Unit 8 Chi Square Tests plus Fisher's Exact Test

"I shall never believe that God plays dice with the world"

- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

How many patients died? How many travelers on a cruise ship were exposed to contaminated water? And on and on.... So it goes. This unit is about **counts**.

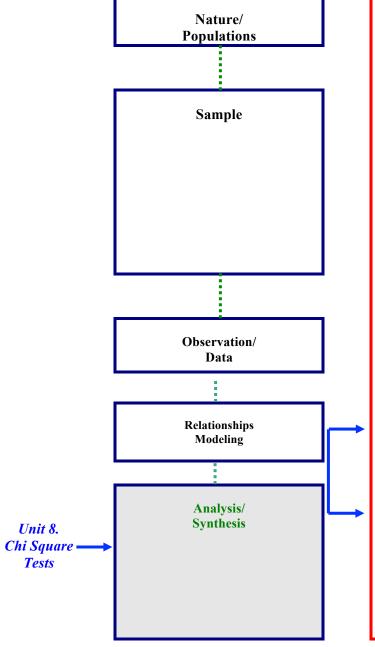
This unit addresses such questions as: Are there too many (or too few) events compared to what I might have expected by *chance*?

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1. Unit Roadmap



This unit focuses on the analysis of cross-tabulations of counts called contingency tables. Thus, the data are discrete and whole integer. Examples of count data are number of cases of disease, number of cases of exposure, number of events of voter preference, etc

The structure of a contingency table is a convenient organization of all the scenarios of events that could possibly happen together with which each the number of times each scenario ("contingency") actually occurred.

Example – Suppose there are 2
"contingencies" for disease (yes or no) and 2 "contingencies" for exposure (yes or no). Between disease and exposure, there are 4 possible combinations or "contingencies".

The analysis of a contingency table requires a <u>null hypothesis model</u> which predicts the expected counts. Lots of models are possible. The simplest model, and the one described in this unit, is the *chance model of no association* (also called *independence*).

Tip! Chi square tests compare <u>observed</u> <u>counts</u> with null hypothesis model <u>expected counts</u>.

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2. Learning Objectives

When you have finished this unit, you should be able to:

- Identify settings where the chi square test of no association is appropriate;
- Explain the equivalence of the null hypotheses of "independence", "no association", and equality of proportions;
- Explain the reasoning that underlies the chi square test of "no association";
- Explain the distinction between "observed" and "expected" counts;
- Calculate, by hand, the chi square test of "no association" for a 2x2 table of observed frequencies;
- Perform a Fisher's Exact Test of "no association" for a 2x2 table where the cell frequencies are small;
- Outline (and perhaps calculate by hand), the steps in a chi square test of no association for an RxC table of observed frequencies;
- Interpret the statistical significance of a chi square test of "no association".

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3. Introduction to Contingency Tables

In a contingency table analysis, we compare observed numbers of events (a count) with some null hypothesis expected numbers of events.

- Example Is smoking (yes/no) associated with low birth weight (low/not low)?

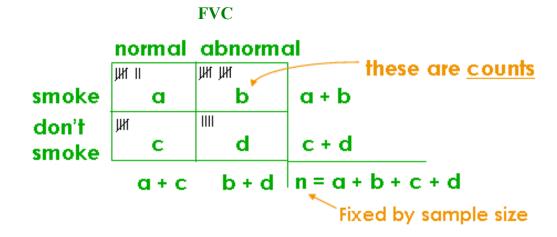
 The number of low birth weight babies born to smokers seems disproportionately high compared to the number of low birth weight babies born to non-smokers. Is this statistically significant?
- Example Is exposure to lead (yes/no) associated with reduced intelligence (yes/no) in children? The number of lead exposed children with Binet IQ below the cutoff of 85 seems disproportionately great compared to the number of low IQ children who were not exposed to lead. Is this statistically significant?
- Example Is high income associated with membership in the Republican party? The number of persons with income in the upper 1% who belong to the Republican party seems disproportionately great compared to the number middle income persons who belong to the Republican party. Is this statistically significant?

3a. Contingency Table Counts and Notation

Example

Consider a hypothetical study to investigate the relationship between smoking and impairment of lung function, measured by forced vital capacity (FVC).

- Suppose n = 100 people are selected for the study.
- For each person, we note their smoking behavior (smoke or don't smoke) and their forced vital capacity, FVC (normal or abnormal). Then we count the number of occurrences of each combination of smoking status and FVC status. Tip! The contingency table contains counts <u>not</u> percentages.



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One scenario is the following set of counts

	fvc			
	abn	normal		
smoke	50	0	50	What can be said
don't smoke	0	50	50	about the relationship between fvc and
	50	50	100	smoking?

- All 50 smokers have an abnormal FVC
- And all 50 non-smokers have normal FVC
- This is an illustration of a perfect association: Once smoking status is known, FVC status is known also.

• Another scenario is the following set of counts

	fv		
	abn	normal	
smoke	25	25	50
don't smoke	25	25	50
	50	50	100

- In this scenario, half (25) of the 50 smokers have an abnormal FVC
- But, also, half (25) of the 50 *non*-smokers have an abnormal FVC.
- This is an illustration of **no association:** *Knowledge of smoking, one way or the other, does not help in predicting FVC status.*
- Here, "no association" is saying: Lung function, as measured by FVC, is independent
 of smoking status.

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Introduction to observed versus expected counts.

- **Observed** counts are represented using the notation "O" or "n".
- Expected counts are the *null hypothesis* expected counts. They are represented using the notation "E"

	<u>FVC</u>		
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	O_{11}	O_{12}	$O_{1.}$
Don't smoke	O_{21}	O_{22}	\bigcap $O_{2.}$
·	O _{.1}	O_2	O_

How to read the "O" notation and its subscripts -

 O_{21} = count in the cell that is in row "2" and column "1"

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The first subscript tells you the "row" Example: O_{21} is a cell count in row "2"	The second subscript tells you the "column" Example: O_{21} is a cell count in column "1"

How to read subscripts that are dots-

A dot subscript references a total, either a row total or a column total or both.

