

# GERIODO Wk1-2

## QR Framework (Quantitative Reasoning)

- 1) Frame
- 2) Specify
- 3) Collect
- 4) Analyse
- 5) Communicate

offers precision

## Causal Relationships

- Chpt 1) Controlled experiments
- Chpt 2) Observational studies

Diff from experimental study in that groups have been preassigned subjects (eg. can't ask someone smoke 20 yrs)

⇒ cannot reduce confounders by randomization (but can slice)  
 ⇒ cannot prove causation (only correlation)

o A, B popn characteristics w  $0 < r(A), r(B) < 1$

eg. Smoking & Lung Pros  
 eg. Poverty & High IQ

A and B	Condition
positively associated	$r(A B) > r(A \text{not } B)$ or $r(B A) > r(B \text{not } A)$
negatively associated	$r(A B) < r(A \text{not } B)$ or $r(B A) < r(B \text{not } A)$
not associated	$r(A B) = r(A \text{not } B)$ or $r(B A) = r(B \text{not } A)$

B is more common among people w A than among people without A  
 \* always compare  $r(A|B)$  &  $r(A|\text{not } B)$   
 NOT  $r(A|B)$  &  $r(A|\text{not } A|B)$

## Confounding

### Confounder

- Smoking & Heart Disease → Sex <sup>Age & r</sup> confounder (exaggerates effect of smoking)
- confounder (3rd var) associated w both exposure & disease

2 common confounders

\* imp't to control for confounder in observational studies

→ "slicing" → splitting grp into heart disease amongst males & hd. amongst females  
 [Separating Data Sets]

Slicing (basic but cumbersome)

Techniques for controlling confounder → Statistical Technique (eg. regression)

thinking of confounders.

Are — & —  
 diff in some ways  
 other than —

## SUMMARY

- o Association is not causation
- o Observational Studies prone to confounding
- knowledge & thinking useful for spotting potential confounder.
- o Slicing is effective for controlling confounders.

## Quiz Learning

o Yule-Simpson Paradox: when there is a disparity btw direction of association in most subgroups & dir of asso overall association (when subgroups are combined)

→ R/ships in subgroups are reversed when rates are combined

⇒ Due to confounding (eg. size of kidney stones)

⇒ treat paradox by slicing into grps / confounders

assign subjects appt

- compare rates (eg.) Treatment vs control
- groups possibly having different risks → social economic status → severity of disease

Q: Are groups different aside from treatment

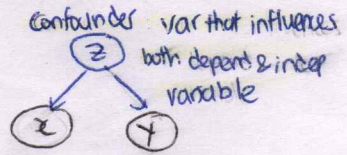
Randomised assignment from group w parental control

Randomised Controlled Double Blind Experiment

- o Placebo
- o Blinding Subj
- o Blinding Doctors

precautions agst bias

confounding bias





## GFR wk 3 & 4

### • Association → Statistical Relationship

- 1 Bivariate data & Scatter Diagram
- 2 Explore Relationship
- 3 correlation coefficient
- 4 some limitations
- 5 Ecological correlation (aggregate measure)
- 6 Cautionary Notes
- 7 Simple linear regression

closeness to meanline  
- correlation relation  $r$   
(direction & strength)  
of linear relation

- $r$  close to  $\pm 1$  → strong association (above 0.7)
- "  $\pm 0.5$  → moderate " (0.3 - 0.7)
- " 0 → weak " (0 - 0.3)

if var indep →  $r = 0$   
 $r = 0 \nrightarrow$  var indep (only measure linear dependencies)

### • computing correlation coefficient ( $r$ )

- 1 Convert to Standard Unit (SU)  $SU = \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_{dx}}$
- 2 Take prod of SU for father-son pair
- 3  $r \Rightarrow$  Avg of all products

$$r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{s_{dx}} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{s_{dy}} \right) \Rightarrow = \text{CORREL}(\text{rangeX}, \text{rangeY})$$

- no units
- not affected by interchange
- not affected by change of scale (addition/multiplication) or units of measurement

### Limitations w correlation

- 1 Causality
- 2 Outliers in dataset → very sensitive, may deflate/inflate correlation
- 3 non-linear association

