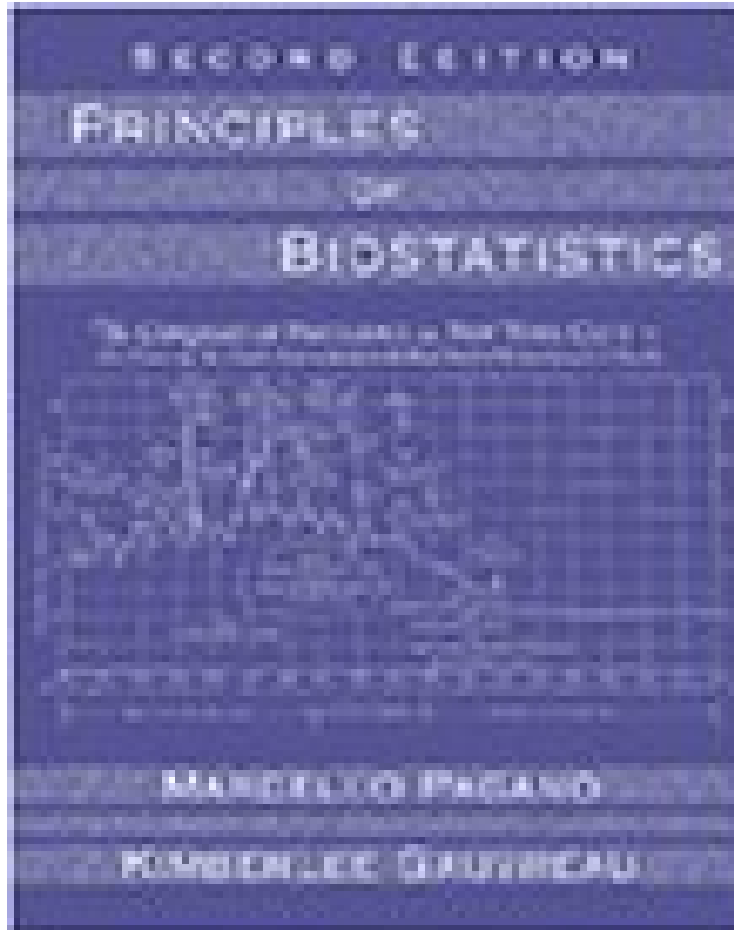


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I purchased this textbook for my principles of biostatistics class at college. It is, hands down, the worst textbook I have ever encountered. First of all, it gives no clear explanations of any of the concepts or how to the formulas. The examples given are long winded and span several pages, making it difficult to follow. In many cases, there are several paragraphs of text given to irrelevant background information(such as explaining some disease). The student must sift through all this information in attempt to find the 1-2 sentences which actually explain how to solve the problem. In addition, there are no solved problems at the back of the book. this makes it difficult to study for exams, because while I am sitting there solving practice problems I have no idea whether I am doing them correctly or not, unless the professor posts answers, which they usually do not find time to do. Finally, this book does not teach you how to use excel or any statistical software. I think this is a shame because outside of the classroom statistical software is always used. The only way I

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Marcello Pagano and Kimberlee Gauvreau's PRINCIPLES OF BIOSTATISTICS, Second Edition is a concepts-based introduction to statistical procedures that prepares public health, medical, and life sciences students to conduct and evaluate research. With an engaging writing style and helpful graphics, the emphasis is on concepts over formulas or rote memorization. Throughout the book, the authors use practical, interesting examples with real data to bring the material to life.

"I like the approach taken by these authors. The data examples are timely and fit well into a Public Health format... The statistical graphics are well handled in this text." About the Author Robert R. Pagano received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1956 and a Ph.D. in Biological Psychology from Yale University in 1965. He was Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington, Seattle, from 1965 to 1989. He was Associate Chairman of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh, from 1990 to June 2000. While there, in addition to his other duties, he served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, was the departmental adviser for undergraduate majors, taught both undergraduates and graduate statistics courses, and served as a statistical consultant for departmental faculty. Pagano was also Director of the Statistical Cores for two NIH center grants in schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease. He retired from the University of Pittsburgh in June 2000. Pagano taught introductory statistics courses at the University of Washington and at the University of Pittsburgh for over thirty years combined. While at the University of Washington, he was a finalist for the Outstanding Teaching award for his instruction of introductory statistics.