Topics: Measures of association and agreement

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1. Relationship between Kruskal and Goodman's λ and Yule's Y

[8]

Consider a 2×2 multinomial contingency table. Show that the odds ratio $\theta = \frac{p_{11}p_{22}}{p_{12}p_{21}}$ is invariant under transformations of tables of the form

$$(p_{ij}) \mapsto (s_i t_j p_{ij}), \quad s_i, t_j > 0.$$

Now show that one can always make the marginals equal to 1/2 by choosing a suitable transformation of the above type (i.e. without changing the odds ratio). Show that for such a transformed table Kruskal and Goodman's $\lambda_{C|R} = \lambda_{R|C} = |Y|$, where $Y = \frac{\sqrt{\theta}-1}{\sqrt{\theta}+1}$ is Yule's measure of colligation.

Solution 1. We consider the odds ratio under the transformation $(p_{ij}) \mapsto (s_i t_j p_{ij}), \quad s_i, t_j > 0$. Let us call $s_i t_j p_{ij} = p'_{ij}$.

$$\theta_{\text{new}} = \frac{p'_{11}p'_{22}}{p'_{12}p'_{21}}$$

$$= \frac{s_1t_1p_{11} \times s_2t_2p_{22}}{s_1t_2p_{12} \times s_2t_1p_{21}}$$

$$= \frac{p_{11}p_{22}}{p_{12}p_{21}}, \text{ since } s_i, t_j > 0$$

$$= \theta_{\text{old}}$$

For some choice of s_i, t_j , we have the following contingency table;

Note that, if we have all the marginals equal to 1/2, such a contingency table would look as follows;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1 $R = 2$	$\frac{x}{\frac{1}{2}-x}$	$\frac{1}{2} - x$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
Total	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1

for some $x \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Now, consider the following choice;

$$s_1 = \frac{x}{p_{11}} \tag{1}$$

$$t_1 = 1 \tag{2}$$

$$s_2 = \frac{0.5 - x}{p_{21}} \tag{3}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{(0.5 - x)}{x} \times \frac{p_{11}}{p_{12}} \tag{4}$$

Note that, the above choices of s_i , t_j transforms the entries at (1,1), (1,2), (2,1) to the desired choices. However, the entry at (2,2) position matches only if;

$$\frac{(0.5-x)}{p_{21}} \times \frac{(0.5-x)}{x} \frac{p_{11}}{p_{12}} \times p_{22} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(0.5-x)^2}{x} \frac{p_{11}p_{22}}{p_{12}p_{21}} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{(0.5-x)^2} = \theta, \text{ the odds ratio}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{0.5-x} = \sqrt{\theta}, \text{ since both sides are positive}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\theta}}{(1+\sqrt{\theta})}$$

Therefore, if we choose such an x, we can obtain corresponding transformation s_i, t_j 's as obtained from the set of equations 1, 2,3 and 4, which makes the marginals equal to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Now, consider the transformed table with marginals equal to 0. Note that, there are two possible cases.

Case 1: Assume, $x \ge \frac{1}{4}$. In this case, $\max x, (\frac{1}{2} - x) = x$. Hence, from the formula of Kruskal's and Goodman's $\lambda_{C|R}$, we obtain;

$$\lambda_{C|R} = \frac{p_{1m} + p_{2m} - p_{\cdot m}}{1 - p_{\cdot m}}$$

$$= \frac{x + x - 0.5}{1 - 0.5}$$

$$= (4x - 1)$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{\theta}}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})} - 1$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\theta} - 1}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})}$$

Since, $x \ge \frac{1}{4}$, we have $(4x-1) \ge 0$, and hence $\theta \ge 1$. Which shows that the above quantity is non-negative. Also note that, if we consider $\lambda_{R|C}$, then we know that $p_{m1} = p_{m2} = x$, and the column marginals will be $\frac{1}{2}$ as before. Therefore, similarly proceeding, we would obtain;

$$\lambda_{R|C} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta} - 1}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})}$$

