

Stanford CME 241 (Winter 2021) - Assignment 1

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

1. Register for the [Course on Piazza](#).
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 separate directories for each assignment for the Course Assistant ([Sven Lerner](#)) to review and provide feedback - send Sven your forked repo URL and *git push* your work often (to your 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.