

# Exact testing for model/data fit for log-linear models

“Part One.”

“Algebraic & Geometric Methods in Statistics”

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# Agenda

- Chapter 9 from our textbook: Fisher's exact test
- Part of chapter 8, as we may need the cone of sufficient statistics.

## Goals

- Understand hypotheses testing for model/data fit
- What is a  $p$ -value for a goodness-of-fit test?
- Asymptotic vs. exact tests
- Fisher's test and example
- General goodness of fit test for log-linear models
- Open problems and relation to projects!

## Models with a design matrix

- $X_1, \dots, X_k$  discrete random variables,  $X_i \in \{1, \dots, d_i\}$
- $u =$  a **k-way contingency table**  $u \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{d_1 \times \dots \times d_k}$  [Draw a table!] Flatten  $u$  to vector.

### Log-linear model

Sufficient statistics = **marginals** of  $u$ :  $P_\theta(U = u) = \exp\{\langle Au, \theta \rangle - \psi(\theta)\}$ .

### Example $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc|ccc}
 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
 \vdots & \vdots \\
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 \end{array} \right]_{(d_1+d_2) \times d_1 d_2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} \\ \vdots \\ u_{d_1 d_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1+} & \dots & u_{+d_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Data Scientist Salaries Chicago, IL

Overview

**Salaries**

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### How much does a Data Scientist make in Chicago, IL?

Experience

All years of Experience

Industry

All industries

**\$134,267** / yr

Total Pay

**\$110,139** / yr

Base Pay

**\$24,128** / yr

Additional Pay



The estimated total pay for a Data Scientist is \$134,267 per year in the Chicago, IL area, with an average salary of \$110,139

### Total Pay Trajec

For Data Scientist in C

\$134,267 / yr  
Data Scientist

\$176,030 / yr  
Senior Data Scie

\$178,448 / yr  
Lead Data Scient

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### Related Job Titr

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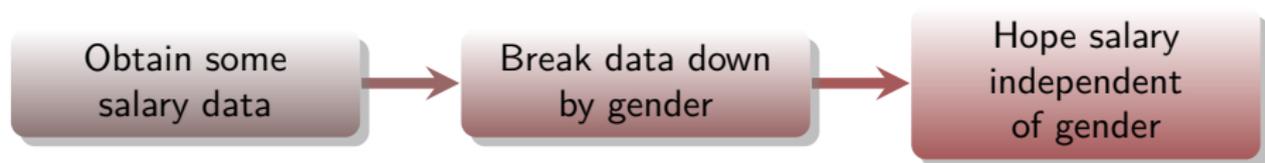
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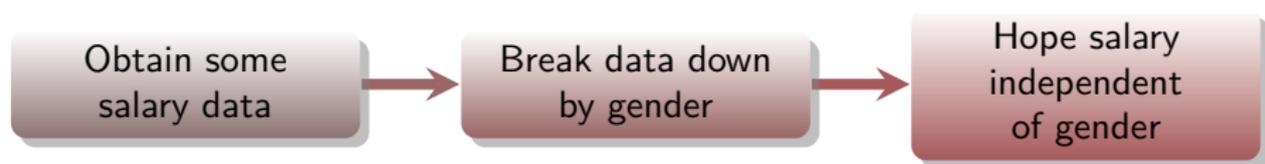
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- We expect a certain 'shape' of the data. A certain... distribution!

**YOUR** everyday intuition  $\mapsto$  formal framework.

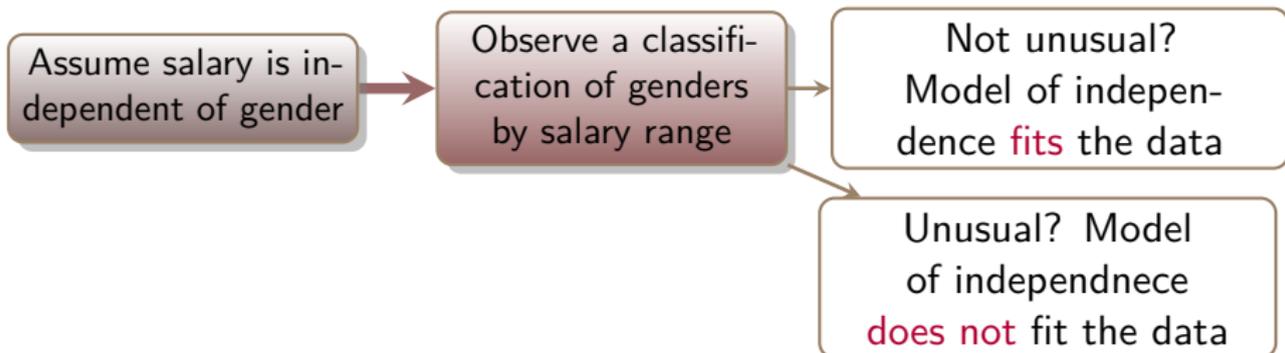
	M	F	T/Nb	totals
$\leq 135K$	?	?	?	<b>13</b>
$> 135K$	?	?	?	<b>13</b>
totals	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>

## Formal reasoning with data: independence example

- **Modeling:** Construct a statistical model for **independence**.
- **Question:** Does the model **fit** the observed set of gender vs. salary ranges?

