

Lecture 10: Chapter 5, Section 2 Relationships (Two Categorical Variables)

- Two-Way Tables
- Summarizing and Displaying
- Comparing Proportions or Counts
- Confounding Variables

Looking Back: Review

- **4 Stages of Statistics**
 - Data Production (discussed in Lectures 1-4)
 - Displaying and Summarizing
 - Single variables: 1 cat, 1 quan (discussed Lectures 5-8)
 - Relationships between 2 variables:
 - Categorical and quantitative (discussed in Lecture 9)
 - Two categorical
 - Two quantitative
 - Probability
 - Statistical Inference

Single Categorical Variables (Review)

- **Display:**
 - Pie Chart
 - Bar Graph
 - **Summarize:**
 - Count or Proportion or Percentage
- Add categorical explanatory variable → display and summary of categorical responses are **extensions** of those used for single categorical variables.

Example: Two Single Categorical Variables

- **Background:** Data on students' gender and lenswear (contacts, glasses, or none) in two-way table:

	Contacts	Glasses	None	Total
Female	121	32	129	282
Male	42	37	85	164
Total	163	69	214	446

- **Question:** What parts of the table convey info about the individual variables gender and lenswear?
- **Response:**
 - _____ is about gender.
 - _____ is about lenswear.

Example: Relationship between Categorical Variables

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- **Question:** What part of the table conveys info about the *relationship* between gender and lenswear?
- **Response:** _____ is about relationship.

Summarizing and Displaying Categorical Relationships

- Identify variables' **roles** (explanatory, response)
- Use **rows** for **explanatory**, columns for response
- **Compare proportions** or percentages in response of interest (*conditional proportions or percentages*) for various explanatory groups.
- Display with **bar graph**:
 - Explanatory groups identified on **horizontal** axis
 - Conditional percentages or proportions in response(s) of interest graphed **vertically**

Definition

- A **conditional** percentage or proportion tells the percentage or proportion in the response of interest, given that an individual falls in a particular explanatory group.

Example: Comparing Counts vs. Proportions

- **Background:** Data on students' gender and lenswear (contacts, glasses, or none) in two-way table:

	Contacts	Glasses	None	Total
Female	121	32	129	282
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- **Question:** Since 129 females and 85 males wore no lenses, should we report that fewer males wore no lenses?
- **Response:**

- **proportion** of females with no lenswear:
- **proportion** of males with no lenswear:

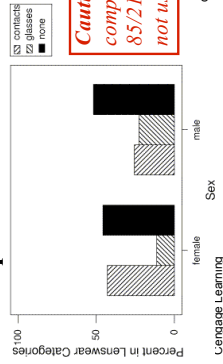
Example: Displaying Categorical Relationships

- Background: Counts and conditional percentages produced with software:

Rows: gender	Columns: LensesWear	All		
	contacts	glasses	none	
female	121	32	129	282
	42.91	11.35	45.74	100.00
male	42	37	85	164
	25.61	22.56	51.83	100.00
All	163	69	214	446

- Question: How can we display this information?

- Response:



Caution: If we made *lenswear* explanatory, we'd compare $129/214 = 60\%$ with no lenses female, $85/214 = 40\%$ with no lenses male, etc. Why is this not useful?

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Example: Interpreting Results

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- Questions: Are you convinced that, in general,

- all females wear contacts more than males do?
- all males are more likely to wear no lenses?

- Responses: Consider *how* different sample percentages are:

- Contacts:
- No lenses:

Looking Ahead: Inference will let us judge if sample differences are large enough to suggest a general trend. For now, we can guess that the first difference is "real", due to different priorities for importance of appearance.

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Example: Comparing Proportions

- Background: An experiment considered if wasp larvae were less likely to attack an embryo if it was a brother:

	Attacked	Not attacked	Total
Brother	16	15	31
Unrelated	24	7	31
Total	40	22	62

- Question: What are the relevant proportions to compare?

- Response:

- Brother: _____ were attacked
- Unrelated: _____ were attacked
- _____ likely to attack a brother wasp

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Another Comparison in Considering Categorical Relationships

- Instead of considering how different are the proportions in a two-way table, we may consider how different the *counts* are from what we'd expect if the "explanatory" and "response" variables were in fact unrelated.