O ₂ .	O _{.1}	O
O ₂ . is the row "2" total. It is taken over all the columns	$O_{.1}$ is the column "1" total. It is taken over all the rows	O is the "grand" total. It is taken over all rows and all columns

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Example: Here are the **observed** counts in another scenario

	FV	<u>/C</u>	
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	O ₁₁ =40	O ₁₂ =10	O _{1.} =50
Don't smoke	O ₂₁ =5	O ₂₂ =45	O _{2.} =50
	O ₁ =45	O ₂ =55	O =100

- O₂₁ = 5 is # in row 2 column 1 O_{12} = 10 is # in row 1 column 2
 O_{1.} = 50 is the row 1 total $O_{.1}$ = 45 is the column 1 total

Example, continued – In this sample of 100 ($O_{..} = 100$), there are 45 with an abnormal FVC (column 1 total is $O_{.1} =$ 45), 50 smokers (row 1 total is $O_{1.} = 50$). There are 40 who are smokers with an abnormal FVC ($O_{11} = 40$). And so on.

In the next section, we'll learn about the expected counts "E"

You will see that "expected" counts are the null hypothesis counts that would have been expected to occur under the assumption that the null hypothesis is true.

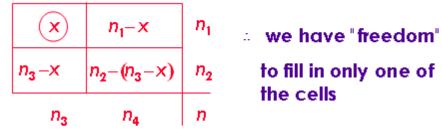
3b. Contingency Table Counts and Degrees of Freedom

In a contingency table, the focus is on the distribution of counts among the various "contingencies"

The row and column totals are **fixed**.

In this context, the "degrees of freedom" are the number of individual cell counts that are free to vary:

Example - 2x2 table

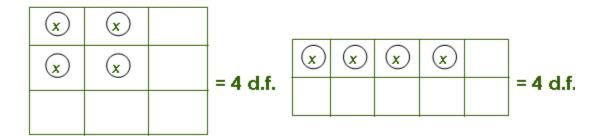


⇒ 1 degree of freedom

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• Examples larger tables





Tip! In each scenario, the last column is not free and the last row is not free.

Degrees of Freedom
R x C table
General Test of No Association

= (#rows - 1) * (#columns - 1)

= (R - 1)(C - 1)

4. Null Hypothesis of Independence or No Association

"Independence", "No Association", "Homogeneity of Proportions" are alternative wordings for the same thing.

Example,

- (1) "Length of time since last visit to physician" is <u>independent</u> of "income" means that income has no bearing on the elapsed time between visits to a physician. The expected elapsed time is the same regardless of income level.
- (2) There is <u>no association</u> between coffee consumption and lung cancer means that an individual's likelihood of lung cancer is not affected by his or her coffee consumption.
- (3) The equality of probability of success on treatment (experimental versus standard of care) in a randomized trial of two groups is a test of *homogeneity of proportions*.

The hypotheses of "independence", "no association", "homogeneity of proportions" are equivalent wordings of the same null hypothesis in an analysis of contingency table data.

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5. Tests of No Association for a 2x2 Table

Example for Illustration:

Suppose the following were *observed* in the investigation of smoking and forced vital capacity.

	FV	<u>/C</u>	
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	O ₁₁ =40	O ₁₂ =10	O _{1.} =50
Don't smoke	O ₂₁ =5	O ₂₂ =45	O _{2.} =50
	O _{.1} =45	O _{.2} =55	O_=100

Among the 50 smokers, a disproportionately large number, 40 (80%), have an abnormal FVC. By comparison, among the 50 who don't smoke, there are just 5 instances of abnormal FVC (10%) among the non-smokers. Do these data provide statistically significant evidence of an association of smoking with abnormal FVC?

Recall from Unit 7 (*Hypothesis Testing*) the steps we followed to develop a "proof by contradiction" approach to hypothesis tests.

Steps in Hypothesis Testing

- 1. Identify the research question.
- 2. State the null hypothesis assumptions necessary for computing probabilities.
- 3. Specify H_O and H_A.
- 4. "Reason" an appropriate test statistic.
- 5. Specify an "evaluation" rule.
- 6. Perform the calculations.
- 7. "Evaluate" findings and report.
- 8. Interpret in the context of biological relevance.
- 9. (Accompany the procedure with an appropriate confidence interval)

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5a. Chi Square Test

1. Identify the research question.-

Is smoking associated with impaired lung function, measured by forced vital capacity (FVC)?

2. State the null hypothesis assumptions necessary for computing probabilities.-

The "nothing interesting is going on" statement that defines the null hypothesis here is the following: There is **no association** between smoking and impaired lung function as measured by forced vital capacity (FVC).

3. Specify Ho and HA.

Let

 π_1 = the proportion of smokers with abnormal fvc

 π_2 = the proportion of non-smokers with abnormal fvc

Under the <u>null hypothesis assumption</u>, the proportion of persons with abnormal fvc *is the same*, regardless of smoking status.

$$H_0$$
: $\pi_1 = \pi_2$

Whereas, when the <u>alternative hypothesis is true</u>, the proportion of persons with abnormal fvc *will be different*, depending on smoking status.

$$H_A\colon\ \pi_1\neq\pi_2$$

4. Reason an appropriate test statistic. Under the null hypothesis, it is distributed Chi Square.

The appropriate statistic here compares the observed counts "O" to the null hypothesis expected counts "E".

<u>How to Solve for the Null Hypothesis Expected Counts E</u> The reasoning proceeds as follows.

