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Statistical techniques have assumed an integral role in both the interpretation and quality assessment of analytical results. In this book the range of statistical methods available for such tasks are described in detail, with the advantages and disadvantages of each technique clarified by use of examples. With a focus on the essential practical application of these techniques the book also includes sufficient theory to facilitate understanding of the statistical principles involved. Statistical Treatment of Analytical Data is written for professional analytical chemists in

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