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State-of-the-Art Methods for Drug Safety Assessment Responding to the increased scrutiny of drug safety in recent years, *Quantitative Evaluation of Safety in Drug Development: Design, Analysis and Reporting* explains design, monitoring, analysis, and reporting issues for both clinical trials and observational studies in biopharmaceutical product development. It presents the latest statistical methods for drug safety assessment. The book's three sections focus on study design, safety monitoring, and data evaluation/analysis. The book addresses key challenges across regulatory agencies, industry, and academia. It discusses quantitative approaches to safety evaluation and risk management in drug development, covering Bayesian methods, effective safety graphics, and risk-benefit evaluation. Written by a team of experienced leaders, this book brings the most advanced knowledge and statistical methods of drug safety to the statistical, clinical, and safety community. It shares best practices and stimulates further research and methodology development in the drug safety area.

Panel data — information gathered from the same individuals or units at several different points in time — are commonly used in the social sciences to test theories of individual and social change. This book highlights the developments in this technique in a range of disciplines and analytic traditions.

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenm3BWqQyXA2JRKB_QXGyw

The main methods, techniques and issues for carrying out multilevel modeling and analysis are covered in this book. The book is an applied introduction to the topic, providing a clear conceptual understanding of the issues involved in multilevel analysis and will be a useful reference tool. Information on designing multilevel studies, sampling, testing and model specification and interpretation of models is provided. A comprehensive guide to the software

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available is included. Multilevel Analysis is the ideal guide for researchers and applied statisticians in the social sciences, including education, but will also interest researchers in economics, and biological, medical and health disciplines.

Fixed Effects Regression Methods for Longitudinal Data Using SAS, written by Paul Allison, is an invaluable resource for all researchers interested in adding fixed effects regression methods to their tool kit of statistical techniques. First introduced by economists, fixed effects methods are gaining widespread use throughout the social sciences. Designed to eliminate major biases from regression models with multiple observations (usually longitudinal) for each subject (usually a person), fixed effects methods essentially offer control for all stable characteristics of the subjects, even characteristics that are difficult or impossible to measure. This straightforward and thorough text shows you how to estimate fixed effects models with several SAS procedures that are appropriate for different kinds of outcome variables. The theoretical background of each model is explained, and the models are then illustrated with detailed examples using real data. The book contains thorough discussions of the following uses of SAS procedures: PROC GLM for estimating fixed effects linear models for quantitative outcomes, PROC LOGISTIC for estimating fixed effects logistic regression models, PROC PHREG for estimating fixed effects Cox regression models for repeated event data, PROC GENMOD for estimating fixed effects Poisson regression models for count data, and PROC CALIS for estimating fixed effects structural equation models. To gain the most benefit from this book, readers should be familiar with multiple linear regression, have practical experience using multiple regression on real data, and be comfortable interpreting the output from a regression analysis. An understanding of logistic regression and Poisson regression is a plus.

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Some experience with SAS is helpful, but not required. This book is part of the SAS Press program.

First published Open Access under a Creative Commons license as *What is Quantitative Longitudinal Data Analysis?*, this title is now also available as part of the Bloomsbury Research Methods series. Across the social sciences, there is widespread agreement that quantitative longitudinal research designs offer analysts powerful scientific data resources. But, to date, many texts on analysing longitudinal social analysis surveys have been written from a statistical, rather than a social science data analysis perspective and they lack adequate coverage of common practical challenges associated with social science data analyses. This book provides a practical and up-to-date introduction to influential approaches to quantitative longitudinal data analysis in the social sciences. The book introduces definitions and terms, explains the relative attractions of such a longitudinal design, and offers an introduction to the main techniques of analysis, explaining their requirements, statistical properties and their substantive contribution.

