

Final Exam for FIN3010

Empirical Methods in Corporate Finance

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Question

In this assignment, you need to write a research proposal within the broad area of corporate finance. Your research proposal must include the following three parts:

- Research question: clearly motivate and define a research question. Briefly discuss the motivation and related literature; clearly state your research objectives and develop executable hypotheses
- Empirical design: you will need to propose a methodology that helps you examine your research question; this includes hypothesis, econometric model, expected results, and potential endogeneity issues and possible robustness checks
- Data: your plans on obtaining what kind of data from which sources; how will the model be estimated with your data sample; please be specific about possible sample size, frequency and clearly match your data variables with the empirical model above

Format

- You can bring articles and notes that you think are helpful as reference materials to the final exam.
- Please type your research proposal. Page limit: 8 -10 pages including references and figures
- For figures and graphs that you think are important to show, feel free to hand-draw/sketch the figures and scan them as the appendix to your proposal. Remember to number your figures/graphs clearly in the text, so I know where to look for them
- You need to provide references: correctly cite the literature and put your reference papers in the Reference section at the end