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### G-test for Goodness of Fit

Log Likelihood ratios supply an alternative method for assessing goodness of fit based on a maximum likelihood approach. This test may be used for the same kinds of data as the  $\chi^2$  test for Goodness of fit, sometimes with a different result. According to Zar 2010 p. 480, opinions differ as to which is the better test. This may be mostly a matter of religious adherence to a preferred methodology It's useful to run both and compare results.

#### Data Structure:

Observations are counts of individuals in k classes.

Goodness of Fit Table					Total
$O_1$	$O_2$	$O_3$	...	$O_k$	
$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_3$	...	$E_k$	

#### Assumptions:

- Observed values  $O_j$  are a random sample in k cells

Zar Example 22.1

seed classes				n
<i>yellow/smooth</i>	<i>yellow/wrinkled</i>	<i>green smooth</i>	<i>green/wrinkled</i>	
152	39	53	6	250

#### Model:

Let Expected Probabilities:

- $E_j$  be specified as:
- **internally** specified model with g parameters estimated from the sample.

$k := 4$

^ number of classes

$g := 0$

OR

- **externally** specified model

^ number of internally specified parameters

#### Hypotheses:

- $H_0$ :  $P_j$  Probabilities are distributed according to the model
- $H_1$ :  $P_j$  Probabilities differ from the model < Two sided test

#### Construct Contingency Tables of Observed and Expected in each cell:

- Tabulate  $O_j$  for each cell
- Calculate Observed Row and Column Totals
- Calculate Expected for each cell:

$$O := \begin{pmatrix} 152 \\ 39 \\ 53 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad E := \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{9}{16}\right) \cdot 250 \\ \left(\frac{3}{16}\right) \cdot 250 \\ \left(\frac{3}{16}\right) \cdot 250 \\ \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \cdot 250 \end{bmatrix} \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 140.625 \\ 46.875 \\ 46.875 \\ 15.625 \end{pmatrix}$$

seed classes				
yellow/smooth	yellow/wrinkled	green smooth	green/wrinkled	n
152	39	53	6	250
140.625	46.875	46.875	15.625	

^ where:  $E_j$  are the expected probabilities of each cell based on theory in genetics.  $g = 0$  in this case.

**$\chi^2$  Test Statistic:**

$j := 1..k$

$$\chi_{sq} := \sum_j \frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j} \quad \chi_{sq} = 8.9724$$

**G Test Statistic:**

$$G := 2 \cdot \sum_j O_j \cdot \ln\left(\frac{O_j}{E_j}\right) \quad G = 10.83251 \quad 2 \cdot \left( \sum_j O_j \cdot \ln(O_j) - \sum_j O_j \cdot \ln(E_j) \right) = 10.8325$$

^ alternate formula for G

**Sampling Distribution:**

If Assumptions hold and  $H_0$  is true, then  $G \sim \chi_{(k-g-1)}$

**Critical Value of the Test:**

$\alpha := 0.05$  < Probability of Type I error must be explicitly set

$df := k - g - 1$        $df = 3$       < where:  $k$  = the number of cells,  
 $g$  = number of parameters of the internally specified model

$C := qchisq(1 - \alpha, df)$        $C = 7.814728$

**Decision Rule:**

If  $\chi_{sq} > C$  THEN REJECT  $H_0$ , OTHERWISE ACCEPT       $\chi_{sq} = 8.9724$

$H_0$        $G = 10.8325$

IF  $G > C$  THEN REJECT  $H_0$ , OTHERWISE ACCEPT

**Probability Value:**

$P_\chi := (1 - pchisq(\chi_{sq}, df))$        $P_\chi = 0.02966$       < for  $\chi^2$  test

