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Research Topic

1. Craft of Research Ch.7-11 Summary

For a short while, I sat and pondered just exactly how I would summarize the Craft of Research Ch. 7-11 in just one page. Given that I'm nearing in on the due date for this assignment and the fact that there is quite a bit of information in these chapters. I will merely just highlight some of the things that stood out to me.

It's all about building complex argument out of simple ones. This statement stood out to me because, well, it was a section heading but also because I think that often times we try to come up with the most clever or complicated argument to prove our points. This most likely ends up in us basing our argument off quite a few assumptions that might be called into question. If we can lay out our argument in a simple way, we can use fewer assumptions to base everything off of.

Quick Tip! Chapter 8. The author mentions the fact that every claim has a condition and gives the example:

We conclude that the epicenter of the earthquake was fifty miles southwest of Tokyo,
assuming the instrumentation was accurately calibrated.

He goes on to talk about how we must acknowledge the conditions on our claims, but also the limits on the conditions of our claims. There is a seemingly endless number of conditions.

Ultimately, we must decide what conditions are important in satisfying.

I don't define X as you, to me X means... This "tagline" was brought up as a possible retort to the solutions provided by your research. This is one of the *3 predictable questions*. Many times, debates or arguments stem from one of the parties disagreeing on a definition and not actually the sentiment itself. If you can clearly define (pretty much) everything you debate. You will find yourself in a better position.

That is essentially my review and summary of the few chapters in the Craft of Research. It is a good book but can be a little circular at times.

2. Research Method & Data

I do not have much time to submit this assignment and will have to go back through and write up the official part of my paper for this assignment but I will briefly outline where I have received my data.

The National Bureau of Economic Research: From here I received all the data for each index I'll be including in my model.

My model is a Hidden Markov Regime Switching Model.

Once again, sorry for the weak write up.