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FDPE, SIO13: Take Home Exam

For this assignment you are required to read carefully a recent paper that builds on many of the papers we covered in class. The paper is by Ben Handel and Jon Kolstad, titled "Health Insurance for Humans: Information Frictions, Plan Choice, and Consumer Welfare," and I have posted a copy of it in the "regular" url (together with this exam and the rest of the course material).

You are then asked to write a referee report. The referee report cannot exceed 4 pages (in single spaced 12 size font). It should start with a short (half a page max) summary of the paper, then a page or two in which you reflect on what are the major strengths and weaknesses of the paper, and then a page or so in which you list smaller comments.

In addition to the referee report, you should also include a two-page document in which you describe one more paper that you would have written using the same data that the authors collected in the above paper. The description should describe the research question, a synopsis of the proposed empirical analysis, and a short explanation as to why the results would be useful or interesting, and to whom.

Once you are done, and <u>not later than 8:00am on Friday</u> (April 5), please email an electronic copy of your writeup to both me and Janne at <u>leinav@stanford.edu</u> and <u>janne.tukiainen@helsinki.fi</u>, respectively.