(1) When the null hypothesis is true

• $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi$ where π is the common (*null hypothesis*) value

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(2) But now we need a guess of the common π

• The common π is estimated as the observed overall proportion of abnormal fvc.

$$\hat{\pi} = \frac{45}{100} = \frac{\text{column 1 total}}{\text{grand total}}, \text{ or a bit more formally ...}$$

$$\hat{\pi} = \frac{O_{11} + O_{21}}{O_{11} + O_{12} + O_{21} + O_{22}} = \frac{O_{.1}}{O_{...}} = \frac{40 + 5}{100} = 0.45$$

(3) Next, assume π_1 and π_2 are equal to the same null hypothesis estimate $\hat{\pi} = 0.45$

Thus, under the assumption that H_0 is true (meaning *no association, independence*), the proportion with abnormal fvc among smokers as well as among non-smokers should be the same as in the overall population, that is,

$$\pi_{1;\text{null}} = \pi_{2;\text{null}} = \hat{\pi} = 0.45$$

(4) Compute the null hypothesis expected counts of abnormal fvc in each of the two groups

Under the null hypothesis we expect 45% of the 50 smokers, or 22.5 persons, to have abnormal fvc. We also expect 45% of the 50 non-smokers, or 22.5 persons, to have abnormal fvc. *TIP!!* These expected counts are NOT whole integers. That's okay. **Do NOT round.**

Expected # smokers w abnormal FVC = (#Smokers)(null $\hat{\pi}$) = (50)(.45) = 22.5 = E_{11} Expected # NONsmokers w abnormal FVC = (#NONSmokers)(null $\hat{\pi}$) = (50)(.45) = 22.5 = E_{21}

(5) Compute the null hypothesis expected counts of normal fvc in each of the two groups

We get this by subtraction since the numbers of smokers and non-smokers are fixed! Under the null hypothesis we expect 55% of the 50 smokers, or 27.5 persons, to have normal fvc. Similarly, we also expect 55% of the 50 non-smokers, or 27.5 persons, to have normal fvc.

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Thus the following **null hypothesis expected counts "E"** emerge.

	FV	<u>/C</u>	
	Abnormal	Normal	<u></u>
Smoke	E ₁₁ = 22.5	E ₁₂ =27.5	E _{1.} =50
Don't smoke	E ₂₁ = 22.5	E ₂₂ = 27.5	E _{2.} = 50
	E_1 =45	E ₂ =55	E = 100

•
$$E_{21}$$
=22.5 E_{12} =27.5

•
$$E_1 = 50$$
 $E_1 = 45$

Note -

- o The expected row totals match the observed row totals.
- The expected column totals match the observed column totals.
- These totals have a special name "marginals".
- o The "marginals" are treated as fixed constants ("givens").

An Easy Solution for the Null Hypothesis Expected Counts Ho: "No Association"

Expected Count in row "i" and column "j"

$$= E_{ij} = \frac{\left(O_{i.}\right)x\left(O_{.j}\right)}{O_{..}}$$

$$= \frac{(\text{row "i" total})x(\text{column "j" total})}{\text{Grandtotal}}$$

The appropriate test statistic is a chi square statistic, *provided the sample sizes are sufficiently large* The chi square statistic here is a comparison of observed and null hypothesis expected counts.

Chi Square_{df} =
$$\chi_{df}^2 = \sum_{\text{all cells "i,j"}} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij}\right)^2}{E_{ij}} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all cells "i,j"}} \left[\frac{\left(\text{Observed}_{ij} - \text{Expected}_{ij} \right)^{2}}{\text{Expected}_{ij}} \right]$$

5. Specify an Evaluation Rule.

A closer look at the chi square statistic suggests the following:

When the <u>null hypothesis is true</u>, the differences (O - E) will tend to be small. The resulting chi square statistic will tend to have a value that is small.

But when the <u>alternative hypothesis is true</u>, then at least some of the differences (O - E) will be large. The resulting chi square statistic will tend to have a value that is positive, <u>large</u>.

The development of an evaluation rule follows the same approach as what we learned in Unit 7 (Hypothesis Testing). We begin by assuming the null hypothesis is true and then calculate the null hypothesis chances of the chi square statistic being as extreme as, or more extreme than, the value obtained for our data.

2 x 2 Table Chi Square Test of No Association for sufficiently large sample size

Chi Square_{df=1} =
$$\chi_{df=1}^2 = \sum_{\text{all cells "i,j"}} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij}\right)^2}{E_{ij}} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all cells "i,j"}} \left[\frac{\left(\text{Observed}_{ij} - \text{Expected}_{ij} \right)^{2}}{\text{Expected}_{ij}} \right]$$

Rejection of the null hypothesis occurs for large values of the chi square statistic and accompanying small p-values

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. Perform the Calculations.

Recall the observed and null hypothesis expected counts.

Observed Counts, "O"

	<u>FV</u>	<u>/C</u>	
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	O ₁₁ =40	O ₁₂ =10	O _{1.} =50
Don't smoke	O ₂₁ =5	O ₂₂ =45	O _{2.} =50
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Null Hypothesis Expected Counts, "E"

Chisquare_{DF=1} =
$$\left[\frac{(40-22.5)^2}{22.5} \right] + \left[\frac{(10-27.5)^2}{27.5} \right] + \left[\frac{(5-22.5)^2}{22.5} \right] + \left[\frac{(45-27.5)^2}{27.5} \right]$$

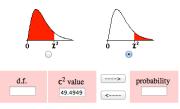
= 49.4949

P-Value Calculation

P-value = probability [chi square_{DF=1}
$$\geq$$
 49.4949] $\leq \leq 0.001$

 $Note-This\ calculator\ returns\ an\ empty\ probability\ here$

SurfStat chi-squared calculator



http://surfstat.anu.edu.au/surfstat-home/tables/chi.php

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7. Evaluate Findings and Report.

Under the null hypothesis assumption of no association of smoking with abnormal forced vital capacity, the chances of obtaining a chi square statistic as large as 49.40 or greater were less than 1 chance in 10,000. Thus, the assumption of the null hypothesis, when examined in light of the data, has led to an extremely unlikely conclusion. \rightarrow *Reject the null hypothesis*.

