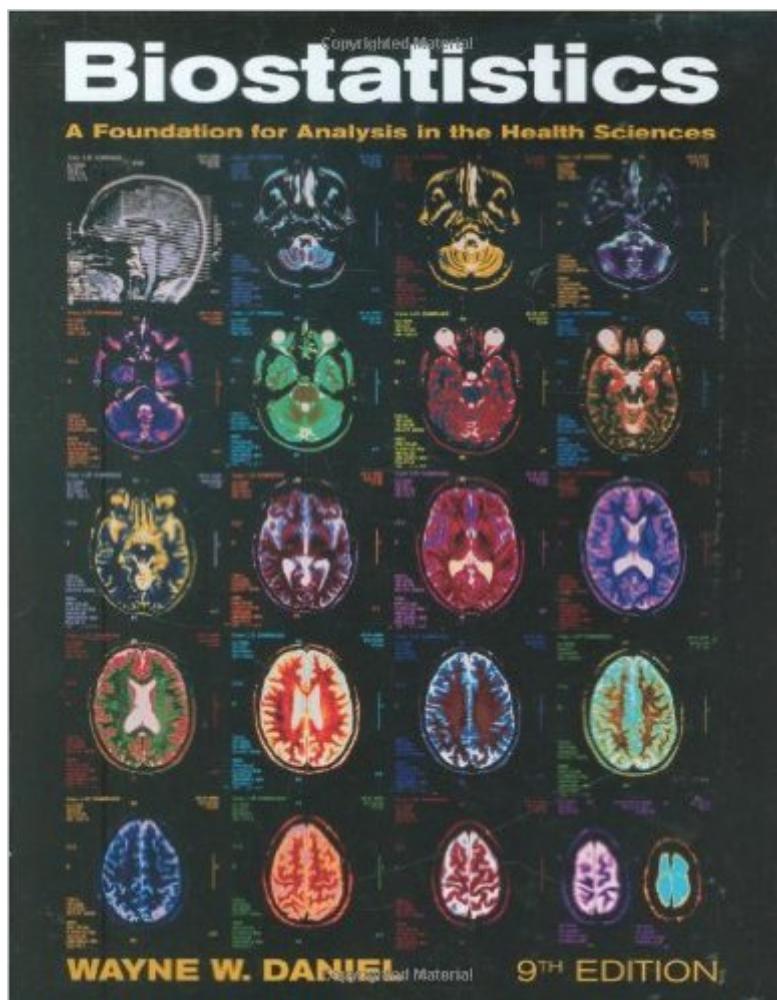


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Daniel obviously knows his statistics; but, I wouldn't think that is too helpful for individuals reading or studying from his textbook. The reasons are numerous, and all these reasons would reduce anyone's chances of solely using this book, or even using it at all. The textbook is well organized, however Daniel's writing often is pedantic, repetitive (not in the helpful way) and ambiguous at best. The examples and solutions occasionally have serious errors in them which affect the overall outcome of the test (A second consideration is that the book is in its 8th edition!!! therefore such errors are unacceptable for a person such as myself). An example can be found on page 239 (example 7.3.2). The pooled variance, as calculated by Daniel is approximately off by 100 simply because he didn't give attention to dividing the numerator with the proper pooled D.F of the samples. The chapter ironically was on hypothesis tests, something extremely important to any line of

empirically oriented statistics. In Chapter 8; which is probably the most important chapter in Biostatistics (ANOVAs) he does not mention the relationship between MSW and sample SD. Also, his usage of Summation in formulas often are unnecessarily overcomplicated. Such is not even seen in professional journals. I did like this textbook regardless of its many shortcomings, its not because I liked the author's style of writing. Its more or less the fact that my lecturer (I assume) used this book heavily in his lectures and so I used it as a supplementary text. I would suggest, Chap T. Le's Introductory Biostatistics. However he goes too much into nonparametric methods and proportions and doesn't concentrate (to the degree I wanted) on continuous data.

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