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Preface

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Statistics has become an indispensable tool in business, government, and virtually every academic discipline. Some familiarity with statistics is essential for all of us if we are to comprehend the world around us.

The purpose of this book is to provide a clear understanding of basic statistical concepts and techniques and to present well-organized procedures for applying them. Introductory high-school algebra is a sufficient prerequisite.

The text is designed to be flexible. It can be used in a one-quarter, one-semester, two-quarter, two-semester, or three-quarter course. The amount of time devoted to the book can be varied by both choice of topics and depth of coverage.

Technological advances and ever increasing calls for new approaches to presenting statistics have made this an exciting time to learn, practice, and teach statistics. In writing the fourth edition of *Introductory Statistics*, we have incorporated many of the techniques and attitudes that reflect recent developments in statistics.

Features

The text contains the following features that will provide valuable assistance for the reader in learning introductory statistics.

Emphasis on application. We have concentrated on the application of statistical techniques to the analysis of data. Although statistical theory has been kept to a minimum, we have provided a thorough explanation of the rationale for using each statistical procedure.

Data analysis and exploration. We agree wholeheartedly with the trend of including more exploratory and confirmatory data analysis in statistics courses and have incorporated an extensive amount into the text and exercises. We also recognize, however, that not all readers will have access to computers and therefore have presented data analysis in a way that does not require using a computer even though access to one is recommended.

Detailed and careful explanations. We have included every step of explanation we think a typical reader might need. Our guiding principle is to avoid “cognitive jumps” and thereby make the learning process smooth and enjoyable. We believe detailed and careful explanations result in better understanding.

Data sets. In most examples and exercises, we have presented raw data in addition to summary statistics. This gives a more realistic view of statistics and provides an opportunity for the problems to be solved by computer, if so desired.

Procedure boxes. To help the reader learn to apply statistical procedures, we have developed easy-to-follow, step-by-step methods for carrying out those procedures. For ease in locating, each procedure is displayed with a color background. A unique feature of this book is that when a procedure is illustrated by an example, each step in the procedure is presented again within the example. This serves a twofold purpose: It shows how the procedure is applied and helps the reader master the steps in the procedure.

Procedure index. Given the numerous statistical procedures, it is sometimes difficult to find a specific one, especially when the book is being used for reference purposes. Consequently, we have included a *procedure index* on the back inside cover of the book. This provides a quick and easy way to find the required procedure for performing any particular statistical analysis.

Computer simulations. We have incorporated many computer simulations in both the text and the exercises. These serve as pedagogical aids for understanding complex concepts such as sampling distributions. Readers can benefit from this material even if they do not have access to a computer.

Computer usage. Today, virtually all professional applications of statistics are done by computer. It is therefore important that every student of statistics have at least some familiarity with statistical software. Although we have chosen Minitab[†] to illustrate the use of statistical software, the text has been written so that the instructor is free to select other statistical software packages. The Minitab discussion in this book is self-contained.[‡] All computer material is *optional*, but recommended.

The computer sections are integrated as optional subsections occurring immediately following the particular statistical concept under consideration. In each subsection we explain how Minitab can be used to solve problems that were solved by hand earlier in the section. Each solution consists of introducing the required commands, displaying the computer output, and interpreting the results.

Additionally, computer exercises (clearly marked as such) are incorporated into the exercise sets. Three types of computer exercises have been included. The first type asks the reader to interpret computer printouts; no knowledge of or access to statistical software is necessary for these exercises. The second type asks the reader to use Minitab or some other statistical software to solve exercises that were presented previously for hand solution; all Minitab commands required for these computer exercises will have already been discussed in the text. The third type of computer exercise asks the reader to use statistical software to perform a computer simulation; these exercises are designed to provide concrete illustrations of some of the more complex concepts (e.g., sampling distributions) and to show the reader how the computer can be used to reveal statistical facts.

[†] Minitab is a registered trademark of Minitab Inc., 3081 Enterprise Drive, State College, PA 16801. Telephone: 814-238-3280. Fax: 814-238-4383. We would like to thank Minitab Inc., for their assistance.

