

Introduction to Econometrics

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Instructions for the Term Paper

(Due Wednesday December 14, at 8:00 a.m.)

You need to write a short paper (4 to 6 pages long) showing your knowledge in econometrics. Take this opportunity not only to show your strength in econometric tools, but also your skills as a writer and your overall knowledge in your field of study. For your guidance, I posted a sample paper is posted on the class website. This sample paper shows you the structure you should follow and gives you a number of suggestions on how to write the paper.

For your paper you can obtain your own data, select one of the data sets posted in the class website, or use the same data from your poster presentation. Just make sure you use procedures covered in the last third of the class.

The data sets posted on the class website are available in MS Excel and the variables are described in the corresponding .txt file. If you choose to use one of these datasets, go over the .txt files to understand what the dataset is about. Before you can actually import the MS Excel file into Gretl you need to modify it and save it in your computer. The key modification involves including the names of the variables on the first row, so actually Gretl imports the file with knowledge about the names of the variables. For example, the last data set WINE should be modified in the following way:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	country	alcohol	deaths	heart	liver
2	"Australia"	2.5	785	211	15.3
3	"Austria"	3.9	863	167	45.6
4	"Belg/Lux"	2.9	883	131	20.7
5	"Canada"	2.4	793	191	16.4
6	"Denmark"	2.9	971	220	23.9

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