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THE following chapters are based on the courses of instruction given during my tenure of the Newmarch Lectureship in Statistics at University College, London, in the sessions 1902–1909. The variety of illustrations and examples has, however, been increased to render the book more suitable for the use of biologists and others besides those interested in economic and vital statistics, and some of the more difficult parts of the subject have been treated in greater detail than was possible in a sessional course of some thirty lectures. To enable the student to proceed further, with the subject, fairly detailed lists of references to the original memoirs have been given: exercises have also been added for the benefit, more especially, of the student who is working without the assistance of a teacher.

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THE "Introduction to the Theory of Statistics" having completed five-and twenty years of life, it was decided that the time had come when a complet revision should be made. This, I felt, I could not personally undertakit was clearly a task for a younger man, more in touch with recent literatur and less affected by the prejudices of age in favour of the old and th familiar.

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I hope that in its new form the book may long continue to be of servi to further generations of students.

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A. Notation.

The reader is assumed to be familiar with the commoner mathematical signs, *e.g.* those for addition and multiplication. We shall also employ the following symbols, all of which are in general use :---

The Factorial Sign.

The symbol n i, read "factorial n," means the number

 $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \ldots \times (n-2) \times (n-1) \times n$

Factorial n is by some writers expressed by the symbol [n], but this notation appears to be falling out of use in favour of n!, probably owing to the greater ease with which the latter form can be printed and type-written.

The Combinatorial Sign.

The symbol ${}^{n}C_{r}$ means the number of ways in which r things can be chosen from n things, e.g. ${}^{52}C_{13}$ is the number of ways in which a hand of cards can be dealt from an ordinary pack of 52 cards.

In most text-books on Algebra it is shown that

$$C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = {}^nC_{(n-r)}$$

The Summation Sign.

The sum of *n* numbers $x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n$ is written $S(x_r)$, fead "sum x_r from one to *n*," *i.e.*

 $S_{n-1}(x_r) = x_1 + x_3 + x_3 + \dots + x_{(n-1)} + x_n$

Where no ambiguity is likely to arise, the suffix r and the limits written above and below S are omitted, *e.g.* the above sum would be written simply S(x), it being understood from the context that the summation extends over the n values.

Many writers use the Greek letter Σ instead of S.

The Greek Alphabet.

As the letters of the Greek alphabet will often be used as symbols, we give for convenience the names of those letters.

Small Letter.	Capital Letter.	Name.	Small Letter.	Capital Letter.	Name.
a	A	• alpha	v	N	нu
β	B	bet a	ξ	Ξ	xi
· Y	Г	gamma	0	0	omicron
δ	7	delt a	π	п	pi
E	E	epsilon	ρ	Р	rho
ζ	Z	zeta	σ, ς	Σ	sigma
η	Н	eta	τ	Т	tau
θ	Θ	theta	υ	Ŷ	upsilon
L	I	iota	¢	Ф	pĥi
ĸ	К	kappa	x	х	chi (pron. ki)
λ	л	lambda	Ψ	¥	psi
μ	М	mu	ω	Ω	omega

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B. Calculating Tables.

For heavy arithmetical work a calculating machine is invaluable; but owing to their cost machines are, as a rule, beyond the reach of the student.

For a great deal of simple work, especially work not intended for publication, the student will find a slide rule exceedingly useful: particulars and prices will be found in any instrument-maker's catalogue. For greater exactness in multiplying or dividing, logarithms are almost essential.

If it is desired to avoid logarithms, use may be made of extended multiplication tables. There are a great many of these and some references to different forms are given in the list on pages 524-525.

In addition to general arithmetical tables of this kind, the student will derive invaluable aid from Barlow's "Tables of Squares, Cubes, Squareroots, Cube-roots, and Reciprocals of All Integral Numbers up to 10,000" (E. & F. N. Spon, London and New York, price 7s. 6d.), which are useful over a wide range of statistical work.

C. Special Tables of Functions Useful in Statistical Work.

The tables and diagram at the end of this book will cover most of the student's ordinary requirements. Other tables appear in the works cited on page 525. The more advanced student will find it useful to have "Tables for Statisticians and Biometricians" (Cambridge University Press, Part 1, price 15s., and Part 2, price 30s.)—particularly Part 1. Research workers will wish to have the tables appended to R. A. Fisher's "Statistical Methods for Research Workers," 6th ed. (Oliver & Boyd, price 15s.).

D. References to the Text.

Each section in the book is distinguished by a number in heavy type consisting of the number of the chapter in which the section occurs prefixed to the number of the section in that chapter and separated from it by a period; e.g. 7.13 means the Thirteenth Section of Chapter 7, and 10.1 refers to the First Section of Chapter 10. The Introduction,

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which precedes Chapter 1, is for this purpose regarded as Chapter 0, e.g. 0.26 refers to the Twenty-sixth Section of the Introduction. References to sections are given simply by the number of the sections, e.g. "We saw in 8.3" means "We saw in the Third Section of Chapter 8."

Similarly, equations, tables, examples, exercises and diagrams are distinguished first of all with the number of the chapter in which they occur and then, separated by a period, with their serial number within the chapter, e.g. "Table 6.7" refers to the Seventh Table in Chapter 6, and "Equation (17.8)" refers to the Eighth Equation of Chapter 17. These figures are in ordinary type.

This simple notation saves a good deal of unnecessary wording. To facilitate quickness of reference we sometimes give pages as well.

A distinction is drawn between *examples*, which are given in the text for purposes of illustration, and *exercises*, which are set at the end of the chapter for the student to work out for himself.

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