

Last day

- odds ratio
- comparative measure for two probabilities

$$p_1, p_2 = OR = \frac{p_1 / (1 - p_1)}{p_2 / (1 - p_2)}$$

- "convenient" association parameter
- estimated from retrospective data - case control studies
- also prospective studies
- cross-sectional studies

Interpretation "exaggerated" relative risk

$$OR = 1 \quad RR = 1 \quad p_1 - p_2 = 0$$

no difference

$$\begin{array}{l} RR > 1 \\ RR < 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} OR > RR \\ OR < RR \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{further from} \\ 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Practical interpretation of comparative measures

- $p_1 - p_2$ - risk difference (benefit difference)

related "perspective" is to consider $\frac{1}{p_1 - p_2} = \text{NNT}$

- p_1 & p_2 measuring benefits
→ clinical trials
- number need to treat.

ex. $\frac{1}{.443} \approx 2 \text{ or } 3$

NNT = number of patients needed to treat before 1 patient obtains benefit

$$p_1 - p_2 = .5 \quad \text{NNT} = 2$$

$$p_1 - p_2 = .1 \quad \text{NNT} = 10$$

Relative Risk $\frac{p_1}{p_2}$

Rel. risk of continued pain if only placebo

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|----------------|-------|
| $\frac{9}{13}$ | - Pla |
| $\frac{5}{12}$ | - IRs |

$$= 2.8$$

- relative measure

so if $p_1 = .0000003$
 $p_2 = .0000001$

$$RR = 3. \quad p_1 - p_2 = \text{negligible}$$

$$p_1 = .10 \rightarrow p_2 = .30$$

→ RR convenient to use
in Poisson regression —
- natural parameter
- common in epidemiology
especially "rare" diseases

$$OR \approx RR \quad \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2} \right) \times \left(\frac{1-p_2}{1-p_1} \right) \approx 1$$

if p_1, p_2 small

both $< .10$

OR \approx RR when disease is rare.

- can make RR interpretation based on OR if rare outcome

I x J Contingency Table,

$R \times C \rightarrow$

eg 6 x 2 table

\rightarrow cross-classification by

two factors - Row factor

Col. factor: Admission - program
Yes/No applied to
6

Pattern of association between
categorical variables,

To test for association
between row & column
factors - Pearson's
test - for independence

\hookrightarrow equivalent to saying
admission rates same
across programs

- Pearson's test is also a test

for equality of row or
column proportions.

- eg. $p < .000001$

- clearly some "real"
differences

→ there's a difference
- but where??

- similar to ANOVA

- follow up with
pairwise comparisons
- procedures to reduce
problem of multiple comparisons

- Tukey's

→ - set overall
or experiment-wide
error rate.

→ in R. - pairwise.prop.test

4x4 example

$$\text{Pearson's } \chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 \frac{(\text{obs} - \text{exp})^2}{\text{exp}}$$

row column

$$\text{exp} = \frac{r_i \times c_j}{N}$$

under H_0 : no association

$$\chi^2 \text{ approx } \chi^2 \quad \text{d.f.} = (r-1) \times (c-1)$$

in example $P = .21$

- χ^2 - doesn't reflect
any ordering
or trends

- will look at better
tests later.