The data, as given, suggests an association. Further analyses are needed to understand its nature.

The Chi Square Test is Appropriate for Moderate to Large Sample Size Tables Only. For small sample size tables, use the Fisher's Exact Test instead.

Different texts and sources suggest different "rules of thumb". They're similar. Here is a suggested guideline:

Perform a Fisher's Exact Test for a 2x2 Table if:

One or more of the null hypothesis expected frequencies (Eii) is 5 or less.

It is okay to Perform a Chi Square Test for a 2x2 Table if:

<u>ALL</u> of the null hypothesis expected frequencies (Eij) are greater than 5

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5b. Fisher's Exact Test

Perform a Fisher's Exact Test for a 2x2 Table if:

One or more of the null hypothesis **expected frequencies** (E_{ij}) is **5 or less**.

Fisher's exact test for a 2x2 table tests the same hypothesis as that tested by the Chi Square Test of no association for a 2x2 table. Perform a Fisher's Exact Test for small sample size 2x2 tables; eg – when one or more of the expected cell frequencies is less than 5.

Same Example (see again page 11):

Suppose the following were *observed* in the investigation of smoking and forced vital capacity.

	FVC		
	Abnormal	Normal	
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Don't smoke	5	45	50
•	45	55	100

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4. The Fisher's Exact test null hypothesis model is the Central Hypergeometric Distribution.

The probability model underlying the Fisher Exact Test is presented in more detail in BIOSTATS 640 course notes, *2. Discrete Distributions*.

In brief, the null hypothesis probability model that underlies Fisher's Exact test treats the row and column totals as fixed. Because of this, only one cell count is free to vary. The remaining cell counts are then obtained by subtraction from their corresponding row and column totals.

The Fisher Exact Test for a 2x2 Table Uses the "a, b, c, d" notation for the cell counts.

The counts are "a", "b", "c", and "d" as follows. By convention, we treat the row 1 column 1 cell count "a" as the random variable.

Row Variable

	Coluii	iii variabic	
	yes	no	
yes	a	b	(a+b)
no	c	d	(a+b) (c+d)
·	(a+c)	(b+d)	N

Column Variable

Under the **null hypothesis of "no association"**, the probability of obtaining any particular set of counts "a", "b", "c", and "d" subject to the constraints that the row totals and the column totals (and hence the grand total) is a **central hypergeometric probability distribution** calculation. For now, we'll let the computer do this for us.

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5. How to solve for the Fisher Exact Test p-value.

The idea of this calculation is the same as that for p-value calculations in the testing settings that you have already seen. Here it takes the following form:

p-value = Pr [count in row 1 column 1 = a or more extreme | null is true]

Example, continued -

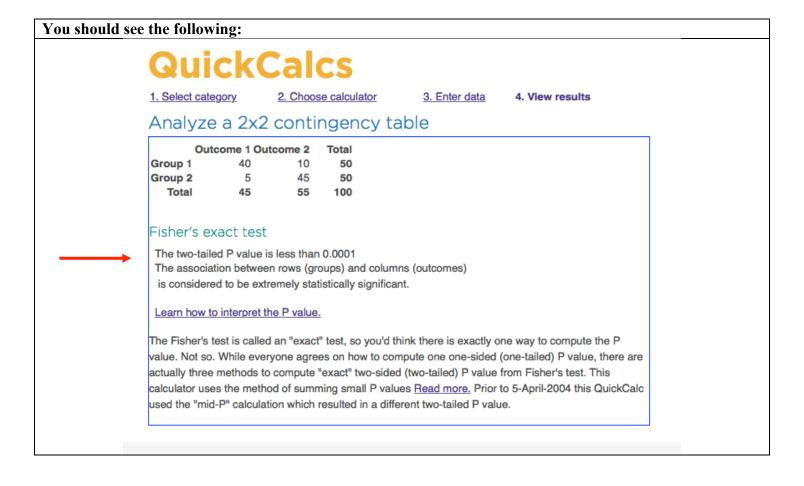
In this example, because the column "1" total is 45, this becomes

For the interested reader, the details are shown in Appendix 2.

We'll let the computer do these calculations for us!

Launch the following calculator developed by GraphPad Software. Enter your a=group 1, outcome 1, b=group 1, outcome 2, c = group 2 outcome 1, d = group 2 outcome 2 Under "Which Test", be sure to choose Fisher's exact Test Further below, choose Two Sided (recommended) Click, at bottom calculate http://www.graphpad.com/quickcalcs/contingency1/ **Graph**Pad Scientific Software Data Analysis Resource Cent 3. Enter data 4. View results Analyze a 2x2 contingency table Enter your data Enter the number of subjects actually observed. Don't enter proportions, percentages or means. Learn how to create a contingency table. Outcome 1 Outcome 2 Group 1 40 10 Group 2 45 Which test There are three ways to compute a P value from a contingency table. Fisher's test is the best choice as it always gives the exact P value, while the chi-square test only calculates an approximate P value. Only choose chisquare if someone requires you to. The Yates' continuity correction is designed to make the chi-square approximation better. With large sample sizes, the Yates' correction makes little difference. With small sample sizes, chi-square is not accurate, with or without the correction. • Fisher's exact test (recommended) Chi-square with Yates' correction Ohi-square without Yates' correction A P value can be calculated with either one or two tails. We suggest always using two-tailed (also called twosided) P values. Read more about P values. Two-tailed (recommended) One-tailed Calculate

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6. Evaluate Findings and Report.

Under the null hypothesis assumption of no association of smoking with abnormal forced vital capacity, the Fisher's Exact Test p-value is p-value = $Pr[a \ge 40]$ is less than 0.0001. Thus, the assumption of the null hypothesis, when examined in light of the data, has led to an extremely unlikely conclusion. \rightarrow *Reject the null hypothesis*. Conclude that this sample provides statistically significant evidence of an association of smoking with abnormal forced vital capacity.

