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# Model Building for Logit and Log-linear Models

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**Statistical Physics** (Gibbs, 1902). In large systems of particles, each particle occupies a site and can be in different states. The total energy of the system is composed of an external potential and a potential due to *interactions* of groups of particles. It is assumed that particles that are close to each other (i.e., they are “neighbors”) interact while those that are not close to each other do not interact.

**Genetics & Path Analysis.** (Wright, 1921, 1923, 1934). In studying the heritability of properties of natural species, graphs were used to represent *directed relations*. Arrows point from a “parent” to a “child”. These ideas were taken up by Wold (1954) and Blalock (1971) in economics and social sciences and lead to what we know as path analysis.

**Interactions in 3-way contingency tables.** Barlett (1935). The notion of interaction in contingency tables studied by Barlett is formally identical to the notions used in statistical physics. The development of graphical models for multi-way contingency data stems from a paper by Darroch, J.N., Lauritzen, S.L., & Speed,

# Usefulness of Graphical Models

Graphical models are useful and are widely applicable because

1. Graphs visually represent scientific content of models and thus facilitate communication.
2. Graphs break down complex problems/models into smaller and simpler pieces that can be studied separately.
3. Graphs are natural data structures for digital computers.

Darroch, J.N., Lauritzen, S.L., & Speed, T.P. (1980). Markov fields and log-linear models for contingency tables. *Annals of Statistics*, 8, 522–539.

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# Graphical Models & Contingency Tables

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We'll be using graphs to

1. Help determine when marginal and partial associations are the same such that we can *collapse* a multi-way table into a smaller table (or tables) to study certain associations.
2. Represent substantive theories and hypotheses, which correspond to certain loglinear/logit models.

Some terminology & definitions (common to all graphical models)...

# Terminology & Definitions

**Vertices** (or “nodes”) are points that represent variables.

**Edges** are lines that connect two vertices.

The presence of an edge between two vertices indicates that an association exists between the two variables.



The absence of an edge between two vertices indicates that the two variables are independent.

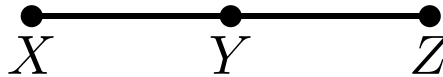


We will be restricting our attention to **undirected** relationships, so our lines won't have arrows on them (lines with arrows represent directed relationships).

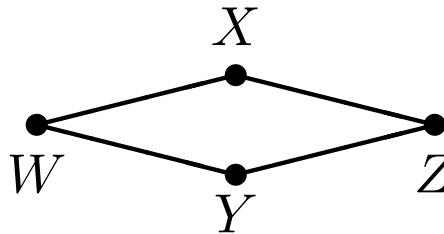
A **Graph** consists of a set of vertices and edges.

# More Terminology & Definitions

**Path** is a sequence of edges that go from one variable to another.



**Separated.** Two variables are said to be separated if all paths between the two variables intersect a third variable (or set of variables).



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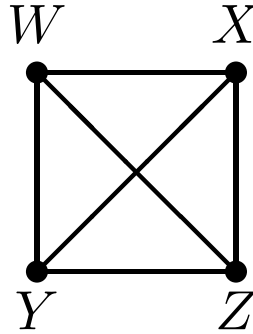
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# Even More Definitions

A **Clique** is a set of vertices (variables) where each variable is connected to every other variable in the set.



This is also known as a “complete graph” and if this is part of a larger graph, a “complete subgraph”.

**Fundamental Result** (cornerstone of graphical modeling):

Two variables are conditionally independent given any subset of variables that separates them.

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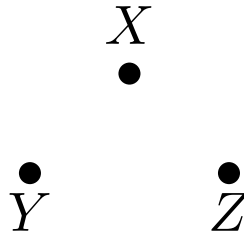
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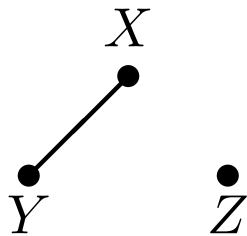
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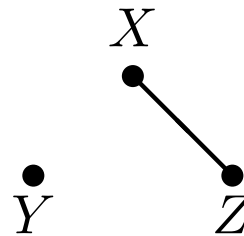


The graphs for **Joint Independence**,

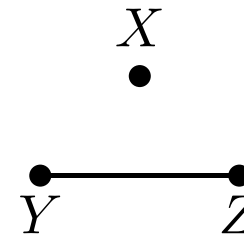
$(XY, Z)$



$(XZ, Y)$

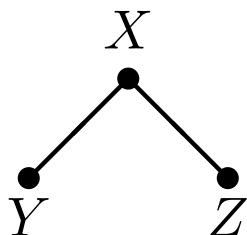


$(X, YZ)$

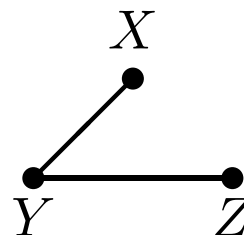


The graphs for **Conditional Independence**:

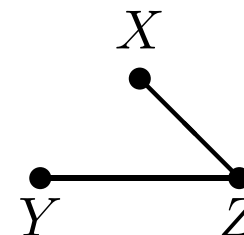
$(XY, XZ)$



$(XY, YZ)$



$(XZ, YZ)$



# Graphs for Log-linear Models for others

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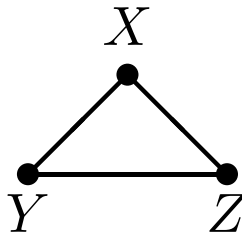
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The graph for **3-Way Association** model,  $(XYZ)$ :



This is also a graph for **Homogeneous Association**,  $(XY, XZ, YX)$ , which is also a model of dependence.

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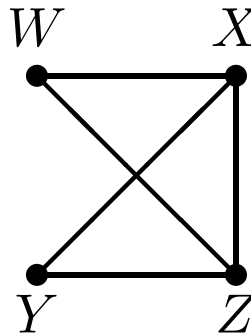
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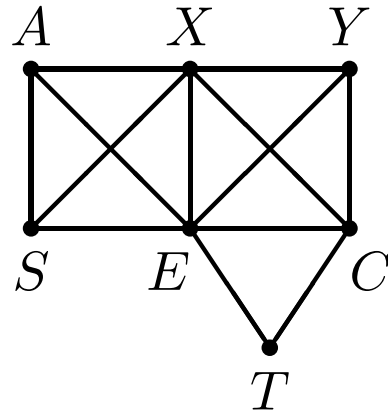
- All Log-linear models have graphical representations.
- All independence log-linear models imply a unique graph, but not all dependence log-linear models have unique graphical representations.
- Each graph implies at least one log-linear model. Unless otherwise specified, the model “read” from a graph will be the most complex one.

What is the log-linear model for this graph?



# More Association Graphs & Log-linear Models

What is the log-linear model for this graph?



What is the graph for this log-linear model?

$$(WY, YZ, ZX)$$

Are there other log-linear models with this graphical representation?

What is the graph for this log-linear model?

$$(WXY, WXZ)$$

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# Collapsibility in 3–Way Tables

Under certain conditions, marginal associations and partial associations are the same (i.e., the partial odds ratios equal the marginal odds ratios).

The collapsibility condition for 3–way tables is

For 3–way tables,  $X$ - $Y$  marginal and partial odds ratios are identical if either

- $Z$  and  $X$  are conditionally independent, or
- $Z$  and  $Y$  are conditionally independent.

In other words,

The  $X$ - $Y$  marginal and partial odds ratios are identical if either the

- Log-linear model  $(XY, ZY)$  holds, or
- Log-linear model  $(XY, XZ)$  holds.

