

11-877 Advanced Topics in Multimodal Machine Learning

Reading Leads - Instructions

A central learning component of the course 11-877 Advanced Topics in Multimodal Machine Learning is the weekly discussions in small group settings. To ensure that knowledge gained during these discussions is properly summarized and shared with the research community, we select 2 students each week to be Reading Leads. The reading leads have two main tasks:

- 1) **Clarification presentation:** Reading leads are expected to prepare a short presentation (5-10mins) which will be presented at the beginning of the Friday course. This presentation should be designed to help other students in the class to clarify the parts in the reading papers that were confusing. To help with this process, we ask all students to include in their reading assignment submission which parts they would like to get clarity on. This list will be shared with Reading leads on Thursday morning. The two leads should work together to prepare this short presentation. Since time is limited, leads should pick a subset of clarification points for the presentation. The other clarification points should be addressed directly in Piazza.
 - **Deliverable and deadlines:** Students are expected to (1) prepare this short presentation and present it at the beginning of the course (5 points), and (2) answer the other clarification points via Piazza, before the Friday course (3 points). Also, at the beginning of the discussion sessions, student leads should be proactive in answering questions.
- 2) **Note taking:** During the main part of the discussion sessions, reading leads are expected to take notes about the main discussion points, in collaboration with the synopsis leads. Each discussion group will have one reading lead and synopsis lead. It is suggested to alternate every 15 mins between them. When taking notes, you should try to be as objective as possible, including all points of view, even if you agree or disagree about it. When writing discussion points, make sure that they are written in a constructive and polite way (e.g., using words like “improvement” or “future additions” instead of “wrong” or “bad”). If a point is discussed in depth, this should be noted, including as many of the expressed views as possible. These notes will be shared with all students, but not shown outside the classroom.
 - **Template:** <https://www.overleaf.com/read/mfctpvbszthx>, make a copy and use group1.tex or group2.tex
 - **Submission:** After the discussion on Friday, by the following **Monday 8pm ET** reading leads should submit the slides they prepared for clarification questions and overleaf edit link + pdf of their group's scribe notes on **Canvas**. Reading leads are not in charge of posting the notes on Piazza (synopsis leads are in charge), but reading leads should be prompt in helping the synopsis leads with the aggregation of the notes. (2 points)