

Models for Matched Pairs:

The responses in the two samples are matched pairs, if each observation in one sample pairs with an observation in the other sample. Because of the matching, the samples are statistically dependent, so methods that treat the two sets of observations as independent samples are inappropriate.

⇒ Examples of Matched Pairs:

* A researcher attempts to determine if a drug has an effect on a particular disease. Counts of individuals are given in the following table, with the diagnosis (disease: present or absent) before treatment given in the rows and diagnosis after treatment in the columns. The same subjects to be included in the before-and-after measurements (matched pairs).

Before	After		Row total
	Present	Absent	
Present	101	121	222
Absent	59	33	92
column total	160	154	314

* From the 2000 General social survey. Subjects were asked whether to help the environment, they would be willing to (1) pay higher taxes or (2) accept a cut in living standards.

Pay higher taxes	cut living standards		row total
	Yes	No	
Yes	227	132	359
No	107	678	785
column total	334	810	1144

* Case-Control experiments:

Case	Control		row total
	Exposed	Not exposed	
Exposed	13	25	38
Not exposed	4	92	96
Column total	17	117	134

The investigator studies 134 cases and 134 matched controls (matched on the base of age, gender, occupation, location and other relevant variables), for a total of 268 subjects.

* Multinomial categorical response data for match pairs
From the 2004 General Social Survey, reports respondents' region of residence in 2004 and at age 16.

Residence at Age 16	Residence in 2004			
	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Northeast	425	17	80	36
Midwest	10	155	74	47
South	7	34	771	33
West	5	14	29	452

* Ordinal categorical response data for matched pair.

From a General Social Survey. Subjects were asked "How often do you make a special effort to buy fruits and vegetables grown without pesticides or chemicals?" and "How often do you make a special effort to sort glass or cans or plastic or papers and so on for recycling?"

Chemical free	Recycle		
	Always	Sometimes	Never
Always	66	39	3
Sometimes	227	359	48
Never	150	216	108

The most common way dependent samples occur is when each sample has the same subjects.

Pay Higher taxes	Cut living standards		Total
	Yes	No	
Yes	227	132	359
No	107	678	785
Total	334	810	1144

Comparing dependent proportions:

How can we compare the probabilities of a "Yes" outcome for the two environment questions?

Let n_{ij} denote the number of subjects who respond in category i for the first question and j for the second question.

$$n_{1+} = n_{11} + n_{12} = 359 \text{ subjects said yes for raising taxes}$$

$$n_{+1} = n_{11} + n_{21} = 334 \text{ subjects said yes for accepting cuts in living standards}$$

The sample \uparrow marginal proportion were:

$$P_{1+} = \frac{n_{1+}}{n} = \frac{359}{1144} = 0.31$$

$$P_{+1} = \frac{n_{+1}}{n} = \frac{334}{1144} = 0.29$$

These marginal proportions are correlated. We see that $227 + 678$ subjects had the same opinion on both questions. They compose most of the sample since fewer people answered "Yes" on one and "no" on other. A strong association exists between the opinions on the two questions; the sample odd ratio being:

$$\text{Odd ratio} = \frac{n_{11} \times n_{22}}{n_{12} \times n_{21}} = \frac{227 \times 678}{132 \times 107} = 10.9 > 1$$

There is association between the opinions on the two questions

⇒ Marginal homogeneity:
 Let π_{ij} denote the probability of outcome i for 1 question ξ_1 and for 2 question ξ_2 .
 The probability of a "yes" outcome are π_{1+} for question 1 and π_{+1} for question 2. When these are identical, the probabilities of a "no" outcome are also identical. There is then said to be marginal homogeneity. Since

$$\pi_{1+} = \pi_{+1}$$

$$\pi_{1+} - \pi_{+1} = 0$$

$$(\pi_{11} + \pi_{12}) - (\pi_{11} + \pi_{21}) = 0$$

$$\pi_{11} + \pi_{12} - \pi_{11} - \pi_{21} = 0$$

$$\pi_{12} - \pi_{21} = 0$$

$$\pi_{12} = \pi_{21}$$

marginal homogeneity in 2×2 tables is equivalent to $\pi_{12} = \pi_{21}$.

⇒ McNemar Test { Test of marginal homogeneity
 Comparing Marginal proportions:
 The McNemar test is a non-parametric test for paired nominal data. It's used when you are interested in finding a change in proportions for the paired data. This test is sometimes referred to as McNemar's Chi-square test because the test statistic has a chi-square distribution.

Assumptions for the McNemar test:

The three main assumptions for the test are:

1. You must have one nominal variable with two categories and one independent variable with two connected groups.
2. Participants cannot appear in more than one group.
3. Your sample must be a random sample.

⇒ It is a test of marginal homogeneity for matched-pairs data with a binary response.

Considering the previous example (McNemar Test):

Pay higher taxes	cutting Standards		Total
	Yes	No	
Yes	227	132	359
No	107	678	785
Total	334	810	1144

(1) Formulation of Hypothesis:

$$H_0 : \pi_{1+} = \pi_{+1} \quad \text{or} \quad \pi_{12} = \pi_{21} \quad (\text{Marginal homogeneity})$$

$$H_1 : \pi_{1+} \neq \pi_{+1} \quad \text{or} \quad \pi_{12} \neq \pi_{21} \quad (\text{Marginal heterogeneity})$$

(2) Level of Significance.

$$\alpha = 0.05.$$

(3) Test Statistic:

$$\chi_{cal}^2 = \frac{(n_{12} - n_{21})^2}{n_{12} + n_{21}} \quad \text{if } n_{12} + n_{21} > 25$$

This statistic has an approximate chi-squared distribution with $df = 1$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} df &= (r-1)(c-1) \\ &= (2-1)(2-1) \\ &= (1)(1) = 1. \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(4) Calculation:

$$\chi_{cal}^2 = \frac{(n_{12} - n_{21})^2}{n_{12} + n_{21}} = \frac{(132 - 107)^2}{132 + 107} = \frac{625}{239} = 2.62$$

(5) Critical region:

$$\chi_{\alpha, 1}^2 = 3.84$$

If $\chi_{cal}^2 \geq 3.84$, then reject H_0 ^{otherwise} do not reject H_0 .

(6) Conclusion: There is significant change in the opinions of raising taxes and accepting cuts in living standards.