

A GUIDE TO THE PROJECT IN ECON 4848

This document provides general guidelines for the execution of the empirical project for ECON 4848.

Structure.

1. All parts of your manuscript should be typewritten (12 pt font), double-spaced, with margins of at least one inch on all sides. Number manuscript pages consecutively. Each article should be summarized in an abstract of not more than 100 words. Avoid abbreviations, diagrams, and reference to the text in the abstract.
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Journal: Martins-Filho, C. and F. Yao (2009). Nonparametric regression estimation with general parametric error covariance, *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 100, 309-333.

Book: Vonesh, E. F., V. M. Chinchilli (1997). *Linear and Nonlinear Models for the Analysis of Repeated Measurements*. New York: Marcel Dekker.

Chapter within a book: Simar, L. and P. Wilson (2006). Statistical inference in nonparametric frontier models: recent developments and perspectives. In: H. Fried, C. A. K. Lovell, and S. S. Schmidt, (Eds.), *The Measurement of Productive Efficiency*, 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Government Publication: Hothem, R.L., R. W. DeHaven, S. D. Fairaizl(1988). *Damage to Sunflower in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, 1979-1981*, Fish and Wildlife Technical Report 15; U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service: Washington, DC.

Software: SAS Institute, Inc. (1999). *SAS/IML User's Guide, Version 8*. Cary, NC: SAS Institute, Inc.

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Content

1. Although you are free to choose any topic of interest to you in conducting your empirical project, it is important that you convince me of the relevance of your research/contribution. Hence, you must have a careful (although brief) review of the previous relevant literature pertaining to your topic. You should also address how previous authors have tried to answer the question or topic that you are tackling in your manuscript.
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