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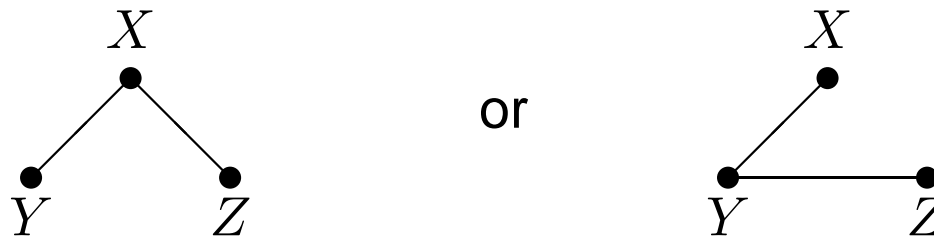
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In terms of graphs,

The  $X$ - $Y$  marginal and partial odds ratios are identical if either of the following graphical models (or simpler ones) hold



Demonstration: On the next page are the partial (conditional) odds ratios and the marginal odds ratios computed based on fitted values from various log-linear models that we fit to the blue collar worker data.

# Example of Collapsibility

Observed and fitted values from selected models:

Manage	Super	Worker	$n_{ijk}$	$M, S, W$	$MS, W$	$MS, MW$	$MSW$	no
bad	low	low	103	50.15	71.78	97.16	102.26	
bad	low	high	87	82.59	118.22	92.84	87.74	
bad	high	low	32	49.59	27.96	37.84	32.74	
bad	high	high	42	81.67	46.04	36.16	41.26	
good	low	low	59	85.10	63.47	51.03	59.74	
good	low	high	109	140.15	104.53	116.97	108.26	
good	high	low	78	84.15	105.79	85.97	77.26	
good	high	high	205	138.59	174.21	197.28	205.74	

Partial and marginal odds ratios computed using fitted values.

Model	Partial Odds Ratio			Marginal Odds Ratio		
	W-S	M-W	M-S	W-S	M-W	M-S
$(M, S, W)$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$(MS, W)$	1.00	1.00	4.28	1.00	1.00	4.28
$(MS, MW)$	1.00	2.40	4.32	1.33	2.40	4.32
$(MS, WS, MW)$	1.47	2.11	4.04	1.86	2.40	4.32
$(MSW)$ level 1	1.55	2.19	4.26	1.86	2.40	4.32
$(MSW)$ level 2	1.42	2.00	3.90			

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# Collapsibility & Logit Models

The collapsibility condition for log-linear models applies to logit models as well.

Example: Problem 5.14 (page 138). Data from NCAA study of graduation rates of college athletes:

Race	Sex	Graduates	Sample Size
White	women	498	796
White	men	878	1625
Black	women	54	143
Black	men	197	660

The best logit model for these data is

$$\text{logit}(\pi_{ij}) = \alpha + \beta_i^R + \beta_j^S$$

Recall that  $\exp(\beta_f^S - \beta_m^S)$  equals the odds ratio for graduation and gender of the athlete holding race fixed; that is,

$$\theta_{SG(i)} = \exp(\beta_f^S - \beta_m^S)$$

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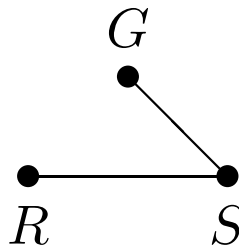
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The logit model  $\text{logit}(\pi_{ij}) = \alpha + \beta_i^R + \beta_j^S$  corresponds to the no 3-factor association log-linear models; that is,  $(RS, RG, SG)$  where  $G$  = whether the student athlete graduated or not.

If the logit model

$$\text{logit}(\pi_{ij}) = \alpha + \beta_j^S$$

had fit, which corresponds to the  $(RS, SG)$  log-linear model, then we could have studied the gender-graduation relationship by looking at the gender  $\times$  graduation marginal table.



According to the collapsibility condition, if the  $(RS, SG)$  log-linear model fit, then the partial S-G odds ratio equals the marginal odds ratio; that is,

$$\theta_{SG(i)} = \theta_{SG}$$

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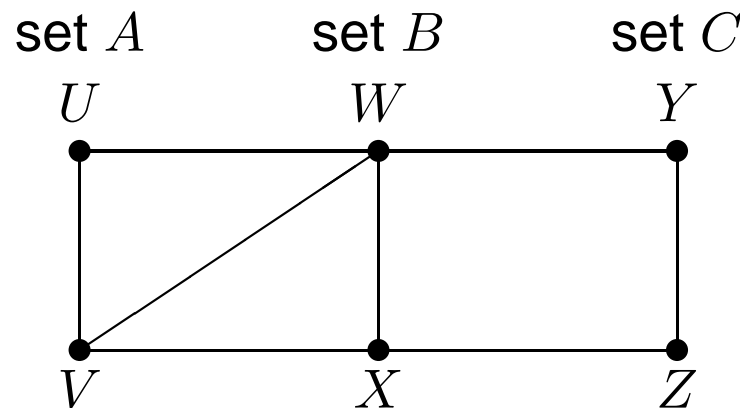
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# Collapsibility for Multiway Tables

from Agresti

Suppose that variables in a model for a multiway table partition into three exclusive subsets,  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , such that  $B$  separates  $A$  and  $C$ ; thus, the model does not contain parameters linking variables from  $A$  with variables from  $C$ . When one collapses the table over the variables in  $C$ , model parameters relating variables in  $A$  and model parameters relating variables in  $A$  with variables in  $B$  are unchanged.

Graphically, each path between variables in set  $A$  and variables in set  $C$  involve at least 1 variable in set  $B$ .



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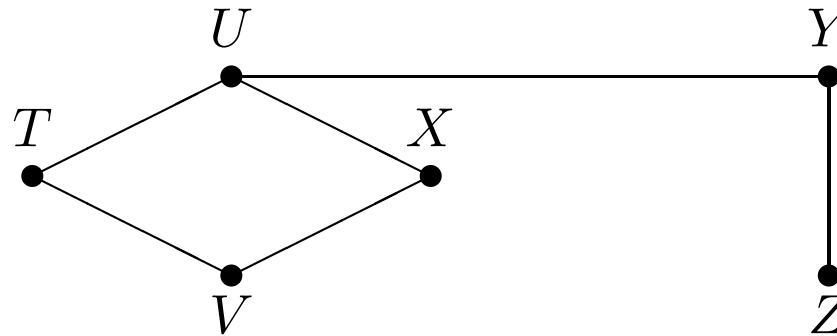
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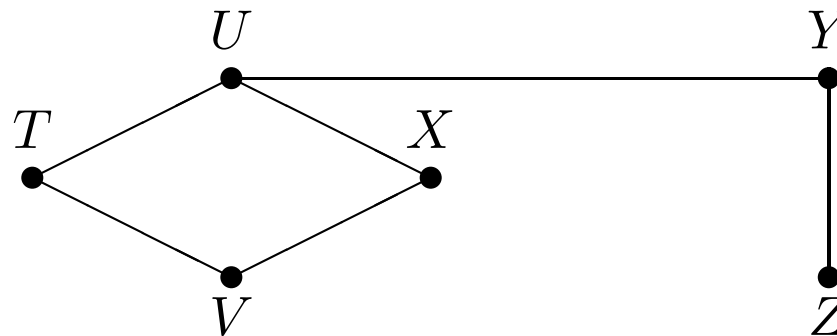
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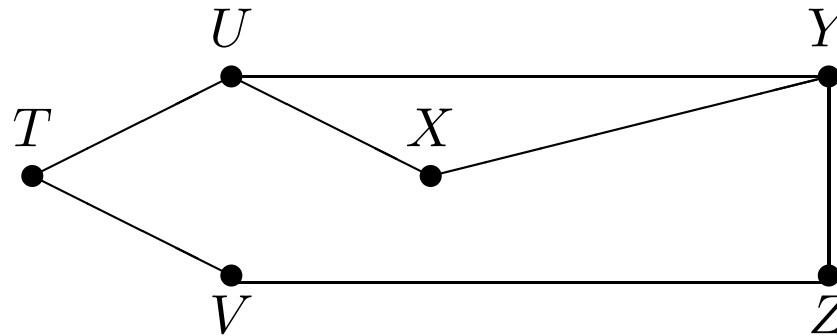
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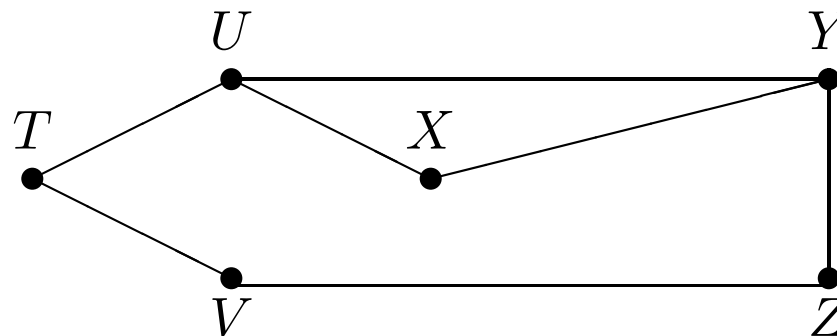
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# Using Graphs to Guide Modeling

Example: Data from a concurrent-task detection experiment. (Olzak, 1981; Olzak & Wickens, 1983; Wickens, 1989; Anderson, 2000).

