

STA221

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Note: I will be in **this room** from 18:10 to 19:00 to answer any questions and solve any problems in an open setting. If you need a private meeting, please make an appointment for some other time.

evaluation, readings, tutorials

what	when	how much
midterm 1	2017-07-18	25%
midterm 2	2017-08-03	25%
exam	TBA	50%

I will provide readings that will contain some suggested exercises, throughout the course.

We are not a big enough course to merit a TA, so there will be no tutorials.

Any thick and comprehensive “Stats 101” book could also be a good resource.

software

Data analysis requires a computer. Also, some concepts can be illustrated using simulation, which also requires a computer. I will be using R. It's pretty good at data analysis. You should use it too, but I can't force you.

language	interpreter	integrated development environment
R	R	RStudio

Some detailed instructions and suggestions for installation and configuration will appear on the course website. I will try to impart some data analysis workflow wisdom throughout the course. Some already appears in the detailed instructions.

A really thorough resource for learning R is here:

Grolemund, G., Wickham, H., *R for Data Science* **available free at <http://r4ds.had.co.nz/>**

pre-preliminaries—what is a dataset?

most datasets are rectangles

Columns are the *variables*.

The top row has the names of the variables; possibly chosen wisely.

Rows are the *observations* of measurements taken on *units*.

There are no averages, no comments (unless in a “comment” variable), no colors, no formatting, no plots!

not a dataset

Irrelevant commentary				
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an oil readings dataset (wide version)

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## # A tibble: 612 × 17
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##      Ident      Date WorkingAge   TakenBy    Fe    Al    Cu
##      <chr>      <dtm>      <dbl>    <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
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oil readings with Ident and TakenBy properly treated

