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*Vicarious Learning Produced by an Instructional Simulation* Simon and Schuster

Covering both the scientific basis of rheumatology and practical, clinical information for rheumatologists and trainees, *Rheumatology*, 8th Edition, remains a leading text in this fast-changing field. Dr. Marc Hochberg and his team of worldwide editors and authors keep you abreast of recent advances in the field— all in a user-friendly, accessible manner. Fully updated from cover to cover, this two-volume text is designed to meet the needs of all practicing and academic rheumatologists as well as

arthritis-related health care professionals and scientists interested in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Covers the epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, therapeutic approach, and management of all major as well as rarely encountered rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Discusses clinical examination, imaging principles, differential diagnosis, established and novel therapies, perioperative evaluation, pain management, basic science, and genetics of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Uses a consistent, logical, reader-friendly format with templated chapters, concise text, and large-scale, state-of-the-art illustrations for efficient visual reference. Contains new chapters covering pre-clinical disease and how to address these patients, common comorbidities in rheumatoid arthritis; emerging therapies for systemic sclerosis; immune

mediated complications of checkpoint inhibitors; the epidemiology of COVID-19 and rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, emerging treatments for osteoarthritis, and big data analytics. Provides updates to key topics such as systems biology and its impact on our understanding of the pathogenesis of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, the microbiome in rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases, how to manage chronic pain in the patient with a rheumatic disease, drugs and reproductive health, and emerging therapies for patients with RA, SLE, spondyloarthritis, inflammatory muscle disease, and vasculitis. Shares the knowledge and expertise of numerous new contributing authors, as well as new co-editor Dr. Désirée van der Heijde, who is an expert in psoriatic arthritis, spondyloarthritis, imaging, and clinical epidemiology. Provides access to concise videos depicting the use of ultrasound for diagnosis and treatment.

Springer Nature

This textbook on statistics is written for students in medicine, epidemiology, and public health. It builds on the important role evidence-based medicine now plays in the clinical practice of physicians, physician assistants and allied health practitioners. By bringing research design and statistics to the fore, this book can integrate these skills into the curricula of professional programs. Students, particularly practitioners-in-training, will learn statistical skills that are required of today's clinicians. Practice problems at the end of each chapter and downloadable data sets provided by the authors ensure readers get practical experience that they can then apply to their own work.

Observational Astrophysics John Wiley & Sons

This bestselling pocket guide to the skills of evidence-based medicine succeeds in demystifying the terminology and processes in a handy and easy-to-follow format, all within the space of 100 pages. With an improved layout, this second edition of Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit offers more up-to-date guidance as well as new sections on important areas of research. New features of this second edition include: A box for each major database showing how to search the evidence, and highlighting the differences between them Flow charts for different study types New critical appraisal sections on qualitative research and economic evaluation Expanded list of EBM resources on the net. With these added features to make the job easier, the new Toolkit is now an even better companion for all health care professionals using evidence-based methodology in their research and practice.

*Multivariate Matching with Non-normal Covariates in Observational Studies* 5starcooks

The effect of video and written modeling on self-efficacy of 70 master's degree students enrolled in their first techniques course was investigated. The ability to understand and use reflection of content, feeling, and meaning was presented to the experimental group through videotaped instruction and examples and the control group through written instruction and examples. Facts about reflecting skills, which included information and three vignettes, demonstrated the use of the skills. Through two pilot studies, the Reflecting Skills Questionnaire (RSQ) developed for this study showed convergent validity with the Counseling Self-Estimate Inventory (COSE). Participants' indication of self-efficacy for the reflection of content, feeling, and meaning was assessed

by the RSQ. A t - test was computed to determine whether video or written treatment had an effect on the self efficacy of counselors in training. Using a two-tailed t - test for independent groups, no significant difference ( $p > .05$ ) was found.

*Coordination of Observational Projects in Astronomy* Universal-Publishers

An introduction for undergraduates to every stage of sociological research, showing how to deal effectively with typical problems they might encounter. The book is fully updated to include examples from the LA riots and the 1992 presidential elections.

**Observational Techniques** Corwin Press

In simple and non-technical terms, this text illustrates a wide range of techniques and approaches used in social research projects.

