SOC 3811/5811:
BASIC SOCIAL STATISTICS

Associations Between Categorical Variables

Associations Between Variables

Between now and the 3rd exam we will focus on measuring the association between two variables, X & Y

1. When X is discrete and Y is continuous, we will use "analysis of variance" techniques (Tuesday)
2. When X and Y are both discrete, we will use cross-tabular and χ^2 analyses (Today)
3. When X and Y are both continuous, we will use correlation & regression analyses (Next Week)

Associations Between Discrete Variables

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Associations Between Discrete Variables

Is there an association in the population?

χ^2 analysis

How strong is the association? In what direction is the association?

Gamma, relative risk, odds ratios

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X and Y in a Complete Population

Y	1	2	3	Total
1	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
2	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Total	20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000

X and Y in a Random Sample of 100 cases

	X			
Y	1	2	3	Total
1	20	19	18	57
2	13	13	17	43
Total	33	32	35	100

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Even if there is no association between two discrete variables X and Y in the population, we may observe an association between X and Y in sample data because of random error or sampling variability

How can we tell whether the association observed between X and Y in sample data is strong enough to rule out the hypothesis that in the population X and Y are statistically independent (or not associated with one another)?

The Logic of χ^2 Tests

We begin with the null hypothesis that there is no association between X and Y in the population … that is, we assume "statistical independence"

We then compute the cell frequencies that we would expect to observe under the null hypothesis and compare them to the actually observed cell frequencies

The χ^2 test statistic quantifies the degree to which the observed frequencies differ from the frequencies that we would expect to observe under the null hypothesis

The Logic of χ^2 Tests

Imagine (1) that 10% of people are left-handed, (2) that 50% of people are male and 50% are female, and (3) that there is no relationship between gender and whether someone is left-handed.

What would you expect in the cells of the table below if you sampled 1,000 people?

	Right	Left	*Total*
Male			
Female			
Total			1,000

χ^2 Tests

Hypothesis Testing in 6 Steps … Just Like Before

1. State the null (H_0) and alternative (H_1) hypotheses
2. Check that the sample data conform to basic assumptions; if they do not, then do not go any further
3. Choose an α probability level … that is, a probability associated with incorrectly rejecting the null hypothesis
4. Determine the "critical value" … that is, how large the test statistic must be in order to reject the null hypothesis at the given α level
5. Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2
6. Compare the test statistic to the critical value

χ^2 Tests

State the null (H_0) and alternative (H_1) hypotheses

We begin with the assumption that there is no association between X and Y

H_0: X and Y are statistically independent
(i.e., not associated in the population)

H_1: X and Y are not statistically independent
(i.e., are associated in the population)

χ^2 Tests

Check that the sample data conform to basic assumptions; if they do not, then do not go any further

X and Y must be collected from a random sample of individuals from the population

Standard χ^2 testing procedures should be used with extreme caution — or not at all — if any cell frequency is less than 5

χ^2 Tests

Choose an α probability level … that is, a probability associated with incorrectly rejecting the null hypothesis

Let's use α=0.05 in our example

χ^2 Tests

Determine the "critical value" … that is, how large the test statistic must be in order to reject the null hypothesis at the given α level

Critical values of χ^2 corresponding to common levels of α and to specific numbers of degrees of freedom (*df*) are given in a χ^2 table

> For χ^2, *df*=(*R*—1)(*C*—1) where *R*=number of rows in the crosstable and *C*=number of columns in the crosstable

In our example, α=0.05 and df=(3—1)(3—1)=4, so the critical value of χ^2 equals 9.49

Table entry for p is the critical value $(\chi^2)^*$ with probability p lying to its right.