$P_G := (1 - pchisq(G, df))$        $P_G = 0.01267$       < for G test

**Prototype in R:**

**#CHI-SQUARE TEST FOR GOODNESS OF FIT**

**#ZAR EXAMPLE 22.8**

**ZAR=read.table("c:/DATA/Biostatistics/ZarEX22.8R.txt")**

**ZAR**

**attach(ZAR)**

**chisq.test(observed,p=expected,rescale.p=TRUE)**

**> chisq.test(observed,p=expected,rescale.p=TRUE)**

Chi-squared test for given probabilities

data: observed

X-squared = 8.9724, df = 3, p-value = 0.02966

**#G-TEST FOR GOODNESS OF FIT**  
**#APPROPRIATE TEST FUNCTION NOT YET FOUND IN R**  
**#THEREFORE, I HAD TO DO THIS FROM SCRATCH:**

**#G STATISTIC:**  
**G=2\*sum(observed\*log(observed/expected))**  
**G**

**#CRITICAL VALUE:**  
**alpha=0.05**  
**k=4**  
**g=0**  
**df=k-g-1**  
**C=qchisq(1-alpha,df)**  
**C**

**#PROBABILITY:**  
**P=(1-pchisq(G,df))**  
**P**

**>#G STATISTIC:**  
**> G**  
**[1] 10.83251**  
**>**  
**> #CRITICAL VALUE:**  
**> C**  
**[1] 7.814728**  
  
**> #PROBABILITY:**  
**> P**  
**[1] 0.01266689**

**Yates Correction when degrees of freedom = 1:**

Correction is applied in a way that's analogous to what's done in the  $\chi^2$  case. Both are shown here for comparison.

$$O := \begin{pmatrix} 84 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} \quad E := \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \cdot 100 \\ \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \cdot 100 \end{bmatrix} \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 75 \\ 25 \end{pmatrix} \quad k := 2$$

$$j := 1..k \quad df := 1$$

**Zar Example 22.1:**

Seed Color		
Yellow	Green	n
84	16	100
75	25	

**$\chi^2$  Test Statistic:**

$$j := 1..k$$

$$\chi_{sq} := \sum_j \frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j} \quad \chi_{sq} = 4.32$$

**G Test Statistic:**

$$G := 2 \cdot \sum_j O_j \cdot \ln\left(\frac{O_j}{E_j}\right) \quad G = 4.758032$$

**Yates Correction for the  $\chi^2$  Test Statistic:**

In cases where number of classes = 2 (df=1) Yates correction is routinely employed to allow test statistic  $\chi^2$  to be distributed as  $\chi^2_{(df=1)}$

$$\chi_{Csq} := \sum_j \frac{(|O_j - E_j| - 0.5)^2}{E_j} \quad \chi_{Csq} = 3.8533$$

## Yates Correction for the G Test Statistic:

$$O := \begin{pmatrix} 84 - 0.5 \\ 16 + 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{< correction applied to observed values}$$

$$G_C := 2 \cdot \sum_j O_j \cdot \ln\left(\frac{O_j}{E_j}\right) \quad G_C = 4.216863$$

## Probability Value for the $\chi_C^2$ Test Statistic:

$$P_{\chi_C} := (1 - \text{pchisq}(\chi_{Csq}, df)) \quad P_{\chi_C} = 0.049647$$

## Probability Value for the $G_C$ Test Statistic:

$$P_C := (1 - \text{pchisq}(G_C, df)) \quad P_C = 0.04002409$$

## Prototype in R:

**#YATES CORRECTION:**

**ZAR2=read.table("c:/2010BiostatsData/ZarEX22.1R.txt")**

**ZAR2**

**attach(ZAR2)**

**df=1**

**#YATES CORRECTED G STATISTIC:**

**obs=c(84-0.5,16+0.5)**

**Gc=2\*sum(obs\*log(obs/expected))**

**Gc**

**#YATES CORRECTED PROBABILITY:**

**Pc=(1-pchisq(Gc,df))**

**Pc**

**> ZAR2**

observed expected class

1 84 75 yellow

2 16 25 green

**> #YATES CORRECTED G STATISTIC:**

**> Gc**

[1] 4.216863

**>**

**> #YATES CORRECTED PROBABILITY:**

**> Pc**

[1] 0.04002409