

Chapter 9 Testing Hypothesis and Assessing Goodness of Fit

9.6 Likelihood Ratio Tests for Multinomial Distributions

Example: Berkson (1966). Fitting Poisson probabilities with unknown parameter λ , for cell counts in a table (see Section 8.2).

Pearson's chi-square statistic:

$$X^2 = \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

Under the null hypothesis, X^2 is approximately the chi-square distribution with the number of degrees of freedom (df) given by

$$\text{df} = \text{number of cells} - \text{number of independent parameters fitted} - 1$$

- Find Pearson chi-square statistic for this example.
- Find the likelihood ratio.
- Use a Taylor series to show that these two are asymptotically equivalent.