

**1. The Cressie-Read power divergence and multinomial goodness-of-fit tests** [15 points]

The Cressie-Read power divergence between two pmf's  $p = (p_i)_{i \in S}$  and  $q = (q_i)_{i \in S}$  on the same support  $S$  is defined as

$$I_\lambda(p||q) = \frac{1}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i \in S} p_i \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right],$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1\}$ .

(a) Show that

$$2I_1(p, q) = \sum_{i \in S} \frac{(p_i - q_i)^2}{q_i} = \sum_{i \in S} \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right)^2 q_i = D_{\chi^2}(p||q),$$

Pearson's  $\chi^2$ -divergence between  $p$  and  $q$ .

(b) Show that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} I_\lambda(p||q) = \sum_{i \in S} p_i \log \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) = D_{\text{KL}}(p||q),$$

the Kullback-Liebler divergence between  $p$  and  $q$ .

(c) What is  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} I_\lambda(p||q)$ ?

Define  $I_\lambda$  at  $\lambda = 0, -1$  by these limiting values. Now suppose  $(n_1, \dots, n_k) \sim \text{Multinomial}(n; p = (p_i)_{i=1}^k)$ . Let  $\hat{p}_i = \frac{n_i}{n}$  be the sample proportions.

(d) Show that  $2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0)$  is nothing but Pearson's  $\chi^2$  statistic for testing  $H_0 : p = p_0$ .

(e) Show that  $2nI_0(\hat{p}||p_0)$  is nothing but the likelihood ratio (LR) statistic for testing  $H_0 : p = p_0$ .

(f) Show, by establishing a CLT for  $(n_i)_{i=1}^{k-1}$ , that  $2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0) \xrightarrow{H_0} \chi_{k-1}^2$ .

(g) Let  $X_i = \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_i} - 1$ . Express  $2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0)$  in terms of  $X_i$  and then show, by relating  $2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0)$  to  $2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0)$  via a Taylor expansion, that  $2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0) \xrightarrow{H_0} \chi_{k-1}^2$ .

**Solution.**

(a) In the definition of  $I_\lambda(p||q)$ , putting  $\lambda = 1$ , we obtain the following;

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(p||q) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} p_i \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \times \frac{p_i}{q_i} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \times \left[ \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) - 1 \right]^2 + \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) - 1 \right] \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} (p_i - q_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from the fact that  $(p_i)_{i \in S}$  and  $(q_i)_{i \in S}$  both being p.m.f. on the same support  $S$ ,  $\sum_{i \in S} p_i = \sum_{i \in S} q_i = 1$ . Finally, note that, we can rewrite it as;

$$\begin{aligned} 2I_1(p||q) &= \sum_{i \in S} q_i \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i \in S} q_i \left( \frac{p_i - q_i}{q_i} \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i \in S} \frac{(p_i - q_i)^2}{q_i} \\ &= D_{\chi^2}(p||q) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Consider the following standard limit result from analysis.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a \quad \forall a > 0$$

Now, we consider the limit in question;

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} I_\lambda(p||q) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda(\lambda + 1)} \sum_{i \in S} p_i \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda + 1} \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i \in S} \frac{p_i}{\lambda} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\ &= 1 \times \sum_{i \in S} \left[ \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{p_i}{\lambda} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \right], \\ &\quad \text{provided we can interchange the sum and the limit} \\ &= \sum_{i \in S} p_i \log \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) \\ &= D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that the support  $S$  is a finite set, then the interchangeability of the finite sum over elements of  $S$  and the limit  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  is justified.

(c) We apply the same standard limit results from analysis.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} I_\lambda(p||q) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i \in S} p_i \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\
&= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{\lambda} \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \sum_{i \in S} p_i \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\
&= (-1) \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \frac{p_i}{q_i} \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\
&= (-1) \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^{\lambda+1} - \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right] \\
&= (-1) \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] - \left[ \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right] \right] \\
&= (-1) \times \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \sum_{i \in S} q_i \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] + \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i \in S} (p_i - q_i) \\
&= (-1) \times \sum_{i \in S} \left[ \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -1} \frac{q_i}{(\lambda+1)} \left[ \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] \right], \\
&\quad \text{provided we can interchange the sum and the limit} \\
&= (-1) \times \sum_{i \in S} q_i \log \left( \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i \in S} q_i \log \left( \frac{q_i}{p_i} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

If we assume that the support  $S$  is a finite set, then the interchangeability of the finite sum over elements of  $S$  and the limit  $\lambda \rightarrow (-1)$  is justified.

