many are there in each package?

nrow() gives the number of rows in a data frame. table() for a single variable gives the frequencies for each level.

```
> ds <- datasets(package=c("vcd", "vcdExtra"))
> nrow(ds)

[1] 75
> table(ds$Package)
    vcd vcdExtra
    33    42
```

(b) Make a tabular display of the frequencies by Package and class. Use table(), but now for Package and class.

(c) Choose one or two data sets from this list, and examine their help files (e.g., help (Arthritis) or ?Arthritis). You can use, e.g., example (Arthritis) to run the R code for a given example. Run the following types of commands:

```
> ?Arthritis  #Help Files
> ?Baseball  #Help Files
> example (Arthritis)  #Example Syntax/Analysis
> example (Baseball)  #Example Syntax/Analysis
```

Exercise 2.2 For each of the following data sets in the vcdExtra package, identify which are response variable(s) and which are explanatory. For factor variables, which are unordered (nominal) and which should be treated as ordered? Write a sentence or two describing substantitive questions of interest for analysis of

the data. (*Hint*: use data(foo, package="vcdExtra") to load, and str(foo), help(foo) to examine data set foo.)

(a) Abortion opinion data: Abortion

Support\_Abortion is the response, Sex and Status are binary, nominal explanatory variables. From help (Abortion), How does support for abortion depend on sex and status?

(b) Caesarian Births: Caesar

Infection is the response, Risk, Antibiotics and Planned are binary, nominal explanatory variables.

```
> data(Caesar, package="vcdExtra")
> str(Caesar)

table [1:3, 1:2, 1:2, 1:2] 0 1 17 0 1 1 11 17 30 4 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 4
   ..$ Infection : chr [1:3] "Type 1" "Type 2" "None"
   ..$ Risk : chr [1:2] "Yes" "No"
   ..$ Antibiotics: chr [1:2] "Yes" "No"
   ..$ Planned : chr [1:2] "Yes" "No"
```

(c) Dayton Survey: DaytonSurvey

In DaytonSurvey, the variables cigarette, alcohol, and marijuana can all be treated as response variables. sex and race are potential explanatory variables. Potentially interesting questions are how each of the responses depend on sex and race, and how they vary jointly.

```
> data(DaytonSurvey, package="vcdExtra")
> str(DaytonSurvey)
```

(d) Minnesota High School Graduates: Hoyt

Status is the response, Rank, Occupation, and Sex are explanatory variables. Both Rank and Occupation are ordinal. How does Status vary with Rank, Occupation, and Sex?

```
> data(Hoyt, package="vcdExtra")
> str(Hoyt)
```

Exercise 2.3 The data set *UCBAdmissions* is a 3-way table of frequencies classified by Admit, Gender, and Dept.

(a) Find the total number of cases contained in this table.

For a table object, just use sum()

```
> data(UCBAdmissions)
> sum(UCBAdmissions)
[1] 4526
```

(b) For each department, find the total number of applicants.

Use margin.table (UCBAdmissions, 3) to find the marginal total for the third dimension (dept).

```
> margin.table(UCBAdmissions, 3)
Dept
   A    B    C    D    E    F
933 585 918 792 584 714
```

(c) For each department, find the overall proportion of applicants who were admitted.

```
> ucb.df <- as.data.frame(UCBAdmissions)
> abd <- xtabs(Freq ~ Dept + Admit, data=ucb.df)
> prop.table(abd, 1)

   Admit
Dept Admitted Rejected
   A 0.644159 0.355841
   B 0.632479 0.367521
   C 0.350763 0.649237
   D 0.339646 0.660354
   E 0.251712 0.748288
   F 0.064426 0.935574
```

(d) Construct a tabular display of department (rows) and gender (columns), showing the proportion of applicants in each cell who were admitted relative to the total applicants in that cell.

Exercise 2.4 The data set DanishWelfare in VCd gives a 4-way,  $3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 5$  table as a data frame in frequency form, containing the variable Freq and four factors, Alcohol, Income, Status, and Urban. The variable Alcohol can be considered as the response variable, and the others as possible predictors.

(a) Find the total number of cases represented in this table.

This is a data set in the form of a frequency data.frame, so sum the Freq variable

```
> data("DanishWelfare", package="vcd")
> sum(DanishWelfare$Freq)
[1] 5144
```

(b) In this form, the variables Alcohol and Income should arguably be considered *ordered* factors. Change them to make them ordered.

Use ordered() or as.ordered() on the factor variable. str() will then show them as ord.factor.

```
> levels(DanishWelfare$Alcohol)
[1] "<1" "1-2" ">2"

> DanishWelfare$Alcohol <- as.ordered(DanishWelfare$Alcohol)
> DanishWelfare$Income <- as.ordered(DanishWelfare$Income)
> str(DanishWelfare)

'data.frame': 180 obs. of 5 variables:
    $ Freq : num 1 4 1 8 6 14 8 41 100 175 ...
    $ Alcohol: Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "<1"<"1-2"<">>2": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
    $ Income : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "0-50"<"50-100"<..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
    $ Status : Factor w/ 3 levels "Widow", "Married",..: 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
    $ Urban : Factor w/ 5 levels "Copenhagen", "SubCopenhagen",..: 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 ...</pre>
```

(c) Convert this data frame to table form, DanishWelfare.tab, a 4-way array containing the frequencies with appropriate variable names and level names.

Use xtabs() with Freq as the response.

```
> DanishWelfare.tab <-xtabs(Freq ~ ., data = DanishWelfare)
> str(DanishWelfare.tab)

xtabs [1:3, 1:4, 1:3, 1:5] 1 3 2 8 1 3 2 5 2 42 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 4
    ..$ Alcohol: chr [1:3] "<1" "1-2" ">2"
    ..$ Income : chr [1:4] "0-50" "50-100" "100-150" ">150"
    ..$ Status : chr [1:3] "Widow" "Married" "Unmarried"
    ..$ Urban : chr [1:5] "Copenhagen" "SubCopenhagen" "LargeCity" "City" ...
- attr(*, "class") = chr [1:2] "xtabs" "table"
- attr(*, "call") = language xtabs(formula = Freq ~ ., data = DanishWelfare)
```

(d) The variable Urban has 5 categories. Find the total frequencies in each of these. How would you collapse the table to have only two categories, City, Non-city?

margin.table() handles the first part; collapse.table() is designed for the second part. It is arguable whether SubCopenhagen should be considered City or NonCity.

```
> margin.table(DanishWelfare.tab, 4)
Urban
   Copenhagen SubCopenhagen
                                 LargeCity
                                                     City
                      614
                                        594
                                                     1765
         552
      Country
         1619
> DW2 <- vcdExtra::collapse.table(DanishWelfare.tab,
                                   Urban=c("City", "NonCity", "City", "City", "NonCity"))
> head(ftable(DW2))
                                   "Urban" "City" "NonCity"
                      "Status"
 "Alcohol" "Income"
 "<1"
           "0-50"
                      "Widow"
                                               10
                                                          10
                      "Married"
                                              155
                                                         183
                      "Unmarried"
                                               14
                                                          10
           "50-100"
                      "Widow"
                                               29
                                                           7
                      "Married"
                                              338
                                                         306
                      "Unmarried"
                                                          32
```

(e) Use structable() or ftable() to produce a pleasing flattened display of the frequencies in the 4-way table. Choose the variables used as row and column variables to make it easier to compare levels of Alcohol across the other factors.

**Exercise 2.5** The data set *UKSoccer* in vcd gives the distributions of number of goals scored by the 20 teams in the 1995/96 season of the Premier League of the UK Football Association.

```
> data("UKSoccer", package = "vcd")
> ftable(UKSoccer)
    Away 0 1 2 3
Home
0
          27 29 10
                  8
                      2
1
          59 53 14 12
                      4
2
          28 32 14 12
                      4
3
                      1
          19 14 7
                  4
          7 8 10 2 0
4
```

This two-way table classifies all  $20 \times 19 = 380$  games by the joint outcome (Home, Away), the number of goals scored by the Home and Away teams. The value 4 in this table actually represents 4 or more goals.

(a) Verify that the total number of games represented in this table is 380.

```
> data("UKSoccer", package="vcd")
> sum(UKSoccer)
[1] 380
> margin.table(UKSoccer)
[1] 380
```

(b) Find the marginal total of the number of goals scored by each of the home and away teams. Use margin.table() for each dimension:

```
> margin.table(UKSoccer, 1)
Home
    0    1    2    3    4
    76    142    90    45    27
> margin.table(UKSoccer, 2)

Away
    0    1    2    3    4
    140    136    55    38    11
```

(c) Express each of the marginal totals as proportions.