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6. (For Epidemiologists) Special Case: More on the 2x2 Table

Sometimes, a "a, b, c, d" notation is used for a 2x2 table

Many epidemiology texts use a different notation for representing the counts in a 2x2 table. The counts are "a", "b", "c", and "d" as follows.

1st Classification

	2 Classification Variable			
	1	2	_	
1	a	b	$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$	
2	c	d	c + d	
	a + c	b + d	n	

The "O" and "E" formula for the Chi Square test of no association in a 2x2 table

$$\chi^{2}_{DF=1} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij}\right)^{2}}{E_{ij}} \right]$$

The "a,b,c,d, and n" formula for the Chi Square test of no association in a 2x2 table

$$\chi^{2}_{DF=1} = \frac{n(ad - bc)^{2}}{(a+c)(b+d)(c+d)(a+b)}$$

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7. The Chi Square Test of No Association in an R x C Table

The general test of no association for a 2x2 table is easily extended to a general test of no association for an RxC table

• For one cell, when the null hypothesis is true,

• Summed over all cells in an R x C table, when the null hypothesis is true,
In a table that has "R" rows and "C" columns, the same calculation is repeated RC times and then summed to obtain

• This chi square test statistic is distributed Chi Square (df = [R-1][C-1]) approximately when the null hypothesis is true.

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Example

Suppose we wish to investigate whether or not there is an association between income level and how regularly a person visits his or her doctor. Consider the following count data.

Last Consulted Physician				
Income	≤6 months	7-12 months	>12 months	Total
< \$6000	186	38	35	259
\$6000-\$9999	227	54	45	326
\$10,000-\$13,999	219	78	78	375
\$14,000-\$19,999	355	112	140	607
\geq \$20,000	653	285	259	1197
Total	1640	567	557	2764

Notation for Observed ("O" or "n") Counts in the RxC Setting:

Columns, "j"

Definition of the π_{ij} in the RxC Setting:

 π_{ij} = the probability of having income level "i" and elapsed consult time "j" EG - π_{11} = probability [income is <\$6000 AND time since last visit is ≤ 6 mos]

 $\pi_{i.}$ = the *overall (marginal)* probability that income is at level "i" EG: $\pi_{1.}$ = probability [income is <\$6000]

 $\pi_{.j}$ = the *overall (marginal)* probability that time since last visit is at level "j" EG: $\pi_{.1}$ = probability [time since last visit is ≤ 6 months]

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Review of independence in the tossing of two independent coins

Recall the example of tossing a fair coin two times. Under independence, we learned that

Pr ["heads" on toss 1 **and** "heads" on toss 2] =
$$(.50)(.50) = .25$$

Let

 π_1 = Probability of "heads" on toss 1, regardless of outcome of toss 2 π_2 = Probability of "heads" on toss 2, regardless of outcome on toss 2

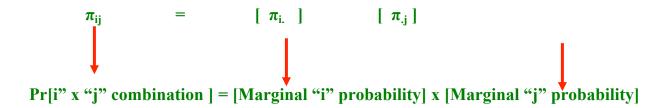
Now let

 π_{12} = Probability of "heads" on toss 1 and "heads" on toss 2

Independence \rightarrow

$$\pi_{12}$$
 = [probability heads on toss 1] x [probability heads on toss 2] = [$\pi_{1.}$] [$\pi_{.2}$]

Thus, under independence



Application of Independence to the RxC Setting: The income x consult time example Let

$$\pi_{1.}$$
 = Probability that income is < \$6000, overall $\pi_{.1}$ = Probability that consult time is ≤ 6 months, overall

Now let

$$\pi_{11} = \text{Pr} \left[\text{ (income} \le \$600) \text{ and } \text{ (consult time} \le 6 \text{ months)} \right]$$

Independence \rightarrow

$$\pi_{11} = \text{Pr[income} < \$6000] * \text{Pr [consult time} \le 6 \text{ months]}$$
 $= \pi_{1.} * \pi_{.1} \text{ That is,}$

$$\pi_{11} = (\pi_{1.})(\pi_{.1})$$
 under independence

Example, continued-

 $\pi_{i.}$ = Probability that income is level "i"

 π_{ij} = Probability that time since last visit is at level "j"

 π_{ij} = Probability income is level "i" AND time since last visit is at level "j"

Under Independence,

$$\pi_{ij} = [\pi_{i.}] [\pi_{.j}]$$

Null Hypothesis Assumptions for RxC General Chi Square Test of NO Association

- 1. The contingency table of count data is a random sample from some population
- 2. The cross-classification of each individual is independent of the cross-classification of all other individuals.

Specify Null and Alternative Hypotheses

 $H_O: \pi_{ij} = \pi_{i.}\pi_{.j}$

 $H_A: \pi_{ij} \neq \pi_{i.}\pi_{.j}$

Reason an Appropriate Test Statistic

We need to solve for the null hypothesis expected counts. To do this, we need the null hypothesis probabilties. These are obtained as follows.

$$\hat{\pi}_{ij} = \hat{\pi}_{i.}\hat{\pi}_{.j}$$
 by independence and where

$$\hat{\pi}_{i.} = \frac{n_{i.}}{n} = \frac{\text{row "i" total}}{\text{grand total}}$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{,j} = \frac{n_{,j}}{n} = \frac{\text{column "j" total}}{\text{grand total}}$$

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$$E_{ij} = (\# \text{ trials})[\hat{\pi}_{ij} \text{ under null}] = (n)\hat{\pi}_{i.}\hat{\pi}_{.j} = \frac{[\text{row "i" total}][\text{column "j" total}]}{n}$$

Specify an Evaluation Rule/Test Statistic

The reasoning is the same as that for the 2x2 table test of general association. For <u>each cell</u>, the comparison of the observed versus null hypothesis expected counts is obtained using:

$$\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij}\right)^2}{E_{ij}}$$

The **chi square test statistic of general association** is, again, the sum of these over all the cells in the table:

