



# Cramér V Goodness-of-Fit Test (es\_cramer\_v\_gof)

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## Introduction

The `es_cramer_v_gof` function (and `es_cramer_v_gof_arr` in VBA) calculates the effect size Cramér's V for a goodness-of-fit test.

This document contains the details on how to use the functions, and formulas used in them.

## 1 About the Function

### 1.1 Input parameters:

- **chi2**  
the chi-square test statistic.
- **n**  
the sample size
- **k**  
the number of categories
- *Optional parameters*
  - **bergsma** (default is false)  
Boolean (true/false) to indicate the use of the Bergsma correction.
  - **out** (default is "value") – only applies to VBA `es_cramer_v_gof`  
Choice what to show as result. Either:
    - "value": the effect size value
    - "qual": the qualification/classification of the value

### 1.2 Output:

- **Value**  
The Cramér's V value
- **Qualification**  
The qualification/classification of the effect size using a rule of thumb
- The array version in VBA (`es_cramer_v_gof_arr`) requires **two rows** and **four columns**.



## 1.3 Dependencies

- **Excel**

None.

You can run the **es\_cramer\_v\_gof\_addHelp** macro so that the function will be available with some help in the ‘User Defined’ category in the functions overview.

- **Python**

The following additional libraries will have to be installed/loaded:

- *pandas*

the data input needs to be a pandas data series, and the output is also a pandas dataframe.

- **R**

No other libraries required.

## 2 Examples

### 2.1 Excel

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1						
2						
3	chi-square value:	3,105263				
4	sample size:	19				
5	number of categories:	4				
6						
7		Bergsma				
8	out	FALSE	TRUE			
9	value	0,233406	0			
10	qual	small	negligible			
11						
12		C9 => =es_cramer_v_gof(\$C\$3:\$C\$4:\$C\$5;C\$8:\$B9)				
13						
14	Cramer's V (GoF)	Qualification				
15	0,233405866	small				
16						
17	B14:C15 => =es_cramer_v_gof_arr(C3;C4;C5)					
18						
19	Cramer's V (GoF), with Bergsma correction	Qualification				
20		0 negligible				
21						
22	B19:C20 => =es_cramer_v_gof_arr(C3;C4;C5;TRUE)					
23						



## 2.2 Python

```
[2]: chi2 = 3.105263
n = 19
k = 4

es_cramer_v_gof(chi2, n, k)

[2]: Cramer's V Classification
      0    0.233406      small

[3]: es_cramer_v_gof(chi2, n, k, True)

[3]: Cramer's V Classification      comment
      0    0.0    negligible with Bergsma correction
```

## 2.3 R

```
> chi2Value <- 3.105263
> n <- 19
> k <- 4
> es_cramer_v_gof(chi2Value, n, k)
      v  qual
1 0.2334059 small
> es_cramer_v_gof(chi2Value, n, k, TRUE)
      v  qual      comment
1 0 negligible with Bergsma correction
> |
```



### 3 Details of Calculations

#### 3.1 The Original Test

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_{GoF}^2}{n \times (k - 1)}}$$

Symbols used:

- $k$  the number of categories
- $n$  the sample size, i.e. the sum of all frequencies
- $\chi_{GoF}^2$  chi-square value of a Goodness-of-Fit test

#### 3.2 Bergsma Correction

A correction can be applied using the procedure proposed by Bergsma (2013). This is actually for a Cramér's V with a chi-square test of independence, but adapting it for a goodness-of-fit will give:

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\varphi}^2}{\bar{k} - 1}}$$

With

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\varphi}^2 &= \max\left(0, \varphi^2 - \frac{k - 1}{n - 1}\right) \\ \bar{k} &= k - \frac{(k - 1)^2}{n - 1} \\ \varphi^2 &= \frac{\chi_{GoF}^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

#### 3.3 Interpretation

This uses the interpretation of Cohen's w and converts them to Cramér's V depending on the number of categories.

**Table 1**

Rule-of-thumb for Cramér's V

<i>k</i>	<i>Negligible</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Large</i>
2	$0 < 0.100$	$0.100 < 0.300$	$0.300 < 0.500$	$\geq 0.500$
3	$0 < 0.071$	$0.071 < 0.212$	$0.212 < 0.354$	$\geq 0.354$
4	$0 < 0.058$	$0.058 < 0.173$	$0.173 < 0.289$	$\geq 0.289$
5	$0 < 0.050$	$0.050 < 0.150$	$0.150 < 0.250$	$\geq 0.250$
<i>k</i>	$0.1 / \sqrt{k - 1}$	$0.3 / \sqrt{k - 1}$	$0.5 / \sqrt{k - 1}$	

Note. Adapted from Cohen (1988, p. 227)



## 4 Sources

Cramér's V is described in *Mathematical methods of statistics* (Cramér, 1946, p. 282).

function of the other. Thus  $0 \leq \frac{\phi^2}{q-1} \leq 1$ , and the quantity  $\frac{\phi^2}{q-1}$  may be used as a measure, on a standardized scale, of the degree of dependence between the variables.

(Cramér, 1946, p. 282)

This measure is actually designed for the chi-square test for independence but can be adjusted for the goodness-of-fit test (Kelley & Preacher, 2012, p. 145; Mangiafico, 2016, p. 474).

modeling context. Examples of other omnibus effect sizes are squared multiple correlation, Cramér's V in a chi-square goodness-of-fit context, the Mahalanobis distance for a standardized measure

(Kelley & Preacher, 2012, p. 145)

The Bergsma correction is found as:

we propose to use

$$\tilde{V} = \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{\phi}_+^2}{\min(\tilde{r}-1, \tilde{c}-1)}}$$

sense, we will instead use the nonnegative estimator

$$\tilde{\phi}_+^2 = \max(0, \tilde{\phi}^2).$$

(Bergsma, 2013, pp. 324–325)

Cohen's conversion from Cohen w to Cramer V

Cramér's  $\phi'$ . A useful generalization of  $\phi$  for contingency tables of any dimensionality is provided by Cramér's statistic  $\phi'$  (Hays, 1981, p. 557; Blalock, 1972, p. 297);

$$(7.2.6) \quad \phi' = \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2}{N(r-1)}} = \frac{w}{\sqrt{r-1}},$$

(Cohen, 1988, p. 223)

Cohen's classification for his w:

small:  $w = .10$ ,  
medium:  $w = .30$ ,  
large:  $w = .50$ .

(Cohen, 1988, p. 227)



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