Use prop.table() on the result of margin.table() for each dimension:

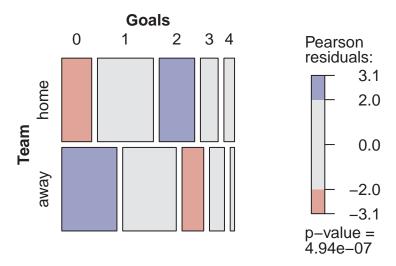
(d) Comment on the distribution of the numbers of home-team and away-team goals. Is there any evidence that home teams score more goals on average?

You could find the mean number of goals, weighted by their marginal frequencies. On average, home teams score about 0.4 more goals.

```
> weighted.mean(0:4, w=margin.table(UKSoccer,1))
[1] 1.4868
> weighted.mean(0:4, w=margin.table(UKSoccer,2))
[1] 1.0632
```

Graphically, you could also compare the marginal frequencies in a mosaic plot, or use vcd::agreementplo

```
away 140 136 55 38 11 > mosaic(margins, shade=TRUE)
```



**Exercise 2.6** The one-way frequency table *Saxony* in vcd records the frequencies of families with 0, 1, 2, ... 12 male children, among 6115 families with 12 children. This data set is used extensively in Chapter 3.

```
> data("Saxony", package = "vcd")
> Saxony

nMales
    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10    11    12
    3    24    104    286    670    1033    1343    1112    829    478    181    45    7
```

Another data set, <code>Geissler</code>, in the vcdExtra package, gives the complete tabulation of all combinations of boys and <code>girls</code> in families with a given total number of children (<code>size</code>). The task here is to create an equivalent table, <code>Saxonyl2</code> from the <code>Geissler</code> data.

```
> data("Geissler", package = "vcdExtra")
> str(Geissler)

'data.frame': 90 obs. of 4 variables:
$ boys : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ girls: num 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ size : num 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ Freq : int 108719 42860 17395 7004 2839 1096 436 161 66 30 ...
```

(a) Use subset () to create a data frame, sax12 containing the <code>Geissler</code> observations in families with <code>size==12</code>.

```
> data("Saxony", package="vcd")
> data("Geissler", package="vcdExtra")
> sax12 <- subset(Geissler, size==12)</pre>
> sax12
   boys girls size Freq
12
      0
           12
                 12
24
                 12
                       24
      1
            11
35
                 12
      2
            10
                     104
45
      3
            9
                 12
                     286
54
            8
      4
                12
                    670
62
      5
            7
                12 1033
            6
69
      6
               12 1343
            5 12 1112
      7
75
            4
80
      8
                 12
                     829
                 12
84
      9
             3
                     478
87
     10
             2
                 12
                     181
89
             1
                 12
     11
                       45
90
     12
            0
                 12
```

(b) Select the columns for boys and Freq.

```
> sax12 <- subset(sax12, select=c("boys", "Freq"))</pre>
```

(c) Use xtabs () with a formula, Freq ~ boys, to create the one-way table.

```
> Saxony12<-xtabs(Freq~boys, data=sax12)
> Saxony12
boys
                                                                12
             2
                                  6
                                            8
                                                      10
   0
        1
                  3
                       4
                                                           11
       24 104 286 670 1033 1343 1112 829 478
                                                           45
                                                   181
```

(d) Do the same steps again to create a one-way table, Saxony11, containing similar frequencies for families of size==11.

```
> sax11 <- subset(Geissler, size==11, select = c("boys","Freq"))
> Saxony11 <- xtabs(Freq~boys, data=sax11)
> Saxony11
boys
0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11
8  72  275  837  1540  2161  2310  1801  1077  492  93  24
```

**Exercise 2.7** \* *Interactive coding of table factors*: Some statistical and graphical methods for contingency tables are implemented only for two-way tables, but can be extended to 3+-way tables by recoding the factors to interactive combinations along the rows and/or columns, in a way similar to what ftable() and structable() do for printed displays.

For the <code>UCBAdmissions</code> data, produce a two-way table object, <code>UCB.tab2</code>, that has the combinations of <code>Admit</code> and <code>Gender</code> as the rows, and <code>Dept</code> as its columns, to look like the result below:

```
Dept
Admit:Gender
                                          F
                     Α
                         В
                             C
                                  D
                                      Ε
  Admitted: Female 89
                       17 202 131
                                     94
                                         24
  Admitted:Male
                   512 353 120 138
                                     53
                                         22
```

```
Rejected: Female 19 8 391 244 299 317 Rejected: Male 313 207 205 279 138 351
```

(a) Try this the long way: convert UCBAdmissions to a data frame (as.data.frame()), manipulate the factors (e.g., interaction()), then convert back to a table (as.data.frame()).

```
> ucb.df$AG <- with(ucb.df, interaction(Admit, Gender, sep=":"))
> ucb <- subset(ucb.df, select = c("Dept", "AG", "Freq"))
> ucb.tab2 <- xtabs(Freq ~ AG + Dept, data=ucb)</pre>
> ucb.tab2
                 Dept
AG
                        В
                          С
                                D
                                    Ε
                                        F
                   A
                  512 353 120 138 53 22
  Admitted: Male
  Rejected: Male 313 207 205 279 138 351
  Admitted: Female 89 17 202 131
                                  94
  Rejected: Female 19 8 391 244 299 317
```

(b) Try this the short way: both ftable() and structable() have as.matrix() methods that convert their result to a matrix.

**Exercise 2.8** The data set VisualAcuity in VCd gives a  $4 \times 4 \times 2$  table as a frequency data frame.

```
> data("VisualAcuity", package = "vcd")
> str(VisualAcuity)

'data.frame': 32 obs. of 4 variables:
   $ Freq : num 1520 234 117 36 266 ...
   $ right : Factor w/ 4 levels "1","2","3","4": 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 ...
   $ left : Factor w/ 4 levels "1","2","3","4": 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 ...
   $ gender: Factor w/ 2 levels "male", "female": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
```

(a) From this, use xtabs () to create two  $4 \times 4$  frequency tables, one for each gender.

```
> va.tabf <- xtabs(Freq ~ right+left, data = VisualAcuity, subset=gender=="female")
> # or, subset after
> va.tab <- xtabs(Freq ~ ., data = VisualAcuity)
> str(va.tab)

xtabs [1:4, 1:4, 1:2] 821 116 72 43 112 494 151 34 85 145 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 3
    ..$ right : chr [1:4] "1" "2" "3" "4"
    ..$ left : chr [1:4] "1" "2" "3" "4"
    ..$ gender: chr [1:2] "male" "female"
- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "xtabs" "table"
- attr(*, "call")= language xtabs(formula = Freq ~ ., data = VisualAcuity)
> va.tabm <- va.tab[,, "male"]
> va.tabf <- va.tab[,, "female"]</pre>
```

(b) Use structable () to create a nicely organized tabular display.

```
> structable(right ~ left + gender, data = va.tab)
         right 1 2
                        3
                             4
left gender
                        72
1
   male
               821 116
                             43
             1520 234 117
                             36
   female
               112 494 151
   male
                             34
   female
               266 1512 362
                            82
3
   male
               85 145 583 106
   female
               124 432 1772 179
4
               35 27 87
                           331
   male
            66 78 205 492
   female
```

(c) Use xtable() to create a LATEX or HTML table.

```
> library(xtable)
> va.xtab <- xtable(va.tabm)
> print(va.xtab, type="html")
```

# **Chapter 3**

## **Fitting and Graphing Discrete Distributions**

**Exercise 3.1** The Arbuthnot data in HistData (Friendly, 2014a) (Example 3.1) also contains the variable Ratio, giving the ratio of male to female births.

- (a) Make a plot of Ratio over Year, similar to Figure 3.1. What features stand out? Which plot do you prefer to display the tendency for more male births?
- (b) Plot the total number of christenings, Males + Females or Total (in 000s) over time. What unusual features do you see?

**Exercise 3.2** Use the graphical methods illustrated in Section 3.2 to plot a collection of geometric distributions for p = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, over a range of values of  $k = 0, 1, \dots 10$ .

(a) With xyplot (), try the different plot formats using points connected with lines, as in Figure 3.9, or using points and lines down to the origin, as in the panels of Figure 3.10.

- (b) Also with xyplot(), produce one version of a multi-line plot in a single panel that you think shows well how these distributions change with the probability p of success.
- (c) Do the same in a multi-panel version, conditional on p.

