

Problem Set 7: Due Wednesday, March 15

Send me your answers to problems 1-2 in separate e-mails.

Problem 1

I will send you one of your classmate's two-page descriptions (related to the final paper project).

In one or two pages, evaluate your classmate's proposal. Within your evaluation, answer the following questions: Has your classmate...

- ... clearly posed the question that he/she will try to answer?
- ... explained why the question is of broader interest to macroeconomists? If not, try to provide some motivation for your classmate's proposed project.
- ... linked the question to the existing literature? If not, discuss the relevant literature.
- ... outlined how he/she will answer the posed question? Does the strategy that he/she has outlined seem feasible? Is the empirical methodology that your classmate has outlined appropriate to answer the question at hand?

What suggestions would you give your classmate on how he can execute his proposed project? I will forward this assessment to your classmate, so try to be constructive as possible.

Problem 2

Building off of your answer to problem 1, prepare a 10 minute presentation of your classmate's presentation. In the first couple slides, summarize the research question, the project's contribution, and how your classmate will try to answer his/her question. Then, in the last couple slides offer your assessment of the project, using your answer from Problem 1. Your presentation should be no more than five slides (preferably four) total. Our final couple classes will be spent on these presentations.