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序

本书保持了第1版的特点：作为统计学的入门教材，对数学基础知识的要求较低；用丰富、新鲜的例子说明统计学的概念、原理和运算程序，使全书极具趣味性和引人入胜；同时计算机、互联网以及多媒体教学手段的合理充分的使用，改变了统计学课程教学中原有的面貌，使学习和掌握统计学变得生动、活泼和十分容易。

全书内容包括数据的采集、整理与概括，变量之间的相关关系与分析，概率与随机变量，随机变量的数字特征，点估计和区间估计，回归分析与方差分析等内容。本书的特点是以讲统计学为主，概率论的内容服从和服务于统计学，占很小部分，而且两者穿插结合得如此恰当、完美，令人佩服。本书前四章讲抽样调查，把问题讲得很清楚、很好懂，是国内教材中不多见的。本书有两章讲分类变量之间的关系与分析，也是国内教材中不安排或很少安排的，而实际上这部分内容是很有用的。

全书自成体系，对统计学的原则和概念叙述得相当清楚和准确。书中的框图、小结等也使本书增色不少。

本书第2版比第1版在各章节中适当增加了一些内容和例子。各章节的习题有所增加，某些章节中增加了“打开计算机”的环节，为读者提供通过计算机掌握统计概念的手段。书末的光盘提供的内容要比第1版的光盘内容丰富许多。对全书的主要内容已作出PowerPoint，可直接用于双语教学。同时光盘中有数据和用各种统计软件解决实例的程序。

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Preface

A CHALLENGE

Before you continue, think about how you would answer the question in the first bullet, and read the statement in the second bullet. We will return to them a little later in this Preface.

- ♦ What do you *really know* is true, and how do you know it?
- ♦ The diameter of the moon is about 2160 miles.

WHAT IS STATISTICS AND WHO SHOULD CARE?

Because people are curious about many things, chances are that your interests include topics to which statistics has made a useful contribution. As written in Chapter 17, “information developed through the use of statistics has enhanced our understanding of how life works, helped us learn about each other, allowed control over some societal issues, and helped individuals make informed decisions. There is almost no area of knowledge that has not been advanced by statistical studies.”

Statistical methods have contributed to our understanding of health, psychology, ecology, politics, music, lifestyle choices, and dozens of other topics. A quick look through this book, especially Chapters 1 and 17, should convince you of this. Watch for the influences of statistics in your daily life as you learn this material.

Although statistics courses are often offered through a mathematics department, statistics is not a branch of mathematics. Mathematics is to statistics as wood, hammer, and nails are to building a house: a partial set of materials and tools. Statistics also draws materials and tools from philosophy, graphics, computing, psychology, and language.

HOW IS THIS BOOK DIFFERENT?
TWO BASIC PREMISES OF LEARNING

We wrote this book because we were tired of being told that what statisticians do is boring and difficult. We think statistics is useful and not difficult to learn, and yet the majority of college graduates we've met seemed to have had a negative experience taking a statistics class in college. We hope this book will help to overcome these misguided stereotypes.

Let's return to the two bullets at the beginning of this Preface. Without looking, do you remember the diameter of the moon? Unless you already had a pretty good idea, or have an excellent memory for numbers, you probably don't remember. One premise of this book is that new material is much easier to learn and remember if it is related to something interesting or previously known. The diameter of the moon is about the same as the air distance between Atlanta and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, London and Cairo, or Moscow and Madrid. Picture the moon sitting between any of those pairs of cities, and you are not likely to forget the size of the moon again. Throughout this book, new material is presented in the context of interesting and useful examples. The first and last chapters (1 and 17) are exclusively devoted to examples and case studies, which illustrate the wisdom that can be generated through statistical studies.

Now answer the question asked in the first bullet: What do you really know is true and how do you know it? If you are like most people, you know because it's something you have experienced or verified for yourself. It is not likely to be something you were told or heard in a lecture. The second premise of this book is that new material is easier to learn if you actively ask questions and answer them for yourself. *Mind on Statistics* is designed to help you learn statistical ideas by actively thinking about them. Throughout most of the chapters there are boxes entitled *Turn On Your Mind*. Thinking about the questions in those boxes will help you to discover and verify important ideas for yourself. We encourage you to think and question, rather than simply read and listen.

TOOLS FOR EXPANDED LEARNING

There are a number of tools provided in this book and beyond to enhance your learning of statistics.

Turn On Your Mind boxes appear throughout each chapter to help you develop your statistical reasoning and intuition. *Hints* are now provided to help you develop these skills.