Case 2: Assume, $x < \frac{1}{4}$. In this case, $\max x$, $(\frac{1}{2} - x) = (0.5 - x)$. Hence, from the formula of Kruskal's and Goodman's $\lambda_{C|R}$, we obtain;

$$\lambda_{C|R} = \frac{p_{1m} + p_{2m} - p_{\cdot m}}{1 - p_{\cdot m}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.5 - x) + (0.5 - x) - 0.5}{1 - 0.5}$$

$$= (1 - 4x)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{\theta}}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \sqrt{\theta}}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})}$$

Since, $x < \frac{1}{4}$, we have $(1 - 4x) \ge 0$, and hence $\theta < 1$. Which shows that the above quantity is non-negative. Also note that, if we consider $\lambda_{R|C}$, then we know that $p_{m1} = p_{m2} = x$, and the column marginals will be $\frac{1}{2}$ as before. Therefore, similarly proceeding, we would obtain;

$$\lambda_{R|C} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{\theta}}{(1 + \sqrt{\theta})}$$

Combining results obtained from both the cases above, we get;

$$\lambda_{C|R} = \lambda_{R|C} = \left| \frac{\sqrt{\theta} - 1}{\sqrt{\theta} + 1} \right| = |Y|$$

2. Minimum and maximum agreement

[12]

- (a) Consider a 2×2 contingency table. Given the marginals p_1 , p_1 , compute the maximum and the minimum values of the agreement $p_{11} + p_{22}$, and hence compute the minimum and the maximum values of Cohen's κ . What are the minimizing and maximizing configurations?
- (b) Consider the measure

$$\lambda_r = \frac{\sum_i p_{ii} - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})},$$

where $p_{m} + p_{m} = \max_{i}(p_{i} + p_{i})$. Give a decision-theoretic interpretation of this measure. What are its minimum and maximum values (marginals need not be fixed)?

(c) Compute κ and λ_r for the data in Table 1. Also compute the maximum and minimum values of these indices given the marginals.

		EMR	,
Self	Yes	No	Total
Yes	4.5	10.6	15.1
No	11.2	73.7	84.9
Total	15.7	84.3	100

Table 1: Self-report vs. electronic medical record (EMR) about receiving a prescription (in percentages).

(d) For an $I \times I$ table, formulate the tasks of finding the extremal values of $\sum_i p_{ii}$ when the marginals are fixed as linear programs. Use an LP solver to compute, given the marginals, the extremal values of κ and λ_r for the SexualFun data in the **R** package vcd. Compare the actual values of these measures against the extremal values.

Solution. (a) Given the value of the marginals $p_{\cdot 1}$ and $p_{1\cdot}$, we construct the following contingency table;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1 $R = 2$	1 11	$p_{1\cdot} - p_{11} \\ 1 + p_{11} - p_{\cdot 1} - p_{1\cdot}$	p_1 . $1 - p_1$.
Total	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$1 - p_{\cdot 1}$	1

Therefore, we have $p_{22} = 1 + p_{11} - p_{.1} - p_{1}$. Hence, $p_{11} + p_{22} = 1 + 2p_{11} - p_{.1} - p_{1}$. Now, note that; $\max\{0, p_{.1} + p_{1} - 1\} \le p_{11} \le \min\{p_{.1}, p_{1}\}$

Therefore, we obtain;

- Maximum value of $p_{11} + p_{22}$ is $1 + 2 \min \{p_{.1}, p_{1.}\} p_{.1} p_{1.}$
- Minimum value of $p_{11} + p_{22}$ is $1 + 2 \max \{0, p_{.1} + p_{1.} 1\} p_{.1} p_{1.}$

Now, note that the formula for Cohen's Kappa is given by;

$$\kappa = \frac{p_{11} + p_{22} - p_{1} \cdot p_{\cdot 1} - p_{2} \cdot p_{\cdot 2}}{1 - p_{1} \cdot p_{\cdot 1} - p_{2} \cdot p_{\cdot 2}}$$

Without loss of generality, assume $p_{.1} < p_{1}$. Then, the maximizing configuration would look like;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1 $R = 2$	$p_{\cdot 1} = 0$	$p_{1.} - p_{.1} \\ 1 - p_{1.}$	
Total	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$1 - p_{\cdot 1}$	1

