

# Matched pairs binary data

First survey	Second Survey		Total
	Approve	Disapprove	
Approve	794	150	944
Disapprove	86	570	656
Total	880	720	1600

Controls	Cases		Total
	Exposed	Unexposed	
Exposed	27	29	56
Unexposed	3	4	7
Total	30	33	63

# Dependence

- Matched binary can arise from
  - ▶ Measuring a response at two occasions
  - ▶ Matching on case status in a retrospective study
  - ▶ Matching on exposure status in a prospective or cross-sectional study
- The pairs on binary observations are dependent, so our existing methods do not apply
- We will discuss the process of making conclusions about the marginal probabilities and odds

# Notation

	time 2				time 2		
time 1	Yes	No	Total	time 1	Yes	No	Total
Yes	$n_{11}$	$n_{12}$	$n_{1+}$	Yes	$\pi_{11}$	$\pi_{12}$	$\pi_{1+}$
no	$n_{21}$	$n_{22}$	$n_{2+}$	no	$\pi_{21}$	$\pi_{22}$	$\pi_{2+}$
Total	$n_{+1}$	$n_{+2}$	$n$	Total	$\pi_{+1}$	$\pi_{+2}$	1

- We assume that the  $(n_{11}, n_{12}, n_{21}, n_{22})$  are multinomial with  $n$  trials and probabilities  $(\pi_{11}, \pi_{12}, \pi_{21}, \pi_{22})$
- $\pi_{1+}$  and  $\pi_{+1}$  are the marginal probabilities of a yes response at the two occasions
- $\pi_{1+} = P(\text{Yes} \mid \text{Time 1})$
- $\pi_{+1} = P(\text{Yes} \mid \text{Time 2})$

# Marginal homogeneity

- Marginal homogeneity is the hypothesis  $H_0 : \pi_{1+} = \pi_{+1}$

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- The obvious estimate of

- Under  $H_0$  a consistent estimate of the variance is

- Therefore

follows an asymptotic  $\chi^2$  distribution with 1 degree of freedom

## McNemar's test

- The test from the previous page is called McNemar's test
- Notice that only the discordant cells enter into the test
  - ▶  $n_{12}$  and  $n_{21}$  carry the relevant information about whether or not  $\pi_{1+}$  and  $\pi_{+1}$  differ
  - ▶  $n_{11}$  and  $n_{22}$  contribute information to estimating the magnitude of this difference

## Example

$$\frac{(80-150)^2}{86+150} = 17.36$$

$$\text{P-value} = 3 \times 10^{-5}.$$

Hence we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is evidence to suggest a change in opinion between the two polls

In R

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mcnemar.test(matrix(c(794, 86, 150, 570), 2),  
                correct = FALSE)
```

The `correct` option applies a continuity correction

# Estimation

- Let  $\hat{\pi}_{ij} = n_{ij}/n$  be the sample proportions
- $d = \hat{\pi}_{1+} - \hat{\pi}_{+1} = (n_{12} - n_{21})/n$  estimates the difference in the marginal proportions
- The variance of  $d$  is
- $\frac{d - (\pi_{1+} - \pi_{+1})}{\hat{\sigma}_d}$  follows an asymptotic normal distribution
- Compare  $\sigma_d^2$  with what we would use if the proportions were independent

## Example

$$d = 944/1600 - 880/1600 = .59 - .55 = .04$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{11} = .50, \hat{\pi}_{12} = .09, \hat{\pi}_{21} = .05, \hat{\pi}_{22} = .36$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_d^2 = \{.59(1 - .59) + .55(1 - .55) - 2(.50 \times .36 - .09 \times .05)\}/1600$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_d = .0095$$

$$95\% \text{ CI} - .04 \pm 1.96 \times .0095 = [.06, .02]$$

Note ignoring the dependence yields  $\hat{\sigma}_d = .0175$



## Relationship with CMH test

Each subject's (or matched pair's) responses can be represented as one of four tables.

	Response			Response	
Time	Yes	No	Time	Yes	No
First	1	0	First	1	0
Second	1	0	Second	0	1

  

	Response			Response	
Time	Yes	No	Time	Yes	No
First	0	1	First	0	1
Second	1	0	Second	0	1

## Result

- McNemar's test is equivalent to the CMH test where subject is the stratifying variable and each  $2 \times 2$  table is the observed zero-one table for that subject
- This representation is only useful for conceptual purposes

# Estimating the marginal odds ratio

- The marginal odds ratio is
- The maximum likelihood estimate of the marginal *log* odds ratio is
- The asymptotic variance of this estimator is

**Example** In the approval rating example the marginal OR compares the odds of approval at time 1 to that at time 2

$$\hat{\theta} = \log(944 \times 720 / 880 \times 656) = .16$$

Estimated standard error = .039

CI for the log odds ratio =  $.16 \pm 1.96 \times .039 = [.084, .236]$