



Log-linear models for cross-tabulations using Stata

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clarification of terminology

- Especially in economics the term log-linear models means
 - log transform the explained/dependent/left-hand-side/y-variable, and then
 - estimate a linear model using this transformed variable
- This is **not** how I will use that term
- Log-linear models is a set of models used to describe and test patterns in a cross-tabulation with 2 or more dimensions
- A useful analogy is that log-linear models are like ANOVA for categorical (ordinal) dependent variables.

What log-linear models are used for

- Log-linear models is a class of models that is used a lot in sociology
- A typical use would involve a table of the occupational class of the father against the occupational class of the son
- The two are related, but some cells need special attention
- For example, farmers mainly become farmers by inheriting a farm
- Log-linear models are used to quantify the association while still incorporating these special features.
- Such a flexible way of modeling cross tabulation is not only useful to sociologists, but a terminology has that proved to be more of a hindrance.

An example: A 2 × 2 cross-tabulation

- The simplest cross-tabulation is a 2 by 2 table.
- Consider this German data from the ALLBUS (the German GSS) after reunification.

```
. tab east husb_career
```

region of residence	wife should support husband's career		Total
	disagree	agree	
west	9,297	4,403	13,700
east	5,639	1,770	7,409
Total	14,936	6,173	21,109

- This is easier to interpret with row percentages:

```
. tab east husb_career, row nofreq
```

region of residence	wife should support husband's career		Total
	disagree	agree	
west	67.86	32.14	100.00
east	76.11	23.89	100.00
Total	70.76	29.24	100.00

An example: Independence in a 2 × 2 cross-tabulation

- Remember the Pearson χ^2 test: $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$,
- where O are the observed counts and E are the expected counts if the variables are independent
- With independence we take the margins as given and distribute the observations over the cells such that there is no additional structure
- We know that $\frac{13,700}{21,109} \times 100\% = 64.90\%$ of the observations are from the west, and that overall $\frac{14,936}{21,109} \times 100\% = 70.76\%$ disagree
- So the expected count under independence for the West Germans who disagree is $0.6490 \times 0.7076 \times 21,109 = 9694$

```
. tab east husb_career, exp chi2 nokey
```

region of residence	wife should support husband's career		Total
	disagree	agree	
west	9,297	4,403	13,700
	9,693.6	4,006.4	13,700.0
east	5,639	1,770	7,409
	5,242.4	2,166.6	7,409.0
Total	14,936	6,173	21,109
	14,936.0	6,173.0	21,109.0

```
Pearson chi2(1) = 158.1252 Pr = 0.000
```

- We can reject the hypothesis that the two variables are independent

Independence and odds ratios

- Independence is one of the patterns in a cross-tabulation which can be tested with log-linear models.
- Such patterns are often framed as odds ratios
- An odds is the expected number of ‘successes’ per ‘failure’, and an odds ratio is a ratio of odds

		wives should support husband's career		total
		disagree	agree	
region of residence	west	9,694	4,006	13,700
	east	5,242	2,167	7,409
total		14,936	6,173	21,109

- So under independence the odds of agreeing for someone from the West is $\frac{4,006}{9,694} = .41$ or about two persons that agree for every five that disagree
- Under independence the odds of agreeing for someone from the East is $\frac{2,167}{5,242} = .41$
- Independence means that the odds are the same, or their ratio is 1.

prepare the data

- The first step is to load the table as data in Stata
- If you start with individual level data, than `contract` is very useful.

```
. contract east husb_career, nomiss  
. list
```

	husb_c_r	east	_freq
1.	disagree	west	9297
2.	agree	west	4403
3.	disagree	east	5639
4.	agree	east	1770

estimate the independence model

- We can use `poisson` to estimate a model on these counts

```
. poisson _freq i.east i.husb_career, irr nolog
Poisson regression                Number of obs   =          4
                                LR chi2(2)          =       5653.89
                                Prob > chi2         =         0.0000
                                Pseudo R2           =         0.9655
Log likelihood = -101.13464
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
east						
east	.5408029	.0077989	-42.63	0.000	.5257314	.5563065
husb_career						
agree	.4132967	.0062536	-58.40	0.000	.4012199	.4257371
_cons	9693.647	93.26673	954.04	0.000	9512.561	9878.181

