

Two-Sample Test for Binomial Proportions for Matched-Pair Data (McNemar's Test)

Ex 10.21

- Comparing two different chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer, A and B.
 - The two groups should be as comparable as possible on other prognostic factors.
- A matched study
 - The patients are assigned to pairs matched on age and clinical conditions
 - A random member of each matched pair gets treatment A and the other gets treatment B.
 - The patients are followed for 5 years, with survival as the outcome variable.

A 2×2 contingency table comparing treatments A and B for breast cancer based on 1242 patients

| Treatment | Outcome | | Total |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | Survive for 5 years | Die within 5 years | |
| A | 526 | 95 | 621 |
| B | 515 | 106 | 621 |
| Total | 1041 | 201 | 1242 |

- Yates-corrected chi-square statistic is 0.59, which is not significant.
- Using this test assumes that the samples are independent.

A 2×2 contingency table with the matched pair as the sampling unit based on 621 matched pairs

| Outcome of treatment A patient | Outcome of treatment B patient | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Survive for 5 years | Die within 5 years | |
| Survive for 5 years | 510 | 16 | 526 |
| Die within 5 years | 5 | 90 | 95 |
| Total | 515 | 106 | 621 |

- Probability that the treatment B member of the pair survived given that the treatment A member of the pair survived = $510/526 = .970$
- Probability that the treatment B member of the pair survived given that the treatment A member of the pair died = $5/95 = .053$
- Concordant pair
 - A matched pair in which the outcome is the same for each member of the pair.
- Discordant pair
 - A matched pair in which the outcomes differ for the members of the pair.
- Type A discordant pair
 - Treatment A member of the pair has the event and B does not.
- Type B discordant pair
 - Treatment B member of the pair has the event and A does not.

- Let p = probability that a discordant pair is of type A.
- $H_0: p = 1/2$ versus $H_1: p \neq 1/2$.

McNemar's Test for Correlated Proportions—Normal-Theory Test

- (1) Form a 2×2 table of matched pairs, where the outcomes for the treatment A members of the matched pairs are listed along the rows and the outcomes for the treatment B members are listed along the columns.
- (2) Count the total number of discordant pairs (n_D) and the number of type A discordant pairs (n_A).
- (3) Compute the test statistic

$$X^2 = \left(\left| n_A - \frac{n_D}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 / \left(\frac{n_D}{4} \right)$$

An equivalent version of the test statistic is also given by

$$X^2 = \left(|n_A - n_B| - 1 \right)^2 / (n_A + n_B)$$

- (4) For a two-sided level α test,

if $X^2 > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$

then reject H_0 ;

if $X^2 \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$

then accept H_0 .

- (5) The exact p -value is given by $p\text{-value} = \Pr(\chi_1^2 \geq X^2)$.

- (6) Use this test only if $n_D \geq 20$.

Ex. 10.24

- Assess the statistical significance of the data in previous example.
- $n_D = 21 \geq 20$, $n_D(1/2)(1/2) = 5.25 > 5$
 - normal approximation is valid.

$$\chi^2 = \frac{\left(|5 - 10.5| - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{21/4} = \frac{\left(5.5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{5.25} = \frac{5^2}{5.25} = \frac{25}{5.25} = 4.76$$

Equivalently, we could also compute the test statistic from

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(|5 - 16| - 1)^2}{5 + 16} = \frac{10^2}{21} = 4.76$$

From Table 6 in the Appendix, note that

$$\chi_{1,.95}^2 = 3.84$$

$$\chi_{1,.975}^2 = 5.02$$

Thus, because $3.84 < 4.76 < 5.02$, it follows that $.025 < p < .05$,

$R \times C$ Contingency Tables

- $R \times C$ contingency table: a table with R rows and C columns.

Ex. 10.33

- Suppose we want to study further the relationship between age at first birth and development of breast cancer. In particular, we would like to know if the effect of age at first birth follows a consistent trend
 - more protection for women whose age at first birth is < 20 than for women age at first birth is 25-29.
 - higher risk for women age at first birth is ≥ 35 than for women whose age at first birth is 30-34.

Data from the international study in Example 10.4 investigating the possible association between age at first birth and case-control status

| Case-control status | Age at first birth | | | | | Total |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| | <20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | ≥ 35 | |
| Case | 320 | 1206 | 1011 | 463 | 220 | 3220 |
| Control | 1422 | 4432 | 2893 | 1092 | 406 | 10,245 |
| Total | 1742 | 5638 | 3904 | 1555 | 626 | 13,465 |
| % cases | .184 | .214 | .259 | .298 | .351 | .239 |

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Computation of the Expected Table for an $R \times C$ Contingency Table The expected number of units in the (i, j) cell $= E_{ij}$ = the product of the number of units in the i th row multiplied by the number of units in the j th column, divided by the total number of units in the table.