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## # A tibble: 7,956 × 6
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##	Ident	Date	WorkingAge	TakenBy	element	ppm
##	<fctr>	<dtm>	<dbl>	<fctr>	<chr>	<dbl>
## 1	448576	1999-05-10 19:00:00	243	EMPL_0917	Fe	13
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a (simulated) “gas pipeline” dataset

```
## # A tibble: 1,000 × 4
##      Leak  Size Material Pressure
##      <fctr> <ord>    <fctr>    <fctr>
## 1      No  1.75  Aldyl A      High
## 2      No  1.75  Aldyl A      Med
## 3      No    1  Aldyl A      Low
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Often the data are just some records of what happened. Grander inferences might be made, but only on a subject-matter basis.

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important concepts from probability

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Exercise: if $C = \{2, 5, 6\}$ then $B \perp C$ and $A \not\perp C$

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random variables and distributions

concept of random variable

A *random variable* is a rule that assigns a number to any outcome of a random process.

Example: “Roulette”. There are 38 slots on a wheel coloured as follows:

Colour	# of slots	Slot labels
Green	2	0, 00
Red	18	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36
Black	18	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35

roulette - II

If bet \$100 on “Red”, then these are the possibilities:

Result	I receive
Red	200
Not Red	0

Stated another way, here is my net “gain”, which I will call X , after the play:

Result	X
Red	100
Not Red	-100

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But this is often a useless technicality. This is all we care about:

x	$P(X = x)$
100	18/38
-100	20/38

This table is the *distribution* of X , i.e. the possible outcomes and their probabilities.

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X and Y can be independent when *knowing the outcome of X does not change the distribution of Y - a very strong statement (usually assumed when appropriate.)

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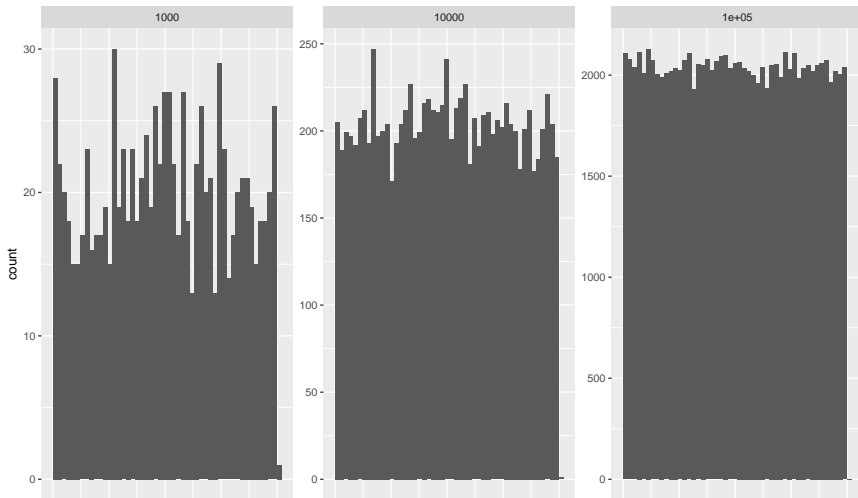
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“Large enough” is not fixed, but depends on the shape of the underlying population distribution, with more skewness requiring a larger sample size.

normal approximation illustration through simulation - I

I can simulate picking numbers uniformly at random between 0 and 1.

Here are histograms of 1000, 10000, and 100000 picks:



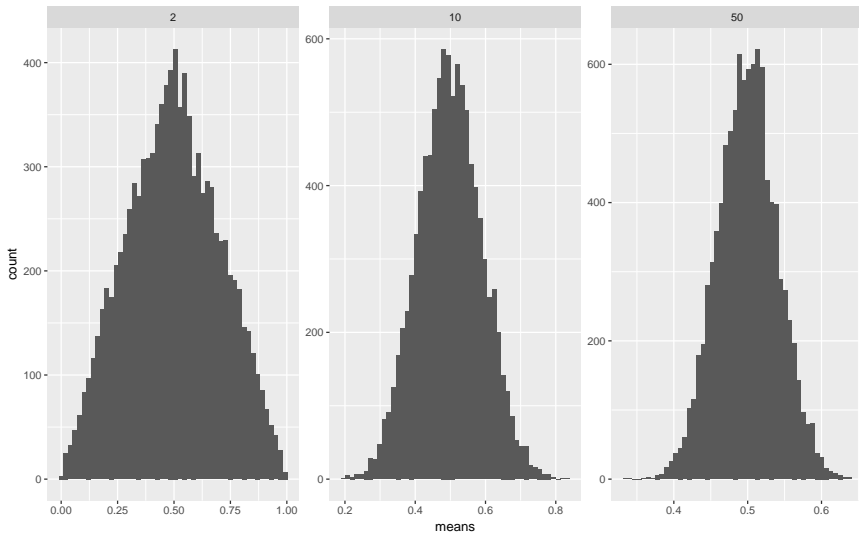
normal approximation illustration through simulation - II

I'll settle on $k = 10000$ “replications” of my simulation.

My simulation will actually consist of: * picking n numbers uniformly at random * calculating the average of those n numbers * doing this k times * making a histogram of the results.

I will choose n to be 2, 10, and 50.

normal approximation illustration through simulation - III



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We usually don't know σ , but we can estimate it from the data using s , but then:

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

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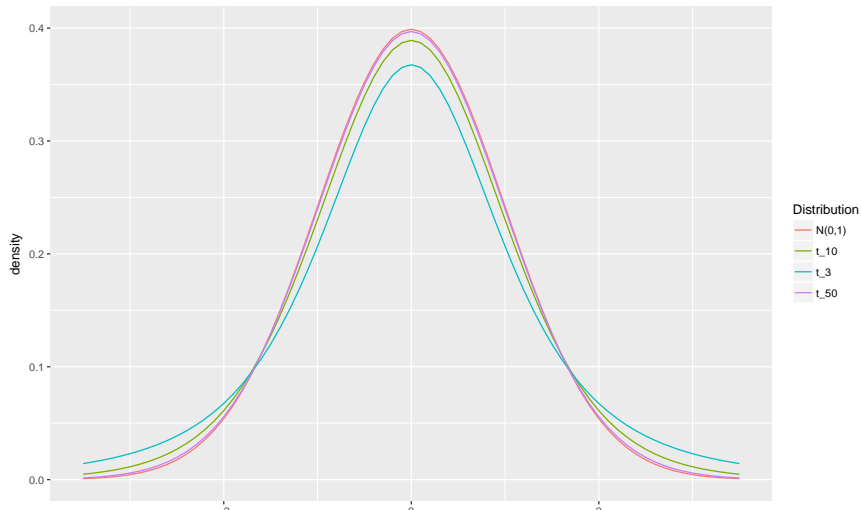
The phrase “degrees of freedom” comes from the realization that *given the value of \bar{x}* the following list of number is redundant:

$$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$$

From *any* $n - 1$ of them, along with \bar{x} , you could calculate the missing value.

t distributions - II

The t distributions are (another) family of symmetric and bell-shaped distributions that look very much like $N(0, 1)$ distributions.



estimation - confidence intervals

From the following:

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

which are approximately true for “large enough” n we get the usual 95% confidence intervals:

$$\bar{X} \pm 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{X} \pm \text{“2”} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

I put “2” because the value (for a 95% interval) is always close to 2.

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Required reading: the ASA Statement on Statistical Significance and P-Values (pdf with lecture materials.)

example (“eye drops”)

Which eye drop (A or B) for pupil dilation wears off faster?

40 people are each given both eye drops on different days. The wear-out times are recorded for each person.