There are two signals (i.e., vertically oriented sin ways):

- $H$  — A high frequency one.
- $L$  — A low frequency one.

On each trial for each potential signal, subjects rated on a 1 to 6 scale whether a signal was present or not where 1 indicates they were sure that no signal was presented and 6 indicates that they were sure that a signal was presented. Each subject performed 2,000 trials where there were 500 consisting of  $2 \times 2$  combinations of  $H$  and  $L$  signals being present or absent.

So there are 2 response variables:

$X$  for the rating of the  $H$  signal  
 $Y$  for the rating of the  $L$  signal.

... and there were 2 factors (conditions) were  $L$  and  $H$  present and/or absent

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# Assumptions & Data

Concerned about the assumptions?

- Independence of observations?
- Homogeneity?

		High Frequency Signal											
		Absent						Present					
Low Freq	Y	X = 1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
Absent	1	69	6	1	1	0	0	10	5	2	11	16	28
	2	34	20	10	3	1	0	8	5	11	43	27	38
	3	43	24	13	9	1	0	9	6	7	28	32	45
	4	78	40	20	6	0	1	8	6	14	19	23	22
	5	32	38	17	5	4	0	4	5	7	6	18	18
	6	5	14	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	8
Present	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	4	4	9
	2	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	6	9	27
	3	8	6	3	1	0	0	2	3	2	11	27	20
	4	36	25	18	3	1	0	9	12	11	10	23	31
	5	83	69	26	6	1	0	16	7	5	19	23	40
	6	127	50	12	7	2	0	21	14	13	20	21	61

With four variables, there are many possible models to fit. However, we don't need to consider all models that could be fit to the data.

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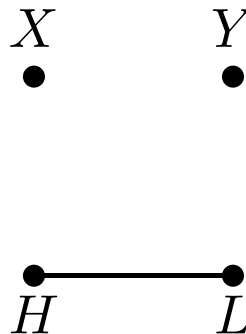
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Since  $H$  and  $L$  were fixed by the experimenter (i.e., “fixed by design”), all models should include terms  $\lambda^{HL}$  for the  $HL$  association. The simplest model would be that a subject responds randomly

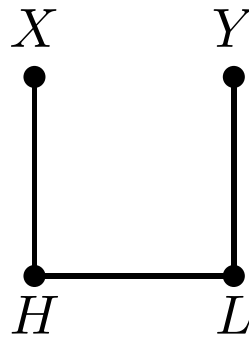


The log-linear model:  $(HL, X, Y)$ .

$$G^2 = 2265.57, df = 130, p < .01$$

# Detectable Signals

The subject can detect the signals & detecting one does not influence detection of the other (i.e., subject does what the experimenter asked).



Log-linear model:

$$(HL, XH, YL)$$

This is a “base” model to which we can add more complicated forms of associations.

$$G^2 = 2, 152.26, df = 120, p < .01$$

If one signal or the other was not detectable, then we might have another base model (e.g.,  $(HL, XH, Y)$  or  $(HL, LY, X)$ ).

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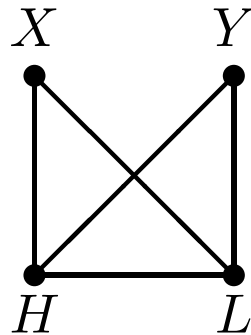
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# Association to the unrelated signal

In this model, responses to one signal are influenced by whether both signals are present and/or absent (i.e., the appropriate and inappropriate signal).

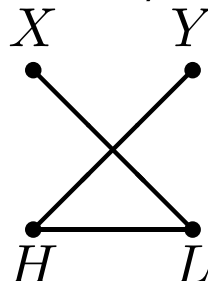


The log-linear model

$$(HLX, HLY)$$

$$G^2 = 221.43, df = 100, p < .01$$

- $X$  and  $Y$  are conditionally independent given  $H$  and  $L$ .
- A more restricted alternative model that also has this graphical representation,  $(HL, HX, HY, LX, LY)$ .
- Since we're only considering models that "make sense" (i.e. that are interpretable), we wouldn't include a model such as



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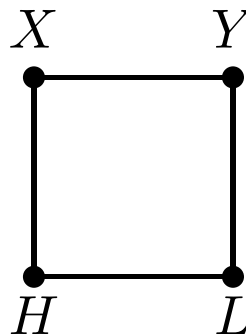
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We add to the base model (detectable signals) the possibility that a response regarding one signal is related to response to the other signal.



The log-linear model:  $(HL, HX, LY, XY)$ .

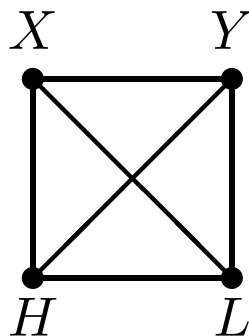
$$G^2 = 1,944.84, df = 95, p < .01$$

# All pairwise associations.

The log-linear model  $(HL, HX, HY, LX, LY, XY)$ .

$$G^2 = 113.82, df = 85, p = .02$$

It's graphical representation is



This is also the representation of many other log-linear models with dependencies, including model with 4-way interaction (i.e. saturated model).

This is the most complex graph, but there are interesting log-linear models that have this representation.

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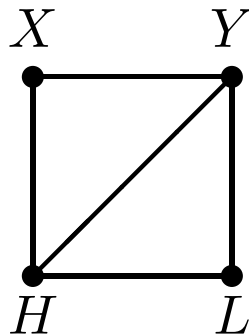
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# Another Model

We can add three-factor terms to the all pairwise association model. Some of these all have reasonable interpretations.

For example, consider the model that adds  $\lambda^{HLY}$  (i.e.,  $(HLY, HY, LY, XY)$ ). The  $\lambda^{HLY}$  terms imply that delectability of the  $L$  signal (measured by  $Y$ ) is affected by the presence of the  $H$  signal.

