

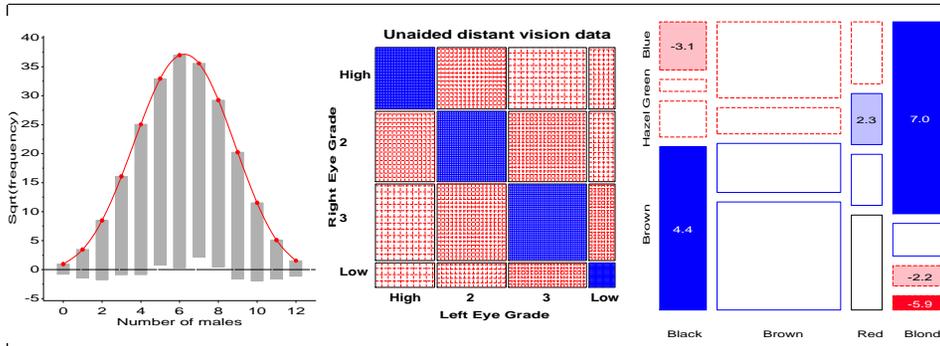
# Visualizing Categorical Data with SAS and R

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Web notes: [datavis.ca/courses/VCD/](http://datavis.ca/courses/VCD/)



## Course goals

### Emphasis: visualization methods

- Basic ideas: categorical vs. quantitative data
- Some novel displays: sieve diagrams, fourfold displays, mosaic plots, ...
- Some that extend more familiar ideas to the categorical data setting.

### Emphasis: theory $\Rightarrow$ practice

- Show *what* can be done, in both SAS and R (most in SAS)
- Framework for *thinking* about categorical data analysis in visual terms
- Provide software tools you can *use*

### What is included, and what is *not*

- *Some* description of statistical methods— only as necessary
- *Many* software examples— only explained as necessary
- *Too much* material— some skipping may be required

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## Course structure, Parts 1–3

### 1. Overview and introduction

- Categorical data? Graphics?
- Discrete distributions
- Testing association

### 2. Visualizing two-way and n-way tables

- $2 \times 2$  tables;  $r \times c$  tables: Fourfold & sieve diagrams
- Observer agreement: Measures and graphs
- Correspondence analysis

### 3. Mosaic displays and loglinear models

- $n$ -way tables: graphs and models
- Mosaics software
- Structured tables

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## Course structure, Parts 4–5

### 4. Logit models and logistic regression

- Logit models; logistic regression models
- Effect plots
- Influence and diagnostic plots

### 5. Polytomous response models

- Proportional odds models
- Nested dichotomies
- Generalized logits

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# What is categorical data?

- Simplest case: 1-way frequency distribution
  - Unordered factor

Hair	Black	Brown	Red	Blond
	108	286	71	127

Hair color among 592 students

Party	BQ	Cons	Green	Liberal	NDP	Total
N	104	392	126	404	174	1200
%	8.7	32.6	10.5	33.7	14.5	100

Voting intention in Harris-Decima poll, 8/21/08

- Ordered, quantitative factor

nMales	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	3	24	104	286	670	1033	1343	1112	829	478	181	45	7

# of sons in Saxony families with 12 children

# What is categorical data?

- Contingency tables ( $2 \times 2 \times \dots$ )
  - Two-way

	Gender	Male	Female
Admit			
Admitted		1198	557
Rejected		1493	1278

Admission to graduate programs at UC Berkeley

- Three-way

... by Department

		Dept	A	B	C	D	E	F
Admit	Gender							
	Admitted	Male	512	353	120	138	53	22
Rejected	Gender							
	Admitted	Male	313	207	205	279	138	351
Rejected	Gender							
	Admitted	Female	19	8	391	244	299	317

# What is categorical data?

- Contingency tables (larger)
  - Two-way

	Eye	Brown	Blue	Hazel	Green
Hair					
Black		68	20	15	5
Brown		119	84	54	29
Red		26	17	14	14
Blond		7	94	10	16

- Three-way

		Eye	Brown	Blue	Hazel	Green
Sex	Hair					
	Male	Black	32	11	10	3
Female	Brown	53	50	25	15	
	Red	10	10	7	7	
Blond	Black	3	30	5	8	
	Brown	36	9	5	2	
Blond	Black	66	34	29	14	
	Brown	16	7	7	7	
Blond	Red	4	64	5	8	
	Blond					

# Table and case-form

- The previous examples were shown in **table** form
  - # observations = # cells in the table
  - variables: factors + COUNT
- Each has an equivalent representation in **case** form
  - # observations = total COUNT
  - variables: factors
- Case form is required if there are continuous variables

Sex	Hair	Eye	Brown	Blue	Hazel	Green
Male	Black		32	11	10	3
	Brown		53	50	25	15
	Red		10	10	7	7
	Blond		3	30	5	8
Female	Black		36	9	5	2
	Brown		66	34	29	14
	Red		16	7	7	7
	Blond		4	64	5	8

## Categorical data: Analysis methods

Methods of analysis for categorical data fall into two main categories:

### Non-parametric, randomization-based methods

- Make minimal assumptions
- Useful for **hypothesis-testing**: Are A and B associated?
- Mostly for **two-way** tables (possibly stratified)
- SAS: PROC FREQ
  - Pearson Chi-square
  - Fisher's exact test (for small expected frequencies)
  - Mantel-Haenszel tests (ordered categories: test for **linear** association)
- R: `chisq.test()`, `mantelhaen.test()`, ...
- SPSS: Crosstabs

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## Categorical data: Analysis methods

### Model-based methods

- Must assume random sample (possibly stratified)
- Useful for **estimation** purposes: Size of effects (std. errors, confidence intervals)
- More suitable for **multi-way** tables
- Greater flexibility; fitting specialized models
  - Symmetry, quasi-symmetry, structured associations for square tables
  - Models for ordinal variables
- SAS: PROC LOGISTIC, CATMOD, GENMOD, INSIGHT (Fit YX)
  - estimate standard errors, covariances for model parameters
  - confidence intervals for parameters, predicted  $Pr\{\text{response}\}$
- R: `glm()` family, car package, gnm package, ...
- SPSS: Hiloglinear, Loglinear, Generalized linear models

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## Categorical data: Response vs. Association models

### Response models

- Sometimes, one variable is a natural discrete response.
  - Q: How does the response relate to explanatory variables?
    - Admit  $\sim$  Gender + Dept
    - Party  $\sim$  Age + Education + Urban
- ⇒ Logit models, logistic regression, generalized linear models

### Association models

- Sometimes, the main interest is just **association**
  - Q: Which variables are associated, and **how**?
    - Berkeley data: [Admit Gender]? [Admit Dept]? [Gender Dept]
    - Hair-eye data: [Hair Eye]? [Hair Sex]? [Eye, Sex]
- ⇒ Loglinear models

This is similar to the distinction between regression/ANOVA vs. correlation and factor analysis

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## Graphical methods: Tables and Graphs

*If I can't picture it, I can't understand it.*

Albert Einstein

*Getting information from a table is like extracting sunlight from a cucumber.*

Farquhar & Farquhar, 1891

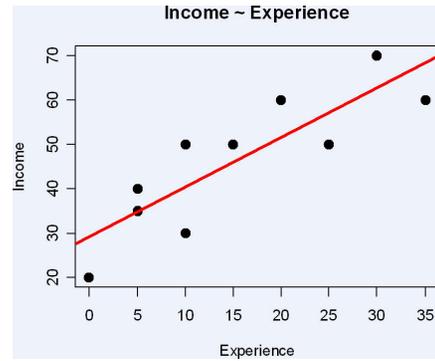
### Tables vs. Graphs

- Tables are best suited for **look-up** and calculation—
  - read off exact numbers
  - additional calculations (e.g., % change)
- Graphs are better for:
  - showing **patterns, trends, anomalies**,
  - making **comparisons**
  - seeing the unexpected!
- Visual presentation as **communication**:
  - what do you want to say or show?
  - design graphs and tables to 'speak to the eyes'