### Ecological correlation

- Data of ~~individuals~~ Aggregate data (not individual data) like groups

→ generally if measured fewer variables, strength would be overstated (cos same line)  
\* (similar if var are in same direction)

\* Ecological fallacy: deduce inferences on corr abt individuals based on aggregate data

only causal correlated relations

\* Atomistic Fallacy: Generalize corr based on individuals toward aggregate

• proceed carefully w scatter diagram

### Cautionary Notes on Correlation

Attenuation means Reduction in value

- Attenuation Effect: (Phenomenon due to Range Restriction in 1 var)

→ Range Restriction

- bivariate data set formed from restriction of one var
- data for other variable available for a limited range

\* tends to have diminishing effect of correlation (understate)

- Removal of Data (eg.)

(eg. space shuttle removal of non-damaged data ch)

### Linear Regression

- using regression line ( $Y = a + bX$ )
- specify independent (X) and dependent (Y) var.

✓ Determined by least square method

a → y-intercept  
b → gradient

excel name  
"intercept"  
"slope"  
- f(x) get  
- "statistical"



## GER wk5

### Sampling

- How data is generated
- Generate own data set / use public ones?
- Terminology: "unit", "population", "sample"
  - census — measurement from every unit in popn
  - sample — measurement from some selected unit in popn

(eg. Drug Testing (Disease))

unit — individual w disease

popn — collection of all individuals defined above

sample — collection of individuals placed under experiment

Adv of sampling over taking census:  $\swarrow$  when census not possible (eg. Disease / Blood sample)  
Speed, cost, accuracy

Sampling frame  $\rightarrow$  list of sampling units used to identify (all units in popn) (eg. house address)

- Good sample is extendable
- Every unit in popn has possibility to be sampled
- No selection bias
- simplest sampling frame: list of units in popn

### Characteristics of good frame

- Good coverage
- Up-to-date & complete
- $\rightarrow$  inclusion of undesired units will not increase cost
- $\rightarrow$  exclusion of desired units will not have major impacts on outcome of study

### Probability Sampling Plan

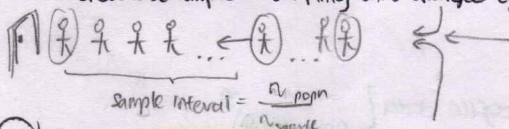
(eg.) Simple Random Sampling (every unit same prob of selection)

(eg.) Systematic Sampling (application of selection interval  $k$ )

- can apply to situation where exact size of popn not known (rough estimate) only

$\rightarrow$  treated like Simple Random Sampling IF sampling units arranged randomly

$\times$  Undesirable sample if sampling units arranged cyclically (147147...)



(eg. 110 units in popn,  
Sampling unit desired 10.  
 $110/10 = 11$ .  $\text{rand}(1, 11) = 6$   
Sampling unit = [6, 17, 28...])

(eg.) Stratified Sampling Plan

$\rightarrow$  divide popn into groups ("strata")

$\rightarrow$  take prob sample from each group

- can include setting quotas

(eg.) Multistage Sampling Plan

- In many studies, several stages of sampling req. for reaching popn units.

(eg.) list of houses  
[Simple Random]



everyone interviewed

[cluster sampling]

one member randomly interviewed

[2-stage sampling]

(eg.) Drug testing of particular disease

- Sampling frame: list of physicians
- from each physician, only some of patients included in study.

### Difficulties in Sampling

• Using imperfect sampling frame

- exclude desired & include unwanted

① Redefine target popn  $\rightarrow$  increase cost of study

② Assess impact of excluding these units in our study

• Non-response

- Not everyone willing to take part in study

$\rightarrow$  incentive increase response rate (eg. Medicine Study  $\leftarrow$  payment / free checkup)

• Getting volunteer / Self-selected sampling [Also non-prob sampling]

(eg.) News / Media conduct polls on website

$\rightarrow$  bias as only people w strong views willing to give answers

• Using a Convenience or Haphazard sample

• Taking a Judgement sample: interviewers choose units by discretion

• Selecting a Quota sample (typical in Market Research) (distinguish from stratified)