[‡] Additional details and further topics, such as writing and using macros, are provided in the *Minitab Supplement* to this book.

For maximum flexibility we have allowed for three options in computer coverage: (1) no coverage, (2) coverage omitting the Minitab-command discussions but including the interpretation of computer printouts, and (3) coverage of Minitab commands (or those for some other statistical software) and the interpretation of computer printouts.

Choice of session- or menu-command interface. Traditionally, Minitab has been applied by typing (session) commands at the MTB > prompt. But in response to the strong emergence of graphical user interface (GUI), Minitab has recently introduced a menu interface as well, so that commands can also be executed by choosing them from menus and completing dialogue boxes. For each application of Minitab, we explain separately both the required session commands and the required menu commands. It is not necessary to cover both session commands and menu commands (although experienced users of Minitab often intersperse them).

Biographical sketches. Each chapter begins with a brief biography of a famous statistician. Besides being of general interest, these biographies help the reader obtain a perspective on how the science of statistics developed.

Chapter introductions and chapter outlines. Also included at the beginning of each chapter is a description of the chapter and an explanation of how the chapter relates to the text as a whole. As a further aid, a chapter outline, which follows the chapter introduction, lists the sections in the chapter.

Case studies. We have presented case studies ranging from the classic to the current. At the beginning of each chapter, a case study is described briefly; at the end of the chapter, when the reader has studied the required concepts, the case study is considered in detail. Exercises are provided for all case studies.

Definitions, formulas, key facts. As an aid to learning and for reference, we have prominently displayed all definitions, formulas, and key facts. These items are enclosed by a color rectangle to make them easy to locate.

Real examples. Because we believe that the majority of students learn by example, every concept discussed in the book is illustrated by at least one detailed example. The examples are, for the most part, based on real-life situations and have been chosen for their interest as well as for their illustrative value.

Extensive and diverse exercise sets. We have constructed exercise sets that are both extensive and diverse. Most of the exercises are based on information found in newspapers, magazines, statistical abstracts, and journal articles; sources are explicitly cited. The exercises are designed not only to help the reader learn the material but also to show that statistics is a lively and relevant discipline.

Since students in introductory statistics courses often have different mathematical backgrounds, we have included three levels of exercises: basic, intermediate, and advanced. Every exercise set contains several basic exercises. The *basic exercises* provide applications of material presented in the text, and every reader should master these. We have organized the basic exercises so that each concept is covered by at least two problems; for each odd-numbered basic exercise that involves a particular concept, there is also an even-numbered

basic exercise that involves that same concept. A single color bullet (·) preceding an exercise number identifies the exercise as a basic one. The answers to the odd-numbered basic exercises are presented in Appendix C; the answers to the even-numbered basic exercises are in the *Instructor's Solutions Manual*.

Most exercise sets also include intermediate and advanced problems. The *intermediate exercises* contain supplementary material that is not necessarily covered in the text but that may interest some of the more highly motivated students. Two color bullets (· ·) preceding an exercise number identify the exercise as an intermediate one. The *advanced exercises* cover abstract concepts, theory, and algebraic derivations. Those exercises are intended for students with special mathematical background and aptitude. Three color bullets (· · ·) preceding an exercise number identify the exercise as an advanced one. The solutions to all intermediate and advanced exercises are in the *Instructor's Solutions Manual*.

Chapter reviews. Frequently, students in introductory statistics courses feel a certain amount of anxiety and confusion about how to study and review. To help the student, a chapter-review section appears at the end of every chapter. The chapter reviews include (1) a list of key terms with page references, (2) formulas with page references, (3) chapter objectives, and (4) a review test. These pedagogical aids provide the student with an organized method for reviewing and studying. The answers to the review tests are given in Appendix C.

Database exercises. Appendix B contains a printout of a database obtained by randomly selecting 500 Arizona State University sophomores. Seven variables are considered for each student: sex, high-school GPA, SAT math score, cumulative GPA, SAT verbal score, age, and total hours. At the end of each chapter review, a section entitled “Using the Focus Database” presents several exercises about the database. These exercises are optional and are to be done by computer. We assume that the student knows or will be taught any additional commands required to carry out these exercises.

