

## **Literature Review Critique**

**Reviewee's Name: Abhishek Thakur**

**Title: Recent Advances in Convolutional Neural Networks**

**Reviewer's Name: Abhinav Prabhu Adarapuram**

The paper which Abhishek chosen to present was about CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks). It was an interesting topic. Even though the size of the paper is pretty small, but the content which it had was so good, crisp and informative. From the way Abhishek presented the topic, it was evident that he had thorough and deep understanding of the topics. He tried to explain about CNN from scratch by citing multiple examples and also added informative slides in his presentation. The flow in which he conveyed the topic was good, where he started from the basics, conveyed the goal and future works too.

Abhishek covered all parts of the paper which he presented starting from introduction, abstract, methods, applications, results and future work. He also explained few relevant derivations and formulas for better understanding of the listeners. On discussing about the difficulty, CNN is a new topic for me. I didn't know about CNN earlier. Hence, I felt it to be difficult in the beginning. Since the paper he chosen was good and he covered all the parts, it was very easier to understand.

When it comes to clarity of the presentation, Abhishek did a great job. He was well prepared in advance about the topics as well as the contents of his slides. Initially he was a bit hesitant and stammered but once he got used to the environment, his presentation was very clear and audible.