```
. est store indep
```

- The constant is the expected number of observations who are from the west and don't agree (both reference categories)
- The coefficient of `1.east` is the ratio by which this count increases/decreases when someone is from the east, i.e. it is the odds of coming from the east.
- The coefficient of `1.husb_career` is the odds of agreeing, which corresponds with the odds under independence we computed earlier.
- If we had included an interaction effect between `east` and `husb_career`, then that would represent the ratio of the odds of agreeing for West- and East-Germans, i.e. the odds ratio.
- By excluding that interaction we constrained the odds ratio to be 1

check if it is really an independence model

```
. predict mu
(option n assumed; predicted number of events)
. tabdisp east husb_career, cell(mu)
```

region of residence	wife should support husband's career	
	disagree	agree
west	9693.647	4006.353
east	5242.353	2166.647

```
. tab east husb_career [fw=_freq], exp nofreq
```

region of residence	wife should support husband's career		Total
	disagree	agree	
west	9,693.6	4,006.4	13,700.0
east	5,242.4	2,166.6	7,409.0
Total	14,936.0	6,173.0	21,109.0

A likelihood ratio test for the independence model

- We can relax the independence assumption by adding an interaction effect between east and `husb_career`.

```
. poisson _freq i.east##i.husb_career, irr nolog
```

```
Poisson regression                Number of obs   =         4
                                LR chi2(3)         =       5815.16
                                Prob > chi2        =         0.0000
Log likelihood = -20.497687       Pseudo R2      =         0.9930
```

	_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
	east						
	east	.6065397	.0102377	-29.62	0.000	.5868024	.6269409
	husb_career						
	agree	.4735936	.008664	-40.85	0.000	.4569133	.4908829
	east#husb_career						
	east#agree	.6627738	.0217506	-12.53	0.000	.6214855	.706805
	_cons	9297	96.42095	881.04	0.000	9109.926	9487.915

```
. est store sat
```

```
. lrtest indep sat
```

```
Likelihood-ratio test                LR chi2(1) =   161.27
(Assumption: indep nested in sat)    Prob > chi2 =    0.0000
```

- This interaction effect is the odds ratio.
- The odds of agreeing in the East is .66 times the odds of agreeing in the West.
- The odds of agreeing in the East is $(.66-1)*100\% = -34\%$ less than the odds of agreeing in the West.
- Not surprisingly this difference is statistically significant.

Log-linear models for a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ table

- This difference could be the result of the fact that the female labor force participation in the former GDR (East-Germany) was a lot higher than the FRG (West-Germany).
- Alternatively, the GDR was very effective at suppressing religion, and religious people were more likely to agree

```
. tab east relig, row nofreq
```

region of residence	religious affiliation		Total
	no affili	an affili	
west	12.53	87.47	100.00
east	68.23	31.77	100.00
Total	26.09	73.91	100.00

```
. tab relig husb_career, row nofreq
```

religious affiliation	wife should support husband's career		Total
	disagree	agree	
no affiliation	79.77	20.23	100.00
an affiliation	66.20	33.80	100.00
Total	70.76	29.24	100.00

- If the latter mechanism is the only reason, then the independence model should fit within the religious and non-religious sub-tables

prepare the data

```
. contract husb_career east relig, nomiss  
. tabdisp east husb_career relig, cell(_freq)
```

region of residence	religious affiliation and wife should support husband's career			
	- no affiliation - disagree	agree	- an affiliation - disagree	agree
west	1572	386	7690	3998
east	4073	1046	1551	720

estimate the conditional independence model

