

DATA 606: Statistical Methods in Data Science

— Inference for contingency table

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Lecture 9



Comparing the proportions

$$\pi_1 - \pi_2$$

- ▶ Given the following two-way contingency table

	Y_1	Y_2	
X_1	n_{11}	n_{12}	n_{1+}
X_2	n_{21}	n_{22}	n_{2+}

- ▶ We would like to know more about $\pi_1 - \pi_2$ where

$$\pi_1 = \mathbf{P}(Y = Y_1 | X = X_1), \quad \cancel{\pi_2} = \mathbf{P}(Y = Y_1 | X = X_2).$$

- ▶ If X and Y are independent, then $\pi_1 - \pi_2 = 0$.

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- ▶ Large-sample $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval for $\pi_1 - \pi_2$

$$\left[\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2 - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2)}, \hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2 + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2)} \right].$$

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- ▶ The difference of curing probabilities is

$$\hat{\pi}_1 - \hat{\pi}_2 = \frac{189}{11034} - \frac{104}{11037} = 0.0077.$$

- ▶ Standard deviation is $\sqrt{\frac{0.0171(1-0.0171)}{11034} + \frac{0.0094(1-0.0094)}{11037}} = 0.0015.$
- ▶ Large-sample 95% CI for the difference is

$$[0.0077 - 1.96 \times 0.0015, 0.0077 + 1.96 \times 0.0015] \Rightarrow [0.0048, 0.0106].$$

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- ▶ An alternative measure is the *relative risk*: $RR = \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2}$.
- ▶ Some properties:
 - $0 < RR < \infty$.
 - $\pi_1 > \pi_2 \iff RR > 1$.
 - $\pi_1 = \pi_2 \iff RR = 1$ (independence).
- ▶ An estimate for relative risk: $\frac{\hat{\pi}_1}{\hat{\pi}_2} = \frac{n_{11}/n_{1+}}{n_{21}/n_{2+}}$.

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- ▶ Large-sample $1 - \alpha$ CI for $\log RR$

$$[\log RR - z_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}(\log RR), \log RR + z_{\alpha/2} \hat{\sigma}(\log RR)] ,$$

where

$$\hat{\sigma}^2(\log RR) = \frac{1 - \hat{\pi}_1}{n_{11}} + \frac{1 - \hat{\pi}_2}{n_{21}}.$$

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Example 3 (Aspirin revisited)

An estimate for the relative risk is $\frac{189/11034}{104/11037} \approx 1.818$. The approximate standard deviation is

$$\hat{\sigma}(\log RR) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - 189/11034}{189} + \frac{1 - 104/11037}{104}} \approx 0.121.$$

The 95% CI for log RR is

$$[\log 1.818 - 1.96 \times 0.121, \log 1.818 + 1.96 \times 0.121] \Rightarrow [0.361, 0.835]$$

which gives the 95% CI for RR

$$[e^{0.361}, e^{0.835}] \Rightarrow [1.435, 2.305].$$

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Odds ratio

Definition 4 (Odds ratio)

For a two-way contingency table, the odds ratio is defined as

$$\theta = \frac{\pi_1/(1-\pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1-\pi_2)} = \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2} \cdot \frac{1-\pi_2}{1-\pi_1} = RR \cdot \frac{1-\pi_2}{1-\pi_1}.$$

Properties of θ :

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- ▶ $\pi_1 = \pi_2 \iff \theta = 1$ (independence).

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- ▶ An estimate for θ

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1/(1 - \hat{\pi}_1)}{\hat{\pi}_2/(1 - \hat{\pi}_2)} = \frac{n_{11}/n_{12}}{n_{21}/n_{22}}.$$

- ▶ Large sample approximate variance for $\log \hat{\theta}$

$$\hat{\text{Var}}(\log \hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n_{11}} + \frac{1}{n_{12}} + \frac{1}{n_{21}} + \frac{1}{n_{22}}.$$

- ▶ The approximate $1 - \alpha$ CI for $\log \theta$ is

$$\left[\log \hat{\theta} - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{Var}}(\log \hat{\theta})}, \log \hat{\theta} + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{Var}}(\log \hat{\theta})} \right].$$

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Example 5 (Aspirin revisited)

