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"As research in the language sciences becomes more interdisciplinary, students must become proficient in a wider range of data analysis methods. Johnson’s text is a comprehensive and detailed introduction to some of the most widely used statistical methods in language research. The book teaches by example, walking the reader through the analysis of data sets using the software package R, which provides concrete understanding of how to apply the methods, not just understand them conceptually. This is a good practical text, one that can serve as a handbook, and is appropriate for graduate students and advanced undergraduates who are doing research in the broad field of language." *Mark A Pitt, Ohio State University*

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"This rich and rewarding textbook is a must-read for all students and researchers who wish to follow the new wave of sophisticated empirical models and methods now sweeping the field of linguistics from phonetics to syntax and semantics." *Joan Bresnan, Stanford University*

From the Back Cover
Quantitative Methods in Linguistics introduces the general strategies and methods of quantitative analysis. The book dedicates individual chapters to phonetics, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, and syntax, as well as two introductory chapters on probability distribution and quantitative methods.

Each chapter uses actual data sets which have been contributed by researchers working in the field to illustrate key principles. The book also provides detailed instruction in practical aspects of handling quantitative linguistic data by using statistical software package (R) to discover patterns in quantitative data and to test linguistic hypotheses. End-of-chapter assignments and a balanced presentation make this an ideal text for students.

Further information and resources are available from the accompanying website at www.blackwellpublishing.com/quantmethods.

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