Histories of Scientific Observation Oxford University Press

Observational data are frequently used for causal inference of treatment effects on prespecified outcomes. Several widely used causal inference methods have adopted the method of inverse propensity score weighting (IPW) to alleviate the influence of confounding. However, the IPW-type methods, including the doubly robust methods, are prone to large variation in the estimation of causal effects due to possible extreme weights. In this research, we developed an ordinary least-squares (OLS)-based causal inference method, which does not involve the inverse weighting of the individual propensity scores. We first considered the scenario of homogeneous treatment effect. We proposed a two-stage estimation procedure, which leads to a model-free estimator of average treatment effect (ATE). At the first stage, two summary scores, the propensity and mean

scores, are estimated nonparametrically using regression splines. The targeted ATE is obtained as a plug-in estimator that has a closed form expression. Our simulation studies showed that this model-free estimator of ATE is consistent, asymptotically normal and has superior operational characteristics in comparison to the widely used IPW-type methods. We then extended our method to the scenario of heterogeneous treatment effects, by adding in an additional stage of modeling the covariate-specific treatment effect function nonparametrically while maintaining the model-free feature, and the simplicity of OLS-based estimation. The estimated covariate-specific function serves as an intermediate step in the estimation of ATE and thus can be utilized to study the treatment effect heterogeneity. We discussed ways of using advanced machine learning techniques in the proposed method to accommodate high dimensional covariates. We applied the proposed method to a case study evaluating the effect of early combination of biologic & non-biologic disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) compared to step-up treatment plan in children with newly onset of juvenile idiopathic arthritis disease (JIA). The proposed method gives strong evidence of significant effect of early combination at 0:05 level. On average early aggressive use of biologic DMARDs leads to around 1:2 to 1:7 more reduction in clinical juvenile disease activity score at 6-month than the step-up plan for treating JIA.

*Causality* Manchester University Press

This User's Guide is a resource for investigators and stakeholders who develop and review observational comparative effectiveness research protocols. It explains how to (1) identify key considerations and best practices for research design; (2) build a

protocol based on these standards and best practices; and (3) judge the adequacy and completeness of a protocol. Eleven chapters cover all aspects of research design, including: developing study objectives, defining and refining study questions, addressing the heterogeneity of treatment effect, characterizing exposure, selecting a comparator, defining and measuring outcomes, and identifying optimal data sources. Checklists of guidance and key considerations for protocols are provided at the end of each chapter. The User's Guide was created by researchers affiliated with AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program, particularly those who participated in AHRQ's DEcIDE (Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions About Effectiveness) program. Chapters were subject to multiple internal and external independent reviews. More information, please consult the Agency website: [www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov](http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov)

### **Statistics in Clinical and Observational Vaccine Studies**

University of Chicago Press

This study tested the prediction that observational learning will be more effective for motor tasks having substantial cognitive demands than for those that do not. Subjects were divided into three treatment groups: performers, observers, and non-observe controls. In Phase 1, subjects were trained on a computer based flight task requiring relatively little cognitive demands. In Phase 2, subjects were trained on a different flight task that had significant cognitive and strategic demands. In Phase 1, performers were superior to both observers and controls; the observers did not differ significantly from the controls. In Phase 2, observation showed a beneficial effect for females. The female

observers performed as well as the female performers. The results of this study suggest that observational learning benefits tasks with significant cognitive components more than tasks that are primarily psychomotor. Implications for computer based training are discussed.

*The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Science* Taylor & Francis

A state of the art volume on statistical causality *Causality: Statistical Perspectives and Applications* presents a wide-ranging collection of seminal contributions by renowned experts in the field, providing a thorough treatment of all aspects of statistical causality. It covers the various formalisms in current use, methods for applying them to specific problems, and the special requirements of a range of examples from medicine, biology and economics to political science. This book: Provides a clear account and comparison of formal languages, concepts and models for statistical causality. Addresses examples from medicine, biology, economics and political science to aid the reader's understanding. Is authored by leading experts in their field. Is written in an accessible style. Postgraduates, professional statisticians and researchers in academia and industry will benefit from this book.