#### Exercise 3.3 Use the data set WomenQueue to:

- (a) Produce plots analogous to those shown in Section 3.1 (some sort of bar graph of frequencies).
- (b) Check for goodness-of-fit to the binomial distribution using the goodfit () methods described in Section 3.3.2.
- (c) Make a reasonable plot showing departure from the binomial distribution.
- (d) Suggest some reasons why the number of women in queues of length 10 might depart from a binomial distribution, Bin(n = 10, p = 1/2).

**Exercise 3.4** Continue Example 3.13 on the distribution of male children in families in Saxony by fitting a binomial distribution,  $Bin(n = 12, p = \frac{1}{2})$ , specifying equal probability for boys and girls. [*Hint*: you need to specify both size and prob values for goodfit().]

- (a) Carry out the GOF test for this fixed binomial distribution. What is the ratio of  $\chi^2/df$ ? What do you conclude?
- (b) Test the additional lack of fit for the model  $Bin(n = 12, p = \frac{1}{2})$  compared to the model  $Bin(n = 12, p = \hat{p})$  where  $\hat{p}$  is estimated from the data.
- (c) Use the plot.gootfit() method to visualize these two models.

Exercise 3.5 For the Federalist data, the examples in Section 3.3.1 and Section 3.3.2 showed the negative binomial to provide an acceptable fit. Compare this with the simpler special case of geometric distribution, corresponding to n = 1.

- (a) Use goodfit() to fit the geometric distribution. [Hint: use type="nbinomial", but specify size=1 as a parameter.]
- (b) Compare the negative binomial and the geometric models statistically, by a likelihood-ratio test of the difference between these two models.
- (c) Compare the negative binomial and the geometric models visually by hanging rootograms or other methods.

**Exercise 3.6** Mosteller and Wallace (1963, Table 2.4) give the frequencies,  $n_k$ , of counts  $k = 0, 1, \ldots$  of other selected marker words in 247 blocks of text known to have been written by Alexander Hamilton. The data below show the occurrences of the word *upon*, that Hamilton used much more than did James Madison.

```
> count <- 0 : 5
> Freq <- c(129, 83, 20, 9, 5, 1)
```

- (a) Read these data into R and construct a one-way table of frequencies of counts or a matrix or data frame with frequencies in the first column and the corresponding counts in the second column, suitable for use with <code>goodfit()</code>.
- (b) Fit and plot the Poisson model for these frequencies.
- (c) Fit and plot the negative binomial model for these frequencies.
- (d) What do you conclude?

**Exercise 3.7** The data frame Geissler in the vcdExtra package contains the complete data from Geissler's (1889) tabulation of family sex composition in Saxony. The table below gives the number of boys in families of size 11.

boys	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Freq	8	72	275	837	1,540	2,161	2,310	1,801	1,077	492	93	24

- (a) Read these data into R.
- (b) Following Example 3.13, use goodfit () to fit the binomial model and plot the results. Is there an indication that the binomial does not fit these data?
- (c) Diagnose the form of the distribution using the methods described in Section 3.4.
- (d) Try fitting the negative binomial distribution, and use distplot () to diagnose whether the negative binomial is a reasonable fit.

**Exercise 3.8** The data frame *Bundesliga* gives a similar data set to that for UK soccer scores (*UKSoccer*) examined in Example 3.9, but over a wide range of years. The following lines calculate a two-way table, BL1995, of home-team and away-team goals for the 306 games in the year 1995.

```
> data("Bundesliga", package = "vcd")
> BL1995 <- xtabs(~ HomeGoals + AwayGoals, data = Bundesliga,</pre>
                        subset = (Year == 1995))
> BL1995
           AwayGoals
HomeGoals 0 1 2 3 4 0 26 16 13 5 0 1 19 58 20 5 4 2 27 23 20 5 1
                             4 5 6
                                  1
          3 14 11 10 4
                     3 0 0
                                 0
           4 3 5
                                      0
           5 4 1
                      0
                          1
                             0
                                 0
                                      0
             1 0 0
```

- (a) As in Example 3.9, find the one-way distributions of HomeGoals, AwayGoals, and TotalGoals = HomeGoals + AwayGoals.
- (b) Use goodfit () to fit and plot the Poisson distribution to each of these. Does the Poisson seem to provide a reasonable fit?
- (c) Use distplot() to assess fit of the Poisson distribution.
- (d) What circumstances of scoring goals in soccer might cause these distributions to deviate from Poisson distributions?

Exercise 3.9 \* Repeat the exercise above, this time using the data for all years in which there was the standard number (306) of games, that is for Year>1965, tabulated as shown below.

```
> BL <- xtabs(~ HomeGoals + AwayGoals, data = Bundesliga,
+ subset = (Year > 1965))
```

**Exercise 3.10** Using the data *CyclingDeaths* introduced in Example 3.6 and the one-way frequency table CyclingDeaths.tab = table (CyclingDeaths\$deaths),

(a) Make a sensible plot of the number of deaths over time. For extra credit, add a smoothed curve (e.g., using lines (lowess (...))).

- (b) Test the goodness of fit of the table CyclingDeaths.tab to a Poisson distribution statistically using goodfit().
- (c) Continue this analysis using a rootogram() and distplot().
- (d) Write a one-paragraph summary of the results of these analyses and your conclusions.

**Exercise 3.11** \* The one-way table, *Depends*, in vcdExtra and shown below gives the frequency distribution of the number of dependencies declared in 4,983 R packages maintained on the CRAN distribution network on January 17, 2014. That is, there were 986 packages that had no dependencies, 1,347 packages that depended on one other package, . . . up to 2 packages that depended on 14 other packages.

Depends	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
# Pkgs	986	1,347	993	685	375	298	155	65	32	19	9	4	9	4	2

- (a) Make a bar plot of this distribution.
- (b) Use Ord\_plot() to see if this method can diagnose the form of the distribution.
- (c) Try to fit a reasonable distribution to describe dependencies among R packages.

Exercise 3.12 \* How many years does it take to get into the baseball Hall of Fame? The Lahman (Friendly, 2014b) package provides a complete record of historical baseball statistics from 1871 to the present. One table, HallofFame, records the history of players nominated to the Baseball Hall of Fame, and those eventually inducted. The table below, calculated in help (HallofFame, package="Lahman"), records the distribution of the number of years taken (from first nomination) for the 109 players in the Hall of Fame to be inducted (1936-present). Note that years==0 does not, and cannot, occur in this table, so the distribution is restricted to positive counts. Such distributions are called zero-truncated distributions. Such distributions are like the ordinary ones, but with the probability of zero being zero. Thus the other probabilities are scaled up (i.e., divided by  $1 - \Pr(Y = 0)$ ) so they sum to 1.

years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
inducted	46	10	8	7	8	4	2	4	6	3	3	1	4	1	2

(a) For the Poisson distribution, show that the zero-truncated probability function can be expressed in the form

$$\Pr\{X = k \mid k > 0\}) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \times \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

- (b) Show that the mean is  $\lambda/(1 \exp(-\lambda))$ .
- (c) Enter these data into R as a one-way table, and use goodfit () to fit the standard Poisson distribution, as if you hadn't encountered the problem of zero truncation.

# **Chapter 4**

## **Two-Way Contingency Tables**

**Exercise 4.1** The data set fat, created below, gives a  $2 \times 2$  table recording the level of cholesterol in diet and the presence of symptoms of heart disease for a sample of 23 people.

- (a) Use chisq.test (fat) to test for association between diet and disease. Is there any indication that this test may not be appropriate here?
- (b) Use a fourfold display to test this association visually. Experiment with the different options for standardizing the margins, using the margin argument to fourfold(). What evidence is shown in different displays regarding whether the odds ratio differs significantly from 1?
- (c) oddsratio(fat, log = FALSE) will give you a numerical answer. How does this compare to your visual impression from fourfold displays?
- (d) With such a small sample, Fisher's exact test may be more reliable for statistical inference. Use fisher.test(fat), and compare these results to what you have observed before.
- (e) Write a one-paragraph summary of your findings and conclusions for this data set.

**Exercise 4.2** The data set Abortion in vcdExtra gives a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  table of opinions regarding abortion in relation to sex and status of the respondent. This table has the following structure:

- (a) Taking support for abortion as the outcome variable, produce fourfold displays showing the association with sex, stratified by status.
- (b) Do the same for the association of support for abortion with status, stratified by sex.
- (c) For each of the problems above, use oddsratio() to calculate the numerical values of the odds ratio, as stratified in the question.
- (d) Write a brief summary of how support for abortion depends on sex and status.

