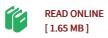




## International Finance Discussion Papers: Firm Characteristics and Empirical Factor Models: A Data-Mining Experiment

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