It's graphical representation is



Fit of this model

$$G^2 = 98.06, \quad df = 80, \quad p = .08$$

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# QQ Plot for (HLY, HY, LY, XY)

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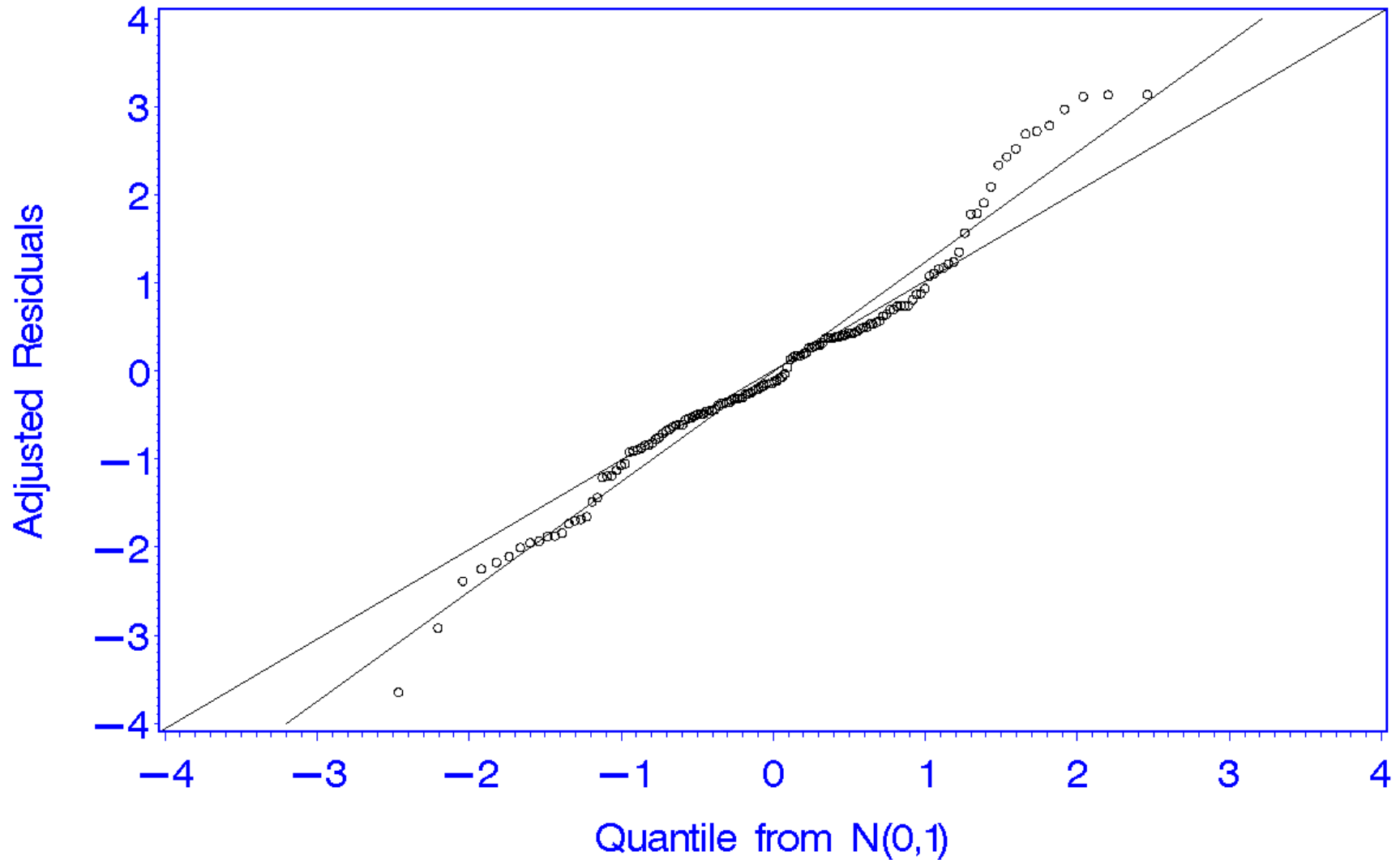
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# Eg: 4-way Table with Time Ordering

Using a suggested ordering of the variables in terms of time and causal hypotheses and show how to “decompose” a model into smaller pieces.

Example from Agresti, 1990; The variables:

**G** for gender.

**PMS** for premarital sex.

**EMS** for extra martial sex.

**M** for marital status (divorced, still married).

We'll depart somewhat from the graphical models that we've discussed so far and talk about **directed relationships**.

The point in time at which values of variables were determined:

**G**                      **PMS**                      **EMS**                      **M**

Any variable to the right of others could be a response & those left of it explanatory.

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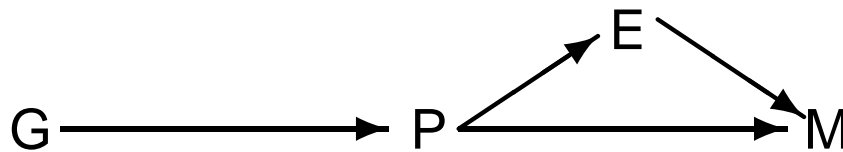
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# Breaking down the analysis

We could analyze these data in three stages:

Stage	Response	Explanatory
(1)	PMS	Gender
(2)	EMS	Gender, PMS
(3)	M	Gender, PMS, EMS

To further guide the modeling consider the following figure, which might have been hypothesized as the existing causal structure for the variables.



Stage 1: PMS is the response & G explanatory.

$$G^2 [(G, P)] = 75.26, df = 1, \text{ and } p < .0001.$$

Sample (marginal) odds ratio  $\hat{\theta}_{GP} = .27$  (or  $1/.27 = 3.70$ ).

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Stage 2: EMS is the response and G & PMS are possible explanatory variables.

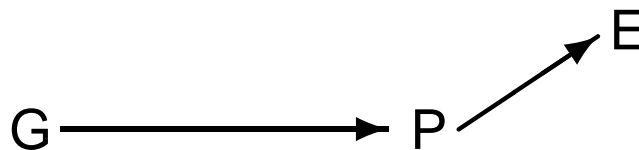
Model	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	$X^2$	$p$
$(GP, E)$	3	48.92	< .001	56.77	< .001
$(GP, PE)$	2	2.91	.23	2.95	.23
$(GP, GE, PE)$	1	.00 <sup>a</sup>	.98	.00 <sup>a</sup>	.98

a. Value = .0008.

Loglinear model  $(GP, PE)$  fits pretty well.

The estimated  $P$ - $E$  odds ratio  $\hat{\theta}_{EP} = 3.99$ .

The marginal odds ratio is also equal to 3.99, and the reason why can be seen by looking at the figure for the model that fit:



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# Last Stage

Stage 3: M is the response, while G, PMS and EMS are all explanatory variables.

Model	$df$	$G^2$	$p$
$(EGP, EM, PM)$	5	18.16	< .01
$(EGP, EMP)$	4	5.25	.26
$(EGP, EMP, GM)$	3	.70	.98

## Notes:

- $(EGP, EM, PM)$  corresponds to the original figure.
- $(EGP, EMP)$  adds an interaction between EMS and PMS with respect to M, marital status (from previous analyses we knew that there was a strong & important  $EMS \times PMS \times M$  effect).
- $(EGP, EMP, GM)$  adds a main effect for Gender with respect to predicting M.
- $(EGP, EMP)$  and  $(EGP, EMP, GM)$  are more complex than implied by original figure.

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# Modeling Ordinal Relationships in 2–Way Tables

- Loglinear models for contingency tables treat all variables as nominal variables.
- If there is an ordering of the categories of the variables, this is not taken into account
- Could rearrange the rows and/or columns of a table and we would get the same fitted odds ratios for the data as we would given the ordinal ordering of the rows and/or columns.

High School and Beyond: Consider **Program type** (Vocational/technical, general and academic) and **SES** (low, middle, high).

SES	Program Type		
	Vo/Tech	General	Academic
Low	45	50	44
Middle	82	70	147
High	20	25	117

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# In between independence & saturated models

For the SES  $\times$  Program type data, if the two variables are independent, then we have

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P$$

This model fails to fit the data,  $df = 4$ ,  $G^2 = 53.72$ ,  $p < .001$ , which leaves us with the saturated model

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \lambda_{ij}^{SP}$$

We can use ordering of SES levels and assign scores to them and we'll guess at the ordering of the program types, which we can use our model.

Given scores for the rows  $\{u_1 \leq u_2 \dots \leq u_I\}$  and scores for the columns  $\{v_1 \leq v_2 \leq \dots \leq v_J\}$ , then we can model the dependency between the variables:

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \beta u_i v_j$$

This model is know as the “**linear by linear association model**”.

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# Linear by Linear Association Model

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \beta u_i v_j$$

- It's called the “linear by linear association model,” because...

