Paper Presentation Rubric

Course: DS 5690-01 Gen AI Models in Theory Prac (2025F)

Criteria	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2
Technical	**2 points** Presenter is set up, connected, screen shared on Zoom, everything tested previously and ready to go	**1 point** One or more elements not ready	**0 points** Two or more elements not ready
Presentation	**5 points** Total presentation was kept to 15 minutes or less; speaking was audible to all; gave time for class to answer questions.	**4 points** On time, but missing other elements	**3 points** Over time, but all other elements
Presentation Materials	**10 points** Organized, clear, visible to audience. Screen should be zoomed in enough for people to see in the back. No PowerPoint was used--presentation materials were in the Readme of the repository.	**8 points** Not full organized, or not visible or clear	**6 points** Poorly organized, or used Power-Point
Overview	**15 points** Five-minute overview providing context, stating the problem the paper is addressing, characterizing the approach, and giving a brief account of how the problem was addressed.	**12 points** Problem not well stated, or approach not well articulated	**10 points** One or more elements missing
Question 1	**8 points** Prepare and deliver a question to the audience. The question should address an important point for the audience to understand, and should help them clear up an important detail of the work.	**6 points** Question not well phrased, not enough time given	**4 points** Question not relevant to topic/not clear
Question 2	**5 points** Prepare and deliver a question to the audience. The question should address an important point for the audience to understand, and should help them clear up an important detail of the work.	**3 points** Question not well phrased, not enough time given	**2 points** Question not relevant to topic/not clear
Architecture Overview	**15 points** Prepare a formal pseudocode description of the model or approach discussed in the paper, indicate how	**12 points** Pseudocode is too high-level, doesn't follow format.	**10 points** Pseudocode lacks sufficient detail to fully describe.

	it differs from previous models. If there is no model, discuss in a formal manner how the ideas in the paper intersect with models, model architecture, model training, or model use.		
Critical Analysis	10 points Answer one or more questions like the following: What was overlooked by the authors? What could have been developed further? Were there any errors? Have others disputed the findings? "Critical" means assessing the paper and how it holds up on inspection.	8 points Partial critique--important issues not raised	6 points Issues raised, but not addressed
Impacts	10 points Answer the question--was is the imapct of the work? How does/did the work change the landscape of AI? What is the importance of the work, and how does it intersect with other work, past, present and future?	8 points Question not fully explored.	6 points Only surface impact was explored
Resource Links	5 points 5 links	4 points 4 links	3 points 3 links
Code Demonstration	10 points Author code demonstrating using the model/approach. Note that this is not possible for all papers. The points add up to more than 100 points, the maximum score, so this can be safely skipped if you complete categories instead!	8 points Only minimal code shown/only running provided code	6 points Code does not run
Repository	5 points Repository with good readme	3 points Repository with minimal readme	1 point Missing readme
Citation	2 points Cite paper, mention authors, include citation in repo	1 point Incomplete citation	0 points No citation
First Day Bonus	5 points Presented on first day	0 points	0 points
Second Day Bonus	3 points Presented on second day	0 points	0 points

Total

Overall Score

Level 4	**Level 3**	**Level 2**
11 points minimum	8 points minimum	5 points minimum