

SUGGESTED STEPS FOR GPRS**1. GPR #1**

- a. Go to the Google search box and type factor investing, and/or search through references provided in TS and AS.
- b. Pick three articles that meet the following criteria:
 - All three articles are published articles in journals in finance.
 - All three articles use multiple linear regression models only and without penalization/regularization/shrinkage or any other machine learning tools covered/to be covered in this course as mentioned in the course overview.
 - The three articles are closely related to each other.

2. GPR #2

- a. Use the variables in the metadata file in data_ml.xlsx for implementation.
- b. You can use a dependent/response/output/target variables that are the same or close to, or different from, those used in the reviewed articles and provide explanation for your choice.
- c. You can use fewer, exactly the same, or more predictors/features/factors, than are used in the reviewed articles and provide explanation for your choice.
- d. You can use the same time period as the full sample period allowed by the metadata file or a subset of the full sample period and provide explanation for your choice.
- e. You apply one or more machine learning tools discussed/covered in this course and provide explanation for your choice.
- f. Compare and contrast your results with the results reported in the reviewed articles.