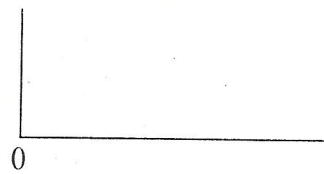


Chi-square (χ^2) distributions are a family of distributions that are distinguished from each other by their [] []

- Each χ^2 distribution is [] and []
- Like other probability distributions, [] []
- Each χ^2 distribution, regardless of degrees of freedom, [] []
- As the number of degrees of freedom increases, χ^2 distributions become more [] and less []
- Two of the primary uses for χ^2 distributions are to test for [] and [].

Typical χ^2 Distribution:



Chi-square distributions can be used to test how well data fits with a [], much like we do with 1-Proportion Z tests and 2-Proportion Z tests, but with []. χ^2 distributions can also be used to test for []. This is appropriate for multivariate data that is displayed in []. In either case, we use a process similar to what we used for hypothesis testing: we identify the hypothesized distribution:

- state our [] and []
- determine the number of []
- check that the [] are met for a test
- calculate a [] for the data that has been gathered
- calculate a [] for the statistic, and
- reach a [] to either reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis.

Using χ^2 to test for Goodness of Fit

Suppose that the M&M/Mars Company claims that the distribution of colors in M&M candies is 30% brown, 20% each of yellow and red, and 10% each of orange, green, and blue. Suppose further that a class of Statistics students examines a sample of 100 M&M candies and gathers the following data:

	Brown	Yellow	Red	Orange	Green	Blue	Total
Observed	38	25	15	12	8	2	100
Expected							

Complete the table by calculating the number of each color that would be expected if the distribution of candies matched the manufacturer's claims, and the total for that row.

Before we can conduct a test for goodness of fit, we need to state the :

H_0 : The actual proportion of each color the manufacturer's claims. (30% brown, 20% each of yellow and red, and 10% each of orange, green, and blue.)

H_a : The actual proportion of each color what the manufacturer claims.

The number of is $n - 1$, or $6 - 1$, which is 5.

We must assume that these 100 M&M candies represent an of all M&M candies. We must check that all of the expected values in the table are at least 1, which they are, and that no more than 20% are less than 5. Since they are all at least 5, we have verified the technical conditions.

The test statistic is $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$. Filling in the appropriate values, we get

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(38-30)^2}{30} + \frac{(25-20)^2}{20} + \frac{(15-20)^2}{20} + \frac{(12-20)^2}{20} + \frac{(8-10)^2}{10} + \frac{(2-10)^2}{10}$$

$$= 2.13 + 1.25 + 1.25 + 0.4 + 0.4 + 6.4$$

$$\chi^2 = 11.83$$

Using the χ^2 table and the appropriate degrees of freedom () , we determine that $0.025 < p < 0.05$. This represents enough evidence to at the 0.05 level, so the actual proportion of each color for M&M candies may be .