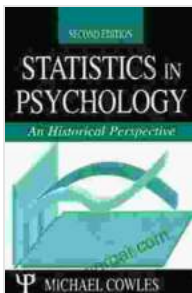


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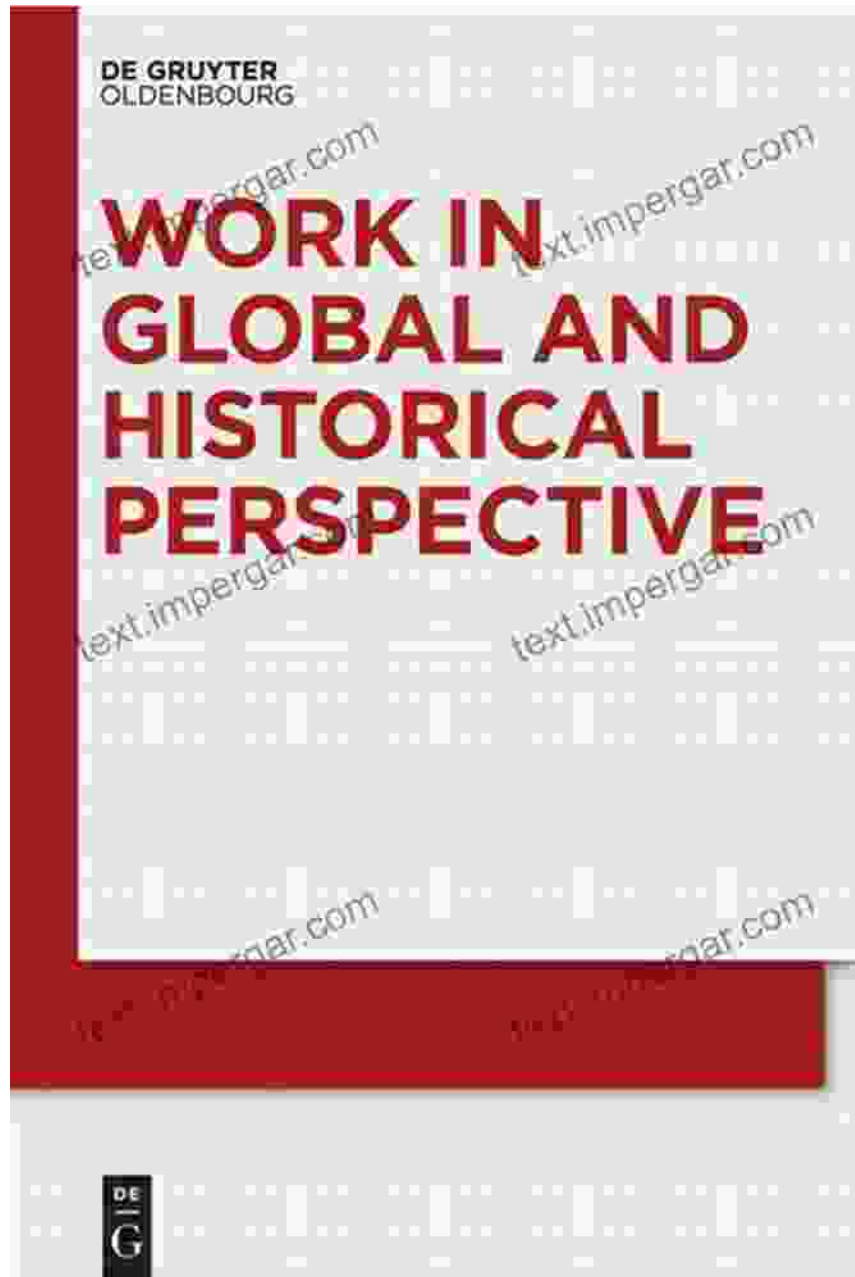
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As the 20th century dawned, researchers recognized the importance of understanding relationships between variables. This chapter explores the development of the correlation coefficient, a statistical technique that measures the extent to which two variables vary together. Pearson, Spearman, and other prominent figures played a pivotal role in shaping this fundamental concept.

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Hypothesis testing became a crucial tool in psychological research, allowing scientists to make inferences about the population based on sample data. We trace the evolution of hypothesis testing, from its roots in Fisher's work to the widespread adoption of null hypothesis significance testing (NHST). This chapter discusses the principles, controversies, and applications of NHST.

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As the field of psychology expanded, researchers sought to analyze complex relationships and structures within data. This chapter introduces factor analysis and structural equation modeling (SEM), powerful statistical techniques that allow researchers to identify latent variables and test causal relationships in complex systems.

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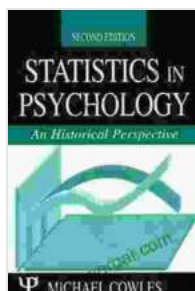
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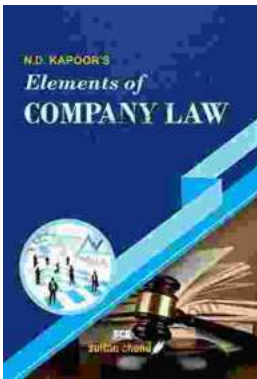
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