

CONCLUSION

In this paper we considered three overarching questions in crowd work — 1) “what are the complexity limits of crowd work?”; 2) “how far can work be decomposed into smaller microtasks?”; and 3) “???” — by using the scholarship on piecework to inform our predictions and to contextualize the answers that crowd work researchers have already uncovered. We subsequently take this historical framing to ask broader questions of crowd work, including among others what the future of crowd work holds for workers.