```
## # A tibble: 40 × 3
##           A           B Difference
##   <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>
## 1 107.4709 115.8900  -8.419056
## 2 123.6729 128.5384  -4.865533
## 3 103.2874 146.1660 -42.878535
## 4 151.9056 189.1721 -37.266528
## 5 126.5902 114.0399  12.550228
## # ... with 35 more rows
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The “standard error” of \bar{x} is $s/\sqrt{n} = 5.8554612$

the t test in R

```
##  
## One Sample t-test  
##  
## data: eyedrops$Difference  
## t = -3.3833, df = 39, p-value = 0.001642  
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## -31.654462 -7.966885  
## sample estimates:  
## mean of x  
## -19.81067
```

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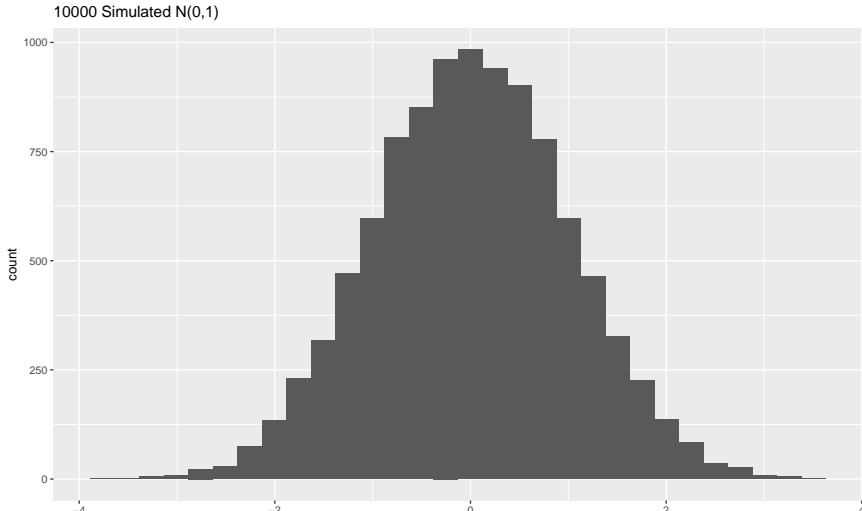
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Let's map “success” to the number 1 and “failure” to the number 0.

Counting 1s in a sequence of 0s and 1s is exactly equivalent to adding up all the 0s and 1s

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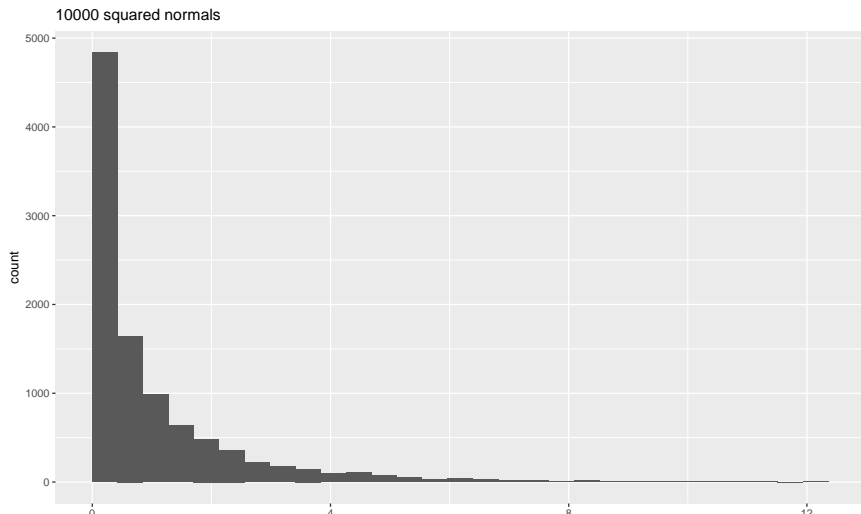