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{189 \times 10933}{10845 \times 104} \approx 1.832.$$

$$\hat{\text{Var}}(\log \hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{189} + \frac{1}{10845} + \frac{1}{104} + \frac{1}{10933} \approx 0.015$$

The 95% CI for $\log \theta$

$$\left[\log 1.832 - 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.015}, 1.832 + 1.96 \times \sqrt{0.015} \right] \Rightarrow [0.365, 0.846],$$

the 95% CI for θ is

$$[e^{0.365}, e^{0.846}] \Rightarrow [1.44, 2.33].$$

χ^2 test for independence

A joint table of X and Y is like

	Y_1	Y_2	\cdots	Y_J	
X_1	π_{11}	π_{12}	\cdots	π_{1J}	π_{1+}
X_2	π_{21}	π_{22}	\cdots	π_{2J}	π_{2+}
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots	\vdots
X_I	π_{I1}	π_{I2}	\cdots	π_{IJ}	π_{I+}
	π_{+1}	π_{+2}	\cdots	π_{+J}	1

Goal: test the independence between X and Y , e.g.

$$H_0 : \pi_{ij} = \pi_{i+}\pi_{+j} \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, I\}, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\}$$

χ^2 test for independence

- ▶ The estimate of π_{i+} and π_{+j} are

$$\hat{\pi}_{i+} = \frac{n_{i+}}{n}, \quad \hat{\pi}_{+j} = \frac{n_{+j}}{n}.$$

- ▶ Under H_0 , we have

$$\hat{\mu}_{ij} = n\pi_{ij} = n\pi_{i+}\pi_{+j} = \frac{n_{i+}n_{+j}}{n}.$$

- ▶ The Pearson χ^2 statistic is

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}, j \in \{1, \dots, J\}} \frac{(n_{ij} - \hat{\mu}_{ij})^2}{\hat{\mu}_{ij}} \sim \chi^2_{df}$$

where $df = IJ - 1 - (I - 1 + J - 1) = (I - 1)(J - 1)$.

- ▶ **Reject** H_0 if $\chi^2 \geq \chi^2_{df}(\alpha)$.

χ^2 test for independence

Example 6 (Gender in party identification)

Suppose we are given the following table

	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Female	762	327	468	1557
Male	484	239	477	1200
	1246	566	945	2757

- ▶ Then $\hat{\mu}_{11} = \frac{1577 \times 1246}{2757} = 703.7$, etc.
- ▶ Pearson's statistic $\chi^2 = \frac{(762-703.7)^2}{703.7} + \frac{(327-319.6)^2}{319.6} + \dots = 30.1$.
- ▶ The degree of freedom (df) is $(2-1)(3-1) = 2$ and $\chi^2_2(0.05) = 5.99$.
- ▶ **Reject H_0** as $30.1 > 5.99$.

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► Under H_0 : X and Y are independent, we have $\hat{\mu}_{ij} = \frac{n_{i+}n_{+j}}{n}$.

► We calculate the standardized Pearson residuals

$$e_{ij} = \frac{n_{ij} - \hat{\mu}_{ij}}{\sqrt{\hat{\mu}_{ij}(1 - \hat{\pi}_{i+})(1 - \hat{\pi}_{+j})}}.$$

► Under H_0 , e_{ij} behaves like a $N(0, 1)$ random variable.

► We can observe e_{ij} to check the departure from H_0 .

Cell residuals

- ▶ In the gender and party identification example,

$$\hat{\pi}_{1+} = \frac{1557}{2757} = 0.565, \quad \hat{\pi}_{+1} = \frac{1246}{2757} = 0.452,$$

$$e_{11} = \frac{762 - 703.7}{\sqrt{703.7(1 - 0.565)(1 - 0.452)}} = 4.5.$$

- ▶ The cell-by-cell residuals are displayed as

	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Female	4.5	0.7	-5.3
Male	-4.5	-0.7	5.3
	1246	566	945

- ▶ There are significantly more democrat females (less males) than predicted by the independence model, there are significantly less republican females (more males) than predicted by the model.