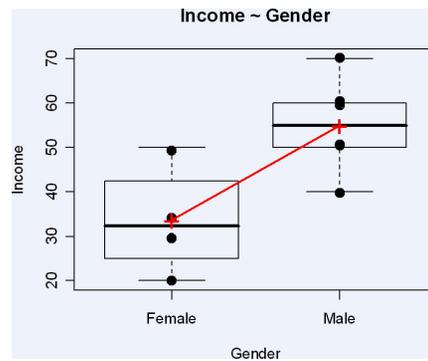
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## Graphical methods: Quantitative data

Quantitative data (amounts) are naturally displayed in terms of **magnitude ~ position along a scale**



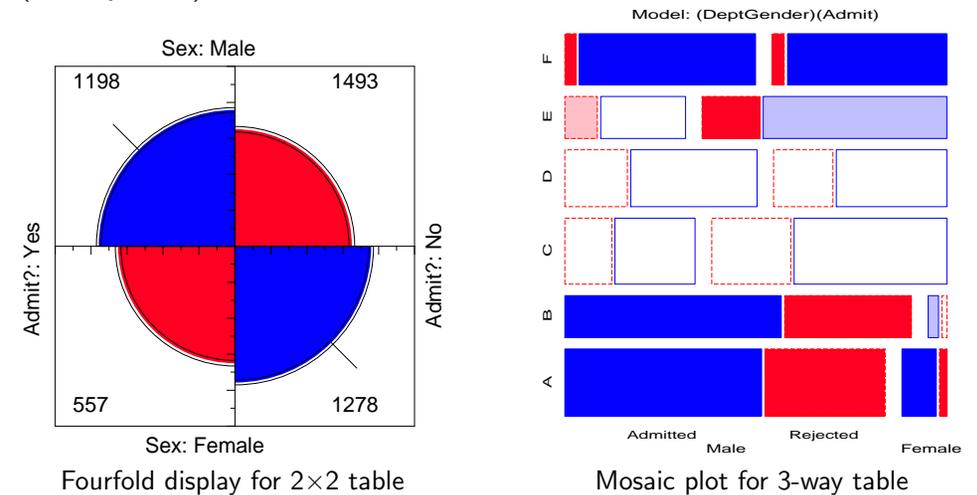
Scatterplot of Income vs. Experience



Boxplot of Income by Gender

## Graphical methods: Categorical data

Frequency data (counts) are more naturally displayed in terms of **count ~ area** (Friendly, 1995)

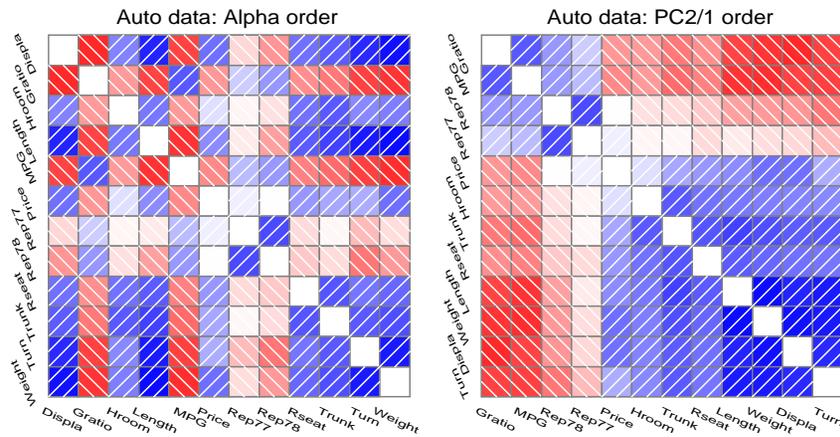


Fourfold display for 2x2 table

Mosaic plot for 3-way table

### Principles of Graphical Displays

- Effect ordering (Friendly and Kwan, 2003)— In tables and graphs, sort unordered factors according to the effects you want to see/show.



“Corrgrams: Exploratory displays for correlation matrices” (Friendly, 2002)

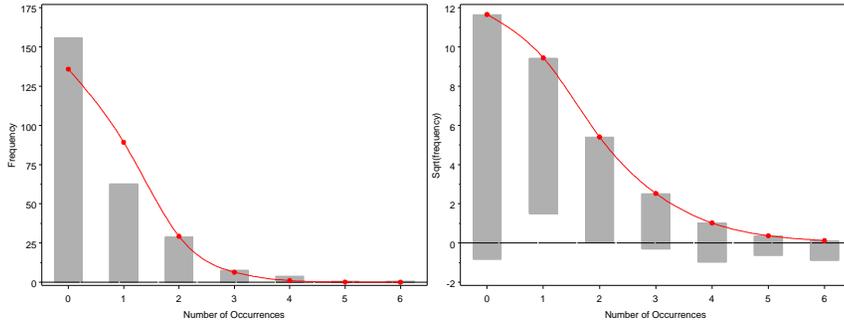
- Effect ordering and high-lighting for tables (Friendly, 2000)

Table: Hair color - Eye color data: Effect ordered

Eye color	Hair color			
	Black	Brown	Red	Blond
Brown	68	119	26	7
Hazel	15	54	14	10
Green	5	29	14	16
Blue	20	84	17	94

Model:	<i>Independence</i> : [Hair][Eye] $\chi^2(9) = 138.29$					
Color coding:	<-4	<-2	<-1	0	>1	>2 >4
n in each cell:	n < expected			n > expected		

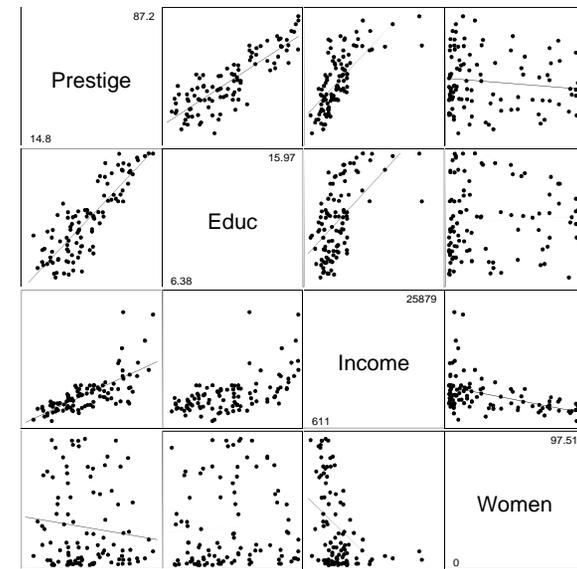
- **Comparisons**— Make visual comparisons easy
  - Visual grouping— connect with lines, make key comparisons contiguous
  - Baselines— compare *data* to *model* against a line, preferably horizontal



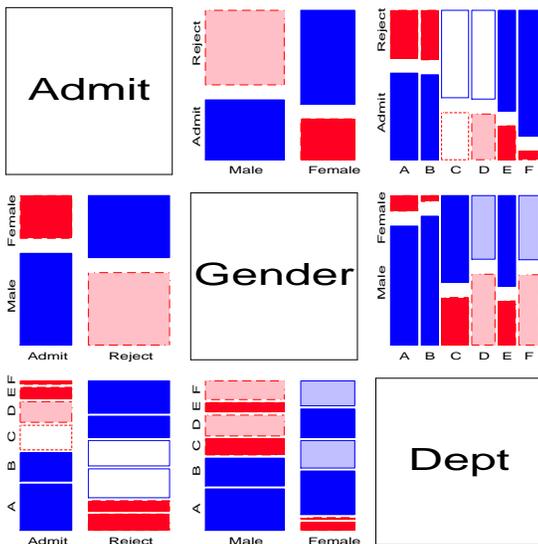
Standard histogram with fit

Suspended rootogram

- **Small multiples**— combine stratified graphs into coherent displays (Tufté, 1983)
  - e.g., scatterplot matrix for quantitative data: all pairwise scatterplots