$\rightarrow$  compare prop of quota sample to category units / census units - ~~not~~ convenience sample to hit quota

Statistician John Tukey "I would trade all your 18,000 case histories for 400 in a prob sample"



## Ch3 Estimating Parameter

- Parameter: numerical fact about popn (usually unknown)  
 → ~~estimated~~ estimated from sample

$$\{ \text{Estimate} = \text{Param} + \text{Random Error} + \text{Bias} \}$$

Easy to Quantify      Hard to Quantify

## Types of Bias

- 1) Selection Bias
- 2) Non-response Bias
- ... other types

Systematic tendency on the part of sampling procedure to exclude one kind of person from sample

Caused By: → imperfect sampling frame  
 → Non probability sampling methods

Systematic tendency from subjects who do not respond to survey/questionnaire

Caused By: → Diff b/w non-respondent & respondents  
 \* non-response rate ↑ → non-response bias significance ↑  
 likely

## other types of Bias

- Phrasing of qn / tone / attitude of interviewer (including order)
- When subj have tendency to understate undesirable social habits (like smoking)

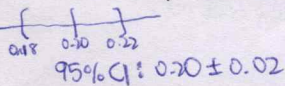
## ⇒ Conclusion (to minimize bias in survey)

1. Include every popn unit in frame
2. use prob sampling frame
3. Get 100% response rate

Random Error  
 Larger sample size → likely smaller random error

Confidence Interval ← ~~Confidence Level~~ range

• range of values we are reasonably certain unknown param lies in



Confidence level  $\alpha\%$  →  $\alpha\%$  ~~likelihood~~ likelihood that ~~an~~ actual param value in range  
 (aka  $\alpha\%$  of researchers will have intervals containing popn param) resp & unique

→ Larger sample size likely smaller range of CI (width of CI)  
 also affected by variation in popn

• We are 95% confident that [0.18, 0.22] contains the popn param

## Chapter 7 Uncertainty

Unit: measuring uncertainty

Probability — the measure of likelihood

- Interpretation

Relative Freq	vs	Personal Prob
can be quantified		can't be exactly quantified
Based on repeated observation of outcomes		based on own personal belief

→ Proportion of times over the long run



**(Chpt4) more on observational studies**  
**PART 1: RISKS (Rate in Pop)**

Two kinds of observational studies  
 > Risks : rate in population  
 > Odds

**Risk Ratio (RR)**  
(aka Relative Risk)

(eg.)  $\text{risk(Diabetes | Female)} = \frac{DNF}{F} = \frac{72,000}{216,000} \approx 0.33$

$\text{risk(DIM)} = 0.25$

$\text{Risk Ratio} = \frac{\text{risk(DIF)}}{\text{risk(DIM)}} \approx \frac{0.33}{0.25} \approx 1.33$

	Diabetic	Healthy	Row Total
Females	72k	144k	216k
Males	52k	156k	208k
Col Total	124k	300k	424k

- Use Probability Samples to estimate (SRS)
- 2 strategies: Simple Random Sample
- each exposure group (female & males)
- each disease group (diabetic & healthy)

**Cohort & Case Control studies**

Study	Sampled From	Advantage
Cohort	Exposure grp	Risks & RR can be estimated from sample table
Case-Control	Disease grp	Good for Rare Diseases

**Remarks on Sampling**

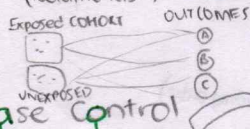
- Randomised Exp: subj need not resemble pop group
- Extrapolation to pop is an issue
- Observational studies: Both extrapolation & confounders are imp't issues
- Cohort studies rely on random samples for accurate estimation of risks

**Summary (Risks)**

- Risks like rates are affected by confounding
- Risk Ratio / Relative Risk measures association
- Cohort Study has accurate estimation of pop's risks & RR w/ random samples
- Case-Control Study does not.
- Exposure → Disease
- $P(\text{Disease} | \text{Exposure}) = P(\text{getting Disease if you are exposure grp})$