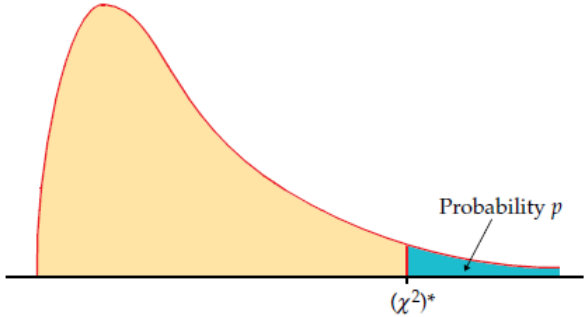

TABLE F

χ^2 distribution critical values

	Tail probability p											
df	.25	.20	.15	.10	.05	.025	.02	.01	.005	.0025	.001	.0005
1	1.32	1.64	2.07	2.71	3.84	5.02	5.41	6.63	7.88	9.14	10.83	12.12
2	2.77	3.22	3.79	4.61	5.99	7.38	7.82	9.21	10.60	11.98	13.82	15.20
3	4.11	4.64	5.32	6.25	7.81	9.35	9.84	11.34	12.84	14.32	16.27	17.73
4	5.39	5.99	6.74	7.78	9.49	11.14	11.67	13.28	14.86	16.42	18.47	20.00
5	6.63	7.29	8.12	9.24	11.07	12.83	13.39	15.09	16.75	18.39	20.51	22.11
6	7.84	8.56	9.45	10.64	12.59	14.45	15.03	16.81	18.55	20.25	22.46	24.10
7	9.04	9.80	10.75	12.02	14.07	16.01	16.62	18.48	20.28	22.04	24.32	26.02
8	10.22	11.03	12.03	13.36	15.51	17.53	18.17	20.09	21.95	23.77	26.12	27.87
9	11.39	12.24	13.29	14.68	16.92	19.02	19.68	21.67	23.59	25.46	27.88	29.67
10	12.55	13.44	14.53	15.99	18.31	20.48	21.16	23.21	25.19	27.11	29.59	31.42
11	13.70	14.63	15.77	17.28	19.68	21.92	22.62	24.72	26.76	28.73	31.26	33.14
12	14.85	15.81	16.99	18.55	21.03	23.34	24.05	26.22	28.30	30.32	32.91	34.82
13	15.98	16.98	18.20	19.81	22.36	24.74	25.47	27.69	29.82	31.88	34.53	36.48
14	17.12	18.15	19.41	21.06	23.68	26.12	26.87	29.14	31.32	33.43	36.12	38.11
15	18.25	19.31	20.60	22.31	25.00	27.49	28.26	30.58	32.80	34.95	37.70	39.72
16	19.37	20.47	21.79	23.54	26.30	28.85	29.63	32.00	34.27	36.46	39.25	41.31
17	20.49	21.61	22.98	24.77	27.59	30.19	31.00	33.41	35.72	37.95	40.79	42.88
18	21.60	22.76	24.16	25.99	28.87	31.53	32.35	34.81	37.16	39.42	42.31	44.43
19	22.72	23.90	25.33	27.20	30.14	32.85	33.69	36.19	38.58	40.88	43.82	45.97
20	23.83	25.04	26.50	28.41	31.41	34.17	35.02	37.57	40.00	42.34	45.31	47.50
21	24.93	26.17	27.66	29.62	32.67	35.48	36.34	38.93	41.40	43.78	46.80	49.01
22	26.04	27.30	28.82	30.81	33.92	36.78	37.66	40.29	42.80	45.20	48.27	50.51
23	27.14	28.43	29.98	32.01	35.17	38.08	38.97	41.64	44.18	46.62	49.73	52.00
24	28.24	29.55	31.13	33.20	36.42	39.36	40.27	42.98	45.56	48.03	51.18	53.48
25	29.34	30.68	32.28	34.38	37.65	40.65	41.57	44.31	46.93	49.44	52.62	54.95
26	30.43	31.79	33.43	35.56	38.89	41.92	42.86	45.64	48.29	50.83	54.05	56.41
27	31.53	32.91	34.57	36.74	40.11	43.19	44.14	46.96	49.64	52.22	55.48	57.86
28	32.62	34.03	35.71	37.92	41.34	44.46	45.42	48.28	50.99	53.59	56.89	59.30
29	33.71	35.14	36.85	39.09	42.56	45.72	46.69	49.59	52.34	54.97	58.30	60.73
30	34.80	36.25	37.99	40.26	43.77	46.98	47.96	50.89	53.67	56.33	59.70	62.16
40	45.62	47.27	49.24	51.81	55.76	59.34	60.44	63.69	66.77	69.70	73.40	76.09
50	56.33	58.16	60.35	63.17	67.50	71.42	72.61	76.15	79.49	82.66	86.66	89.56
60	66.98	68.97	71.34	74.40	79.08	83.30	84.58	88.38	91.95	95.34	99.61	102.7
80	88.13	90.41	93.11	96.58	101.9	106.6	108.1	112.3	116.3	120.1	124.8	128.3
100	109.1	111.7	114.7	118.5	124.3	129.6	131.1	135.8	140.2	144.3	149.4	153.2

WORKSHEET

What is the critical value of χ^2 when α=0.05 and…

- …the table has 2 rows and 3 columns?
- …the table has 5 rows and 3 columns?

What is the critical value of χ^2 when α=0.01 and…

- …the table has 3 rows and 4 columns?
- …the table has 4 rows and 4 columns?

