

Quantitative Summary Instructions
Due March 26, 2014, in class, on paper

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The goal of this assignment is to motivate you to do enough work early to allow time to reflect on your results as you write up your final paper. Data work is time-consuming, and it can be easy to over-allocate time to this. However, writing without reflection often negates even the best data work.

To get sufficient early work done, you should turn in some evidence that you've made progress on the data portion of your analysis.

Evidence that you've made progress on the data portion of the paper could be

- replicating the main results table
- replicating the summary statistics table
- or any other evidence of substantial progress on the data work

To make sure I can understand the context for what you hand in, please write a brief (page or less) introduction to the topic and any estimating equations that you're using.

The more you hand in, the better feedback I can give you. It's also only possible to give feedback when you provide enough context for me to interpret the results. For example, if you turn in a summary statistics table, without any text, I can look at whether the means and numbers of observations look reasonable. I can't assess whether the table is consistent with any type of claim you're trying to make.

If you run into trouble with the data, and can't provide any of the above in time, hand in a description of what you've done and the problems you ran into. Because the goal of this assignment is to motivate timely work, there is no sense in my giving extensions!