

CHANGE IN REFERENCE STYLE

The Editorial Board of the *Annals of Mathematical Statistics* is adopting certain changes in the style for listing and citing references. Authors should follow the new style, as given below, when preparing articles for submission to the *Annals*.

As in the past, references are collected at the end of the article and arranged alphabetically by author's name. Titles of books and names of journals are underlined (to indicate italic type) and both first and last page numbers of the article are given. The references should be typed, double-spaced, on a page or pages separate from the text of the article.

The new style differs from that previously used in these respects: author's name (surname first) is followed by year of publication; quotation marks are not placed around titles; journal names are abbreviated in the style of *Mathematical Reviews* (see next page); the labels "Vol." and "pp." are omitted; and volume number is in bold face type (indicated by wavy underline).

The following example indicates how typed copy should look:

REFERENCES

- [1] BLACKWELL, D. and GIRSHICK, M. A. (1947). A lower bound for the variance of some unbiased sequential estimates. Ann. Math. Statist. **18** 277-280.
- [2] FELLER, WILLIAM (1957). An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications, **1** (2nd ed.). Wiley, New York.
- [3] STEIN, CHARLES (1958). An example of fiducial inference. Technical Report No. 21, Department of Statistics, Stanford Univ.
- [4] WALD, ABRAHAM (1952). Basic ideas of a general theory of statistical decision rules. Proc. Internat. Congress Math. **1** 231-243. Amer. Math. Soc., Providence.

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