$$\text{Expected value of the (1,1) cell} = \frac{\text{first row total} \times \text{first column total}}{\text{grand total}} = \frac{3220(1742)}{13,465} = 416.6$$

$$\text{Expected value of the (1,2) cell} = \frac{\text{first row total} \times \text{second column total}}{\text{grand total}} = \frac{3220(5638)}{13,465} = 1348.3$$

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$$\text{Expected value of the (2,5) cell} = \frac{\text{second row total} \times \text{fifth column total}}{\text{grand total}} = \frac{10,245(626)}{13,465} = 476.3$$

Expected table for the international study data in Table 10.18

| Case-control status | Age at first birth | | | | | Total |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| | <20 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | ≥35 | |
| Case | 416.6 | 1348.3 | 933.6 | 371.9 | 149.7 | 3220 |
| Control | 1325.4 | 4289.7 | 2970.4 | 1183.1 | 476.3 | 10,245 |
| Total | 1742 | 5638 | 3904 | 1555 | 626 | 13,465 |

- We want to compare the observed table with the expected table.
- Again, $(O-E)^2/E$ is used.
- Under null hypothesis, for an $R \times C$ contingency table, the sum of $(O-E)^2/E$ over the RC cells approximately follow a chi-square distribution with $(R-1) \times (C-1)$ df .

Chi-Square Test for an $R \times C$ Contingency Table To test for the relationship between two discrete variables, where one variable has R categories and the other has C categories, use the following procedure:

- (1) Analyze the data in the form of an $R \times C$ contingency table, where O_{ij} represents the observed number of units in the (i, j) cell.
- (2) Compute the expected table as shown in Equation 10.22, where E_{ij} represents the expected number of units in the (i, j) cell.
- (3) Compute the test statistic

$$X^2 = (O_{11} - E_{11})^2 / E_{11} + (O_{12} - E_{12})^2 / E_{12} + \cdots + (O_{RC} - E_{RC})^2 / E_{RC}$$

which under H_0 approximately follows a chi-square distribution with $(R-1) \times (C-1)$ df .

- (4) For a level α test,
 - if $X^2 > \chi^2_{(R-1) \times (C-1), 1-\alpha}$, then reject H_0 .
 - If $X^2 \leq \chi^2_{(R-1) \times (C-1), 1-\alpha}$, then accept H_0 .
- (5) The approximate p -value is given by the area to the right of X^2 under a $\chi^2_{(R-1) \times (C-1)}$ distribution.
- (6) Use this test only if both of the following two conditions are satisfied:
 - (a) No more than 1/5 of the cells have expected values < 5 .
 - (b) No cell has expected value < 1 .

Ex. 10.35 Assess the statistical significance of the data in the previous example (Ex. 10.33).

All expected values are ≥ 5

$$X^2 = \frac{(320 - 416.6)^2}{416.6} + \frac{(1206 - 1348.3)^2}{1348.3} + L + \frac{(406 - 476.3)^2}{476.3} = 130.3$$

Under H_0 , X^2 follows a chi-square distribution with $(2-1) \times (5-1) df$.

Because $\chi_{4,.999}^2 = 18.47 < 130.3 = X^2$

$$p < 1 - .999 = .001$$

There is a significant relationship between age at first birth and development of breast cancer.

Chi-Square Test for Trend in Binomial Proportions

- The result of the previous example shows some relationship between breast cancer and age at first birth.
- It does not tell us specifically about the nature of the relationship.
- There is an increasing trend in the proportion of women with breast cancer in each succeeding column.
- Can we use a specific test to detect such trends?
- Score variable S_i
 - represent some particular numeric attribute of the group
- We can assign scores of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the five groups in the international study of breast cancer example.

Chi-Square Test for Trend in Binomial Proportions (Two-Sided Test) Suppose there are k groups and we want to test if there is an increasing (or decreasing) trend in the proportion of “successes” p_i (the proportion of units in the first row of the i th group) as i increases.

- (1) Set up the data in the form of a $2 \times k$ contingency table, where success or failure is listed along the rows and the k groups are listed along the columns.
- (2) Denote the number of successes in the i th group by x_i , the total number of units in the i th group by n_i , and the proportion of successes in the i th group by $\hat{p}_i = x_i/n_i$. Denote the total number of successes over all groups by x , the total number of units over all groups by n , the overall proportion of successes by $\bar{p} = x/n$, and the overall proportion of failures by $\bar{q} = 1 - \bar{p}$.
- (3) Construct a score variable S_i to correspond to the i th group. This variable will usually either be $1, 2, \dots, k$ for the k groups or be defined to correspond to some other numeric attribute of the group.

- (4) More specifically, we wish to test the hypothesis H_0 : There is no trend among the p_i 's versus H_1 : The p_i are an increasing or decreasing function of the S_i , expressed in the form $p_i = \alpha + \beta S_i$ for some constants α, β . To relate p_i and S_i , compute the test statistic $X_1^2 = A^2/B$, where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i (\hat{p}_i - \bar{p})(S_i - \bar{S}) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i S_i \right) - x \bar{S} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i S_i \right) - x \left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i S_i \right) / n \\ B &= \bar{p} \bar{q} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i S_i^2 \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i S_i \right)^2 / n \right] \end{aligned}$$

which under H_0 approximately follows a chi-square distribution with 1 *df*.