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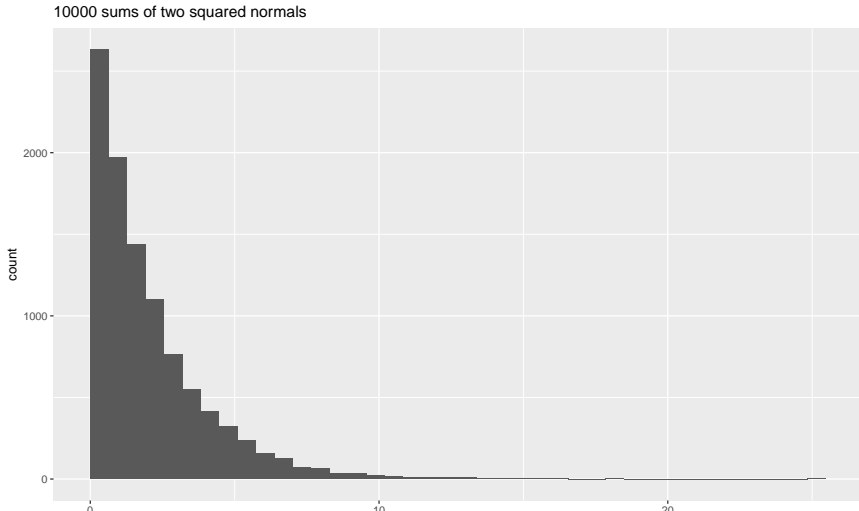


