

Assignment #4
ECNS 432
Due Tuesday, Oct. 27th by 9am

This is a two-part writing assignment. The first part is intended to get you writing on your term project (if you have not already) or, at the very least, to get you thinking carefully about your empirical strategy. The second part of the assignment is an application of the game theoretic stuff we covered last week. I want both of these to be short. Keep your write-up for each to no more than one page (or two pages in total). Follow these instructions (and remember how much I hate it when you do not follow instructions...):

-No more than one page for each part of the writing assignment

-Double-spaced

-Size 12 Times New Roman font

Part 1. Briefly state the hypothesis you are testing in your term project. Describe to me what a gold-standard empirical strategy would look like for your topic. If you had more resources available to you (including time), would this be possible? The goal of this exercise is to get you thinking about the holes in the empirical approach you intend to employ. A well-written discussion of one's results includes the caveats that come with them.

Part 2. Thinking about the flu vaccination problem we worked through last week, what other policy-relevant applications of game theory can you think of? Provide one example of how an extended-form analysis could be used to aid a decisionmaker with a specific policy issue.