Testing for Marginal Independence Among Two or More Multiple Response Categorical Variables

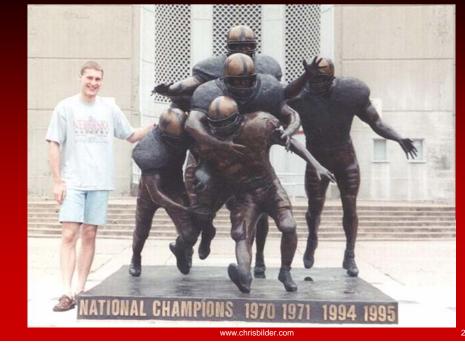


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Helping to tackle a K-Stater



Multiple-response categorical variables

- Purpose: Analyze survey data that arises from questions that ask "Choose all that apply" or "pick any" from a set of c predefined items
 - Multiple-response categorical variables (MRCVs)
 - Pick any/c variables Coombs (1964)
- Survey of 279 Kansas farmers conducted by the Department of Animal Sciences at Kansas State University
 - What are your primary sources of veterinary information? Pick all that apply:
 - Professional consultant
 - Veterinarian
 - State or local extension service
 - Magazines
 - Feed companies and representatives

Multiple-response categorical variables

- Survey of 279 Kansas farmers
 - What swine waste disposal methods do you use? Pick all that apply:
 - Lagoon
 - Pit
 - Natural drainage
 - Holding tank

Multiple-response categorical variables

Survey of 279 Kansas farmers

		Sources of veterinary information								
		Professional consultant	Veterinarian	State/local ext. service	Magazines	Feed comp. & rep.				
Waste Storage Method	Lagoon	34	54	50	63	41				
	Pit	17	33	34	43	37				
	Natural Drainage	6	23	30	49	34				
- 0)2	Holding Tank	1	4	4	6	2				

- Farmers can be represented in more than one cell of the table.
- Marginal table
- Are the sources of veterinary information and waste storage methods independent?
 - The "usual" Pearson chi-square test for independence should not be used!
- Main focus of this talk is to develop procedures to test for independence between two MRCVs

Multiple-response categorical variables

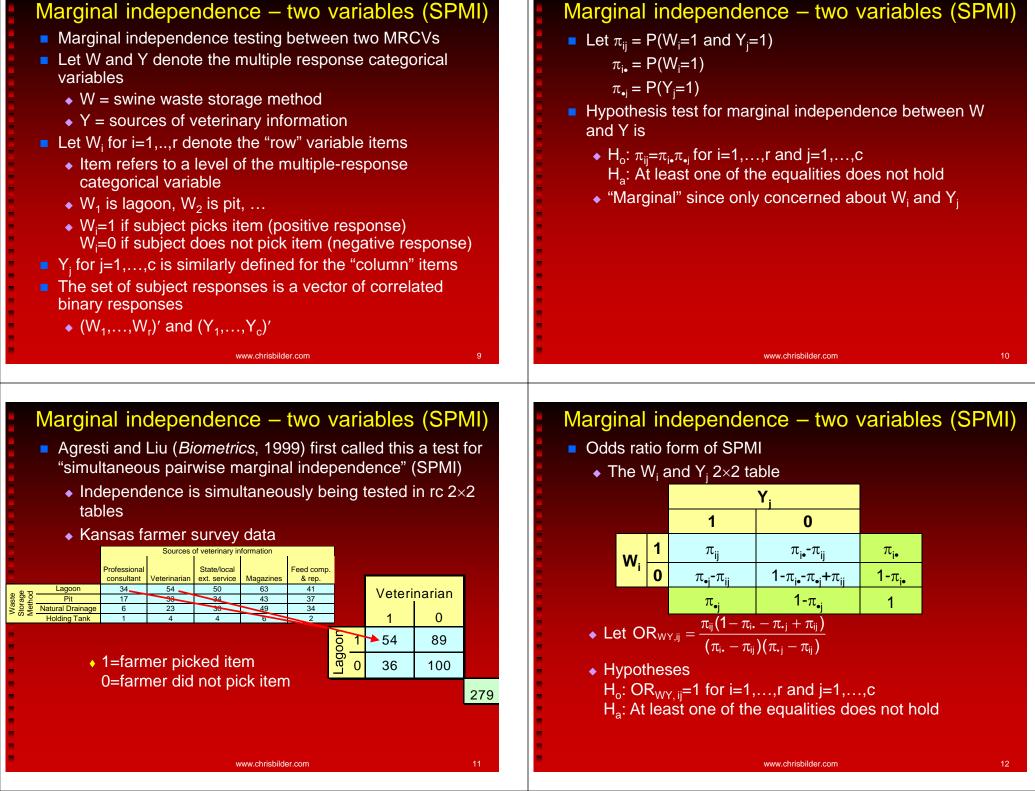
- Goals of NSF grant research is to parallel similar models and tests typically performed in categorical data analysis
 - What types of hypotheses would be of interest?
 - What does independence between MRCVs mean?
 - What types of models to use?