Using a friendly, nontechnical approach, the Second Edition of *Regression Basics* introduces readers to the fundamentals of regression. Accessible to anyone with an introductory statistics background, this book builds from a simple two-variable model to a model of greater complexity. Author Leo H. Kahane weaves four engaging examples throughout the text to illustrate not only the techniques of regression but also how this empirical tool can be applied in creative ways to consider a broad array of topics. New to the Second Edition • Offers greater coverage of simple panel-data estimation: Because the availability of panel data has increased over the past decade, this new edition includes coverage of estimation with multiple

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cross-sections of data across time. • Provides an introductory discussion of omitted variables bias: As a problem that frequently arises, this issue is important for those new to regression analysis to understand. • Includes up-to-date advances: Chapter 7 is expanded to include recent developments in regression. • Uses a diverse selection of examples: Engaging examples illustrate the wide application of regression analysis from baseball salaries to presidential voting to British crime rates to U.S. abortion rates and more. • Includes more end-of-chapter problems: This edition offers new questions at the end of chapters that are based on the new examples woven through the book. • Illustrates examples using software programs: Appendix B now includes screenshots to further aid readers working with Microsoft Excel® and SPSS. **Intended Audience** This is an ideal core or supplemental text for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses such as Regression and Correlation, Sociological Research Methods, Quantitative Research Methods, and Statistical Methods in the fields of economics, public policy, political science, sociology, public affairs, urban planning, education, and geography.

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In addition to econometric essentials, this book covers important new extensions as well as how to get standard errors right. The authors explain why fancier econometric techniques are typically unnecessary and even dangerous.

This book provides the most comprehensive treatment to date of microeconometrics, the analysis of individual-level data on the economic behavior of individuals or firms using regression methods for cross section and panel data. The book is oriented to the practitioner. A basic understanding of the linear regression model with matrix algebra is assumed. The text can be used for a microeconometrics course, typically a second-year economics PhD course; for data-oriented applied microeconometrics field courses;

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and as a reference work for graduate students and applied researchers who wish to fill in gaps in their toolkit. Distinguishing features of the book include emphasis on nonlinear models and robust inference, simulation-based estimation, and problems of complex survey data. The book makes frequent use of numerical examples based on generated data to illustrate the key models and methods. More substantially, it systematically integrates into the text empirical illustrations based on seven large and exceptionally rich data sets.

This timely, thoughtful book provides a clear introduction to using panel data in research. It describes the different types of panel datasets commonly used for empirical analysis, and how to use them for cross sectional, panel, and event history analysis. Longhi and Nandi then guide the reader through the data management and estimation process, including the interpretation of the results and the preparation of the final output tables. Using existing data sets and structured as hands-on exercises, each chapter engages with practical issues associated with using data in research. These include: Data cleaning Data preparation Computation of descriptive statistics Using sample weights Choosing and implementing the right estimator Interpreting results Preparing final output tables Graphical representation Written by experienced authors this exciting textbook provides the practical tools needed to use panel data in research.

This book demonstrates how to estimate and interpret fixed-effects models in a variety of different modeling contexts: linear models, logistic models, Poisson models, Cox

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regression models, and structural equation models. Both advantages and disadvantages of fixed-effects models will be considered, along with detailed comparisons with random-effects models. Written at a level appropriate for anyone who has taken a year of statistics, the book is appropriate as a supplement for graduate courses in regression or linear regression as well as an aid to researchers who have repeated measures or cross-sectional data. Learn more about “The Little Green Book” - QASS Series! [Click Here](#)

Methods and Applications of Longitudinal Data Analysis describes methods for the analysis of longitudinal data in the medical, biological and behavioral sciences. It introduces basic concepts and functions including a variety of regression models, and their practical applications across many areas of research. Statistical procedures featured within the text include: descriptive methods for delineating trends over time linear mixed regression models with both fixed and random effects covariance pattern models on correlated errors generalized estimating equations nonlinear regression models for categorical repeated measurements techniques for analyzing longitudinal data with non-ignorable missing observations Emphasis is given to applications of these methods, using substantial empirical illustrations, designed to help users of statistics better analyze and understand longitudinal data. Methods and Applications of Longitudinal Data Analysis equips both graduate students and professionals to confidently apply longitudinal data analysis to their particular discipline. It also provides

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a valuable reference source for applied statisticians, demographers and other quantitative methodologists. From novice to professional: this book starts with the introduction of basic models and ends with the description of some of the most advanced models in longitudinal data analysis Enables students to select the correct statistical methods to apply to their longitudinal data and avoid the pitfalls associated with incorrect selection Identifies the limitations of classical repeated measures models and describes newly developed techniques, along with real-world examples.