```
. poisson _freq i.husb_career##i.relig i.east##i.relig, irr nolog
```

```
Poisson regression          Number of obs   =           8
                          LR chi2(5)          =    14883.91
                          Prob > chi2         =     0.0000
                          Pseudo R2          =     0.9946
Log likelihood = -40.136821
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
husb_career agree	.2536758	.0075059	-46.36	0.000	.2393831	.268822
relig an affiliation	4.954244	.1281133	61.88	0.000	4.709404	5.211814
husb_career#relig agree#an affiliation	2.012611	.0695921	20.23	0.000	1.880733	2.153737
east east	2.614402	.0694701	36.17	0.000	2.481728	2.754169
east#relig east#an affiliation	.0743198	.0026086	-74.06	0.000	.069379	.0796125
_cons	1561.807	36.51325	314.54	0.000	1491.857	1635.037

```
. est store cindep
```

Does this model fit?

```
. predict mu
(option n assumed; predicted number of events)
. tabdisp east husb_career relig, cell(_freq mu) format(%9.0f)
```

region of residence	religious affiliation and wife should support husband's career			
	- no affiliation -		- an affiliation -	
	disagree	agree	disagree	agree
west	1572	386	7690	3998
	1562	396	7738	3950
east	4073	1046	1551	720
	4083	1036	1503	768

Does this model fit? (2)

- A common way of summarizing the fit is the index of dissimilarity, the proportion of observations that need to be 'shifted' in order to fully fit the data

```
. sum _freq , meanonly
. local n = r(sum)
. gen d = abs(_freq/`n`-mu/`n`)
. sum d, meanonly
. di "index of dissimilarity = " r(sum)/2
index of dissimilarity = .00549226
```

- Alternatively, one can compare the model with the fully saturated model (the model with the best possible fit) using
 - a likelihood ratio test
 - BIC (negative values show support for the constrained model, positive values for the saturated model)

```
. qui poisson _freq i.husb_career##i.east##i.relig
. estimates store sat
. lrtest cindep sat
Likelihood-ratio test                LR chi2(2) =      5.82
(Assumption: cindep nested in sat)   Prob > chi2 =    0.0544
. di "BIC = " r(chi2) - r(df)*ln(`n`)
BIC = -14.086432
```


Compare with a model with an effect of east

```
. poisson _freq i.husb_career##i.east i.husb_career##i.relig i.east##i.relig, irr nolog
Poisson regression                               Number of obs   =           8
                                                LR chi2(6)       =    14886.05
                                                Prob > chi2      =         0.0000
Log likelihood = -39.067483                    Pseudo R2        =         0.9948
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
husb_career agree	.264348	.0107801	-32.63	0.000	.2440418	.2863439
east east	2.645171	.0734729	35.02	0.000	2.505016	2.793167
husb_career#east agree#east	.9443658	.036985	-1.46	0.144	.8745888	1.01971
relig an affiliation	4.980792	.1304105	61.32	0.000	4.73164	5.243064
husb_career#relig agree#an affiliation	1.949286	.0796728	16.33	0.000	1.799221	2.111867
east#relig east#an affiliation	.0748718	.0026527	-73.16	0.000	.069849	.0802558
_cons	1548.624	37.40564	304.09	0.000	1477.019	1623.701

```
. est store east
```

```
. lrtest cindep east
```

```
Likelihood-ratio test                               LR chi2(1) =         2.14
(Assumption: cindep nested in east)                 Prob > chi2 =         0.1436
```

log-linear models and logit models

- We could also estimate this model with `logit`

```
. poisson _freq i.husb_career##relig i.east##relig, irr nolog
Poisson regression              Number of obs   =           8
                               LR chi2(5)      =       14883.91
                               Prob > chi2     =         0.0000
Log likelihood = -40.136821      Pseudo R2   =         0.9946
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
husb_career agree	.2536758	.0075059	-46.36	0.000	.2393831	.268822
relig an affiliation	4.954244	.1281133	61.88	0.000	4.709404	5.211814
husb_career#relig agree#an affiliation	2.012611	.0695921	20.23	0.000	1.880733	2.153737
east east	2.614402	.0694701	36.17	0.000	2.481728	2.754169
east#relig east#an affiliation	.0743198	.0026086	-74.06	0.000	.069379	.0796125
_cons	1561.807	36.51325	314.54	0.000	1491.857	1635.037

```
. logit husb_career i.relig [fw=_freq], or nolog
Logistic regression              Number of obs   =       21,036
                               LR chi2(1)      =         434.48
                               Prob > chi2     =         0.0000
Log likelihood = -12493.716      Pseudo R2   =         0.0171
```

