

Lecture.11

Attributes- Contingency table – 2x2 contingency table – Test for independence of attributes – test for goodness of fit of mendalian ratio

Test based on χ^2 -distribution

In case of attributes we can not employ the parametric tests such as F and t. Instead we have to apply χ^2 test. When we want to test whether a set of observed values are in agreement with those expected on the basis of some theories or hypothesis. The χ^2 statistic provides a measure of agreement between such observed and expected frequencies.

The χ^2 test has a number of applications. It is used to

- (1) Test the independence of attributes
- (2) Test the goodness of fit
- (3) Test the homogeneity of variances
- (4) Test the homogeneity of correlation coefficients
- (5) Test the equaslity of several proportions.

In genetics it is applied to detect linkage.

Applications

χ^2 – test for goodness of fit

A very powerful test for testing the significance of the discrepancy between theory and experiment was given by Prof. Karl Pearson in 1900 and is known as “chi-square test of goodness of fit “.

If O_i , ($i=1,2,\dots,n$) is a set of observed (experimental frequencies) and E_i ($i=1,2,\dots,n$) is the corresponding set of expected (theoretical or hypothetical) frequencies, then,

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

It follows a χ^2 distribution with n-1 d.f. In case of χ^2 only one tailed test is used.

Example

In plant genetics, our interest may be to test whether the observed segregation ratios deviate significantly from the mendelian ratios. In such situations we want to test the agreement between the observed and theoretical frequency, such test is called as test of goodness of fit.

Conditions for the validity of χ^2 -test:

χ^2 -test is an approximate test for large values of 'n' for the validity of χ^2 -test of goodness of fit between theory and experiment, the following conditions must be satisfied.

1. The sample observations should be independent.
2. Constraints on the cell frequency, if any, should be linear.

$$\text{Example: } \sum O_i = \sum E_i .$$

3. N, the total frequency should be reasonably large, say greater than (>) 50.
4. No theoretical cell frequency should be less than (<)5. If any theoretical cell frequency is <5, then for the application of χ^2 - test, it is pooled with the preceding or succeeding frequency so that the pooled frequency is more than 5 and finally adjust for degree's of freedom lost in pooling.

Example1

The number of yeast cells counted in a haemocytometer is compared to the theoretical value is given below. Does the experimental result support the theory?

No. of Yeast cells in the square	Observed Frequency	Expected Frequency
0	103	106
1	143	141
2	98	93
3	42	41
4	8	14
5	6	5

Solution

H₀: the experimental results support the theory

H₁: the experimental results does not support the theory.

Level of significance=5%

Test Statistic:

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

O _i	E _i	O _i .E _i	(O _i .E _i) ²	(O _i .E _i) ² /E _i
103	106	-3	9	0.0849
143	141	2	4	0.0284
98	93	5	25	0.2688
42	41	1	1	0.0244
8	14	-6	36	2.5714
6	5	1	1	0.2000
400	400			3.1779

∴ χ² = 3.1779

Table value

χ² (6-1=5 at 5 % l.os) = 11.070

Inference

χ² < χ²_{tab}

We accept the null hypothesis.

(i.e) there is a good correspondence between theory and experiment.

χ² test for independence of attributes

At times we may consider two characteristics on attributes simultaneously. Our interest will be to test the association between these two attributes

Example:- An entomologist may be interested to know the effectiveness of different concentrations of the chemical in killing the insects. The concentrations of chemical form one attribute. The state of insects ‘killed & not killed’ forms another attribute. The result of this experiment can be arranged in the form of a contingency table. In general one attribute may be divided into m classes as A₁, A₂,A_m and the other attribute may be divided into n classes as B₁, B₂,B_n. Then the contingency table will have m x n cells. It is termed as m x n contingency table

A	A1	A2	...	Aj	...	Am	Row Total
B							

B1	O11	O12	...	O1j		O1m	r1
B2	O21	O22	...	O2j		O2m	r2
⋮							
⋮							
Bi	Oij	Oi2	...	Oij		Oim	ri
⋮							
⋮							
Bn	On1	On2	...	Onj		Onm	rk
Column	c1	c2	...	cj	...	cm	$n = \sum ri = \sum cj$
Total							

where O_{ij} 's are observed frequencies.

The expected frequencies corresponding to O_{ij} is calculated as $\frac{r_i \cdot c_j}{n}$. The χ^2 is

computed as

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(o_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}$$

where

O_{ij} – observed frequencies

E_{ij} – Expected frequencies

n = number of rows

m = number of columns

It can be verified that $\sum O_{ij} = \sum E_{ij}$

This χ^2 is distributed as χ^2 with $(n-1)(m-1)$ d.f.

2x2 – contingency table

When the number of rows and number of columns are equal to 2 it is termed as 2 x 2 contingency table. It will be in the following form

	B ₁	B ₂	Row Total
A ₁	a	b	a+b r ₁
A ₂	c	d	c+d r ₂
Column Total	a+c	b+d	a+b+c+d =n
	c ₁	c ₂	

Where a, b, c and d are cell frequencies c1 and c2 are column totals, r1 and r2 are row totals and n is the total number of observations.

