Hypothesis testing

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Statistic

- ... generally, is a quantity which measures deviation of observed from expected
- In a series 100 coin tosses 59 tails are obtained. Possible statistics are
 - Absolute deviation from expected number of tails:
 - |#observed #expected| = |59 50| = 9
 - Absolute deviation from expected on standard normal scale:
 - |observed expected| / std.dev. =

 $|59 - 50| / \sqrt{(100 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2})} = 9 / 5 = 1.8$

– ... etc.

P-value

• ... is probability that test statistics has a value "at least as extreme" as the observed value

P-value: example

- For previous experiment, (59 tails in 100 tosses) this probability is
 - Statistics: abs. deviation from expected number of tails:
 - |#observed #expected| = |59 50| = 9
 - P-value
 - $P(|\#observed \#expected| \ge 9) = [binomial distribution]$

 $P(\# tails \ge 59 \text{ or } \# tails \le 41) = 0.089$

- Statistics: abs. deviation from expected on standard normal scale:
 - |observed expected| / std.dev. = 1.8
 - $P(x \le -1.8 \text{ or } x \ge 1.8) = [normal distribution]$

 $\Phi(x \le -1.8 \text{ or } x \ge 1.8) = 2 (1 - P(x \ge 1.8)) = 2 0.9641 - 1 = 0.0718$

Hypothesis testing

- If P-value is less then or equal to some prespecified threshold (α), then the null hypothesis (e.g. fair coin) is rejected
- Usual α is taken to be 0.05

Why absolute deviation?

- Experiment: 100 coin tosses
- Outcome: 59 tails
- Statistic: absolute deviation from expected number of tails

|#observed - #expected| = |59 - 50| = 9

• P-value:

 $P(|\#observed - \#expected| \ge 9) = P(\#tails \ge 59 \text{ or } \#tails \le 41)$

- Why not just $P(\# tails \ge 59)$?
 - Not guilty until proven!
 - The reason is that under null we assume that the coin is fair, and in this case, it can deviate to any side from the expected

Not always absolute deviation

- Polymorphism: A \rightarrow T
 - Testing involvement of the polymorphism into disease

Test: T is more OR less frequent in cases

 If we know that T disrupts the product of the gene or have some other evidence that T is a "bad" variant

Test: T is more frequent in cases

Task

- Test if coin is fair given
 - One tail out of ten
 - Two tails out of ten
 - Use both Normal and Binomial for the test

Answer: 1 out of 10

• Binomial

P(deviation ≥ 4) = P(k=9) + P(k=10) + P(k=1) + P(k=0) = $10 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + \frac{1}{2^{10}} + 10 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + \frac{1}{2^{10}} = 22 \frac{1}{2^{10}} = 0.021$

• Normal

 $\Phi(\text{deviation} \ge 4/\sqrt{(10 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2})}) = \Phi(x \ge 2.53 \text{ OR } x \le -2.53) = 2(1 - 0.9943) = 0.011$

Answer: 2 out of 10

• Binomial

P(deviation ≥ 3) = P(k=8) + P(k=9) + P(k=10) + P(k=2) + P(k=1) + P(k=0) = $45 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + 10 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + \frac{1}{2^{10}} + 45 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + 10 \frac{1}{2^{10}} + \frac{1}{2^{10}} =$

 $112 \frac{1}{2^{10}} = 0.109$

• Normal

 $\Phi(\text{deviation} \ge 3/\sqrt{(10 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2})}) = \Phi(x \ge 1.9 \text{ OR } x \le -1.9) = 2(1 - 0.9713) = 0.0574$

Chi-squared distribution

- Chi-squared with m d.f. is sum of m squared standard Normal
- Consider several classes i = 1, 2, ... m
- in each class expected (E_i) and observed (O_i) is known
- Chi-squared statistics

$$\chi_{m-1}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{(O_{i} - E_{i})^{2}}{E_{i}}$$

- is distributed as chi-squared test with the number of degrees of freedom (m - 1)

Chi-squared distribution

- Coin tossing with n = 20, with k = 4
 - class one: observed 4 heads, expected 10
 - class two: observed 16 tails, expected 10

$$\chi_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = \frac{(4 - 10)^2}{10} + \frac{(16 - 10)^2}{10}$$

 $= 3.6 x \ 2 = 7.2 \ (P-value = 0.0073)$

Critical values of χ_1^2

- If chi-squared at 1 d.f. $\ge 3.84 \Longrightarrow P \le 0.05$
- If chi-squared at 1 d.f. $\geq 6.63 \Rightarrow P \leq 0.01$
- If chi-squared at 1 d.f. $\geq 7.88 \Rightarrow P \leq 0.005$

Likelihood Ratio Test

• Two hypothesis considered

- Null, $H_0: p = 0.5$

- Alternative, H₁: p has a value maximizing the observed data
- Let P₀(K) and P₁(K) are the probabilities of the data under null and alternative

Likelihood Ratio Test

• Then

$$LRT = 2\log_{e}\left[\frac{P_{1}(K)}{P_{0}(K)}\right] \propto \chi_{1}^{2}$$

More general:

- Hierarchical hypotheses are considered
- The number of degrees of freedom is the difference in number of parameters under estimation

Likelihood Ratio Test

• Coin tossing with n = 20, k = 4

$$-H_{0}: p = \frac{1}{2}$$
• $P_{0}(K) = C(20,4) (1/2)^{20}$
- $H_{0}: p = \frac{4}{20}$
• $P_{1}(K) = C(20,4) (\frac{4}{20})^{4} (\frac{16}{20})^{16}$

$$LRT = 2\log_{e}\left[\frac{P_{1}(K)}{P_{0}(K)}\right] = 2\log_{e}\left[\frac{0.2^{4} \cdot 0.8^{16}}{(1/2)^{10}}\right] = 2\log_{e}[47.22] = 2 \cdot 3.85 = 7.7$$

P-value = 0.0055

Importance of large numbers

- In coin tossing with n = 20, with k = 4
- P-value is equal to
 - 0.018 (exact binomial)
 - 0.007 (chi-squared approximation)
 - 0.006 (LRT)
- When numbers are small, Normal approximation may work poor, hence Z-, χ^2 and LRT-test are not behaving very good

Testing HWE, using chi2 $X^{2} = \sum_{i=1,m} \frac{(E_{i} - O_{i})^{2}}{E_{i}}$

 number of degrees of freedom is (number of genotypes – number of alleles)

genotype No.Expected Expected (o-e)2/eDD20,011,10,73ND170,1918,80,17NN810,880,10,01 P-value

Excel functions

- Cumulative binomial $P(x \le k)$ =binomdist(k, n, p, 1)
- Cumulative standard normal $\Phi(x \le k)$ =normdist(*k*,0,1,1)
- Chi-squared with *m* d.f., $\chi_m^2(k)$

=chidist(*k*,*m*)