

# Writing in Statistics (Final class)

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1. What worked well in this class? what didn't?

Things that worked:-

- The open discussions in the class
- Discussing examples of real papers and real exchanges between paper author and reviewers.
- Feedback on report from other students
- Focusing on one part (section/paragraph) of our reports at a time for comments and re-writing.

A little more time for reading papers for commenting would have helped. Almost every week we had some reading material to learn about writing. Also, sometimes after uploading a part of my report for comments, I realized that it could have been improved if I had access to the reading material earlier. I understand that this may not be feasible given the constraint on the time of the course. Lastly, I did not have much experience with writing before I took this course. Thus, the assignments of comments on the reports of other students and also finding examples of good and bad paragraphs from published papers were very challenging for me. I believe that if during the beginning of the course we had more examples of such good and bad parts of published papers, it would have helped.

2. What are some things you were surprised to learn or get better at in this class? What are some things you wanted to learn but didn't?

I was surprised to learn about the existing writing formulas for example rearrangement of sentence to make the flow easier for the reader. Also the documents on writing good paragraphs and writing mathematics properly. I believe that after reading these documents and some practice, I can improve my writing.

I would have liked more examples of real papers with good and bad examples and also real published papers with final draft and initial draft. The first assignment we had of improving a grant writing was helpful because everyone was working on the same document. Maybe, a few more of such exercises (including reading and discussion on particular published paper) would have been nice.

3. Any other comments about either the class, or about communicating in statistics?

The class is very helpful and covers a lot of areas in writing (about most of which I was unaware of) effectively in such a short time.