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The objective of this book is to compare the statistical properties of penalty and non-penalty estimation strategies for some popular models. Specifically, it considers the full model, submodel, penalty, pretest and shrinkage estimation techniques for three regression models before presenting the asymptotic properties of the non-penalty estimators and their asymptotic distributional efficiency comparisons. Further, the risk properties of the non-penalty estimators and penalty estimators are explored through a Monte Carlo simulation study. Showcasing examples based on real datasets, the book will be useful for students and applied researchers in a host of applied fields. The book's level of presentation and style make it accessible to a broad audience. It offers clear, succinct expositions of each estimation strategy. More importantly, it clearly describes how to use each estimation strategy for the problem at hand. The book is largely self-contained, as are the individual chapters, so that anyone interested in a particular topic or area of application may read only that specific chapter. The book is specially designed for graduate students who want to understand the foundations and concepts underlying penalty and

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non-penalty estimation and its applications. It is well-suited as a textbook for senior undergraduate and graduate courses surveying penalty and non-penalty estimation strategies, and can also be used as a reference book for a host of related subjects, including courses on meta-analysis. Professional statisticians will find this book to be a valuable reference work, since nearly all chapters are self-contained.

Integrating Analyses in Mixed Methods Research goes beyond mixed methods research design and data collection, providing a pragmatic discussion of the challenges of effectively integrating data to facilitate a more comprehensive and rigorous level of analysis. Showcasing a range of strategies for integrating different sources and forms of data as well as different approaches in analysis, it helps you plan, conduct, and disseminate complex analyses with confidence. Key techniques include: Building an integrative framework Analysing sequential, complementary and comparative data Identifying patterns and contrasts in linked data Categorizing, counting, and blending mixed data Managing dissonance and divergence Transforming analysis into warranted assertions With clear steps that can be tailored to any project, this book is perfect for students and researchers undertaking their own mixed methods research.

This concise, easy to understand and learner-

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friendly book invites the readers to actively participate in the understanding of medical statistical concepts that are frequently used in health care research and evidence-based practice worldwide. Knowing that the best way to learn statistical concepts is to use them, the authors employ real examples and articles from health science literature, complete with the complexities that real life presents, in an approach that will help bring researchers and clinicians one step closer towards being statistical savvy and better able to critically read research literature and interpret the results. A practical hands-on workbook for individual or group exercises Teaches how to understand statistical methods when reading journals, and how to use them in clinical research Emphasizes the use of statistics in evidence-based research Relevant for anyone needing to use statistics, this workbook is an ideal resource for all health care professionals and students, especially those learning and practising evidence-based medicine.

This edited book presents the recent developments in partial least squares-path modeling (PLS-PM) and provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of the most advanced research related to PLS-PM. The first section of this book emphasizes the basic concepts and extensions of the PLS-PM method. The second section discusses the methodological issues that are the focus of the

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recent development of the PLS-PM method. The third part discusses the real world application of the PLS-PM method in various disciplines. The contributions from expert authors in the field of PLS focus on topics such as the factor-based PLS-PM, the perfect match between a model and a mode, quantile composite-based path modeling (QC-PM), ordinal consistent partial least squares (OrdPLSc), non-symmetrical composite-based path modeling (NSCPM), modern view for mediation analysis in PLS-PM, a multi-method approach for identifying and treating unobserved heterogeneity, multigroup analysis (PLS-MGA), the assessment of the common method bias, non-metric PLS with categorical indicators, evaluation of the efficiency and accuracy of model misspecification and bootstrap parameter recovery in PLS-PM, CB-SEM, and the Bollen-Stine methods and importance-performance map analysis (IPMA) for nonlinear relationships. This book will be useful for researchers and practitioners interested in the latest advances in PLS-PM as well as master and Ph.D. students in a variety of disciplines using the PLS-PM method for their projects.

