Introduction to CS & AI

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How to do presentation

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- 2 How to Present—A General Guideline
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 - Before the Talk / Preparing Your Talk
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 - How to Handle Questions in a Presentation?
 - How to Present a Line Plot?
 - How to Make a Research Poster?
 - How to Present a Poster at a Conference?
 - How to Present a Paper in Theoretical Computer Science: A Speaker's Guide for Students?

How to be a good AI researcher (I): doing research I

- Course Logistics
- 2 Recitation
- 3 How to Do Research
 - The Illustrated Guide to a Ph.D.
 - 10 Easy Ways to Fail a Ph.D.
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 - Tips for Work-Life Balance (WLB)
 - Others Career Tips

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Parallel course

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Thanks & Question Time!