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Weekly Referee Report and Extra Credit

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In academia, papers get published in peer-reviewed journals after being reviewed by a referee. The referee's job is to evaluate and provide feedback on the paper's importance and methodology. For this assignment, you'll take on the role of a referee and critique a paper from the reading list. You may choose any one paper we assigned for the week.

Each referee report should be approximately two pages in length. There is plenty of leeway in how referee reports are structured, but students should roughly adhere to the following format:

General Summary/Abstract:

Summarize the paper in 1-2 paragraphs. Explain the goal, the key features of the experiment or model, and the key results.

Restate Authors' Interpretation and Claimed Contribution:

In 2-3 paragraphs, summarize how the authors interpret their results and how they claim their work contributes to the literature.

Critique:

In 2-3 paragraphs or bullet points, discuss to what extent you agree with their interpretation of the data and claimed contribution. Highlight any problems you have with the authors' methodology, assumptions, or exposition.

Relate to Lecture Material:

Include 1-2 paragraphs explaining how the paper relates to the class. I.e., what evidence does it provide in support of the arguments introduced in the lectures or supporting material? Does the paper conflict or argue against anything presented in the lectures?

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