**Exercise 4.3** The *JobSat* table on income and job satisfaction created in Example 2.5 is contained in the vcdExtra package.

- (a) Carry out a standard  $\chi^2$  test for association between income and job satisfaction. Is there any indication that this test might not be appropriate? Repeat this test using simulate.p.value = TRUE to obtain a Monte Carlo test that does not depend on large sample size. Does this change your conclusion?
- (b) Both variables are ordinal, so CMH tests may be more powerful here. Carry out that analysis. What do you conclude?

**Exercise 4.4** The Hospital data in vcd gives a  $3 \times 3$  table relating the length of stay (in years) of 132 long-term schizophrenic patients in two London mental hospitals with the frequency of visits by family and friends.

- (a) Carry out a  $\chi^2$  test for association between the two variables.
- (b) Use association () to compute association statistics. How would you describe the strength of association here?

- (c) Produce an association plot for these data, with visit frequency as the vertical variable. Describe the pattern of the relation you see here.
- (d) Both variables can be considered ordinal, so CMHtest () may be useful here. Carry out that analysis. Do any of the tests lead to different conclusions?

#### **Exercise 4.5** Continuing with the *Hospital* data:

- (a) Try one or more of the following other functions for visualizing two-way contingency tables with this data: plot(), tile(), mosaic(), and spineplot(). [For all except spineplot(), it is useful to include the argument shade=TRUE].
- (b) Comment on the differences among these displays for understanding the relation between visits and length of stay.

**Exercise 4.6** The two-way table *Mammograms* in vcdExtra gives ratings on the severity of diagnosis of 110 mammograms by two raters.

- (a) Assess the strength of agreement between the raters using Cohen's  $\kappa$ , both unweighted and weighted.
- (b) Use agreementplot () for a graphical display of agreement here.
- (c) Compare the Kappa measures with the results from assocstats(). What is a reasonable interpretation of each of these measures?

**Exercise 4.7** Agresti and Winner (1997) gave the data in Table 4.1 on the ratings of 160 movies by the reviewers Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert for the period from April 1995 through September 1996. The rating categories were Con ("thumbs down"), Mixed, and Pro ("thumbs up").

Table 4.1: Movie ratings by Siskel & Ebert, April 1995–September 1996. *Source*: Agresti and Winner (1997)

			Ebert		
		Con	Mixed	Pro	Total
	Con	24	8	13	45
Siskel	Mixed	8	13	11	32
	Pro	10	9	64	83
	Total	42	30	88	160

- (a) Assess the strength of agreement between the raters using Cohen's  $\kappa$ , both unweighted and weighted.
- (b) Use agreementplot () for a graphical display of agreement here.
- (c) Assess the hypothesis that the ratings are *symmetric* around the main diagonal, using an appropriate  $\chi^2$  test. *Hint*: Symmetry for a square table T means that  $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$  for  $i \neq j$ . The expected frequencies under the hypothesis of symmetry are the average of the off-diagonal cells,  $E = (T + T^T)/2$ .
- (d) Compare the results with the output of mcnemar.test().

#### **Exercise 4.8** For the *VisualAcuity* data set:

- (a) Use the code shown in the text to create the table form, VA.tab.
- (b) Perform the CMH tests for this table.
- (c) Use the woolf\_test() described in Section 4.3.2 to test whether the association between left and right eye acuity can be considered the same for men and women.

**Exercise 4.9** The graph in Figure 4.23 may be misleading, in that it doesn't take into account of the differing capacities of the 18 life boats on the *Titanic*, given in the variable cap in the *Lifeboats* data.

- (a) Calculate a new variable, pctloaded, as the percentage loaded relative to the boat capacity.
- (b) Produce a plot similar to Figure 4.23, showing the changes over time in this measure.

## **Chapter 5**

#### Mosaic Displays for n-Way Tables

Exercise 5.1 The data set criminal in the package logmult (Bouchet-Valat, 2015) gives the  $4 \times 5$  table below of the number of men aged 15–19 charged with a criminal case for whom charges were dropped in Denmark from 1955–1958.

```
> data("criminal", package = "logmult")
> criminal

Age
Year    15    16    17    18    19
    1955    141    285    320    441    427
    1956    144    292    342    441    396
    1957    196    380    424    462    427
    1958    212    424    399    442    430
```

- (a) Use loglm() to test whether there is an association between Year and Age. Is there evidence that dropping of charges in relation to age changed over the years recorded here?
- (b) Use mosaic() with the option shade=TRUE to display the pattern of signs and magnitudes of the residuals. Compare this with the result of mosaic() using "Friendly shading," from the option gp=shading\_Friendly. Describe verbally what you see in each regarding the pattern of association in this table.

**Exercise 5.2** The data set *AirCrash* in vcdExtra gives a database of all crashes of commercial airplanes between 1993–2015, classified by Phase of the flight and Cause of the crash. How can you best show is the nature of the association between these variables in a mosaic plot? Start by making a frequency table, aircrash.tab:

```
> data("AirCrash", package = "vcdExtra")
> aircrash.tab <- xtabs(~ Phase + Cause, data = AirCrash)</pre>
```

- (a) Make a default mosaic display of the data with shade=TRUE and interpret the pattern of the high-frequency cells.
- (b) The default plot has overlapping labels due to the uneven marginal frequencies relative to the lengths of the category labels. Experiment with some of the labeling\_args options (abbreviate, rot\_labels, etc.) to see if you can make the plot more readable. *Hint*: a variety of these are illustrated in Section 4.1 of vignette ("strucplot")
- (c) The levels of Phase and Cause are ordered alphabetically (because they are factors). Experiment with other orderings of the rows/columns to make interpretation clearer, e.g., ordering Phase temporally or ordering both factors by their marginal frequency.

**Exercise 5.3** The Lahman package contains comprehensive data on baseball statistics for Major League Baseball from 1871 through 2012. For all players, the *Master* table records the handedness of players, in

terms of throwing (L, R) and batting (B, L, R), where B indicates "both." The table below was generated using the following code:

```
> library(Lahman)
> data("Master", package = "Lahman")
> basehands <- with(Master, table(throws, bats))</pre>
```

	Bats							
Throws	В	L	R					
L	177	2640	527					
R	924	1962	10442					

- Use the code above, or else enter these data into a frequency table in R.
- Construct mosaic displays showing the relation of batting and throwing handedness, split first by batting and then by throwing.
- From these displays, what can be said about players who throw with their left or right hands in terms of their batting handedness?

**Exercise 5.4** \* A related analysis concerns differences in throwing handedness among baseball players according to the fielding position they play. The following code calculates such a frequency table.

```
> library(Lahman)
> MasterFielding <- data.frame(merge(Master, Fielding, by = "playerID"))
> throwPOS <- with(MasterFielding, table(POS, throws))</pre>
```

- (a) Make a mosaic display of throwing hand vs. fielding position.
- (b) Calculate the percentage of players throwing left-handed by position. Make a sensible graph of this data.
- (c) Re-do the mosaic display with the positions sorted by percentage of left-handers.
- (d) Is there anything you can say about positions that have very few left-handed players?

**Exercise 5.5** For the Bartlett data described in Example 5.12, fit the model of no three-way association,  $H_4$  in Table 5.2.

- (a) Summarize the goodness of fit for this model, and compare to simpler models that omit one or more of the two-way terms.
- (b) Use a mosaic-like display to show the lack of fit for this model.

**Exercise 5.6** Red core disease, caused by a fungus, is not something you want if you are a strawberry. The data set jansen.strawberry from the agridat (Wright, 2015) package gives a frequency data frame of counts of damage from this fungus from a field experiment reported by Jansen (1990). See the help file for details. The following lines create a  $3 \times 4 \times 3$  table of crossings of 3 male parents with 4 (different) female parents, recording the number of plants in four blocks of 9 or 10 plants each showing red core disease in three ordered categories, C1, C2, or C3.

- (a) Use pairs (jansen.tab, shade=TRUE) to display the pairwise associations among the three variables. Describe how disease category appears to vary with male and female parent. Why is there no apparent association between male and female parent?
- (b) As illustrated in Figure 5.6, use mosaic() to prepare a 3-way mosaic plot with the tiles colored in increasing shades of some color according to disease category. Describe the pattern of category C3 in relation to male and female parent. (Hint: the highlighting arguments are useful here.)
- (c) With category as the response variable, the minimal model for association is [MF][C], or  $\sim 1 * 2 + 3$ . Fit this model using loglm() and display the residuals from this model with mosaic(). Describe the pattern of lack of fit of this model.

