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Before you can write some python programs for me, you have to know some things. Let's get started.

I am attaching RMT4, chapters 1-8 as well as the technical appendixes for RMT4. I ask you please to do the following things during the two weeks from July 1- July 14.

- 1. Read chapter 2 of RMT4.
- 2. Read the two technical appendixes.
- 3. Work exercises 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5. You can work on the exercises together, but please hand in your own work.
- 4. As you read these materials, please think of likely python examples for me. I have some in mind already, but I won't spoil your fun by telling them to you yet. Please don't write any python programs yet. Just read and work with pencil and paper.

Remark: A wise friend of mine told me long ago that if you are going to read a piece of substantial economics writing properly, it will take you longer to read it than it took the author to write it. I expect you to think of this advice as you read this material. It should not be easy. On July 14, please be prepared to answer some questions from me.