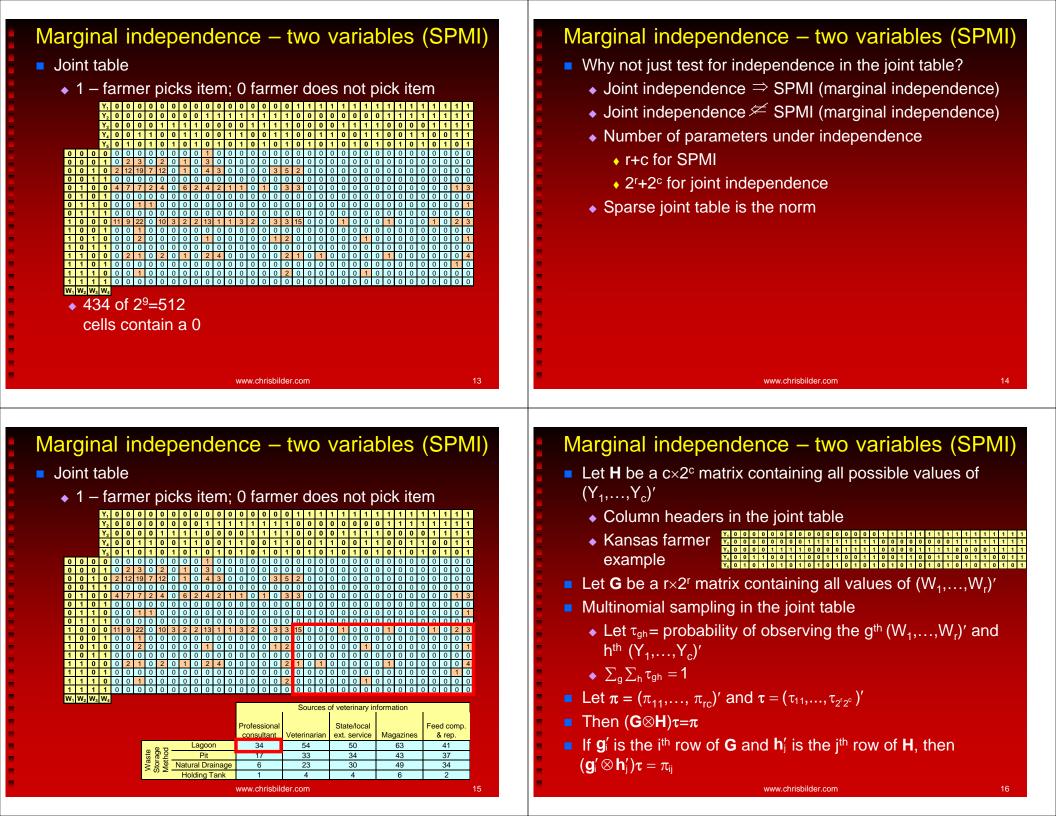
Multiple-response categorical variables

- Other questions in the survey
 - What methods of waste disposal do you use?
 - Injection of liquid swine waste, surface spreading, lagoon oxidation-breakdown, diversion terraces, dirt lots
 - Which of the following do you test your swine waste for?
 - Nitrogen, phosphorus, salt
- Test for independence among more than two multipleresponse categorical variables!
- "Pick any" questions are not just limited to swine waste!
 - Ethnicity 2000 census allowed more than one
 - Soft drinks (Holbrook, Moore, and Winer, 1982)
 - Reasons for supporting or opposing death penalty (Gallup Org., 2000)
 - Contraceptives (Foxman et al., 1997)
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Past research

