

6.803/6.833 The Human Intelligence Enterprise
Prof. Patrick H. Winston
Assignment: Email Critique

Paper

Minsky, Marvin. "K-lines: A Theory of Memory." *Cognitive Science* 4 (1980): 117-133.

WRT: 50 min

Assignment

On a total of one side of one sheet of paper, using 10 pt type or larger, with standard interline spacing and margins, respond to all the following.

- You have just read the K-lines paper. A friend of yours has heard about the K-lines paper, but not read it. Compose an email message, to your friend, describing the paper. Take the position that it is a great paper, explaining why. Also, include:
 - An explanation of how the K-line paper suggests a shift in Minsky's thinking since he wrote *Steps toward Artificial Intelligence*.
- Repeat, taking the position that it is a really bad paper, explaining why. (Do not describe the paper a second time; just type *description goes here*).
- Then, separately, suppose Minsky asks you for advice on how he should market his paper. Identify a suitable slogan, symbol, salient, and surprise for the Winston star.