


Inferential Statistics and Probability  
a Holistic Approach

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Chapter 11  
Chi-square Tests for  
Categorical Data



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Characteristics of the Chi-Square Distribution

- The major characteristics of the chi-square distribution are:
  - It is positively skewed
  - It is non-negative
  - It is based on degrees of freedom
  - When the degrees of freedom change a new distribution is created

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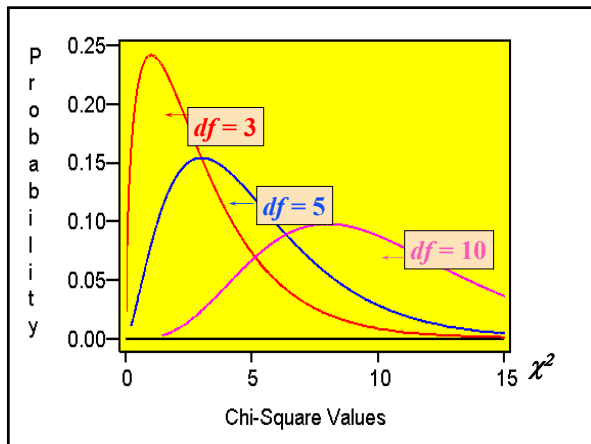
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## Goodness-of-Fit Test: Equal Expected Frequencies

- Let  $O_i$  and  $E_i$  be the observed and expected frequencies respectively for each category.
- $H_0$ : there is no difference between Observed and Expected Frequencies
- $H_a$ : there is a difference between Observed and Expected Frequencies
- The test statistic is:  $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$
- The critical value is a chi-square value with  $(k-1)$  degrees of freedom, where  $k$  is the number of categories

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## EXAMPLE 1

The following data on absenteeism was collected from a manufacturing plant. At the .01 level of significance, Can you support the claim that there is a difference in the absence rate by day of the week?

Day	Frequency
Monday	95
Tuesday	65
Wednesday	60
Thursday	80
Friday	100

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## EXAMPLE 1 *continued*

- Assume equal expected frequency:  $(95+65+60+80+100)/5=80$

Day	$O_i$	$p_i$
Mon	95	0.20
Tues	65	0.20
Wed	60	0.20
Thur	80	0.20
Fri	100	0.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1</b>

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**EXAMPLE 1** *continued*

- Assume equal expected frequency:  $(95+65+60+80+100)/5=80$

Day	$O_i$	$p_i$	$E_i$
Mon	95	0.20	80
Tues	65	0.20	80
Wed	60	0.20	80
Thur	80	0.20	80
Fri	100	0.20	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>400</b>

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**EXAMPLE 1** *continued*

- Assume equal expected frequency:  $(95+65+60+80+100)/5=80$

Day	$O_i$	$p_i$	$E_i$	$(O-E)^2/E$
Mon	95	0.20	80	2.8125
Tues	65	0.20	80	2.8125
Wed	60	0.20	80	5.0000
Thur	80	0.20	80	0.0000
Fri	100	0.20	80	5.0000
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>15.625</b>

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**EXAMPLE 1** *continued*

- $H_0$ : There is no difference absenteeism due to day of the week.
- $H_a$ : There is a difference absenteeism due to day of the week.
- $H_0$ :  $p_1=p_2=p_3=p_4=p_5$
- $H_a$ : At least one proportion is different
- Test statistic:  $\text{chi-square}=\sum(O-E)^2/E=15.625$
- Decision Rule: reject  $H_0$  if test statistic is greater than the critical value of 13.277. (4 df,  $\alpha=.01$ )
- Conclusion: reject  $H_0$  and conclude that there is a difference absenteeism due to day of the week.

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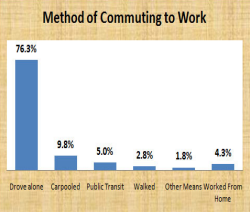
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### Goodness-of-Fit Test: Unequal Expected Frequencies

#### EXAMPLE 2

- In the 2010 United States census, data was collected on how people get to work -- their method of commuting.
- Suppose you wanted to know if people who live in the San Jose metropolitan area (Santa Clara County) commute with similar proportions as the United States.
- Design and conduct a hypothesis test at the 5% significance level.



Method	Percentage
Drive alone	76.3%
Carpooled	9.8%
Public Transit	5.0%
Walked	2.8%
Other Means	1.8%
Worked from Home	4.3%

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### EXAMPLE 2 *continued*

Method Of Commuting	Observed Frequency $O_i$	Expected Proportion $p_i$	Expected Frequency $E_i$	$\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
Drive Alone	764			
Carpooled	105			
Public Transit	34			
Walked	20			
Other Means	30			
Worked from Home	47			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000</b>			

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### EXAMPLE 2 *continued*

Method Of Commuting	Observed Frequency $O_i$	Expected Proportion $p_i$	Expected Frequency $E_i$	$\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
Drive Alone	764	0.763		
Carpooled	105	0.098		
Public Transit	34	0.050		
Walked	20	0.028		
Other Means	30	0.018		
Worked from Home	47	0.043		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1.000</b>		

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**EXAMPLE 2** *continued*

Method Of Commuting	Observed Frequency $O_i$	Expected Proportion $p_i$	Expected Frequency $E_i$	$\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
Drive Alone	764	0.763	763	
Carpooled	105	0.098	98	
Public Transit	34	0.050	50	
Walked	20	0.028	28	
Other Means	30	0.018	18	
Worked from Home	47	0.043	43	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1000</b>	