- e.g., mosaic matrix for quantitative data: all pairwise mosaic plots



## Graphical methods: Categorical data

### Exploratory methods

- Minimal assumptions (like non-parametric methods)
- Show the *data*, not just *summaries*
- Help detect *patterns*, *trends*, *anomalies*, suggest hypotheses

### Plots for model-based methods

- Residual plots - departures from model, omitted terms, ...
- Effect plots - estimated probabilities of response or log odds
- Diagnostic plots - influence, violation of assumptions

### Goals

- *VCD* and R *vcd* package - Make these methods *available* and *accessible* in SAS & R
- **Practical power = Statistical power × Probability of Use**
- Today's goal: take-home knowledge
- Tomorrow's goal: dynamic, interactive graphics for categorical data

## VCD Macros & SAS/IML programs

- Macros, datasets available at [datavis.ca/vcd/](http://datavis.ca/vcd/)

### Discrete distributions

DISTPLOT	Plots for discrete distributions
GOODFIT	Goodness-of-fit for discrete distributions
ORDPLOT	Ord plot for discrete distributions
POISPLOT	Poissonness plot
ROOTGRAM	Hanging rootograms

### Two-way and $k$ -way tables

AGREEPLOT	Observer agreement chart
CORRESP	Plot PROC CORRESP results
FFOLD	Fourfold displays for $2 \times 2 \times k$ tables
SIEVEPLOT	Sieve diagrams
MOSAIC	Mosaic displays
MOSMAT	Mosaic matrices
TABLE	Construct a grouped frequency table, with recoding
TRIPLLOT	Trilinear plots for $n \times 3$ tables

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### Model-based methods

ADDVAR	Added variable plots for logistic regression
CATPLOT	Plot results from PROC CATMOD
HALFNORM	Half-normal plots for generalized linear models
INFLGLIM	Influence plots for generalized linear models
INFLOGIS	Influence plots for logistic regression
LOGODDS	Plot empirical logits and probabilities for binary data
POWERLOG	Power calculations for logistic regression

### Utility macros

DUMMY	Create dummy variables
LAGS	Calculate lagged frequencies for sequential analysis
PANELS	Arrange multiple plots in a panelled display
SORT	Sort a dataset by the value of a statistic or formatted value
Utility	Graphics utility macros: <a href="#">BARS</a> , <a href="#">EQUATE</a> , <a href="#">GDISPLA</a> , <a href="#">GENSYM</a> , <a href="#">GSKIP</a> , <a href="#">LABEL</a> , <a href="#">POINTS</a> , <a href="#">PSCALE</a>

VCD Archive (vcdprog.zip) available at:

<http://datavis.ca/courses/VCD/vcdprog.zip>

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## R software and the vcd package

- R software and the vcd package, available at [www.r-project.org](http://www.r-project.org)

### Discrete distributions

distplot	Plots for discrete distributions
goodfit	Goodness-of-fit for discrete distributions
ordplot	Ord plot for discrete distributions
poisplot	Poissonness plot
rootgram	Hanging rootograms

### Two-way and $k$ -way tables

agreementplot	Observer agreement chart
fourfold	Fourfold displays for $2 \times 2 \times k$ tables
sieve	Sieve diagrams
mosaic	Mosaic displays
pairs.table	Matrix of pairwise association displays
structable	Manipulate high-dimensional contingency tables
tripplot	Trilinear plots for $n \times 3$ tables

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## R software: Other packages

### Model-based methods

glm	Fitting generalized linear models
gnm	Fitting generalized <i>non-linear</i> models, e.g., RC(1) model
loglm	MASS package: Fitting loglinear models
Rcmdr	Menu-driven package for statistical analysis and graphics
car	Graphics and extensions of generalized linear models
effects	Effects plots for generalized linear models

### vcdExtra package

vcd-tutorial	Vignette on working with categorical data and the vcd package
mosaic.glm	mosaic displays for GLMs and GNMs
mosaic3d	3D mosaic displays
glm1ist	Methods for working with lists of models

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## Discrete distributions

- **Counts of occurrences:** accidents, words in text, blood cells with some characteristic.
- **Data:** Basic outcome value,  $k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , and number of observations,  $n_k$ , with that value.
- **Example:** distributions of key “marker” words: *from*, *may*, *whilst*, ... in *Federalist Papers* by James Madison, e.g., blocks of 200 words with *may*:

Occurrences ( $k$ )	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blocks ( $n_k$ )	156	63	29	8	4	1	1

- **Example:** Saxony families with 12 children having  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 12$  sons.

$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$n_k$	3	24	104	286	670	1033	1343	1112	829	478	181	45	7

## Discrete distributions

### Questions:

- What process gave rise to the distribution?
- Form of distribution: uniform, binomial, Poisson, negative binomial, geometric, etc.?
- Estimate parameters
- Visualize goodness of fit

### For example:

- *Federalist Papers*: might expect a  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  distribution.
- *Families in Saxony*: might expect a  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  distribution with  $n = 12$ . Perhaps  $p = 0.5$  as well.

## Discrete distributions

### Lack of fit:

- Lack of fit tells us something about the process giving rise to the data
- Poisson: assumes constant small probability of the basic event
- Binomial: assumes constant probability and independent trials

### Motivation:

- Models for more complex categorical data often use these basic discrete distributions
- Binomial (with predictors)  $\rightarrow$  logistic regression
- Poisson (with predictors)  $\rightarrow$  poisson regression, loglinear models
- $\Rightarrow$  many of these are special cases of *generalized linear models*

## Fitting and graphing discrete distributions

### VCD

methods to fit, visualize, and diagnose discrete distributions:

- **Fitting:** `GOODFIT` macro fits uniform, binomial, Poisson, negative binomial, geometric, logarithmic series distributions (or any specified multinomial)
- **Hanging rootograms:** Sensitive assess departure between Observed, Fitted counts (`ROOTGRAM` macro)
- **Ord plots:** Diagnose form of a discrete distribution (`ORDPLOT` macro)
- **Poissonness plots:** Robust fitting and diagnostic plots for Poisson (`POISPLOT` macro)
- **Robust distribution plots** (`DISTPLOT` macro)

## Sidebar: Using SAS macros

- SAS macros are high-level, general programs consisting of a series of DATA steps and PROC steps.
- Keyword arguments substitute your data names, variable names, and options for the named macro parameters.
- Use as:  

```
%macname(data=dataset, var=variables, ...);
```
- Most arguments have default values (e.g., data=\_last\_)
- All VCD macros have internal and online documentation, <http://datavis.ca/sasmac/>
- Macros can be installed in directories automatically searched by SAS. Put the following options statement in your AUTOEXEC.SAS file:  

```
options sasautos=('c:\sasuser\macros' sasautos);
```

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## Sidebar: Using SAS macros

E.g., the `GOODFIT` macro is defined with the following arguments:

```
... goodfit.sas ...
1 %macro goodfit(
2   data=_last_, /* name of the input data set */
3   var=, /* analysis variable (basic count) */
4   freq=, /* frequency variable */
5   dist=, /* name of distribution to be fit */
6   parm=, /* required distribution parameters? */
7   sumat=100000, /* sum probs. and fitted values here */
8   format=, /* format for ungrouped analysis variable */
9   out=fit, /* output fit data set */
10  outstat=stats); /* output statistics data set */
```