χ^2 Tests

Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2

The χ^2 test statistic is based on a comparison of the observed cell frequencies to the cell frequencies that we expect under the null hypothesis

For the cell in row i and column j, the "expected" frequency under the null hypothesis is

$$\hat{f}_{ij} = \frac{(f_{i\bullet})(f_{\bullet j})}{N}$$

where $f_{i\bullet}$ is the number of cases in row i, $f_{\bullet j}$ is the number of cases in column j, and N is the sample size

χ^2 Tests

Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2

For the cell in row *i*=1 and column *j*=1 (the top left cell):

$$\hat{f}_{1,1} = \frac{(f_{1\bullet})(f_{\bullet 1})}{N} = \frac{(456)(516)}{1{,}304} = 180$$

For the cell in row *i*=1

and column *j*=2:

$$\hat{f}_{1,2} = \frac{(456)(454)}{1{,}304} = 159$$

And so forth…

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	180	159	117	
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	165	146	107	
Republican	173	154	103	430
	170	150	110	
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χ^2 Tests

Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2

The χ^2 test statistic equals

$$\chi^2 = \text{Sum of } \frac{(\text{Expected} - \text{Observed})^2}{\text{Expected}} = \sum_{i=1}^{R}\sum_{j=1}^{C} \frac{\left(\hat{f}_{ij} - f_{ij}\right)^2}{\hat{f}_{ij}}$$

where

R is the number of rows in the crosstable,

C is the number of columns in the crosstable,

f_{ij} is the observed frequency in the cell in row i and column j, &

$\hat{f}_{ij}$ is the expected frequency in the cell in row i and column j

χ^2 Tests

Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(180-164)^2}{180} + \frac{(159-161)^2}{159} + \ldots + \frac{(110-103)^2}{110} = 5.767$$

In this example, χ^2=5.767

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Compare the test statistic to the critical value

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2. If the test statistic is less than the critical value, then do no reject H_0 (with probability of β of doing so even though H_0 should be rejected)

We can restate the hypotheses as

H_0: X & Y are independent ➔ Fail to Reject if $\chi^2 \leq 9.49$

H_1: X & Y not independent ➔ Reject if $\chi^2 > 9.49$

Since $\chi^2 = 5.767$, we fail to reject H_0

χ^2 Tests

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X & Y in the Population … $\chi^2=0$

Y	X 1	2	3	Total
1	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
2	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Total	20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000

X & Y in a Sample of 100 … $\chi^2=2.2$

Y	X 1	2	3	Total
1	20	17	14	51
2	13	17	19	49
Total	33	34	33	100

X & Y in Another Sample of 100 … $\chi^2=1.7$

Y	X 1	2	3	Total
1	17	22	13	52
2	16	15	17	48
Total	33	37	30	100

X & Y in the Population … $\chi^2=0$

	X			
Y	1	2	3	Total
1	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
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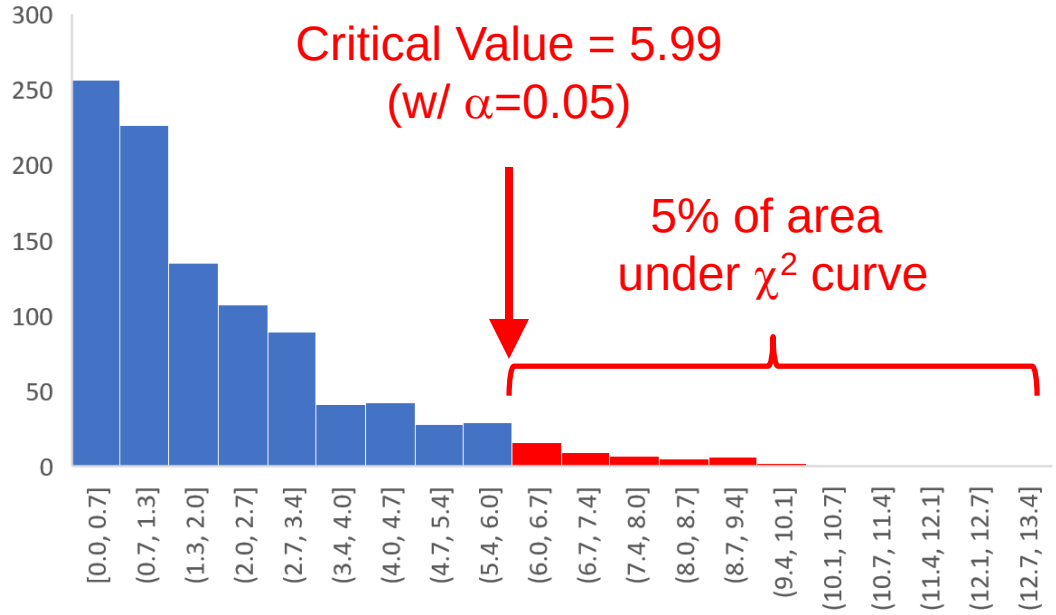
Distribution of χ^2 across 1,000 Samples of n=100



χ^2 Example

Is there an association between people's childhood family income and their income as adults?

