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The book's audience

- Researchers in the biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences wanting to analyze multilevel or longitudinal/panel data
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Volume I is devoted to continuous Gaussian linear mixed models and has nine chapters organized into four parts. The first part reviews linear regression and is a useful refresher of or introduction to Stata. The second part provides in-depth coverage of two-level models. It starts by introducing the notion of random effects for models without covariates, then smoothly generalizes to randomintercept models with covariates, emphasizing the distinction between within- and between-cluster effects, and finally introduces random slopes or coefficients. The third part of volume I describes models for longitudinal and panel data, including fixed-effects models, dynamic models, marginal models (a new chapter), and growth-curve models (a new chapter). The fourth and final part covers models with nested and crossed random effects, including a new chapter describing in more detail higher-level nested models for continuous outcomes. Volume I is ideal for a course on multilevel or longitudinal modeling-for courses that also cover analysis of binary responses, the chapter on this topic from volume II is freely downloadable from the book's website.

Volume II is devoted to generalized linear mixed models for binary, categorical, count, and survival outcomes. The second volume has seven chapters also organized into four parts. The first three parts in volume II cover models for categorical responses, including binary, ordinal, and nominal or discrete-choice (a new chapter); models for count data; and models for survival or duration data, including discrete-time and continuous-time (a new chapter) survival. The fourth and final part in volume II describes models with nested and crossed-random effects with an emphasis on binary outcomes. Each chapter also discusses alternatives to mixed models, such as generalized estimating equations and fixed effects or conditional maximum likelihood approaches.

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The authors ... provide a comprehensive and lucid account of multilevel modelling. Even complex models are clearly and sufficiently explained with surprisingly little mathematical content...The book discusses many topics which are ignored in other standard textbooks, such as endogeneity, the difference between within and between subject effects in panel models or lagged response and autoregressive models. ... The book is, therefore, an excellent combination of a thorough introduction to multilevel modelling and a tutorial on Stata commands for analysing such models. ... Examples in the text and exercises at the end of each chapter are stimulating and cover a wide range of real life applications from medical, behavioural and social science research. ... In summary, the book is...very well-written and provides [a] comprehensive guide to multilevel modelling, both from a practical and a theoretical point of view.

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