

# 10-3 Contingency Tables

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## Definition

❖ **Contingency Table** (or two-way frequency table)  
a table in which frequencies correspond to two variables.

(One variable is used to categorize rows, and a second variable is used to categorize columns.)

Contingency tables have at least two rows and at least two columns.

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## Contingency Table

	Homicide	Robbery	Assault
Stranger	12	379	727
Acquaintance or Relative	39	106	642

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## Definition

### ❖ Test of Independence

tests the null hypothesis that there is no association between the row variable and the column variable.

(The null hypothesis is the statement that the row and column variables are independent.)

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## Assumptions

1. The sample data are randomly selected.
2. The null hypothesis  $H_0$  is the statement that the row and column variables are independent; the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  is the statement that the row and variables are dependent.
3. For every cell in the contingency table, the expected frequency  $E$  is at least 5. (There is no requirement that every observed frequency must be at least 5.)

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## Tests of Independence

$H_0$ : The row variable is independent of the column variable

$H_1$ : The row variable is dependent (related to) the column variable

This procedure cannot be used to establish a direct cause-and-effect link between variables in question.

Dependence means only there is a relationship between the two variables.

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## Test of Independence Test Statistic

$$X^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$$

### Critical Values

1. Found in Table A-4 using  
degrees of freedom =  $(r - 1)(c - 1)$   
 $r$  is the number of rows and  $c$  is the number of columns
2. Tests of Independence are always right-tailed.

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$$E = \frac{(\text{row total})(\text{column total})}{(\text{grand total})}$$



Total number of all observed frequencies  
in the table

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### Expected Frequency for Contingency Tables

$$E = \text{grand total} \cdot \frac{\text{row total}}{\text{grand total}} \cdot \frac{\text{column total}}{\text{grand total}}$$

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### Expected Frequency for Contingency Tables

$$E = \underbrace{\text{grand total}}_n \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\text{row total}}{\text{grand total}} \cdot \frac{\text{column total}}{\text{grand total}}}_p$$

(probability of a cell)

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Is the type of crime independent of whether the criminal is a stranger?

	Homicide	Robbery	Assault	
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$H_0$ : Type of crime is independent of knowing the criminal

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Is the type of crime independent of whether the criminal is a stranger?

	Homicide	Robbery	Assault	Row Total
Stranger	12	379	727	1118
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Column Total	51	485	1369	1905

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Is the type of crime independent of whether the criminal is a stranger?

	Homicide	Robbery	Assault	Row Total
Stranger	12 (29.93)	379 (284.64)	727 (803.43)	1118
Acquaintance or Relative	39 (21.07)	106 (200.36)	642 (565.57)	787
Column Total	51	485	1369	1905

$$E = \frac{(\text{row total})(\text{column total})}{(\text{grand total})}$$

$$E = \frac{(1118)(51)}{1905} = 29.93 \quad E = \frac{(1118)(485)}{1905} = 284.64$$

*etc.*

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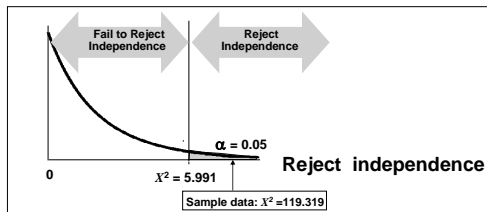
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**Test Statistic:**  $\chi^2 = 119.319$   
 with  $\alpha = 0.05$  and  $(r - 1)(c - 1) = (2 - 1)(3 - 1) = 2$  degrees of freedom  
**Critical Value:**  $\chi^2 = 5.991$  (from Table A-4)



**It appears that the type of crime and knowing the criminal are related.**

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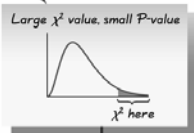
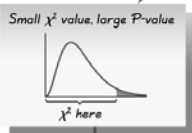
### Relationships Among Components in $\chi^2$ Test of Independence

Figure 10-8

Compare the observed  $O$  values to the corresponding expected  $E$  values.

$O$ s and  $E$ s are close.

$O$ s and  $E$ s are far apart.



Fail to reject independence

Reject independence

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## Definition

### Test of Homogeneity

tests the claim that *different populations* have the same proportions of some characteristics

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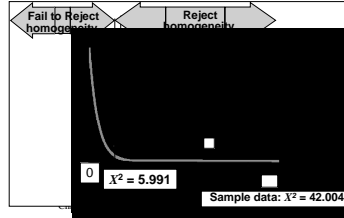
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## Example - Test of Homogeneity

		Seat Belt Use in Taxi Cabs		
		New York	Chicago	Pittsburgh
Taxi has	Yes	3	42	2
usable	No	74	87	70
seat belt?				

Claim: The 3 cities have the same proportion of taxis with usable seat belts  
 $H_0$ : The 3 cities have the same proportion of taxis with usable seat belts  
 $H_a$ : The proportion of taxis with usable seat belts is not the same in all 3 cities



There is sufficient evidence to warrant rejection of the claim that the 3 cities have the same proportion of usable seat belts in taxis; appears from Table Chicago has a much higher proportion.

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