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Preface

The question that should motivate a business student's study of statistics should be "Even without perfect information, how can I make better decisions?"¹ As entrepreneurs and consultants, we know that in today's data-rich environment, knowledge of statistics is essential to survive and thrive in the business world. But, as educators, we've seen a disconnect between the way business statistics is traditionally taught and the way it should be used in making business decisions. In *Business Statistics*, we try to narrow the gap between theory and practice by presenting relevant statistical methods that will empower business students to make effective, data-informed decisions.

Of course, students should come away from their statistics course knowing how to think statistically and how to apply statistics methods with modern technology. But they must also be able to communicate their analyses effectively to others. When asked about statistics education, a group of CEOs from *Fortune* 500 companies recently said that although they were satisfied with the technical competence of students who had studied statistics, they found the students' ability to communicate their findings to be woefully inadequate.

Our Plan, Do, Report rubric provides a structure for solving business problems that mimics the correct application of statistics to solving real business problems. Unlike many other authors, we emphasize the often neglected thinking (Plan) and communication (Report) steps in problem solving in addition to the methodology (Do). This approach requires up-to-date, real-world examples and data. So we constantly strive to illustrate our lessons with current business issues and examples.

What's New in This Edition?

We've been delighted with the reaction to previous editions of *Business Statistics*. We've made some changes to the organization of the fourth edition to help students focus on the essentials and think about the data-rich world they will find in the workplace. And, of course, we continue to update examples and exercises so that the story we tell is always tied to the ways statistics informs modern business practice.

- **Recent data.** We teach with real data whenever possible, so we've updated data throughout the book. New examples reflect current stories in the news and recent economic and business events. When a historical dataset is especially good at illuminating a pedagogical point, we have, from time to time, chosen pedagogy over recency.
- **Improved organization.** We have retained our "data first" presentation of topics because we find that it provides students with both motivation and a foundation in real business decisions on which to build an understanding.
 - Chapters 1–4 have been streamlined to cover collecting, displaying, summarizing, and understanding data in four chapters. We find that this provides students with a solid foundation to launch their study of probability and statistics.
 - Chapters 5–7 introduce students to randomness and probability models. We've moved the discussion of probability trees and Bayes' rule into these chapters.
 - Chapters 8 and 9 cover data collection by survey and by designed experiments. New discussions here address technology-enabled sampling, online data, and Big Data. We've moved the discussion of experiments up front because of the increased importance of online testing, but we've

¹Unfortunately, not the question most students are asking themselves on the first day of the course.

moved the analysis of such designs (ANOVA), which many instructors find difficult to cover in a first course, to the online Chapter 25.

- Chapters 10–15 cover inference for both proportions and means. We introduce inference by discussing proportions because most students are better acquainted with proportions reported in surveys and news stories. However, this edition ties in the discussion of means immediately so students can appreciate that the reasoning of inference is the same in a variety of contexts. We’ve added an optional discussion of bootstrapping. This may help students’ intuition about inference as well as providing a relatively new modern method.
- Chapters 16–19 cover regression-based models for decision making.
- Chapter 20 discusses time series methods.
- Chapter 21 is a newly expanded discussion of data mining and Big Data.
- Chapters 22–24 discuss special topics that can be selected according to the needs of the course and the preferences of the instructor.
- **Streamlined design.** Our goal has always been a readable text. This edition sports a new design that clarifies the purpose of each text element. The major theme of each chapter is linear and easy to follow without distraction. Supporting material is clearly boxed and shaded, so students know where to focus their study efforts.
- **Enhanced Technology Help.** We’ve updated Technology Help (now called Tech Support) in almost every chapter.
- **Updated examples to reflect the changing world.** The time since our last revision has seen marked changes in the U.S. and world economies. This has required us to update many of our examples. Our selection of course content reflects the wisdom of the GAISE2016 report adopted by the American Statistical Association as a standard for introductory statistics teaching. Our “In Practice” elements have all been re-structured to reflect real-world business challenges. The result is a text that is realistic and useful.
- **Increased focus on core material.** Statistics in practice means making smart decisions based on data. Students need to know the methods, how to apply them, and the assumptions and conditions that make them work. We’ve tightened our discussions to get students there as quickly as possible, focusing increasingly on the central ideas and core material.

Our Approach

Statistical Thinking

For all of our improvements, examples, and updates in this edition of *Business Statistics* we haven’t lost sight of our original mission—writing a modern business statistics text that addresses the importance of *statistical thinking* in making business decisions and that acknowledges how Statistics is actually used in business.

