

# Evaluation of Machine Learning in Empirical Asset Pricing

## Proposal

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### 1. Statement of Topic

### 2. Background Material

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### 3. Outline of Aims

### 4. Research Plan

We first evaluate machine learning algorithms on a collection of simulated datasets which include cross sectionally correlated characteristics which enter the return equation in a range of linear and highly non-linear combinations.

#### *4.1. Models*

##### *4.1.1. Linear Model*

##### *4.1.2. Penalized Linear*

##### *4.1.3. Random Forest*

##### *4.1.4. Neural Networks*

#### *4.2. Simulation*

The machine learning algorithms will be tested on these 12 specifications and their performance evaluated.

#### *4.3. Real World Data*

Finally, we evaluate machine learning algorithms on real world data.

### 5. Outline of Results Thus Far

Remember that this is meant to be no more than 5 pages

includes motivation and brief review of key literature