- (5) For a two-sided level α test,
 if $X_1^2 > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$, then reject H_0 .
 If $X_1^2 \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$, then accept H_0 .
- (6) The approximate *p*-value is given by the area to the right of X_1^2 under a χ_1^2 distribution.
- (7) The direction of the trend in proportions is indicated by the sign of A . If $A > 0$, then the proportions increase with increasing score, if $A < 0$, then the proportions decrease with increasing score.
- (8) Use this test only if $n\bar{p}\bar{q} \geq 5.0$.

Ex 10.37

- Using the international study data, assess whether or not there is an increasing trend in the proportion of breast cancer cases as age at first birth increases.
- $S_i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. $x_i = 320, 1206, 1011, 463, 220$. $n_i = 1742, 5638, 3904, 1555, 626$. $x = 3220$, $n = 13,465$,
 $\bar{p} = x/n = .239$, $\bar{q} = 1 - \bar{p} = .761$.
- $A = 320(1) + 1206(2) + \dots + 220(5) - (3220)[1742(1) + \dots + 626(5)]/13,465$
 $= 567.16$
- $B = (.239)(.761)\{1742(1^2) + \dots + 626(5^2) - [1742(1) + \dots + 626(5)]^2/13,465\}$
 $= 2493.33$

$$\chi_1^2 = A^2 / B = 129.01$$

$$\chi_{1,.999}^2 = 10.83 < 129.01 = X_1^2, H_0 \text{ can be rejected with } p < .001.$$

Chi-Square Goodness-of-Fit Test

Ex. 10.39 Diastolic blood-pressure measurement were collected at home in a community-wide screening program of 14,736 adults ages 30-69 in East Boston, MA, as part of a nationwide study to detect and treat hypertensive people. Two measurements taken at one visit

- A frequency distribution of the mean diastolic blood pressure is given in the following table.
- We want to assume these measurements came from an underlying normal distribution.
- How can the validity of this assumption be tested?

Frequency distribution of mean diastolic blood pressure for adults 30–69 years old in a community-wide screening program in East Boston, Massachusetts

| Group (mm Hg) | Observed frequency | Expected frequency | Group | Observed frequency | Expected frequency |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <50 | 57 | 77.9 | ≥ 80, <90 | 4604 | 4478.5 |
| ≥ 50, <60 | 330 | 547.1 | ≥ 90, <100 | 2119 | 2431.1 |
| ≥ 60, <70 | 2132 | 2126.7 | ≥ 100, <110 | 659 | 684.1 |
| ≥ 70, <80 | 4584 | 4283.3 | ≥ 110 | <u>251</u> | <u>107.2</u> |
| | | | Total | 14,736 | 14,736 |

- Compute the expected table and compare with the observed table.
- We can use $(O-E)^2/E$ for the test.
 - The agreement between observed and expected frequencies can be summarized over the whole table by summing $(O-E)^2/E$ over all groups.
- If we have the correct underlying model, this sum will approximately follow a chi-square distribution with $g-1-k$ *df*
 - g = number of groups and k = the number of parameters estimated from the data to compute the expected frequencies.

- (4) If O_i and E_i are, respectively, the observed and expected number of units within the i th group, then compute

$$X^2 = (O_1 - E_1)^2 / E_1 + (O_2 - E_2)^2 / E_2 + \cdots + (O_g - E_g)^2 / E_g$$

where g = the number of groups.

- (5) For a test with significance level α , if

$$X^2 > \chi_{g-k-1, 1-\alpha}^2$$

then reject H_0 ; if

$$X^2 \leq \chi_{g-k-1, 1-\alpha}^2$$

then accept H_0 .

- (6) The approximate p -value for this test is given by

$$Pr(\chi_{g-k-1}^2 > X^2)$$

- (7) Use this test only if

(a) No more than 1/5 of the expected values are < 5 .

(b) No expected value is < 1 .

Ex. 10.41

- Test for goodness of fit of the normal-probability model for the previous example (Table 10.22).

Two parameters have been estimated from the data (μ, σ^2) , and there are 8 groups. Therefore, $k = 2$, $g = 8$. Under H_0 , X^2 follows a chi-square distribution with $8 - 2 - 1 = 5$ *df*.

$$\begin{aligned} X^2 &= (O_1 - E_1)^2 / E_1 + \cdots + (O_8 - E_8)^2 / E_8 \\ &= (57 - 77.9)^2 / 77.9 + \cdots + (251 - 107.2)^2 / 107.2 = 350.2 \sim \chi^2_5 \text{ under } H_0 \end{aligned}$$

Because $\chi^2_{5,.999} = 20.52 < 350.2 = X^2$, the p -value $< 1 - .999 = .001$ and the results are very highly significant.

- The normal model does not provide an adequate fit to the data.