Building upon the success of the first edition, *Statistics Using Stata* uses the latest version of Stata to meet the needs of today's students. Engaging and accessible for students from a variety of mathematical backgrounds, this textbook integrates

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statistical concepts with the Stata (version 16) software package. It aligns Stata commands with examples based on real data, enabling students to understand statistics in a way that reflects statistical practice. Capitalizing on Stata's menu-driven 'point and click' and program syntax interface, the chapters guide students from the comfortable 'point and click' environment to the beginnings of statistical programming. Its coverage of essential topics gives instructors flexibility in curriculum planning and provides students with more advanced material to prepare for future work. Online resources - including solutions to exercises, PowerPoint slides, and Stata syntax (do-files) for each chapter - allow students to review independently and adapt code to analyze new problems.

What does it mean to adopt a realist, or a world systems, or a green approach to international relations? Does the plethora of *isms* have any relevance to the real world of global politics and policymaking? *Making Sense of International Relations Theory* addresses these questions by illustrating theories in action. With the 2003 invasion of Iraq by the US and its allies as a common point of reference, each contributor presents a particular framework for interpreting world affairs. This structure offers students tangible examples of how theory is used in practice and at the same time highlights the explanatory differences among

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theories. Incorporating extensive introductory sections, the book is uniquely designed to explore alternative ways of understanding current events; to assist students in making sense of, as well as with, IR theory.

Communication research is evolving and changing in a world of online journals, open-access, and new ways of obtaining data and conducting experiments via the Internet. Although there are generic encyclopedias describing basic social science research methodologies in general, until now there has been no comprehensive A-to-Z reference work exploring methods specific to communication and media studies. Our entries, authored by key figures in the field, focus on special considerations when applied specifically to communication research, accompanied by engaging examples from the literature of communication, journalism, and media studies. Entries cover every step of the research process, from the creative development of research topics and questions to literature reviews, selection of best methods (whether quantitative, qualitative, or mixed) for analyzing research results and publishing research findings, whether in traditional media or via new media outlets. In addition to expected entries covering the basics of theories and methods traditionally used in communication research, other entries discuss important trends influencing the future of that research, including contemporary

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practical issues students will face in communication professions, the influences of globalization on research, use of new recording technologies in fieldwork, and the challenges and opportunities related to studying online multi-media environments. Email, texting, cellphone video, and blogging are shown not only as topics of research but also as means of collecting and analyzing data. Still other entries delve into considerations of accountability, copyright, confidentiality, data ownership and security, privacy, and other aspects of conducting an ethical research program. Features: 652 signed entries are contained in an authoritative work spanning four volumes available in choice of electronic or print formats. Although organized A-to-Z, front matter includes a Reader's Guide grouping entries thematically to help students interested in a specific aspect of communication research to more easily locate directly related entries. Back matter includes a Chronology of the development of the field of communication research; a Resource Guide to classic books, journals, and associations; a Glossary introducing the terminology of the field; and a detailed Index. Entries conclude with References/Further Readings and Cross-References to related entries to guide students further in their research journeys. The Index, Reader's Guide themes, and Cross-References combine to provide robust search-and-browse in the e-version.

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As many medical and healthcare researchers have a love-hate relationship with statistics, the second edition of this practical reference book may make all the difference. Using practical examples, mainly from the authors' own research, the book explains how to make sense of statistics, turn statistical computer output into coherent information, and help decide which pieces of information to report and how to present them. The book takes you through all the stages of the research process, from the initial research proposal, through ethical approval and data analysis, to reporting on and publishing the findings. Helpful tips and information boxes, offer clear guidance throughout, including easily followed instructions on how to: -develop a quantitative research proposal for ethical/institutional approval or research funding -write up the statistical aspects of a paper for publication -choose and perform simple and more advanced statistical analyses -describe the statistical methods and present the results of an analysis. This new edition covers a wider range of statistical programs - SAS, STATA, R, and SPSS, and shows the commands needed to obtain the analyses and how to present it, whichever program you are using. Each specific example is annotated to indicate other scenarios that can be analysed using the same methods, allowing you to easily transpose the knowledge gained from the book to your own research. The principles of good presentation are

