CSC290 Communication Skills for Computer Scientists

Tutorial 8

November 5/8, 2019

Agenda

- Common issues in the Critical Reviews
- How to submit the Critical Review Edits
- Time to work on Critical Review Edits

Critical Review

- Critical Reviews are available on Markus
- Three files available on Markus:
    - review.docx: your critical review, with TA comments
    - rubric.pdf: marked up rubric
    - grade.txt: your grade as a text file (for administrative purposes)

For questions/issues, email Lisa (lczhang@cs.toronto.edu) by November 11th. **Please do not email the surgeon with the same name as Lisa.**

Critical Review Edits

Look at the TA feedback, and correct/improve your writing based on the comments.

- Worth 2% of your grade.
- Due **November 14th, 2019** at 9pm

Common issue: summary

- Focus on the aspects of the work that is useful for the audience to know *to be able to understand your critical review*
- Check if the details you mention are ever mentioned or used again

Fix the issue by removing details that are not used.

Common issue: poor critique

- Your critique should be about the author's *methodology*, not the writing or presentation
- Ask yourself: if the author fixed the issue that you point, would you believe in their conclusions more than you do now?

Fix the issue by adding one good criticism that would affect your belief in the conclusion.

Common issue: unsupported critique

- Avoid comments/ideas that are unsupported (e.g. explaining reasons why users updated their reviews)
- If you are making a claim, connect

Fix the issue by adding a source, removing your

Common issue: paragraphs

- Make sure that each paragraph only contains *one* idea
- Start your paragraph with a topic sentence to help readers skim

Fix the issue by splitting up your paragraphs and adding topic sentences

Common issue: grammar

- Look for the issues that your TA pointed out
- For example, if the TA mentions that your use of commas is incorrect, then look through your review for incorrect uses of comma

Fix the issue by finding *all* of its occurrences.

How to make changes?

- Turn on "Track Changes" in the file "review.docx"
  - See
    https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~lczhang/290/critical.html#cr
- Do not remove TA comments
- Make edits to the file "review.docx"

How much to fix?

- Do not rewrite your critical review from scratch
- Instead, fix only the issues that your TA points out
- This should be about the amount of work as a blog post

Rest of today

- Make your critical review edits
- I'll be here for questions