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1 Electronic Submission

Submission to ICML 2015 will be entirely electronic, via a web site (not email). Information about the submission process and L^AT_EX templates are available on the conference web site at:

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Send questions about submission and electronic templates to program@icml.cc. The guidelines below will be enforced for initial submissions and camera-ready copies. Here is a brief summary:

- Submissions must be in PDF.
- The maximum paper length is **8 pages excluding references, and 10 pages including references** (pages 9 and 10 must contain only references).
- Do **not include author information or acknowledgments** in your initial submission.
- Your paper should be in **10 point Times font**.
- Make sure your PDF file only uses Type-1 fonts.
- Place figure captions *under* the figure (and omit titles from inside the graphic file itself). Place table captions *over* the table.
- References must include page numbers whenever possible and be as complete as possible. Place multiple citations in chronological order.
- Do not alter the style template; in particular, do not compress the paper format by reducing the vertical spaces.

1.1 Submitting Papers

Paper Deadline: The deadline for paper submission to ICML 2015 is at **23:59 Universal Time (3:59 Pacific Daylight Time) on February 6, 2015**. If your full submission does not reach us by this time, it will not be considered for publication. There is no separate abstract submission.

Anonymous Submission: To facilitate blind review, no identifying author information should appear on the title page or in the paper itself. Section 1.2 will explain the details of how to format this.

Simultaneous Submission: ICML will not accept any paper which, at the time of submission, is under review for another conference or has already been published. This policy also applies to papers that overlap substantially in

technical content with conference papers under review or previously published. ICML submissions must not be submitted to other conferences during ICML’s review period. Authors may submit to ICML substantially different versions of journal papers that are currently under review by the journal, but not yet accepted at the time of submission. Informal publications, such as technical reports or papers in workshop proceedings which do not appear in print, do not fall under these restrictions.

To ensure our ability to print submissions, authors must provide their manuscripts in **PDF** format. Furthermore, please make sure that files contain only Type-1 fonts (e.g., using the program **pdfonts** in linux or using File/DocumentProperties/Fonts in Acrobat). Other fonts (like Type-3) might come from graphics files imported into the document.

Authors using **Word** must convert their document to PDF. Most of the latest versions of Word have the facility to do this automatically. Submissions will not be accepted in Word format or any format other than PDF. Really. We’re not joking. Don’t send Word.

Those who use **L^AT_EX** to format their accepted papers need to pay close attention to the typefaces used. Specifically, when producing the PDF by first converting the dvi output of **L^AT_EX** to Postscript the default behavior is to use non-scalable Type-3 PostScript bitmap fonts to represent the standard **L^AT_EX** fonts. The resulting document is difficult to read in electronic form; the type appears fuzzy. To avoid this problem, dvips must be instructed to use an alternative font map. This can be achieved with the following two commands:

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dvips -Ppdf -tletter -G0 -o paper.ps paper.dvi
ps2pdf paper.ps
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Note that it is a zero following the “-G”. This tells dvips to use the config.pdf file (and this file refers to a better font mapping).

A better alternative is to use the **pdflatex** program instead of straight **L^AT_EX**. This program avoids the Type-3 font problem, however you must ensure that all of the fonts are embedded (use **pdfonts**). If they are not, you need to configure pdflatex to use a font map file that specifies that the fonts be embedded. Also you should ensure that images are not downsampled or otherwise compressed in a lossy way.

Note that the 2015 style files use the **hyperref** package to make clickable links in documents. If this causes problems for you, add **nohyperref** as one of the options to the **icml2015** usepackage statement.

1.2 Author Information for Submission

To facilitate blind review, author information must not appear. If you are using **L^AT_EX** and the **icml2015.sty** file, you may use `\icmlauthor{...}` to specify authors. The author information will simply not be printed until **accepted** is an argument to the style file. Submissions that include the author information will not be reviewed.

1.2.1 Paragraphs and Footnotes

Within each section or subsection, you should further partition the paper into paragraphs. Do not indent the first line of a given paragraph, but insert a blank line between succeeding ones.

You can use footnotes¹ to provide readers with additional information about a topic without interrupting the flow of the paper. Indicate footnotes with a number in the text where the point is most relevant. Place the footnote in 9 point type at the bottom of the column in which it appears. Precede the first footnote in a column with a horizontal rule of 0.8 inches.²

¹For the sake of readability, footnotes should be complete sentences.

²Multiple footnotes can appear in each column, in the same order as they appear in the text, but spread them across columns and pages if possible.