**Evidence-Based Medicine Toolkit** Harvard University Press

Change the entire school culture with this collaborative method of supervision! For years, the classic supervision model has frustrated both principals and teachers by fostering superior-subordinate relationships, focusing on teacher conformity rather than growth, or producing checklist data that are irrelevant to the curriculum. The Three-Minute Classroom Walk-Through offers a

practical, time-saving alternative that impacts student achievement by cultivating self-reliant teachers who are continuously improving their practice. This method answers principals' key questions: Is the work of my teachers aligned with district curriculum? Are my teachers using research-based "best practices"? Are they choosing the instructional strategies that will promote student achievement?

**Assessment of Cancer Screening** Springer Science & Business Media

A companion volume to Family Observational Coding Systems, this book moves from the triad to the dyad and provides a showcase for significant developments in the coding of intimate couple interactions. The hope is that this book will contribute to the broadening and deepening of the field by disseminating information both about the coding systems that have been developed, as well as the conceptual and methodological issues involved in couple observational research. The first three chapters present overviews of conceptual and methodological issues in the study of couple processes. The remaining chapters describe contributions to the field by 16 teams of researchers. Each chapter provides information about the conceptual underpinnings and structure of the coding system developed by the authors and evidence for its psychometric properties. Couple Observational Coding Systems will be of interest to researchers studying couple interactions as well as clinicians who work with couples.

*Beyond observation* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Observation is the most pervasive and fundamental practice of all

the modern sciences, both natural and human. Its instruments include not only the naked senses but also tools such as the telescope and microscope, the questionnaire, the photographic plate, the notebook, the glassed-in beehive, and myriad other ingenious inventions designed to make the invisible visible, the evanescent permanent, the abstract concrete. Yet observation has almost never been considered as an object of historical inquiry in itself. This wide-ranging collection offers the first examination of the history of scientific observation in its own right, as both epistemic category and scientific practice. *Histories of Scientific Observation* features engaging episodes drawn from across the spectrum of the natural and human sciences, ranging from meteorology, medicine, and natural history to economics, astronomy, and psychology. The contributions spotlight how observers have scrutinized everything—from seaweed to X-ray radiation, household budgets to the emotions—with ingenuity, curiosity, and perseverance verging on obsession. This book makes a compelling case for the significance of the long, surprising, and epistemologically significant history of scientific observation, a history full of innovations that have enlarged the possibilities of perception, judgment, and reason.

Statistical Literacy for Clinical Practitioners Cambridge University Press

The Oxford Handbook of Research Strategies for Clinical Psychology has recruited some of the field's foremost experts to explicate the essential research strategies currently used across the modern clinical psychology landscape that maximize both scientific rigor and clinical relevance.

**Symbolic Coding Processes in Observational Learning** CUP

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Propensity score methods have shown to reduce selection bias in observational studies. However, the consistency of the propensity score (PS) estimators strongly depends on a correct specification of the PS model. Logistic regression (LR) and recently machine learning tools are commonly used to estimate the propensity scores. We introduce a stacked generalization ensemble learning approach to improve propensity score estimation by fitting a meta learner on the predictions of a suitable set of diverse base learners. We perform a comprehensive Monte Carlo simulation study, implementing eight scenarios that mimic characteristics of typical data sets in educational studies. The treatment effect is estimated using the PS in Inverse Probability of Treatment Weighting (IPTW) with ATE weights. Performance of the models was evaluated by PS prediction accuracy, percent absolute bias, mean squared error and standard errors of treatment effect estimates, weight distribution and achieved covariate balance. Our proposed ensembles, especially using LR and GBM as meta learners trained on a set of 13 base learner predictions, led to superior reduction of bias compared to all underlying base learners. We examine modifications of the underlying base learner set and support recent literature that both, superior PS prediction accuracy and superior balance do not necessarily lead to more precise treatment effect estimates. Our findings suggest that stacked ensembles will allow educational researchers to obtain more precise treatment effect estimates in propensity score studies. We apply our best models to assess the average treatment effect of a Supplemental Instruction (SI) program in an introductory psychology (PSY 101) course at San Diego State

University. We show that our methods balance the data after weighting and then confirm results in the recent literature that SI has a significantly positive impact on student success in the PSY101 course.