Typical use:

```
1 %goodfit(data=madison, /* data set */
2   var=count, /* count variable */
3   freq=blocks,
4   dist=poisson);
```

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## Fitting discrete distributions

### • Distributions:

- Poisson,  $p(k) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k / k!$
- Binomial,  $p(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
- Negative binomial,  $p(k) = \binom{n+k-1}{k} p^n (1-p)^k$
- Geometric,  $p(k) = p(1-p)^k$
- Logarithmic series,  $p(k) = \theta^k / [-k \log(1-\theta)]$

### • Estimate parameter(s):

- Poisson,  $\hat{\lambda} = \sum kn_k / \sum n_k = \text{mean}$
- Binomial,  $\hat{p} = \sum kn_k / (n \sum n_k) = \text{mean} / n$

### • Goodness of fit:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{(n_k - N\hat{p}_k)^2}{N\hat{p}_k} \sim \chi^2_{(K-1)}$$

where  $\hat{p}_k$  is the estimated probability of each basic count, under the hypothesis that the data follows the chosen distribution.

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## GOODFIT macro: Fitting discrete distributions

- `GOODFIT` macro fits uniform, binomial, Poisson, negative binomial, geometric, logarithmic series distributions (or any specified multinomial)
- E.g., Try fitting Poisson model

```
madfit.sas
1 title "Instances of 'may' in Federalist papers";
2 data madison;
3   input count blocks;
4   label count='Number of Occurrences'
5         blocks='Blocks of Text';
6 datalines;
7   0 156
8   1 63
9   2 29
10  3 8
11  4 4
12  5 1
13  6 1
14 ;
15 %goodfit(data=madison, var=count, freq=blocks,
16   dist=poisson);
```

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## Fitting discrete distributions

The **GOODFIT** macro gives a table of observed and fitted frequencies, Pearson  $\chi^2$  residuals (CHI) and likelihood-ratio deviance residuals (DEV).

Instances of 'may' in Federalist papers					
COUNT	BLOCKS	PHAT	EXP	CHI	DEV
0	156	0.51867	135.891	1.72499	6.56171
1	63	0.34050	89.211	-2.77509	-6.62056
2	29	0.11177	29.283	-0.05231	-0.75056
3	8	0.02446	6.408	0.62890	1.88423
4	4	0.00401	1.052	2.87493	3.26912
5	1	0.00053	0.138	2.31948	1.98992
6	1	0.00006	0.015	8.01267	2.89568
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	262	0.99999	261.998		

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## Fitting discrete distributions

In addition, it provides the overall goodness-of-fit tests:

Goodness-of-fit test for data set MADISON

Analysis variable: COUNT Number of Occurrences  
 Distribution: POISSON  
 Estimated Parameters: lambda = 0.6565

Pearson chi-square = 88.92304707  
 Prob > chi-square = 0

Likelihood ratio G2 = 25.243121314  
 Prob > chi-square = 0.0001250511

Degrees of freedom = 5

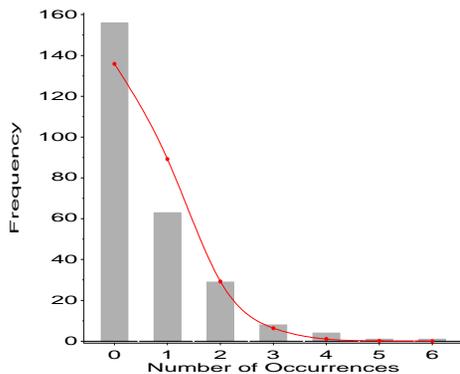
The poisson model does not fit! Why?

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## What's wrong with histograms?

- Discrete distributions often graphed as histograms, with a theoretical fitted distribution superimposed.

```
%goodfit(data=madison, var=count, freq=blocks,
          dist=poisson);
```



Problems:

- largest frequencies dominate display
- must assess deviations vs. a curve

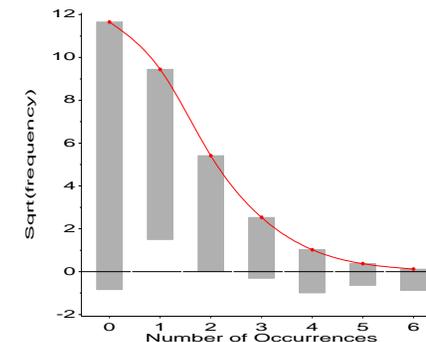
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## Hang & root them → Hanging rootograms

Tukey (1972, 1977):

- shift histogram bars to the fitted curve → judge deviations vs. horizontal line.
- plot  $\sqrt{\text{freq}}$  → smaller frequencies are emphasized.

```
%goodfit(data=madison, var=count, freq=blocks,
          dist=poisson, out=fit);
%rootgram(data=fit, var=count, obs=blocks);
```

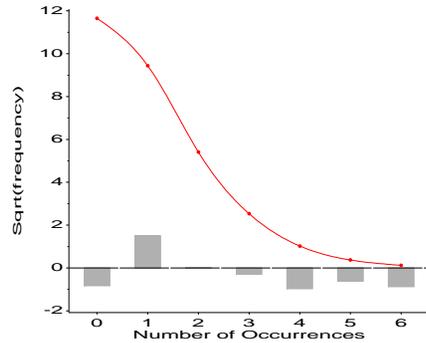


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## Highlight differences → Deviation rootograms

- Emphasize differences between observed and fitted frequencies
- Draw bars to show the gaps (btype=dev)

```
%goodfit(data=madison, var=count, freq=blocks,
  dist=poisson, out=fit);
%rootgram(data=fit, var=count, obs=blocks, btype=dev);
```



## Ord plots: Diagnose form of discrete distribution

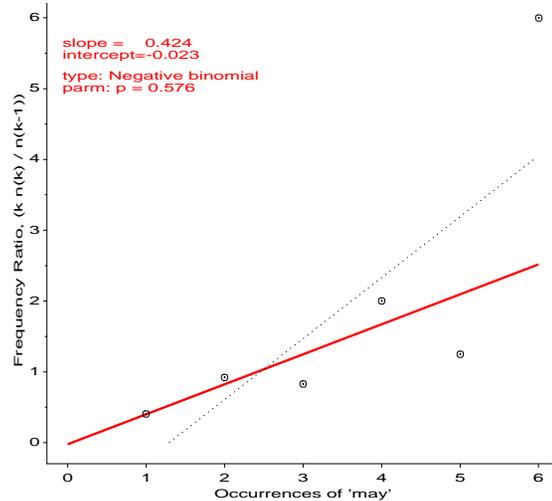
- How to tell which discrete distributions are likely candidates?
- Ord (1967): for each of Poisson, Binomial, Negative Binomial, and Logarithmic Series distributions,
  - plot of  $k p_k / p_{k-1}$  against  $k$  is linear
  - signs of intercept and slope → determine the form, give rough estimates of parameters

Slope (b)	Intercept (a)	Distribution (parameter)	Parameter estimate
0	+	Poisson ( $\lambda$ )	$\lambda = a$
-	+	Binomial (n, p)	$p = b / (b - 1)$
+	+	Neg. binomial (n, p)	$p = 1 - b$
+	-	Log. series ( $\theta$ )	$\theta = b$ $\theta = -a$