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**EXAMPLE 2** *continued*

Method Of Commuting	Observed Frequency $O_i$	Expected Proportion $p_i$	Expected Frequency $E_i$	$\sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$
Drive Alone	764	0.763	763	0.0013
Carpooled	105	0.098	98	0.5000
Public Transit	34	0.050	50	5.1200
Walked	20	0.028	28	2.2857
Other Means	30	0.018	18	8.0000
Worked from Home	47	0.043	43	0.3721
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>16.2791</b>

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**EXAMPLE 2** *continued*

- **Design:**  
**Ho:**  $p_1 = .763$   $p_2 = .098$   $p_3 = .050$   $p_4 = .028$   $p_5 = .018$   $p_6 = .043$   
**Ha:** At least one  $p_i$  is different than what was stated in Ho
- $\alpha = .05$
- Model: Chi-Square Goodness of Fit,  $df=5$
- $H_0$  is rejected if  $\chi^2 > 11.071$
- **Data:**  
 $\chi^2 = 16.2791$ , Reject Ho
- **Conclusion:**  
 Workers in Santa Clara County do not have the same frequencies of method of commuting as workers in the entire United States.

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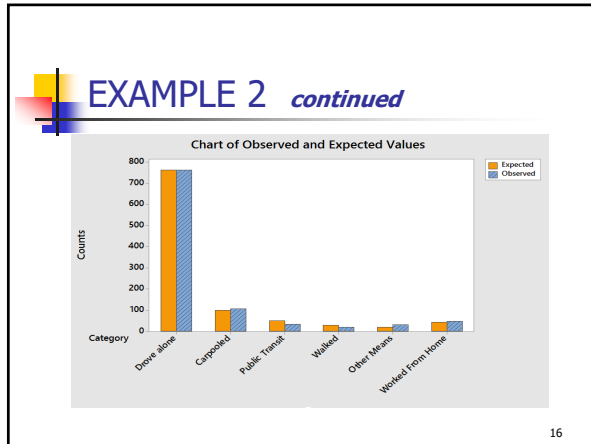
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### Explanatory/Response Models

- The remaining models covered in the course can be used for testing claims of the following form:
- Ho: There is no difference in the **Response Variable** due to the **Explanatory Variable**
- Ha: There is a difference in the **Response Variable** due to the **Explanatory Variable**
- If both the explanatory and categorical variables are categorical, then use the **Chi-square Test of Independence Model**

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### Chi-square Test of Independence

- **Contingency table** analysis is used to test whether two traits or variables are related.
- Each observation is classified according to two categorical variables (Explanatory and Response).
- Ha: The variables are dependent
- The *degrees of freedom* is equal to: (number of rows-1)(number of columns-1).
- The expected frequency is computed as:  $\text{Expected Frequency} = (\text{row total})(\text{column total})/\text{grand total}$

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### EXAMPLE 3

- In May 2014, Colorado became the first state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.
- A poll of 1000 adults were classified by gender and their opinion about legalizing marijuana
- At the .05 level of significance, can we conclude that gender and the opinion about legalizing marijuana for recreational use are dependent events?

Marijuana should be	Men	Women	Total
Legal	270	230	500
Not Legal	205	245	450
Unsure	25	25	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>

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### Example 3 (continued)

- The **observed** is the reported data.

Observed Expected Chi-Sq	Men	Women	TOTAL
Legal	270	230	500
Not Legal	205	245	450
Unsure	25	25	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>

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### Example 3 (continued)

- The **observed** is the reported data.
- The **expected** is  $\frac{\text{Row Total} \times \text{Column Total}}{\text{Grand Total (n)}}$

Observed Expected Chi-Sq	Men	Women	TOTAL
Legal	270 250	230 250	500
Not Legal	205 225	245 225	450
Unsure	25 25	25 25	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>

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### Example 3 (continued)

- The **observed** is the reported data.
- The **expected** is  $\frac{\text{Row Total} \times \text{Column Total}}{\text{Grand Total (n)}}$
- Chi-square** is  $\frac{(\text{Observed} - \text{Expected})^2}{\text{Expected}}$
- Sum to get test statistic:  
 $\chi^2 = 6.756$

	Observed	Expected	Chi-Sq	Men	Women	TOTAL
Legal	270	230				500
	250	250				
	1.600	1.600				
Not Legal	205	245				450
	225	225				
	1.778	1.778				
Unsure	25	25				50
	25	25				
	0.000	0.000				
TOTAL			500	500	1000	

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### EXAMPLE 3 continued

Rows: Opinion about Marijuana  
Columns: gender

1<sup>st</sup> value = Observed  
2<sup>nd</sup> Value = Expected  
3<sup>rd</sup> Value = Contribution to Chi-square

	men	women	All
Legal	270	230	500
	250	250	
	1.600	1.600	
Not Legal	205	245	450
	225	225	
	1.778	1.778	
Unsure	25	25	50
	25	25	
	0.000	0.000	
All	500	500	1000

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### EXAMPLE 3 continued

- Explanatory Variable: Gender Response Variable: Opinion
- $H_0$ : There is no difference in Opinion due to gender.
- $H_a$ : There is a difference in Opinion due to gender.
- $H_0$ : Gender and Opinion are independent.
- $H_a$ : Gender and Opinion are dependent.
- $\alpha = .05$
- Model: Chi-Square Test for Independence,  $df=2$
- $H_0$  is rejected if  $\chi^2 > 5.99$
- Data:**  $\chi^2 = 6.756$ , Reject  $H_0$
- Conclusion:** Gender and opinion are dependent variables. Men are more likely to support legalizing marijuana for recreational use.

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