Source: GSS

		Family Income in Childhood			
		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	Row Total
Family Income as an Adult	*Below Average*	4,085	4,027	1,054	9,166
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	Average	46%	59%	40%	52%
	Above Average	14%	17%	40%	20%
	Column Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

χ^2 Example

State the null (H_0) and alternative (H_1) hypotheses

Again, we begin with the assumption that there is no association between X and Y

H_0: Family income in childhood and family income in adulthood are statistically independent

H_1: Family income in childhood and family income in adulthood are not statistically independent

χ^2 Example

Check that the sample data conform to basic assumptions; if they do not, then do not go any further

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χ^2 Example

Choose an α probability level … that is, a probability associated with incorrectly rejecting the null hypothesis

Let's use α=0.01 in our example

χ^2 Example

Determine the "critical value" … that is, how large the test statistic must be in order to reject the null hypothesis at the given α level

In our example, α=0.01 and df=(3—1)(3—1)=4

According to a χ^2 table, the critical value of χ^2 thus equals 13.28

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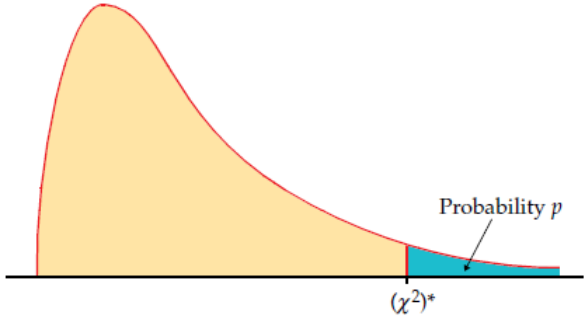

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3	4.11	4.64	5.32	6.25	7.81	9.35	9.84	11.34	12.84	14.32	16.27	17.73
4	5.39	5.99	6.74	7.78	9.49	11.14	11.67	13.28	14.86	16.42	18.47	20.00
5	6.63	7.29	8.12	9.24	11.07	12.83	13.39	15.09	16.75	18.39	20.51	22.11
6	7.84	8.56	9.45	10.64	12.59	14.45	15.03	16.81	18.55	20.25	22.46	24.10
7	9.04	9.80	10.75	12.02	14.07	16.01	16.62	18.48	20.28	22.04	24.32	26.02
8	10.22	11.03	12.03	13.36	15.51	17.53	18.17	20.09	21.95	23.77	26.12	27.87
9	11.39	12.24	13.29	14.68	16.92	19.02	19.68	21.67	23.59	25.46	27.88	29.67
10	12.55	13.44	14.53	15.99	18.31	20.48	21.16	23.21	25.19	27.11	29.59	31.42
11	13.70	14.63	15.77	17.28	19.68	21.92	22.62	24.72	26.76	28.73	31.26	33.14
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16	19.37	20.47	21.79	23.54	26.30	28.85	29.63	32.00	34.27	36.46	39.25	41.31
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22	26.04	27.30	28.82	30.81	33.92	36.78	37.66	40.29	42.80	45.20	48.27	50.51
23	27.14	28.43	29.98	32.01	35.17	38.08	38.97	41.64	44.18	46.62	49.73	52.00
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25	29.34	30.68	32.28	34.38	37.65	40.65	41.57	44.31	46.93	49.44	52.62	54.95
26	30.43	31.79	33.43	35.56	38.89	41.92	42.86	45.64	48.29	50.83	54.05	56.41
27	31.53	32.91	34.57	36.74	40.11	43.19	44.14	46.96	49.64	52.22	55.48	57.86
28	32.62	34.03	35.71	37.92	41.34	44.46	45.42	48.28	50.99	53.59	56.89	59.30
29	33.71	35.14	36.85	39.09	42.56	45.72	46.69	49.59	52.34	54.97	58.30	60.73
30	34.80	36.25	37.99	40.26	43.77	46.98	47.96	50.89	53.67	56.33	59.70	62.16
40	45.62	47.27	49.24	51.81	55.76	59.34	60.44	63.69	66.77	69.70	73.40	76.09
50	56.33	58.16	60.35	63.17	67.50	71.42	72.61	76.15	79.49	82.66	86.66	89.56
60	66.98	68.97	71.34	74.40	79.08	83.30	84.58	88.38	91.95	95.34	99.61	102.7
80	88.13	90.41	93.11	96.58	101.9	106.6	108.1	112.3	116.3	120.1	124.8	128.3
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χ^2 Example