In such table, the value of Cohen's Kappa would be;

$$\kappa = \frac{p_{.1} + 1 - p_{1.} - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$
$$= 1 - \frac{|p_{.1} - p_{1.}|}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

On the other hand, we consider two cases for the minimizing configuration;

Case 1: Suppose, $p_{\cdot 1} + p_{1\cdot} < 1$. In this case, the minimizing configuration would look like;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1	0	p_{1} .	p_1 .
R=2	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$1 - p_{1.} - p_{.1}$	$1 - p_1$.
Total	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$1 - p_{\cdot 1}$	1

In such table, the value of Cohen's Kappa would be;

$$\kappa = \frac{0 + 1 - p_{1.} - p_{.1} - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - p_{1.} - p_{.1} - p_{1.}p_{.1} - (1 - p_{1.})(1 - p_{.1})}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - p_{1.} - p_{.1} - p_{1.}p_{.1} - 1 + p_{1.} + p_{.1} - p_{1.}p_{.1}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= \frac{-2p_{1.}p_{.1}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

Case 2: Suppose, $p_{\cdot 1} + p_{1\cdot} > 1$. In this case, the minimizing configuration would look like;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
	$p_{1.} + p_{.1} - 1 \\ 1 - p_{1.}$		$ \begin{array}{c} p_1.\\ 1-p_1. \end{array} $
Total	$p_{\cdot 1}$	$1 - p_{\cdot 1}$	1

In such table, the value of Cohen's Kappa would be;

$$\kappa = \frac{p_{1.} + p_{.1} - 1 + 0 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= \frac{-(1 - p_{1.})(1 - p_{.1}) - p_{2.}p_{.2}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= \frac{-2p_{2.}p_{.2}}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

- (b) Consider the following game. There are two friends P and Q, who want to watch a movie in one of the I movie theaters together. However, we consider the following two situations:
 - (i) They do not know where the other person is going.
 - (ii) Each of them know where the other person is going.

Now, consider the following loss function;

$$L(x, \hat{x}) = (-1)\mathbf{1}_{x=\hat{x}} + \mathbf{1}_{x \neq \hat{x}}$$

where $\mathbf{1}_A$ denotes the indicator function of the event A. Note that, the above loss indicates that both person is unhappy if they go to different movie theaters while they both are happy if they go to same theater.

Note that, the expected loss (or risk) in the first situation is given by;

$$E_{(i)} (\text{Loss}) = P \left(\hat{R} \neq \hat{C} \right) - P \left(\hat{R} = \hat{C} \right)$$

$$= \min_{i} \left(p_{ii} - p_{i\cdot} - p_{\cdot i} + 1 - p_{ii} \right)$$

$$= \min_{i} \left(-p_{i\cdot} - p_{\cdot i} + 1 \right)$$

$$= 1 - p_{m\cdot} - p_{\cdot m}$$

The above implication is true since both persons would try to minimize the expected loss given that the other person is also thinking the similar strategy.

On the other hand, the expected loss (or risk) in the second situation is given by;

$$E_{(ii)} (\text{Loss}) = \sum_{i} P\left(\hat{R} \neq \hat{C} | \hat{C} = i \text{ or } \hat{R} = i\right) - \sum_{i} P\left(\hat{R} = \hat{C} | \hat{C} = i \text{ or } \hat{R} = i\right)$$

$$= (1 - \sum_{i} p_{ii}) - \sum_{i} p_{ii}$$

$$= (1 - 2\sum_{i} p_{ii})$$

Therefore, we consider the relative decrease in error due to newly added information;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Relative decrease in Risk} &= \frac{E_{(i)} \left(\text{Loss} \right) - E_{(ii)} \left(\text{Loss} \right)}{E_{(i)} \left(\text{Loss} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\left(1 - p_{m \cdot} - p_{\cdot m} \right) - \left(1 - 2 \sum_{i} p_{ii} \right)}{\left(1 - p_{m \cdot} - p_{\cdot m} \right)} \\ &= \frac{2 \sum_{i} p_{ii} - p_{m \cdot} - p_{\cdot m}}{\left(1 - p_{m \cdot} - p_{\cdot m} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

The denominator is then changed accordingly to normalize the above quantity between (-1) and 1 which produces the measure λ_r .