For each row  $i$ , the association is a linear function of the columns,

$$\lambda_{ij}^{SP} = (\beta u_i) v_j$$

For each column  $j$ , the association is a linear function of the rows.

$$\lambda_{ij}^{SP} = (\beta v_j) u_i$$

- Only has 1 more parameter than the independence model (i.e.,  $\beta$ ), so it is “in between” independence and the saturated models.
- If  $\beta > 0$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are positively associated (i.e.,  $X$  tends to go up as  $Y$  goes up).
- If  $\beta < 0$ , the  $X$  and  $Y$  are negatively associated.

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# Linear by Linear Association Model (continued)

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \beta u_i v_j$$

- The odds ratio for any  $2 \times 2$  sub-table is a direct function of the row and column scores and  $\beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{\mu_{ij}\mu_{i'j'}}{\mu_{i'j}\mu_{ij'}}\right) &= \log(\mu_{ij}) + \log(\mu_{i'j'}) - \log(\mu_{i'j}) - \log(\mu_{ij'}) \\ &= \beta(u_i v_j + u_{i'} v_{j'} - u_{i'} v_j - u_i v_{j'}) \\ &= \beta(u_i - u_{i'})(v_j - v_{j'})\end{aligned}$$

The strongest associations occur in the extreme corners of the table, which is where the differences between scores is the largest.

The smallest associations occur for rows and columns that have scores that are more nearly equal.

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# Example of linear by linear model

For the high school data example, it seems reasonable to assign equally spaced scores for the levels of SES:

$$u_1 = 1, \quad u_2 = 2, \quad u_3 = 3$$

For the program types, it seems reasonable to order them as:

Vo/Tech                  General                  Academic

Guess that Vo/Tech and General should be closer together than are General and Academic; therefore, let's try

$$v_1 = 1, \quad v_2 = 2 \quad v_3 = 4$$

Using these scores

Model	<i>df</i>	$G^2$	<i>p</i>	$\Delta df$	$\Delta G^2$	<i>p</i>
Independence	4	53.715	< .001	—	—	—
L by L	3	5.980	.10	1	47.74	< .001

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# Estimated Parameters & Odds Ratios

$$\hat{\beta} = .32 \quad \text{and} \quad \exp(.32) = 1.38,$$

The odds ratio for a unit change in row and column scores equals 1.38 (e.g., odds ratio for low–middle SES and vo/tech–academic subtable).

The extreme corners of our table, which correspond to the low & high SES levels and program types vo/tech & academic:

$$\hat{\theta} = \exp [.3214(3 - 1)(4 - 1)] = \exp(.3214(6)) = 6.88$$

The odds of attending an academic versus a vo/tech program if you're high SES is 6.88 times larger than the odds if you're low SES.

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# SAS/GENMOD and Fitting the L by L model

```
DATA hsb;
```

```
input ses $ hsp $ count u v ;
```

```
datalines;
```

low	general	50	1	1
low	academic	44	1	4
low	votech	45	1	2
mid	general	70	2	1
mid	academic	147	2	4
mid	votech	82	2	2
hi	general	25	3	1
hi	academic	117	3	4
hi	votech	20	3	2

```
PROC GENMOD data=hsb;
```

```
class ses hsp;
```

```
model count = ses hsp u*v / link=log dist=poi;
```

```
title 'Linear x Linear Association Model';
```

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Model Information

Data Set	WORK.HSB
Distribution	Poisson
Link Function	Log
Dependent Variable	count

Number of Observations Read	9
Number of Observations Used	9

Class Level Information

Class	Levels	Values
ses	3	hi low mid
hsp	3	academic general votech

Criteria For Assessing Goodness Of Fit

Criterion	DF	Value	Value/DF
Deviance	3	5.9798	1.9933
Scaled Deviance	3	5.9798	1.9933
Pearson Chi-Square	3	5.6845	1.8948
Scaled Pearson X2	3	5.6845	1.8948
Log Likelihood		2020.3156	

Algorithm converged.

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Analysis Of Parameter Estimates								
Parameter		DF	Estimate	Standard Error	Wald 95%		Chi- Square	Pr > ChiSq
					Confidence Limits			
Intercept		1	3.04	0.21	2.63	3.45	216.20	<.0001
ses	hi	1	-1.59	0.19	-1.95	-1.22	72.06	<.0001
ses	low	1	0.04	0.15	-0.26	0.34	0.07	.7903
ses	mid	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.	.
hsp	academic	1	-0.59	0.23	-1.04	-0.14	6.72	.0095
hsp	general	1	0.58	0.14	0.30	0.86	16.44	<.0001
hsp	votech	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.	.
u*v		1	0.32	0.05	0.23	0.42	43.71	<.0001
Scale		0	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00		

NOTE: The scale parameter was held fixed.

# Choice of Scores

- Sets of scores with the same spacing between them will lead to the same goodness-of-fit statistics, fitted counts, odds ratios, *and*  $\hat{\beta}$ .

For HSB data, the following set of scores for the columns (hsp) would yield that same result:  $v_1 = 0, v_2 = 1, v_3 = 3$ .

- Two sets of scores with the same relative spacing will lead to the same goodness-of-fit statistics, fitted counts, and odds ratios, but different estimates of  $\beta$ . e.g.,

$$v_1 = 2, \quad v_2 = 4 \quad v_3 = 8$$

With these column (HSP) scores,  $\hat{\beta} = .1607$ .

- ◆ Odds ratio for low & middle (or middle & high) and vo/tech & general

$$\hat{\theta} = \exp[.1607(2 - 1)(4 - 2)] = \exp[.1607(2)] = \exp[.3214] = 1.38$$

- ◆ Odds ratio for low & high SES and program types vo/tech & academic:

$$\hat{\theta} = \exp[.1607(3 - 1)(8 - 2)] = \exp[.1607(12)] = 6.88$$

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# Uniform Association Model

When scores are consecutive integers (or equally spaced scores) are used, e.g.,

$$u_1 = 1, \quad u_2 = 2, \quad \dots, u_I = I$$

$$v_1 = 1, \quad v_2 = 2, \quad \dots, v_J = J$$

This special case of L by L model is the “[Uniform Association Model](#).”

The uniform association model for the HSB example:

Model	<i>df</i>	$G^2$	<i>p</i>
Independence	4	53.715	< .01
L by L	3	5.980	.10
Uniform Assoc	3	11.74	< .01

This model is called the Uniform Association Model, because the odds ratios for any two adjacent rows and any two adjacent columns equals

$$\theta = \exp [\beta(u_i - u_{(i-1)})(v_j - j_{(j-1)})] = \exp(\beta)$$

The “[Local Odds Ratio](#)” equals  $\exp(\beta)$  and is the same for adjacent rows and columns.

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# GSS example of Uniform Association Model

Recall...

**Item 1:** A working mother can establish just as warm and secure of a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

**Item 2:** Working women should have paid maternity leave.

Item 1	Item 2				
	strongly agree	agree	neither	disagree	strongly disagree
	1	2	3	4	5
1	97	96	22	17	2
2	102	199	48	38	5
3	42	102	25	36	7
4	9	18	7	10	2

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# GSS Results

Model/Test	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	Estimates
Independence	12	44.96	< .001	
$M^2$	1	36.261	< .001	$r = .20$
Uniform Assoc	11	8.67	.65	$\hat{\beta} = .24, ASE = .0412$

$H_o : \beta = 0$  vs  $H_a : \beta \neq 0$ ,

L.R. test:  $G^2 = (44.96 - 8.67) = 36.29, df = 1, p < .01$

The estimated local odds ratio equals  $e^{.24} = 1.28$ .

For the extreme corners of the table, the estimated odds ratio equals  $e^{.24(3)(4)} = 18.5$

Unlike the tests of ordinal association that are based on a correlation, these models provide us with estimated odds ratios for the table, as well as permit us to check residuals, etc.

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For the HSB data, using equally spaced scores we find that

$$M^2 = 40.87, \quad df = 1, \quad p < .001, \quad \text{and} \quad r = .26$$

However, when we fit the linear by linear association model with equal scores it did not fit the data (this is shown in the residuals, as well).

