Chi-Squared Tests

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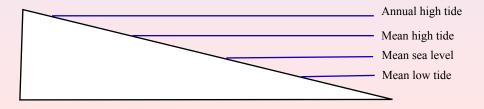
Comparing what's expected to what's observed

Example: Comparing to a distribution

- Null hypothesis: uniform distribution
- Must account for area/length of transect



Is the sea grass equally likely to be found in each tidal zone?



The Chi-squared calculations

$$\chi_{e}^{2} = \sum \frac{(O_{i} - E_{i})^{2}}{E_{i}}$$

O= the frequencies observed E= the frequencies expected Σ = the sum of

Let's try it

| Zone | Observed | Expected | (O-E)²/E |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| upper | 40 | | |
| middle | 75 | | |
| lower | 125 | | |
| Total | | | |

Needed Excel Function: CHISQ.DIST.RT(ChiSq,dof)