

UNDERSTANDING BASIC STATISTICS

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Preface

Understanding Basic Statistics is an introductory course in Statistics. This book intends to help students who may have little knowledge in mathematics. This book focuses on the broad usefulness of statistics, while helping students develop a clear understanding of statistical methods and statistical reasoning. This book is divided into four sections with thirteen chapters. Since this is the first edition of the book, errors are likely to exist. I accept full responsibility for such errors. Readers should endeavour to bring this to my notice.

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