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also covered in detail, from translating relevant results into suitable extracts, through to randomised controlled trials, and how to present a meta-analysis. An added ingredient is the inclusion of code and datasets for all analyses shown in the book on our website (<http://medical-statistics.info>). Written by three experienced biostatisticians based in the UK and US, this is a step-by-step guide that will be invaluable to researchers and postgraduate students in medicine, those working in the professions allied to medicine, and statisticians in consultancy roles. This no fuss, compact guide steers social science students of all levels through the complex process of conducting a research project. It explains how to break down initial ideas and broad topics into manageable questions and gives detailed guidance on how to refine these as the project progresses. With a wide range of international examples and reflective exercises, it is packed with handy tips and examples that show how to avoid common mistakes and pitfalls, and ensure that hypotheses and questions are linked with research design, methods and answers at every step. Taking readers from the start through to the final stage of answering their questions and drawing conclusions, this is an indispensable resource for research methods courses. In addition, it is highly recommended for all students undertaking an independent research project or thesis at undergraduate, postgraduate or

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PhD level and beyond. New to this Edition: - Includes a wider range of international examples to appeal to a global audience - More visual devices are used to summarise and illustrate the processes involved in developing research questions - Reflective exercises help students apply their knowledge and consider the issues - Increased coverage of the role of the literature review in generating and refining research questions

Integrating a contemporary approach to econometrics with the powerful computational tools offered by Stata, *An Introduction to Modern Econometrics Using Stata* focuses on the role of method-of-moments estimators, hypothesis testing, and specification analysis and provides practical examples that show how the theories are applied to real data sets using Stata. As an expert in Stata, the author successfully guides readers from the basic elements of Stata to the core econometric topics. He first describes the fundamental components needed to effectively use Stata. The book then covers the multiple linear regression model, linear and nonlinear Wald tests, constrained least-squares estimation, Lagrange multiplier tests, and hypothesis testing of nonnested models. Subsequent chapters center on the consequences of failures of the linear regression model's assumptions. The book also examines indicator variables, interaction effects, weak instruments, underidentification, and generalized method-of-moments estimation. The final chapters introduce panel-data analysis and discrete- and limited-dependent variables

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and the two appendices discuss how to import data into Stata and Stata programming. Presenting many of the econometric theories used in modern empirical research, this introduction illustrates how to apply these concepts using Stata. The book serves both as a supplementary text for undergraduate and graduate students and as a clear guide for economists and financial analysts.

An Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis Using Stata® by Lisa Daniels and Nicholas Minot provides a step-by-step introduction for statistics, data analysis, or research methods classes with Stata. Concise descriptions emphasize the concepts behind statistics for students rather than the derivations of the formulas. With real-world examples from a variety of disciplines and extensive detail on the commands in Stata, this text provides an integrated approach to research design, statistical analysis, and report writing for social science students.

David A. Freedman presents a definitive synthesis of his approach to statistical modeling and causal inference in the social sciences.

Written by a quantitative psychologist, this textbook explains complex statistics in accessible language to undergraduates in all branches of the social sciences. Built around the central framework of the General Linear Model (GLM), Statistics for the Social Sciences teaches students how different statistical methods are interrelated to one another. With the GLM as a basis, students with varying levels of background are better equipped to interpret statistics and learn more advanced methods in their later courses. Russell Warne makes statistics

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relevant to students' varying majors by using fascinating real-life examples from the social sciences. Students who use this book will benefit from clear explanations, warnings against common erroneous beliefs about statistics, and the latest developments in the philosophy, reporting and practice of statistics in the social sciences. The textbook is packed with helpful pedagogical features including learning goals, guided practice and reflection questions.

This textbook integrates the teaching and learning of statistical concepts with the acquisition of the Stata (version 16) software package.

L_p-norm estimation in linear regression; The nonlinear l₁-norm estimation problem; The nonlinear L_∞-norm estimation problem; The nonlinear L_p-norm estimation problem; Statistical aspects of L_p-norm estimators; Application of L_p-norm estimation.