(Can it adequately explain how the salary data was generated?)

- **Process:**



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### Testing model fit?

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## Tests of independence for $j \times k$ tables

```
salaries <- as.table(rbind(c(8, 1, 4),  
                           c(2, 9, 2)))  
  
dimnames(salaries) <- list(  
  range = c("<=135K", "> 135K"),  
  gender = c(" M", " F", "Nb")  
)  
  
salaries # display the data
```

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We may be interested in asking whether all genders have similar salary allocations.

The answer will be easier to *guess* at if we convert the rows to show proportions instead of counts. Here's one way of doing this.

```
salaries.prop <- prop.table(salaries, 1)
salaries.prop
```

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By *looking* at the table we see that Female *seem to be* more likely to be in the higher salary range.

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fisher.test(salaries,alternative="greater")
```

Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data: salaries  
p-value = 0.004  
alternative hypothesis: greater
```

## Questions:

- What are the chi-squared (and Fisher's) tests doing?
- How much does this generalize to other models?

In order to answer these questions, let us compute by hand the bits and pieces that are necessary to understand the mechanics of these tests.

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Answer: the expected  $u$  under the model of independence is:

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range	M	F	Nb
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> 135K	5	5	3

- How “far away” is the observed table  $u$  from the expected table  $\hat{u}$ ?
- Whenever we say the word *expected* we mean under whatever the model is we are considering; in this case, independence of rows and columns.

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# Conclusion? Evidence in the data? Significance?

## Definition [p-value]

Refer to Chapter 5. Discuss in lecture / board.

- Read the beginning of Chapter 9. Section 9.1: Conditional inference.
  - We are *conditioning* on the row and column sums of the table.
  - These are sufficient statistics for the independence model.
  - This is a *general strategy*...

## Summary of hypothesis testing

3 elements: hypotheses, test statistic, (rejection) decision rule .

- In practice, check assumptions to know which test to use (for example, which distribution to reference for a decision rule).
- For model/data fit, the null hypothesis is  $H_0 : \mathcal{M}$  fits the data:

### Goodness of fit for a model $\mathcal{M}$

we are saying that there exists a parameter value  $\theta_{true}$  such that  $p_{\theta_{true}} \in \mathcal{M}$  that produced the observed data. We often take  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  as the best guess for the true value  $\theta_{true}$  under the assumption that the model is correct.

*“Is the model correct? does it fit my data?”* is a question you should ask *before* using the model for analytics and drawing any conclusions.

- Sometimes model fit tests are done heuristically;
- Sometimes we have formal testing procedures.
- **Next:** we will learn how computational algebra (yes, polynomial ideals!) can be used for exact tests for models for large, sparse table data!

## R Resources

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```
## There is an option to "simulate p value" using Monte Carlo!  
chisq.test(salaries, simulate.p.value = TRUE)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test with simulated p-value (based  
on 2000 replicates)

```
data:  salaries  
X-squared = 10.667, df = NA, p-value = 0.005497
```

## Extra reading: A smaller example, $2 \times 2$

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### Testing model fit?

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Here's an example in R:

```
birthwt.fisher.test <- fisher.test(weight.smoke.tbl)
birthwt.fisher.test
```

### Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data:  weight.smoke.tbl
p-value = 0.03618
alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
 1.028780 3.964904
sample estimates:
odds ratio
 2.014137
```

Another way:

```
chisq.test(weight.smoke.tbl)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

```
data: weight.smoke.tbl
```

```
X-squared = 4.2359, df = 1, p-value = 0.03958
```

- You get essentially the same answer by running the chi-squared test, but the output isn't as useful as Fisher's test.
  - In particular, you're not getting an estimate or confidence interval for the odds ratio.
  - This is why `fisher.test()` is preferred for testing  $2 \times 2$  tables.

## Resources & License

- Quick summary [notes](#) about  $p$ -values that I wrote for Stat 514.
- Read about hypothesis tests for context of the model fitting tests in [these lecture notes](#).
- [This lesson](#) from Penn State online offers a one-page summary of Fisher's exact test for  $2 \times 2$  tables, as it was developed by Sir Fisher!
- Believe it or not, there is a great  $2 \times 2$  example on [Wikipedia](#), a page which actually contains a really good explanation for this one example.

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