

Problem Set 2

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Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in `R`, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the `.R` file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on GitHub.
- This problem set is due before 23:59 on Monday October 14, 2024. No late assignments will be accepted.

Question 1: Political Science

The following table was created using the data from a study run in a major Latin American city.¹ As part of the experimental treatment in the study, one employee of the research team was chosen to make illegal left turns across traffic to draw the attention of the police officers on shift. Two employee drivers were upper class, two were lower class drivers, and the identity of the driver was randomly assigned per encounter. The researchers were interested in whether officers were more or less likely to solicit a bribe from drivers depending on their class (officers use phrases like, “We can solve this the easy way” to draw a bribe). The table below shows the resulting data.

¹Fried, Lagunes, and Venkataramani (2010). “Corruption and Inequality at the Crossroad: A Multi-method Study of Bribery and Discrimination in Latin America. *Latin American Research Review*. 45 (1): 76-97.

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper class	14	6	7
Lower class	7	7	1

- (a) Calculate the χ^2 test statistic by hand/manually (even better if you can do "by hand" in R).

The chi-square test statistic is 3.80.

This was calculated by hand and through R using the observed and expected frequencies table and the code below.

Figure 1: Frequency Table

	Not Stopped	Bribe Requested	Stopped/Given Warning	Total
Upper Class	obs: 14 exp: 13.5	obs: 6 exp: 8.36	obs: 7 exp: 5.14	27
Lower Class	obs: 7 exp: 7.5	obs: 7 exp: 4.64	obs: 1 exp: 2.86	15
Total	21	13	8	42

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1 # Setting up Matrix
2 observed <- matrix(c(14, 6, 7, 7, 7, 1), nrow = 2, byrow=TRUE)
3 rownames(observed) <- c("Upper Class", "Lower Class")
4 colnames(observed) <- c("Not Stopped", "Bribe Requested", "Stopped/Given
  Warning")
5 row_total <- rowSums(observed)
6 column_total <- colSums(observed)
7 overall <- sum(observed)
8 #expected frequency
9 expected <- round((outer(row_total, column_total) / overall),2)
10 expected
11 #overall table
12 full_table <- matrix(paste("obs:", observed, "| exp:", round(expected, 2)),
  , nrow = nrow(observed), ncol = ncol(observed))
13 rownames(full_table) <- rownames(observed)
14 colnames(full_table) <- colnames(observed)
15 full_table <- cbind(full_table, row_total = paste(row_total))
16 full_table <- rbind(full_table, c(column_total = paste(column_total),
  Total = paste(overall)))
17 rownames(full_table)[nrow(full_table)] <- "Total"
18 colnames(full_table)[ncol(full_table)] <- "Total"
19 #part a
20 chi_square_stat <- sum((observed - expected)^2 / expected) #3.801141
21 round(chi_square_stat, 2) #3.8

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- (b) Now calculate the p-value from the test statistic you just created (in R).² What do you conclude if $\alpha = 0.1$?

The p-value of 0.15 is found from the test-statistic.

This allows the conclusion to be made that there is sufficient evidence, a p-value of 0.15 is greater than confidence level of 0.1, to fail to reject the null hypothesis that there is no relation between socioeconomic class and solicitation of bribes.

Code:

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1 chi_pvalue <- pchisq(chi_square_stat, df = (nrow(observed)-1)*(ncol(
  observed)-1), lower.tail = FALSE)
```

- (c) Calculate the standardized residuals for each cell and put them in the table below.

	Not Stopped	Bribe requested	Stopped/given warning
Upper class	0.322	-1.518	1.652
Lower class	-0.274	1.932	-1.525

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1 residuals <- round((observed - expected),2)
2 adjusted_residuals <- round((residuals / (sqrt(expected * (1-(row_total /
  overall)) * (1-(column_total / overall))))),3)
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- (d) How might the standardized residuals help you interpret the results?

Standardized residuals help in understanding how far observed values are from expectations.

In the table above, the near-significant residual (1.932) of bribe requested in the lower class

implies they are likely to be asked for a bribe when pulled over compared to those in the upper class.

Similarly, it may be more likely for those in the upper class to be let go with a warning if caught based on the residual of 1.652.

²Remember frequency should be > 5 for all cells, but let's calculate the p-value here anyway.

Question 2: Economics

Chattopadhyay and Duflo were interested in whether women promote different policies than men.³ Answering this question with observational data is pretty difficult due to potential confounding problems (e.g. the districts that choose female politicians are likely to systematically differ in other aspects too). Hence, they exploit a randomized policy experiment in India, where since the mid-1990s, $\frac{1}{3}$ of village council heads have been randomly reserved for women. A subset of the data from West Bengal can be found at the following link: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kosukeimai/qss/master/PREDICTION/women.csv>

Each observation in the data set represents a village and there are two villages associated with one GP (i.e. a level of government is called "GP"). Figure 2 below shows the names and descriptions of the variables in the dataset. The authors hypothesize that female politicians are more likely to support policies female voters want. Researchers found that more women complain about the quality of drinking water than men. You need to estimate the effect of the reservation policy on the number of new or repaired drinking water facilities in the villages.

Figure 2: Names and description of variables from Chattopadhyay and Duflo (2004).

Name	Description
GP	An identifier for the Gram Panchayat (GP)
village	identifier for each village
reserved	binary variable indicating whether the GP was reserved for women leaders or not
female	binary variable indicating whether the GP had a female leader or not
irrigation	variable measuring the number of new or repaired irrigation facilities in the village since the reserve policy started
water	variable measuring the number of new or repaired drinking-water facilities in the village since the reserve policy started

³Chattopadhyay and Duflo. (2004). "Women as Policy Makers: Evidence from a Randomized Policy Experiment in India. *Econometrica*. 72 (5), 1409-1443.

- (a) State a null and alternative (two-tailed) hypothesis.

Null-Hypothesis: The gender of leadership does not impact the amount of new or repaired drinking facilities in villages.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is a difference in amount of new or repaired drinking water facilities based on male or female leadership in villages.

- (b) Run a bivariate regression to test this hypothesis in R (include your code!).

Figure 3: Bivariate Regression

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Call:
lm(formula = water ~ female, data = women)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-22.68 -14.78  -7.81   2.29  317.32

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   14.813     2.382    6.220 1.56e-09 ***
female         7.864     3.838    2.049  0.0413 *
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 33.51 on 320 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.01295,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.009867
F-statistic: 4.199 on 1 and 320 DF,  p-value: 0.04126
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1 bireg <- lm(water ~ female, data = women)
2 summary(bireg)
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- (c) Interpret the coefficient estimate for reservation policy.

The bivariate regression shows a coefficient estimate of 7.864 and a p-value of 0.0413. This regression interprets that at the 95% confidence level, villages with female leaders have about 8 more new or repaired drinking water facilities than male-led villages. According to the regression summary, at a significance level of 0.05 we are given the right evidence to reject the null hypothesis that the gender of leadership does not impact the amount of new or repaired drinking facilities in villages.