- Fit line by WLS, using  $\sqrt{n_k}$  as weights

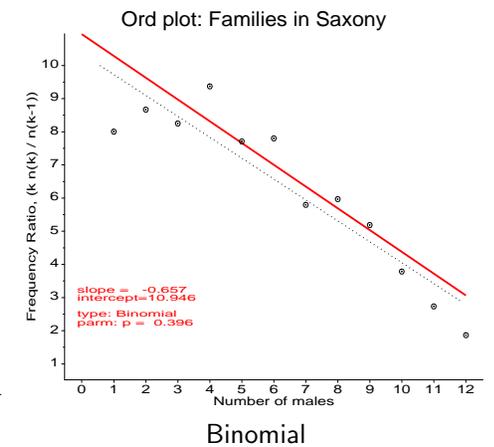
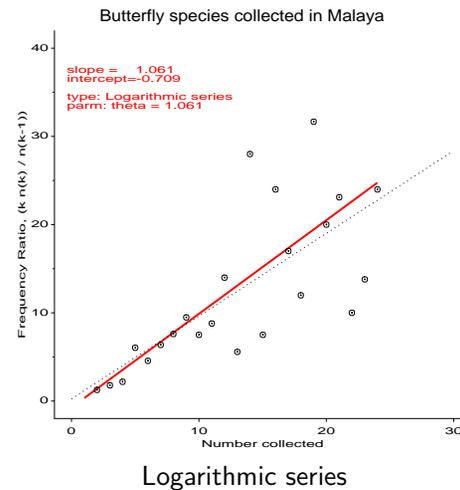
## Ord plots

- ORD PLOT macro
- ```
%ordplot(data=madison, count=Count, freq=blocks);
```



- Diagnoses distribution as NegBin
- Estimates  $\hat{p} = 0.576$

## Ord plots: Other distributions



## Robust distribution plots: Poisson

- Ord plots lack robustness
  - one discrepant frequency,  $n_k$  affects points for both  $k$  and  $k + 1$
- Robust plots for Poisson distribution (Hoaglin and Tukey, 1985)
  - For Poisson, plot **count metameter**  $= \phi(n_k) = \log_e(k! n_k/N)$  vs.  $k$
  - Linear relation  $\Rightarrow$  Poisson, slope gives  $\hat{\lambda}$
  - CI for points, diagnostic (influence) plot
  - **POISPLOT** macro

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## Poissonness plots: Details

- If the distribution of  $n_k$  is  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  for some fixed  $\lambda$ , then each observed frequency,  $n_k \approx m_k = Np_k$ .
- Then, setting  $n_k = Np_k = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k/k!$ , and taking logs of both sides gives

$$\log(n_k) = \log N - \lambda + k \log \lambda - \log k!$$

which can be rearranged to

$$\phi(n_k) \equiv \log\left(\frac{k! n_k}{N}\right) = -\lambda + (\log \lambda) k$$

- $\Rightarrow$  if the distribution is Poisson, plotting  $\phi(n_k)$  vs.  $k$  should give a line with
  - intercept  $= -\lambda$
  - slope  $= \log \lambda$
- Nonlinear relation  $\rightarrow$  distribution is *not* Poisson
- Hoaglin and Tukey (1985) give details on calculation of confidence intervals and influence measures.

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## POISPLOT macro: example

```

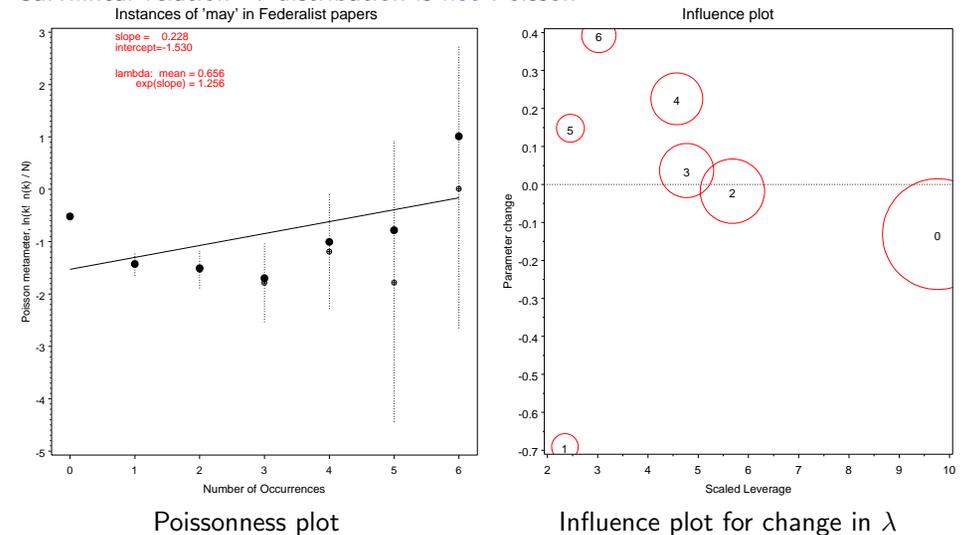
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5     blocks='Blocks of Text';
6 datalines;
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8   1  63
9   2  29
10  3   8
11  4   4
12  5   1
13  6   1
14 ;
15 %poisplot(data=madison,count=count, freq=blocks);

```

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## POISPLOT macro: output

Curvilinear relation  $\rightarrow$  distribution is *not* Poisson



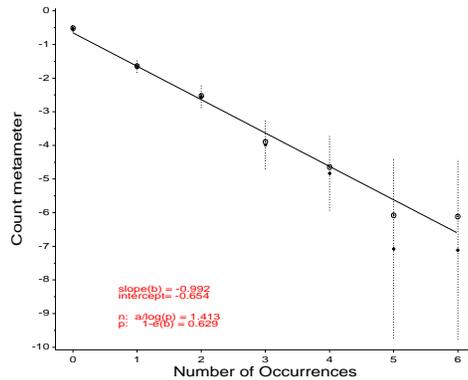
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## Generalized robust distribution plots

Other distributions: Analogous plots, for suitable count metameter,  $\phi(n_k)$  vs.  $k$ .

- Linear relation  $\Rightarrow$  correct distribution, slope gives parameter estimates
- CI reflect variability of the individual counts,  $n_k$
- **DISTPLOT** macro

```
%distplot(data=madison, count=count, freq=blocks,
           dist=negbin);
```



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## Discrete distributions with R and the vcd package

In R, discrete distributions are conveniently represented as one-way frequency tables,

```
> library(vcd)
> data(Federalist)
> Federalist
```

```
nMay
 0  1  2  3  4  5  6
156 63 29  8  4  1  1
```

The `goodfit()` function in `vcd` fits a variety of discrete distributions:

```
> # fit the poisson model
> gf1 <- goodfit(Federalist, type="poisson")
> gf1
```

Observed and fitted values for poisson distribution with parameters estimated by 'ML'

| count | observed | fitted       |
|-------|----------|--------------|
| 0     | 156      | 135.89138870 |
| 1     | 63       | 89.21114067  |
| 2     | 29       | 29.28304617  |
| 3     | 8        | 6.40799484   |
| 4     | 4        | 1.05169381   |
| 5     | 1        | 0.13808499   |
| 6     | 1        | 0.01510854   |

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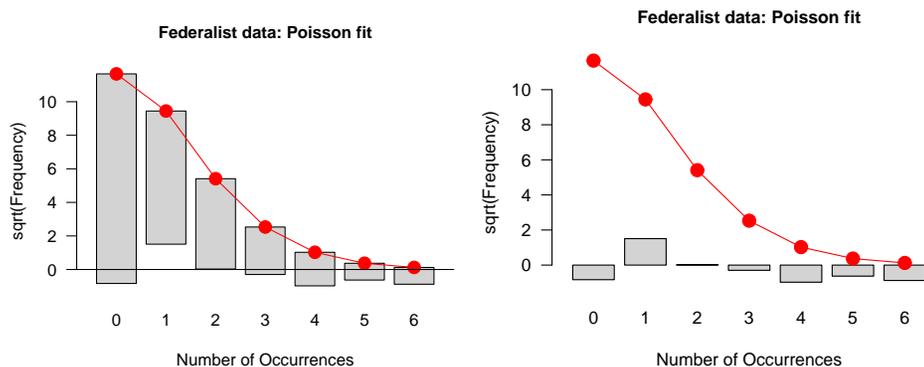
R is object-oriented. A `goodfit` object has `print()`, `summary()` and `plot()` methods:

```
> summary(gf1)
```