**Exercise 5.7** The data set caith in MASS (Ripley, 2015) gives another classic  $4 \times 5$  table tabulating hair color and eye color, this for people in Caithness, Scotland, originally from Fisher (1940). The data is stored as a data frame of cell frequencies, whose rows are eye colors and whose columns are hair colors.

- (a) The loglm() and mosaic() functions don't understand data in this format, so use Caith <- as.matrix(caith) to convert to array form. Examine the result, and use names(dimnames(Caith))<-c() to assign appropriate names to the row and column dimensions.
- (b) Fit the model of independence to the resulting matrix using loglm().
- (c) Calculate and display the residuals for this model.
- (d) Create a mosaic display for this data.

**Exercise 5.8** The HairEyePlace data in vcdExtra gives similar data on hair color and eye color, for both Caithness and Aberdeen as a  $4 \times 5 \times 2$  table.

- (a) Prepare separate mosaic displays, one for each of Caithness and Aberdeen. Comment on any difference in the pattern of residuals.
- (b) Construct conditional mosaic plots, using the formula ~ Hair + Eye | Place and both mosaic() and cotabplot(). It is probably more useful here to suppress the legend in these plots. Comment on the difference in what is shown in the two displays.

**Exercise 5.9** Bertin (1983, pp. 30–31) used a 4-way table of frequencies of traffic accident victims in France in 1958 to illustrate his scheme for classifying data sets by numerous variables, each of which could have various types and could be assigned to various visual attributes. His data are contained in Accident

in vcdExtra, a frequency data frame representing his  $5 \times 2 \times 4 \times 2$  table of the variables age, result (died or injured), mode of transportation, and gender.

```
> data("Accident", package = "vcdExtra")
> str(Accident, vec.len=2)

'data.frame': 80 obs. of 5 variables:
$ age : Ord.factor w/ 5 levels "0-9"<"10-19"<..: 5 5 5 5 5 ...
$ result: Factor w/ 2 levels "Died", "Injured": 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ mode : Factor w/ 4 levels "4-Wheeled", "Bicycle", ..: 4 4 2 2 3 ...
$ gender: Factor w/ 2 levels "Female", "Male": 2 1 2 1 2 ...
$ Freq : int 704 378 396 56 742 ...</pre>
```

- (a) Use loglm() to fit the model of mutual independence, Freq ~ age+mode+gender+result to this data set.
- (b) Use mosaic() to produce an interpretable mosaic plot of the associations among all variables under the model of mutual independence. Try different orders of the variables in the mosaic. (*Hint*: the abbreviate component of the labeling\_args argument to mosaic() will be useful to avoid some overlap of the category labels.)
- (c) Treat result ("Died" vs. "Injured") as the response variable, and fit the model Freq ~ age\*mode\*gender + result that asserts independence of result from all others jointly.
- (d) Construct a mosaic display for the residual associations in this model. Which combinations of the predictor factors are more likely to result in death?

Exercise 5.10 The data set Vietnam in vcdExtra gives a  $2 \times 5 \times 4$  contingency table in frequency form reflecting a survey of student opinion on the Vietnam War at the University of North Carolina in May 1967. The table variables are sex, year in school, and response, which has categories: (A) Defeat North Vietnam by widespread bombing and land invasion; (B) Maintain the present policy; (C) De-escalate military activity, stop bombing and begin negotiations; (D) Withdraw military forces immediately. How does the chosen response vary with sex and year?

- (a) With response (R) as the outcome variable and year (Y) and sex (S) as predictors, the minimal baseline loglinear model is the model of joint independence, [R][YS]. Fit this model, and display it in a mosaic plot.
- (b) Construct conditional mosaic plots of the response versus year separately for males and females. Describe the associations seen here.
- (c) Follow the methods shown in Example 5.10 to fit separate models of independence for the levels of sex, and the model of conditional independence,  $R \perp Y \mid S$ . Verify that the decomposition of  $G^2$  in Eqn. (5.6) holds for these models.
- (d) Construct a useful 3-way mosaic plot of the data for the model of conditional independence.

Exercise 5.11 Consider the models for 4-way tables shown in Table 5.3.

- (a) For each model, give an independence interpretation. For example, the model of mutual independence corresponds to  $A \perp B \perp C \perp D$ .
- (b) Use the functions shown in the table together with loglin2formula() to print the corresponding model formulas for each.

**Exercise 5.12** The dataset *Titanic* classifies the 2,201 pasengers and crew of the *Titanic* by Class (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Crew), Sex, Age, and Survived. Treating Survived as the response variable,

- (a) Fit and display a mosaic plot for the baseline model of joint independence, [CGA][S]. Describe the remaining pattern of associations.
- (b) Do the same for a "main effects" model that allows two-way associations between each of C, G, and A with S.
- (c) What three-way association term should be added to this model to allow for greater survival among women and children? Does this give an acceptable fit?
- (d) Test and display models that allow additional three-way associations until you obtain a reasonable fit.

#### Chapter 6

## **Correspondence Analysis**

**Exercise 6.1** The *JobSat* data in vcdExtra gives a  $4 \times 4$  table recording job satisfaction in relation to income.

- (a) Carry out a simple correspondence analysis on this table. How much of the inertia is accounted for by a one-dimensional solution? How much by a two-dimensional solution?
- (b) Plot the 2D CA solution. To what extent can you consider the association between job satisfaction and income "explained" by the ordinal nature of these variables?

**Exercise 6.2** Refer to Exercise 5.1 in Chapter 5. Carry out a simple correspondence analysis on the  $4 \times 5$  table *criminal* from the logmult package.

- (a) What percentages of the Pearson  $\chi^2$  for association are explained by the various dimensions?
- (b) Plot the 2D correspondence analysis solution. Describe the pattern of association between year and age.

**Exercise 6.3** Refer to Exercise 5.2 for a description of the AirCrash data from the vcdExtra package. Carry out a simple correspondence analysis on the  $5 \times 5$  table of Phase of the flight and Cause of the crash.

- (a) What percentages of the Pearson  $\chi^2$  for association are explained by the various dimensions?
- (b) Plot the 2D correspondence analysis solution. Describe the pattern of association between phase and cause. How would you interpret the dimensions?
- (c) The default plot method uses map="symmetric" with points for both rows and columns. Try using map="symbiplot" with vectors (arrows=) for either rows or columns. (Read help (plot.ca) for a description of these options.)

**Exercise 6.4** The data set *caith* in MASS gives a classic table tabulating hair color and eye color of people in Caithness, Scotland, originally from Fisher (1940).

- (a) Carry out a simple correspondence analysis on this table. How many dimensions seem necessary to account for most of the association in the table?
- (b) Plot the 2D solution. The interpretation of the first dimension should be obvious; is there any interpretation for the second dimension?

**Exercise 6.5** The same data, plus a similar table for Aberdeen, are given as a three-way table as *HairEyePlace* in vcdExtra.

- (a) Carry out a similar correspondence analysis to the last exercise for the data from Aberdeen. Comment on any differences in the placement of the category points.
- (b) Analyze the three-way table, stacked to code hair color and place interactively, i.e., for the loglinear model [Hair Place] [Eye]. What does this show?

Exercise 6.6 The data set Gilby in vcdExtra gives a classic (but now politically incorrect)  $6 \times 4$  table of English schoolboys classified according to their clothing and their teacher's rating of "dullness" (lack of intelligence).

- (a) Compute and plot a correspondence analysis for this data. Write a brief description and interpretation of these results.
- (b) Make an analogous mosaic plot of this table. Interpret this in relation to the correspondence analysis plot.

**Exercise 6.7** For the mental health data analyzed in Example 6.2, construct a shaded sieve diagram and mosaic plot. Compare these with the correspondence analysis plot shown in Figure 6.2. What features of the data and the association between SES and mental health status are shown in each?

Exercise 6.8 Simulated data are often useful to help understand the connections between data, analysis methods, and associated graphic displays. Section 6.3.1 illustrated interactive coding in R, using a simulated 4-way table of counts of pets, classified by age, color, and sex, but with no associations because the counts had a constant Poisson mean,  $\lambda = 15$ .

- (a) Re-do this example, but in the call to rpois(), specify a non-negative vector of Poisson means to create some associations among the table factors.
- (b) Use CA methods to determine if and how the structure you created in the data appears in the results.