Formula/table card. A detachable formula/table card is provided with the book. This card contains all of the formulas and many of the tables that appear in *Introductory Statistics*. The formula/table card is useful for quick-reference purposes; many instructors also find it convenient for use with examinations.

Organization

The text offers a great deal of flexibility in choosing material to cover. Chapter 1 introduces the nature of statistics, sampling designs, observational studies, and designed experiments; an optional introduction to Minitab is presented as well. Chapters 2 and 3 provide the fundamentals of descriptive statistics.

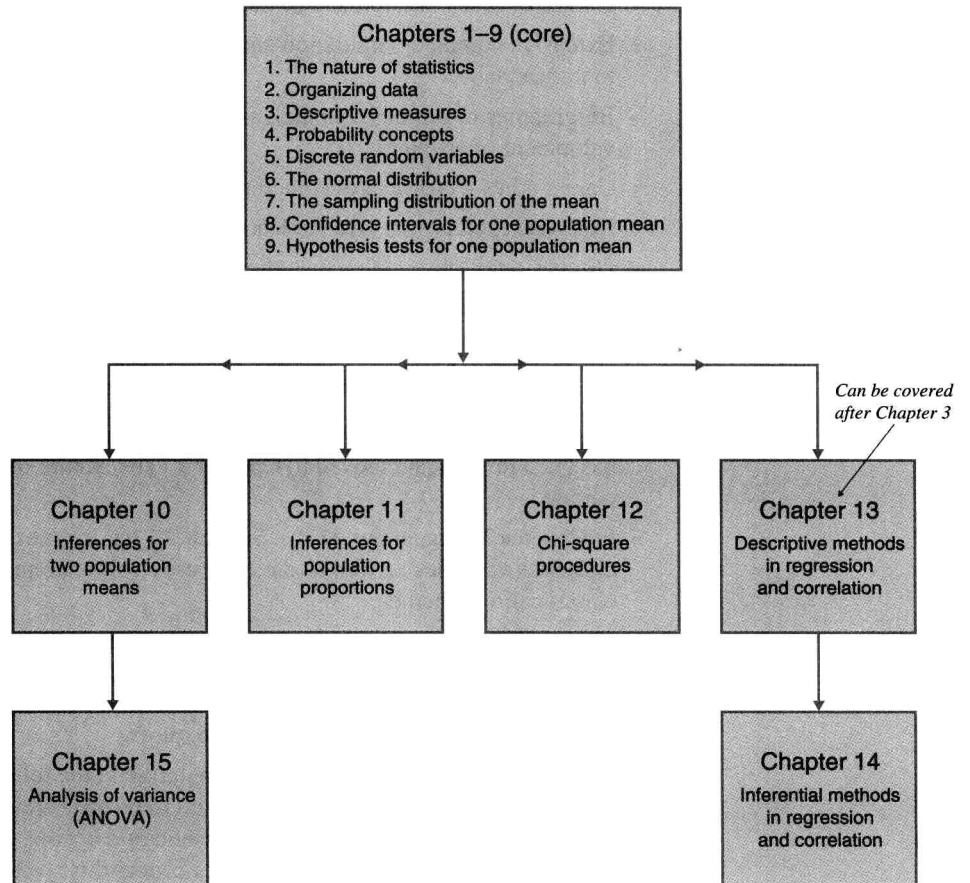
Chapters 4–6 present probability, discrete random variables, and the normal distribution. Chapter 7 introduces the concept of sampling distributions and provides a detailed discussion of the sampling distribution of the mean. Following that, Chapters 8 and 9 examine confidence intervals and hypothesis tests for one population mean. We consider Chapters 1–9 the core of an introductory statistics course.

Chapter 10 presents inferences for two population means, Chapter 11 inferences for population proportions, and Chapter 12 chi-square procedures (goodness-of-fit test, independence test, and inferences for a population standard deviation).

