

How to Write a CHI Rebuttal

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Basics

A rebuttal is not a discussion, it's a dialog

Stick to facts, not your belief

Point-by-point

Touch as many issues as possible

3 Steps of Writing a Rebuttal

1. Split reviews into a collection of single points
2. Write arguments for each point
3. Combine your arguments

Flow Chart for Writing Arguments

Is a reviewer's comments not illogical?

Yes: explain politely why it's illogical

No: Go to next

Does the reviewer misinterpret something?

Yes: "It was not the case, as written at xxx, it was..."

No: Go to next

Is the issue written in the paper?

Yes: "As written at xxx, we agree Rx's comment. We will make it clearer in the revision."

No: "We admit that Rx's comment is valid point. We will add discussion in the xxx section."

Write a Rebuttal

Combine arguments when multiple reviewers pointed the same issues

Start from things in a meta-review

Then, go from R1 to R3

Additional Tips

Thank reviews first

At the end, "we will fix all editorial issues as suggested by reviewers"

Mac (or Unix) vs. Windows

Make it easy to read

Bullet points

Start from “Rx inquired ...”

State good points first (if you have space)

Promising small changes works

Touch all reviewers’ comments