

Critique Guidelines

Each critique should be no more than one page long. Less than a page is OK. The purpose of a critique is not to summarize the paper; rather you should choose two or three points about the work that you found interesting. Examples of questions that you might address are:

- What problem does this paper solve, and what are the strengths and limitations of its approach?
- Is the evaluation fair? Does it achieve it support the stated goals of the paper?
- Does the method described seem mature enough to use in real applications? Why or why not? What applications seem particularly amenable to this approach?
- What good ideas does the problem formulation, the solution, the approach or the research method contain that could be applied elsewhere?
- What would be good follow-on projects? Why?
- Are the paper's underlying assumptions valid?
- Which important issues in the field does this paper illuminate and how?
- Did the paper provide a clear enough and detailed enough description of the proposed methods for you to be able to implement them? If not, where is additional clarification or detail needed?

Your critique should be typed (single space) and should list the title of the paper and its authors at the top, along with your name.

Avoid unsupported value judgments, like "I liked..." or "I disagreed with..." If you make judgments of this sort, explain why you liked or disagreed with the point you describe.

Be sure to distinguish comments about the writing of the paper from comment about the technical content of the work.