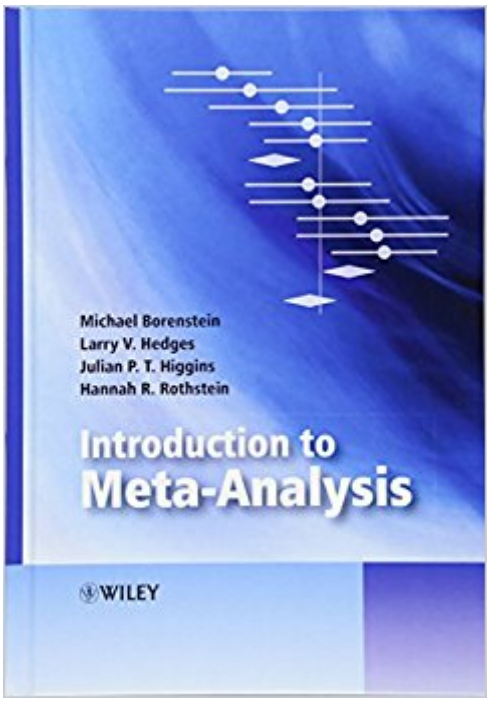
Introduction To Meta-Analysis



Synopsis

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My background is MBBS and master in epidemiology. At work I am required to produce a meta-analysis. This book is by far the best one on meta-analysis I’ve come across. For example for the topic of "random effect model", I search the net and read about 10 difference sources. Spent 10 hours, still didn’t understand it. Two weeks later, I still had to find an answer to "What is random effect model". So happens this book offers a free chapter exactly on comparing fixed and random effect models. That chapter was very easy to understand, plus it went into adequate depth for me, plus it gave very nice working examples. This is fantastic. This book is good because it explains difficult concepts using simple language, repeats difficult points multiple times using different ways to explain. He shows you theoretical formulae, then he gives you actual examples with numbers to plug into the formulae. Very well written. I only wish he covered ANOVA and Multiple regression in a dedicated chapter, explain them from ground up, in simple terms, go into depth, and show examples. In the book he indicates ANOVA & Regression are beyond the scope of the book. Please do make it part of the book, make it a whole separate chapter please.

I bought this book when starting a project for my engineering management master’s. I was to learn how to do a meta-analysis and perform a small one. This book started off at a point where I had no clue what was going on. I went back to read "Research synthesis and meta-analysis" by Harris Cooper. After getting the basics there, I totally understood this book. If you know nothing about this topic, this book might not be your best starting point.Also, this book was written by the people who make the software program "Comprehensive meta-analysis", which is a really great program. They

offer student pricing as well.Once you get the program, the book makes even more sense.

This is a textbook I needed for a graduate seminar. It's one of the standard texts giving the theoretical underpinning as well as practical guidance in performing meta-analysis.I was very pleased to find it on at a great price. Also, it was delivered very promptly.

Introduction to Meta-Analysis is straight forward and easy to read. There are plenty of examples to illustrate main ideas and content is repeated in just the right way so that one nascent to meta-analysis can actually figure it out.

Though I only have a background in applied statistical methodology, I found this book easy to follow and, more importantly, understand. For that reason, I would strongly recommend it to anyone engaging in self-directed study. Additionally, while working through the examples, I was easily able to use both Excel as well as R for almost every computation.

This is a very good book for anyone starting to get into doing meta-analyses. Whether you're in social sciences, or medical/ life sciences, this book is a great source. The only downside was that at the time I ordered it, did not have any in stock, so it took more than 5 weeks to be delivered...

This book was assigned in the Meta-Analysis class I took and it was really helpful. I think it is a must have for anyone conducting a meta.

Good condition, great book. Easy read.

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