Calculate the test statistic ... χ^2

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	Average	4,796 5,371.52	9,853 8,680.37	2,121 2,718.12	16,770
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In this example, χ^2=2,267.59

χ^2 Example

Compare the test statistic to the critical value

1. If the test statistic is as large or larger than the critical value, then reject H_0 (with probability of α of doing so even though H_0 should not actually be rejected)
2. If the test statistic is less than the critical value, then do no reject H_0 (with probability of β of doing so even though H_0 should be rejected)

We can restate the hypotheses as

H_0: X & Y are independent ➔ Fail to Reject if $\chi^2 \leq 13.28$

H_1: X & Y not independent ➔ Reject if $\chi^2 > 13.28$

Since $\chi^2 = 2{,}267.59$, we reject H_0

Worksheet

Are political views related to whether people view the bible as the literal word of God?

		Political Views			
		Liberal	*Moderate*	*C'servative*	Row Total
Bible is…	*Word of God*	1,500	2,888	3,234	7,622
	Something Else	4,670	5,961	5,079	15,710
	Column Total	6,170	8,849	8,313	23,332

χ^2 vs Tests for Two Proportions

Does the proportion living past 60 vary by family SES?

Different methods yield the same results…

Using what we learned earlier about hypothesis tests for differences in proportions: Z=-2.453; p-value=0.014

Using a χ^2 test, we find: χ^2=6.027; p-value=0.014

		Lived Past Age 60?	
		Yes=1	*No=0*
Family SES	*Low=0*	603	330
	High=1	456	319

Factors Driving Significance

Two things affect our chances of observing a statistically significant association

1. The strength of the association in the population
2. The size of the sample … consider the following two cross-tabs/results:

		Voted in 2016?			Voted in 2016?		
		Yes	No	Row Total	Yes	No	Row Total
Political Party Affiliation	Democrat	**6**	**4**	**10**	**300**	**200**	**500**
	Republican	**8**	**2**	**10**	**400**	**100**	**500**
	Column Total	**14**	**6**	**20**	**700**	**300**	**1,000**
		$\chi^2 = 0.95$			$\chi^2 = 47.62$		

Association Between Discrete Variables

We use χ^2 to assess whether there is any statistically significant association between two categorical variables, X and Y, in the population

We have said nothing about measuring the direction or strength of that association

If we conclude that categorical variables X and Y are associated, how can we quantify the direction and strength of that association?

Associations Between Discrete Variables

Is there an association in the population?

χ^2 analysis

How strong is the association? In what direction is the association?

Gamma, relative risk, odds ratios

Association Between Discrete Variables

Measures of Association

Statistics that show the direction and/or magnitude of a relationship between pairs of variables

When X and Y are Both Ordinal:

Gamma

Others (Not discussed today)

When X and Y are Both Dichotomous:

Gamma

Relative Risk (RR)

Odds Ratio (OR)

Others (Not discussed today)

Association Between Ordinal Variables

Source: GSS 1972-2008

		Family Income in Childhood			
		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	Row Total
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	1,494	2,886	2,075	6,455
	Average	4,796	9,853	2,121	16,770
	Below Average	4,085	4,027	1,054	9,166
	Column Total	10,375	16,766	5,250	N=32,391

Gamma

χ^2 = 2,267.59; rejected H_0 … that is, we rejected the null hypothesis that there is no association in the population

But how strong is the association? And in which direction?

Gamma is a measure of association for use when both variables are <u>ordinal</u>

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Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Gamma

Here is this analysis done separately for 1972 and 2008. Are the two variables associated in both years? Has the strength of the association changed over time?

1972

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS

$\chi^2=130.79$ ($p<0.01$)

		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	40	72	71	183
	Average	173	591	135	899
	Below Average	181	241	65	495
	Column Total	402	904	271	1,577

2008

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS

$\chi^2=181.19$ ($p<0.01$)

		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	87	124	159	370
	Average	263	472	165	900
	Below Average	331	274	100	705
	Column Total	681	870	424	1,975

Gamma

The possible values of gamma range from -1 to +1

Gamma = -1 = a perfect negative association

Gamma = +1 = a perfect positive association

Gamma = 0 = no association

Gamma = +0.986

	x=1	*x=2*	*x=3*
y=3	1	1	100
y=2	1	100	1
y=1	100	1	1

Gamma = -0.986

	x=1	*x=2*	*x=3*
y=3	100	1	1
y=2	1	100	1
y=1	1	1	100

Gamma = 0.000

	x=1	*x=2*	*x=3*
y=3	1	1	1
y=2	1	1	1
y=1	1	1	1

Gamma

Calculating gamma is semi-complicated; see the “bonus slides” at the end for instructions and an example

Focus for now on how it is interpreted…

Is the association positive or negative?

