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The practice of meta-analysis allows researchers to obtain findings from various studies and compile them to verify and form one overall conclusion. *Statistical Meta-Analysis with Applications* presents the necessary statistical methodologies that allow readers to tackle the four main stages of meta-analysis: problem formulation, data collection, data evaluation, and data analysis and interpretation. Combining the authors' expertise on the topic with a wealth of up-to-date information, this book successfully introduces the essential statistical practices for making thorough and accurate discoveries across a wide array of diverse fields, such as business, public health, biostatistics, and environmental studies.

Two main types of statistical analysis serve as the foundation of the methods and techniques: combining tests of effect size and combining estimates of effect size. Additional topics covered include:

- Meta-analysis regression procedures
- Multiple-endpoint and multiple-treatment studies
- The Bayesian approach to meta-analysis
- Publication bias
- Vote counting procedures
- Methods for combining individual tests and combining individual estimates
- Using meta-analysis to analyze binary and ordinal categorical data

Numerous worked-out examples in each chapter provide the reader with a step-by-step understanding of the presented methods. All exercises can be computed using the R and SAS software packages, which are both available via the book's related Web site. Extensive references are also included, outlining additional sources for further study.

Requiring only a working knowledge of statistics, *Statistical Meta-Analysis with Applications* is a valuable supplement for courses in biostatistics, business, public health, and social research at the upper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also an excellent reference for applied statisticians working in industry, academia, and government.

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