

## $\chi^2$ -test of Independence.

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### Independence of categorical random variables.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two categorical r.v.s.

Their joint probability mass function can be represented as

| $X \backslash Y$ | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | ... | $y_j$    | ... | $y_c$ |
|------------------|-------|-------|-----|----------|-----|-------|
| $x_1$            |       |       |     |          |     |       |
| $x_2$            |       |       |     |          |     |       |
| $\vdots$         |       |       |     |          |     |       |
| $x_i$            |       |       |     | $p_{ij}$ |     |       |
| $\vdots$         |       |       |     |          |     |       |
| $x_r$            |       |       |     |          |     |       |

$$p_X(x_i) := \sum_{j=1}^c p_{ij}$$

$$p_Y(y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^r p_{ij}$$

$$p_{ij} = \mathbb{P}[X=x_i, Y=y_j] \text{ for all } i, j$$

marginal distributions

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$p_{ij} = p_X(x_i) \cdot p_Y(y_j)$$

for all  $i, j$



## Two-Way Tables.

... empirical counterparts of the joint pmf table.

| $X \backslash Y$ | $y_j$    |                                   |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
|                  |          |                                   |
| $x_i$            | $n_{ij}$ | $r_i$ ... total count for row $i$ |
|                  | $c_j$    | $n$ total sample size             |

↑  
total count for column  $j$

$n_{ij}$ ... the # of observed cases w/ the combination  $x_i, y_j$

### Empirically:

Q: What is the probability that you land in row  $i$ ?

$$\frac{r_i}{n}$$

Q: What is the probability that you land in column  $j$ ?

$$\frac{c_j}{n}$$

Q: If the row and column r.v.s were independent, what would be the probability of landing in the cell  $(i, j)$ ?

$$\frac{r_i}{n} \cdot \frac{c_j}{n} = \frac{r_i \cdot c_j}{n^2}$$

=> The expected count for the cell  $(i, j)$  if the two effects are independent:

$$n \cdot \frac{r_i \cdot c_j}{n^2} = \frac{r_i \cdot c_j}{n}$$