Model	$df$	$G^2$	$p$
Independence	4	53.715	< .01
L by L (unequal spacing)	3	5.980	.10
Uniform Assoc (equal spacing)	3	11.74	< .01

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CMH test was one way to test of ordinal association (or independence), but now we have a model based method. Using the linear by linear association model

$$\log(\mu_{ij}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \beta u_i v_j$$

The likelihood ratio test and the Wald test of the hypothesis

$$H_o : \beta = 0$$

is the same as testing

$$H_o : \text{independence}$$

Using the likelihood ratio test,

$$G^2(I|L \times L) = G^2(I) - G^2(L \times L)$$

For the HSB data:  $G^2(I|L \times L) = 53.715 - 5.98 = 47.73$  with  $df = 4 - 3 = 1$ , and  $p < .001$ .

The Wald test:  $\left(\frac{\hat{\beta}}{ASE}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{.3199}{.0485}\right)^2 = 43.55$

The CMH test is the efficient score test for this same hypothesis (i.e.,  $M^2 = 40.87$ ,  $df = 1$ ,  $p < .001$ ).

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Independence		4	53.715	< .01
Uniform Assoc	(equal spacing)	3	11.74	< .01
L by L	(unequal spacing)	3	5.980	.10
Nominal HSP × Ordinal SES	(equal spaced SES)	2	2.30	.32
<i>RC</i> association	(scores estimated)	1	1.74	.19

- The estimated parameters for the SES × HSP association in the nominal × ordinal model

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{votech}} = .000, \quad \hat{\beta}_{\text{general}} = -.005 \quad \hat{\beta}_{\text{academic}} = .864$$

- *RC* association model estimates the scores for both SES and HSP, as well as  $\beta$  (the “association parameter”).

HSP	est. score	SES	est. score
VoTech	-.423	Low	-.669
General	-.393	Middle	-.071
Academic	.816	High	.740

and  $\hat{\beta} = 1.000$

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- This approach is not restricted to models for 2-way tables and log-linear models. You add use scores in log-linear and/or logit model for higher-way tables.
- There are more general models where the scores are estimated from the data. For 2-way tables, this includes Goodman's "row effects" model ( $R$ ), "column effects" model ( $C$ ), "row + column" effects model ( $R + C$ ), and the row-column model  $RC$ ). There are generalizations of these models to multiple dimensions and higher-way tables.
- There are also models for ordinal *response* variables that take into account the ordering of the categories.
- Other ordinal models (Vermunt, J.K. (2001). *Sociological Methodology*).
- Linear by linear with latent variable interpretations (Anderson & Vermunt, 2000; Anderson, 2002; etc).

# Wickens & Olzak revisited

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A good model for Wickens & Olzak data is  
( $HL Y, HY, LY, XY$ ),

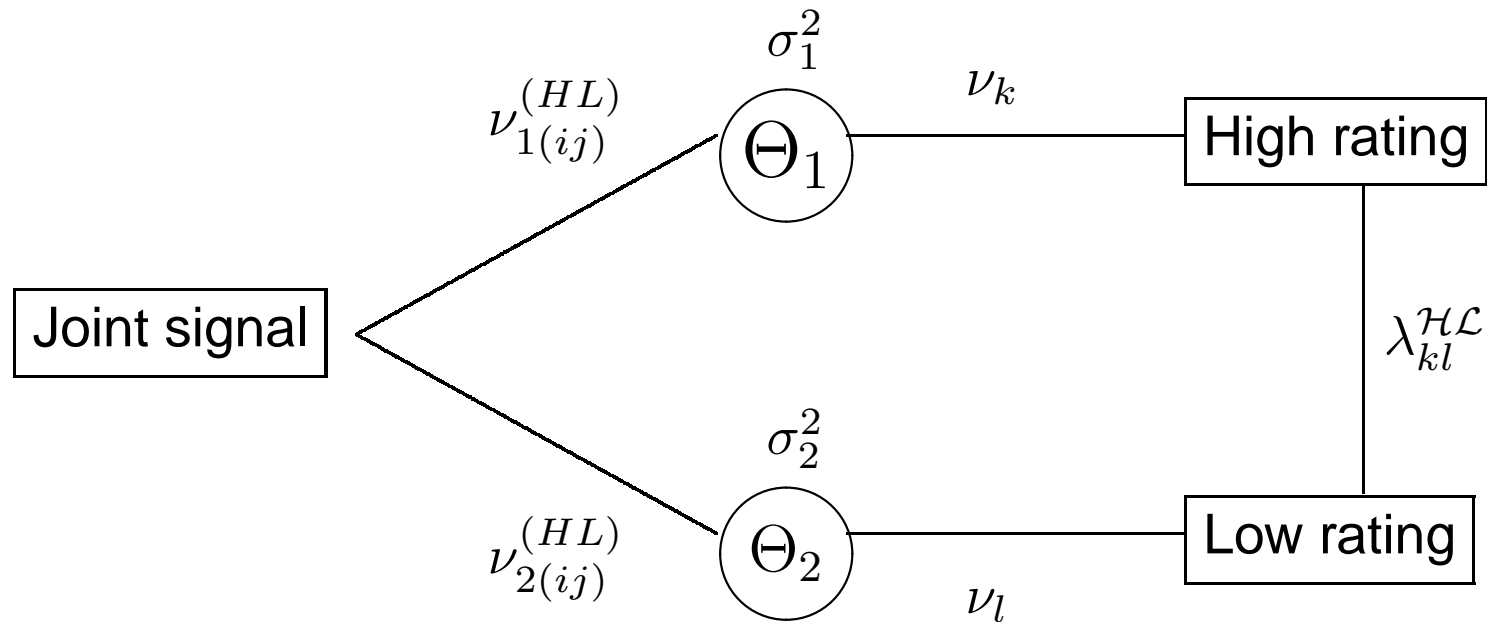
$$\log(\mu_{ijkl}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^H + \lambda_j^L + \lambda_{ij}^{HL} + \lambda_k^X + \lambda^Y + \lambda_{kl}^{XY} + \lambda_{ik}^{HX} + \lambda_{jl}^{LY} + \lambda_{ijl}^{HLY}$$

Let  $u_k = 1, \dots, 6$  and  $v_l = 1, \dots, 6$  be scores for the high and low responses, respectively. We can use these instead of nominal responses:

$$\log(\mu_{ijkl}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^H + \lambda_j^L + \lambda_{ij}^{HL} + \lambda_k^X + \lambda^Y + \lambda_{kl}^{XY} + \lambda_i^H u_k + \lambda_j^L v_l + \lambda_{ij}^{HL} v_l$$

This model doesn't fit particularly well ( $G^2 = 259.1267$ ,  $df = 100$ ,  $p < .01$ ), but one with estimated scores does.

# Eg. of a Latent Variable Model



$$\log(\mu_{ijkl}) = \lambda + \lambda_{ij}^{HL} + \lambda_k^X + \lambda^Y + \lambda_{kl}^{XY} + \sigma_1^2 \nu_{1(ij)}^{HL} \nu_k + \sigma_2^2 \nu_{2(ij)}^{HL} \nu_l$$

$$G^2 = 138.35, df = 98, p = .01, D = .082.$$

But there were 2 subjects and this graph describes both. For the other subject ("subject A"),  $G^2 = 111.12, df = 97, p = .15, D = .086$ .

