MATH 1342

Section 8.5

Goodness of Fit Test

Suppose we want to make an inference about a group of data (instead of just one or two). Or maybe we want to test counts of categorical data. Chi-square (or χ^2) testing allows us to make such inferences.

There are several types of Chi-square tests but in this section we will focus on the goodness-of-fit test. **Goodness-of-fit** test is used to test how well one sample proportions of categories "match-up" with the known population proportions stated in the null hypothesis statement. The Chi-square goodness-of-fit test extends inference on proportions to more than two proportions by enabling us to determine if a particular population distribution has changed from a specified form.

The null and alternative hypotheses do not lend themselves to symbols, so we will define them with words.

 $H_{a: \text{obs}}$ is the same as political $H_{a: \text{obs}}$ is different from political

For each problem you will make a table with the following headings:

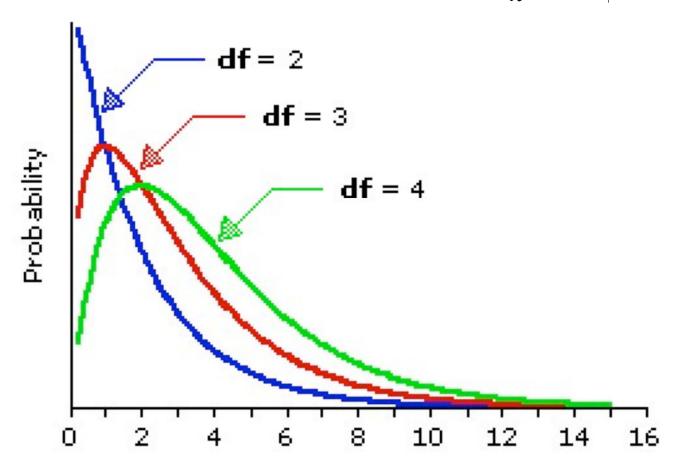
Observed Counts (O) Expected Counts (E)
$$O-E^2$$

The sum of the third column is called the Chi-square test statistic.

$$(2)^{3}\chi^{2} = \sum \frac{\text{(observed - expected)}^{2}}{\text{expected}}$$

Table D gives p-values for χ^2 with n-1 degrees of freedom.

Chi-square distributions have only positive values and are skewed right. As the degrees of freedom increase it becomes more normal. The total area under the χ^2 curve is 1.



The assumptions for a Chi-square goodness-of-fit test are:

- 1. The sample must be an SRS from the populations of interest.
- 2. The population size is at least ten times the size of the sample.
- 3. All expected counts must be at least 5.

To find probabilities for χ^2 distributions:

TI-83/84 calculator uses the command χ^2 cdf found under the DISTR menu.

R-Studio command is: 1 - pchisq(test statistic, df)

Degrees of Freedom (chi-squared test): [number of categories] – 1

Example:

1. The Mixed-Up Nut Company advertises that their nut mix contains (by weight) 40% cashews, 15% Brazil nuts, 20% almonds and only 25% peanuts. The truth-in-advertising investigators took a random sample (of size 50 lbs) of the nut mix and found the distribution to be as follows:

Cashews	Brazil Nuts	Almonds	Peanuts
15 lb	111b	13 lb	11 lb

Degrees of Freedom: 4 categories, so we have 3 degrees of freedom

At the 1% level of significance, is the claim made by Mixed-Up Nuts true?

R Studio Only (No Table)

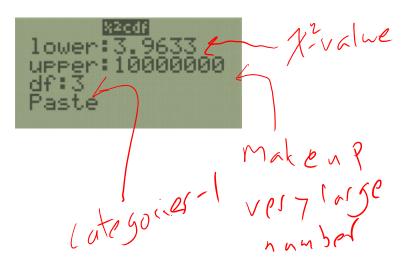
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> assign("expperc", c(0.40, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25))
> sum(expperc)
\lceil 1 \rceil 1
> assign("obs",c(15,11,13,11))
> sum(obs)
[1] 50 Provided in the Question
> expcount=expperc*50
> expcount
[1] 20.0 7.5 10.0 12.5
> (obs-expcount)^2/expcount
[1] 1.250000 1.633333 0.900000 0.180000
> sum((obs-expcount)^2/expcount)
[1] 3.963333
> 1-pchisq(3.963333,3)
   0.2654508
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Highlighted lines are the minimum amount you need to do to get an answer.

Chi-Squared in the Calculator

All steps up until the p-value calculation can be done manually or by using the lists in STAT, Edit.





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Another Example: Popper 31

If the die were fair, all categories would be equal counts. So: exp = n/[number of categories]

Suppose you rolled a die 60 times and observed 14 ones, 8 twos, 7 threes, 16 fours, 7 fives, and 8 sixes. Is this a fair die?

Test the claim at the 5% significance level.

- 1. What is the $(O-E)^2/E$ value for rolling a 1?
 - b. 10 (c. 1.6) d. 5 a. 14
- 2. What is the $(O-E)^2/E$ value for rolling a 6?
 - b. 0.4 c. 10 a. 8 d. 6
- 3. What is the test statistic?
 - (a. 7.8) b. 6 d. 3.6
- 4. What is the chi-squared p-value?
 - a. 0.5454

5. What is the conclusion?

- b. 0.1676
- c. 0.2318
- a. Reject the Null Hypothesis (Die is not fair)
- b. Do Not Reject the Null Hypothesis (Die is fair)

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> \exp=60/6
> exp
> assign("obs", c(14, 8, 7, 16, 7, 8))
> (obs-exp)^2/exp
[1] 1.6 0.4 0.9 3.6 0.9 0.4
> sum((obs-exp)^2/exp)
   7.8
> 1-pchisq(7.8,5)
[1] 0.1676079
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