

2-Sample Categorical Data

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Contingency Tables

Two Sample Test for Difference in Population Proportions

Pearson's Chi-Square Test

Hypotheses	$H_0: p_1 = p_2 \Leftrightarrow p_1 - p_2 = 0$ $H_1: p_1 \neq p_2 \Leftrightarrow p_1 - p_2 \neq 0$	H_0 : Group 1 and Group 2 are independent H_1 : Group 1 and 2 are associated.																																					
Assumptions	(1) p_1 and p_2 are <u>independent</u> . (2) Rule of Five satisfied for both proportions s.t. $n_1 p_1 (1 - p_1) \geq 5$ and $n_2 p_2 (1 - p_2) \geq 5$	All expected counts are ≥ 5 ($E_{ij} \geq 5$)																																					
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Test Statistic	$z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}_p(1 - \hat{p}_p)\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$ where $\hat{p}_p = \frac{n_1 \hat{p}_1 + n_2 \hat{p}_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2}$	$\chi^2_{TS} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(O_{ij} - E_{ij})^2}{E_{ij}}$ where $E_{ij} = \frac{(\text{row total in } i)(\text{col total in } j)}{N}$ $= \frac{(a - E_{11})^2}{E_{11}} + \frac{(b - E_{10})^2}{E_{10}} + \frac{(c - E_{01})^2}{E_{01}} + \frac{(d - E_{00})^2}{E_{00}}$																																					
Decision Rule	$ z > z_{1-\alpha/2} \Rightarrow \text{reject } H_0$	$\chi^2_{TS} > \chi^2_{df=(\#rows-1)(\#cols-1), 1-\alpha/2} \Rightarrow \text{reject } H_0.$																																					

A hypothesis suggests that breast cancer risk increases with a longer interval between the onset of menstruation and a woman's first childbirth, making age at first birth a potential risk factor. To test this, an international study examined women from hospitals in the United States, Greece, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Taiwan, and Japan. Among women who had given birth, 21.2% of those with breast cancer (683 of 3,220) and 14.6% of those without breast cancer (1,498 of 10,245) had their first child at age 30 or older. The question is whether this difference reflects a true association or simply occurred by chance.

(a) Test this hypothesis using a 2-Sample Test for Difference in Population Proportions

$$H_0 = P_{BC, \text{Age } 30+} = P_{BC, \text{Age } < 30} \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 = P_{BC, \text{Age } 30+} \neq P_{BC, \text{Age } < 30}$$

Data:

	Age 30+	Age < 30	
BC	$x_1 = 683$	2,537	$n_1 = 3,220$
BC	$x_2 = 1,498$	8,747	$n_2 = 10,245$
	$x_1 + x_2 = 2,181$	11,284	$n_1 + n_2 = 13,465$

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{x_1}{n_1} = \frac{683}{3,220} = 21.2\% = .212$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = \frac{x_2}{n_2} = \frac{1,498}{10,245} = 14.6\% = .146$$

$$\hat{p}_p = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{n_1 + n_2} = \frac{2,181}{13,465} = 0.1619755$$

$$\text{Test Stat: } z = \frac{\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2}{\sqrt{\hat{p}_p(1 - \hat{p}_p)\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} = \frac{.212 - .146}{\sqrt{0.1619755(1 - 0.1619755)\left(\frac{1}{3,220} + \frac{1}{10,245}\right)}} = 8.85 > z_{.975} = 1.96$$

Conclusion: Since our z-statistic is greater than the 1.96 critical value, we reject the H_0 and conclude that this difference reflects a true association and there is a difference in breast cancer risk after the age of 30.

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(b) Test this hypothesis using a Pearson's Chi-square Test. Are your conclusions different from part a?

H_0 : Risk of Breast Cancer is independent of age vs. H_1 : There is an association between Breast Cancer Risk and age.

Data:

		Age 30+	Age < 30	row totals
i	BC	a=683	b=2,537	3,220
	BC	c=1,498	d=8,747	10,245
col totals:		2,181	11,284	13,465

$$E_{BC, Age 30+} = \frac{(3220)(2181)}{13465} = 521.561$$

$$E_{BC, Age < 30} = \frac{(3220)(11284)}{13465} = 2698.439$$

$$E_{\overline{BC}, Age 30+} = \frac{(10245)(2181)}{13465} = 1659.439$$

$$E_{\overline{BC}, Age < 30} = \frac{(10245)(11284)}{13465} = 8585.561$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2_{TS} &= \frac{(683 - 521.561)^2}{521.561} + \frac{(2,537 - 2698.439)^2}{2698.439} \\ &\quad + \frac{(1498 - 1659.439)^2}{1659.439} + \frac{(8747 - 8585.561)^2}{8585.561} \\ &= 78.36984 > \chi^2_{1, .975} = 5.024 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: since our $\chi^2_{TS} > \chi^2_{df=1, 0.975}$, we reject the H_0 and conclude that there is an association between breast cancer risk and age, which matches our result from part (b).