

Some notes on seminar presentation

LENS group research seminar

Conference talk vs. seminar presentation

- Conference talk
 - Constrained by time
 - Get people interested
 - Formulating the problem
 - Get some taste of the solution
- Seminar presentation
 - Time is not a (big) concern
 - We want to learn the details
 - But it does not mean you can just throw everything in

Preparing earlier

- Reading paper(s) several times
- Digesting papers
 - What is the problem
 - Why is it important
 - What is the contribution
 - What we can learn from the paper(s)
- If background knowledge lacking
 - Read related papers

Before writing slides

- Putting together a presentation is not easy
- Thinking about what you want to include
 - Important points
 - (Normally) do not copy author's slides
- Organizing your thought, your slides
 - Outline your presentation on paper
 - (Normally) do not just start out with Powerpoint

Writing your slides

- Normally don't write long sentence on slide
 - *It is a talk*
 - Don't simply repeat what you will say on slides
- Making sure each slide serves a purpose
 - Messages to convey
- Other things
 - Using examples, figures, etc.

Writing your slides

- Making clear the following things
 - What is the problem
 - Why is it important
 - What is solution/contribution
 - What are the assumptions and model

Before giving presentation

- Discussing with your advisor about your slides (?)

Giving presentation

- *Nerve is common*
- Don't be afraid of questions
 - People want to learn
- Explaining your slides