

Paper Critique Writing

The aim of a paper critique is to summarize a research paper and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the paper. The critique should not be more than one page single spaced in length. Include the following in your critiques:

1. A summary or synopsis of the paper in your own words. Note: Your summary should not just paraphrase the abstract. (Should not be more than one third to one half page)
2. What positive things can you say about the paper? (every review should have at least one or two positive things to articulate)
3. What are the key limitations, unproven assumptions, or methodological problems with the work?
4. What is the main result of the paper? (one-two sentence)
5. How could the work be improved? (future research directions)

Submission Procedure

The course involves reading and presenting about 30 research papers; students are required to read all of the papers, and submit written critiques of three (**3**) of those papers based on their interest (students may choose which ones to review). Review should be submitted in person as a hard-copy in the next class to the instructor on any papers being presented in the last class. No late submissions will be accepted.