(d) Consider the setup  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) \sim \text{Multinomial} \left( n; p = (p_i)_{i=1}^k \right)$ , and we want to test the hypothesis  $H_0 : p = p_0$ , where we assume  $p_0 = (p_{0,i})_{i=1}^k$  is known.

The expected frequency of  $i$ -th cell is given by;  $np_{0,i}$  and the observed frequency of  $i$ -th cell is given by  $n_i$ . Therefore, to test  $H_0$ , Pearson's  $\chi^2$  statistic is given as;

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_{obs}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(n_i - np_{0,i})^2}{np_{0,i}} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\left( n \left( \frac{n_i}{n} - p_{0,i} \right) \right)^2}{np_{0,i}} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^k n \frac{\left( \frac{n_i}{n} - p_{0,i} \right)^2}{p_{0,i}} \\
&= 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0)
\end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from part (a).

(e) Consider the multinomial setup described in part (d). To test the same hypothesis  $H_0 : p = p_0$ , the Likelihood Ratio statistic would be as follows;

$$\text{LR} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k p_{0,i}^{n_i}}{\max_{p=(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{n_i}}$$

Note that, the maximum of the denominator happens when  $p_i = \hat{p}_i$ , the sample proportion (as this is the m.l.e. of  $p_i$  under multinomial setup). Therefore, the likelihood ratio reduces to;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LR} &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k p_{0,i}^{n_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^k \hat{p}_i^{n_i}} \\ -2 \log \text{LR} &= -2 \log \left[ \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{p_{0,i}}{\hat{p}_i} \right)^{n_i} \right] \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \log \left( \frac{p_{0,i}}{\hat{p}_i} \right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^k n \hat{p}_i \log \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right) \\ &= 2n I_0(\hat{p} || p_0) \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from part (b).

- (f) Note that, under  $H_0$ , the cell frequencies  $n_i \sim \text{Multinomial}(n; p_0)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Consider the i.i.d. random variables  $X_{ij}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , each of which follow  $\text{Multinomial}(1, p_0)$ , which represents whether  $i$ -th multinomial trial results in an observation corresponding to  $j$ -th cell. In that case,  $n_j = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ij}$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Note that, under  $H_0$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_{ij}] &= p_{0,j} \\ \text{Var}[X_{ij}] &= p_{0,j}(1 - p_{0,j}) \\ \text{Cov}[X_{ij}, X_{il}] &= -p_{0,j}p_{0,l} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the vector

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \begin{pmatrix} X_{i1} \\ X_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ X_{i(k-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that, this random vector has mean given by;

$$\mathbf{p}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{0,1} \\ p_{0,2} \\ \vdots \\ p_{0,(k-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

and variance-covariance matrix given by;

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} p_{0,1}(1 - p_{0,1}) & -p_{0,1}p_{0,2} & \dots & -p_{0,1}p_{0,(k-1)} \\ -p_{0,2}p_{0,1} & p_{0,2}(1 - p_{0,2}) & \dots & -p_{0,2}p_{0,(k-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -p_{0,(k-1)}p_{0,1} & -p_{0,1}p_{0,(k-1)} & \dots & p_{0,(k-1)}(1 - p_{0,(k-1)}) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{diag}(p_{0,1}, p_{0,2}, \dots, p_{0,(k-1)}) - \mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_0^\top \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{diag}(\cdot)$  denotes a diagonal matrix of its arguments. Denote the above diagonal matrix by  $D$ . Now, since  $\Sigma = D - \mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_0^\top$ , therefore, its inverse is given by;

$$\Sigma^{-1} = D^{-1} + \frac{(D^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_0^\top D^{-1})}{1 - \mathbf{p}_0^\top D^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0}$$

Note that,  $1 - \mathbf{p}_0^\top D^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0 = \sum_{j=1}^k p_{0,j} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} p_{0,j} = p_{0,k}$ . Also,  $D^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0 = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^\top$ . Hence,  $(D^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0 \mathbf{p}_0^\top D^{-1})$  is a matrix of order  $(k-1) \times (k-1)$  with all elements equal to 1. Therefore,

$$\Sigma^{-1} = D^{-1} + \frac{1}{p_{0,k}} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^\top$$

