Final Project Report Guidelines

Instructions

- Submit your final project report through GradeScope in the assignment "Final Project." Each person in the group should submit the report.

- Submit your peer feedback report through GradeScope in the assignment "Final Project Peer Feedback." If your project is solo, you do not need to submit anything.

Instructions for Final Project Report

Report Structure

Your final project report should be written in the style and format of a conference or journal paper like the ones we have been reading in class. You can use any reasonable template, e.g., this one[1].

Here is one way that you might organize your report:

1. Introduction

2. Related Work

3. Problem Formulation[2]

4. Approach(es)

5. Experiments and Results

6. Limitations and Future Work

7. Conclusion

Depending on your project, other organizations may be more appropriate.

You are welcome to submit "supplementary materials" in the form of videos or code. You can do this by providing a link in your main report to Google Drive, GitHub, etc. This is not required and may not make sense for all projects, but like real conference or journal submissions, good supplementary materials can increase your score.

Grading Overview

Final reports will be graded based on the following categories:

1. The extent to which the project satisfies the general criteria introduced at the beginning: (1) Must involve planning and learning; (2) Must involve a significant programming effort; (3) Must be fun and cool.

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[1] https://www.overleaf.com/latex/templates/style-and-template-for-preprints-arxiv-bio-arxiv/pkzcrhzcdxmc

[2] https://lis.csail.mit.edu/whats-your-problem-an-oft-missing-section-in-ai-papers/

2. Clarity of the written submission.

3. Sound understanding of the material.

4. Overall effort.

5. The extent to which experiments were well thought out and systematic.

6. Creativity and novelty.

Note that "positive results" are not necessary to get a great grade. If you did careful, systematic, and ambitious research in your project, and the thing you were hoping would work didn't work, that's fine! That's research, and we learned something from your efforts.

Grading overall will be roughly calibrated as follows. If a group of 3 people produces a report that would be ready to submit to a conference workshop[3], that would be enough to earn a grade in the 90-95 range. Groups with fewer or more people will have expectations scaled proportionately.

There are no requirements on length for the final project report. You should use as much space as you need to clearly and concisely present your work (but not more than that).

Instructions for Peer Feedback

Each member of a group project should submit a brief, confidential peer feedback report with the following sections:

1. My Individual Contributions: describes your individual contributions to the project.

2. Teammate Individual Contributions: describes each teammate's individual contributions.

3. Teammate Collaboration Experience: describes each teammate's performance as a collaborator on the project—whether they were easy or hard to work with, and how.

The peer feedback report should be between one half and one page in length.

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[3]Workshops are smaller gatherings at conferences that also solicit papers, in addition to the main conference proceedings. Workshop papers are typically not quite ready to be full paper submissions at a main conference or journal, but still represent substantial work. If it helps, here are a few examples of workshop papers:

1. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PqCYzzfdUFitxG7NxFs0D6dn-TzI97q_/view

2. https://aair-lab.github.io/genplan25/papers/12.pdf

3. https://prl-theworkshop.github.io/prl2025-aaai/papers/13.pdf