

# Statistical Methods

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Chi-Squared Tests for Two-Way Contingency Tables

## Topics

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## Objectives

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- Carry out a chi-squared test for homogeneity.
- Carry out a chi-squared test for independence.

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## Chi-Squared Tests for Two-Way Contingency Tables

### Introduction

- **Correlation** and the ***t* test** for a regression **slope** are used to decide if there's an **association** between **two numerical** variables.

**One-factor ANOVA** and the **two-sample *t* test** are used to decide if there's an **association** between a **numerical** variable and a **categorical** one.

The ***chi-squared test*** is used to decide if there's an **association** between **two categorical** variables.

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## Example

To determine if there's any **association** between a person's **socio-economic status** and their cigarette **smoking status**, **three random samples** of sizes **200, 300, and 300**, respectively, are drawn from each of **three populations** defined by **socio-economic class (SEC – high, middle, and low)**.

The **contingency table** on the next slide shows the results.

Note that the sum of each row gives the sample size from that population.

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Popula- tion		Smoking Status			Sample Size
		Current	Former	Never	
	High SEC	40	20	140	200
	Middle SEC	75	45	180	300
	Low SEC	105	60	135	300

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## Example

A study was carried out to decide if there's any **association** between **hair color** (*dark or light*) and **eye color** (*dark or light*).

A **single random sample** of  $n = 6,800$  men was taken (from a **single population**), and each man **cross-classified** according to his **hair color** and **eye color**.

The **contingency table** on the next slide shows the results.

Note that the sum of the four table entries gives the sample size.

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Eye Color	Hair Color	
	Dark	Light
Dark	726	131
Light	3,129	2,814

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- The data are summarized in a **contingency table** having the form below.

		Column Category				Total
		1	2	...	$J$	
Row Category	1	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	...	$n_{1J}$	$n_{1.}$
	2	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	...	$n_{2J}$	$n_{2.}$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$I$	$n_{I1}$	$n_{I2}$	...	$n_{IJ}$	$n_{I.}$
Total		$n_{.1}$	$n_{.2}$	...	$n_{.J}$	$n$

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- Notation:** For a given contingency table,

$I$  = The number of row categories.

$J$  = The number of column categories.

$n_{ij}$  = The  $i, j$ th **cell count**.

$n_{.j}$  = The  $j$ th **column total**.

$n_{i.}$  = The  $i$ th **row total**.

$n$  = The **overall sample size**.

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## Example

The **contingency table** below shows the **marginal row and marginal column totals** and the **overall sample size**.

		Smoking Status			Sample Size
		Current	Former	Never	
Population	High SEC	40	20	140	200
	Middle SEC	75	45	180	300
	Low SEC	105	60	135	300
Total		220	125	455	800

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## Example

The **contingency table** below shows the **marginal row and marginal column totals** and the **overall sample size**.

		Hair Color		Total
		Dark	Light	
Eye Color	Dark	726	131	857
	Light	3,129	2,814	5,943
	Total	3,855	2,945	6,800

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## Chi-Squared Tests

- The **chi-squared test** is used in **two contexts**:
  - Separate random samples** of sizes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_I$  from  $I$  **populations** defined by a **categorical variable**, where each individual is **classified** according to **one other categorical variable**.

A **chi-squared test test for homogeneity** of the populations is used in this case.

- A **single random sample** of  $n$  individuals from a **single population** of individuals **cross-classified** according to **two categorical variables**.

A **chi-squared test test for independence** between the two categorical variables is used in this case.

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## Test for Homogeneity

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- Notation:**

$p_{ij}$  = The  $i$ th population proportion in the  $j$ th category.

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		Column Category				
		1	2	...	$J$	
Row	1	$p_{11}$	$p_{12}$	...	$p_{1J}$	1.0
	2	$p_{21}$	$p_{22}$	...	$p_{2J}$	1.0
Category	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$I$	$p_{I1}$	$p_{I2}$	...	$p_{IJ}$	1.0

(Note: The proportions sum to one in each row.)

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- The **null hypothesis** in the **test for homogeneity** is:

**Null Hypothesis:**

$H_0$ : The population proportion for each column category is the same across the populations (rows).