Is it weak or strong?

Gamma

Here is this analysis done separately for 1972 and 2008. Are the two variables associated in both years? Has the strength of the association changed over time?

1972

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS

Gamma= 0.312

		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	40	72	71	183
	Average	173	591	135	899
	Below Average	181	241	65	495
	Column Total	402	904	271	1,577

2008

Family Income in Childhood

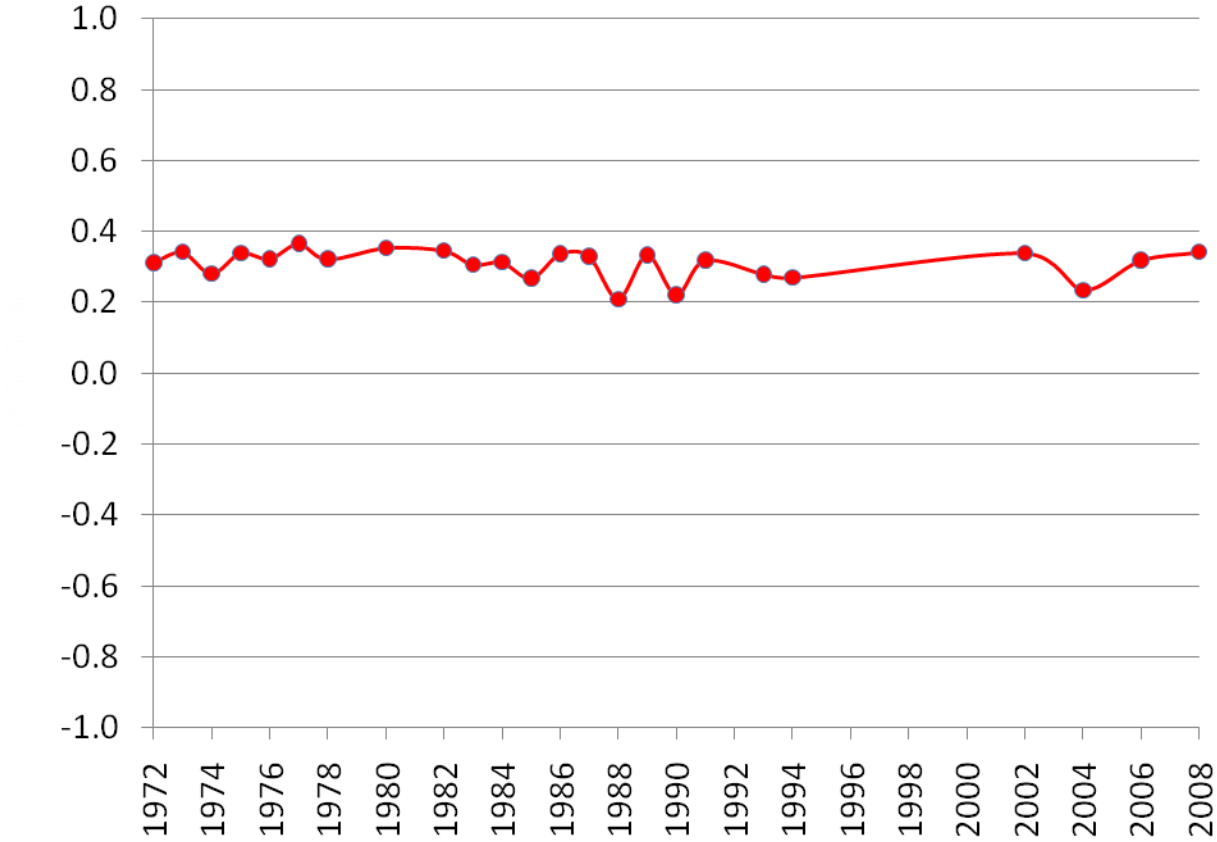
Source: GSS

Gamma= 0.342

		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	87	124	159	370
	Average	263	472	165	900
	Below Average	331	274	100	705
	Column Total	681	870	424	1,975

Gamma

And separately by year…



Association in 2x2 Tables

Cross-tabulations of categorical variables that each have 2 categories—that is, that are dichotomous—are a special case of cross-tabulations of ordinal variables

We will explore three measures of association that pertain to 2x2 tables

- Gamma
- Relative Risk
- Odds Ratio

Association in 2x2 Tables

Each measure relies on a particular naming convention for the four cells in the cross-tabulation

		X	
		X=1	*X=2*
Y	*Y=2*	Cell a	Cell b
	Y=1	Cell c	Cell d

Relative Risk

Gamma expresses the association between two dichotomous variables without regard to whether one variable affects change in the other … they are thus referred to as “symmetric” measures

