

Literature Review

Due: December 12, 2008

1 Selecting a Paper

Choose a paper that interests you; there is a list on Blackboard under “Course Materials.” If you want to review another paper, run it by either Dr. Fellbaum or Jordan (we’ll almost certainly say yes).

2 Evaluating the Paper

Carefully review the paper in prose. Make sure your writeup addresses the following issues:

1. What problem is the paper trying to address?
2. What solutions, if any, preceded this paper?
3. Given this background, what specifically has this approach added?
4. How did the authors evaluate the approach?
5. What data did the authors use?
6. How widely applicable is the method (either in terms of the size of the dataset or the scope of the theory)?
7. What linguistic assumptions does the work make? Are these assumptions justified?
8. How hard would it be for someone to reproduce the work?

You should be able to cover these questions in about 1500 words. More is fine, but concision should be one of your goals.