

23rd October, 1951.

Dear Professor Frechet,

Thank you for your considerate letter of October 18th.

I am not much tempted to enter into controversy, since I have been much impressed now for many years with the number of highly intelligent men in mathematical departments, masters for the most part, of an exquisite mathematical facility, who have blundered quite dreadfully in trying to rehandle the mathematical methods which have a purpose to serve in Statistics. Where I have been consulted in time, I have ^{been} able, on many occasions to dissuade authors from making extravagant claims under a misapprehension of the nature of the problem, but this has not always been possible, and I have come to the conclusion that, given time, and zealous emulation, most of the errors committed in ignorance will clear themselves up, though in a language difficult for the applied statistician to understand.

Yours sincerely,