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Editorial Review

From the Publisher

The first book to deal comprehensively with specialized methods for categorical data with ordered categories. It assembles much of the material previously scattered in journals, including very recent methods such as loglinear and logit methods. The use of existing statistical computer packages for implementing these methods is explained. An extensive bibliography includes articles dealing with the analysis of ordinal categorical data, pulling together research from widely divergent sources.

From the Inside Flap

Statistical science now has its first coordinated manual of methods for analyzing ordered categorical data. The last decade has seen a dramatic rise in the development of methods for cross-classification tables having ordered categories. Volumes of material concerning specialized methods for ordinal variables have appeared scattered throughout the technical literature, but *Analysis of Ordinal Categorical Data* is the first book to present professional statisticians with a coherent view of them. These methods are being more and more frequently applied in such diverse fields as sociology, public health, ecology, marketing, and pharmacy. Researchers are finding that ordinal methods make possible simpler description of data, and also permit more powerful inferences about crucial questions of association linkages. This book holds the key to such applications, discussing specialized models that, unlike standard methods for nominal categorical data, efficiently use the information on ordering. There is no more organized and contemporary treatment of the various ways to analyze ordered categorical data. The book begins with an introduction to basic descriptive and inferential methods for categorical data, and then gives thorough coverage of the most current developments, such as the loglinear and logit models for ordinal data. The book places special emphasis on interpretation and application of methods, and it contains an integrated comparison of the available strategies for analyzing ordinal data. This is a case study work, with illuminating examples taken from across the wide spectrum of ordinal categorical applications. It features data sets concerning the influence of racial characteristics on the death penalty verdict for homicides; political ideology and party affiliation; the implications and effects of an operation for ulcers; and more. *Analysis of Ordinal Categorical Data* also explains in full how to implement methods by using existing statistical computer packages such as SAS, SPSS^x, and GLIM. This completes an invaluable resource that serious professional statisticians and researchers will need for future analysis in the social, political, behavioral, and biomedical fields.

From the Back Cover

Praise for the First Edition:

"The author has a fluent, easy-to-read style, and well-chosen interesting material to present and illustrate the ideas to the newcomer and the old hand alike."

—*Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*

Categorical data having ordered categories are common in practice, especially in applications throughout the biomedical and social sciences. Thoroughly updated to reflect developments since the publication of its predecessor, *Analysis of Ordinal Categorical Data*, Second Edition presents a comprehensive survey of methods for analyzing ordinal categorical data, complete with coverage of the most recent research.

The author highlights various modeling techniques, including cumulative logit models with and without proportional odds structure, adjacent-categories logit and continuation-ratio logit models, stereotype models, association models for ordinal odds ratios, and models for clustered ordinal data. Additional features of this

Second Edition include:

- A new chapter on marginal models for multivariate ordinal responses, using maximum likelihood and generalized estimating equations for model fitting
- A new chapter on random effects models for clustered ordinal data
- A new chapter on Bayesian approaches for analyzing ordinal data
- Models and order-restricted inference methods for various types of ordinal odds ratios, including local odds ratios, cumulative odds ratios, and global odds ratios
- Presentation of non-model-based methods, such as nonparametric rank methods that also apply to ordered categorical data

Each chapter concludes with notes on relevant research literature as well as exercises that allow readers to test their comprehension of the presented concepts. A detailed appendix discusses the use of the latest software such as SAS, R, SPSS, and Stata, and the book's related Web site provides further instructions for the use of these software packages along with complete data sets.

Analysis of Ordinal Categorical Data, Second Edition is an excellent book for courses on categorical data analysis at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also an invaluable resource for researchers and practitioners who conduct data analysis in the areas of public health, business, medicine, and the social and behavioral sciences.

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