husb_career	Odds Ratio	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
relig an affiliation	2.012611	.0695921	20.23	0.000	1.880732	2.153737
_cons	.2536759	.0075059	-46.36	0.000	.2393831	.268822

Notation for models

- It is customary to refer to the models using a short hand like [RW][ER]
- The letters are abbreviations for variables
 - E east
 - W husb_career
 - R relig
- letters grouped together are variables grouped together in Stata's factor variable notation with the #

notation	factor variable notation
[W][E][R]	i.husb_career i.east i.relig
[RW][ER]	i.relig##i.husb_career i.east##i.relig
[EW][WR][ER]	i.east##i.husb_career i.husb_career##i.relig i.east##i.relig
[WER]	i.husb_career##i.east##i.relig

An example: homogamy

- We can look at the education of both partners, again using the German ALLBUS data

```
. tab meduc feduc, row nokey
```

male education	female education					Total
	low	lower voc	medium vo	higher vo	universit	
low	2,068 61.20	703 20.80	426 12.61	122 3.61	60 1.78	3,379 100.00
lower voc.	4,555 30.52	7,200 48.25	2,523 16.91	416 2.79	229 1.53	14,923 100.00
medium voc.	1,032 11.38	1,792 19.76	4,845 53.42	856 9.44	544 6.00	9,069 100.00
higher voc.	334 9.45	472 13.36	1,157 32.74	1,100 31.13	471 13.33	3,534 100.00
university	389 6.15	740 11.69	1,783 28.17	999 15.78	2,418 38.21	6,329 100.00
Total	8,378 22.50	10,907 29.29	10,734 28.83	3,493 9.38	3,722 10.00	37,234 100.00

Compare the independent and saturated models

```
. contract meduc feduc, nomiss
. qui poisson _freq i.meduc##i.feduc, irr
. est store full
.
. qui poisson _freq i.meduc i.feduc, irr
. est store indep
. llingov , sat(full)
```

	LL	df	p	BIC	D
r1	17484.97	16	0	17316.57	.289634

What is llingov?

```
program define llingov, rclass
    syntax, sat(name)
    if "`e(cmd)'" != "poisson" {
        di as error "llingov only works after poisson"
        exit 198
    }
    // index of dissimilarity
    local y "`e(depvar)'"
    tempvar diff
    tempname res
    qui predict double `diff' if e(sample), n
    qui replace `diff' = abs(`y' - `diff')
    sum `y' if e(sample), meanonly
    local n = r(sum)
    sum `diff' if e(sample), meanonly
    local d = r(sum)/(2*`n')

    // likelihood ratio and BIC
    qui lrtest . `sat'
    local p = r(p)
    local df = r(df)
    local ll = r(chi2)
    local bic = r(chi2) - r(df)*ln(`n')
    matrix `res' = `ll', `df', `p', `bic', `d'
    matrix colname `res' = "LL" "df" "p" "BIC" "D"
    matlist `res'
    return matrix res `res'
end
```

Quasi-independence model

- Lets start with taking care of the diagonals
- We assume there are two groups:
 - there is a group that insist on someone with the same education
 - there is another group that randomly falls in love

```
. gen diag = (meduc==feduc)*meduc
. tabdisp meduc feduc, cell(diag)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	1	0	0	0	0
lower voc.	0	2	0	0	0
medium voc.	0	0	3	0	0
higher voc.	0	0	0	4	0
university	0	0	0	0	5

