

Final Project Guidelines

CMSC8280

1. Introduction

(a) Background and Significance

- Report specific research question(s) you are addressing
- Assumptions underlying questions and formulate hypotheses as appropriate

- How does it fit within current knowledge in area
- What are we missing if we don't get an answer

(b) Data you are using to address this question

- What is it
 - Observational units (nodes) and their attributes
 - Relationships/interactions (edges) and their attributes
- Where did you get it

2. Methods

(a) Methodological Approach

- Describe as necessary
- Discuss reasoning and justification for methodological choices

(b) Evaluation Framework

- How are you evaluating the results of applying your method
- Why are you choosing to do it this way?
- How else could it be done, and why not do it that way?
- Are you missing anything important with your chosen evaluation framework?

3. Results

- Make sure you use the evaluation framework you said you would use

4. Discussion and Conclusions

- What are the implications of the results you obtained
- Open questions not addressed in your project