

In this assignment, you will practice developing constructive critiques of empirical work in Industrial Organization.

1. Overview of the paper:

- Summarize the paper's research questions;
- The methodology used;
- Contributions to the literature;
- Main findings.

2. Model:

- Provide a brief description of the model strategy and model.
- Questions: does the model address the questions? Why or why not?

3. Data

- What are the data? What are the main variables?
- Questions: are the data appropriate for answering the question? Why or why not?

4. Analysis

- Briefly describe the analysis. How is the model taken to the data?
- Question: how well is the analysis executed?

5. Critique

- Highlight the aspects of the model and analysis you found most compelling and explain why.
- Discuss the problems (see above questions) you've identified in the paper and how the author might address them with the given data.

6. Evaluation: State your recommendation for the paper and a summary of the major points in your critique. The recommendation should either be "revise and resubmit" or "reject". If R&R, you should identify what the author needs to do to improve the paper to get it published.

Questions:

- Are the research questions interesting and/or important?
- Are they well-motivated?
- Is the model/analysis convincing?
- Do you believe the results?
- What did you learn from the paper?

Your report (1 – 5) should be 3 - 5 pages, single-spaced. Your evaluation should be no more than 3 pages, single-spaced. You may separate your comments into "major" and "minor" points so that the author can prioritize his/her response to your report.

You can and should read related work and discuss how the contribution or methodology in the paper relates to the literature.