```
. label value diag ed
```

fit the quasi-independence model

```
. poisson _freq i.meduc i.feduc i.diag, irr nolog
Poisson regression                Number of obs   =          25
                                LR chi2(13)      =    31953.20
                                Prob > chi2      =         0.0000
Log likelihood = -2548.7891       Pseudo R2    =         0.8624
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
meduc						
lower voc.	5.730713	.1767324	56.61	0.000	5.394584	6.087785
medium voc.	3.406199	.1108968	37.64	0.000	3.195634	3.630637
higher voc.	1.516249	.0525283	12.01	0.000	1.416713	1.622778
university	2.320418	.0748851	26.08	0.000	2.178191	2.471931
feduc						
lower voc.	.9246445	.0203206	-3.56	0.000	.8856625	.9653422
medium voc.	1.145789	.0216409	7.21	0.000	1.104149	1.188999
higher voc.	.3949555	.0095705	-38.34	0.000	.3766361	.4141659
university	.2300723	.0070539	-47.93	0.000	.2166542	.2443214
diag						
low	4.251879	.1642796	37.46	0.000	3.941787	4.586367
lower voc.	2.793698	.0721779	39.76	0.000	2.655754	2.938807
medium voc.	2.552405	.0689381	34.69	0.000	2.420803	2.691161
higher voc.	3.77663	.1606407	31.24	0.000	3.474547	4.104977
university	9.312283	.3617783	57.44	0.000	8.629534	10.04905
_cons	486.3731	15.45148	194.75	0.000	457.0124	517.6202

```
. llingov, sat(full)
```

	LL	df	p	BIC	D
r1	4882.975	11	0	4767.201	.1155445

Interpret the coefficients

```
. predict mu, n
. tabdisp meduc feduc, c(mu)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	2068	449.7223	557.281	192.0957	111.901
lower voc.	2787.265	7200	3193.617	1100.846	641.2723
medium voc.	1656.683	1531.843	4845	654.3163	381.157
higher voc.	737.4627	681.8909	844.9767	1100	169.6697
university	1128.589	1043.544	1293.125	445.7424	2418

```
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[1.diag])
2068
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[2.meduc]) * exp(_b[2.feduc]) * exp(_b[2.diag])
7200
. di ( 681.8909 / 737.4627 ) / ( 1043.544 / 1128.589 )
.99999973
```

Adding a diagonal

- The fit was not very good, so lets assume there is a third group: those that move one step up or down

```
. gen move_sym = abs(feduc-meduc) == 1
. tabdisp meduc feduc, cell(move_sym)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	0	1	0	0	0
lower voc.	1	0	1	0	0
medium voc.	0	1	0	1	0
higher voc.	0	0	1	0	1
university	0	0	0	1	0

Fit the model

```
. poisson _freq i.meduc i.feduc i.diag i.move_sym, irr nolog
Poisson regression                Number of obs      =           25
                                LR chi2(14)         =       34910.26
                                Prob > chi2         =           0.0000
Log likelihood = -1070.2624       Pseudo R2        =           0.9422
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
meduc						
lower voc.	3.338166	.1149113	35.02	0.000	3.120374	3.57116
medium voc.	2.707588	.0873711	30.87	0.000	2.541647	2.884363
higher voc.	1.230837	.0446596	5.72	0.000	1.146345	1.321555
university	2.929866	.0981173	32.10	0.000	2.743735	3.128624
feduc						
lower voc.	.6559253	.0166208	-16.64	0.000	.6241449	.6893239
medium voc.	.9065449	.017194	-5.17	0.000	.8734639	.9408787
higher voc.	.3061911	.0083201	-43.56	0.000	.2903107	.3229403
university	.3186353	.010115	-36.03	0.000	.2994145	.33909
diag						
low	5.285556	.2107696	41.75	0.000	4.888186	5.715229
lower voc.	8.40447	.3063953	58.39	0.000	7.824899	9.026968
medium voc.	5.045011	.1533115	53.26	0.000	4.753299	5.354625
higher voc.	7.460018	.3595832	41.69	0.000	6.787514	8.199152
university	6.61995	.2616735	47.82	0.000	6.126443	7.153211
1.move_sym	2.773769	.0548879	51.56	0.000	2.66825	2.883461
_cons	391.2549	13.0152	179.45	0.000	366.5594	417.6142