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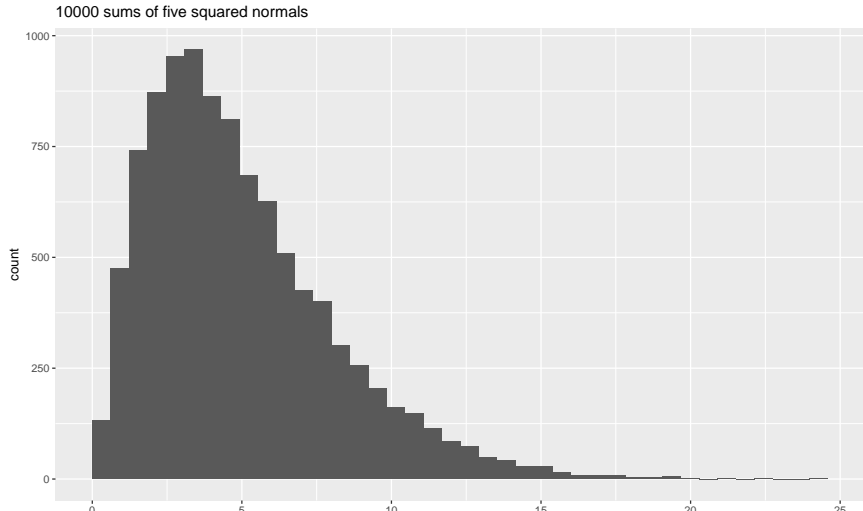
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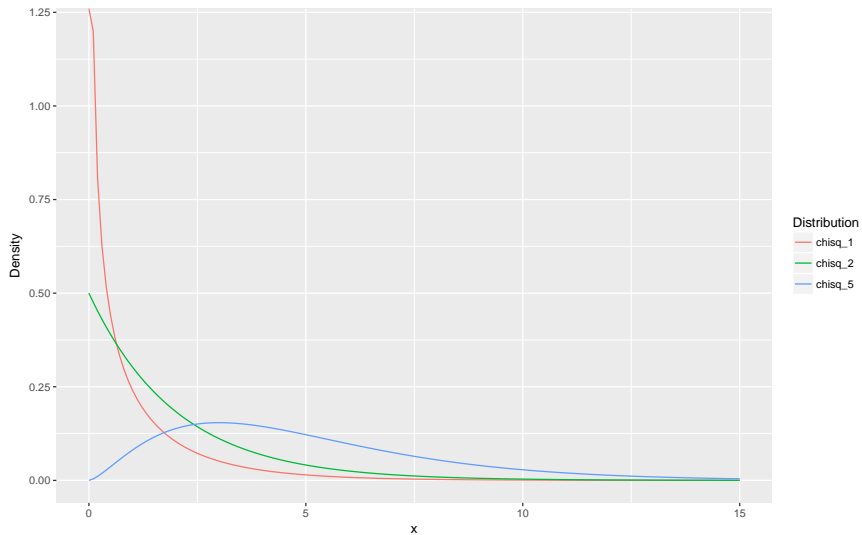
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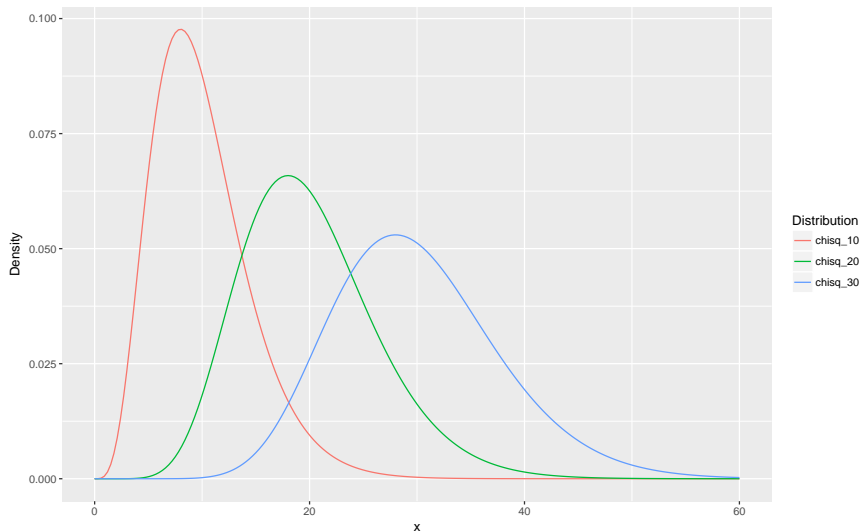
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Note: the average of a χ_n^2 distribution is just n .

ever wonder why the sample variance is divided by $n - 1$?

Look at the formula for sample variance:

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}$$

The numerator is a sum of n squares, but the denominator is $n - 1$. Why?

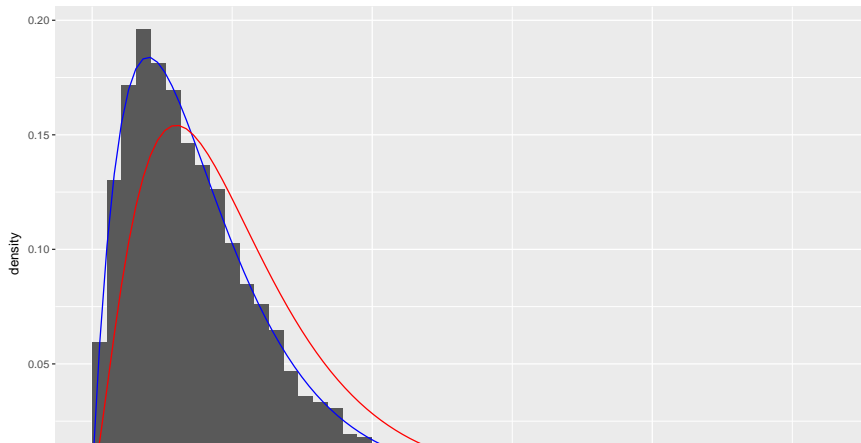
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Here it is, with the χ_4^2 distribution in blue and the χ_5^2 in red:



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We say s^2 (given \bar{x}) only has $n - 1$ degrees of freedom.

is there evidence that something doesn't follow a given
distribution?

is a lottery “fair”

Lotto 6/49 is a Canadian lottery in which 49 identical balls are mixed together and 7 are selected, now twice per week. People can win money based on how many of the numbers they have out of the 6 on their ticket.

