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Many books on reliability focus on either modeling or statistical analysis and require an extensive background in probability and statistics. Continuing its tradition of excellence as an introductory text for those with limited formal education in the subject, this classroom-tested book introduces the necessary concepts in probability and statistics within the context of their application to reliability.

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The Third Edition adds brief discussions of the Anderson-Darling test, the Cox proportionate hazards model, the Accelerated Failure Time model, and Monte Carlo simulation. Over 80 new end-of-chapter exercises have been added, as well as solutions to all odd-numbered exercises. Moreover, Excel workbooks, available for download, save students from performing numerous tedious calculations and allow them to focus on reliability concepts. Ebeling has created an exceptional text that enables readers to learn how to

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philosophy and method for approaching problems in a logical manner. KEY TOPICS: Following a "begin-from-the-basics" approach for all topics, this book provides comprehensive coverage and flexible organization but does not assume an understanding of the mathematical underpinnings of any topic on the part of the reader. Each short, easy-to-read chapter centers around simple, straightforward examples that demonstrate the fundamentals of the techniques and provide specific solution steps that can be applied to other

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gives you step-by-step instructions and annotated screen shots to make examples easy to follow. Plus, interesting sections called The World of Management Science show you how each topic has been applied in a real company.

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Management Science provides a comprehensive, accessible overview of the subject, incorporating a broad set of approaches and tools. The authors explore both 'soft' and 'hard' methodologies and highlight conceptual aspects rather than the mathematics of the techniques or computer methods. The book is therefore suitable for students and readers with a wide range of mathematical abilities at both the undergraduate and MBA level. The book bases management science within a

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clear systems thinking framework. Ideas and concepts are demonstrated with real-life examples and case studies. Readers are shown how decision making over time, under uncertainty, and subject to constraints, multiple objectives, and value and perception conflicts can be modelled, all within this system thinking framework. The second edition of Management Science offers:

- An emphasis on problem formulation, indicating how management science and operational research techniques fit into the wider problem-solving process
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emphasize analytics and de-emphasize representation and encoding so students will have plenty to sink their teeth into regardless of their computer programming experience.

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Managers are often under great pressure to improve the performance of their organizations. To improve performance, one needs to constantly evaluate operations or processes related to producing products, providing services, and marketing and selling products. Performance evaluation and benchmarking are a widely used method to identify and adopt best practices as a means to

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performance when there are multiple inputs and outputs to the system. The difficulties are further enhanced when the relationships between the inputs and the outputs are complex and involve unknown tradeoffs. It is critical to show benchmarks where multiple measurements exist. The current book introduces the methodology of data envelopment analysis (DEA) and its uses in performance evaluation and benchmarking under the context of multiple performance measures. The author is well-renowned and highly successful. *

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factors which impact the diffusion of technological innovations into the market place. This book is a practical guide for R&D professions and designers, as well as a case study reference for graduate students in pursuit of their project work.

Statistics for Library and Information Services, written for non-statisticians, provides logical, user-friendly, and step-by-step instructions to make statistics more accessible for students and professionals in the field of Information Science. It emphasizes concepts of statistical theory and data collection methodologies, but also extends to

the topics of visualization creation and display, so that the reader will be able to better conduct statistical analysis and communicate his/her findings.

The book is tailored for information science students and professionals. It has specific examples of dataset sets, scripts, design modules, data repositories, homework assignments, and a glossary lexicon that matches the field of Information Science. The textbook provides a visual road map that is customized specifically for Information Science instructors, students, and professionals regarding statistics and visualization. Each chapter in

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illustrates how to use Open Source R and features two subsections for the major ideas of the chapter: its statistical model and its visual representation. The statistical model captures the main statistical formulas/theories covered in each chapter, while the visual representation addresses the subject of the types of visualization that are produced from the statistical analysis model covered in that particular chapter. Don't miss the book's companion Web site at www.statisticsforlis.org