Chi Square Statistic_{DF=(R-1)(C-1)} =
$$\sum_{i=1}^{R} \sum_{j=1}^{C} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij}\right)^{2}}{E_{ij}} \right]$$

Behavior of the Test Statistic under the assumption of the null hypothesis When the null hypothesis is true,

$$Chi \ Square \ Statistic = \sum_{i=1}^{R} \sum_{j=1}^{C} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} \text{-} E_{ij} \right)^2}{E_{ij}} \right] \ is \ distributed \ \chi^2_{df = (R\text{-}1)(C\text{-}1)}$$

Behavior of the Test Statistic when the null hypothesis is **NOT** true

When the null hypothesis is <u>not</u> true, at least some of the differences (observed – expected) will be very different from zero. In this scenario, application of the null hypothesis model to the actual data will lead to an unlikely result, namely:

- The chi square statistic value will be LARGE; and
- The p-value calculation, using the null model, will be a SMALL probability; and
- The observed chi square test statistic will excel the CRITICAL VALUE threshold.

Perform the Calculations Using the Null Hypothesis Model of Independence

(1) For each cell, compute the expected cell count under the assumption of independence

$$E_{ij} = \frac{[row "i" total][column "j" total]}{n}$$

(2) For each cell, compute

$$\frac{\left(O_{ij}-E_{ij}\right)^2}{E_{ij}}$$

Example, continued -

Observed Counts (this is just the table on page 18 again with the "O" notation provided)

Last Consulted Physician

Income	\leq 6 months	7-12 months	>12 months	Total
< \$6000	$O_{11} = 186$	$O_{12} = 38$	$O_{13} = 35$	O _{1.} =259
\$6000-\$9999	$O_{21} = 227$	$O_{22} = 54$	$O_{23} = 45$	$O_{2} = 326$
\$10,000-\$13,999	$O_{31} = 219$	$O_{32} = 78$	$O_{33} = 78$	$O_{3.} = 375$
\$14,000-\$19,999	$O_{41} = 355$	$O_{42} = 112$	$O_{43} = 140$	$O_{4.} = 607$
≥ \$20,000	$O_{51} = 653$	$O_{52} = 285$	$O_{53} = 259$	$O_{5.} = 1197$
Total	$O_{.1} = 1640$	$O_{.2} = 567$	$O_{.3} = 557$	O. =2764

Null Hypothesis Expected Counts – note that each entry is (row total)(column total)/(grand total) Last Consulted Physician

	EWOV CONSTITUTE IN STATEMENT				
Income	≤ 6 months	7-12 months	>12 months	Total	
< \$6000	$E_{11} = \frac{(259)(1640)}{2764} = 153.68$	$E_{12} = 53.13$	$E_{13} = 52.19$	E _{1.} =259	
\$6000-\$9999 \$10,000-\$13,999 \$14,000-\$19,999 \$20,000	$E_{21} = 193.43$ $E_{31} = 222.50$ $E_{41} = 360.16$ $E_{51} = 710.23$	$E_{22} = 66.87$ $E_{32} = 76.93$ $E_{42} = 124.52$ $E_{52} = 245.55$	$E_{23} = 65.70$ $E_{33} = 75.57$ $E_{43} = 122.32$ $E_{53} = \frac{(1197)(557)}{2764} = 241.22$	E _{2.} =326 E _{3.} =375 E _{4.} =607 E _{5.} =1197	
Total	$E_{.1} = 1640$	$E_{.2} = 567$	$E_{.3} = 557$	E =2764	

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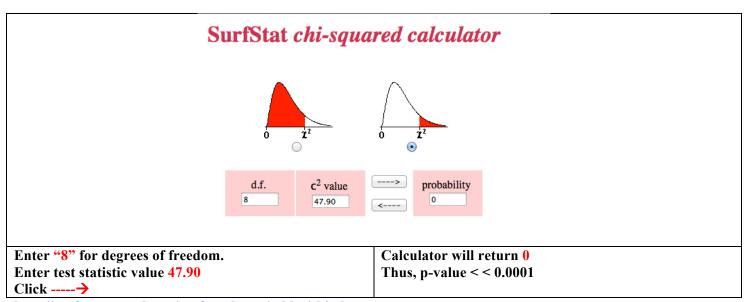
$$\chi^{2}_{(R-1)(C-1)} = \sum_{\text{all cells}} \left[\frac{\left(O_{ij} - E_{ij} \right)^{2}}{E_{ij}} \right] = \frac{\left(186 - 153.68 \right)^{2}}{153.68} + ... + \frac{\left(259 - 241.22 \right)^{2}}{241.22} = 47.90$$

with degrees of freedom = (R-1)(C-1) = (5-1)(3-1) = 8

P-value Calculation

p-value = Probability [Chi square with df= $8 \ge 47.90$] < < .0001

A (p-value) probability of less than 1 chance in 10,000 is a very unlikely event and quite a challenge to the assumption of the null hypothesis! Therefore, we will say that it is statistically significant and *reject the null hypothesis*.

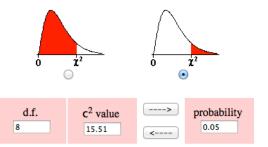


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Chi Square Test of No Association Using a Critical Region Approach with (type 1 error = 0.05)

Solve for the Chi Square Threshold above which the Probability is type I error = .05

SurfStat chi-squared calculator



Be sure you have selected the right hand area Enter "8" for degrees of freedom. Enter probability 0.05

Calculator will return c² value 15.51 Thus, the critical value (threshold) is 15.51

Click ←----

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 $\chi^2_{.95:d=8} = 15.51$ is our critical value.

Compare the Observed Chi Square Statistic to this Threshold. Is it Larger?