Note that, each of the  $\mathbf{X}_i$ 's are independent and identically distributed random variables, hence, by applying Central Limit Theorem, we obtain;

$$\sqrt{n} \Sigma^{-1/2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{p}_0 \right) \xrightarrow[H_0]{d} N_{k-1} (0, I_{(k-1)})$$

Now;

$$\begin{aligned} 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0) &= n \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{(\hat{p}_j - p_{0,j})^2}{p_{0,j}} \\ &= n \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{(\hat{p}_j - p_{0,j})^2}{p_{0,j}} + \frac{(\hat{p}_k - p_{0,k})^2}{p_{0,k}} \right] \\ &= n \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{(\hat{p}_j - p_{0,j})^2}{p_{0,j}} + \frac{\left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (\hat{p}_j - p_{0,j}) \right)^2}{p_{0,k}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from the fact that  $\sum_{j=1}^k (\hat{p}_j - p_{0,j}) = 0$ , as both of them constitutes a p.m.f. As  $\hat{p}_j = \frac{n_j}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_{ij}}{n}$ , it follows that;

$$\begin{aligned} 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0) &= n \times \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{p}_0 \right)^\top \Sigma^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{p}_0 \right) \\ &= \left[ \sqrt{n} \Sigma^{-1/2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{p}_0 \right) \right]^\top \left[ \sqrt{n} \Sigma^{-1/2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{p}_0 \right) \right] \\ &\xrightarrow[H_0]{d} \chi_{k-1}^2, \text{ as desired.} \end{aligned}$$

(g) Let,  $X_i = \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} - 1$ . Consider the form of power divergence;

$$\begin{aligned} 2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0) &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \hat{p}_i \left[ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right)^\lambda - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 - \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right) + 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] - \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k (\hat{p}_i - p_{0,i}) \\ &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} \right)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right], \text{ since the additional part is 0} \\ &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ (X_i + 1)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Note that, under  $H_0$ , each  $X_i = 0$ . Applying Taylor expansion on  $g(x) = ((x+1)^{\lambda+1} - 1)$  about  $x = 0$ , we obtain;

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= g(0) + xg'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2}g''(0) + O_p(x^3) \\ &= 0 + (\lambda+1)x + \frac{\lambda(\lambda+1)}{2}x^2 + O_p(x^3) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have;

$$\begin{aligned} 2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0) &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ (X_i+1)^{\lambda+1} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{2n}{\lambda(\lambda+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left[ (\lambda+1)X_i + \frac{\lambda(\lambda+1)}{2}X_i^2 + O_p(X_i^3) \right], \text{ by using Taylor expansion} \\ &= n \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} [X_i^2 + O_p(X_i^3)], \text{ since } \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i}X_i = 0 \\ &= n \sum_{i=1}^k p_{0,i} \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} - 1 \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k (np_{0,i})O_p(X_i^3) \\ &= 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0) + \sum_{i=1}^k (np_{0,i})O_p(X_i^3), \text{ using part (a)} \\ &= 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0) + \sum_{i=1}^k (np_{0,i})O_p\left(\frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where the last line follows from the fact that,  $X_i = \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{p_{0,i}} - 1 \right) = \frac{(n_i - np_{0,i})}{np_{0,i}}$ , whereas the quantity,  $\frac{(n_i - np_{0,i})}{\sqrt{np_{0,i}}}$  has an asymptotic normal distribution under  $H_0$ , therefore, bounded in probability. Hence,  $O_p(X_i) = O_p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{np_{0,i}}}\right)$ . Therefore, under  $H_0$ ;

$$2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0) \xrightarrow{P} 2nI_1(\hat{p}||p_0)$$

Hence, using the result of part (f) and Slutsky's theorem, we get;

$$2nI_\lambda(\hat{p}||p_0) \xrightarrow[H_0]{d} \chi_{k-1}^2, \text{ as desired}$$

## 2. Testing conditional independence

[5]

In a 3-dimensional multinomial table, obtain MLE's of the  $p_{ijk}$ 's under the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \text{row} \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{column} \mid \text{layer}.$$

What are the limiting distributions of the likelihood ratio and the  $\chi^2$  tests for this hypothesis? Test if 'Sex' is independent of 'Support\_Abortion' given 'Status' in the **Abortion** data in the **R** package **vcdExtra**.