Observe that, if the marginals are not given then clearly, $\sum_{i} p_{ii} \leq 1$. Therefore,

$$\lambda_r = \frac{\sum_i p_{ii} - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})} \le \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m \cdot} + p_{\cdot m})} = 1$$

To see that such maximizing configuration can be achieved, consider the following contingency table of probabilities;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1	0.2	0	0.2
R=2	0	0.8	0.8
Total	0.2	0.8	1

On the other hand, consider the probability;

$$P[R \neq i, C \neq i] = 1 - p_{i} - p_{i} + p_{i} > 0$$

From this, we obtain;

$$\sum_{i} p_{ii} \ge \max_{i} p_{ii} \ge \max_{i} (p_{i.} + p_{.i} - 1) = (p_{m.} + p_{.m} - 1)$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\sum_{i} p_{ii} \ge (p_{m\cdot} + p_{\cdot m} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i} p_{ii} - \frac{1}{2} (p_{m\cdot} + p_{\cdot m}) \ge \frac{1}{2} (p_{m\cdot} + p_{\cdot m}) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i} p_{ii} - \frac{1}{2} (p_{m\cdot} + p_{\cdot m})}{1 - \frac{1}{2} (p_{m\cdot} + p_{\cdot m})} \ge (-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_r \ge (-1)$$

To see that (-1) can be achieved, consider the following contingency table;

	C = 1	C=2	Total
R = 1	0	0.5	0.5
R=2	0.5	0	0.5
Total	0.5	0.5	1

(c) From the given table, we compute the contingency table comprising the estimated probabilities as follows;

Self	Yes	No	Total
Yes	0.045	0.106	0.151
No	0.112	0.737	0.849
Total	0.157	0.843	1

Therefore, the value of Cohen's Kappa for this table is going to be;

$$\kappa = \frac{p_{11} + p_{22} - p_{1} \cdot p_{\cdot 1} - p_{2} \cdot p_{\cdot 2}}{1 - p_{1} \cdot p_{\cdot 1} - p_{2} \cdot p_{\cdot 2}}$$

$$= \frac{0.045 + 0.737 - (0.151 \times 0.157) - (0.849 \times 0.843)}{1 - (0.151 \times 0.157) - (0.849 \times 0.843)}$$

$$= \frac{0.782 - 0.739414}{1 - 0.739414}$$

$$= 0.163424$$

Given the marginals, the maximizing value would be (as indicated in solution to problem 2(a));

$$\kappa_{\text{max}} = 1 - \frac{|p_{.1} - p_{1.}|}{1 - p_{1.}p_{.1} - p_{2.}p_{.2}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{|0.151 - 0.157|}{1 - (0.151 \times 0.157) - (0.849 \times 0.843)}$$

$$= 0.976975$$

Since, here $p_{.1} + p_{1}$ is less than 1, the minimizing value would be;

$$\kappa_{\min} = 1 - \frac{-2p_{\cdot 1}p_{1\cdot}}{1 - p_{1\cdot}p_{\cdot 1} - p_{2\cdot}p_{\cdot 2}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{(-2)0.151 \times 0.157}{1 - (0.151 \times 0.157) - (0.849 \times 0.843)}$$

$$= -0.1819514$$

Now, the value of λ_r for the given contingency table would be;

$$\lambda_r = \frac{p_{11} + p_{22} - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m.} + p_{.m})}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{m.} + p_{.m})}$$

$$= \frac{0.045 + 0.737 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}$$

$$= \frac{0.782 - 0.846}{1 - 0.846}$$

$$= -0.4155844$$

Now, from the solution of problem 2(a), we also find that; maximum value of $p_{11} + p_{22}$ would be $1 + (2 \times 0.151) - 0.151 - 0.157$, as min $\{p_{1}, p_{1}\} = 0.151$, for the given marginals. Therefore, maximum value of λ_r is;

$$\lambda_{r,\text{max}} = \frac{1 + (2 \times 0.151) - 0.151 - 0.157 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}$$
$$= \frac{0.994 - 0.846}{1 - 0.846}$$
$$= 0.961039$$

and the minimum value of $p_{11} + p_{22}$ would be (1 - 0.151 - 0.157) = 0.692. Therefore, the minimum value of λ_r given the marginals are going to be;

$$\lambda_{r,\min} = \frac{0.692 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.849 + 0.843)}$$
$$= \frac{0.692 - 0.846}{1 - 0.846}$$
$$= -1$$