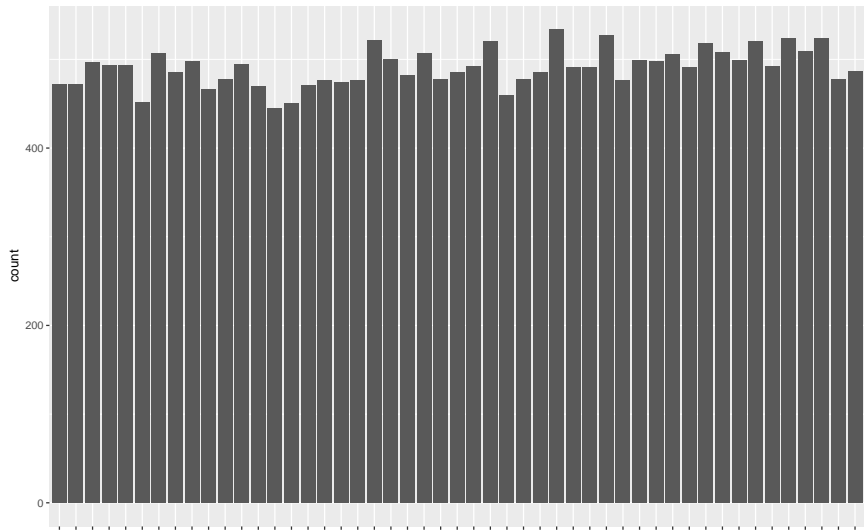
I found a list of every number ever picked here:

http://portalseven.com/lottery/canada_lotto_649.jsp

```
## # A tibble: 3,437 × 8
```

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##           date  num1  num2  num3  num4  num5  num6  bonus
##           <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Sat, Jan 14, 2017      1      6     19     30     32     44     33
## 2 Wed, Jan 11, 2017     24     34     36     38     42     43     30
## 3 Sat, Jan 7, 2017      1     10     18     19     23     27     48
## 4 Wed, Jan 4, 2017      2     11     13     23     35     48     30
## 5 Sat, Dec 31, 2016      3      5     14     18     26     28     40
## # ... with 3,432 more rows
```


all 49 numbers should appear with roughly the same frequency



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```
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##   numbers    O_i
##   <fctr> <int>
## 1      1     472
## 2      2     472
## 3      3     497
## 4      4     493
## 5      5     493
## # ... with 44 more rows
```

expected cell counts

If Lotto 6/49 is actually fair, each number would appear with probability $1/49 = 0.0204$ each.

After 24050 numbers have been selected, we would expect to see:

$$24050 \cdot \frac{1}{49} = 490.82$$

of each number.

These are called *expected cell counts* — calculated under the assumption of fairness as defined in this example. (Notation: E_i)

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{O_i - E_i}{\sqrt{E_i}} \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

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has $n - 1$ degrees of freedom, and it follows (approximately) a χ^2_{n-1} distribution.

let's measure the deviation

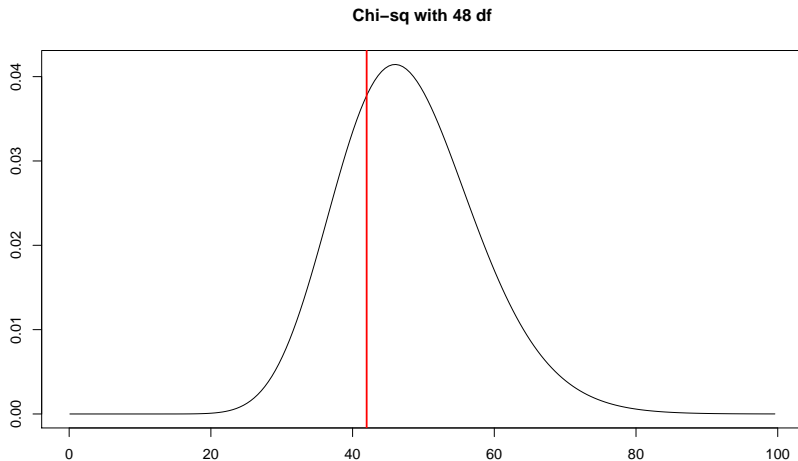
Here are the first few deviations (with $(O_i - E_i)^2/E_i$ called D_i for short):

```
## # A tibble: 49 × 4
##   numbers    O_i    E_i      D_i
##   <fctr> <int> <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1         1   472 490.82 0.721634000
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## 3         3   497 490.82 0.077813455
## 4         4   493 490.82 0.009682572
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## # ... with 44 more rows
```

The sum of the D_i column is 41.99. Is this number surprising?

