



## Module 2 – Section 4

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### Chi-square Test of Independence



# Variables

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- Variable 2
  - $J$  categories
- Variable 1
  - $I$  categories
- Neither variable is considered the response variable.



# Data

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- Random sample of size  $n$  from population
- Gather information on two categorical variables



# Data Summary

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- Cross-classify data according to categories of two variables
- Form into contingency table



## Ex. 3 x 4 Contingency Table

Variable 2					
Variable 1	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Total
Cat 1	$Y_{11}$	$Y_{12}$	$Y_{13}$	$Y_{14}$	$Y_{1.}$
Cat 2	$Y_{21}$	$Y_{22}$	$Y_{23}$	$Y_{24}$	$Y_{2.}$
Cat 3	$Y_{31}$	$Y_{32}$	$Y_{33}$	$Y_{34}$	$Y_{3.}$
Total	$Y_{.1}$	$Y_{.2}$	$Y_{.3}$	$Y_{.4}$	$n$



# Example

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- A study involving more than 5000 students looked at the relationship between smoking habits of students and the smoking habits of their parents.



# Ex. Variables

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- Variable 2
  - Student Smoking Status
  - Categories: Non-smoker, Smoker
- Variable 1
  - Parent Smoking Status
  - Categories: Neither Smokes, One Smokes, Both Smoke



# Ex. Data

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Parent Smoking Status	Student Smoking Status
Neither Smokes	Non-smoker
Neither Smokes	Non-smoker
Neither Smokes	Non-smoker
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⋮	⋮
Both Smoke	Smoker
Both Smoke	Smoker





## Ex. Contingency Table

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Parent Smoking Status	Student Smoking Status		
	Non-smoker	Smoker	Total
Neither Smokes	1168	188	1356
One Smokes	1823	416	2239
Both Smoke	1380	400	1780
Total	4371	1004	5375

## Ex. Mosaic Plot

- A small proportion of students in the study are Smokers.
- The proportion of students who are Smokers is the lowest when Neither Parent Smokes and highest when Both Parents Smoke





# Population Proportions

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- $p_{ij}$  = population proportion in category  $i$  of Variable 1 and category  $j$  of Variable 2.
- $p_{i.}$  = population proportion in category  $i$  of Variable 1.
- $p_{.j}$  = population proportion in category  $j$  of Variable 2.



# Test of Independence

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- Two categorical variables are independent if

$$p_{ij} = p_{i.}p_{.j} \text{ for all } i \text{ and } j$$



# Test of Independence

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- $H_0$ : the two variables are independent
  - $p_{ij} = p_{i.}p_{.j}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- $H_a$ : the two variables are not independent
  - At least one  $p_{ij} \neq p_{i.}p_{.j}$  for some  $i$  and  $j$



# Test of Independence

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- If  $H_0$  is true,

$$E(Y_{ij}) = np_{ij} = np_{i.}p_{.j}$$

- Population proportions  $p_{i.}$  and  $p_{.j}$  are unknown.



# Test of Independence

- Estimate with sample proportions from table

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{E(Y_{ij})} &= n\hat{p}_{i.}\hat{p}_{.j} \\ &= n\left(\frac{Y_{i.}}{n}\right)\left(\frac{Y_{.j}}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{Y_{i.}Y_{.j}}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Var. 1	Var. 2				Total
	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	
Cat 1	$Y_{11}$	$Y_{12}$	$Y_{13}$	$Y_{14}$	$Y_{1.}$
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# Test of Independence

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- If  $H_0$  is true:

$$\widehat{E(Y_{ij})} = \frac{Y_{i.}Y_{.j}}{n} = \frac{(\text{row } i \text{ total})(\text{column } j \text{ total})}{\text{table total}}$$





# Test Statistic

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- Compare observed cell value  $Y_{ij}$  to estimated expected cell value  $\widehat{E(Y_{ij})}$ :

$$X^2 = \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{i=1}^I \frac{(Y_{ij} - \widehat{E(Y_{ij})})^2}{\widehat{E(Y_{ij})}}$$

- Large values of  $X^2$  indicate evidence the two variables are not independent.



## P-value

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- If  $\widehat{E(Y_{ij})} > 5$  for each cell, the distribution of  $X^2$  is well approximated by a  $\chi^2_{(I-1)(J-1)}$  distribution.

$$p\text{-value} = P(\chi^2_{(I-1)(J-1)} > X^2)$$



## Ex. Null and Alternative Hypotheses

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- $H_0$ : The smoking status of students and their parents are independent.
- $H_a$ : The smoking status of students and their parents are not independent.



## Ex. Expected Values

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Parent Smoking Status	Student Smoking Status		
	Non-smoker	Smoker	Total
Neither Smokes	1102.712	253.288	1356
One Smokes	1820.776	418.224	2239
Both Smoke	1447.512	332.488	1780
Total	4371	1004	5375



## Ex. Test Statistic and P-value

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- Test Statistic

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(Y_{ij} - \widehat{E(Y_{ij})})^2}{\widehat{E(Y_{ij})}} = 37.5663$$

- P-value

$$P(\chi_2^2 > 37.5663) < 0.0001$$



## Ex. Conclusion

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- We have extremely strong evidence that the smoking status of students is not independent from the smoking status of their parents.



# Study of Relationship

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- Cell Expected Values
- Cell Residuals
- Contribution of Cell to  $\chi^2$  statistic



## Ex. Smoking

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- We found extremely strong evidence that the smoking status of students is not independent from the smoking status of the parents.
- Where is the relationship?





## Ex. Contingency Table with Expected Values

Parent Smoking Status	Student Smoking Status		Total
	Non-smoker	Smoker	
Neither Smokes	1168 (1102.712)	188 (253.288)	1356
One Smokes	1823 (1820.776)	416 (418.224)	2239
Both Smokes	1380 (1447.512)	400 (332.488)	1780
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## Ex. Smoking

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- Under the assumption of independence:
  - When neither parent smoked, we expect more students to smoke than did.
  - When both parents smoke, we expect less students to smoke than did.
  - When one parent smoked, the expected number of students who smoked is very close to the observed number.



# Connections and Similarities

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- Analyses for differences in proportions and multinomial response probabilities are similar to analysis for independence.
  - Same Expected Values, Test Statistic, degrees of freedom, p-value.
  - Hypotheses and conclusions are different.



# Which one to use?

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- Proportions and Multinomial response probabilities
  - Always when group sizes are fixed prior to data collection.
    - Experiment
    - Stratified Sampling
  - Usually when Variable 1 is a grouping variable.



# Which one to use?

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- Test of Independence
  - Always when Variable 1 is not a grouping variable.
  - Sometimes when group sizes are not fixed prior to data collection.