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Written in a clear and lively tone, *Statistics Using IBM SPSS* provides a data-centric approach to statistics with integrated SPSS (version 22) commands, ensuring that students gain both a deep conceptual understanding of statistics and practical facility with the leading statistical software package. With one hundred worked examples, the textbook guides students through statistical practice using real data and avoids complicated mathematics.

Numerous end-of-chapter exercises allow students to apply and test their understanding of chapter topics, with detailed answers available online. The third edition has been updated throughout and includes a new chapter on

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research design, new topics (including weighted mean, resampling with the bootstrap, the role of the syntax file in workflow management, and regression to the mean) and new examples and exercises. Student learning is supported by a rich suite of online resources, including answers to end-of-chapter exercises, real data sets, PowerPoint slides, and a test bank.

To provide the tools and knowledge needed in efforts to improve the health of the world's populations, researchers collaborated on the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2010. The study produced comprehensive estimates of over 200 diseases and health risk factors in 187 countries over two decades, results that will be used by governments and non-governmental agencies to inform priorities for global health research, policies, and funding. *Integrated Meta-Regression Framework for Descriptive Epidemiology* is the first book-length treatment of model-based meta-analytic methods for descriptive epidemiology used in the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010. In addition to collecting the prior work on compartmental modeling of disease, this book significantly extends the model, by formally connecting the system dynamics model of disease progression to a statistical model of epidemiological rates and demonstrates how the two models were combined to allow researchers to integrate relevant data. Practical applications of the model to meta-analysis of more than a dozen different diseases complement the theoretical foundations of the integrative systems modeling of disease in populations. The book concludes with a

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detailed description of the future directions for research in model-based meta-analysis of descriptive epidemiological data. Abraham Flaxman is assistant professor of global health in the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington. A practical guide to the most important techniques available for longitudinal data analysis, essential for non-statisticians and researchers.

"The Culture and Psychology Reader gathers a wide range of contributors to present a comprehensive guide to the myriad issues at the nexus of culture and psychology. What role have culture, race, and ethnicity assumed--or, rather, been allocated--in American psychology? How do traditionally marginalized groups, such as African-Americans, poor women, lesbians and gays, and bicultural people, perceive themselves and what can this tell us about the interplay between culture and psychology?" -- From publisher's website.

Practice makes perfect. This new, Fifth Edition of Working with Political Science Research Methods continues to support student learning by offering the perfect opportunity to practice each of the methods presented in the core text. Designed to be paired with the Political Science Research Methods 9th edition chapter-for-chapter, the workbook breaks out each aspect of the research process into manageable parts and features new exercises and updated data sets. More than half of the book's

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exercises are new or updated and feature more international examples, greater focus on qualitative research methods, and directly correlates with the text's more condensed layout. A solutions manual with answers to the workbook is available to adopters.

Statistical Analysis of Management Data provides a comprehensive approach to multivariate statistical analyses that are important for researchers in all fields of management, including finance, production, accounting, marketing, strategy, technology, and human resources. This book is especially designed to provide doctoral students with a theoretical knowledge of the concepts underlying the most important multivariate techniques and an overview of actual applications. It offers a clear, succinct exposition of each technique with emphasis on when each technique is appropriate and how to use it. This second edition, fully revised, updated, and expanded, reflects the most current evolution in the methods for data analysis in management and the social sciences. In particular, it places a greater emphasis on measurement models, and includes new chapters and sections on: confirmatory factor analysis canonical correlation analysis cluster analysis analysis of covariance structure multi-group confirmatory factor analysis and analysis of covariance structures. Featuring numerous examples, the book may serve as an advanced text

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or as a resource for applied researchers in industry who want to understand the foundations of the methods and to learn how they can be applied using widely available statistical software.

A jargon-free introduction for students and researchers looking to interpret the practical significance of their results.

Covering the most important developments in meta-analysis from 1990 to 2004, this text presents new patterns in research findings as well as updated information on existing topics.