```
. llingov, sat(full)
```

	LL	df	p	BIC	D
r1	1925.922	10	0	1820.672	.0590599

interpret the coefficients

```
. predict mu, n
. tabdisp meduc feduc, c(mu)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	2068	711.8434	354.6902	119.7988	124.6676
lower voc.	3622.747	7200	3284.183	399.9083	416.1613
medium voc.	1059.357	1927.379	4845	899.7156	337.5486
higher voc.	481.5709	315.8745	1210.932	1100	425.6224
university	1146.325	751.9033	1039.195	973.5774	2418

```
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[1.diag])
2068
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[2.meduc]) * exp(_b[1.move_sym])
3622.7474
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[3.meduc])
1059.3571
. di ( 315.8745 / 481.5709 ) / ( 751.9033 / 1146.325 )
1.0000002
```

Adding asymmetry

- descriptively we found that men were more likely to marry 'down' than 'up'
- lets incorporate that in our previous model

```
. gen move_asym = (meduc-feduc==1) + 2*(meduc-feduc==-1)
. tabdisp meduc feduc, cell(move_asym)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	0	2	0	0	0
lower voc.	1	0	2	0	0
medium voc.	0	1	0	2	0
higher voc.	0	0	1	0	2
university	0	0	0	1	0

```
. label define m 1 "down" 2 "up"
. label value move_asym m
```

Fit the model

```
. poisson _freq i.meduc i.feduc i.diag i.move_asym, irr nolog
Poisson regression                               Number of obs   =       25
                                                LR chi2(15)      =    35202.87
                                                Prob > chi2      =       0.0000
Log likelihood = -923.95537                    Pseudo R2       =       0.9501
```

_freq	IRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
meduc						
lower voc.	3.176795	.1089642	33.70	0.000	2.970249	3.397703
medium voc.	2.495323	.0816923	27.93	0.000	2.340238	2.660686
higher voc.	1.041134	.0389619	1.08	0.281	.9675032	1.120368
university	2.524221	.085721	27.27	0.000	2.36168	2.697948
feduc						
lower voc.	.6979436	.0180204	-13.93	0.000	.6635031	.7341717
medium voc.	1.104936	.0247197	4.46	0.000	1.057534	1.154464
higher voc.	.3500088	.0098091	-37.46	0.000	.3313019	.3697721
university	.3687206	.0121422	-30.30	0.000	.3456741	.3933037
diag						
low	5.169272	.2041837	41.59	0.000	4.784179	5.585364
lower voc.	8.117119	.2962936	57.37	0.000	7.556681	8.719122
medium voc.	4.392467	.1386041	46.90	0.000	4.129038	4.672703
higher voc.	7.545465	.3634368	41.96	0.000	6.865732	8.292495
university	6.493972	.2571544	47.25	0.000	6.009022	7.018061
move_asym						
down	3.057201	.0624071	54.74	0.000	2.9373	3.181997
up	2.082365	.0544486	28.05	0.000	1.978336	2.191864
_cons	400.0563	13.1268	182.60	0.000	375.1381	426.6297

```
. llingov, sat(full)
```

	LL	df	p	BIC	D
r1	1633.308	9	0	1538.583	.0581226

Interpret the coefficients

```
. predict mu, n
. tabdisp meduc feduc, c(mu)
```

male education	female education				
	low	lower voc.	medium voc.	higher voc.	university
low	2068	581.431	442.0367	140.0232	147.509
lower voc.	3885.387	7200	2924.181	444.8251	468.6058
medium voc.	998.2699	2130.063	4845	727.585	368.0827
higher voc.	416.5121	290.702	1406.983	1100	319.8025
university	1009.83	704.8046	1115.798	1080.567	2418

