

Peer-Review Homework Activity

Peer-review Meeting

- Please schedule a video meeting or a phone call. You can get a WebEx link for free with your UConn login by going to its.uconn.edu/webex. Other free video call options include Google, Skype, Zoom, FaceTime, and social media apps.
- Prior to the meeting, email your partner the PDF of your paper draft.
- During the meeting, have a notebook or something to write with.
- During the meeting, take turns reading out loud the first two or three pages of your partner's paper while your partner is listening. If while listening to your partner you realize that you want to change something, write this down on your notebook.
- Share your comments with your partner.

Activities that can be done during the meeting or on your own (prior to the meeting)

- Silently read through your classmate's paper (at least the first five pages).
- On your notebook or computer, summarize your partner's paper (to someone who has not seen your partner's paper). Do not simply copy their abstract.
- Review (at least the first five pages of) your partner's paper. Your main focus should be on whether the mathematics is communicated in a clear and organized way.
- On your notebook, write down useful comments. Below are a few optional prompts.
 1. What does this sentence have to do with the thesis of a paragraph? What does this paragraph have to do with this paper?
 2. Is the paper easy to follow? Suggest ways to improve the organization.
 3. Can the abstract or introduction be strengthened? If so, how? Suggest specific actions.
 4. What are the strongest parts of this draft? Should any sentence, paragraph, or section be removed from the draft?
 5. What are the two most important things for the author to focus on in the revision?

Email report

Submit the following to me by email. Your answer can be in the body of the email.

Email subject line: math2794w peer-review of YourName

1. Your name:
2. Date and approximate time of your video or phone call:
3. Briefly describe your interaction. Did your partner give you any suggestion that you will follow?
4. Your partner's name:
5. Your partner's paper title:
6. Briefly summarize *your partner's paper* (to someone who has not yet seen the paper). Do not simply copy their abstract. (Note: a summary is usually the first part of a referee report written for a professional publication.)