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Example: Expected Counts

- Background:** Experiment considered if wasp larvae were less likely to attack embryo if it was a brother:

	Attacked	Not attacked	Total
Brother	16	15	31
Unrelated	24	7	31
Total	40	22	62

- Question:** What counts would we expect to see, if being a brother had no effect on likelihood of attack?
- Response:** Overall 40/62 attacked → expect _____ brothers,

_____ unrelated to be attacked; expect remaining _____ brothers and _____ unrelated not to be attacked.

Example: Comparing Counts

- Background:** Tables of observed and expected counts in wasp aggression experiment:

Obs	A	NA	T
B	16	15	31
U	24	7	31
T	40	22	62

Exp	A	NA	T
B	20	11	31
U	20	11	31
T	40	22	62

- Question:** How do the counts compare?
- Response:**

Looking Ahead: Inference (Part 4) will help decide if these differences are large enough to provide evidence that kinship and aggression are related.

Example: Expected Counts in Lenswear Table

- Background:** Data on students' gender and lenswear (contacts, glasses, or none) in two-way table:

	C	G	N	Total
F	121	32	129	282
M	42	37	85	164
Total	163	69	214	446

- Question:** What counts would we expect to wear glasses, if there were no relationship between gender and lenswear?
- Response:** Altogether, 69/446 wore glasses. If there were no relationship, we'd expect _____ females and _____ males with glasses.

Example: Observed vs. Expected Counts

- Background:** If gender and lenswear were unrelated, we'd expect 44 females and 25 males with glasses.

	C	G	N	Total
F	121	32	129	282
M	42	37	85	164
Total	163	69	214	446

- Question:** How different are the observed and expected counts of females and males with glasses?
- Response:** Considerably _____ females and _____ males wore glasses, compared to what would be expected if there were no relationship.

Confounding Variable in Categorical Relationships

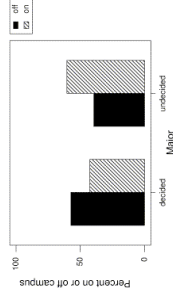
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Looking Back: *Sampling and Design issues should always be considered before reporting summaries of single variables or relationships.*

Example: Confounding Variables

- Background:** Survey results for full-time students:

	On Campus	Off Campus	Total	Rate On Campus
Undecided	124	81	205	124/205=60%
Decided	96	129	225	96/225=43%



- Question:** Is there a relationship between whether or not major is decided and living on or off campus?
- Response:**

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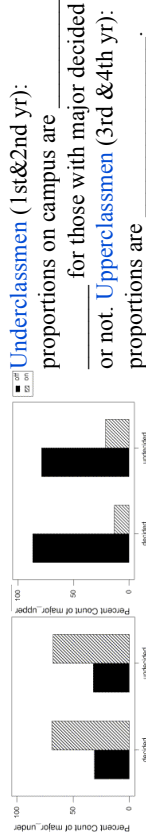
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Example: Handling Confounding Variables

- Background:** Year at school may be confounding variable in relationship between major decided or not and living situation.
- Question:** How should we handle the data?
- Response:**

	On Campus	Off Campus	Total	Rate On Campus
Underclassmen	117	55	172	117/172=68%
Decided	82	37	119	82/119=69%
Upperclassmen	7	26	33	7/33=21%
Decided	14	92	106	14/106=13%



Underclassmen (1st&2nd yr): proportions on campus are _____ for those with major decided or not. **Upperclassmen** (3rd &4th yr): proportions are _____.

Simpson's Paradox

If the nature of a relationship changes, depending on whether groups are combined or kept separate, we call this phenomenon "Simpson's Paradox".

Example: Considering Confounding Variables

- **Background:** Suppose that boys, like Bart, tend to eat a lot of sugar and they also tend to be hyperactive. Girls, like Lisa, tend not to eat much sugar and they are less likely to be hyperactive.
- **Question:** Why would the data lead to a misperception that sugar causes hyperactivity?
- **Response:**

Lecture Summary (Categorical Relationships)

- **Two-Way Tables**
 - Individual variables in margins
 - Relationship inside table
- **Summarize:** Compare (conditional) proportions.
- **Display:** Bar graph
- **Interpreting Results:** How different are proportions?
- **Comparing Observed and Expected Counts**
- **Confounding Variables**