

# EMIS/CSE 8331 - Data Mining

## Guidelines for reviewing papers

We will discuss 1-2 research papers almost every Wednesday in class (see syllabus). The papers will be made available on the course Web site a week in advance.

You are expected to read all papers carefully and complete for each paper the review form (see Web site) before we discuss the papers. **You need to submit your review notes before the class via Courses.SMU.** Note that in order to conduct the review it is not enough to just read the paper. You also have to check *important* facts, read up on *important* things that you are not familiar with and in general try your best to check the claims made in the paper. Note the use of the word *important* here. Don't check each minor detail or you will spend too much time on this assignment.

During the discussion I will ask one student to describe the paper using the categories in the review form. Then we will have a discussion about the technical details in the paper. Every student is expected to participate. This participation is part of your grade.

## Grading

Your grade on each reviewed paper will consist of the following categories:

- Completed review form (10%)
- Summary (40%)
- Strong/weak points (20%)
- Analysis of the results of the paper (10%)
- Participation in the discussion (20%)

## Distance students

Distance students are required to:

1. Submit your review **before** the class in which we discuss the paper.
2. Watch the discussion and write a 1 page (12 point font, double-spaced) summary of the discussion of each paper. Identify questions that you have which were not discussed in class.