

READING ASSIGNMENT 2

COMP 550, Fall 2019

Due: November 28th, 2019 at 9:00pm.

You must do this assignment individually. You may discuss with other students, but you must complete the final submission on your own.

Hierarchical Neural Story Generation

Read the following paper and critically assess its claims:

Hierarchical Neural Story Generation

Fan et al., ACL 2018

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.04833>

Submit a **one-page** critical summary of this paper. Address the following points:

1. What are the main contributions of the paper?
2. What methods are used to evaluate the proposed model's performance in this paper? What are their strengths and weaknesses?
3. What does it mean for a language generation system to be creative? Is it possible for an approach based on supervised learning from a fixed dataset to achieve creativity?

You may bring up other important points as you see fit. You may search for other relevant sources online and refer to them with citation, but this is not required (the citations count towards the one-page limit). Your summary will be evaluated on its coverage, conciseness, writing quality, justification of arguments, and clarity of thought.

Electronically: Submit a .pdf containing with your write-up to MyCourses under Reading Assignment 2.