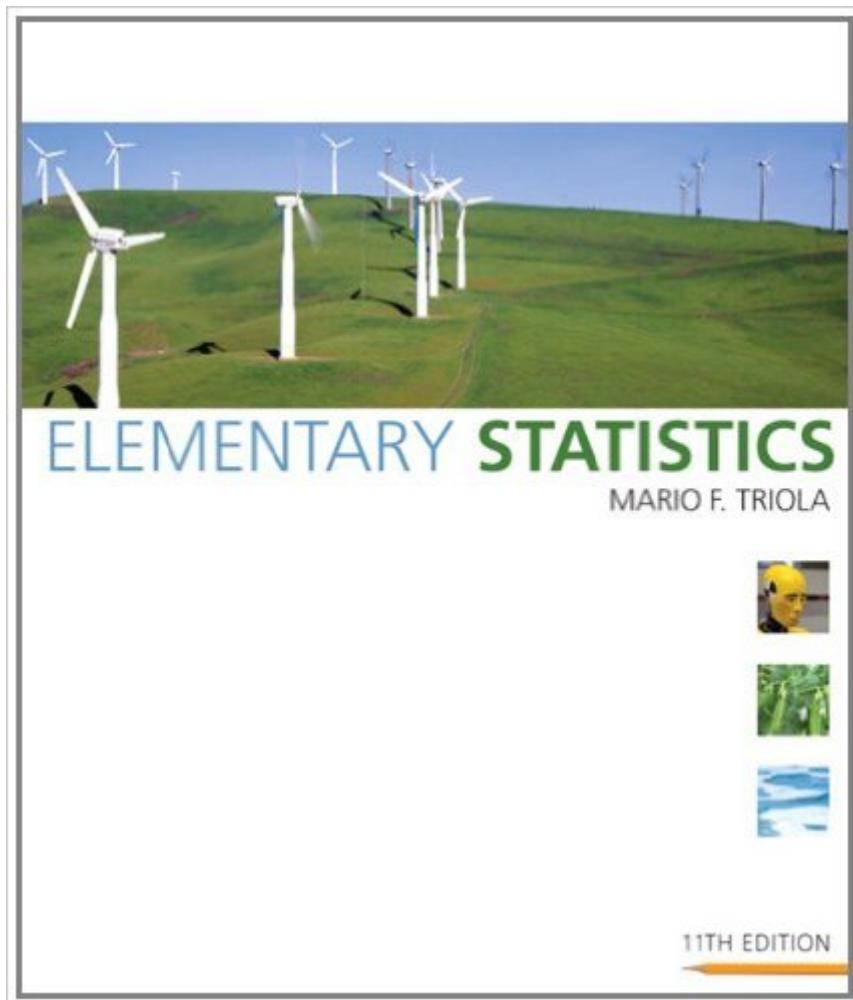


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Our department has used Triola's statistics book for our large, multi-section baby stats course for at least the past six years, and it was through simple inertia that we adopted the 11th edition. Using the earlier editions, I had almost begun to like Triola's follow-the-recipe approach, and was able to make the course useful to some of our students. The 11th edition, however, is far worse than anything that came before. The publishers have made numerous changes to format, style, and content, and not one of them is for the better. Format: The new edition has more clutter than ever in the margins. Just about every page contains a distracting and usually irrelevant sidebar, and color photographs

(likewise irrelevant) push their way into the text everywhere, as if the designers were trying to show off their collection of pictures and their ability to flow text around them. The actual text, when you can find it amid this clamoring circus of marginal distractions, is marred by too-frequent changes in background color and font size. It's difficult to read, and it's difficult to orient oneself in the text, because the designers, while splashing color and font changes all over the place, somehow managed to make the chapter and section headings disappear. Just try to find the beginning of Section 4-4. The decision to use a proportional-space font in the tables of numbers on the Formulas and Tables card suggests that the designer has never done any work with tables of numbers. Style: It's clear from the writing style that Dr. Triola is no longer involved in the manufacture of the product that bears his name.

I am using this book in a basic statistics course via MyMathLab. I purchased the book as part of MyMathLab, and I'm publishing my review here so that others will know. The online version of the text costs \$80.00. That is by far the most expensive ebook I've ever purchased. According to Pearson (the people who produce MyMathLab) I am only able to access the book while online. There is no way to download it to my device. The other reviewers are absolutely correct - it contains an incredible amount of material that has little or nothing to help students learn statistics. I can only use the ebook while I am registered for the course. Once that registration expires, I do not have access to the book ever again under any circumstances for the rest of my life. The \$80.00 I paid for the ebook is gone, and so is the book, once the course is over. If I actually wanted to use the book in a real life situation after I complete the course (which I would never recommend), I'd have to buy the paper version at full price - which I won't do. Since the book is part of MyMathLab, I can not copy or paste text, so there is no way to make notes of my own based on text in the book. Nor is there any way to highlight text, or add comments to the text. There is no way to save the text. In addition to the errors mentioned by other reviewers, there are other very frustrating designs in the text. Most obvious is the complete lack of links. If the text says "see Appendix B", there is no link in the text to Appendix B. It might be 600 pages away, and it's up to the student to figure out how to find it. The table of contents can get someone to chapter headings, but it's not easy or intuitive. There are a lot of other issues with the book and the ebook.

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