Statistics is practiced with technology, and this insight informs everything from our choice of forms for equations (favoring intuitive forms over calculation forms) to our extensive use of real data. But most important, understanding the value of technology allows us to focus on teaching statistical thinking rather than calculation. The questions that motivate each of our hundreds of examples are not “How do you find the answer?” but “How do you think about the answer?”; “How does it help you make a better decision?”; and “How can you best communicate your decision?” Our redesigned “In Practice” elements in each chapter have been recast as conversations between managers and analysts to emphasize the business relevance of each method and its importance in making good business decisions.

Our focus on statistical thinking ties the chapters of the book together. An introductory Business Statistics course covers an overwhelming number of new terms, concepts, and methods, and it is vital that students see their central core: how we can understand more about the world and make better decisions by understanding what the data tell us. From this perspective, it is easy to see that the patterns we look for in graphs are the same as those we think about when we prepare to make inferences. And it is easy to see that the many ways to draw inferences from data are several applications of the same core concepts. It follows naturally that when we extend these basic ideas into more complex (and even more realistic) situations, the same basic reasoning is still at the core of our analyses.

Our Goal: Read This Book!

The best textbook in the world is of little value if it isn't read. Here are some of the ways we made *Business Statistics* more approachable:

- **Readability.** We strive for a conversational, approachable style, and we introduce anecdotes to maintain interest. Instructors report (to their amazement) that their students read ahead of their assignments voluntarily. Students tell us (to their amazement) that they actually enjoy the book. In this edition, we've focused our discussions even more clearly on the central ideas we want to convey.
- **Focus on assumptions and conditions.** More than any other textbook, *Business Statistics* emphasizes the need to verify assumptions when using statistical procedures. We reiterate this focus throughout the examples and exercises. We make every effort to provide templates that reinforce the practice of checking these assumptions and conditions, rather than rushing through the computations. Business decisions have consequences. Blind calculations open the door to errors that could easily be avoided by taking the time to graph the data, check assumptions and conditions, and then check again that the results and residuals make sense.
- **Emphasis on graphing and exploring data.** Our consistent emphasis on the importance of displaying data is evident from the first chapters on understanding data to the sophisticated model-building chapters at the end. Examples often illustrate the value of examining data graphically, and the exercises reinforce this. Good graphics reveal structures, patterns, and occasional anomalies that could otherwise go unnoticed. These patterns often raise new questions and inform both the path of a resulting statistical analysis and the business decisions. Hundreds of new graphics found throughout the book demonstrate that the simple structures that underlie even the most sophisticated statistical inferences are the same ones we look for in the simplest examples. This helps tie the concepts of the book together to tell a coherent story.
- **Consistency.** We work hard to avoid the “do what we say, not what we do” trap. Having taught the importance of plotting data and checking assumptions and conditions, we are careful to model that behavior throughout the book. (Check the exercises in the chapters on multiple regression or time series and you'll find us still requiring and demonstrating the plots and checks that were introduced in the early chapters.) This consistency helps reinforce these fundamental principles and provides a familiar foundation for the more sophisticated topics.
- **The need to read.** In this book, important concepts, definitions, and sample solutions are not always set aside in boxes. The book needs to be read, so we've tried to make the reading experience enjoyable. The common approach of skimming for definitions or starting with the exercises and looking up examples just won't work here. (It never did work as a way to learn about and understand statistics.)

Coverage

The topics covered in a Business Statistics course are generally mandated by our students' needs in their studies and in their future professions. But the *order* of these topics and the relative emphasis given to each is not well established. *Business Statistics* presents some topics sooner or later than other texts. Although many chapters can be taught in a different order, we urge you to consider the order we have chosen.

We've been guided in the order of topics by the fundamental goal of designing a coherent course in which concepts and methods fit together to provide a new understanding of how reasoning with data can uncover new and important truths. Each new topic should fit into the growing structure of understanding that students develop throughout the course. For example, we teach inference concepts with proportions first and then with means. Most people have a wider experience with proportions, seeing them in polls and advertising. And by starting with proportions, we can teach inference with the Normal model and then introduce inference for means with the Student's t -distribution.

We introduce the concepts of association, correlation, and regression early in *Business Statistics*. Our experience in the classroom shows that introducing these fundamental ideas early makes statistics useful and relevant even at the beginning of the course. By Chapter 4, students can discuss relationships among variables in a meaningful way. Later in the semester, when we discuss inference, it is natural and relatively easy to build on the fundamental concepts learned earlier and enhance them with inferential methods.