In case of 2 x 2 contingency table χ^2 can be directly found using the short cut formula,

$$\chi^2 = \frac{n(ad - bc)^2}{c1.c2.r1.r2}$$

The d.f associated with χ^2 is (2-1) (2-1) =1

Yates correction for continuity

If anyone of the cell frequency is < 5, we use Yates correction to make χ^2 as continuous. The yates correction is made by adding 0.5 to the least cell frequency and adjusting the other cell frequencies so that the column and row totals remain same . suppose, the first cell frequency is to be corrected then the contingency table will be as follows:

	B1	B2	Row Total
A1	a + 0.5	b - 0.5	a+b=r1
A2	c - 0.5	d + 0.5	c+d =r2
Column Total	a+c=c1	b+d=c2	n = a+b+c+d

Then use the χ^2 - statistic as

$$\chi^2 = \frac{n\left(|ad - bc| - \frac{n}{2}\right)^2}{c1.c2.r1.r2}$$

The d.f associated with χ^2 is (2-1) (2-1) =1

Exapmle 2

The severity of a disease and blood group were studied in a research project. The findings sre given in the following table, knowmn as the m xn contingency table. Can this severity of the condition and blood group are associated.

Severity of a disease classified by blood group in 1500 patients.

Condition	Blood Groups				Total
	O	A	B	AB	

Severe	51	40	10	9	110
Moderate	105	103	25	17	250
Mild	384	527	125	104	1140
Total	540	670	160	130	1500

Solution

H₀: The severity of the disease is not associated with blood group.

H₁: The severity of the disease is associated with blood group.

Calculation of Expected frequencies

Condition	Blood Groups				Total
	O	A	B	AB	
Severe	39.6	49.1	11.7	9.5	110
Moderate	90.0	111.7	26.7	21.7	250
Mild	410.4	509.2	121.6	98.8	1140
Total	540	670	160	130	1500

Test statistic:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(o_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}$$

The d.f. associated with the χ^2 is (3-1)(4-1) = 6

Calculations

O _i	E _i	O _i -E _i	(O _i -E _i) ²	(O _i -E _i) ² /E _i
51	39.6	11.4	129.96	3.2818
40	49.1	-9.1	82.81	1.6866
10	11.7	-1.7	2.89	0.2470
9	9.5	-0.5	0.25	0.0263
105	90.0	15	225.00	2.5000
103	111.7	-8.7	75.69	0.6776
25	26.7	-1.7	2.89	0.1082
17	21.7	-4.7	22.09	1.0180
384	410.4	-26.4	696.96	1.6982
527	509.2	17.8	316.84	0.6222
125	121.6	3.4	11.56	0.0951

104	98.8	5.2	27.04	0.2737
Total				12.2347

$$\therefore \chi^2 = 12.2347$$

Table value of χ^2 for 6 d.f. at 5% level of significance is 12.59

Inference

$$\chi^2 < \chi^2_{\text{tab}}$$

We accept the null hypothesis.

The severity of the disease has no association with blood group.

Example 3

In order to determine the possible effect of a chemical treatment on the rate of germination of cotton seeds a pot culture experiment was conducted. The results are given below

Chemical treatment and germination of cotton seeds

	Germinated	Not germinated	Total
Chemically Treated	118	22	140
Untreated	120	40	160
Total	238	62	300

Does the chemical treatment improve the germination rate of cotton seeds?

Solution

H_0 : The chemical treatment does not improve the germination rate of cotton seeds.

H_1 : The chemical treatment improves the germination rate of cotton seeds.

Level of significance = 1%

Test statistic

$$= \frac{n(ad - bc)^2}{(a + b)(c + d)(a + c)(b + d)} \text{ with 1 d.f.}$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{300(118 \times 40 - 22 \times 120)^2}{140 \times 160 \times 62 \times 238} = 3.927$$

Table value

$$\chi^2 (1) \text{ d.f. at } 1\% \text{ L.O.S} = 6.635$$

Inference

$$\chi^2 < \chi^2_{\text{tab}}$$

We accept the null hypothesis.

The chemical treatment will not improve the germination rate of cotton seeds significantly.

Example 4

In an experiment on the effect of a growth regulator on fruit setting in muskmelon the following results were obtained. Test whether the fruit setting in muskmelon and the application of growth regulator are independent at 1% level.

	Fruit set	Fruit not set	Total
Treated	16	9	25
Control	4	21	25
Total	20	30	50

Solution

H_0 : Fruit setting in muskmelon does not depend on the application of growth regulator.

H_1 : Fruit setting in muskmelon depend on the application of growth regulator.

Level of significance = 1%

After Yates correction we have

	Fruit set	Fruit not set	Total
Treated	15.5	9.5	25
Control	4.5	20.5	25
Total	20	30	50

Tet statistic

$$\chi^2 = \frac{n \left(|ad - bc| - \frac{n}{2} \right)^2}{(a+b)(c+d)(a+c)(b+d)}$$
$$\chi^2 = \frac{50 \left[|15.5 \times 20.5 - 9.5 \times 4.5| - \frac{50}{2} \right]^2}{25 \times 25 \times 20 \times 30} = 8.33$$

Table value

χ^2 (1) d.f. at 1 % level of significance is 6.635

Inference

$$\chi^2 > \chi^2_{\text{tab}}$$

We reject the null hypothesis.

Fruit setting in muskmelon is influenced by the growth regulator. Application of growth regulator will increase fruit setting in musk melon.

Questions

1. The calculated value of χ^2 is
(a) always positive (b) always negative
(c) can be either positive or negative (d) none of these

Ans: always positive

2. Degrees of freedom for Chi-square in case of contingency table of order (4 × 3) are
(a) 12 (b) 9 (c) 8 (d) 6

Ans: 6

3. One condition for application of χ^2 test is that no cell frequency should be less than five.

Ans: True

4. The distribution of the χ^2 depends on the degrees of freedom.

Ans: True

5. The greater the discrepancy between the observed and expected Frequency lesser the value of χ^2 .

Ans: False

6. When observed and expected frequencies completely coincide χ^2 will be zero.

Ans: True

7. What is a contingency table?

8. When and how to apply Yates correction?

9. Explain the χ^2 test of goodness of fit?

10. Explain how to test the independence of attributes?