

Checkpoint 1 - First Paper Review

To get you started on the process, you will be required to read and summarize one research paper satisfying the standard paper requirements (e.g., 2018-2020, ICML, NeurIPS, etc. see course project description). If you want to do a research paper outside of these standard requirements, you must contact the instructor and receive explicit approval in writing before the due date. The goal is to jumpstart your process of becoming familiar with finding and reading research papers. I do not expect deep understanding of the paper at this point.

You should submit a PDF for peer review to [Circuit](#) that follows the ICML 2020 LaTeX guidelines (example given on course website; [overleaf.com](#) is recommended for LaTeX compilation). The required elements of this checkpoint are:

1. One paragraph summary of the selected research paper.
2. A list of 3 or more questions that you have. These could be things that you do not understand, possible new research questions, or questions that you would like to ask the authors.
3. A citation to the paper as described in the course project document description. If your paper does not satisfy the standard requirements, you must state when you received approval in your submitted PDF (see example). *Make sure to include all the necessary elements of the citation (see course project description).*

The basic rubric for peer review is given below.

First paper review

1. Does the submission contain a summary of the paper? (should be one paragraph)

0 points ✓ Did not include a summary paragraph.	25 points ✓ Summary is only 2 sentences or less.	35 points ✓ Summary is one paragraph.
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2. Does the submission contain 3 or more questions?

0 points ✓ No questions included	20 points ✓ Only 1 or 2 questions included.	30 points ✓ 3 or more questions included.
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3. Did the submission contain an appropriate citation?

0 points ✓ Did not include a citation.	20 points ✓ Missing PDF url, title, authors, venue, and/or year.	30 points ✓ Included citation with all required elements.
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4. How would you rank the quality of this submission relative to other submissions in the class?

1 point ✓ Below average (lower 25%)	3 points ✓ Average (25%-75%)	5 points ✓ Above average (75%-100%)
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