- Only one multiple-response categorical variable
- Test for multiple marginal independence (MMI)
 - Test for marginal independence between one multipleresponse and one single-response categorical variable
 - Loughin and Scherer (Biometrics, 1998)
 - ◆ Agresti and Liu (Biometrics, 1999)
 - Bilder, Loughin, and Nettleton (Comm. Stat.: Comp & Sim., 2000)
 - Thomas and Decady (Biometrics, 2000)
 - Bilder and Loughin (Biometrics, 2001)
- Test for conditional multiple marginal independence (CMMI)
 - Test for MMI within strata
 - Similar to a Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test
 - Bilder and Loughin (*Biometrics*, 2002)





- Loughin (1998, KSU tech. report)
 - Let n be the sample size
 - $\hat{\pi}_{ij} =$ [# positive responses to W_i and Y_i]/n
 - $\hat{\pi}_{i} =$ [# positive responses to W_i]/n
 - $\hat{\pi}_{\cdot,j} = [\# \text{ positive responses to } Y_j]/n$
 - Positive = subject picks an item
 - Note that for the Kansas farmer data: $\hat{\pi}_{11} = 34/279 = 0.12$

$$\hat{\pi}_{1.} = (34 + 109)/279 = 0.5$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{.1} = (34 + 10)/279 = 0.16$$

• $X_M^2 = n \Sigma$

Modified Pearson statistic

- Loughin (1998, KSU tech. report)
 - Problem: Not invariant to how "positive" responses are summarized
 - Switch definition: W_i=0 for positive, W_i=1 for negative
 - Positive could mean "do not" pick an item
 - ⋆ X²_M can have 4 different values!!!!

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Modified Pearson statistic

- Proposed "modified" Pearson statistic
 - Sum the four different statistics to form an invariant statistic

 2×2 item response table

$$W_{i} \frac{1}{0} \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\pi_{ij} - \pi_{ij}} \frac{\pi_{i} - \pi_{ij}}{1 - \pi_{i} - \pi_{ij} + \pi_{ij}} \frac{\pi_{i} - \pi_{ij}}{1 - \pi_{i} - \pi_{ij}} + \pi_{ij}$$

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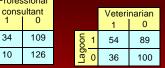
$$\begin{split} X_{S}^{2} &= n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{\left(\hat{\pi}_{ij} - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j}\right)^{2}}{\hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j}} + n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{\left[\hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} - \hat{\pi}_{ij} - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j})\right]^{2}}{\hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j})} \\ &+ n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{\left[\hat{\pi}_{\bullet j} - \hat{\pi}_{ij} - \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})\right]^{2}}{\hat{\pi}_{\bullet j} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})} + n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{\left[1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} - \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j} + \hat{\pi}_{ij} - (1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})(1 - \hat{\pi}_{\bullet j})\right]^{2}}{(1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})(1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})} \\ &= n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{\left(\hat{\pi}_{ij} - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} \hat{\pi}_{\star j}\right)^{2}}{\hat{\pi}_{i\bullet} \hat{\pi}_{\star j} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{i\bullet})(1 - \hat{\pi}_{\star j})} \end{split}$$

- Proposed "modified" Pearson statistic
 - If the "usual" Pearson statistics for each of the rc 2×2 tables, say X²_{S.ii}, are summed, the same statistic results! Professional

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• $X_{S}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{i=1}^{c} X_{S,ij}^{2}$



