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**Project I**

In this project you are asked to critically evaluate the Statistics used in a published Econometrics research paper that uses Multiple Linear Regression. Your paper should be no more than 5 pages long.

Where to look for an article

You might start by looking at the list of journals presented in Table 14.2 on pages 572-573 in our textbook to get an idea of the names of some of the Economics journals that are available.

Another option is to use JSTOR which is available through the CSUH Library on campus.

How to choose an article

I would suggest that you use the following criteria to choose an article. First, choose an article in an area in which you have special interest. Second, give preference to articles in areas that you have already studied. Third, choose an article that tries to draw conclusions from econometric evidence. Fourth, make sure you have the instructor's approval for the article you have selected.

Suggested Outline

An example of the outline of your paper is:

1. Introduction: Summarize the article, its conclusions, and your critical comments.
2. Review: Describe the issues that the author is studying, the questions to be answered. Describe the model that is given. Describe the data and the econometric methods used.
3. Critical Evaluation: Does the analysis of the article address the motivating issues and questions? What features of the real world does the model ignore? Are there any assumptions that have influenced the method of analysis? Are the data misinterpreted in any way? What alternative ways would you analyze the data? Are there any other data that you would have collected? What alternative conclusion would you draw, if any?
4. Conclusions: Summarize your basic arguments and your suggestions for further research.

Start Early

It is your responsibility to get your article approved as soon as possible, do not leave this paper until the last minute. No papers will be approved during the last week of classes.

Paper Requirements

The paper must be typed and printed on 8.5" by 11" paper. It should have a title at the top. Also include your name and the class title. A clear, unmarked printout of the article must be included with your paper attached as an appendix.

You should have someone proof read your paper for clarity. Poorly written papers will be penalized. The Writing Skills Center has writing tutors if you are interested you should make an appointment.