

HOMEWORK 2

Due February 8th, 2016

Reading: Jewell, Chapter 9.

1. Use the package `epiR` in the R program, to repeat the analysis of association between coffee consumption and myocardial infarction with smoking a potential confounder (This is the Palmer study used in class 1 and class 2):

SMOKING	NEVER OR FORMER			CURRENT		
	Coffee 5+ cups	Coffee 0-4 cups		Coffee 5+ cups	Coffee 0-4 cups	
MI	30	207	237	117	216	333
No MI	33	327	360	25	114	139
Total	63	534	597	142	330	472

Specifically:

- a. Test whether there is interaction between smoking and coffee use using both Breslow day test and the Woolf's method;
- b. Show whether there is confounding.
- c. Produce the Mantel-Haenszel chi-square test statistic to test whether there is an association between coffee consumption and MI using the continuity correction and without using the continuity corrections.
- d. Write down the conclusions of your study.

You should include in your report the R script, and the R output, and your analysis should reproduce the results shown in class 1 and class 2.

2. **For this question, you can use either SAS or R and adjust the script in class:** Using the data in file **framdat2**, modify the sample program in your class notes handout to obtain the following results for women (sex = 2):
 - a. a crude odds ratio,
 - b. stratum-specific odds ratios,
 - c. a summary odds ratio adjusting for age,
 - d. a Mantel-Haenszel chi-square test statistic testing the age-adjusted association between `gli4` and CHD, and
 - e. a 95% confidence interval for the age-adjusted association.

From these results, what are your conclusions regarding confounding, interaction, and the relationship between glucose intolerance measured at exam 4 and development of coronary heart disease over 22 years of follow-up among women? Justify your statements with the results from the computer run.