The book features many figures and tables illustrating longitudinal data and numerous homework problems. The associated web site contains many longitudinal data sets, examples of computer code, and labs to re-enforce the material. Weiss emphasizes continuous data rather than discrete data, graphical and covariance methods, and generalizations of regression rather than generalizations of analysis of variance. Drawing on recent "event history" analytical methods from biostatistics, engineering, and sociology, this clear and comprehensive monograph explains how longitudinal data can be used to study the causes of deaths, crimes, wars, and many other human events. Allison shows why ordinary multiple regression is not suited to analyze event history data, and demonstrates how innovative regression - like methods can overcome this problem. He then discusses the particular new methods that social scientists should find useful.

Like all aspects of society, public health practice has been fundamentally changed by

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the emergence of electronic and social media as centerpieces of human communication and connection. More than ever, public health practitioners rely on these new marketing and communications technologies to promote longstanding goals like disease prevention and fostering social responsibility. Social Marketing Research for Global Public Health offers proven guidelines for crafting campaigns that work in public health. It equips readers with tools pioneered by corporate marketers to increase the efficacy of public health interventions in any setting. It also provides practical advice to practitioners seeking to assess their interventions, along with examples for effective outreach to promote smoking cessation, financial literacy, and other social goods. Combining overviews of marketing theory and methodology with practical chapters specific to public health, Social Marketing Research for Global Public Health provides a crucial and holistic understanding for this new imperative in the field. Each topic starts with an explanation of the theoretical background necessary to allow full understanding of the technique and to facilitate future learning of more advanced or new methods and software Explanations are designed to assume as little background in mathematics and statistical theory as possible, except that some knowledge of calculus is necessary for certain parts. SAS commands are provided for applying the methods. (PROC REG, PROC MIXED, and PROC GENMOD) All sections contain real life examples, mostly from epidemiologic research First chapter includes a SAS refresher

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A fundamental book for social researchers. It provides a first-class, reliable guide to the basic issues in data analysis. Scholars and students can turn to it for teaching and applied needs with confidence.

Using numerous examples and practical tips, this book offers a nontechnical explanation of the standard methods for missing data (such as listwise or casewise deletion) as well as two newer (and, better) methods, maximum likelihood and multiple imputation. Anyone who has relied on ad-hoc methods that are statistically inefficient or biased will find this book a welcome and accessible solution to their problems with handling missing data.

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Popular in its first edition for its rich, illustrative examples and lucid explanations of the theory and use of hierarchical linear models (HLM), the book has been updated to include: an intuitive introductory summary of the basic procedures for estimation and inference used with HLM models that only requires a minimal level of mathematical sophistication; a new section on multivariate growth models; a discussion of research synthesis or meta-analysis applications; aata analytic advice on centering of level-1 predictors, and new material on plausible value intervals and robust standard estimators.

During the early development and throughout the short history of green/conservation criminology, limited attention has been directed toward quantitative analyses of relevant environmental crime, law and justice concerns. While recognizing the importance of establishing a theory and terminology in the early stages of development, this book redresses this imbalance. The work features contributions that undertake empirical quantitative studies of green/conservation crime and justice issues by both

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conservation and green criminologists. The collection highlights the shared concerns of these groups within important forms of ecological crime and victimization, and illustrates the ways in which these approaches can be undertaken quantitatively. It includes quantitative conservation/green criminological studies that represent the work of both well-established scholars in these fields, along with studies by scholars whose works are less well-known and who are also contributing to shaping this area of research. The book presents a valuable contribution to the areas of Green and Conservation Criminology. It will appeal to academics and students working in these areas.

