End of Course

Advanced Machine Learning for NLP
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PRESENTATION ADVICE
Big Idea

• Don’t give your presentation to *me*
• Explain why what you’re doing matters to a lay person
• I will have science writer from NASA
• If she’s confused, you’ll get a worse grade
The Data

- Okay, you’ve explained why this is a good idea
- Now explain why the data you have helps you show that it works
- Give examples of your data, and what your system should do
- (Can interleave in the explanation of why)
What you did

- **Keep this short**
- Most people spend too much time
- Don’t talk about data processing, formatting, etc.
- Important and takes time, but not worth talking about
- Make it clear what each group member did (but do so briefly)
- Give contribution of project
  - New model?
  - Different data?
  - Something else?
Does it Work

• Give baseline of what a good system should do
  ○ Existing system
  ○ Most frequent class
  ○ Human performance

• Show what your system does

• If difference is small, error bars can help
What if Things Don’t Work

• Focus on simple models
• Explain what you’ll do between now and final report (due on finals day)
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Don’t go over time!

- 12 minutes per project
- 1 minute for questions
- Don’t leave important things toward end to be rushed
- Will be very strict with time!
Writeup

- NIPS or ACL format
- Due on day of final (May 8), 19:30 Mountain
- Submit via e-mail to me and Alvin