

STATA

Note 5

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One sample binomial data (Test for $\pi = \pi_0$)

One can in general be in one of two situations:

A. Data are available in the data file with one line per person (individual-level data).

Menu: Statistics ► Parametric tests ► 1-sample test of proportion

Insert data variable (must be a 1/0 variable) and π_0 .

Confidence level may be given in percentage.

Syntax: `bintest datavariable = π_0 , level(95)`

B. Data are summarised by the total number of observations (n) and the total number of successes (k) (summarised data). Can only use syntax.

Syntax: `bitesti n k π_0`

Example:

Syntax: `bitesti 88 35 0.5`

Output:

N	Observed k	Expected k	Assumed p	Observed p
88	35	44	0.50000	0.39773

Pr(k >= 35)	= 0.978895	(one-sided test)
Pr(k <= 35)	= 0.034673	(one-sided test)
Pr(k <= 35 or k >= 53)	= 0.069346	(two-sided test)

Exact confidence interval for proportion

Again we distinguish between the two situations.

Situation A.

Syntax: `ci datavariable, b`

Situation B.

Menu:

Calculator ► Binomial confidence interval

Insert number of observations (n), number of successes (k).

Confidence level may be given in percentage.

Syntax: `Cii n k`

Example:

Syntax: `cii 88 35, level(95)`

Output:

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	-- Binomial Exact -- [95% Conf. Interval]	
	88	.3977273	.0521733	.2948726	.5076575

General on tables

One can in general be in one of two situations:

- A. Data are available in the data file with one line per person (individual-level data).
- B. Data are already tabulated; e.g. one has the table on paper (summarised data).

Situation A is straightforward:

Syntax: `tabulate rowvariable columnvariable`

Situation B is often dealt with in the following way:

Data:

Diagnosis	Status		Total
	Alive	Dead	
1	1600	40	1640
2	1780	20	1800
Total	3380	60	3440

1. Generate two variables, `Diagnosis` and `Status`, and four observations, i.e. four lines with the values specifying the table (see item 2).
2. Generate a third variable `counts` containing the counts in the table:

DIAGNOSI	STATUS	COUNTS
1	Dead	40
1	Alive	1600
2	Dead	20
2	Alive	1780
3. Syntax: `tabulate diagnos status [fweight=counts]`

Output:

diagnos	status		Total
	alive	dead	
1	1600	40	1640
2	1780	20	1800
Total	3380	60	3440

Unpaired binomial data: 2 x 2 tables

Both in situation A and situation B proportions relative to **row or column total** may be calculated by adding the word `row` or `column` in the syntax-line, as for example:

Syntax: `tabulate diagnos status [fweight=counts], row`

A **chi-square test** is made adding the word `chi2` after the comma in the syntax-line.

Further, if the table is sparse then **Fishers exact test** should be used. This is done typing `exact` after the comma in the syntax-line.

Stata can estimate the **risk difference**, **relative risks** (also called risk ratio) and **odds ratios**; all with confidence interval. But tables designed for the specific case should be used - Stata codes are in the following listed in parenthesis.

The risk difference and relative risks can be found using a cohort study (`cs`) or a matched case-control study (`mcc`). Odds ratios are typically estimated using case-control (`cc`) or matched case-control studies (`mcc`). Further help may be found in the Stata on-line help manual under `epitab`.

Such epidemiological tables are usually denoted as

	exposed	unexposed
cases	a	b
Non-cases	c	d

If you do not have data in the original form but data are already tabulated (i.e., *summarised data*), then the statistical analysis is made using the immediate commands in Stata. That is, an `i` is added in the syntax and data are in compact form typed as arguments of the command. For example, if the table on paper is in a form similar to the above table, then estimates of the risk difference can easily be found using the syntax of a cohort study.

Syntax: `csi a b c d`

Note: Epidemiologists use terms as exposed/unexposed and cases/non-cases, so output is presented in tables using these labels. However, the procedures (`epitab`) may be used for general analyses. One should just remember that exposed/unexposed divide data according to the two groups to be compared (for example, two treatments groups or men and women) and cases/non-cases divide data according to the outcome of interest, e.g. death and non-death (=survival).

Note: If you have individual-level data (i.e., the data file consists of one line of data per person) then the procedures are all used specifying the table command followed by case- and exposure-variables, e.g.

Syntax: `cs case-variable exposure-variable`

Note: The commands assume the subject to be a case if the *case-variable* is 1 and a non-case if the *case-variable* is 0. Further, the subject is considered as exposed if the *exposure-variable* is nonzero and not missing, to be unexposed if the *exposure-variable* is zero and will ignore a subject if the *exposure-variable* is missing.

Example: Comparison of two treatments.

We want to assess the value of a new treatment A in comparison with the old treatment B (exposed = treatment A and unexposed = treatment B). We want to compare the risk of dying, hence cases = deaths and non-cases = survived. Data are tabulated as

	Treatment A	Treatment B
Death	41	64
Survival	216	180

Syntax: `csi 41 64 216 180`

Output:

	Exposed	Unexposed	Total
Cases	41	64	105
Noncases	216	180	396
Total	257	244	501
Risk	.1595331	.2622951	.2095808
	Point estimate	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Risk difference	-.102762	-.173829	-.031695
Risk ratio	.6082198	.4282837	.8637531
Prev. frac. ex.	.3917802	.1362469	.5717163
Prev. frac. pop	.2009731		
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	chi2(1) =	7.98	Pr>chi2 = 0.0047

Paired binomial data (McNemar's test)

In Stata McNemar's chi-squared test requires data to be represented as matched case-control data. Again if data are already tabulated the McNemar's chi-squared test is easily performed using the syntax.

Syntax: `mcci a b c d`

Example: Severe colds

Syntax: `mcci 212 144 256 707`

Output:

Cases	Controls		Total
	Exposed	Unexposed	
Exposed	212	144	356
Unexposed	256	707	963
Total	468	851	1319

McNemar's chi2(1) = 31.36 Pr>chi2 = 0.0000
Exact McNemar significance probability = 0.0000

Proportion with factor

Cases	.2699014		
Controls	.3548143	[95% conf. interval]	
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difference	-.0849128	-.1150345	-.0547911
ratio	.7606838	.6910295	.837359
rel. diff.	-.1316099	-.18061	-.0826098
odds ratio	.5625	.4553956	.69259 (exact)

Note:

Stata do not use the continuity-corrected version of McNemar's test. Therefore minor differences may be found comparing with the notes for the "Postgraduate course in Biostatistics" or other statistical-programs.

The estimated proportions are

- Cases: the estimated risk of being exposed among cases.
- Controls: the estimated risk of being exposed among controls.
- Rel. diff: the estimated risk difference of being exposed relative to the risk of being unexposed among controls.
- The rest of the results are 'self-explained'.