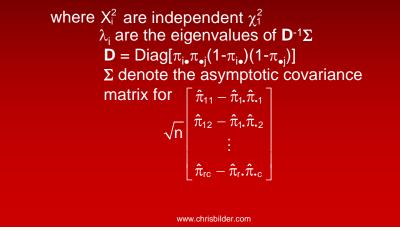
- If each $X_{S,ii}^2$ is naively treated as independent, X_S^2 can be approximated by a χ^2_{rc} random variable.
 - Reject SPMI if $X_{S}^{2} > \chi_{rc,1-\alpha}^{2}$
- In most cases, each X²_{s,ii} is NOT independent

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Modified Pearson statistic

- Proposed "modified" Pearson statistic
 - Asymptotic distribution of X²_S under SPMI is a linear combination of independent χ^2_1

$$Y_{S}^{2} = n \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \frac{(\hat{\pi}_{ij} - \hat{\pi}_{i} \cdot \hat{\pi}_{\cdot j})^{2}}{\hat{\pi}_{i} \cdot \hat{\pi}_{\cdot j} (1 - \hat{\pi}_{i} \cdot)(1 - \hat{\pi}_{\cdot j})} \xrightarrow{d} \sum_{i=1}^{rc} \lambda_{i} X_{i}^{2}$$



Modified Pearson statistic

Specific form of Σ

- Note: $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tau} \tau) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}, \text{Diag}(\tau) \tau\tau')$
- Let $\pi^{R} = (\pi_{1}, ..., \pi_{r})'$ and $\pi^{C} = (\pi_{.1}, ..., \pi_{.c})'$
- $\Sigma = \mathbf{F}[\text{Diag}(\tau) \tau \tau']\mathbf{F}'$ under SPMI where
 - $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{G} \otimes \mathbf{H} \pi^{\mathsf{R}} \otimes [\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{j}_{2^{r}}^{\prime} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{2^{c}})] [\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{I}_{2^{r}} \otimes \mathbf{j}_{2^{c}}^{\prime})] \otimes \pi^{\mathsf{C}}$

 I_a denotes an a×a identity matrix and j_a denotes an a×1 vector of 1's

• Note that Σ will still depend on the τ_{gh} under the hypothesis of SPMI

• For example, the (1,2) element of
$$\Sigma$$
 when r=c=2 is
AsCov $\left[\sqrt{n}(\hat{\pi}_{11} - \hat{\pi}_{1\bullet}\hat{\pi}_{\bullet 1}), \sqrt{n}(\hat{\pi}_{12} - \hat{\pi}_{1\bullet}\hat{\pi}_{\bullet 2})\right]$

$$= (\pi_{1\bullet} - 1)^2 (\tau_{34} + \tau_{44}) + \pi_{1\bullet}^2 (\tau_{14} + \tau_{24}) + \pi_{1\bullet} \pi_{\bullet 1} \pi_{\bullet 2} (\pi_{1\bullet} - 1)$$

• Remember sparseness in the joint table!

Modified Pearson statistic

- Notes about X²_S → Σ^{rc}_{i=1}λ_iX²_i where λ_i are the eigenvalues of D⁻¹Σ and X²_i are independent χ²₁
 - $\mathbf{D}^{-1}\Sigma$ is generally not idempotent
 - λ_i generally are not 1
 - Generally should not use χ^2_{rc} approximation!
- Variety of ways to proceed!
- First-order corrected statistic
 - Similar to what Rao and Scott (1981, JASA) did for Pearson chi-square statistics in complex sampling designs

• Find
$$\delta$$
 such that $E\left[\delta \sum \lambda_i X_i^2\right] = rc$

• $\delta = \operatorname{rc} / \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \lambda_p$

$$\sum_{p=1} \lambda_p = tr(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{\Sigma})$$

• Since **D** = Diag[$\pi_{i_{\bullet}}\pi_{i_{\bullet}}(1-\pi_{i_{\bullet}})(1-\pi_{i_{\bullet}})$] is a diagonal matrix, only the diagonal elements of Σ are needed!

