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Goodness of Fit.

We are studying a multinomial experiment, possibly w/ categorical descriptions of all possible outcomes.

The possible outcomes will be categories that are:
mutually exclusive and exhaustive.

Represent the categories as events $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$.

In our probabilistic model, the parameters are

$$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k \\ \text{w/ } p_i = \text{TP}[A_i] \text{ for all } i=1..k$$

Note: $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$

Repeat this multinomial experiment n times independently.

Let X_i denote the # of times the outcome i occurred,
for $i=1, \dots, k$

Note: $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k = n$

For our test statistic:

$$Q^2 := \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(X_i - n \cdot p_i)^2}{n \cdot p_i} \approx \chi^2(df = k-1)$$

Works well for $n \cdot p_i \geq 5$
for all $i=1, \dots, k$

Test Summary.

$$H_0: p_1 = p_1^0, p_2 = p_2^0, \dots, p_k = p_k^0$$

vs.

H_a : At least one of the population probabilities is different from its null value

$$(\exists i \in \{1, \dots, k\} p_i \neq p_i^0)$$

The χ^2 -test is always an upper-tailed one!

Let E_i denote the expected counts under the null, i.e.,

$$E_i = n \cdot p_i^0$$

Let O_i denote the observed counts.

The observed value of the TS:

$$q^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

With R, we simply calculate the p-value: $1 - \text{pchisq}(q^2, df = k-1)$

With a significance level α , find $\chi^2_{\alpha}(df = k-1)$.

If $q^2 \geq \chi^2_{\alpha}(df = k-1)$, then reject the null hypothesis.

If not, then fail to reject.

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Problem Set # 18

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Problem 18.1. Gregor Almond, the local horticulturalist, grows 400 progeny from a cross of peas. The cross is hypothesised to have a ratio of 1 green to 7 yellow seeds. Suppose that the cross actually produces 360 yellow and 40 green seeded plants.

- Calculate the observed value of the test statistic. ✓
- Using the χ^2 -tables, what would your decision be at the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$. ✓
- Using **R** with the observed value of the test statistic, find the p -value. ✓
- Using the command `chisq.test()` perform the χ^2 -test and provide the summary.
- In this case, you can test the same hypotheses using the z -test. Do this for practice!

i. $H_0: p_g = \frac{1}{8}, p_y = \frac{7}{8}$

vs.

H_a : The color dist'n is different from the null
 $(p_g \neq \frac{1}{8} \text{ or } p_y \neq \frac{7}{8})$

$k=2, n=400$

The expected counts: $E_g = 400 \cdot (\frac{1}{8}) = 50$ and $E_y = 350$

The observed counts: $O_g = 40$ and $O_y = 360$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = \frac{(50-40)^2}{50} + \frac{(350-360)^2}{350} = 2.285714$$

$q^2 \uparrow 9.99$ Fail to Reject!

ii. $\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow \chi^2_{0.05}(df=2-1=1) = 3.841$ Reject!

iii. p-value: $1 - pchisq(9.99, df=1) = 0.13057 > 0.05 = \alpha$