

Stanford CME 241 (Winter 2023) - Assignment 1

This “assignment” is simply to complete the following tasks to get set up for course work and future assignments:

1. Make sure you have access to the course Canvas and Ed Discussion pages (email amil@stanford.edu if you do not)
2. Install/Setup on your laptop with LaTeX/Markdown (for technical writing), Python 3 (and optionally Jupyter, if you prefer working with `.pynb` instead of plain `.py`).
3. *Fork* the [Code Repo associated with the RLForFinanceBook](#) and get set up to write code (for future assignments) that uses classes/functions from this code repo.
4. Create clearly-named separate directories for each assignment/course project for the Course Assistant ([Amil Merchant](#)) to review and grade the assignments/course project - each team (who does the assignments/course project together) should send Amil their forked repo URL and *git push* their work by the assignment/course project due dates (to their forked repo).
5. **Optionally**, you can create the same virtual environment I use and replicate my dependencies with the following instructions:

- After forking the repo on your laptop, create a virtual environment with the following shell command (from the RL-book directory):

```
$ python3 -m venv .venv
```

- Then, each time you're working on this project, make sure to activate the venv with the following shell command (again, from the RL-book directory):

```
$ source .venv/bin/activate
```

- Once the venv is activated, you should see a `(.venv)` in your shell prompt
- Now you can use `pip` to install dependencies inside the venv, for example:

```
(.venv) $ pip install matplotlib
```

- Initially, you can install every Python package you need to work this git repo with the following shell command (again, from the RL-book directory):

```
(.venv) $ pip install -r requirements.txt
```

- To work with the appropriate file paths of the Python files in this repo from the RL-book directory, execute the following command from the RL-book directory (this creates a package):

```
(.venv) $ pip install -e .
```

- To make sure you are all good, verify with the following command from the RL-book directory:

```
(.venv) $ python -m unittest discover
```

If all is good, you should see an "OK" on the last line of the output upon running this command.