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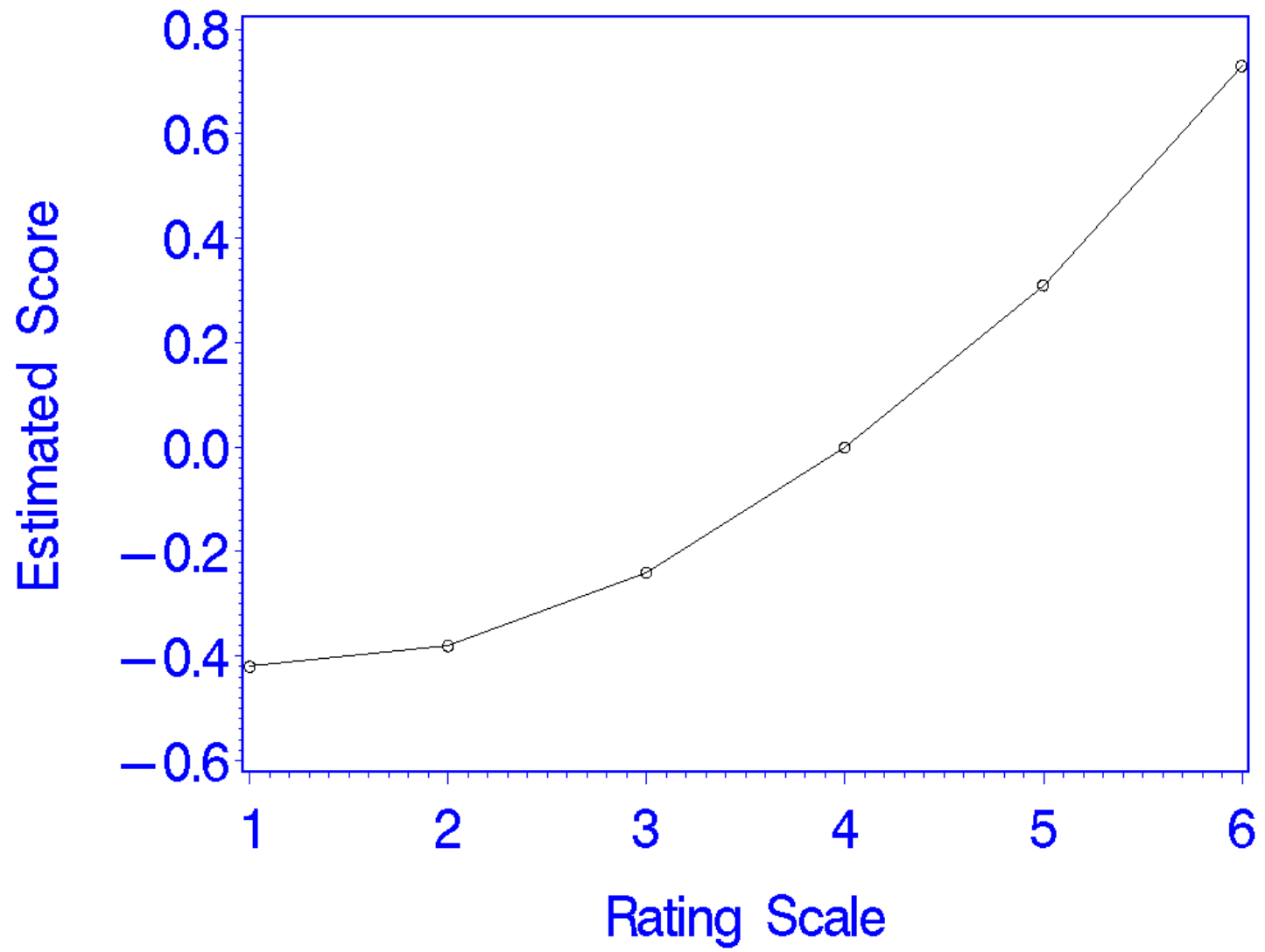
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# Parameter Estimates— the low signal

For both subjects

Variable	Level	Parameter estimate	Standard error
rating	1	$\hat{\nu}_1^{rating} = -.42$	(.01)
rating	2	$\hat{\nu}_2^{rating} = -.38$	(.01)
rating	3	$\hat{\nu}_3^{rating} = -.24$	(.01)
rating	4	$\hat{\nu}_4^{rating} = .00$	(.02)
rating	5	$\hat{\nu}_5^{rating} = .31$	(.02)
rating	6	$\hat{\nu}_6^{rating} = .73$	(.02)
signal	high absent/low absent	$\hat{\nu}_{2(11)}^{(HL)} = -.49$	(.00)
signal	high present/low absent	$\hat{\nu}_{2(21)}^{(HL)} = -.49$	(.00)
signal	high absent/low present	$\hat{\nu}_{2(12)}^{(HL)} = .61$	(.02)
signal	high present/low present	$\hat{\nu}_{2(22)}^{(HL)} = .37$	(.03)
$\Theta_2$		$\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = 3.30$	(.12)

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# Parameter Estimates— the high signal

The  $\nu$ 's for ratings are the same as previous slide.

	<i>Subject A</i>		<i>Subject B</i>	
high absent/low absent	$\hat{\nu}_{1(11)A}^{(HL)}$	= - .58 (.00)	$\hat{\nu}_{1(11)B}^{(HL)}$	= - .50 (n.a.)
high present/low absent	$\hat{\nu}_{1(21)A}^{(HL)}$	= .41 (.00)	$\hat{\nu}_{1(21)B}^{(HL)}$	= .50 (n.a.)
high absent/low present	$\hat{\nu}_{1(12)A}^{(HL)}$	= - .39 (.00)	$\hat{\nu}_{1(12)B}^{(HL)}$	= - .50 (n.a.)
high present/low present	$\hat{\nu}_{1(22)A}^{(HL)}$	= .58 (.00)	$\hat{\nu}_{1(22)B}^{(HL)}$	= .50 (n.a.)
$\Theta_1$	$\hat{\sigma}_{1A}^2$	= 2.69 (.18)	$\hat{\sigma}_{1B}^2$	= 7.11 (.49)

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General terms of testing whether row ( $X$ ) and column ( $Y$ ) classifications are independent conditioning on levels of a third variable ( $Z$ ).

There are 3 kinds of tests:

1. Likelihood ratio tests (“LR” for short).
  - (a) Comparing conditional independence model to homogeneous association model.
  - (b) Comparing conditional independence model to saturated model.
2. Wald tests.
3. Efficient score tests, i.e. Generalized CMH.

The LR and Wald tests require the estimation of (model) parameters, while the Efficient score tests do not.

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# Nature of Variables: Ordinal &/or Nominal

We have 3 cases:

1. Nominal-Nominal
2. Ordinal-Ordinal
3. Nominal-Ordinal

So the possibilities are:

Variable		Type of Test		
		Likelihood Ratio	Wald	(Generalized) CMH
Row	Column			
Nominal	Nominal			
Nominal	Ordinal			
Ordinal	Ordinal			

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# Some Data that We'll Use

For illustration, we'll use some High School & Beyond data, i.e., the cross-classification of gender (**G**), SES (**s**) and high school program type (**P**).

Females	SES	High School Program			Total
		VoTech	General	Academic	
	low	15	19	16	50
	middle	44	30	70	144
	high	12	11	56	79
	Total	71	60	142	273

Males	SES	High School Program			Total
		VoTech	General	Academic	
	low	30	31	28	89
	middle	38	40	77	155
	high	8	14	61	83
	Total	76	85	166	327

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# Model Based Tests of Conditional Independence

**The likelihood ratio test.** We compare the fit of the conditional independence model and comparing it to the homogeneous association model.

For example to test whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are conditionally independent given  $Z$ , i.e.,

$$H_0 : \quad \text{all } \lambda_{ij}^{XY} = 0$$

The likelihood ratio test statistic is

$$G^2 [(XZ, YZ) | (XY, XZ, YZ)] = G^2(XZ, YZ) - G^2(XY, XZ, YZ)$$

with  $df = df(XZ, YZ) - df(XY, XZ, YZ)$ .