We have divided the traditional material on regression and correlation into two chapters. Chapter 13 examines descriptive methods in regression and correlation and can be covered at any time after Chapter 3. Chapter 14 presents inferential methods in regression and correlation and can be covered once Chapters 9 and 13 have been completed.

Chapter 15 examines one-way ANOVA and two-way ANOVA with interaction. Also included are optional sections on multiple comparisons and the Kruskal–Wallis test.

The following flowchart summarizes the preceding discussion and shows the interdependence among chapters. In the flowchart the prerequisites for a given chapter consist of all chapters having a path leading to that chapter.



Changes in the fourth edition

We have made significant changes in the fourth edition of *Introductory Statistics*. All chapters have been rewritten for the purpose of updating and expanding the material, fine-tuning the organization, and adding new sections where appropriate. The entire manuscript has been edited to provide a smoother and more succinct presentation.

Among the global enhancements to the fourth edition of *Introductory Statistics* are:

- An increase in the number of exercises from approximately 1500 in the third edition to almost 1700 (not including parts) in the fourth edition.
- Extensive use of graphics to illustrate and explain concepts.
- Expanded coverage of data analysis, both exploratory and confirmatory.
- Increased interpretation of concepts in text and in exercises.
- Optional integration of nonparametric methods with the corresponding parametric methods.
- Fully expanded treatment of P -values with all hypothesis tests.
- Choice of session-command or menu-command Minitab interface.
- Extensive computer simulation and resampling to make complex concepts easier to understand.
- Biographies of famous statisticians to help students gain a perspective of the development of statistics.
- Case studies—classical to contemporary—with exercises.
- Database exercises to give students practice with very large data sets.
- Discussion of observational studies and designed experiments.
- Flowcharts for choosing the correct statistical procedure.

A complete list of the local enhancements to the fourth edition of *Introductory Statistics* is too long to present here; but a list of some of the most important ones follows.

- Material on sampling designs, which occurred in Chapter 16 of the third edition, has been revised and moved to Chapter 1 (The Nature of Statistics) in the fourth edition.
- In Chapter 2 (Organizing Data), Section 2.1 has been extensively revised: it now discusses variables as well as data and uses a simpler and more modern data-classification scheme.
- Chapter 3 (Descriptive Measures) has been revised throughout to provide a more data analytic tone. Section 3.6 contains the major changes: a thorough discussion of outliers, a general definition of quartiles, a presentation of the interquartile range, and the inclusion of modified boxplots.
- In Chapter 4 (Probability Concepts), material on the relative-frequency interpretation of probability has been inserted to provide an intuitive description of probability before the more formal presentation begins. Also, Venn diagrams have been used to introduce the rules of probability, yielding an informal and easy-to-understand approach.

- Probability histograms have been included throughout Chapter 5 (Discrete Random Variables) to provide visual displays of discrete probability distributions. A new and optional Section 5.6 covers the Poisson distribution.
- In Chapter 6 (The Normal Distribution), we have gone to a cumulative normal table, areas between $-\infty$ and z , because it is simpler to learn and more efficient to use than the normal table giving areas between 0 and z ; the cumulative table is also consistent with Minitab's CDF and INVCDF commands, which are discussed in a new and optional subsection of Section 6.1. A new Section 6.5 presents normal probability plots.
- To give the reader an intuitive understanding of the sampling distribution of the mean, computer simulations in both the normal and nonnormal cases have been incorporated into Chapter 7 (The Sampling Distribution of the Mean).
- In Chapter 8 (Confidence Intervals for One Population Mean), explanations have been included on how to deal with outliers when obtaining confidence intervals. In Section 8.4 a computer simulation has been used to compare the distributions of the z -statistic (standard normal) and the t -statistic (Student's t).
- In Chapter 9 (Hypothesis Tests for One Population Mean), data analytic techniques have been employed to help decide on the correct procedure to apply. An explanation of the difference between statistical and practical significance has been included in Section 9.3. An optional Section 9.4 discusses Type II error probabilities and power; an optional Section 9.7 covers the Wilcoxon one-sample signed-rank test; and a new and optional Section 9.8 summarizes the hypothesis-testing procedures and presents a flowchart for deciding which procedure to use.
- In Chapter 10 (Inferences for Two Population Means), an optional Section 10.4 provides a discussion of the Mann–Whitney test; a new and optional subsection of Section 10.5 presents the Wilcoxon paired-sample signed-rank test; and an optional Section 10.6 summarizes the hypothesis-testing procedures and presents a flowchart for deciding which procedure to use.
- Chapter 11 (Inferences for Population Proportions) is new; it is comprised roughly of the proportion material found in Chapters 8, 9, and 10 of the third edition. New topics include margin of error and sample-size determination for one and two proportions.
- In Chapter 12 (Chi-Square Procedures), segmented bar graphs have been included in Section 12.3 to provide a visual interpretation of statistical independence for two characteristics of a population. Section 12.4 contains a simulation of a chi-square distribution, obtained by resampling a normal distribution and calculating $(n - 1)s^2/\sigma^2$ for each sample.
- Chapter 13 (Descriptive Methods in Regression and Correlation) now contains a discussion of influential observations and outliers. Also, the terms *predictor variable* and *response variable* have been introduced explicitly in Section 13.2.
- Chapter 14 (Inferential Methods in Regression and Correlation) now includes a discussion of analysis of residuals for checking the assumptions for regression