Informal and nontechnical, this book both explains the theory behind logistic regression, and looks at all the practical details involved in its implementation using SAS. Includes several real-world examples in full detail.

Panel data econometrics has evolved rapidly over the past three decades. The field is of both theoretical and practical importance, and methods to deal with micro- and macroeconomic panel data are in high demand from practitioners. Applications in finance, development, trade, marketing, health, labor, and consumer economics attest to the usefulness of these methods in applied economics. This book is a comprehensive source on panel data. It contains 20 chapters edited by Professor Badi Baltagi--one of the leading econometricians in the area of panel data econometrics--and authored by renowned experts in the field. The chapters are divided into two sections. Part I examines new developments in theory. It includes panel

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cointegration, dynamic panel data models, incidental parameters and dynamic panel modeling, and panel data models for discrete choice. The chapters in Part II target applications of panel data, including health, labor, marketing, trade, productivity and macro applications in panels.

Linear mixed-effects models (LMMs) are an important class of statistical models that can be used to analyze correlated data. Such data are encountered in a variety of fields including biostatistics, public health, psychometrics, educational measurement, and sociology. This book aims to support a wide range of uses for the models by applied researchers in those and other fields by providing state-of-the-art descriptions of the implementation of LMMs in R. To help readers to get familiar with the features of the models and the details of carrying them out in R, the book includes a review of the most important theoretical concepts of the models. The presentation connects theory, software and applications. It is built up incrementally, starting with a summary of the concepts underlying simpler classes of linear models like the classical regression model, and carrying them forward to LMMs. A similar step-by-step approach is used to describe the R tools for LMMs. All the classes of linear models presented in the book are illustrated using real-life data. The book also introduces several novel R tools for LMMs, including new class of variance-covariance structure for random-effects, methods

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for influence diagnostics and for power calculations. They are included into an R package that should assist the readers in applying these and other methods presented in this text.

What constitutes a causal explanation, and must an explanation be causal? What warrants a causal inference, as opposed to a descriptive regularity? What techniques are available to detect when causal effects are present, and when can these techniques be used to identify the relative importance of these effects? What complications do the interactions of individuals create for these techniques? When can mixed methods of analysis be used to deepen causal accounts? Must causal claims include generative mechanisms, and how effective are empirical methods designed to discover them? The Handbook of Causal Analysis for Social Research tackles these questions with nineteen chapters from leading scholars in sociology, statistics, public health, computer science, and human development.

In this important new Handbook, the editors have gathered together a range of leading contributors to introduce the theory and practice of multilevel modeling. The Handbook establishes the connections in multilevel modeling, bringing together leading experts from around the world to provide a roadmap for applied researchers linking theory and practice, as well as a unique arsenal of state-of-

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the-art tools. It forges vital connections that cross traditional disciplinary divides and introduces best practice in the field. Part I establishes the framework for estimation and inference, including chapters dedicated to notation, model selection, fixed and random effects, and causal inference. Part II develops variations and extensions, such as nonlinear, semiparametric and latent class models. Part III includes discussion of missing data and robust methods, assessment of fit and software. Part IV consists of exemplary modeling and data analyses written by methodologists working in specific disciplines. Combining practical pieces with overviews of the field, this Handbook is essential reading for any student or researcher looking to apply multilevel techniques in their own research.

Space and geography are important aspects of social science research in fields such as criminology, sociology, political science, and public health. Many social scientists are interested in the spatial clustering of various behaviors and events. There has been a rapid development of interest in regression methods for analyzing spatial data over recent years, but little available on the topic that is aimed at graduate students and advanced undergraduate classes in the social sciences (most texts are for the natural sciences, or regional science, or economics, and require a good understanding of advanced statistics and

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probability theory). *Spatial Regression Models for the Social Sciences* fills the gap, and focuses on the methods that are commonly used by social scientists. Each spatial regression method is introduced in the same way. Guangqing Chi and Jun Zhu explain what each method is and when and how to apply it, by connecting it to social science research topics. They try to avoid mathematical formulas and symbols as much as possible. Secondly, throughout the book they use the same social science example to demonstrate applications of each method and what the results can tell us. *Spatial Regression Models for the Social Sciences* provides comprehensive coverage of spatial regression methods for social scientists and introduces the methods in an easy-to-follow manner.

