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**CM500335: Foundations and Frontiers of Machine  
Learning**  
**Assignment 1: Presenting a research paper**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

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Q1: For the first assignment, I would like to clarify whether I should conduct further research on the theories presented in the paper or provide my own evaluation of the author's argument based on the references provided in the paper for the fourth question (critical assessment).

**A1: A combination of papers that support, improve or criticize a paper's approach would be ideal. It would be great to inform your views with scientific literature.**

Q2: Could you clarify whether the word limit pertains to the references or not?

**A2: Please note that any references you include in your report do not count towards the word count. A margin of +/- 10% is plausible.**

Q3: For the first graded assignment covering both writing and presenting the work, were you referring to the critical assessment of the research contributions and applications discussed in the essay? I just want to confirm whether a presentation is expected and ensure that I have understood the requirements correctly.

**A3: There won't be a PowerPoint presentation (PPT). Instead, the work will be presented as a critical analysis of the research paper.**

Q4: I have written my essay for assignment 1. I had not seen before this that there was an example format with headings for sections. I have not sectioned my essay and instead discussed multiple points for the marking criteria within the same paragraph and to split my essay into the sections outlined would require a significant refactor of my essay.

Will I lose marks not having distinct sections in my essay that approach each marking category separately or can I submit my essay without sections (but appropriately paragraphed for distinct talking points) as is?

**A4: There will be no penalty if you do not split the report into sections. It was the recommended template for the report.**