GAISE Report

We've been guided in our choice of what to emphasize by the GAISE 2016 (Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Statistics Education) Report, which emerged from extensive studies of how students best learn Statistics (www.amstat.org/asa/files/pdfs/GAISE/GaiseCollege_Full.pdf). The GAISE Report was extensively revised in 2016 to reflect the evolution of technology and new wisdom about teaching statistics. The new recommendations have been officially adopted and recommended by the American Statistical Association and urge (among other detailed suggestions) that statistics education should:

1. Teach statistical thinking.
2. Focus on conceptual understanding.
3. Integrate real data with a context and a purpose.
4. Foster active learning.
5. Use technology to explore concepts and analyze data.
6. Use assessments to improve and evaluate student learning.

In this sense, this book is thoroughly modern.

Syllabus Flexibility

To be effective, a course must fit comfortably with the instructor's preferences. The early chapters—Chapters 1–15—cover core material that will be part of most introductory courses. Chapters 16–20—multiple regression, model building, and time series. Analysis of Variance—may be included in an introductory course, but our organization provides flexibility in the order and choice of specific topics. Chapters 21–25 may be viewed as “special topics” and selected and sequenced to suit the instructor or the course requirements.

Here are some specific notes:

- Chapter 4, Correlation and Linear Regression, may be postponed until just before covering regression inference in Chapter 16. (But we urge you to teach it where it appears.) Chapter 4 now includes an early glimpse of multiple regression (as advised by GAISE 2016). We urge you not to skip that discussion.
- Chapter 19, Building Multiple Regression Models, must follow the introductory material on multiple regression in Chapter 18.
- Chapters 20 and 25, Time Series Analysis and ANOVA, require material on multiple regression from Chapter 18.

The following topics can be introduced in any order (or omitted) after basic inference has been covered:

- Chapter 15, Inference for Counts: Chi-Square Tests
- Chapter 21, Introduction to Big Data and Data Mining
- Chapter 22, Quality Control
- Chapter 23, Nonparametric Methods
- Chapter 24, Decision Making and Risk

Continuing Features

A textbook isn't just words on a page. A textbook is many elements that come together to form a big picture. The features in *Business Statistics* provide a real-world context for concepts, help students apply these concepts, promote problem solving, and integrate technology—all of which help students understand and see the big picture of Business Statistics.

Providing Real-World Context

Motivating Vignettes. Each chapter opens with a motivating vignette, often taken from the authors' consulting experiences. Companies featured include Amazon.com, Zillow.com, Keen Inc., and Whole Foods Market. We analyze data from or about the companies in the motivating vignettes throughout the chapter.

Brief Cases. Each chapter includes one or more Brief Cases that use real data and ask students to investigate a question or make a decision. Students define the objective, plan the process, complete the analysis, and report a conclusion. Data for the Brief Cases are available on the website, formatted for various technologies.

Case Studies. Throughout the book we present Case Studies. Students are given realistically large datasets and challenged to respond to open-ended business questions using the data. Students can bring together methods they have learned throughout the book to address the issues raised. Students will have to use a computer to work with the large datasets that accompany these Case Studies.

What Can Go Wrong? In each chapter, What Can Go Wrong? highlights the most common statistical errors and the misconceptions about statistics. The most common mistakes for the new user of statistics often involve misusing a method—not miscalculating a statistic. One of our goals is to arm students with the tools to detect statistical errors and to offer practice in debunking misuses of Statistics, whether intentional or not.

Applying Concepts

In Practice. Almost every section of every chapter includes focused examples that illustrate and apply the concepts or methods of that section to a real-world business context. Each one now ends with a specific written report. They are now structured as conversations between a manager and an analyst or employee with the requirement that a report be made to the manager. This format helps to frame the issues in a practical way.

Step-by-Step Guided Examples. The answer to a statistical question is almost never just a number. Statistics is about understanding the world and making better decisions with data. Guided Examples model a thorough solution in the right column with commentary in the left column. The overall analysis follows our innovative **Plan, Do, Report** template. Each analysis begins with a clear question about a business decision and an examination of the data (**Plan**), moves to calculating the selected statistics (**Do**), and finally concludes with a **Report** that specifically addresses the question. To emphasize that our goal is to address the motivating question, we present the **Report** step as a business memo that summarizes the results in the context of the example and states a recommendation if the data are able to support one. To preserve the realism of the example, whenever it is appropriate, we include limitations of the analysis or models in the concluding memo, as one should in making such a report.

