

Two-Way Tables

- The simplest two-way table is a 2×2 table, with 2 categorical variables, each with 2 categories.
- The analysis of 2×2 tables greatly depends on how the samples were taken from the population.

Inference about 2 Proportions – Two Independent Samples

- Consider taking independent samples (size n_1 and n_2) from two populations and observing the same binary variable for each.

Example: Survey of 160 rural households and 261 urban households, each with one Christmas tree. Observe whether their tree is natural or artificial.

2×2 table:

Model:

Again,

Example above:

Of interest: Estimate $\pi_1 - \pi_2$ (with a CI) or test $H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2$ (or possibly $H_0: \pi_1 - \pi_2 = \Delta_0$).

Again, LS (and ML) estimator of π_i ($i = 1, 2$) is:

so LS (and ML) estimator of $\pi_1 - \pi_2$ is:

And by CLT, for large samples,

Again, for large n_1 and n_2 , a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for $\pi_1 - \pi_2$ is:

Test statistic for a test of $H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2$ is:

(Under H_0 , $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi$, which we estimate by

If n_1 and n_2 large, rejection rules are:

Rule of thumb: Large-sample methods are appropriate if the number of successes and number of failures in each sample is at least 5.

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Example (Christmas trees). Let rural = population 1, urban = population 2.

Small-sample alternative: Fisher's Exact Test

- If we have two independent samples that are too small to use the z-test, we can use Fisher's exact test to test $H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2$.
- H_a could be $\pi_1 < \pi_2$, $\pi_1 > \pi_2$, or $\pi_1 \neq \pi_2$.
- We use _____ probabilities to calculate the P-value.
- Suppose our observed table is:

Notation here:

- The test assumes (1) $H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2$, and (2) out of $n_1 + n_2$ observations, we have m_1 overall “successes”.
- Given (1) and (2), our P-value is the probability of observing cell counts at least as favorable to H_a as the counts that we actually observed.

Example: If $H_a: \pi_1 < \pi_2$, then our P-value is

- **Note:** Fisher’s test is exact if the numbers in both of the margins of the table are truly fixed by the sampling scheme.
- This occurs in some specialized situations.
- Fisher’s test is approximate if the margins are not fixed.

Example: Six forest sites are randomly sampled in each of two North Florida counties and each site is labeled “mainly pine” or “mainly non-pine”.

- The data are summarized:

- Are both margins fixed here?
- We test whether the first county has a smaller true proportion of pine sites than the second county:

P-value =

R example (`fisher.test` function):

Note: Fisher's Exact test tends to have _____ power for small samples.

- R also reports a CI for the "odds ratio":

Comparing two proportions: Paired Samples

- Sometimes the observations in two samples are not independent.
- We may have (1) two binary measurements on the same subject, or (2) binary measurements on subjects that are naturally paired.

Example 1: 60 couples (husbands and wives) are surveyed about their marriage.

Response: Are you satisfied in your marriage or not?

Of interest: Is the proportion of satisfied people different for husbands than for wives?

Example 2: 200 customers were given two brands (name-brand and economy) of vanilla ice cream in a random order.

- Each ice cream was rated as “like” or “did not like” by each customer.
- Since the same subject was used twice, the observations are naturally paired:

Data:

Question: Is the proportion of customers who like the name brand different from the proportion who like the economy brand?

- That is, compare π_1 to π_2 .

McNemar's Test

Denote the observed table by:

- Let $\hat{\pi}_1$ = proportion of “successes” in Sample 1.
- Let $\hat{\pi}_2$ = proportion of “successes” in Sample 2.

It can be shown (under H_0):

Testing $H_0: \pi_1 = \pi_2$:

For large n , under H_0 ,

H_a

Reject H_0 if:

- An approximate $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ CI for $\pi_1 - \pi_2$ is:

Rule of Thumb: These large-sample procedures are valid if:

R example (ice cream data) (the `mcnemar.test` function only does the two-sided test):

95% CI for $\pi_1 - \pi_2$:

Note: Exact tests have been developed for this type of inference when the sample is small.

- One option is to do a sign test (recall from STAT 704) where:

T_{12} is treated as the number of “positive differences” and $T_{12} + T_{21}$ is treated as the “total number of observations”.

- If T_{12} is an “unusual” value relative to the Binomial($T_{12} + T_{21}$, 0.5) distribution, this is evidence against H_0 .