Group Work - Chapter 11

1 M&Ms are expected to have the following distribution:

(a) What is the minimum number of M&Ms needed to do a valid goodness-of-fit test against the expected distribution. In other words, what is the sample size n so that the smallest expected value is at least 5?

Since red is the least frequent color in the expected distribution, we need to find a sample size so that there are at least 5 expected red M&M's.

$$n \times 0.13 \ge 5, \qquad n \ge \frac{5}{0.13} = 38.46$$

So, the sample size should be at least 39 M&M's.

(b) Conduct a goodness-of-fit test of whether the distribution of M&Ms is what is claimed by the company at a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$. Make sure to state the null and alternative hypotheses, and your conclusion in context of question.

(There are about 16 M&M's in a regular fun size pack and about 7 M&M's in a peanut fun size pack.)

The results will vary depending on the exact frequency of colors each finds.

2 The Tortilla and Cheese Organization (TACO) thinks that preferences for types of tacos are the same for men and women. They conduct a survey and collect the following data ("taco_preference.csv" on D2L):

	Type of taco			
Gender	Beef	Pork	Chicken	Fish
Men	105	34	56	27
Women	83	29	75	35

Test the claim the taco preference is the same for men and women at $\alpha = 0.05$ level of significance. Make sure to state the null and alternative hypotheses, and your conclusion in context of question.

 H_0 : There is no association between gender and taco preference, or gender and taco preference are independent

 H_a : There is an association between gender and taco preference, or gender and taco preference are not independent

From StatCrunch Chi square test of independence: $\chi^2 = 6.76$, $p = 0.08 > \alpha = 0.05$ Fail to reject H_0 . There is no evidence that taco preference and gender are not independent.

3 The file "hair_eye.csv" on D2L contains data on the hair color, eye color and gender for statistics students. Test whether there is an association between hair color and gender at significance level $\alpha = 0.05$. Make sure to state the null and alternative hypotheses, and your conclusion in context of question. Is there an association between eye color and gender?

 H_0 : There is no association between gender and hair color, or gender and hair are independent

 H_a : There is an association between gender and hair color, or gender and hair color are not independent

From StatCrunch chi square test of independence: $\chi^2 = 7.99$, $p = 0.0461 < \alpha = 0.05$ Reject H_0 . There is evidence that gender and hair color are associated.