**Exercise 6.9** The TV data was analyzed using CA in Example 6.4, ignoring the variable Time. Carry out analyses of the 3-way table, reducing the number of levels of Time to three hourly intervals as shown below.

```
> data("TV", package="vcdExtra")
> # reduce number of levels of Time
> TV.df <- as.data.frame.table(TV)
> levels(TV.df$Time) <- rep(c("8", "9", "10"), c(4, 4, 3))
> TV3 <- xtabs(Freq ~ Day + Time + Network, TV.df)
> structable(Day ~ Network + Time, TV3)
              Day Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Network Time
        8
                     536
                              861
                                        744
                                                  735
                                                         1119
ABC
        9
                    1401
                             1205
                                       1022
                                                  682
                                                         907
        10
                     910
                            1044
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                                                          711
```

GDG 0 11.67 646 550 600 500	
CBS 8 1167 646 550 680 509	
9 967 959 409 385 544	
10 789 798 324 270 426	
NBC 8 858 1090 512 1927 823	
9 946 890 831 1858 590	
10 825 588 869 2101 585	

(a) Use the stacking approach (Section 6.3) to perform a CA of the table with Network and Time coded interactively. You can create this using the as.matrix() method for a "structable" object.

```
> TV3S <- as.matrix(structable(Day ~ Network + Time, TV3), sep=":")
```

- (b) What loglinear model is analyzed by this approach?
- (c) Plot the 2D solution. Compare this to the CA plot of the two-way table in Figure 6.4.
- (d) Carry out an MCA analysis using mjca() of the three-way table TV3. Plot the 2D solution, and compare this with both the CA plot and the solution for the stacked three-way table.

**Exercise 6.10** Refer to the MCA analysis of the *PreSex* data in Example 6.8. Use the stacking approach to analyze the stacked table with the combinations of premarital and extramarital sex in the rows and the combinations of gender and marital status in the columns. As suggested in the exercise above, you can use as .matrix(structable()) to create the stacked table.

- (a) What loglinear model is analyzed by this approach? Which associations are included and which are excluded in this analysis?
- (b) Plot the 2D CA solution for this analysis. You might want to draw lines connecting some of the row points or column points to aid in interpretation.
- (c) How does this analysis differ from the MCA analysis shown in Figure 6.10?

**Exercise 6.11** Refer to Exercise 5.10 for a description of the *Vietnam* data set in vcdExtra.

- (a) Using the stacking approach, carry out a correspondence analysis corresponding to the loglinear model [R][YS], which asserts that the response is independent of the combinations of year an sex.
- (b) Construct an informative 2D plot of the solution, and interpret in terms of how the response varies with year for males and females.
- (c) Use mjca() to carry out an MCA on the three-way table. Make a useful plot of the solution and interpret in terms of the relationship of the response to year and sex.

**Exercise 6.12** Refer to Exercise 5.9 for a description of the Accident data set in vcdExtra. The data set is in the form of a frequency data frame, so first convert to table form.

```
> accident.tab <- xtabs(Freq ~ age + result + mode + gender, data=Accident)
```

- (a) Use mjca() to carry out an MCA on the four-way table accident.tab.
- (b) Construct an informative 2D plot of the solution, and interpret in terms of how the variable result varies in relation to the other factors.

**Exercise 6.13** The *UCBAdmissions* data was featured in numerous examples in Chapter 4 (e.g., Example 4.11, Example 4.15) and Chapter 5 (e.g., Example 5.14, Example 5.18).

- (a) Use mjca() to carry out an MCA on the three-way table UCBAdmissions.
- (b) Plot the 2D MCA solution in a style similar to that shown in Figure 6.10 and Figure 6.11
- (c) Interpret the plot. Is there some interpretation for the first dimension? What does the plot show about the relation of admission to the other factors?

# **Chapter 7**

#### **Logistic Regression Models**

**Exercise 7.1** Arbuthnot's data on the sex ratio of births in London was examined in Example 3.1. Use a binomial logistic regression model to assess whether the proportion of male births varied with the variables Year, Plague, and Mortality in the Arbuthnot data set. Produce effect plots for the terms in this model. What do you conclude?

**Exercise 7.2** For the Donner Party data in *Donner*, examine Grayson's 1990 claim that survival in the Donner Party was also mediated by the size of the family unit. This takes some care, because the family variable in the *Donner* data is a simplified grouping based on the person's name and known alliances among families from the historical record. Use the following code to compute a family.size variable from each individual's last name:

```
> data("Donner", package="vcdExtra")
> Donner$survived <- factor(Donner$survived, labels=c("no", "yes"))
> # use last name for family
> lame <- strsplit(rownames(Donner), ",")
> lame <- sapply(lame, function(x) x[[1]])
> Donner$family.size <- as.vector(table(lname)[lname])</pre>
```

- (a) Choose one of the models (donner.mod4, donner.mod6) from Example 7.9 that include the interaction of age and sex and nonlinear terms in age. Fit a new model that adds a main effect of family.size. What do you conclude about Grayson's claim?
- (b) Produce an effect plot for this model.
- (c) Continue, by examining whether the effect of family size can be taken as linear, or whether a nonlinear term should be added.

**Exercise 7.3** Use component+residual plots (Section 7.5.3) to examine the additive model for the *ICU* data given by

```
> icu.glm2 <- glm(died ~ age + cancer + admit + uncons,
+ data=ICU, family=binomial)</pre>
```

- (a) What do you conclude about the linearity of the (partial) relationship between age and death in this model?
- (b) An alternative strategy is to allow some nonlinear relation for age in the model using a quadratic (or cubic) term like poly(age, 2) (or poly(age, 3)) in the model formula. Do these models provide evidence for a nonlinear effect of age on death in the ICU?

**Exercise 7.4** Explore the use of other marginal and conditional plots to display the relationships among the variables predicting death in the ICU in the model icu.glm2. For example, you might begin with a marginal gpairs () plot showing all bivariate marginal relations, something like this:

```
> library(gpairs)
> gpairs(ICU[,c("died", "age", "cancer", "admit", "uncons")],
+ diag.pars=list(fontsize=16, hist.color="lightgray"),
+ mosaic.pars=list(gp=shading_Friendly,
+ gp_args=list(interpolate=1:4)))
```

Exercise 7.5 The data set Caesar in vcdExtra gives a  $3 \times 2^3$  frequency table classifying 251 women who gave birth by Caesarian section by Infection (three levels: none, Type 1, Type2) and Risk, whether Antibiotics were used, and whether the Caesarian section was Planned or not. Infection is a natural response variable. In this exercise, consider only the binary outcome of infection vs. no infection.

```
> data("Caesar", package="vcdExtra")
> Caesar.df <- as.data.frame(Caesar)
> Caesar.df$Infect <- as.numeric(Caesar.df$Infection %in%
+ c("Type 1", "Type 2"))</pre>
```

- (a) Fit the main-effects logit model for the binary response Infect. Note that with the data in the form of a frequency data frame you will need to use weights=Freq in the call to glm(). (It might also be convenient to reorder the levels of the factors so that "No" is the baseline level for each.)
- (b) Use summary () or car (Fox and Weisberg, 2015)::Anova () to test the terms in this model.
- (c) Interpret the coefficients in the fitted model in terms of their effect on the odds of infection.
- (d) Make one or more effects plots for this model, showing separate terms, or their combinations.

**Exercise 7.6** The data set birthwt in the MASS package gives data on 189 babies born at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA during 1986. The quantitative response is bwt (birth weight in grams), and this is also recorded as low, a binary variable corresponding to bwt < 2500 (2.5 Kg). The goal is to study how this varies with the available predictor variables. The variables are all recorded as numeric, so in R it may be helpful to convert some of these into factors and possibly collapse some low frequency categories. The code below is just an example of how you might do this for some variables.

```
> data("birthwt", package="MASS")
> birthwt <- within(birthwt, {
+    race <- factor(race, labels = c("white", "black", "other"))
+    ptd <- factor(ptl > 0) # premature labors
+    ftv <- factor(ftv) # physician visits
+    levels(ftv)[-(1:2)] <- "2+"
+    smoke <- factor(smoke>0)
+    ht <- factor(ht>0)
+    ui <- factor(ui>0)
+  })
```

- (a) Make some exploratory plots showing how low birth weight varies with each of the available predictors. In some cases, it will probably be helpful to add some sort of smoothed summary curves or lines
- (b) Fit several logistic regression models predicting low birth weight from these predictors, with the goal of explaining this phenomenon adequately, yet simply.
- (c) Use some graphical displays to convey your findings.

**Exercise 7.7** Refer to Exercise 5.9 for a description of the Accident data. The interest here is to model the probability that an accident resulted in death rather than injury from the predictors age, mode, and gender. With glm(), and the data in the form of a frequency table, you can use the argument weight=Freq to take cell frequency into account.