inferences. A new and optional Section 14.6 presents a test for normality based on the correlation between the sample data and its normal scores; the test is essentially equivalent to the powerful Shapiro–Wilk test.

- In Chapter 15 (Analysis of Variance), the material on one-way ANOVA has been revised and split into two sections, one presenting the logic and one the procedure. A new and optional Section 15.4 covers multiple comparisons; a new and optional Section 15.5 examines the Kruskal–Wallis test; and two new sections on two-way ANOVA with interaction present the logic (Section 15.6) and the procedure (Section 15.7).

Supplements and other support

The following supplements have been prepared specifically to accompany the fourth edition of *Introductory Statistics*.

Minitab Supplement. This supplement, written by Professor Peter W. Zehna, provides in-depth coverage of Minitab, augmenting that given in the book. It is designed to be used in conjunction with *Introductory Statistics* and is keyed to the book. No prerequisite knowledge of computers or statistical software is presumed.

Instructor’s Solutions Manual. This manual, prepared by Professor Chris Franklin, contains detailed, worked-out solutions to all exercises in *Introductory Statistics*.

Student’s Solutions Manual. This manual, also by Professor Chris Franklin, presents detailed, worked-out solutions to every fourth exercise in *Introductory Statistics*.

OmniTest II Computerized Testing. This unique testing software offers a virtually endless supply of quizzes, tests, final examinations, and additional instructional exercises. Features include multiple-exam versions, customized question editing, on-screen preview and edit functions, and pull-down menus. *OmniTest II* is available for use with IBM PCs or compatibles.

Printed Test Bank. This supplement provides several printed examinations for each chapter of *Introductory Statistics*.

DataDisk. This floppy disk contains files for the Focus database and for the data sets appearing in the case studies and odd-numbered basic exercises in *Introductory Statistics*. DataDisk makes it possible to store and use these data sets without having to enter them manually.

Transparency Masters. Many of the text’s figures, tables, and procedure boxes have been reproduced on transparency masters for classroom use.

Additional support is available with the following items.

STAT101. This inexpensive statistical software package is based on Release 6 of Minitab and is distributed by Addison–Wesley. Working with a spreadsheet-like Data Editor that allows up to 2000 data points, STAT101 provides an excellent foundation for progression to other, more powerful Minitab software products.

The Student Editions of Minitab. These statistical software packages, also distributed by Addison-Wesley, are available in three versions: for Windows, Release 8 for DOS, and Release 8 for the Macintosh. The student editions of Minitab allow the user access to 3500 data points and to a full range of Minitab functionalities and graphic capabilities, as well as a wide range of data sets drawn from business, the social sciences, and the physical sciences. Also accompanying the software is a user's manual that includes case studies and hands-on tutorials for using the software.

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