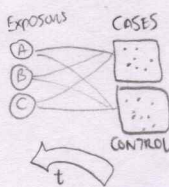
**Cohort**  
Prospective

"Relatives are the same"  
(Relative Risk)



**Case Control**

"at Odds w/ one another"  
(Odds ratio)



**PART 2: Odds**

**Risk & Odds**

$$\text{odds} = \frac{\text{risk}}{1 - \text{risk}}$$

- odds > risk
- if risk is small, odds is small

Odds (Diabetes) among females =  $\frac{72k}{144k} \approx 0.50 \rightarrow \frac{0.33}{1-0.33} \approx 0.50$

Odds (Diabetes) among males =  $\frac{52k}{156k} \approx 0.33 \rightarrow \frac{0.25}{1-0.25} \approx 0.33$

~ ODDS RATIO ~

$\text{OR(Diabetes) btw Female \& Male} = \frac{0.50}{0.33} \approx 1.50$

only situation where value can be deduced from OR

**CROSS-PRODUCT RATIO** to calculate OR

	Diabetic	Healthy
Female	378	702
Male	53	155

$\frac{378 \times 155}{702 \times 53} \approx 1.57$

	Diabetic	Healthy
Female	364	142
Male	256	158

$\frac{364 \times 158}{142 \times 256} \approx 1.58$

Table must be set proper  
 • Event of interest (1st col)  
 • 1st Group (1st row)

- OR = 1 → No diff. in disease risk btw 2 groups: RR = 1
- OR > 1 → Higher Risk in first group: RR > 1
- OR < 1 → Lower Risk in first group: RR < 1

**✓ Risk Ratio**

→ Only Cohort Studies

**✓ Odds Ratio**

→ Both Cohort & Case-Control studies

**✓ Cohort Study**

- All subjects Disease-free @ beginning
  - Sometimes, OR is used by researchers
- Compare odds of developing disease between 2 exposure groups

**Multi-level Contingency Table**

→ Form 2x2 table (choose interest & baselines)

error for observational studies, correlation → causation

**Chapter: Uncertainty (measuring it)**

Probability - measure of likelihood

Interpretations

Relative Freq.

Subjective Prob  
Personal Prob

can be quantified exactly

can't be quantified exactly

Based on repeated observation of outcomes

Based on own personal beliefs

**Relative Freq. vs Prob**

Tossing coin	Weather-forecast
Pre-Prob	Imprese Prob
Assumption abt physical reality	circumstances repeat & outcome observed
Prob used to predict relative frequency	Relative Freq used to predict Prob

(Diabetes eg.)

$\text{Risk-Female} = 0.33 = \frac{72k}{216k} = P(\text{female has Diabetes})$

$\text{Risk-male} = 0.25 = P(\text{Male has Diabetes})$

**Simple Probability Rules**

- Mutually Exclusive  $A, B \rightarrow P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$
- Complement Rule

**Odds revisited**

$$\text{Odds} = \frac{\# \text{ of event}}{\# \text{ of non-event}} = \frac{P(\text{event})}{P(\text{event not occurring})}$$

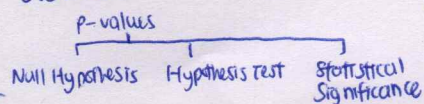
- Independent Events  $A, B \rightarrow P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
- (occurrence of one does not affect occurrence of the other)



Unit 3) Expected value

Unit 4) Uncertainty p-values

Overview:



p-value:

- The probability of obtaining an outcome equivalent to or more extreme than the observed.

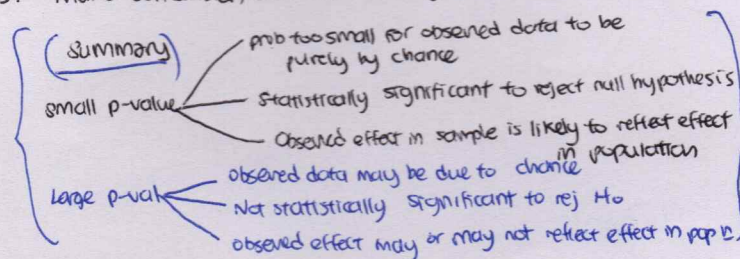
small  $\longleftrightarrow$  Large

- Unlikely for the observed to occur by chance
- More likely that null hyp is true
- Unlikely that null hyp is true
- More likely that observed occurred by chance

