

# Homework 11 answers

S320/520

**Upload your answers as a PDF file or Word document through the Assignments tab on Canvas by 4pm, Thursday 3rd December.**

Answers must be in your own words. Show working and include all graphs you are asked to draw (in R.)

1. *Trosset chapter 13.4 exercise 1*

The null hypothesis is  $p_1 = \dots = p_8 = 1/8$ . The expected cell counts are  $e_j = 144/8 = 18$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 8$ . Find the  $G^2$ , and compare it to a chi-square distribution with 7 degrees of freedom:

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ob = c(29, 19, 18, 25, 17, 10, 15, 11)
ex = rep(18, 8)
G2 = 2 * sum(ob * log(ob/ex))
1 - pchisq(G2, df=7)
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This gives  $G^2 = 16.14$  and a  $P$ -value of 0.024. This is small, so we have some evidence that the horse's starting position affects its chance of winning. (Pearson's chi-square is 16.33, giving a  $P$ -value of 0.022 and the same conclusion.)

2. *Trosset chapter 13.4 exercise 3*

(a) Let  $p_j = P(E_j)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{16} \\ p_2 &= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{16} \\ p_3 &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{16} \\ p_4 &= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The expected cell counts,  $e_j = np_j$ , are  $e_1 = 906, e_2 = 302, e_3 = 302, e_4 = 101$ . The maximum likelihood chi-squared statistic is

$$G^2 = 2 \sum_{j=1}^4 o_j \log(o_j/e_j) = 1.4776.$$

Comparing this to a chi-square distribution with  $4 - 0 - 1 = 3$  degrees of freedom, the  $P$ -value is  $1 - \text{pchisq}(1.4776)$ , or 0.687. This is not small, so we have no evidence that the probabilities in (a) are wrong. (Pearson's chi-square statistic is 1.4687, giving a  $P$ -value of 0.690 and the same conclusion.)

3. Trosset chapter 13.4 exercise 10

Of the 521 fireflies, 298 were male and 223 were female, while 323 were caught at 3 feet and 198 were caught at 35 ft. Given these proportions, if sex and height were independent, we would expect the following counts:

- Male at 3 ft:  $298 \times 323/521 = 185$
- Male at 35 ft:  $298 \times 198/521 = 113$
- Female at 3 ft:  $223 \times 323/521 = 138$
- Female at 35 ft:  $223 \times 198/521 = 85$

Find the  $G^2$ , and compare it to a chi-square distribution with  $(2 - 1)(2 - 1) = 1$  degrees of freedom:

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ob = c(173, 125, 150, 73)
ex = c(298*323, 298*198, 223*323, 223*198) / 521
G2 = 2 * sum(ob * log(ob/ex))
1 - pchisq(G2, df=1)
```

This gives  $G^2 = 4.62$  and a  $P$ -value of 0.032. This is small, so we have some evidence that the sex ratio of Panamanian sandflies varies with height above ground. (Pearson's chi-square is 4.59, giving the same  $P$ -value to 2 dp.)

4. Trosset chapter 13.4 exercise 11

The  $o_{ij}$  are given and  $n = 538$ . Under the null hypothesis that patient response is independent of histological type, the  $e_{ij} = o_{i+}o_{+j}/n$  are as follows: For each of the 12 cells, we compute

	Positive	Partial	None
LP	60.7	18.9	24.4
NS	56.0	17.5	22.5
MC	155.2	48.5	62.3
LD	42.0	13.1	16.9

$o_{ij} \log(o_{ij}/e_{ij})$ , then sum and double to obtain  $G^2 = 68.3$ . There are  $(4 - 1)(3 - 1) = 6$  degrees of freedom, so the  $P$ -value is  $1 - \text{pchisq}(68.3, \text{df}=6)$ , or  $9.1 \times 10^{-13}$ . We reject the null hypothesis of independence: The response to treatment does vary by histological type. (Pearson's chi-square is 75.9, giving a  $P$ -value of  $2.5 \times 10^{-14}$  and the same conclusion.)

5. (Trosset chapter 14.6 exercise 3.)

- (a) Looking at a QQ plot,  $x$  seems consistent with a normal distribution.

- (b) Looking at a QQ plot,  $y$  seems consistent with a normal distribution.
  - (c) The data is not bivariate normal — it's not an ellipse but an X.
  - (d) It looks like the data is a mixture of two lines.
6. (Compulsory for S520, optional for half-credit for S320.) Trosset chapter 13.4 exercise 6.  
*NOTE: From the book errata, the correct formula for the Poisson probability mass function is*

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x \exp(-\lambda)}{x!}$$

*This can be calculated in R as `dpois(x, lambda)`.*

- (a) `freq = c(57, 203, 383, 525, 532, 408, 273, 139, 45, 27, 10, 4, 0, 1, 1)`  
`xbar = sum(freq * (0:14)) / 2608`  
 $\bar{x}$  is 3.87. This is also a good estimate of  $\lambda$ .
- (b) Combining the high categories into “10 or more”:

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ob = c(57, 203, 383, 525, 532, 408, 273, 139, 45, 27, 16)
ex = dpois(0:9, xbar) * 2608
ex[11] = 2608 - sum(ex[1:10])
G2 = 2 * sum(ob * log(ob/ex))
1 - pchisq(G2, df=9)
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Using 11 categories,  $G^2$  is 13.916. Comparing this to a chi-square distribution with  $11 - 1 - 1 = 9$  degrees of freedom (the extra “−1” is because we estimated  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{x}$  from the data) gives a  $P$ -value of 0.125. The alpha-particle data is consistent with a Poisson distribution. (Pearson’s chi-square is 12.873, giving a  $P$ -value of 0.168 and the same conclusion.)