```
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[1.diag])
2068
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[2.meduc]) * exp(_b[1.move_asym])
3885.3876
. di exp(_b[_cons]) * exp(_b[2.feduc]) * exp(_b[2.move_asym])
581.431
```

Unidiff models

- This table involves respondents that were born between 1900 and 1993, we may want to adjust for that
- We could do that as before
- Alternatively, we could model the table for the oldest cohort and say that the next cohort is the same except that all the parameters are x percent larger or smaller
- So the pattern remains the same, but the strength of the association increases or decreases by x percent.
- You need a user written package to estimate that: `unidiff` by Maurizio Pisati

Estimation of a unidiff model

```
. unidiff _freq, row(meduc) col(feduc) layer(coh) ///
>     effect(mult) pattern(fi) lambda(rawlog)
```

(output omitted)

Table structure

	Name	Label	N. of categories
Row	meduc	male education	5
Column	feduc	female education	5
Layer	coh		4

Model specification

```
Layer effect:      multiplicative
R-C association pattern: full interaction
Additional variables: none
```

Goodness-of-fit statistics

Model	N	df	X2	p	G2	p	rG2	BIC	DI
Cond. indep.	37165	64	17778.3	0.00	15352.8	0.00	0.0	14679.3	26.1
Null effect	37165	48	254.6	0.00	247.7	0.00	98.4	-257.4	2.6
Multipl. effect	37165	45	239.5	0.00	237.1	0.00	98.5	-236.4	2.5

Interpretation of a unidiff model

Phi parameters (layer scores)

coh	Raw	Scaled 1	Scaled 2
1900	2.7623	1.0000	0.5223
1925	2.6491	0.9590	0.5009
1950	2.7238	0.9861	0.5150
1975	2.4296	0.8796	0.4594

Psi parameters (R-C association scores)

male education	female education				
	low	lower	medium	higher	univer
low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
lower voc.	0.00	0.57	0.43	0.30	0.29
medium voc.	0.00	0.59	1.13	0.98	1.05
higher voc.	0.00	0.53	1.04	1.51	1.44
university	0.00	0.65	1.25	1.58	2.13

Interpretation of a unidiff model (2)

Total interaction effects (raw) - Additive form

coh and male education	female education				
	low	lower	medium	higher	univer
1900					
low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
lower voc.	0.00	1.59	1.19	0.82	0.81
medium voc.	0.00	1.64	3.11	2.70	2.90
higher voc.	0.00	1.46	2.87	4.16	3.97
university	0.00	1.80	3.45	4.36	5.87
1925					
low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
lower voc.	0.00	1.52	1.14	0.78	0.78
medium voc.	0.00	1.58	2.99	2.59	2.78
higher voc.	0.00	1.40	2.75	3.99	3.81
university	0.00	1.73	3.31	4.18	5.63
1950					
low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
lower voc.	0.00	1.56	1.17	0.81	0.80
medium voc.	0.00	1.62	3.07	2.66	2.86
higher voc.	0.00	1.44	2.83	4.10	3.91
university	0.00	1.78	3.40	4.30	5.79
1975					
low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
lower voc.	0.00	1.40	1.05	0.72	0.71
medium voc.	0.00	1.44	2.74	2.38	2.55
higher voc.	0.00	1.29	2.52	3.66	3.49
university	0.00	1.58	3.03	3.83	5.17

```
. di 2.4296*.65
1.57924
. di 1.58/1.80
.87777778
```

Summary

- Log-linear models describe and test patterns in cross-tabulations
- The simplest pattern is independence, the counts in cells are only determined by the margins
- Many of these models can be estimated using `poisson`
- With higher dimensional tables we can look if independence holds within sub-tables
- A more complex model is quasi-independence. There are two groups: one stays on the diagonal and one follows a independence pattern
- We can complicate the model even more, for example by adding additional diagonals, but there are many more ways of describing such tables.
- We can compare tables by saying that the basic structure is the same, but all the effects are $x\%$ larger or smaller than the reference table.
- What I did not discuss are log-linear models for ordinal variables, common models for such tables are stereotyped ordered regression and the RCII (Row Column II) model.