"Comprising more than 500 entries, the *Encyclopedia of Research Design* explains how to make decisions about research design, undertake research projects in an ethical manner, interpret and draw valid inferences from data, and evaluate experiment design strategies and results. Two additional features carry this encyclopedia far above other works in the field: bibliographic entries devoted to significant articles in the history of research design and reviews of contemporary tools, such as software and statistical procedures, used to analyze results. It covers the spectrum of research design strategies, from material presented in introductory classes to topics necessary in graduate research; it

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addresses cross- and multidisciplinary research needs, with many examples drawn from the social and behavioral sciences, neurosciences, and biomedical and life sciences; it provides summaries of advantages and disadvantages of often-used strategies; and it uses hundreds of sample tables, figures, and equations based on real-life cases."--Publisher's description.

When data consist of grouped observations or clusters, and there is a risk that measurements within the same group are not independent, group-specific random effects can be added to a regression model in order to account for such within-group associations. Regression models that contain such group-specific random effects are called mixed-effects regression models, or simply mixed models. Mixed models are a versatile tool that can handle both balanced and unbalanced datasets and that can also be applied when several layers of grouping are present in the data; these layers can either be nested or crossed. In linguistics, as in many other fields, the use of mixed models has gained ground rapidly over the last decade. This methodological evolution enables us to build more sophisticated and arguably more realistic models, but, due to its technical complexity, also introduces new challenges. This volume brings together a number of promising new evolutions in the use of mixed models in linguistics, but also addresses a number of common complications, misunderstandings, and

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pitfalls. Topics that are covered include the use of huge datasets, dealing with non-linear relations, issues of cross-validation, and issues of model selection and complex random structures. The volume features examples from various subfields in linguistics. The book also provides R code for a wide range of analyses.

What is the probability that something will occur, and how is that probability altered by a change in an independent variable? To answer these questions, Tim Futing Liao introduces a systematic way of interpreting commonly used probability models. Since much of what social scientists study is measured in noncontinuous ways and, therefore, cannot be analyzed using a classical regression model, it becomes necessary to model the likelihood that an event will occur. This book explores these models first by reviewing each probability model and then by presenting a systematic way for interpreting the results from each. This book demonstrates how to estimate and interpret fixed-effects models in a variety of different modeling contexts: linear models, logistic models, Poisson models, Cox regression models, and structural equation models. Both advantages and disadvantages of fixed-effects models will be considered, along with detailed comparisons with random-effects models. Written at a level appropriate for anyone who has taken a year of statistics, the book is appropriate

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as a supplement for graduate courses in regression or linear regression as well as an aid to researchers who have repeated measures or cross-sectional data.

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This is a beginner's guide to applied econometrics using the free statistics software R. It provides and explains R solutions to most of the examples in 'Principles of Econometrics' by Hill, Griffiths, and Lim, fourth edition. 'Using R for Principles of Econometrics' requires no previous knowledge in econometrics or R programming, but elementary notions of statistics are helpful.

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excellent text for undergraduate and postgraduate courses on advanced quantitative methods.

This is the first accessible and practical guide to using multilevel models in social research. Multilevel approaches are becoming increasingly important in social, behavioural, and educational research and it is clear from recent developments that such models are seen as being more realistic, and potentially more revealing, than ordinary regression models. While other books describe these multilevel models in considerable detail none focuses on the practical issues and potential problems of doing multilevel analyses that are covered in *Introducing Multilevel Modeling*. The authors' approach is user-oriented and the formal mathematics and statistics are kept to a minimum. Other key features include the use of worked examples using real data sets, analyzed using the leading computer package for multilevel modeling - "MLn."