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We know we should compare this number with the χ^2_{48} distribution. Here we can see we are not surprised. There is no evidence that Lotto 6/49 is unfair.



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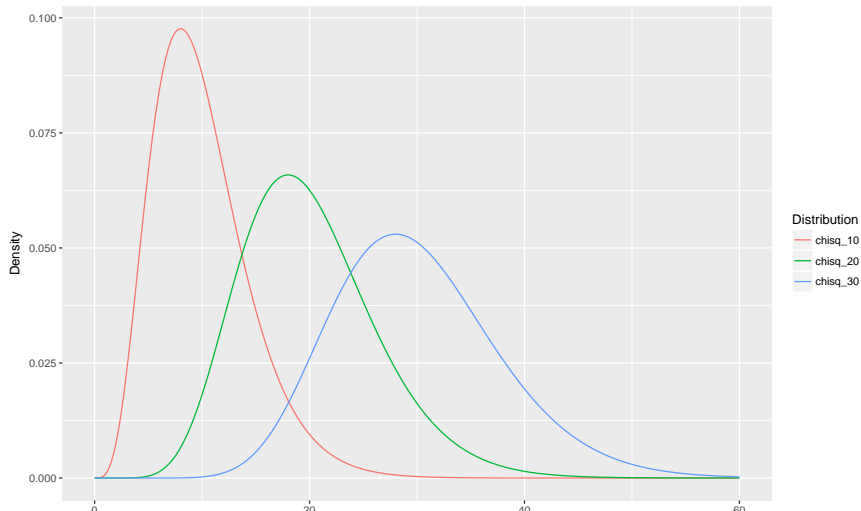
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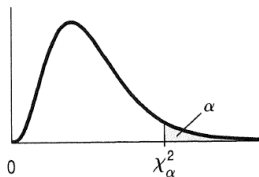
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	1	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879
	2	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597
	3	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838
	4	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860
	5	9.236	11.070	12.833	15.086	16.750
	6	10.645	12.592	14.449	16.812	18.548
	7	12.017	14.067	16.013	18.475	20.278
	8	13.362	15.507	17.535	20.090	21.955
	9	14.684	16.919	19.023	21.666	23.589
	10	15.987	18.307	20.483	23.209	25.188
	11	17.275	19.675	21.920	24.725	26.757
	12	18.549	21.026	23.337	26.217	28.300
	13	19.812	22.362	24.736	27.688	29.819



goodness-of-fit testing p-value (from table)

28	37.916	41.557	44.401	46.278	50.771
29	39.087	42.557	45.722	59.588	52.336
30	40.256	43.773	46.979	50.892	53.672
40	51.805	55.759	59.342	63.691	66.767
50	63.167	67.505	71.420	76.154	79.490
60	74.397	79.082	83.298	88.381	91.955
70	85.527	90.531	95.022	100.424	104.213

From a table the best you can do is to estimate the p-value.

All this together is called the “ χ^2 goodness-of-fit test.”

applications of χ^2 goodness-of-fit testing to two-way tables

contingency tables

Recall the gas pipelines data:

```
## # A tibble: 1,000 × 4
##   Leak   Size Material Pressure
##   <fctr> <ord>   <fctr>   <fctr>
## 1      No  1.75  Aldyl A      High
## 2      No  1.75  Aldyl A      Med
## 3      No    1    Aldyl A      Low
## 4     Yes  1.5    Steel      Med
## 5      No    1    Steel      High
## # ... with 995 more rows
```

The (only?) suitable numerical summary for two categorical/factor variables at a time is a so-called contingency table, or two-way table.

two-way table for “Leak” and “Pressure”

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