Goodness-of-fit test for poisson distribution

```
      X^2 df    P(> X^2)
Likelihood Ratio 25.24312  5 0.0001250511
```

```
> plot(gf1, main="Federalist data: Poisson fit")
> plot(gf1, main="Federalist data: Poisson fit", type="dev")
```



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## Discrete distributions with R and the vcd package

The Poisson distribution

```
> # In a poisson, mean = var; this is 'over-dispersed'
> mean(rep(0:6, times=Federalist))
```

```
[1] 0.6564885
```

```
> var(rep(0:6, times=Federalist))
```

```
[1] 1.007985
```

The negative binomial distribution,  $Nbin(r, p)$  allows the data to deviate from a true Poisson according to a parameter  $r > 0$ .

```
> ## try negative binomial distribution (r, p)
> gf2 <- goodfit(Federalist, type = "nbinomial")
> summary(gf2)
```

Goodness-of-fit test for nbinomial distribution

```
      X^2 df    P(> X^2)
Likelihood Ratio 1.964028  4 0.7423751
```

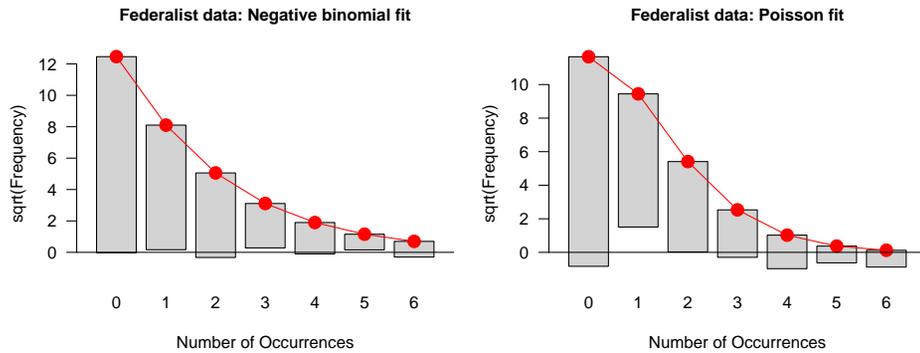
This has an acceptable fit to the Federalist data

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## Discrete distributions with R and the vcd package

Compare the fits side-by-side:

```
> plot(gf2, main="Federalist data: Negative binomial fit")
> plot(gf1, main="Federalist data: Poisson fit")
```



### Conclusions:

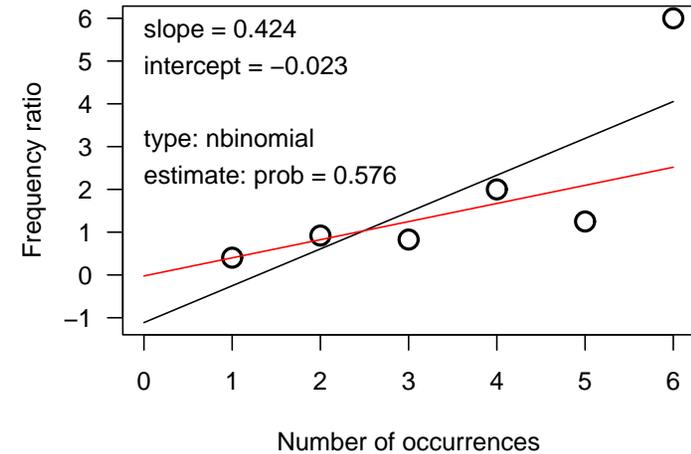
- Perhaps marker words like 'may' do not occur with constant probability in all blocks of text
- Perhaps the blocks of text were written under different circumstances

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vcd includes `Ord_plot()` and `distplot()` functions. E.g.,

```
> Ord_plot(Federalist,
           main = "Instances of 'may' in Federalist papers")
```

### Instances of 'may' in Federalist papers



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## Testing Association in Two-Way Tables

### Typical analysis: Nominal factors

- Pearson  $\chi^2$  (or LR  $\chi^2$ )— when most expected frequencies  $\geq 5$ .

```
proc freq;
  weight count;          /* if in frequency form */
  table factor * response / chisq;
```

- Exact tests— small tables, small sample sizes (e.g., Fisher's)

```
proc freq;
  weight count;          /* if in frequency form */
  table factor * response / chisq;
  exact pchi;
```

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## Example: Cholesterol diet and heart disease

Is there a relation between Hi/Lo cholesterol diet and heart disease?

```
fat.sas
1 title 'Cholesterol diet and heart disease';
2 data fat;
3   input diet $ disease $ count;
4 datalines;
5 LoChol No 6
6 LoChol Yes 2
7 HiChol No 4
8 HiChol Yes 11
9 ;
10
11 proc freq data=fat;
12   weight count;
13   tables diet * disease / chisq nopercnt nocol;
14   exact pchi;
```

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## Standard output:

Table of diet by disease

| diet                 | disease    |             | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Frequency<br>Row Pct | No         | Yes         |       |
| HiChol               | 4<br>26.67 | 11<br>73.33 | 15    |
| LoChol               | 6<br>75.00 | 2<br>25.00  | 8     |
| Total                | 10         | 13          | 23    |

## Statistics for Table of diet by disease

| Statistic                   | DF | Value  | Prob   |
|-----------------------------|----|--------|--------|
| Chi-Square                  | 1  | 4.9597 | 0.0259 |
| Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square | 1  | 5.0975 | 0.0240 |
| Continuity Adj. Chi-Square  | 1  | 3.1879 | 0.0742 |

**WARNING:** 50% of the cells have expected counts less than 5.  
(Asymptotic) Chi-Square may not be a valid test.

- The Pearson and LR  $\chi^2$  tests are not valid
- The conservative continuity-adjusted test fails significance

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- Exact tests are valid and significant.

## Exact test output:

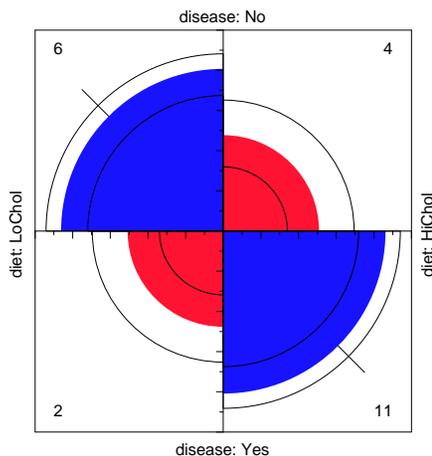
Pearson Chi-Square Test

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Chi-Square            | 4.9597 |
| DF                    | 1      |
| Asymptotic Pr > ChiSq | 0.0259 |
| Exact Pr >= ChiSq     | 0.0393 |

Fisher's Exact Test

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Cell (1,1) Frequency (F) | 4      |
| Left-sided Pr <= F       | 0.0367 |
| Right-sided Pr >= F      | 0.9967 |
| Table Probability (P)    | 0.0334 |
| Two-sided Pr <= P        | 0.0393 |

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Preview: Visualizing association in  $2 \times 2$  tables

- Fourfold display: area  $\sim$  frequency
- Color: blue (+), red(-)
- Confidence bands: significance of odds ratio
- Interp: Hi cholesterol  $\rightarrow$  Heart disease

```
%ffold(data=fat, var=diet disease);
```