We write this as

$$H_0 : p_{1j} = p_{2j} = \dots = p_{Ij} \quad \text{for each } j = 1, 2, \dots, J$$

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- The **alternative hypothesis** will be

**Alternative Hypothesis:**

$H_a$  : The population proportion for at least one column category is different across the populations (rows).

We can write this as

$H_a$  :  $p_{1j}, p_{2j}, \dots, p_{Ij}$  Aren't all equal for at least one  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$

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- When  $H_0$  is true, we can use  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_J$  to denote the **common proportions** for the  $J$  categories.

Then regardless of the population  $i$ , the **expected count** for the  $j$ th category is

$$\text{Expected Count} = n_i \cdot p_j$$

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- Replacing the unknown true proportions  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_J$  by their **estimates**  $\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2, \dots, \hat{p}_J$ , where

$$\hat{p}_j = \frac{n_{.j}}{n},$$

we get the **estimated expected count** (under  $H_0$ ), denoted  $\hat{e}_{ij}$ :

$$\hat{e}_{ij} = n_i \cdot \hat{p}_j = \frac{n_i \cdot n_{.j}}{n} = \frac{(\textit{i} \textit{th row total})(\textit{j} \textit{th column total})}{n},$$

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**Chi-Squared Test Statistic for Homogeneity:**

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 &= \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(n_{ij} - \hat{e}_{ij})^2}{\hat{e}_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{estimated expected})^2}{\text{estimated expected}} \end{aligned}$$

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- The numerator of  $\chi^2$  will be large if the **observed** counts differ substantially from the **estimated expected** counts under  $H_0$ , so ...

Large values of  $\chi^2$  provide evidence against  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_a : p_{1j}, p_{2j}, \dots, p_{Ij}$  aren't all equal for at least one  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ .

**Sampling Distribution of the Test Statistic Under  $H_0$ :**  
If  $\chi^2$  is the test statistic for homogeneity, and the sample sizes  $n_{1.}, n_{2.}, \dots, n_{I.}$  are **large**, then when  $H_0$  is true,

$$\chi^2 \sim \chi^2((I-1)(J-1)).$$

- The **sample sizes**  $n_{1.}, n_{2.}, \dots, n_{I.}$  are considered **large enough** as long as each of the **estimated expected counts** is **five** (or higher).

- **Comment:** The **df** are  $(I-1)(J-1)$  because the deviations  $n_{ij} - \hat{e}_{ij}$  sum to zero in each row and in each column, leaving only  $(I-1)(J-1)$  "free to vary".

- The  $\chi^2((I-1)(J-1))$  curve gives us:
  - The **rejection region** as the **extreme largest 100 $\alpha$ % of  $\chi^2$  values**.
  - The **p-value** as the **tail area to the right of the observed  $\chi^2$  value**.

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## Exercise

The table below shows the **estimated expected counts**  $\hat{e}_{ij}$  in parentheses:

Population	Smoking Status	Smoking Status			Sample Size
		Current	Former	Never	
High SEC		40 (55.0)	20 (31.3)	140 (113.8)	$n_{1.} = 200$
Middle SEC		75 (82.5)	45 (46.9)	180 (170.6)	$n_{2.} = 300$
Low SEC		105 (82.5)	60 (46.9)	135 (170.6)	$n_{3.} = 300$
<b>Total</b>		$n_{.1} = 220$	$n_{.2} = 125$	$n_{.3} = 455$	$n = 800$

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We'll carry out a **chi-squared test for homogeneity** to decide if there's an **association** between **socio-economic class** and **smoking status**.

- Verify that the **sample sizes**  $n_{1.}$ ,  $n_{2.}$ , and  $n_{3.}$  are **large enough** to justify the use of the **chi-squared test**.
- Compute the **chi-squared test statistic**.  
**Hint:** You should get  $\chi^2 = 32.7$ .
- Find the **p-value** and state the **conclusion** using  $\alpha = 0.05$ .  
**Hint:** You should get **p-value**  $< 0.001$ .

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## Test for Independence

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## • Notation:

$p_{ij}$  = The **joint probability** (or **population proportion**) of the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column cross-classification.