This textbook on statistical modeling and statistical inference will assist advanced undergraduate and graduate students. *Statistical Modeling and Computation* provides a unique introduction to modern Statistics from both classical and Bayesian perspectives. It also offers an integrated treatment of Mathematical Statistics and modern statistical computation, emphasizing statistical modeling, computational techniques, and applications. Each of the three parts will cover topics essential to university courses. Part I covers the fundamentals of probability theory. In Part II, the authors introduce a wide variety of classical models that include, among others, linear regression and ANOVA models. In Part III, the authors address the statistical analysis and computation of various advanced models, such as generalized linear, state-space and Gaussian models. Particular attention is paid to fast Monte

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Carlo techniques for Bayesian inference on these models. Throughout the book the authors include a large number of illustrative examples and solved problems. The book also features a section with solutions, an appendix that serves as a MATLAB primer, and a mathematical supplement.?

Clear, intuitive and written with the social science student in mind, this book represents the ideal combination of statistical theory and practice. It focuses on questions that can be answered using statistics and addresses common themes and problems in a straightforward, easy-to-follow manner. The book carefully combines the conceptual aspects of statistics with detailed technical advice providing both the 'why' of statistics and the 'how'. Built upon a variety of engaging examples from across the social sciences it provides a rich collection of statistical methods and models.

Students are encouraged to see the impact of theory whilst simultaneously learning how to manipulate software to meet their needs. The book also provides: Original case studies and data sets Practical guidance on how to run and test models in Stata Downloadable Stata programmes created to work alongside chapters A wide range of detailed applications using Stata Step-by-step notes on writing the relevant code. This excellent text will give anyone doing statistical research in the social sciences the theoretical, technical and applied

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knowledge needed to succeed.

Measurement shapes scientific theories, characterises improvements in manufacturing processes and promotes efficient commerce. In concert with measurement is uncertainty, and students in science and engineering need to identify and quantify uncertainties in the measurements they make. This book introduces measurement and uncertainty to second and third year students of science and engineering. Its approach relies on the internationally recognised and recommended guidelines for calculating and expressing uncertainty (known by the acronym GUM). The statistics underpinning the methods are considered and worked examples and exercises are spread throughout the text. Detailed case studies based on typical undergraduate experiments are included to reinforce the principles described in the book. This guide is also useful to professionals in industry who are expected to know the contemporary methods in this increasingly important area. Additional online resources are available to support the book at www.cambridge.org/9780521605793.

Striking a balance between theory, application, and programming, *Biostatistics in Public Health Using STATA* is a user-friendly guide to applied statistical analysis in public health using STATA version 14. The book supplies public health practitioners and students with the opportunity to gain expertise in the application of

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statistics in epidemiolo

This is the first fundamental book devoted to non-Kolmogorov probability models. It provides a mathematical theory of negative probabilities, with numerous applications to quantum physics, information theory, complexity, biology and psychology. The book also presents an interesting model of cognitive information reality with flows of information probabilities, describing the process of thinking, social, and psychological phenomena.

This book is an easily accessible and comprehensive guide which helps make sound statistical decisions, perform analyses, and interpret the results quickly using Stata. It includes advanced coverage of ANOVA, factor, and cluster analyses in Stata, as well as essential regression and descriptive statistics. It is aimed at those wishing to know more about the process, data management, and most commonly used methods in market research using Stata. The book offers readers an overview of the entire market research process from asking market research questions to collecting and analyzing data by means of quantitative methods. It is engaging, hands-on, and includes many practical examples, tips, and suggestions that help readers apply and interpret quantitative methods, such as regression, factor, and cluster analysis. These methods help researchers provide companies with useful insights. Applied statistics text updated to be consistent with SPSS version 15, ideal for classroom use or self study. Public Policy Analysis, the most widely cited book on the subject, provides readers with a comprehensive

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methodology of public policy analysis. Starting from the premise that policy analysis is an applied social science discipline designed for solving practical problems facing public and nonprofit organizations, the book bridges the gap between theory and practice. It provides practical skills for conducting policy analysis and communicating findings through memos, position papers, and other forms of structured analytical writing. The book asks readers to critically analyze the arguments of policy practitioners as well as political scientists, economists, and political philosophers.

