

dex and a collection of problems, but only Alexander and Freund include answers (and then for the odd-numbered problems only). Wilks' book is the only one that does not contain some of the more common statistical tables. Alexander has an appendix on matrices, Freund has an appendix on sums and products, and Birnbaum has two appendices—one on some elementary concepts of the theory of sets and one on the inequalities of Schwarz and Cauchy. Alexander has a bibliography of 15 items, and comments thereon, and Wilks gives 19 pages of references and author index. Each of these books, commensurate with its general level of presentation, introduces probability in terms of set and measure theory. Alexander and Freund do not discuss partial or multiple correlation. I do not propose to undertake a detailed review of the contents of these books, but it is my opinion that each of the authors has reasonably well accomplished his indicated objectives and that the books may well serve as suitable texts for use at the three levels I have indicated (junior, senior, and graduate), although a prior introduction to probability and mathematical statistics would also be useful to the reader of Wilks' book. Freund is a good and experienced textbook writer.

I found misprints, errors, and questionable exposition in each of the four books, but not to such an extent as to degrade their utility and I do not propose to pick at these in detail. I do wonder why Alexander and Birnbaum omitted consideration of factorial moments and their generating function, which are especially convenient in the study of discrete distributions, and I am disappointed by the minimal treatment accorded by these authors to the analysis of categorical data in the form of three-way, or higher order, contingency tables.

Wilks' book is certainly one that will be a must for the personal library of every serious statistician. It is a thoroughly up-to-date book that can well serve as the textbook for a two-year comprehensive course in advanced mathematical statistics. Particularly good is the breakdown between parametric and nonparametric estimation and between tests of parametric and nonparametric statistical hypotheses. It is my opinion, based on classroom experience, that Wilks' exposition would have been improved had he used matrix notation more widely through-

out his book, where applicable. In view of the numerous abbreviations and notational symbolism introduced in the more than 600 pages of his book, an index or summary of abbreviations and notations would be very helpful to the reader. I hope that Wilks will consider these last items for the next edition of his book.

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