$p_{.j}$  =  $\sum_i p_{ij}$  = The **marginal probability** of the  $i$ th row category.

$p_{i.}$  =  $\sum_j p_{ij}$  = The **marginal probability** of the  $j$ th column category.

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		Column Category				
		1	2	...	$J$	
Row Category	1	$p_{11}$	$p_{12}$	...	$p_{1J}$	$p_{1.}$
	2	$p_{21}$	$p_{22}$	...	$p_{2J}$	$p_{2.}$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$I$	$p_{I1}$	$p_{I2}$	...	$p_{IJ}$	$p_{I.}$
		$p_{.1}$	$p_{.2}$	...	$p_{.J}$	1.0

(Note: The probabilities in the  $IJ$  cells sum to one.)

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## Example

In **hair** and **eye color** study,

$p_{1\cdot}$  = The **probability** that a randomly selected man has **dark eyes**.

$p_{\cdot 1}$  = The **probability** that he has **dark hair**.

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- Recall that two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if

$$P(A \& B) = P(A)P(B).$$

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- The **null hypothesis** in the **test for independence** is:

**Null Hypothesis:**

$H_0$  : An individual's row category is independent of that individual's column category.

We write this as

$$H_0 : p_{ij} = p_i \cdot p_j \quad \text{for all pairs } i \text{ and } j$$

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- The **alternative hypothesis** will be

**Alternative Hypothesis:**

$H_a$  : An individual's row category is dependent on the individual's column category.

We can write this as

$$H_a : p_{ij} \neq p_i \cdot p_j \quad \text{for at least one pair } i \text{ and } j$$

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- The **expected count** for the  $i, j$ th cell is

$$\text{Expected Count} = n p_{ij}$$

which, **when  $H_0$  is true**, is

$$\text{Expected Count} = n p_{i.} p_{.j}.$$

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- Replacing the unknown true marginal probabilities  $p_{i.}$  and  $p_{.j}$  by their **estimates**  $\hat{p}_{i.}$  and  $\hat{p}_{.j}$ , with

$$\hat{p}_{i.} = \frac{n_{i.}}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{p}_{.j} = \frac{n_{.j}}{n},$$

we get the **estimated expected count** (under  $H_0$ ), denoted  $\hat{e}_{ij}$ :

$$\hat{e}_{ij} = n \hat{p}_{i.} \hat{p}_{.j} = \frac{n_{i.} n_{.j}}{n} = \frac{(\textit{ith row total})(\textit{jth column total})}{n}.$$

(Note: It's the **same** as the **estimated expected count** for the **test for homogeneity**).

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#### Chi-Squared Test Statistic for Independence:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 &= \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(n_{ij} - \hat{e}_{ij})^2}{\hat{e}_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{estimated expected})^2}{\text{estimated expected}} \end{aligned}$$

Note: It's the **same** as the **test statistic** for the **test for homogeneity**.

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#### Sampling Distribution of the Test Statistic Under $H_0$ :

If  $\chi^2$  is the test statistic for independence, and the sample size  $n$  is **large**, then when  $H_0$  is true,

$$\chi^2 \sim \chi^2((I-1)(J-1)).$$

- The **sample size  $n$**  is considered **large enough** as long as each of the **estimated expected counts** is **five** (or higher).

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## Exercise

The table below shows the **estimated expected counts**  $\hat{e}_{ij}$  in parentheses:

		Hair Color		Total
		Dark	Light	
Eye Color	Dark	726 (485.8)	131 (371.2)	$n_{1.} = 857$
	Light	3,129 (3,369.2)	2,814 (2,573.8)	$n_{2.} = 5,943$
Total		$n_{.1} = 3,855$	$n_{.2} = 2,945$	$n = 6,800$

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We'll carry out a **chi-squared test for independence** to decide if there's an **association** between **hair** and **eye color**.

a) Verify that the **sample size**  $n$  is **large enough** to justify the use of the **chi-squared test**.

b) Compute the chi-squared **test statistic**.

**Hint:** You should get  $\chi^2 = 313.7$ .

c) Find the **p-value** and state the **conclusion** using a level of significance  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Hint:** You should get **p-value**  $< 0.001$ .

d) If there's an association, describe the **nature** of the **association**.

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