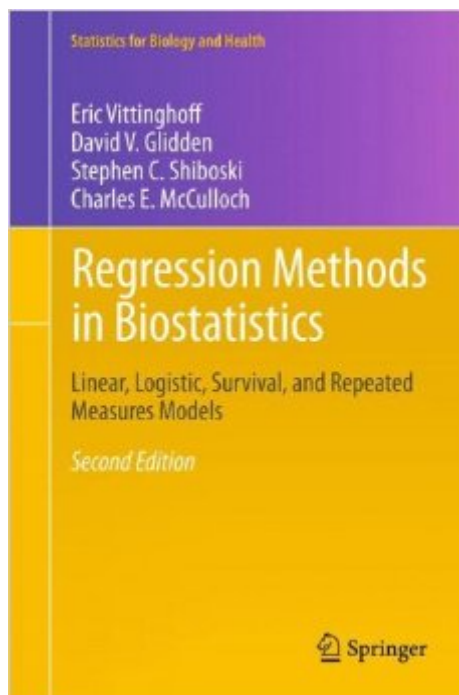


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Overall a very excellent, broad yet detailed overview of regression and statistical methods for parsing meaning and substance from different epidemiologic and/or other health-related investigations. One caveat: the writing is extremely verbose and geared toward analytic, mathematical parsing of meaning in context of data graphical overlays. Can be understood by any functional graduate student with robust quantitative skills, but is still a bit awkward/stilted in how the information is conveyed with numbering of tables, graphs, etc., in reference to textual explanations. Other than that, kudos. Very helpful.

Vittinghoff is very verbose in explanations of the methods within, but this is very useful to newcomers in the field. The examples are robust and coded in a number of common statistical programming environments.

The Kindle version struggles with the formatting of math equations and isn't much cheaper (albeit more convenient) than the hard copy. I would seriously consider ordering the actual book if I hadn't already purchased the Kindle version.

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