

$\chi^2$ 

## 5.4 $\chi^2$ Test: Observed and Expected Frequencies

## $\chi^2$ Test for Independence

When you flip a coin 100 times, probability theory tells us that we can expect the same number of heads and tails:

Expected Frequencies

Heads	Tails	Total
50	50	100

Let's say you do the experiment with two different coins and get these results:

Observed Frequencies: Coin A

Heads	Tails	Total
48	52	100

Observed Frequencies: Coin B

Heads	Tails	Total
10	90	100

What might be a reasonable conclusion to draw?

Coin A: fair coin, close to expected outcomes  
Coin B: unfair or weighted, possibly.

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	<i>Regular exercise</i>	<i>No regular exercise</i>	<i>sum</i>
<i>Male</i>	110	106	216
<i>Female</i>	98	86	184
<i>sum</i>	208	192	400

What do you observe about the data?

- more males than females exercise.
- more people regularly exercise
- 400 people total.

What are some questions you might have based on this data?

- ages?
- Where was sample taken?
- Weights?
- Why more males than females?

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The  $\chi^2$  Test [Chi-Square Test] can help us decide whether or not two variables are independent. This means that one variable has no influence on the other variable.

Do you remember the definition of independence from probability?

If two events A and B are independent, then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ .

The Chi-Square Test gives us a way to test independence by looking at the difference between observed frequencies and expected frequencies.

The expected frequency is calculated by  $E = \frac{(\text{row total})(\text{column total})}{\text{sample size}}$ .

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Observed Frequency

	Regular exercise	No regular exercise	sum
Male	110	106	216
Female	98	86	184
sum	208	192	400

Expected Frequency  
if Independent

	Regular exercise	No regular exercise	sum
Male			216
Female			184
sum	208	192	400

What hypothesis could we test? Does gender affect exercise?

Null Hypothesis  $H_0$ : gender and regular exercise are independent

Alternative Hypothesis  $H_1$ :

gender and regular exercise are not independent

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Observed Frequency

	Regular exercise	No regular exercise	sum
Male	110	106	216
Female	98	86	184
sum	208	192	400

Expected Frequency if Independent

	Regular exercise	No regular exercise	sum
Male	112.3	103.7	216
Female	95.7	88.3	184
sum	208	192	400

If gender and exercise are independent, then how many people would we expect to see in each category in the table?

Male  $\cap$  Regular exercise:

$$\frac{216(208)}{400} = 112.3$$

Male  $\cap$  No regular exercise:

$$\frac{216(192)}{400} = 103.7$$

Female  $\cap$  Regular exercise:

$$\frac{184(208)}{400} = 95.7$$

Female  $\cap$  No regular exercise:

$$\frac{184(192)}{400} = 88.3$$

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Observed Frequencies

		Puppy			Totals
		Heavy	Medium	Light	
Dog	Heavy	23	16	11	50
	Medium	10	20	16	46
	Light	8	15	22	45
Totals		41	51	49	141

Expected Frequencies

		Puppy			Totals
		Heavy	Medium	Light	
Dog	Heavy	14.5	18.1	17.4	50
	Medium	13.4	16.6	16.0	46
	Light	13.1	16.3	15.6	45
Totals		41	51	49	141

What hypothesis could we test?

Null Hypothesis  $H_0$ :

puppy & dog size  
puppy size and dog size are independent

Alternative Hypothesis  $H_1$ :

puppy size and dog size are not independent

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