- (a) Fit the main effects model, result=="Died" ~ age + mode + gender. Use car::Anova() to assess the model terms.
- (b) Fit the model that allows all two-way interactions. Use anova() to test whether this model is significantly better than the main effects model.

- (c) Fit the model that also allows the three-way interaction of all factors. Does this offer any improvement over the two-way model?
- (d) Interpret the results of the analysis using effect plots for the two-way model, separately for each of the model terms. Describe verbally the nature of the age\*gender effect. Which mode of transportation leads to greatest risk of death?

#### **Chapter 8**

## **Models for Polytomous Responses**

**Exercise 8.1** For the women's labor force participation data (Womenlf), the response variable, partic, can be treated as ordinal by using

Use the methods in Section 8.1 to test whether the proportional odds model holds for these data.

**Exercise 8.2** The data set housing in the MASS package gives a  $3 \times 3 \times 4 \times 2$  table in frequency form relating (a) satisfaction (Sat) of residents with their housing (High, Medium, Low), (b) perceived degree of influence (Infl) they have on the management of the property (High, Medium, Low), (c) Type of rental (Tower, Atrium, Apartment, Terrace), and (d) contact (Cont) residents have with other residents (Low, High). Consider satisfaction as the ordinal response variable.

- (a) Fit the proportional odds model with additive (main) effects of housing type, influence in management, and contact with neighbors to this data. (Hint: Using polr(), with the data in frequency form, you need to use the weights argument to supply the Freq variable.)
- (b) Investigate whether any of the two-factor interactions among Infl, Type, and Cont add substantially to goodness of fit of this model. (Hint: use stepAIC(), with the scope formula ~ .^2 and direction="forward".)
- (c) For your chosen model from the previous step, use the methods of Section 8.1.5 to plot the probabilities of the categories of satisfaction.
- (d) Write a brief summary of these analyses, interpreting *how* satisfaction with housing depends on the predictor variables.

**Exercise 8.3** The data TV on television viewing was analyzed using correspondence analysis in Example 6.4, ignoring the variable Time, and extended in Exercise 6.9. Treating Network as a three-level response variable, fit a generalized logit model (Section 8.3) to explain the variation in viewing in relation to Day and Time. The TV data is a three-way table, so you will need to convert it to a frequency data frame first.

```
> data("TV", package="vcdExtra")
> TV.df <- as.data.frame.table(TV)</pre>
```

(a) Fit the main-effects model, Network ~ Day + Time, with multinom(). Note that you will have to supply the weights argument because each row of TV.df represents the number of viewers in the Freq variable.

- (b) Prepare an effects plot for the fitted probabilities in this model.
- (c) Interpret these results in comparison to the correspondence analysis in Example 6.4.

**Exercise 8.4** \* Refer to Exercise 5.10 for a description of the *Vietnam* data set in vcdExtra. The goal here is to fit models for the polytomous response variable in relation to year and sex.

- (a) Fit the proportional odds model to these data, allowing an interaction of year and sex.
- (b) Is there evidence that the proportional odds assumption does not hold for this data set? Use the methods described in Section 8.1 to assess this.
- (c) Fit the multinomial logistic model, also allowing an interaction. Use car::Anova() to assess the model terms.
- (d) Produce an effect plot for this model and describe the nature of the interaction.
- (e) Fit the simpler multinomial model in which there is no effect of year for females and the effect of year is linear for males (on the logit scale). Test whether this model is significantly worse than the general multinomial model with interaction.

## **Chapter 9**

## **Loglinear and Logit Models for Contingency Tables**

**Exercise 9.1** Consider the data set DaytonSurvey (described in Example 2.6), giving results of a survey of use of alcohol (A), cigarettes (C), and marijuana (M) among high school seniors. For this exercise, ignore the variables sex and race, by working with the marginal table Dayton. ACM, a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  table in frequency data frame form.

```
> Dayton.ACM <- aggregate(Freq ~ cigarette + alcohol + marijuana,
+ data=DaytonSurvey, FUN=sum)</pre>
```

- (a) Use loglm() to fit the model of mutual independence, [A][C][M].
- (b) Prepare mosaic display(s) for associations among these variables. Give a verbal description of the association between cigarette and alcohol use.
- (c) Use fourfold() to produce fourfold plots for each pair of variables, AC, AM, and CM, stratified by the remaining one. Describe these associations verbally.

**Exercise 9.2** Continue the analysis of the *DaytonSurvey* data by fitting the following models:

- (a) Joint independence, [AC][M]
- (b) Conditional independence, [AM][CM]
- (c) Homogeneous association, [AC][AM][CM]
- (d) Prepare a table giving the goodness-of-fit tests for these models, as well as the model of mutual independence, [A][C][M], and the saturated model, [ACM]. *Hint*: anova() and LRstats() are useful here. Which model appears to give the most reasonable fit?

Exercise 9.3 The data set Caesar in vcdExtra gives a  $3 \times 2^3$  frequency table classifying 251 women who gave birth by Caesarian section by Infection (three levels: none, Type 1, Type2) and Risk, whether Antibiotics were used, and whether the Caesarian section was Planned or not. Infection is a natural response variable, but the table has quite a few zeros.

- (a) Use structable() and mosaic() to see the locations of the zero cells in this table.
- (b) Use loglm() to fit the baseline model [I][ RAP]. Is there any problem due to zero cells indicated in the output?
- (c) For the purpose of this excercise, treat all the zero cells as *sampling zeros* by adding 0.5 to all cells, e.g., Caesar1 <- Caesar + 0.5. Refit the baseline model.
- (d) Now fit a "main effects" model [IR][ IA][ IP][ RAP] that allows associations of Infection with each of the predictors.

**Exercise 9.4** The *Detergent* in vcdExtra gives a  $2^3 \times 3$  table classifying a sample of 1,008 consumers according to their preference for (a) expressed Preference for Brand "X" or Brand "M" in a blind trial, (b) Temperature of laundry water used, (c) previous use (M\_user) of detergent Brand "M," and (d) the softness (Water\_softness) of the laundry water used.

- (a) Make some mosaic displays to visualize the associations among the table variables. Try using different orderings of the table variables to make associations related to Preference more apparent.
- (b) Use a doubledecker() plot to visualize how Preference relates to the other factors.
- (c) Use loglm() to fit the baseline model [P][TMW] for Preference as the response variable. Use a mosaic display to visualize the lack of fit for this model.

#### **Chapter 10**

# **Extending Loglinear Models**

**Exercise 10.1** Example 10.5 presented an analysis of the data on visual acuity for the subset of women in the *VisualAcuity* data. Carry out a parallel analysis of the models fit there for the men in this data set, given by:

```
> data("VisualAcuity", package="vcd")
> men <- subset(VisualAcuity, gender=="male", select=-gender)</pre>
```

Exercise 10.2 Table 10.1 gives a  $4 \times 4$  table of opinions about premarital sex and whether methods of birth control should be made available to teenagers aged 14–16, from the 1991 General Social Survey (Agresti, 2013, Table 10.3). Both variables are ordinal, and their grades are represented by the case of the row and column labels.

Table 10.1: Opinions about premarital sex and availability of teenage birth control. *Source*: Agresti (2013, Table 10.3).

Premarital sex	Birth control								
	DISAGREE	disagree	agree	AGREE					
WRONG	81	68	60	38					
Wrong	24	26	29	14					
wrong	18	41	74	42					
OK	36	57	161	157					

(a) Fit the independence model to these data using loglm() or glm().

- (b) Make a mosaic display showing departure from independence and describe verbally the pattern of association.
- (c) Treating the categories as equally spaced, fit the  $L \times L$  model of uniform association, as in Section 10.1. Test the difference against the independence model with a likelihood-ratio test.
- (d) Fit the RC(1) model with gnm (), and test the difference of this against the model of uniform association.
- (e) Write a brief summary of these results, including plots useful for explaining the relationships in this data set.

Exercise 10.3 For the data on attitudes toward birth control in Table 10.1,

- (a) Calculate and plot the observed local log odds ratios.
- (b) Also fit the R, C, and R+C models.
- (c) Use the method described in Section 10.1.2 to visualize the structure of fitted local log odds ratios implied by each of these models, together with the RC(1) model.