- First-order corrected statistic
 - Asymptotic variance of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\pi}_{ij} \hat{\pi}_{i*}\hat{\pi}_{*j})$ under SPMI
 - $\sqrt{n(\pi_{ij} \pi_{i_{\bullet}}\pi_{\bullet j})} = f(\tau) = (\mathbf{g}'_{i} \otimes \mathbf{h}'_{j})\tau [\mathbf{g}'_{i}(\mathbf{I}_{2^{c}} \otimes \mathbf{j}'_{2^{c}})\tau][\mathbf{h}'_{j}(\mathbf{j}'_{2^{c}} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{2^{c}})\tau]$
 - **g**'is the ith row of **G** and **h**' is the jth row of **H**
 - $(\mathbf{g}'_i \otimes \mathbf{h}'_j) \tau = \pi_{ij}$
 - Asymptotic variance is $f(\tau)[Diag(\tau) \tau \tau']f(\tau)'$
 - $= \left\{ \boldsymbol{g}_{i}^{\prime} \otimes \boldsymbol{h}_{j}^{\prime} \pi_{i \bullet} [\boldsymbol{h}_{j}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{j}_{2^{r}}^{\prime} \otimes \boldsymbol{I}_{2^{c}})] \pi_{\bullet j} [\boldsymbol{g}_{i}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{I}_{2^{r}} \otimes \boldsymbol{j}_{2^{c}}^{\prime})] \right\} \left\{ \text{Diag}(\tau) \tau \tau^{\prime} \right\}$
 - $\overline{\left\{\boldsymbol{g}_{i}\otimes\boldsymbol{h}_{j}-\pi_{i\bullet}[(\boldsymbol{j}_{2^{r}}\otimes\boldsymbol{I}_{2^{\circ}})\boldsymbol{h}_{j}]-\pi_{\bullet\,j}[(\boldsymbol{I}_{2^{r}}\otimes\boldsymbol{j}_{2^{\circ}})\boldsymbol{g}_{i}]\right\}}$
 - When the above expression is multiplied out, eighteen different terms result
 - Simplify using relationships between τ and π and incorporate SPMI
 - Obtain $\pi_{i\bullet}\pi_{\bullet j}(1-\pi_{i\bullet})(1-\pi_{\bullet j})!$

Modified Pearson statistic

- Bootstrap X²_S
 - Decompose the data into binary "item response" vectors for row and column MRCVs
 - **W**=($W_1,...,W_r$)' and **Y**=($Y_1,...,Y_c$)'
 - (1,0,1,0) means item 1 and item 3 were picked
 - Take B resamples of size n by randomly selecting W and Y independently
 - Resampling under the special case of null hypothesis
 - For each resample, calculate the test statistic, X^{2*}_{S,b}, for b=1,...,B
 - b=1,...,B • P-value = $\frac{1}{B}\sum_{b=1}^{B} I(X_{S,b}^{2^*} > X_{S}^{2})$

where I(A)=1 if event A occurs, 0 otherwise

Modified Pearson statistic

- First-order corrected statistic
 - $\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{D}^{-1} \Sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{c} \left[\pi_{i \bullet} \pi_{\bullet j} (1 \pi_{i \bullet}) (1 \pi_{\bullet j}) \right]^{-1} \pi_{i \bullet} \pi_{\bullet j} (1 \pi_{i \bullet}) (1 \pi_{\bullet j}) = \operatorname{rc} \delta = \operatorname{rc} / \sum_{p=1}^{rc} \lambda_{p} = \operatorname{rc} / \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{D}^{-1} \Sigma) = 1$
 - ◆ Thus, X²_S is self-correcting!
- Second-order corrected statistic
 - Find a constant δ such that $\delta \sum_{i=1}^{rc} \lambda_i X_i^2 / E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{rc} \lambda_i X_i^2\right)$

has the same mean and variance as a χ^2_{δ} random variable

- $\delta = r^2 c^2 / \sum \lambda_i^2$
- Corrected statistic is $rcX_{S}^{2}/\sum \hat{\lambda}_{i}^{2}$
- Approximate by a χ^2 distribution with $\,r^2 c^2 \big/ \sum \hat{\lambda}_i^2 \,$ degrees of freedom
- No nice simplification for $\sum \lambda_i^2$

