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Hypothesis Statement v1

Due Tuesday, September 23; a paragraph or two per group

The hypothesis statement is the first project milestone. Proposal v2, due October 7, is where the full plan and budget get worked out, and staff will help shape scope in between. Two things are required.

1. Pick a project topic. Describe the topic in a few sentences. Draw on the research directions note, mix ideas across it, or propose something else entirely. State the question you want to answer as a hypothesis, including the effect you expect and what evidence would change your mind.

2. Plan one experiment you can start soon. Describe one concrete experiment your group could begin in the next week or two with the compute you have. Give the baseline, the one thing you will change, the measurement that will tell you whether the hypothesis is holding up, and a rough estimate of the compute the run needs. Aim for a small pilot that produces a real measurement early.