Lecturers - request an e-inspection copy of this text or contact your local SAGE representative to discuss your course needs. Watch Andy Field's introductory video to *Discovering Statistics Using R* Keeping the uniquely humorous and self-deprecating style that has made students across the world fall in love with Andy Field's books, *Discovering Statistics Using R* takes students on a journey of statistical discovery using R, a free, flexible and dynamically changing software tool for data analysis that is becoming increasingly popular across the social and behavioural sciences throughout the world. The journey begins by explaining basic statistical and research concepts before a guided tour of the R software environment. Next you discover the importance of exploring and graphing data, before moving onto statistical tests that are the foundations of the rest of the book (for example correlation and regression). You will then stride confidently into intermediate level analyses such as ANOVA, before ending your journey with advanced techniques such as MANOVA and multilevel

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models. Although there is enough theory to help you gain the necessary conceptual understanding of what you're doing, the emphasis is on applying what you learn to playful and real-world examples that should make the experience more fun than you might expect. Like its sister textbooks, *Discovering Statistics Using R* is written in an irreverent style and follows the same groundbreaking structure and pedagogical approach. The core material is augmented by a cast of characters to help the reader on their way, together with hundreds of examples, self-assessment tests to consolidate knowledge, and additional website material for those wanting to learn more. Given this book's accessibility, fun spirit, and use of bizarre real-world research it should be essential for anyone wanting to learn about statistics using the freely-available R software.

Updated to reflect the new features of Stata 11, *A Gentle Introduction to Stata, Third Edition* continues to help new Stata users become proficient in Stata. After reading this introductory text, you will be able to enter, build, and manage a data set as well as perform fundamental statistical analyses. New to the Third Edition A new chapter on the analysis of missing data and the use of multiple-imputation methods Extensive revision of the chapter on ANOVA Additional material on the application of power analysis The book covers data management; good work habits, including the use of basic do-files; basic exploratory statistics, including graphical displays; and analyses using the standard array of basic statistical tools, such as correlation, linear and logistic regression, and parametric and nonparametric tests of location and

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dispersion. Rather than splitting these topics by their Stata implementation, the material on graphics and postestimation are woven into the text in a natural fashion. The author teaches Stata commands by using the menus and dialog boxes while still stressing the value of do-files. Each chapter includes exercises and real data sets are used throughout.

This new text provides a state-of-the-art introduction to educational and psychological testing and measurement theory that reflects many intellectual developments of the past two decades. The book introduces psychometric theory using a latent variable modeling (LVM) framework and emphasizes interval estimation throughout, so as to better prepare readers for studying more advanced topics later in their careers. Featuring numerous examples, it presents an applied approach to conducting testing and measurement in the behavioral, social, and educational sciences. Readers will find numerous tips on how to use test theory in today's actual testing situations. To reflect the growing use of statistical software in psychometrics, the authors introduce the use of Mplus after the first few chapters. IBM SPSS, SAS, and R are also featured in several chapters. Software codes and associated outputs are reviewed throughout to enhance comprehension. Essentially all of the data used in the book are available on the website. In addition instructors will find helpful PowerPoint lecture slides and questions and problems for each chapter. The authors rely on LVM when discussing fundamental concepts such as exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, test theory, generalizability theory, reliability and validity,

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interval estimation, nonlinear factor analysis, generalized linear modeling, and item response theory. The varied applications make this book a valuable tool for those in the behavioral, social, educational, and biomedical disciplines, as well as in business, economics, and marketing. A brief introduction to R is also provided. Intended as a text for advanced undergraduate and/or graduate courses in psychometrics, testing and measurement, measurement theory, psychological testing, and/or educational and/or psychological measurement taught in departments of psychology, education, human development, epidemiology, business, and marketing, it will also appeal to researchers in these disciplines. Prerequisites include an introduction to statistics with exposure to regression analysis and ANOVA. Familiarity with SPSS, SAS, STATA, or R is also beneficial. As a whole, the book provides an invaluable introduction to measurement and test theory to those with limited or no familiarity with the mathematical and statistical procedures involved in measurement and testing.