Null hypothesis rejected at 5% level of statistical significance

Hypothesis Testing

- Identify the question (Frame)
- State the null hypothesis (Specify)
- Conduct the experiment (Collect)
- Compute P-value (Analyse)
- Make Conclusion about the null hypothesis (Communicate)



Unit 5) Conditional Prob

- independent:  $P(A|B) = P(A)$  /  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$
- $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B)$

interesting eg.

D: double cot death  
E: Bully is innocent

$P(D E)$	vs	$P(E D)$
Prob quoted by expert		Prob required by prosecutor

eg. Framing qn: [tested positive  $\Rightarrow$  treatment?]  $P(\text{disease} | \text{positive})$

Specifying what to measure:

Base Rate	$P(\text{disease})$	$= A/N$
Sensitivity of Test	$P(\text{positive}   \text{disease})$	$= C/A$
Specificity of Test	$P(\text{negative}   \text{no disease})$	$= D/B$

Communicate the Findings

- Test has high sensitivity & specificity
- Less than 1% tested positive have the disease:  $P(\text{disease} | \text{positive}) = 0.0094$
- More than 99% tested positive have no disease:  $P(\text{no disease} | \text{positive}) = 0.9906$

$\rightarrow$  if tested <sup>positive</sup> confident, not confident that test is correct

$\rightarrow$  ALWAYS happens, when disease is rare.

SUMMARY

- P(event happening | event suspected)
- Base rate, sensitivity, specificity REQUIRED!
- Contingency table set up
- True positive & False positive

Analyze Data:

Contingency Table: assume popn of 100,000

	Test Positive	Test Negative	Row Sum
Have Disease	95	5	100
Do not have Disease	9990	89910	99900
Col Sum	10085	89915	100000

True positive  
False positive

False negative  
True negative

$P(\text{disease} | \text{positive}) = \frac{\text{No. of true positive}}{\text{No. of positives}} = 0.0094$  &  $P(\text{no disease} | \text{positive}) = \frac{\text{No. of false positive}}{\text{No. of pos tested pos}} = 0.9906$

Assume  $\rightarrow$  assume that observation is due to chance

Null Hypothesis: the coin is fair

eg. coin tossing, is coin fair?

HHHHTH } outcome  
TTHHHH } equivalent to outcome  
HTHHHH }  
HHTHHH }  
HHTHHH }  
HTHHHT } more extreme than outcome  
HTHHHT }

Evidence that coin is biased in favor of head

$P\text{-value} = P(\text{TTHHHH}) + P(\text{HTHHHH}) + \dots = 0.18$

$P\text{-value} = 0.18 > 0.05$

$\rightarrow$  Do not reject null hypothesis at the 5% significance level

$\rightarrow$  cannot conclude that the coin is not fair

Conclusion: case 1) reject  $H_0$  (accept  $H_1$ )  
case 2) fail to reject  $H_0$  (cannot accept  $H_0$ )

\*  $H_0$  is never accepted

Drug Testing eg.

- Is drug effective in some popn?
- $H_0$ : drug has no effect in popn
- Give drug to three patients and observe the number of patients who survived
- Compute P-value
- Conclude (rej  $H_0$ ?)

Disease D, 40% fatal

- 40% fatal  $\rightarrow$  60% survive  $\rightarrow P(\text{survive}) = 0.6$
- $P(\text{all 3 patients survive}) = 0.6^3 = 0.216$
- $P\text{-val} = 0.216 > 0.05 \Rightarrow$  Do not reject null hypothesis at 5% significance level

If 4 out of 6 survived

$P\text{-val} = P(4 \text{ survive}) + P(5 \text{ survive}) + P(6 \text{ survive})$

$= \binom{6}{4}(0.6)^4(0.4)^2 + \binom{6}{5}(0.6)^5(0.4)^1 + \binom{6}{6}(0.6)^6$