## **A Comparison of Two Approaches of Symbolic Modeling and Self-Efficacy** SAGE

Since its launch in 1991, the Yohkoh satellite has been returning unprecedented observations of solar flares and the dynamic solar corona. This book is a collection of papers presented at a meeting held in: Yoyogi, Tokyo, on the occasion of Yohkoh's fifth anniversary of operation. The papers constitute a summary of observations and results over the five years, including contributions based on data from Yohkoh's hard and soft X-ray telescopes and its spectrometer experiments. The five years of data, covering approximately one-half of a solar cycle, reveal a fresh perspective on solar science, with a new picture of solar flares and the active Sun emerging. Also, for the first time there are extensive results from Yohkoh observations of the Sun during the solar minimum period. This wide-ranging volume will be of interest to workers in solar physics and X-ray astronomy. It also contains material appropriate for supplemental reading for graduate students in solar physics.

*The Oxford Handbook of Research Strategies for Clinical Psychology* Routledge

No fictional character is more renowned for his extraordinary powers of mind than Sherlock Holmes. But what exactly is it that sets him apart as a detective of the highest order, and can we harness his genius? In *Mastermind*, psychologist Maria Konnikova shows us how we can all channel Holmes's famous powers of

deduction, observation, memory and imagination. Drawing on the latest research in neuroscience and psychology, Konnikova unpacks the mental strategies that can help sharpen our perceptions, improve our logic and enhance our creative powers. *Mastermind* is a remarkable and entertaining guide to upgrading the mind.

[Mastermind](#) Springer Nature

The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Science is an indispensable reference source and guide to the major themes, debates, problems and topics in philosophy of science. It contains sixty-two specially commissioned entries by a leading team of international contributors. Organized into four parts it covers: historical and philosophical context debates concepts the individual sciences. The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Science addresses all of the essential topics that students of philosophy of science need to know - from empiricism, explanation and experiment to causation, observation, prediction and more - and contains many helpful features including chapters on individual sciences (such as biology, chemistry, physics and psychology), further reading and cross-referencing at the end of each chapter. Expanded and revised throughout, this second edition includes new chapters on Conventionalism, Social Epistemology, Computer Simulation, Thought Experiments, Pseudoscience, Species and Taxonomy, and Cosmology.

[Observational Research in U.S. Classrooms](#) Springer Science & Business Media

Cancer screening is a prominent strategy in cancer control in the United States, yet the ability to correctly interpret cancer screening data eludes many researchers, clinicians, and policy

makers. This open access primer rectifies that situation by teaching readers, in simple language and with straightforward examples, why and how the population-level cancer burden changes when screening is implemented, and how we assess whether that change is of benefit. This book provides an in-depth look at the many aspects of cancer screening and its assessment, including screening phenomena, performance measures, population-level outcomes, research designs, and other important and timely topics. Concise, accessible, and focused, *Assessment of Cancer Screening: A Primer* is best suited to those with education or experience in clinical research or public health in the United States - no previous knowledge of cancer screening assessment is necessary. This is the first text dedicated to cancer screening theory and methodology to be published in 20 years.

*A New Observational Method for Estimating Larval Tiger Salamander (*Anbystoma Tigrinum*) Density* Elsevier Health Sciences

This is a hands-on guide for both the budding astronomer in need of a mentor and the seasoned observer who wants to learn how to effectively share their knowledge with newcomers. Through decades of teaching observational astronomy at the high school and college level, Dr. Daniel E. Barth has inspired thousands of beginners, and in this book he shares the many ways that you can learn and teach others, too. The chapters contain a plethora of practical projects in observational astronomy that can be done on your own or with others, delighting any hobbyist with the many wonders of the night sky. The activities are tailored for different skill levels, always starting from the basics and working their way up to more challenging tasks. They can be done

outdoors with a telescope or indoors with a few simple materials, depending on the sky conditions and time of year. Make astronomy fun for all with these engaging DIY projects, which include step-by-step instructions for modeling, sketching, observing, recording, and many other interactive exercises.

Appropriate for the amateur who wants to teach their passion, the beginner who has their very first telescope, the binocular owner, and even those who do not yet own equipment, Star Mentor is your guide to forming and sharing a lifelong love for astronomy.

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