By Hand. Even though we encourage the use of technology to calculate statistical quantities, we recognize the pedagogical benefits of occasionally doing a calculation by hand. The By Hand boxes break apart the calculation of some of the simpler formulas and help the student through the calculation of a worked example.

Reality Check. We regularly offer reminders that statistics is about understanding the world and making decisions with data. Results that make no sense are probably wrong, no matter how carefully we think we did the calculations. Mistakes are often easy to spot with a little thought, so we ask students to stop for a reality check before interpreting results.

Notation Alert. Throughout this book, we emphasize the importance of clear communication. Proper notation is part of the vocabulary of statistics, but it can be daunting. We've found that it helps students when we are clear about the letters and symbols statisticians use to mean very specific things, so we've included Notation Alerts whenever we introduce a special notation that students will see again.

Math Boxes. When we present the mathematical underpinnings of the statistical methods and concepts, we set proofs, derivations, and justifications apart from the narrative. In this way, the underlying mathematics is there for those who want greater depth, but the text itself presents the logical development of the topic at hand without distractions.

From Learning to Earning. Each chapter ends with a From Learning to Earning summary that includes learning objectives and definitions of terms introduced in the chapter. Students should use these as study guides. We encourage them to take this opportunity to see the “big picture” of the chapter and see how it applies to making business decisions.

Promoting Problem Solving

Just Checking. Throughout each chapter we pose short questions to help students check their understanding. The answers are at the end of the exercise sets in each chapter to make them easy to check. The questions can also be used to motivate class discussion.

Ethics in Action. Statistics is not just plugging numbers into formulas; most statistical analyses require a fair amount of judgment. Ethics in Action vignettes—updated for this edition—in each chapter provide a context for some of the judgments needed in statistical analyses. Possible errors, a link to the American Statistical Association’s Ethical Guidelines, and ethically and statistically sound alternative approaches are presented in the Instructor’s Solutions Manual.

Section Exercises. The exercises for each chapter begin with straightforward exercises targeted at the topics in each section. These are designed to check understanding of specific topics. Because they are labeled by section, it is easy to turn back to the chapter to clarify a concept or review a method.

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Integrating Technology

Data and Sources. Most of the data used in examples and exercises are from real-world sources and whenever we can, we include URLs for Internet data sources. The data we use, are usually available at the online Data and Story Library (DASL) at dasl.datadescription.com and on the companion website, www.pearsonhighered.com/sharpe.

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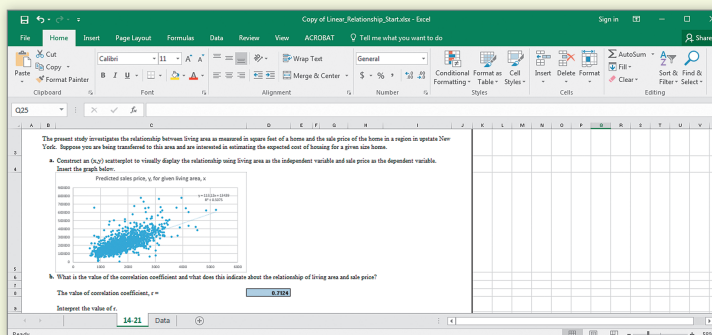
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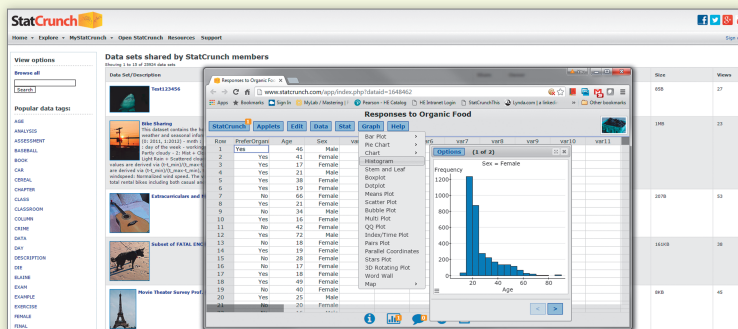
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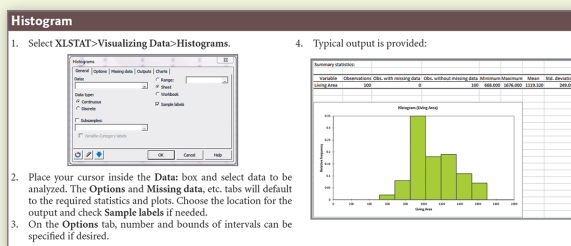
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