The observed statistic = 47.90 obtained on the previous page is <u>larger than</u> $\chi^2_{.95;df=8} = 15.51$ Thus, it falls in the critical region of "unlikely under the null hypothesis model" → Statistical rejection of the null hypothesis.

Evaluate Findings and Report -

Under the null hypothesis assumption of no association of "time since last visit with a physician" and "income", the chances of obtaining a chi square statistic with 8 df as large as 47.90 or greater were less than 1 chance in 10,000. Thus, the assumption of the null hypothesis, when examined in light of the data, has led to an extremely unlikely conclusion. \rightarrow *Reject the null hypothesis*.

Thus, these data provide statistically significant evidence that time since last visit to the doctor is NOT independent of income, that there is an association between income and frequency of visit to the doctor.

Important note! What we've learned is that there *is* an association, but *not its nature*. This will be considered further in BIOSTATS 640, Intermediate Biostatistics.

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Appendix 1. Relationship Between the Normal(0,1) and the Chi Square Distributions For the interested reader

This appendix explains how it is reasonable to use a continuous probability model distribution (the chi square) for the analysis of discrete (counts) data, in particular, investigations of association in a contingency table.

• Previously (see Unit 6, *Estimation*), we obtained a chi square random variable when working with a function of the sample variance S².

• It is also possible to obtain a chi square random variable as the square of a Normal(0,1) variable. *Recall that this is what we have so far ...*

IF	THEN	Has a Chi Square Distribution with DF =
Z has a distribution that is		
Normal (0,1)	\mathbb{Z}^2	1
X has a distribution that is		
Normal (μ, σ^2) , so that		
	$\{ \mathbf{Z}\text{-score } \}^2$	1
$Z - score = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$ $X_1, X_2,, X_n \text{ are each}$		
σ		
$X_1, X_2,, X_n$ are each		
distributed Normal (μ, σ^2) and		
are independent, so that		
\overline{X} is Normal (μ , σ^2/n) and	$\{ \mathbf{Z}\text{-score } \}^2$	1
2 x is 1\01 mai (μ, 0 /n) and		
$Z - score = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}}$		
$X_1, X_2,, X_n$ are each	4) 62	
distributed Normal (μ, σ^2) and	$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{r^2}$	(1)
are independent and we	σ^2	(n-1)
calculate		
$S^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X - \overline{X})^{2}}{n-1}$		

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Our new formulation of a chi square random variable comes from working with a Bernoulli, the sum of independent Bernoulli random variables, and the central limit theorem. What we get is a great result. The chi square distribution for a continuous random variable can be used as a good model for the analysis of discrete data, namely data in the form of counts.

$Z_1, Z_2,, Z_n$ are each Bernoulli with probability of event = π .	
$E[Z_i] = \mu = \pi$	
$\operatorname{Var}[Z_{i}] = \sigma^{2} = \pi(1 - \pi)$	
1. The net number of events $X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_i$ is Binomial (N, π)	
2. We learned previously that the distribution of the average of the Z_1 is well described as Normal(μ , σ^2/n).	2
Apply this notion here: By convention,	
$\overline{Z} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{i}}{n} = \frac{X}{n} = \overline{X}$	
3. So perhaps the distribution of the <u>sum</u> is also well describe	ed
as Normal. At least approximately	
If \overline{X} is described well as Normal $(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$	
Then $X = n\overline{X}$ is described well as Normal $(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$	
Exactly: X is distributed Binomial(n,π) Approximately: X is distributed Normal ($n\mu$, $n\sigma^2$)	
Where: $\mu = \pi$ and $\sigma^2 = \pi(1-\pi)$	

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Putting it all together ...

IF	THEN	Comment
X has a distribution that is Binomial (n,π) exactly	X has a distribution that is Normal ($n\mu$, $n\sigma^2$) approximately, where	
	$\mu = \pi$ $\sigma^2 = \pi(1-\pi)$	
	$Z - score = \frac{X - E(X)}{SD(X)}$	
	$=\frac{X-n\mu}{\sqrt{n\sigma}}$	
	$=\frac{X-n\pi}{\sqrt{n\pi(1-\pi)}}$	
	is approx. Normal(0,1) ↓	
	{ Z-score } ² has distribution that is well described as Chi Square with df = 1.	We arrive at a continuous distribution model (chi square) approximation for count data.

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Thus, the $\{Z\text{-score }\}^2$ that is distributed approximately Chi Square (df=1) is the $(O\text{-}E)^2/E$ introduced previously.

• Preliminaries

$$X =$$
"Observed" = O
 $n\pi =$ "Expected" = E

• As n gets larger and larger

$$n\pi(1-\pi) \rightarrow n\pi(1) = \text{"Expected"} = E$$

• Upon substitution,

$$\left\{\text{Z-Score}\right\}^{2} = \left\{\frac{\text{X-n}\pi}{\sqrt{n\pi(1-\pi)}}\right\}^{2} \rightarrow \left\{\frac{\text{X-n}\pi}{\sqrt{n\pi(1)}}\right\}^{2} = \left\{\frac{\text{O-E}}{\sqrt{\text{E}}}\right\}^{2} = \frac{\left(\text{O-E}\right)^{2}}{\text{E}}$$

Thus,

• For one cell, when the *null hypothesis is true*, the central limit theorem gives us

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} \text{Observed} & \text{Expected} \end{bmatrix}^2}{\text{Count}} - \frac{1}{\text{Count}}$$
 is Chi Square (df = 1) approximately.

• For RC cells, when the *null hypothesis is true*, the central limit theorem and the definition of the chi square distribution give us

$$\sum_{i=1}^{R} \sum_{J=1}^{C} \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \text{Observed} & \text{Expected} \\ \text{Count}_{ij} & \text{- Count}_{ij} \end{bmatrix}^{2}}{\text{Expected Count}_{ij}}$$
 is Chi Square [df =(R-1)(C-1)] approx.