Discussion site at: <http://www.stat.ucla.edu/phplib/w-agera/w-agera.shtml?bn=Sagebook> Data files mentioned in the book are available from: <http://www.stat.ucla.edu/deleeuw/sagebook>

Understanding Regression Analysis: An Introductory Guide by Larry D. Schroeder, David L. Sjoquist, and Paula E. Stephan presents the fundamentals of regression analysis, from its meaning to uses, in a concise, easy-to-read, and non-technical style. It illustrates how regression coefficients are estimated, interpreted, and used in a variety of settings within the social sciences, business, law, and public policy. Packed

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with applied examples and using few equations, the book walks readers through elementary material using a verbal, intuitive interpretation of regression coefficients, associated statistics, and hypothesis tests. The Second Edition features updated examples and new references to modern software output.

This textbook introduces graduate students in education and policy research to data and statistical methods in state-level higher education policy analysis. It also serves as a methodological guide to students, practitioners, and researchers who want a clear approach to conducting higher education policy analysis that involves the use of institutional- and state-level secondary data and quantitative methods ranging from descriptive to advanced statistical techniques. This book is unique in that it introduces readers to various types of data sources and quantitative methods utilized in policy research and in that it demonstrates how results of statistical analyses should be presented to higher education policy makers. It helps to bridge the gap between researchers, policy makers, and practitioners both within education policy and between other fields. Coverage includes identifying pertinent data sources, the creation and management of customized data sets, teaching beginning and advanced statistical methods and analyses, and the presentation of analyses for different audiences (including higher education policy makers).

'The editors of the new SAGE Handbook of Regression Analysis and Causal Inference have assembled a wide-ranging, high-quality, and timely collection of articles on topics

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of central importance to quantitative social research, many written by leaders in the field. Everyone engaged in statistical analysis of social-science data will find something of interest in this book.' - John Fox, Professor, Department of Sociology, McMaster University 'The authors do a great job in explaining the various statistical methods in a clear and simple way - focussing on fundamental understanding, interpretation of results, and practical application - yet being precise in their exposition.' - Ben Jann, Executive Director, Institute of Sociology, University of Bern 'Best and Wolf have put together a powerful collection, especially valuable in its separate discussions of uses for both cross-sectional and panel data analysis.' -Tom Smith, Senior Fellow, NORC, University of Chicago Edited and written by a team of leading international social scientists, this Handbook provides a comprehensive introduction to multivariate methods. The Handbook focuses on regression analysis of cross-sectional and longitudinal data with an emphasis on causal analysis, thereby covering a large number of different techniques including selection models, complex samples, and regression discontinuities. Each Part starts with a non-mathematical introduction to the method covered in that section, giving readers a basic knowledge of the method's logic, scope and unique features. Next, the mathematical and statistical basis of each method is presented along with advanced aspects. Using real-world data from the European Social Survey (ESS) and the Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP), the book provides a comprehensive discussion of each method's application, making this an ideal text for

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PhD students and researchers embarking on their own data analysis.

An accessible, contemporary introduction to the methods for determining cause and effect in the social sciences "Causation versus correlation has been the basis of arguments--economic and otherwise--since the beginning of time. Causal Inference: The Mixtape uses legit real-world examples that I found genuinely thought-provoking. It's rare that a book prompts readers to expand their outlook; this one did for me."--Marvin Young (Young MC) Causal inference encompasses the tools that allow social scientists to determine what causes what. In a messy world, causal inference is what helps establish the causes and effects of the actions being studied--for example, the impact (or lack thereof) of increases in the minimum wage on employment, the effects of early childhood education on incarceration later in life, or the influence on economic growth of introducing malaria nets in developing regions. Scott Cunningham introduces students and practitioners to the methods necessary to arrive at meaningful answers to the questions of causation, using a range of modeling techniques and coding instructions for both the R and the Stata programming languages.

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