S-Q 1997 - Graduate Paper

Proposal - Due 07/22/98 at 6:00pm
Paper - Due 08/05/98 at 6:00pm

Late Papers Will Not Be Accepted!

1 Overview

The goal of the final paper is to have you investigate a topic that you find interesting.

The amount of time you spend on the final paper should be something in the neighborhood of one-half the time required by one of the homework assignments; it should take some time and thought, but it is not meant to be a tremendous undertaking. The paper should be no longer than 5-10 pages, single-spaced, including supporting figures and illustrations (depending on the nature of your subject, more or less may be appropriate). Depending on the nature of the topic you choose, it may also be appropriate for you to write a small amount of code to implement the ideas in your paper.

2 Deadlines

Before beginning your paper, you must hand in a short proposal so that we will know what you are working on and so we can make sure that your topic is appropriate. The proposal deadline is 6:00pm on 7/22. If you are not sure what topic you want to write about, we strongly urge you to talk to us before that date!

The purpose of the proposal is to make sure that you start thinking about the paper early, and also to make sure that you have selected a topic of the appropriate scope (neither too difficult, nor too easy). Late proposals will be docked 10% per day, up to a maximum of 50% of your grade on the final paper.

The final paper itself is due at 6:00pm on 8/5. Please note that late papers will not be accepted without prior permission.