Modified Pearson statistic

- Bootstrap p-value combination methods
 - Combine the p-values from X²_{S,ij} (using a χ² app.) for i=1,...,r and j=1,...,c to form a "new" test statistic
 - Product of the p-values or minimum p-value p̃
 - P-values are likely to be correlated
 - Usual p-value combination methods based on independence are not appropriate
 - Combine p-values of correlated tests Pesarin (1999)
 - Algorithm

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- Resample in the same manner as before
- \bullet Calculate $\tilde{p}_{\scriptscriptstyle b}^*$ for each resample

$$P-value = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^{B} I(\tilde{p}_{b}^{*} < \tilde{p})$$

- Bonferroni
 - Reject SPMI if $max(X_{S,ij}^2) > \chi_{1-\alpha/rc}^2$
 - P-value = $P(X^2 > max(X^2_{S,ij})) * rc$ where $X^2 \sim \chi^2_1$

Kansas farmer survey example

- Evidence against marginal independence (SPMI)
 - 10,000 resamples for bootstrap methods
 - Use covariance matrix without SPMI restriction
- Follow-up analysis

GEE

- Determine why reject SPMI
- Use a χ² approximation with each X²_{s,ij}
 - Using a 0.05 significance level, the significant combinations are (W₁, Y₁), (W₁, Y₂), (W₂, Y₂), (W₂, Y₅), (W₃, Y₁), and (W₃, Y₄)

SPMI Testing Method

2nd order corrected X_S²

Bootstrap prod. p-values

Bootstrap min. p-values

 $X_{\rm S}^2$ using $\chi_{\rm rc}^2$ app.

Bootstrap X_s²

Bonferroni

 Bonferroni adjusted significance level of 0.05/20 produces (W₁, Y₁) = (Lagoon, Professional consultant)

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P-value

3.11*10⁻⁶

3.07*10⁻⁵

< 0.0001

0.0001

0.0034

0.0037

Model-based approaches summary

- Why?
 - Model may give a nice way to interpret deviations from SPMI
- Generalized loglinear models
 - Lang and Agresti (1994, JASA) MLE of τ
 - ◆ Haber (1986, *Biometrics*) WLS
- Random effect models
 - Agresti and Liu (1998, FL tech report)
 - Found the models to can produce a poor fit for MMI
 - Agresti and Liu (1998 tech report, 2001 Soc. Meth & Res.)
 - Suggest using multivariate binomial logit-normal models (Coull and Agresti, *Biometrics* 2000)
 - r+c dimension numerical integration needed

specify the marginal and pairwise expectations of \boldsymbol{W}_{i} and

Since examining the pairwise assocations, need to

Model-based approaches summary

- Alternating logistic regression procedure of Carey, Zeger, and Diggle (1993, *Biometrika*)
- Need large n for Wald test of SPMI to hold the correct size

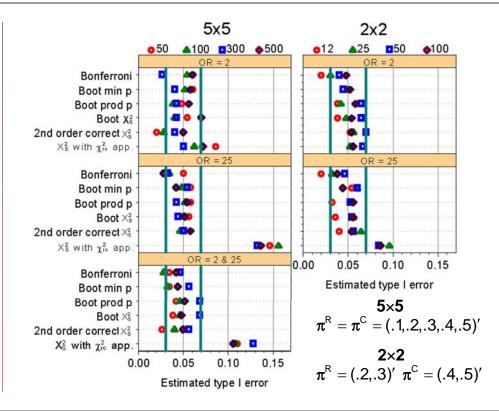
Simulations

Type I error

- Estimated type I error rate: Proportion of data sets in which SPMI is incorrectly rejected
- Data generated under SPMI using an algorithm by Gange (1995)
 - Specify $\pi^{R} = (\pi_{1}, ..., \pi_{r})'$ and $\pi^{C} = (\pi_{.1}, ..., \pi_{.c})'$
 - Specify odds ratios
 - Under SPMI: OR_{WY,ij} = $\frac{\pi_{ij}(1 \pi_{i.} \pi_{.j} + \pi_{ij})}{(\pi_{i.} \pi_{ij})(\pi_{.i} \pi_{ij})} = 1$
 - Within W or Y