Relative Risk (and later **Odds Ratios**) are “asymmetric” measures, in that they express the change in the chances of being in a particular category of the “dependent” (Y) variable that result from changing categories of the “independent” (X) variable

Relative Risk

When X=1, the "Risk" that Y=2 equals a/(a+c) … which is the same as P(Y=2|X=1)

When X=2, the "Risk" that Y=2 equals b/(b+d) … which is the same as P(Y=2|X=2)

The **relative risk** (RR) is the ratio of the two risks:

$$RR = \frac{b/(b+d)}{a/(a+c)}$$

		X	
		X=1	*X=2*
Y	*Y=2*	a	b
	Y=1	c	d

Relative Risk

The risk of being in excellent health (Y=2) if you do not smoke (X=1) is a/(a+c) = 1,955/(3,838+1,955)=0.337

The risk of being in excellent health (Y=2) if you do smoke (X=2) is b/(b+d) = 826/(2,356+826)=0.260

The Relative Risk (RR) is the ratio of the two risks:

$$RR = \frac{0.260}{0.337} = 0.77$$

Health

	Current Smoker?	
	X=1: No	*X=2: Yes*
Y=2: Excellent	(a) 1,955	(b) 826
Y=1: Not Excellent	(c) 3,838	(d) 2,356

Source: GSS

Relative Risk

Relative Risk can range from zero to infinity

RR 0.00 to 1.00 means that the risk that Y=2 is reduced when you move from X=1 to X=2

RR = 1.00 means that the risk that Y=2 is unchanged when you move from X=1 to X=2

RR > 1.00 means that the risk that Y=2 is increased when you move from X=1 to X=2

Relative Risk

Interpret the value of RR with reference to the number 1

RR = 0.77: The risk that Y=2 is reduced by 23% when you move from X=1 to X=2

RR = 1.20: The risk that Y=2 is increased by 20% when you move from X=1 to X=2

RR = 2.50: The risk that Y=2 is increased by 150% (or is 2.5 times greater) when you move from X=1 to X=2

Odds Ratio

When X=1, the “Odds” that Y=2 equals a/c

When X=2, the “Odds” that Y=2 equals b/d

The “Odds Ratio” (OR) is the ratio of the two odds:

$$OR = \frac{b/d}{a/c} = \frac{bc}{ad}$$

		X	
		X=1	*X=2*
Y	*Y=2*	a	b
	Y=1	c	d

Odds Ratio

The odds of being in excellent health (Y=2) if you do not smoke (X=1) is a/c = 1,955/3,838=0.509

The odds of being in excellent health (Y=2) if you do smoke (X=2) is b/d = 826/2,356=0.351

The Odds Ratio (OR) is the ratio of the two odds:

$$OR = \frac{0.351}{0.509} = 0.69$$

Health

Current Smoker? *Source*: GSS

	X=1: No	*X=2: Yes*
Y=2: Excellent	(a) 1,955	(b) 826
Y=1: Not Excellent	(c) 3,838	(d) 2,356

Odds Ratio

Odds Ratios can range from zero to infinity

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OR > 1.00 means that the odds that Y=2 is increased when you move from X=1 to X=2

Odds Ratio

Interpret the value of OR with reference to the number 1

OR = 0.77: The odds that Y=2 is reduced by 23% when you move from X=1 to X=2

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Worksheet

How is race (white vs. black) associated with political party preference? (χ^2=2,214.2 w/ 1 df; Reject H_0 w/ α=0.01). Compute **and interpret** RR and OR

		Race		
		X=1: White	*X=2: Black*	Row Total
Party	*Y=2: Democrat*	15,594	4,401	19,995
	Y=1: Republican	13,288	505	13,793
	Column Total	28,882	4,906	N=33,788

Source: GSS

Practical vs. Statistical Significance

Even when we can reject the hypothesis of no association, we should always investigate the direction and magnitude of the association

		Ever Smokes Pot? Yes	No	Row Total
Right or Left Handed	**Right**	100,000	200,000	300,000
	Left	10,000	20,550	30,550
	Column Total	110,000	220,550	330,550

$\chi^2 = 4.5$ w/ df=1
Reject H_0 at α=0.05

Odds Ratio = 1.03

Right handed people are 3% more likely to have ever smoked pot … is this a <u>practically</u> meaningful result?

Want More?