(d) The problem of finding extremal values of $\sum_{i} p_{ii}$ can be rewritten as a linear programming problem with I^2 many variables of interest as follows;

$$\max \text{ or } \min \sum_{i} p_{ii}$$

subject to the constraints;

$$\sum_{j} p_{ij} = p_{i}. \qquad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots I$$

$$\sum_{i} p_{ij} = p_{\cdot j} \qquad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots I$$

To solve the linear programming, we first load the required packages in R.

library(vcd)
library(lpSolve)

Now, we load the SexualFun data from vcd package.

data <- vcd::SexualFun ftable(data)

Wife Never Fun Fairly Often Very Often Always fun Husband

Never Fun	7	7	2	3
Fairly Often	2	8	3	7
Very Often	1	5	4	9
Always fun	2	8	9	14

We first obtain the actual values of Cohen's Kappa κ and the measure λ_r for the actual table;

kp <- **Kappa**(data) #compute the actual Kappa print(kp)

```
value     ASE     z Pr(>|z|)
Unweighted 0.1293 0.06860 1.885 0.059387
Weighted     0.2374 0.07832 3.031 0.002437
```

We note that the actual value of Cohen's Kappa for SexualFun data is 0.12933025.

Consider the following code which computes λ_r ;

```
n <- sum(data)
rowMar <- rowSums(data)/n
colMar <- colSums(data)/n
a <- sum(diag(data))/n
b <- max((rowMar +colMar)/2)
lambda <-(a -b)/(1-b)
print(lambda)
```

[1] 0

We find that the actual value of λ_r for SexualFun data is 0.

Now, we consider the minimization and maximization problem, where we try to find extremal values of $\sum_{i} p_{ii}$ or correspondingly $\sum_{i} n_{ii}$. We shall use **lpSolve** package to solve the corresponding linear programming for us.

```
lpMax <- lp.transport(cost.mat = diag(4), direction = "max", row.signs = rep("==", 4), row.rhs = rowSums(data), col.signs = rep("==", 4), col.rhs = colSums(data))
```

The maximizing configuration would look like;

print(lpMax\$solution)

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
        12
                           0
[2,]
         0
              20
                     0
                           0
[3,]
         0
                    18
                           0
               1
[4,]
         0
               0
                     0
                          33
```

Therefore, the maximum value of Cohen's kappa and λ_r is obtained using the following code;

Kappa(lpMax\$solution)

```
value ASE z Pr(>|z|)
Unweighted 0.8799 0.03969 22.17 6.661e-109
Weighted 0.9291 0.02348 39.57 0.000e+00
```

```
a <- lpMax$objval/n
lambda <- (a -b)/(1-b)
print(lambda)
```

[1] 0.862069

Therefore, the maximum value of Cohen's Kappa given the marginals is 0.8799, while the maximum value of λ_r given the marginals is 0.8621.

We use similar method to find the minimum value of these measures given the marginals.

```
lpMin <- lp.transport(cost.mat = diag(4), direction = "min", row.signs = rep("==", 4), row.rhs = rowSums(data), col.signs = rep("==", 4), col.rhs = colSums(data))
```

The minimizing configuration would look like;

print(lpMin\$solution)

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
         0
                         19
[2,]
         0
               0
                     6
                         14
[3,]
         0
              19
                     0
                           0
[4,]
        12
               9
                    12
                           0
```

Kappa(lpMin\$solution)

```
value ASE z Pr(>|z|)
Unweighted -0.3661 0.01593 -22.98 7.992e-117
Weighted -0.5607 0.02691 -20.84 1.951e-96
```

```
a <- lpMin$objval/n
lambda <- (a -b)/(1-b)
print(lambda)
```

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[1] -0.5689655
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Therefore, the maximum value of Cohen's Kappa given the marginals is -0.3661, while the maximum value of λ_r given the marginals is -0.5689.

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