**Solution.**

Note that, under  $H_0 : \text{row} \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{column} \mid \text{layer}$ , we have;

$$p_{ijk} = p_{\cdot\cdot k}p_{ij|k} = p_{\cdot\cdot k}p_{i|k}p_{j|k}$$

Now, under  $H_0$ , we obtain the likelihood as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(p|n_{ijk}) &\propto \prod_{i,j,k} (p_{ijk})^{n_{ijk}} \\
\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(p|n_{ijk}) &\propto \prod_{i,j,k} (p_{..k} p_{i|k} p_{j|k})^{n_{ijk}} \\
\Rightarrow \ell(p|n_{ijk}) &= \text{constant} + \sum_{i,j,k} n_{ijk} (\log p_{..k} + \log p_{i|k} + \log p_{j|k}), \text{ taking logarithm to both sides} \\
\Rightarrow \ell(p|n_{ijk}) &= \text{constant} + \sum_k n_{..k} \log p_{..k} + \sum_{i,k} n_{i..k} \log p_{i|k} + \sum_{j,k} n_{.j.k} \log p_{j|k}
\end{aligned}$$

To maximize this likelihood with respect to  $p_{..k}$ ,  $p_{i|k}$  and  $p_{j|k}$ , we differentiate the log likelihood with respect to those variables and set them equal to 0. Differentiating with respect to  $p_{..k}$ , we obtain;

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial p_{..k}} &= \frac{n_{..k}}{p_{..k}} - \frac{n - \sum_{k'=1}^{L-1} n_{..k'}}{1 - \sum_{k=1}^{L-1} p_{..k}}, \text{ where } L \text{ is the number of layers} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial p_{..k}} &= \frac{n_{..k}}{p_{..k}} - \frac{n_{..L}}{p_{..L}}
\end{aligned}$$

Setting the above equal to 0 means, we have  $\frac{n_{..k}}{p_{..k}} = \lambda$ , a constant for any  $k = 1, 2, \dots, L$ . Clearly, we would have  $\lambda = \frac{n_{..1} + n_{..2} + \dots + n_{..L}}{p_{..1} + p_{..2} + \dots + p_{..L}} = \frac{n}{1}$ . Therefore, we have the m.l.e.  $\hat{p}_{..k} = \frac{n_{..k}}{n}$ .

In a similar way, we would have the other m.l.e. as;

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{p}_{i|k} &= \frac{n_{i..k}}{\sum_{i,k} n_{i..k}} = \frac{n_{i..k}}{n_{..k}} \\
\hat{p}_{j|k} &= \frac{n_{.j.k}}{\sum_{j,k} n_{.j.k}} = \frac{n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k}}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we consider **Likelihood Ratio** for testing  $H_0$ .

$$\lambda = \frac{\sup_{H_0} \prod_{i,j,k} (p_{ijk})^{n_{ijk}}}{\sup \prod_{i,j,k} (p_{ijk})^{n_{ijk}}} = \frac{\sup \prod_{i,j,k} (p_{..k} p_{i|k} p_{j|k})^{n_{ijk}}}{\prod_{i,j,k} (\hat{p}_{ijk})^{n_{ijk}}} = \prod_{i,j,k} \left( \frac{\hat{p}_{..k} \hat{p}_{i|k} \hat{p}_{j|k}}{\hat{p}_{ijk}} \right)^{n_{ijk}}$$

Observe that,

$$\hat{p}_{..k} \hat{p}_{i|k} \hat{p}_{j|k} = \frac{n_{..k}}{n} \frac{n_{i..k}}{n_{..k}} \frac{n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k}} = \frac{n_{i..k} n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k} n}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\hat{p}_{..k} \hat{p}_{i|k} \hat{p}_{j|k}}{\hat{p}_{ijk}} = \frac{n_{i..k} n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k} n} \times \frac{n}{n_{ijk}} = \frac{n_{i..k} n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k} n_{ijk}}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \lambda &= \sum_{i,j,k} n_{ijk} \log \left( \frac{n_{i..k} n_{.j.k}}{n_{..k} n_{ijk}} \right) \\
\Rightarrow -2 \log \lambda &= \sum_{i,j,k} n_{ijk} \log n_{ijk} + \sum_k n_{..k} \log n_{..k} - \sum_{i,k} n_{i..k} \log n_{i..k} - \sum_{j,k} n_{.j.k} \log n_{.j.k}
\end{aligned}$$