David Lane's Book

http://onlinestatbook.com/2/chi_square/Chi_Square.html

Chapter 8 of Richard Lowry's Book

http://vassarstats.net/textbook/

Gerard Dallal's Book

http://www.jerrydallal.com/LHSP/ctab.htm

Stat Trek

http://stattrek.com/chi-square-test/homogeneity.aspx?tutorial=ap

Bonus:
The Next Slides Show
How to Compute Gamma
(If you are interested…)

Bonus: Computing Gamma

In order to compute Gamma, the crosstable must be arranged such that

(1) the column variable is arranged from lowest to highest going from left to right

(2) the row variable is arranged from lowest to highest going from the bottom to the top

		Family Income in Childhood			
		Below Average	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Family Income as an Adult	*Above Average*	1,494	2,886	2,075	6,455
	Average	4,796	9,853	2,121	16,770
	Below Average	4,085	4,027	1,054	9,166
	Column Total	10,375	16,766	5,250	32,391

Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Bonus: Computing Gamma

The formula for Gamma requires evaluating all pairs of observations in a cross-tabulation, counting the total number that are untied concordant pairs (n_c) and the total number that are untied discordant pairs (n_d)

An untied pair is "one in which both cases have different values on two variables"

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Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Bonus: Computing Gamma

Concordant Pairs

"One observation has a higher rank on both variables than does the other member of the pair"

Example: On both variables, the 2,075 cases in the top right cell have higher rank than the 4,796+9,853+4,085+4,027=22,761 cases in the four cells in the bottom left

Thus the observations in the top right cell contribute (2,075)(22,761)=47,229,075 concordant pairs

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Bonus: Computing Gamma

Cells contribute concordant pairs if there are other cells with lower rank on both variables

- For the top-right: (2,075)(22,761)=47,229,075
- For the top-middle: (2,886)(4,796+4,085)=25,630,566
- For the middle-right: (2,121)(4,085+4,027)=17,205,552
- For the middle-middle: (9,853)(4,085)=40,249,505

Summing, there are n_c=

47,229,075+ 25,630,566 +

17,205,552 + 40,249,505 =

130,314,698 concordant pairs

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS, 1972-2008

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Above Average	1,494	2,886	2,075	6,455
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Bonus: Computing Gamma

Discordant Pairs

"One member of a pair of observations ranks higher than the other member on one variable but ranks lower on the other variable"

Example: The 1,494 cases in the top left cell have higher rank than the 9,853+2,121+4,027+1,054=17,055 cases in the four cells in the bottom right on one variable,

but lower rank on the other

Thus the observations in the top left cell contribute

(1,494)(17,055)=25,480,170

discordant pairs

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Family Income as an Adult	*Below Average*	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Above Average	1,494	2,886	2,075	6,455
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Bonus: Computing Gamma

Cells contribute discordant pairs if there are other cells with lower rank on one variable, higher rank on another

- For the top-left: (1,494)(17,055)=25,480,170
- For the top-middle: (2,886)(2,121+1,054)=9,163,050
- For the middle-left: (4,796)(4,027+1,054)=24,368,476
- For the middle-middle: (9,853)(1,054)=10,385,062

Summing, there are n_d=

25,480,170+ 9,163,050 +

24,368,476 + 10,385,062 =

69,396,758 discordant pairs

Family Income in Childhood

Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Family Income as an Adult	*Below Average*	*Average*	*Above Average*	**Row Total**
Above Average	1,494	2,886	2,075	6,455
Average	4,796	9,853	2,121	16,770
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Bonus: Computing Gamma

Gamma can be expressed as:

$$G = \frac{n_c - n_d}{n_c + n_d}$$

So in our example:

$$G = \frac{130{,}314{,}698 - 69{,}396{,}758}{130{,}314{,}698 + 69{,}396{,}758}$$

$$= 0.305$$

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Source: GSS, 1972-2008

Bonus: Computing Gamma Example

Is there an association between X and Y?

χ^2=11.011 w/ 4 df (reject H_0 w/ α=0.05)

Gamma = ____

		X			
		Low	*Medium*	*High*	Row Total
Y	*High*	12	3	2	17
	Medium	7	10	4	21
	Low	6	8	9	23
	Column Total	25	21	15	N=61

Bonus: Computing Gamma Example

Is there an association between X and Y?

χ^2=11.011 w/ 4 df (reject H_0 w/ α=0.05)

n_c = (2)(7+10+6+8)+(3)(7+6)+(4)(6+8)+(10)(6) = 217

n_d = (12)(10+4+8+9)+(3)(4+9)+(7)(8+9)+(10)(9) = 620

$$G = \frac{n_c - n_d}{n_c + n_d} = \frac{217 - 620}{217 + 620}$$

Gamma = -0.481

		X			
		Low	*Medium*	*High*	Row Total
Y	*High*	12	3	2	17
	Medium	7	10	4	21
	Low	6	8	9	23
	Column Total	25	21	15	N=61