Researchers often have difficulties collecting enough data to test their hypotheses, either because target groups are small or hard to access, or because data collection entails prohibitive costs. Such obstacles may result in data sets that are too small for the complexity of the statistical model needed to answer the research question. This unique book provides guidelines and tools for implementing solutions to issues that arise in small sample research. Each chapter illustrates statistical methods that allow researchers to apply the optimal

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statistical model for their research question when the sample is too small. This essential book will enable social and behavioral science researchers to test their hypotheses even when the statistical model required for answering their research question is too complex for the sample sizes they can collect. The statistical models in the book range from the estimation of a population mean to models with latent variables and nested observations, and solutions include both classical and Bayesian methods. All proposed solutions are described in steps researchers can implement with their own data and are accompanied with annotated syntax in R. The methods described in this book will be useful for researchers across the social and behavioral sciences, ranging from medical sciences and epidemiology to psychology, marketing, and economics.

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Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology

provides a seamless introduction to the subject,

identifying various research areas and analyzing

how one can approach them statistically. The text

provides a solid empirical foundation for

undergraduate psychology majors, and it prepares

the reader to think critically and evaluate

psychological research and claims they might hear in

the news or popular press. This second edition

features updated examples of research and new

illustrations of important principles. It also includes

updated coverage of ethical issues in research and

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of current diversity issues.

Using simple language and illustrative examples, this book comprehensively covers data management tasks that bridge the gap between raw data and statistical analysis. Rather than focus on clusters of commands, the author takes a modular approach that enables readers to quickly identify and implement the necessary task without having to access background information first. Each section in the chapters presents a self-contained lesson that illustrates a particular data management task via examples, such as creating data variables and automating error checking. The text also discusses common pitfalls and how to avoid them and provides strategic data management advice. Ideal for both beginning statisticians and experienced users, this handy book helps readers solve problems and learn comprehensive data management skills.

Bayesian Reliability presents modern methods and techniques for analyzing reliability data from a Bayesian perspective. The adoption and application of Bayesian methods in virtually all branches of science and engineering have significantly increased over the past few decades. This increase is largely due to advances in simulation-based computational tools for implementing Bayesian methods. The authors extensively use such tools throughout this book, focusing on assessing the reliability of components and systems with particular attention to

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hierarchical models and models incorporating explanatory variables. Such models include failure time regression models, accelerated testing models, and degradation models. The authors pay special attention to Bayesian goodness-of-fit testing, model validation, reliability test design, and assurance test planning. Throughout the book, the authors use Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithms for implementing Bayesian analyses -- algorithms that make the Bayesian approach to reliability computationally feasible and conceptually straightforward. This book is primarily a reference collection of modern Bayesian methods in reliability for use by reliability practitioners. There are more than 70 illustrative examples, most of which utilize real-world data. This book can also be used as a textbook for a course in reliability and contains more than 160 exercises. Noteworthy highlights of the book include Bayesian approaches for the following:

- Goodness-of-fit and model selection methods
- Hierarchical models for reliability estimation
- Fault tree analysis methodology that supports data acquisition at all levels in the tree
- Bayesian networks in reliability analysis
- Analysis of failure count and failure time data collected from repairable systems, and the assessment of various related performance criteria
- Analysis of nondestructive and destructive degradation data
- Optimal design of reliability experiments
- Hierarchical reliability assurance testing

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As many medical and healthcare researchers have a love-hate relationship with statistics, this practical reference book may make all the difference. It takes examples, mainly from the authors' own research, to explain how to make sense of statistics, turn statistical computer results into coherent information, and help decide which pieces of information to report and how to present them. Presenting Medical Statistics includes a wide range of statistical analyses, and all the statistical methods are illustrated using real data. Labelled figures show the Stata and SPSS commands needed to obtain the analyses, with indications of which information should be extracted from the output for reporting. The relevant results are then presented as for a report or journal article, to illustrate the principles of good presentation. The reader is taken through the various stages of the research process, from the initial research proposal, ethical approval and data analysis, to reporting on and publishing the findings. There are even extensive references for those who wish to find out more about the statistical methods. This is a must for anyone working with statistics in the medical profession.

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