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## Ordinal factors and Stratified analyses

## More powerful CMH tests

- When either the row (factor) or column (response) levels are **ordered**, more specific (CMH = Cochran - Mantel - Haentzel) tests which take order into account have greater power to detect ordered relations.

```
proc freq;
  weight count;
  table factor * response / chisq cmh;
```

## Control for other background variables

- Stratified analysis tests the association between a main factor and response *within* levels of the control variable(s)
- Can also test for homogeneous association across strata

```
proc freq;
  weight count;
  table strata * factor * response / chisq cmh;
```

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## Example: Arthritis treatment

Data on treatment for rheumatoid arthritis (Koch and Edwards, 1988)

- **Ordinal response:** none, some, or marked improvement
- **Factor:** active treatment vs. placebo
- **Strata:** Sex

| Treatment | Sex    | Outcome |      |        | Total |
|-----------|--------|---------|------|--------|-------|
|           |        | None    | Some | Marked |       |
| Active    | Female | 6       | 5    | 16     | 27    |
|           | Male   | 7       | 2    | 5      |       |
| Placebo   | Female | 19      | 7    | 6      | 32    |
|           | Male   | 10      | 0    | 1      |       |
| Total     |        | 42      | 14   | 28     | 84    |

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## Overall analysis, ignoring sex

```

:
:
: arthfreq.sas ...
1 title 'Arthritis Treatment: PROC FREQ Analysis';
2 data arth;
3   input sex$ treat$ @;
4   do improve = 'None ', 'Some', 'Marked';
5     input count @;
6     output;
7   end;
8 datalines;
9 Female Active 6 5 16
10 Female Placebo 19 7 6
11 Male Active 7 2 5
12 Male Placebo 10 0 1
13 ;
14 *-- Ignoring sex;
15 proc freq order=data;
16   weight count;
17   tables treat * improve / cmh chisq nocol nopercnt;
18 run;

```

### Notes:

- PROC FREQ orders character variables alphabetically (i.e., 'Marked', 'None', 'Some') by default.
- To treat the IMPROVE variable as ordinal, use order=data on the PROC FREQ statement.

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## Overall analysis, ignoring sex: Results (chisq option)

### STATISTICS FOR TABLE OF TREAT BY IMPROVE

| Statistic                   | DF | Value  | Prob  |
|-----------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| Chi-Square                  | 2  | 13.055 | 0.001 |
| Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square | 2  | 13.530 | 0.001 |
| Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square  | 1  | 12.859 | 0.000 |
| Phi Coefficient             |    | 0.394  |       |
| Contingency Coefficient     |    | 0.367  |       |
| Cramer's V                  |    | 0.394  |       |

## Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel tests: (cmh option)

### SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR TREAT BY IMPROVE

Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Statistics (Based on Table Scores)

| Statistic | Alternative Hypothesis | DF | Value  | Prob  |
|-----------|------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| 1         | Nonzero Correlation    | 1  | 12.859 | 0.000 |
| 2         | Row Mean Scores Differ | 1  | 12.859 | 0.000 |
| 3         | General Association    | 2  | 12.900 | 0.002 |

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## CMH tests for ordinal variables

Three types of test:

### Non-zero correlation

- Use when *both* row and column variables are ordinal.
- CMH  $\chi^2 = (N - 1)r^2$ , assigning scores (1, 2, 3, ...)
- most powerful for *linear* association

### Row Mean Scores Differ

- Use when only *column* variable is ordinal
- Analogous to the Kruskal-Wallis non-parametric test (ANOVA on rank scores)
- Ordinal variable must be listed *last* in the TABLES statement

### General Association

- Use when *both* row and column variables are nominal.
- Similar to overall Pearson  $\chi^2$  and Likelihood Ratio  $\chi^2$ .

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## Sample CMH Profiles

## Only general association:

|       | b1 | b2 | b3 | b4 | b5 | Total | Mean |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|------|
| a1    | 0  | 15 | 25 | 15 | 0  | 55    | 3.0  |
| a2    | 5  | 20 | 5  | 20 | 5  | 55    | 3.0  |
| a3    | 20 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 20 | 55    | 3.0  |
| Total | 25 | 40 | 35 | 40 | 25 | 165   |      |

## Output:

## Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Statistics (Based on Table Scores)

| Statistic | Alternative Hypothesis | DF | Value  | Prob  |
|-----------|------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| 1         | Nonzero Correlation    | 1  | 0.000  | 1.000 |
| 2         | Row Mean Scores Differ | 2  | 0.000  | 1.000 |
| 3         | General Association    | 8  | 91.797 | 0.000 |

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## Sample CMH Profiles

## Linear Association:

|       | b1 | b2 | b3 | b4 | b5 | Total | Mean |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|------|
| a1    | 2  | 5  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 31    | 3.48 |
| a2    | 2  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 5  | 31    | 3.19 |
| a3    | 5  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 2  | 31    | 2.81 |
| a4    | 8  | 8  | 8  | 5  | 2  | 31    | 2.52 |
| Total | 17 | 29 | 32 | 29 | 17 | 124   |      |

## Output:

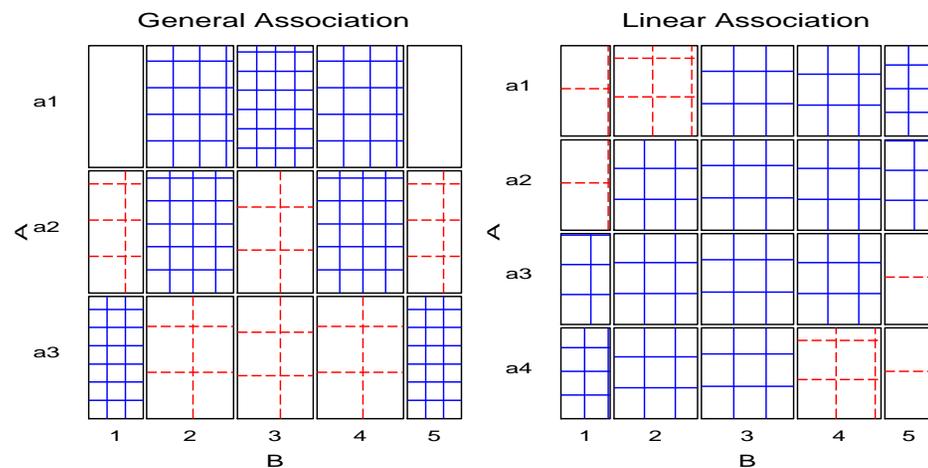
## Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Statistics (Based on Table Scores)

| Statistic | Alternative Hypothesis | DF | Value  | Prob  |
|-----------|------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| 1         | Nonzero Correlation    | 1  | 10.639 | 0.001 |
| 2         | Row Mean Scores Differ | 3  | 10.676 | 0.014 |
| 3         | General Association    | 12 | 13.400 | 0.341 |

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## Sample CMH Profiles

## Visualizing Association: Sieve diagrams



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## Stratified analysis

## Overall analysis

- ignores other variables (like sex), by collapsing over them
- risks losing important interactions (e.g., different associations for M & F)

## Stratified analysis

- controls for the effects of one or more background variables
- list stratification variable(s) *first* on the TABLES statement

```
proc freq;
  tables age * sex * treat * improve;
```

## Looking forward: Loglinear models

- allow more general hypotheses to be stated and tested
- closer connection between testing and visualization (how are variables associated)

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## Stratified analysis

The statements below request a stratified analysis with CMH tests, controlling for sex.

```

20 *-- Stratified analysis, controlling for sex;
21 proc freq order=data;
22     weight count;
23     tables sex * treat * improve / cmh chisq nocol nopercnt;
24     run;
  
```

→ separate tables (partial tests) for Females and Males

```

          STATISTICS FOR TABLE 1 OF TREAT BY IMPROVE
          CONTROLLING FOR SEX=Female

Statistic                DF      Value      Prob
-----
Chi-Square                2      11.296     0.004
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square  2      11.731     0.003
Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square  1      10.935     0.001
...
  