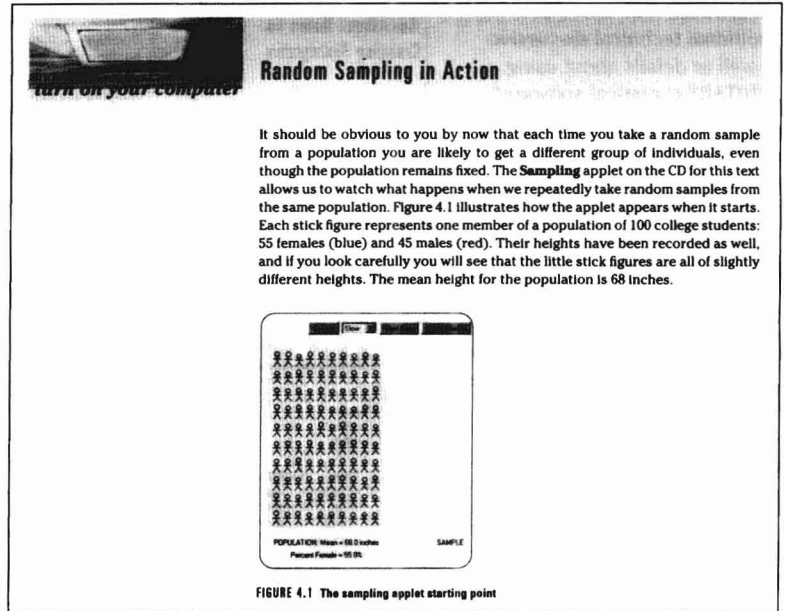
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TURN ON YOUR MIND

Explain in your own words what it means to say that we have 95% confidence in the interval estimate. Then give an example of something you do in your life that illustrates the same concept—you follow the same procedure each time, and it either works (most of the time) or does not work to produce the desired result. What confidence level would you assign to the procedure in your example, i.e., what percent of the time do you think it produces your desired result?

10.2 What is a task you frequently perform that you can't always do successfully?

New to this edition: *Turn On Your Computer* features provide additional opportunities for independent, hands-on exploration of key statistical concepts.



Examples throughout the chapters tie statistical concepts to everyday life occurrences.

EXAMPLE 10.2
If I Won the Lottery I'd Consider Quitting

What would you do for the rest of your life if you won a lot of money in a lottery? In a 1997 poll conducted by the Gallup Organization, one of the questions was "If you won 10 million dollars in the lottery would you continue to work, or would you stop working?" The results were reported at the Gallup Organization's website (www.gallup.com).

Surprisingly, 59% of the 616 employed respondents answered that they would continue working, 40% said they would stop working, and 1% had no opinion. The website article also gave this information about the poll:

The current results are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected sample of 1,014 adults, conducted August 22–25, 1997. Among this group, 616 are employed full-time or part-time. For results based on this sample of "workers," one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling could be plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Gallup describes the margin of error with the phrase "could be plus or minus 4 percentage points," but the phrase "could be *as large as* plus or minus 4 percentage points" would have been more informative. The margin of error is a likely upper limit on the sampling error. Here, there is a 95% chance that the sampling error is actually smaller than 4 percentage points. ♦

Key Terms at the end of each chapter, organized by section, can be used as a "quick-finder" and as a review tool.

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New to this edition: *Mind on the Basics* Exercises focus on practice and review; these exercises, color-coded in blue and appearing at the beginning of each exercise section, complement the conceptual and data-analysis exercises.

Additional Notes on Creating Histograms

Tech Note

- Consider using intervals that make the range and width of each interval convenient. For instance, to create a histogram of ages at death for First Ladies, it would be convenient to use ten-year periods—died in her 30s, died in her 40s, and so on, up to 90s. This would create seven intervals.
- To show relative frequency, you can use either the proportion or the percent that are in an interval.

EXERCISES

A five-number summary for the heights in inches of the women who participated in the survey in Case Study 1.1 is

Female Heights (inches)		
Median	65	
Quartiles	63.5	67.5
Extremes	58	71

a. What is the median height for these women?
b. What is the range of heights, that is, the difference in heights between the shortest and the tallest women?
c. What is the interval of heights containing the shortest 1/4 of the women?
d. What is the interval of heights containing the middle 1/2 of the women?

In the year 2000, Vietnamese American women had the highest rate of cervical cancer in the country. Suppose that among 200,000 Vietnamese American women, 86 developed cervical cancer.

Suppose that an observational study showed that students who get at least 7 hours of sleep performed better on exams than students who didn't. Which of the following are possible confounding variables, and which are not? Explain why in each case.