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Appendix 2. Fisher's Exact Test – Derivation

For the interested reader

The probability model underlying the Fisher Exact Test is presented in more detail in BIOSTATS 640 course notes, *2. Discrete Distributions*.

In brief, the null hypothesis probability model that underlies Fisher's Exact test treats the row and column totals as fixed. Because of this, only one cell count is free to vary. The remaining cell counts are then obtained by subtraction from their corresponding row and column totals.

The Fisher Exact Test for a 2x2 Table Uses the "a, b, c, d" notation for the cell counts.

The counts are "a", "b", "c", and "d" as follows. By convention, we treat the row 1 column 1 cell count "a" as the random variable.

Row Variable

Column Variable			
	yes	no	
yes	a	b	(a+b)
no	c	d	(c+d)
	(a+c)	(b+d)	N

Column Variable

Under the null hypothesis of "no association", the probability of obtaining any particular set of counts "a", "b", "c", and "d" subject to the constraints that the row totals and the column totals (and hence the grand total) are fixed is

$$Pr[arrangment \ of "a","b","c","d"|null \ hypothesis \ model] = \frac{(a+b)! \ (c+d)! \ (a+c)! \ (b+d)!}{a! \ b! \ c! \ d! \ N!}$$

Where the "exclamation" notation is the <u>factorial notation</u> and has the following meaning:

- a! reads "a factorial"
- a! = product of a and all the whole numbers less than it, down to unity. Thus,
- $a! = a \times (a-1) \times (a-2) \times \times (2) \times 1$
- By convention, 0! = 1

Example -

 $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$

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How to solve for the Fisher Exact Test p-value.

The Fisher Exact Test p-value is the sum of the probabilities using the formula on the previous page, taken over the observed table plus all the other configurations of frequencies ("a", "b", "c", and "d") that give as much or more evidence of an association, each time keeping the row and column totals fixed.

2 x 2 Table Fisher Exact Test of No Association Use when: 1 or more Expected Counts is < 5

p-value =
$$\sum_{\text{Tables with same}} \Pr[\text{"a","b","c","d"|null}] = \frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)! (b+d)!}{a! \ b! \ c! \ d! \ N!}$$

or greater evidence of assocation

where
$$a! = a \times (a-1) \times (a-2) \times \times (2) \times (1)$$

Rejection of the null hypothesis of "no association" occurs for small values of p-value

Perform the Calculations.

Null hypothesis model probability of the observed table; with a=40:

	<u>FVC</u>				
	Abnorn	nal	Norm	al	
Smoke	40		10		50
Don't smoke	5		45		50
	45		55		100
Pr[observed, wit	$a = 401 = \frac{(a+1)^2}{a^2}$	b)! (c+d)!	(a+c)! (b+d)!	$-\frac{(50)!}{(50)!}$)! (45)! (55)!
Tilooseived, wii	in a Hoj	a! b! c!	-	_	5! 45! 100!
$=3.542 \times 10^{-13}$					

Null hypothesis model probability of the more extreme table; with a=41:

FVC				
	Abnormal	Normal		
Smoke	41	9	50	
Don't smoke	4	46	50	
	45	55	100	
Pr[table with a=	$[-41] = \frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)}{a! b! a! d! b!}$)! (b+d)! _ (50)! (50)! (4	5)! (55)!	
Tiltaoic with a	a! b! c! d! N	N! 41! 9! 4! 46	5! 100!	
	$= 9.390 \times 10^{-15}$			
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Null hypothesis model probability of the more extreme table; with a=42:

	<u>FVC</u>		
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	42	8	50
Don't smoke	3	47	50
	45	55	100
Pr[table with a=	$aa=\frac{(a+b)!(c+d)!(a+c)}{aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa$)! (b+d)! _ (50)! (50)! (45)! (55)!
i i table with a	a! b! c! d! N	<u>—</u>	17! 100!
	$= 1.712 \times 10^{-16}$		

Null hypothesis model probability of the more extreme table; with a=43:

	<u>rvc</u>		
	Abnormal	Normal	_
Smoke	43	7	50
Don't smoke	2	48	50
	45	55	100
Pr[table with a=	$[43] = \frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)!}{a! b! a! d! b!}$	(b+d)! - (50)! (50)! (4)!	5)! (55)!
Titable with a	a! b! c! u! r	J! - 43! 7! 2! 48	3! 100!
	$= 1.991 \times 10^{-18}$		

Null hypothesis model probability of the more extreme table; with a=44:

	<u>F V</u>		
	Abnormal	Normal	
Smoke	44	6	50
Don't smoke	1	49	50
	45	55	100
Pritable with a=	$[44] = \frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)}{a! b! a! d! b!}$	(b+d)! - (50)! (50)!	0)! (45)! (55)!
Tiltable with a	a! b! c! a! r	N! - 44! 6!	1! 49! 100!
	$= 1.293 \times 10^{-20}$		

Null hypothesis model probability of the more extreme table; with a=45: FVC

	<u>r v C</u>				
	Abnormal	Normal			
Smoke	45	5	50		
Don't smoke	0	50	50		
	45	55	100		
Pritable with a=	$[45] = \frac{(a+b)! (c+d)! (a+c)}{a! b! a! d! b!}$	(b+d)! - (50)! (50)!	(45)! (55)!		
Tiltable with a	a! b! c! a! r	J! 45! 5! 0!	45! 5! 0! 50! 100!		
	$= 3.448 \times 10^{-23}$				

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p-value = Pr[table with a=40] + Pr[table with a=41] + Pr[table with a=42] + Pr[table with a=43] + Pr[table with a=44] + Pr[table with a=45]

> = 3.542 x 10⁻¹³ + 9.390 x 10⁻¹⁵ + 1.712 x 10⁻¹⁶ + 1.991 x 10⁻¹⁸ + 1.293 x 10⁻²⁰ + 3.448 x 10⁻²³

<>< .0001 Not surprising; this matches the p-value for the chi square test on page 16.