$$OR_{W,ii'} = \frac{P(W_i = 1 \text{ and } W_{i'} = 1) / P(W_i = 1 \text{ and } W_{i'} = 0)}{P(W_i = 0 \text{ and } W_{i'} = 1) / P(W_i = 0 \text{ and } W_{i'} = 0)}$$
$$OR_{Y,ij'} = \frac{P(Y_i = 1 \text{ and } Y_{i'} = 1) / P(Y_i = 1 \text{ and } Y_{i'} = 0)}{P(Y_i = 0 \text{ and } Y_{i'} = 1) / P(Y_i = 0 \text{ and } Y_{i'} = 0)}$$





Simulations

- Type I error
 - Settings held constant for each simulation
 - Nominal type I error rate=0.05
 - 500 data sets generated
 - 1,000 resamples for bootstrap methods
 - Expected range of estimated type I error rates for methods holding the nominal level:

$$0.05 \pm 2\sqrt{\frac{(0.05)(1-0.05)}{500}} = 0.05 \pm 0.0195$$

- Trellis plot on next slide shows estimated type I error rates
 - Includes only some of the cases examined
 - Results generalize to other cases

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Simulations

- Type I error
 - X²_s with a χ²_{rc} approximation (first-order corrected) does not hold the correct size if there is strong pairwise association between items for W or items for Y.
 - Bonferroni can be a little conservative with 5×5 tables
 - Second-order corrected X²_S can also be a little conservative with 5×5 tables
 - Bootstrap methods consistently hold the correct size

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Simulations

- Power
 - Excluded X_{S}^{2} with a χ_{rc}^{2} approximation
 - Proportion of data sets in which SPMI is correctly rejected
 - Data generated same way as in the type I error simulation study except that OR_{WY,ij} ≠ 1
 - Conclusions:
 - There is not one best procedure

Simulations

- Power
 - Conclusions:
 - Some p-value combination methods are better at detecting certain types of alternative hypotheses
 - Deviation from SPMI for only a few OR_{WY,ij}; higher power:
 - Minimum p-value has higher power
 - Bonferroni
 - Deviation from SPMI for most OR_{WY,ij} by the same degree; higher power:
 - Product of p-values
 - Bootstrap X²_S

Recommendations

- Use the bootstrap methods
- Bonferroni and 2nd order corrected X_S² work well also

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More than two MRCVs

- What types of hypotheses would be of interest?
 - Consider 3 multiple response categorical variable case
 - Let $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, V_2, ..., V_k)'$
 - π_{ijk}=P(W_i=1, Y_j=1, V_k=1)
 - Pairwise independence
 - $\pi_{ij\bullet} = \pi_{i\bullet\bullet}\pi_{\bullet j\bullet}$, $\pi_{i\bullet k} = \pi_{i\bullet\bullet}\pi_{\bullet \bullet k}$, and $\pi_{\bullet jk} = \pi_{\bullet j\bullet}\pi_{\bullet \bullet k}$
 - Complete independence

 $\bullet \ \pi_{ijk} = \pi_{i\bullet\bullet}\pi_{\bullet j\bullet}\pi_{\bullet i \bullet k}$

- Extend modified Pearson statistic
- Model based approaches?

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Further Work

- Estimation and model based approaches
- Complex sampling designs
- Randomized response
 - Sensitive questions ask two ways with known probability
 - What drugs do you use?
 - What drugs do you not use?
 - Observe response without knowing which question was asked

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- Protects identity of subject
- Include ordinal single response categorical variables
 - Ordered alternative hypothesis

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