Exercise 10.4 The data set gss8590 in logmult gives a  $4\times5\times4$  table of education levels and occupational categories for the four combinations of gender and race from the General Social Surveys, 1985–1990, as reported by Wong (2001, Table 2). Wong (2010, Table 2.3B) later used the subset pertaining to women to illustrate RC(2) models. This data is created below as Women.tab, correcting an inconsistency to conform with the 2010 table.

```
> data("gss8590", package="logmult")
> Women.tab <- margin.table(gss8590[,,c("White Women", "Black Women")], 1:2)
> Women.tab[2,4] <- 49
> colnames(Women.tab)[5] <- "Farm"</pre>
```

- (a) Fit the independence model, and also the RC(1) and RC(2) models using rc() with marginal weights, as illustrated in Example 10.4. Summarize these statistical tests in a table.
- (b) Plot the solution for the RC(2) model with 68% confidence ellipses. What verbal labels would you use for the two dimensions?
- (c) Is there any indication that a simpler model, using integer scores for the row (Education) or column (Occupation) categories, or both, might suffice? If so, fit the analogous column effects, row effects, or  $L \times L$  model, and compare with the models fit in part (a).

# Chapter 11

#### **Generalized Linear Models for Count Data**

Exercise 11.1 Poole (1989) studied the mating behavior of elephants over 8 years in Amboseli National Park, Kenya. A focal aspect of the study concerned the mating success of males in relation to age, since larger males tend to be more successful in mating. Her data were used by Ramsey and Schafer (2002, Chapter 22) as a case study, and are contained in the Sleuth2 (Ramsey et al., 2012) package (Ramsey et al., 2012) as case2201.

For convenience, rename this to elephants, and study the relation between Age (at the beginning of the study) and number of successful Matings for the 41 adult male elephants observed over the course of this study, ranging in age from 27–52.

```
> data("case2201", package="Sleuth2")
> elephants <- case2201
> str(elephants)

'data.frame': 41 obs. of 2 variables:
    $ Age : num 27 28 28 28 28 29 29 29 29 ...
$ Matings: num 0 1 1 1 3 0 0 0 2 2 ...
```

- (a) Create some exploratory plots of Matings against Age in the styles illustrated in this chapter. To do this successfully, you will have to account for the fact that Matings has a range of only 0–9, and use some smoothing methods to show the trend.
- (b) Repeat (a) above, but now plotting log (Matings+1) against Age to approximate a Poisson regression with a log link and avoid problems with the zero counts.
- (c) Fit a linear Poisson regression model for Matings against Age. Interpret the fitted model *verbally* from a graph of predicted number of matings and/or from the model coefficients. (*Hint*: Using Age-27 will make the intercept directly interpretable.)
- (d) Check for nonlinearity in the relationship by using the term poly (Age, 2) in a new model. What do you conclude?
- (e) Assess whether there is any evidence of overdispersion in these data by fitting analogous quasi-Poisson and negative-binomial models.

**Exercise 11.2** The data set *quine* in MASS gives data on absenteeism from schools in rural New South Wales, Australia. 146 children were classified by ethnic background (Eth), age (Age, a factor), Sex, and Learner status (Lrn), and the number of days absent (Days) from school in a particular school year was recorded.

- (a) Fit the all main-effects model in the Poisson family and examine the tests of these effects using summary() and car::Anova(). Are there any terms that should be dropped according to these tests?
- (b) Re-fit this model as a quasi-Poisson model. Is there evidence of overdispersion? Test for overdispersion formally, using dispersiontest() from AER (Kleiber and Zeileis, 2015).
- (c) Carry out the same significance tests and explain why the results differ from those for the Poisson model.

**Exercise 11.3** The data set *AirCrash* in vcdExtra was analyzed in Exercise 5.2 and Exercise 6.3 in relation to the Phase of the flight and Cause of the crash. Additional variables include the number of Fatalities and Year. How does Fatalities depend on the other variables?

- (a) Use the methods of this chapter to make some exploratory plots relating fatalities to each of the predictors.
- (b) Fit a main effects poisson regression model for Fatalities, and make effects plots to visualize the model. Which phases and causes result in the largest number of fatalities?
- (c) A linear effect of Year might not be appropriate for these data. Try using a natural spline term, ns (Year, df) to achieve a better, more adequate model.
- (d) Use a model-building tool like add1() or MASS::stepAIC() to investigate whether there are important two-way interactions among the factors and your chosen effect for Year.
- (e) Visualize and interpret your final model and write a brief summary to answer the question posed.

**Exercise 11.4** Male double-crested cormorants use advertising behavior to attract females for breeding. The *Cormorants* data set in vcdExtra gives some results from a study by Meagan Mc Rae (2015) on

counts of advertising males observed two or three times a week at six stations in a tree-nesting colony for an entire breeding season. The number of advertising birds was counted and these observations were classified by characteristics of the trees and nests. The goal was to determine how this behavior varies temporally over the season and spatially over observation stations, as well as with characteristics of nesting sites. The response variable is count and other predictors are shown below. See help(Cormorants, package="vcdExtra") for further details.

```
> data("Cormorants", package = "vcdExtra")
> car::some(Cormorants)
      category week station
                              nest height density tree_health count
79
                         C3
                              full
                                      mid
                                                           dead
          Pre
                  2
106
                         B2 partial
                                      mid moderate
                                                        healthy
                                                                    1
164 Incubation
                 4
                         C3
                                      mid moderate
                                                                    1
                                 no
                                                           dead
                                                few
182 Incubation
                 4
                         В1
                                     high
                                                                    3
                                 no
                                                           dead
                                                few
                  5
212 Incubation
                         C3
                                     high
                                                        healthy
                                                                    6
                                 no
219 Incubation
                  5
                         C4 partial
                                      high
                                               few
                                                           dead
                  7
259 Incubation
                         C1
                                no
                                     high moderate
                                                        healthy
274 Incubation
                  7
                         C3
                               full
                                      mid
                                                few
                                                        healthy
                                                                    1
302 Incubation
                  9
                         C1
                                no
                                      high
                                                few
                                                        healthy
                                                                    1
313 Incubation
                         В1
                                     high moderate
                                                                    1
                                 no
                                                           dead
```

- (a) Using the methods illustrated in this chapter, make some exploratory plots of the number of advertising birds against week in the breeding season, perhaps stratified by another predictor, like tree height, nest condition, or observation station. To see anything reasonable, you should plot count on a log (or square root) scale, jitter the points, and add smoothed curves. The variable category breaks the weeks into portions of the breeding season, so adding vertical lines separating those will be helpful for interpretation.
- (b) Fit a main-effects Poisson GLM to these data and test the terms using Anova () from the car package.
- (c) Interpret this model using an effects plot.
- (d) Investigate whether the effect of week should be treated as linear in the model. You could try using a polynomial term like poly (week, degree) or perhaps better, using a natural spline term like ns (week, df) from the splines package.
- (e) Test this model for overdispersion, using either a quasipoisson family or dispersiontest () in AER.

**Exercise 11.5** For the *CodParasites* data, recode the area variable as an ordered factor as suggested in footnote 13. Test the hypotheses that prevalence and intensity of cod parasites is linearly related to area.

**Exercise 11.6** In Example 11.10, we ignored other potential predictors in the *CodParasites* data: depth, weight, length, sex, stage, and age. Use some of the graphical methods shown in this case study to assess whether any of these are related to prevalence and intensity.

**Exercise 11.7** The analysis of the *PhdPubs* data in the examples in this chapter were purposely left incomplete, going only as far as the negative binomial model.

- (a) Fit the zero-inflated and hurdle models to this data set, considering whether the count component should be Poisson or negative-binomial, and whether the zero model should use all predictors or only a subset. Describe your conclusions from this analysis in a few sentences.
- (b) Using the methods illustrated in this chapter, create some graphs summarizing the predicted counts and probabilities of zero counts for one of these models.

(c) For your chosen model, use some of the diagnostic plots of residuals and other measures shown in Section 11.6 to determine if your model solves any of the problems noted in Example 11.17 and Example 11.18, and whether there are any problems that remain.

**Exercise 11.8** In Example 11.19 we used a simple analysis of  $\log(y+1)$  for the multivariate responses in the *NMES1988* data using a classical MLM (Eqn. (11.16)) as a rough approximation of a multivariate Poisson model. The HE plot in Figure 11.40 was given as a visual summary, but did not show the data. Examine why the MLM is not appropriate statistically for these data, as follows:

(a) Calculate residuals for the model nmes.mlm using

```
> resids <- residuals(nmes.mlm, type="deviance")</pre>
```

- (b) Make univariate density plots of these residuals to show their univariate distributions. These should be approximately normal under the MLM. What do you conclude?
- (c) Make some bivariate plots of these residuals. Under the MLM, each should be bivariate normal with elliptical contours and linear regressions. Add 2D density contours (kde2d(), or geom\_density2d() in ggplot2 (Wickham and Chang, 2015)) and some smoothed curve. What do you conclude?

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