Testing independence for ordinal data

- ▶ X has I categories: X_1, \dots, X_I ; Y has J categories: Y_1, \dots, Y_J . We know $X_1 < \dots < X_I$ and $Y_1 < \dots < Y_J$.
- ▶ We want to test whether X is independent of Y .
- ▶ Assign scores $u_1 < \dots < u_I$ to categories of X and $v_1 < \dots < v_J$ to those of Y .
- ▶ See the following example, patients with two diseases X and Y . The categories are the level of symptoms (slight, medium and heavy).

Testing independence for ordinal data

		Y			\Rightarrow	Patient	X	Y
		v_1	v_2	v_3				
X	u_1	2	1	3		1	u_1	v_1
	u_2	1	2	1		2	u_1	v_1
	u_3	1	1	2		3	u_1	v_2
						4	u_1	v_3
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						14	u_3	v_3

Testing independence for ordinal data

- Pearson correlation coefficient describes the *linear relationship* between X and Y :

$$r = \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^I n_{i+} u_i = \bar{u},$$
$$\bar{y} = \bar{v}.$$

- In that case, we have

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \pi_{ij} (u_i - \bar{u})(v_j - \bar{v})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^I \pi_{i+} (u_i - \bar{u})^2 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^J \pi_{+j} (v_j - \bar{v})^2}}.$$

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- ▶ In the gender and party identification example, $M^2 = 28.98 > \chi_1^2(0.05) = 3.841$, therefore reject H_0 .

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Example 7 (Mother's alcohol consumption and infant malformation)

	Present (Y=1)	Absent (Y=0)
0	48	17066
< 1	38	14464
1-2	5	788
3-5	1	126
> 6	1	37

- ▶ Pearson's test: $\chi^2 = 12.1 > \chi_4^2(0.95) = 9.49$.
- ▶ Assign scores 0, 0.5, 1.5, 4, 7 to alcohol consumption and 0, 1 to absent/present. We have

$$M^2 = 6.6 > \chi_1^2(0.95) = 3.84.$$

Conclusion: there exists relationship between mother's alcohol consumption and infant malformation.

Tests for nominal-ordinal data

- ▶ X -nominal, Y -ordinal, such that

		Y			
		v_1	v_2	v_3	
X	1	n_{11}	n_{12}	n_{13}	n_{1+}
	2	n_{21}	n_{22}	n_{23}	n_{2+}
	3	n_{31}	n_{32}	n_{33}	n_{3+}

- ▶ $H_0 : X$ and Y are independent \implies the conditional distributions ($\mathbf{P}(Y|X = i)$) of Y given X are the same across all levels of $X \implies$ the conditional means remain unchanged $\mathbf{E}[Y|X = i]$.
- ▶ This is an ANOVA problem !

Tests for nominal-ordinal data

- We have $SSTO = SSW + SSB$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J n_{ij} (v_j - \bar{v})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J n_{ij} (v_j - \bar{v}_i)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J n_{ij} (\bar{v}_i - \bar{v})^2,$$

where

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J n_{ij} v_j}{n}$$
$$\bar{v}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J n_{ij} v_j}{n_{i+}}$$

- The F-test is

$$F = \frac{SSB/(I-1)}{SSW/(n-I)} \sim F_{I-1, n-I}.$$

Exact inference

As you can see, most aforementioned methods require **large sample**. **What if the sample size is small?**

Example 8 (Fisher's tea)

Fisher's colleague, Muriel Bristol claims she could tell whether or not tea (or milk) was added to the cup first.

		Muriel's Guess		
		Milk	Tea	
True	Milk	3	1	4
	Tea	1	3	4
		4	4	

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Answer: a hyper-geometric distribution

$$P(n_{11} = 3) = \frac{\binom{n_{1+}}{3} \cdot \binom{n_{2+}}{n_{+1}-3}}{\binom{n}{n_{+1}}} = \frac{\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{8}{4}}.$$

Exact inference

► $\theta = 1 \iff n_{11} = 2$. In other words, if $n_{11} \neq 2$, then $\theta \neq 1$.

► The probability distribution table

	$n_{11} = 0$	$n_{11} = 1$	$n_{11} = 2$	$n_{11} = 3$	$n_{11} = 4$
Prob	0.014	0.229	0.514	0.229	0.014

► The P-value of this exact test is

$$0.014 + 0.229 + 0.229 + 0.014 = 0.486.$$