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# The likelihood ratio test (example)

Example: **G**= Gender , **S**= SES, and **P**= Program type. Testing whether SES and program type are independent given gender,

$$H_0 : \text{all } \lambda_{ij}^{SP} = 0$$

Model	Goodness-of-fit Test			Likelihood Ratio Test		
	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	$\Delta df$	$\Delta G^2$	$p$
$(GS, GP, SP)$	4	1.970	.74	—	—	—
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	4	53.548	< .001

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# Notes Regarding Likelihood Ratio Test

- This test assumes that  $(XY, XZ, YZ)$  holds.
- This single test is preferable to conducting  $(I - 1)(J - 1)$  Wald tests, one for each of the non-redundant  $\lambda_{ij}^{XY}$ 's. For our example, the result is pretty unambiguous; that is,

Parameter	Estimate	ASE	Wald	$p$
$\lambda_{lv}^{SP}$	1.8133	.3233	31.450	< .0001
$\lambda_{lg}^{SP}$	1.6600	.3033	29.952	< .0001
$\lambda_{mv}^{SP}$	1.1848	.2786	18.079	< .0001
$\lambda_{mg}^{SP}$	.8004	.2639	9.198	.0024

- For binary  $Y$ , this is the same as performing the likelihood ratio test of whether  $H_0 : \text{all } \beta_i^X = 0$  in the logit model

$$\text{logit}(\pi_{ik}) = \alpha + \beta_i^X + \beta_k^Z$$

which corresponds to the  $(XY, XZ, YZ)$  log-linear model.

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For  $2 \times 2 \times K$  tables, this likelihood ratio test of conditional independence has the same purpose as the Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel (CMH) test. For the CMH test,

- It works the best when the partial odds ratios are similar in each of the partial tables.
- It's natural alternative (implicit) hypothesis is that of homogeneous association.
- CMH is the efficient score tests of  $H_0 : \lambda_{ij}^{XY} = 0$  in the log-linear model.

# Direct Goodness-of-Fit Test

We compare the fit of the conditional independence model to the saturated model; that is,

$$G^2 [(XZ, YZ)|(XYZ)] = G^2(XZ, YZ) - G^2(XYZ)$$

The null hypothesis for this test statistic is

$$H_0 : \text{all } \lambda_{ij}^{XY} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{all } \lambda_{ijk}^{XYZ} = 0$$

Example: **G**= Gender , **S**= SES, and **P**= Program type. Testing whether SES and program type are independent given gender,

$$H_0 : \text{all } \lambda_{ij}^{SP} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{all } \lambda_{ijk}^{GSP} = 0$$

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A direct goodness-of-fit test does not assume that  $(XY, XZ, YZ)$  holds, while using  $G^2 [(XZ, YZ)|(XY, XZ, YZ)]$  does assume that the model of homogeneous association holds.

Disadvantages of the goodness-of-fit test as a test of conditional independence

1. It has lower power.
2. It has more  $df$  than the Wald test, the CMH, and the LR test (i.e.,  $G^2 [(XZ, YZ)|(XY, XZ, YZ)]$ ).



# Ordinal Conditional Association

If the categories of one or both variables are ordered, then there are more powerful ways of testing for conditional independence.

With respect to models, we can use a generalized linear by linear model, more specifically a “homogeneous linear by linear association” model.

$$\log(\mu_{ijk}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \lambda_k^Z + \beta u_i v_j + \lambda_{ik}^{XZ} + \lambda_{jk}^{YZ}$$

where  $u_i$  are scores for the levels of variable  $X$ , and  $v_j$  are scores for the levels of variable  $Y$ .

Notes:

- The model of conditional independence is a special case of this model; that is,  $\beta = 0$
- This model is a special case of the homogeneous association model.

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Example: Using as equally spaced scores for SES (i.e.,  $u_1 = 1$ ,  $u_2 = 2$ , and  $u_3 = 3$ ), and unequally spaced scores for program type (i.e.,  $v_1 = 1$ ,  $v_2 = 2$ , and  $v_3 = 4$ ), we fit the model

$$\log(\mu_{ijk}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \lambda_k^G + \beta u_i v_j + \lambda_{ik}^{SG} + \lambda_{jk}^{PG}$$

Model	Goodness-of-fit Test			Likelihood Ratio Test		
	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	$\Delta df$	$\Delta G^2$	$p$
$(GS, GP, SP)$	4	1.970	.74	—	—	—
$(GS, GP, SP) - L \times L$	7	7.476	.38	3	5.505	.138
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	1	48.043	< .001

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Model	Goodness-of-fit Test			Likelihood Ratio Test		
	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	$\Delta df$	$\Delta G^2$	$p$
$(GS, GP, SP)$	4	1.970	.74	—	—	—
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	4	53.548	< .001

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- The null hypothesis for the likelihood ratio test statistic (in the last row of top table) is  $H_O : \beta = 0$  with  $df = 1$ ; whereas, in the lower table, it is

$$H_O : \text{all } \lambda_{ij}^{SP} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad df = 4$$

- Comparing  $G^2/df$  for the two tests,

$$53.548/4 = 13.387 \quad \text{versus} \quad 48.043/1 = 48.043$$

- **Conclusion:** If data exhibit linear by linear partial association, then using scores gives you a stronger (more powerful) test of conditional independence.
- The Wald statistic for  $\beta$  equals 43.939,  $df = 1$ , and  $p < .0001$ . This is comparable to the new likelihood ratio test statistic.

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# Estimated Partial Odds Ratios

$\hat{\beta} = .3234$ . The estimated partial odds ratio equals

$$\hat{\theta}_{SP(k)} = \exp [.3234(u_i - u_{i'})(v_j - v_{j'})]$$

For example, the smallest partial odds ratio is for low and middle SES and votech and general programs,

$$\hat{\theta}_{SP(k)} = \exp [.3234(2 - 1)(2 - 1)] = \exp(.3234) = 1.38$$

The largest partial odds ratio is for low and high SES and votech and academic programs equals

$$\hat{\theta}_{SP(k)} = \exp [.3234(3 - 1)(4 - 1)] = \exp(1.9404) = 6.96$$

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Variable		Type of Test		
		Likelihood Ratio	Wald	(Generalized) CMH
Row	Column			
Nominal	Nominal	X	X	
Nominal	Ordinal			
Ordinal	Ordinal	X	X	

Next, the model based nominal–ordinal case.

For the nominal–ordinal case, we only put in scores for the categories of the ordinal variable and estimate a  $\beta$  for each category of the nominal variable.

# Nominal–Ordinal Case

For example, if only have put in scores for SES, we fitting the model

$$\log(\mu_{ijk}) = \lambda + \lambda_i^S + \lambda_j^P + \lambda_k^G + \beta_j^P u_i + \lambda_{ik}^{SG} + \lambda_{jk}^{PG}$$

where  $u_i$  are scores for SES (i.e.,  $u_1 = 1$ ,  $u_2 = 2$ , and  $u_3 = 3$ ), and  $\beta_j^P$  are estimated parameters.

Model	Goodness-of-fit Test			Likelihood Ratio Test		
	$df$	$G^2$	$p$	$\Delta df$	$\Delta G^2$	$p$
$(GS, GP, SP)$	4	1.970	.74	—	—	—
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	4	53.548	< .001
$(GS, GP, SP)–L \times L$	7	7.476	.38	3	5.505	.14
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	1	48.043	< .001
$(GS, GP, SP)$ with $u_i$	6	4.076	.62	2	2.106	.35
$(GS, GP)$	8	55.519	< .0001	2	51.443	< .001

For the nominal–ordinal model,  $\hat{\beta}_{votech}^P = -.8784$  &  $\hat{\beta}_{gen}^P = -.8614$ ,  
 $\implies$  the “best” scores for VoTech and General programs are much closer together than we had been assuming.

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# So we have now discussed,

Variable		Type of Test		
		Likelihood Ratio	Wald	(Generalized) CMH
Row	Column			
Nominal	Nominal	X	X	
Nominal	Ordinal	X	X	
Ordinal	Ordinal	X	X	

To complete our table, we need to talk about efficient score tests for testing conditional independence for each of the three cases.

The efficient score test of conditional independence of  $X$  and  $Y$  given  $Z$  for an  $I \times J \times K$  cross-classification is a generalization of the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel statistic, which we discussed as a way to test conditional independence in  $2 \times 2 \times K$  tables.

For each of three cases, the test statistic is a **Generalized CMH Statistic**.

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