```

- Strong association between TREAT and IMPROVE for females

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Males:

```

          STATISTICS FOR TABLE 2 OF TREAT BY IMPROVE
          CONTROLLING FOR SEX=Male
  
```

```

Statistic                DF      Value      Prob
-----
Chi-Square                2      4.907     0.086
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square  2      5.855     0.054
Mantel-Haenszel Chi-Square  1      3.713     0.054
...
  
```

**WARNING:** 67% of the cells have expected counts less than 5. Chi-Square may not be a valid test.

- Weak association between TREAT and IMPROVE for males
- Sample size  $N = 29$  for males is small

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## Stratified tests

- Individual (*partial*) tests are followed by a *conditional* test, controlling for strata (SEX)
- These tests **do not** require large sample size in the individual strata— just a large total sample size.
- They *assume*, but do not *test* that the association is the same for all strata.

```

          SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR TREAT BY IMPROVE
          CONTROLLING FOR SEX
  
```

Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Statistics (Based on Table Scores)

| Statistic | Alternative Hypothesis | DF | Value  | Prob  |
|-----------|------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| 1         | Nonzero Correlation    | 1  | 14.632 | 0.000 |
| 2         | Row Mean Scores Differ | 1  | 14.632 | 0.000 |
| 3         | General Association    | 2  | 14.632 | 0.001 |

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## Homogeneity of association

- Is the association between the primary table variables the same over all strata?
- $2 \times 2$  tables: → Equal odds ratios across all strata?
  - PROC FREQ: MEASURES option on TABLES statement → Breslow-Day test
- Larger tables: Use PROC CATMOD to test for *no three-way association*
  - $\equiv$  same association for the primary factor & response variables  $\forall$  strata
  - $\equiv$  loglinear model: [Strata Factor] [Strata Response] [Factor Response]

```

proc freq;
    tables strata * factor * response / measures cmh ;
  
```

```

proc catmod;
    ...
    loglin strata | factor | response @2;
  
```

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## Homogeneity of association: Example

- Arthritis data: homogeneity  $\leftrightarrow$  no 3-way sex \* treatment \* outcome association
  - $\equiv$  loglinear model: [SexTreat] [SexOutcome] [TreatOutcome]
  - $\equiv$  loglin sex|treat|improve@2 for PROC CATMOD
  - Zero frequencies: PROC CATMOD treats as "structural zeros" by default; recode if necessary.

... arthfreq.sas

```

26 title2 'Test homogeneity of treat*improve association';
27 data arth;
28   set arth;
29   if count=0 then count=1E-20;   *--- sampling zeros;
30 proc catmod order=data;
31   weight count;
32   model sex * treat * improve = _response_ / ml ;
33   loglin sex|treat|improve @2 / title='No 3-way association';
34 run;
35   loglin sex treat|improve / title='No Sex Associations';

```

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## Homogeneity of association: Example

- the likelihood ratio  $\chi^2$  (the badness-of-fit for the No 3-Way model) is the test for homogeneity
- clearly non-significant  $\rightarrow$  treatment-outcome association can be considered to be the same for men and women.

Test homogeneity of treat\*improve association  
No 3-way association  
MAXIMUM-LIKELIHOOD ANALYSIS-OF-VARIANCE TABLE

| Source           | DF | Chi-Square | Prob   |
|------------------|----|------------|--------|
| SEX              | 1  | 14.13      | 0.0002 |
| TREAT            | 1  | 1.32       | 0.2512 |
| SEX*TREAT        | 1  | 2.93       | 0.0871 |
| IMPROVE          | 2  | 13.61      | 0.0011 |
| SEX*IMPROVE      | 2  | 6.51       | 0.0386 |
| TREAT*IMPROVE    | 2  | 13.36      | 0.0013 |
| LIKELIHOOD RATIO | 2  | 1.70       | 0.4267 |

- But, associations of SEX\*TREAT and SEX\*IMPROVE are both small.
- Suggests stronger model of homogeneity, [Sex] [TreatOutcome], tested by loglin sex treat|improve; statement.

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## Homogeneity of association: Reduced model

... arthfreq.sas

```

30 proc catmod order=data;
31   weight count;
32   model sex * treat * improve = _response_ / ml ;
33   loglin sex|treat|improve@2 / title='No 3-way association';
34 run;
35   loglin sex treat|improve / title='No Sex Associations';

```

### Output:

No Sex Associations  
MAXIMUM-LIKELIHOOD ANALYSIS-OF-VARIANCE TABLE

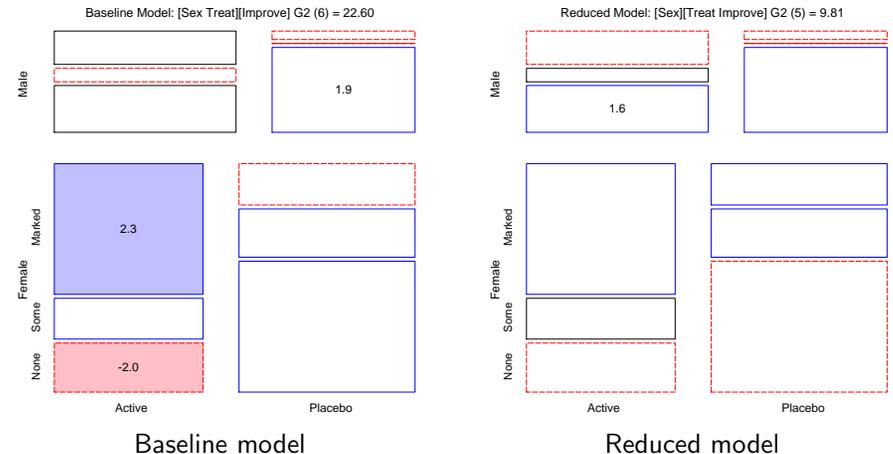
| Source           | DF | Chi-Square | Prob   |
|------------------|----|------------|--------|
| SEX              | 1  | 12.95      | 0.0003 |
| TREAT            | 1  | 0.15       | 0.6991 |
| IMPROVE          | 2  | 10.99      | 0.0041 |
| TREAT*IMPROVE    | 2  | 12.00      | 0.0025 |
| LIKELIHOOD RATIO | 5  | 9.81       | 0.0809 |

- Fits reasonably well
- How to interpret?

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## Homogeneity of association

### Visualizing Association: Mosaic displays



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## Summary: Part 1

- **Categorical data**
  - Table form vs. case form
  - Non-parametric methods vs. model-based methods
  - Response models vs. association models
- **Graphical methods for categorical data**
  - Frequency data more naturally displayed as **count**  $\sim$  area
  - Sieve diagram, fourfold & mosaic display: compare observed vs. expected frequency
  - Graphical principles: Visual comparison, effect-ordering, small multiples
- **Discrete distributions**
  - Fit: GOODFIT; Graph: hanging rootograms to show departures
  - Ord plot: diagnose form of distribution
  - POISPLOT, DISTPLOT for robust distribution plots
- **Testing association**
  - Pearson  $\chi^2$ , L.R.  $\chi^2$  (largish samples) vs. Fisher exact test (small samples)
  - CMH tests more powerful for ordinal factors
  - Three-way+ tables: Stratified analysis, homogeneity of association
  - Visualize with Sieve diagram, fourfold & mosaic display