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1 Overview

The Analytical Finance practicum provides an opportunity for you to work in groups on problems proposed by companies. The companies have agreed to provide some assistance. I expect you to present a paper addressing the problem by the end of the course. I will meet with each group every week. Each group will give a brief presentation to discuss their progress and to obtain feedback from other groups during the weekly meetings. We will also have group discussions of academic papers that have relevance for the projects. Groups will be responsible for a presentation of these papers. This will be in addition to the project presentations at the end of the quarter.

2 Requirements

2.1 Class Participation and homework (50%)

The weekly progress sessions are an important part of the class. Half of your grade will be determined by the quality of your participation and general helpfulness, both in your group meetings and in the joint meetings. At least once during the quarter, possibly more, there will be written group evaluations in which team members review other team members. My hope is that the evaluations all report that everyone is a full participant in the project; in this case the evaluations will have no effect on grades.

2.2 Projects and Presentations (50%)

The written project and presentation will be graded as a unit.