Applying Wilk's theorem, we get that, the above quantity  $-2 \log \lambda$  asymptotically follows a  $\chi^2$  distribution with degrees of freedom given by;  $df$  = number of free parameters under full model – number of free parameters  $(RCL - 1) - ((R - 1)L + (C - 1)L + (L - 1))$ , where  $R, C, L$  are the number of rows, columns and layers in the contingency table. Note that, under null hypothesis, the free parameters are  $p_{i|k}, p_{j|k}$  and  $p_{..k}$ , which respectively are  $(R - 1)L, (C - 1)L$  and  $(L - 1)$  in numbers. Therefore, finally, we have;

$$df = (RCL - 1) - (RL - L + CL - L + L - 1) = (RCL - RL - CL + L) = L(R - 1)(C - 1)$$

Therefore, the limiting distribution of likelihood ratio statistic under  $H_0$  would be a central  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $(R - 1)(C - 1)L$  as degrees of freedom.

Now, considering **Pearsonian chi-squared test statistic**, we would have expected frequency of  $(i, j, k)$ -th cell entry under  $H_0$  as;

$$\hat{n}_{ijk} = n\hat{p}_{ijk} = n\hat{p}_{..k}\hat{p}_{i|k}\hat{p}_{j|k} = \frac{n_{i.k}n_{.jk}}{n_{..k}}$$

Hence, Pearson's chi-squared test statistic would be;

$$\chi^2_{observed} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\left(n_{ijk} - \frac{n_{i.k}n_{.jk}}{n_{..k}}\right)^2}{\frac{n_{i.k}n_{.jk}}{n_{..k}}} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{(n_{ijk}n_{..k} - n_{i.k}n_{.jk})^2}{n_{..k}n_{i.k}n_{.jk}}$$

which also asymptotically follows a central  $\chi^2$  distribution with degrees of freedom equal to;  $df = (RCL - 1) - \text{number of free parameters which are estimated} = (RCL - 1) - ((R - 1)L + (C - 1)L + (L - 1)) = (R - 1)(C - 1)L$  as before.

The final part of the exercise asks to write **R** code which tests the hypothesis  $H_0$  on **Abortion** data from **vcdExtra** package. Hence, firstly we load the required package and then load the data.

```
library(vcdExtra)
data("Abortion")
ftable(Abortion)
```

```
, , Support_Abortion = Yes
```

```
Status
Sex      Lo  Hi
Female 171 138
Male   152 167
```

```
, , Support_Abortion = No
```

```
Status
Sex      Lo  Hi
Female  79 112
Male   148 133
```

Note that, current data is in a format of 2x2 table with *Sex* and *Status* as row and column, while *Support\_Abortion* as layer. However, we need to restructure the data in a way so that *Sex* and *Support\_Abortion* to be row and column variable respectively, while *Status* is layer variable.



```
Abortion2 = aperm(Abortion, c(1,3,2))  
dimnames(Abortion2)
```

```
$Sex  
[1] "Female" "Male"
```

```
$Support_Abortion  
[1] "Yes" "No"
```

```
$Status  
[1] "Lo" "Hi"
```

Now, to test the null hypothesis  $H_0$  : row  $\perp$  column | layer we use **Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Squared Test**;

```
mantelhaen.test(Abortion2)
```

Mantel-Haenszel chi-squared test with continuity correction

```
data: Abortion2  
Mantel-Haenszel X-squared = 7.9435, df = 1, p-value = 0.004826  
alternative hypothesis: true common odds ratio is not equal to 1  
95 percent confidence interval:  
1.117674 1.808322  
sample estimates:  
common odds ratio  
1.421659
```

Note that, we get an p-value of 0.004826, which is extremely lower than the significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Hence, we reject the null hypothesis that the variables *Sex* and *Support\_Abortion* are independent given the layered variable *Status* in the light of *Abortion* data.

**Thank You!**