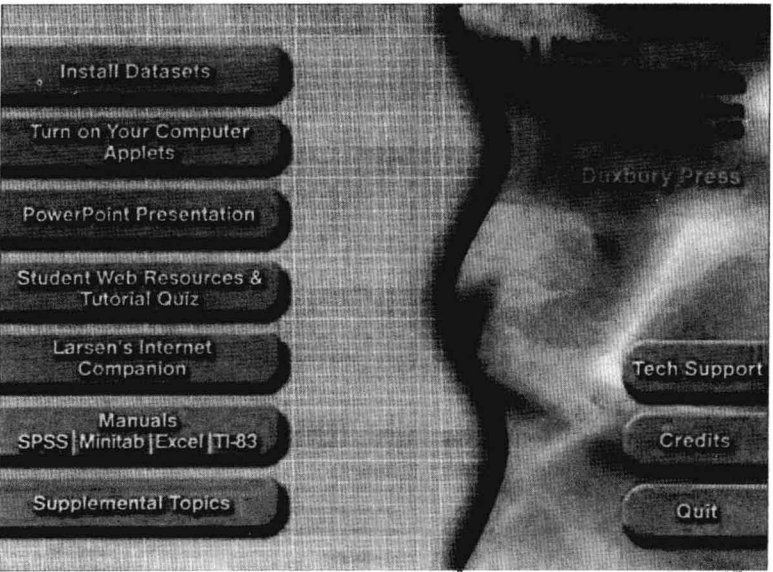
a. Number of courses the student took that term.
b. Weight of the student.
c. Number of hours the student spent partying in a typical week.

Explain the distinction between statistical significance and practical significance. Can the result of a study be statistically significant but not practically significant?

1.10 A headline in a major newspaper read, "Breast-Fed Youth Found to Do Better in School."

a. Do you think this statement was based on an observational study or a randomized experiment? Explain.
b. Given your answer in part (a), which of these two alternative headlines do you think would be preferable: "Breast-feeding Leads to Better School Performance" or "Link Found Between Breast-feeding and School Performance"? Explain.

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Case Studies apply statistical ideas to intriguing news stories. As the *Case Studies* are developed, they model the statistical reasoning process.

CASE STUDY 6.1 Drinking, Driving, and the Supreme Court

In the early 1970s a young man challenged an Oklahoma State law that prohibited the sale of 2.2% beer to males under 21 but allowed its sale to females in the same age group. The case (*Craig v. Boring*, 429 U.S. 190, 1976) was ultimately heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Laws are allowed to use gender-based differences as long as they "serve important governmental objectives" and "are substantially related to the achievement of those objectives" (Gastwirth, 1988, p. 524). The defense argued that traffic safety was an important governmental objective and that data clearly show that young males are more likely to have alcohol-related accidents than young females.

The Supreme Court examined evidence from a "random roadside survey" that measured information on age, gender, and whether or not the driver had been drinking alcohol in the previous two hours. Although the survey was called a "random" survey of drivers, it probably was not. In roadside surveys, police tend to stop all drivers at certain locations at the time of the survey. This procedure does not really provide a random sampling of drivers in an area, but we'll treat it as though it does. Table 6.1 gives the results of the roadside survey for the drivers under 20 years of age.

TABLE 6.1 Results of Roadside Survey for Young Drivers

	Yes	No	Total	%
Males	77	404	481	16.0%
Females	16	122	138	11.6%
Total	93	526	619	15.0%

Source: Gastwirth, 1988, p. 526.

Notice that the percentage of young men who had been drinking alcohol is slightly higher than the percentage of young women. The difference is $16\% - 11.6\% = 4.4\%$. However, we cannot rule out chance as a reasonable explanation for this difference. In other words, if there really is no difference between

the percents of young men and female drivers in the population who drink and drive, we could possibly see a difference as large as the one observed in a sample of this size.

In Figure 6.5, we present the results of asking the Minitab program to compute the chi-square statistic for this example. The chi-square summary statistic is 1.637, and the p -value for this statistic is 0.201. This p -value tells us that if there's really no association in the population (the null hypothesis), there's about a 20% chance that this sample would have a chi-square statistic as large as 1.637, or larger. In other words, the observed relationship could easily have occurred even if there is no relationship in the population represented by the sample.

The Supreme Court overturned the law, concluding that "the showing offered by the appellees does not satisfy us that sex represents a legitimate, accurate proxy for the regulation of drinking and driving" (Gastwirth, 1988, p. 527). Based on the chi-square analysis, you can see why the Supreme Court was reluctant to conclude that the difference in the sample represented sufficient evidence for a real difference in the population.

