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- Whole section on the "Art of Reasoning," covering general logical paradigms as well as the specific use of such symbolic logics as conjunctions, disjunctions, conditional statements, negation and more
- Separate Section on the use of Statistics in Experimental Research, including overview of probability and statistics, as well as Randomization, Replication and Sampling

Principles of Experimental Research is an introductory textbook on all fundamental aspects of designing and conducting experiments for quantitative research. It addresses the nearly universal need among engineers and scientists to understand how to design and set up an investigative experiment. This book offers an easily accessible introduction to the essential tools needed, an understanding of logical processes, how to use measurement, the correct approaches to designing experiments that will achieve reproducible results, and how data should be analyzed and interpreted.

The main emphasis of Principles of Experimental Research is on all the essential mathematical and logics tools needed to design, set up and run a successful engineering or scientific experiment? either as part of an introduction to lab techniques or as part of basic fundamentals of research. Unlike other similar texts, this books does not presume a strong background in statistics, but still offers a solid review of the needed statistical tools for doing proper analysis and drawing correct conclusions.

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