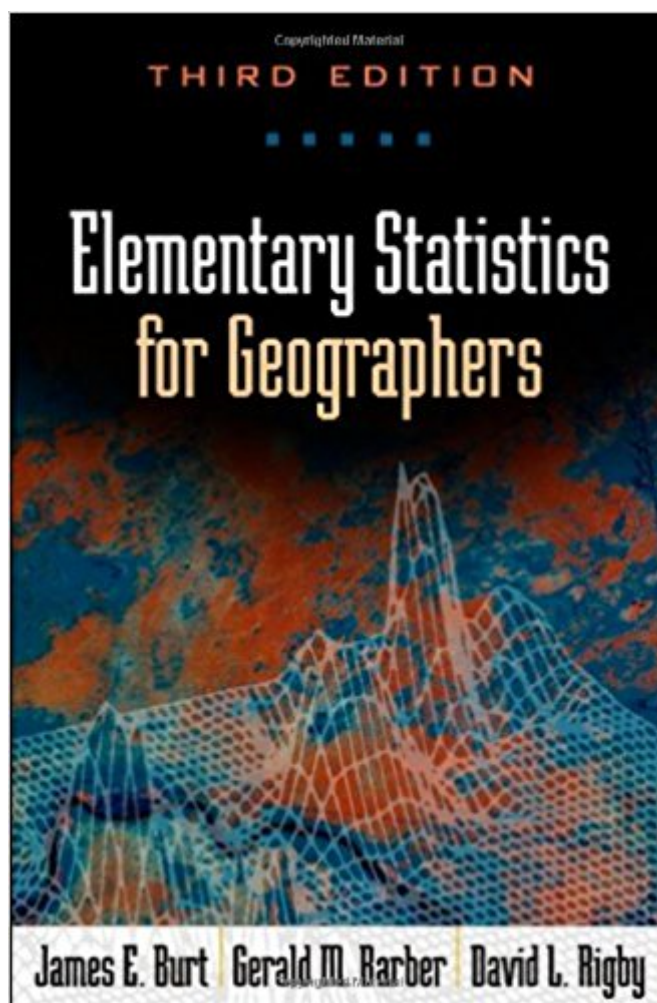


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To be fair, I am not terrific at Statistics to begin with, but I’m not clueless either (I made a B in college). I’ve read enough textbooks in my time to know a good one from a mediocre one. For something with "elementary" in the title, I found it fairly complex and difficult to follow. The book had

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