Expected counts are printed below observed counts

	Drank in Last 2 Hours?		
	Yes	No	Total
Males	77 72.27	404 406.73	481
Females	16 20.73	122 117.27	138
Total	93	526	619

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2_{STAT} &= 0.310 + 0.055 + \\ &= 1.061 + 0.191 = 1.637 \\ DF &= 1, P\text{-Value} = 0.201 \end{aligned}$$

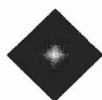
FIGURE 6.5 Minitab output for Case Study 6.1

In Summary boxes appear at appropriate points to enhance key concepts and calculations; many are new in this edition.

Possible Reasons for Outliers and Reasonable Actions

- A mistake was made while taking a measurement or entering it into the computer. If this can be verified, the values should be discarded or corrected.
- The individual in question belongs to a different group than the bulk of individuals measured. Values may be discarded if a summary is desired and reported for the majority group only.
- The outlier is a legitimate data value and represents natural variability for the group and variable(s) measured. Values may not be discarded in this case—they provide important information about location and spread.

Many *Exercises* (indicated by bold numbers) have complete or partial solutions, found in the *Answers to Selected Exercises* at the back of the book, to check your answers on those exercises and guide your thinking on similar exercises.



Answers to Selected Exercises

Chapter 1

- 1.2 a. .00043
- 1.5 a. 400
- 1.7 c. Randomized experiment.
d. Observational study.
- 1.11 189/11,034, or about 17/1000, based on placebo group.
- 1.15 a. 150 mph.
b. 55 mph.
c. 80 mph.
d. 1/2
e. 51
- 1.19 No.
- 1.22 The base rate for that type of cancer.
- 1.26 a. $212/1525 = .139$.
b. $1/\sqrt{1525} = .026$.
c. .113 to .165.
- 1.28 a. Self-selected or volunteer.
b. No. Readers with strong opinions will respond.

Chapter 2

- 2.1 a. Categorical.
b. Quantitative.
c. Quantitative.
d. Categorical.
- 2.2 a. Categorical.
b. Ordinal.
- 2.4 a. Not continuous.
- 2.5 a. Explanatory is amount of walking or running; response is lung function.
- 2.6 a. Population.
b. Sample.
- 2.8 a. Support ban or not; categorical.
b. Gain on verbal and math SATs after program; quantitative.

- c. Smoker or not and Alzheimer sufferer or not; both categorical.
- 2.9 a. Question 1a.
- 2.11 Example: Letter grades (A, B, etc.) converted to GPA.
- 2.14 a. $1427/2530 = .564$, or 56.4%.
b. $100\% - 56.4\% = 43.6\%$.
- 2.15 a. $1700/2470 = .688$, or 67.8%.
b. $1056/1700 = .621$, or 62.1%.
- 2.16 c. Overweight = 26.57%; about right = 69.23%; underweight = 4.20%.
- 2.18 a. Explanatory is smoked or not; response is developed Alzheimer's disease or not.
- 2.21 Either could be justified as being more informative.
- 2.23 a. Skewed to the right.
b. 13 ear pierces may be an outlier.
c. 2 ear pierces; about 45 women had this number.
d. About 32 or so.
- 2.25 a. Roughly symmetric.
b. Highest = 92.
c. Lowest = 64.
d. $5/20 = .25$, or 25%.
- 2.29 Example: The age of a person who is 80 years old would be an outlier at a traditional college, but not at a retirement home.
- 2.31 Whether it's the male author (then not an outlier) or the female author (then an outlier).
- 2.34 Yes. Values inconsistent with the bulk of the data will be obvious.
- 2.36 a. This is personal preference; some may prefer a very large family.
b. An outlier (in the high direction).
- 2.37 a. Median = $(72 + 76)/2 = 74$; mean = 74.33.
b. Median = 7; mean = 25.
- 2.39 a. Range = $225 - 123 = 102$.
b. IQR = 35.
c. 50%

A Note to Instructors

The Instructor's Suite CD includes everything featured on the Student's Suite CD, plus a Test Bank in Microsoft Word® format, sample course outlines and syllabi, Web resources for examples and case studies, complete solutions to the exercises found in the text, suggested answers for the *Turn On Your Mind* questions, recommended in-class noncomputer-oriented projects, and information on how to correlate text material with the AP Statistics curriculum. Additional Instructor's Resources are available through your Duxbury/Thomson representative.

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