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Formatting Instructions for NIPS 2014

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Abstract

The abstract paragraph should be indented 1/2 inch (3 picas) on both left and right-hand margins. Use 10 point type, with a vertical spacing of 11 points. The word **Abstract** must be centered, bold, and in point size 12. Two line spaces precede the abstract. The abstract must be limited to one paragraph.

1 Submission of papers to NIPS 2014

NIPS requires electronic submissions. The electronic submission site is

<http://papers.nips.cc>

Please read carefully the instructions below, and follow them faithfully.

1.1 Style

Papers to be submitted to NIPS 2014 must be prepared according to the instructions presented here. Papers may be only up to eight pages long, including figures. Since 2009 an additional ninth page *containing only cited references* is allowed. Papers that exceed nine pages will not be reviewed, or in any other way considered for presentation at the conference.

Please note that this year we have introduced automatic line number generation into the style file (for \LaTeX 2 ϵ and Word versions). This is to help reviewers refer to specific lines of the paper when they make their comments. Please do NOT refer to these line numbers in your paper as they will be removed from the style file for the final version of accepted papers.

The margins in 2014 are the same as since 2007, which allow for $\approx 15\%$ more words in the paper compared to earlier years. We are also again using double-blind reviewing. Both of these require the use of new style files.

Authors are required to use the NIPS \LaTeX style files obtainable at the NIPS website as indicated below. Please make sure you use the current files and not previous versions. Tweaking the style files may be grounds for rejection.

1.2 Retrieval of style files

The style files for NIPS and other conference information are available on the World Wide Web at

<http://www.nips.cc/>

The file `nips2014.pdf` contains these instructions and illustrates the various formatting requirements your NIPS paper must satisfy. \LaTeX users can choose between two style files: `nips11submit_09.sty` (to be used with \LaTeX version 2.09) and `nips11submit_e.sty`

054 (to be used with L^AT_EX2e). The file `nips2014.tex` may be used as a “shell” for writing your
055 paper. All you have to do is replace the author, title, abstract, and text of the paper with your own.
056 The file `nips2014.rtf` is provided as a shell for MS Word users.

057 The formatting instructions contained in these style files are summarized in sections 2, 3, and 4
058 below.

060 **2 General formatting instructions**

061 The text must be confined within a rectangle 5.5 inches (33 picas) wide and 9 inches (54 picas) long.
062 The left margin is 1.5 inch (9 picas). Use 10 point type with a vertical spacing of 11 points. Times
063 New Roman is the preferred typeface throughout. Paragraphs are separated by 1/2 line space, with
064 no indentation.

065 Paper title is 17 point, initial caps/lower case, bold, centered between 2 horizontal rules. Top rule is
066 4 points thick and bottom rule is 1 point thick. Allow 1/4 inch space above and below title to rules.
067 All pages should start at 1 inch (6 picas) from the top of the page.

068 For the final version, authors’ names are set in boldface, and each name is centered above the corre-
069 sponding address. The lead author’s name is to be listed first (left-most), and the co-authors’ names
070 (if different address) are set to follow. If there is only one co-author, list both author and co-author
071 side by side.

072 Please pay special attention to the instructions in section 4 regarding figures, tables, acknowledg-
073 ments, and references.

074 **3 Headings: first level**

075 First level headings are lower case (except for first word and proper nouns), flush left, bold and in
076 point size 12. One line space before the first level heading and 1/2 line space after the first level
077 heading.

078 **3.1 Headings: second level**

079 Second level headings are lower case (except for first word and proper nouns), flush left, bold and
080 in point size 10. One line space before the second level heading and 1/2 line space after the second
081 level heading.

082 **3.1.1 Headings: third level**

083 Third level headings are lower case (except for first word and proper nouns), flush left, bold and in
084 point size 10. One line space before the third level heading and 1/2 line space after the third level
085 heading.

086 **4 Citations, figures, tables, references**

087 These instructions apply to everyone, regardless of the formatter being used.

088 **4.1 Citations within the text**

089 Citations within the text should be numbered consecutively. The corresponding number is to appear
090 enclosed in square brackets, such as [1] or [2]-[5]. The corresponding references are to be listed in
091 the same order at the end of the paper, in the **References** section. (Note: the standard BIB_TE_X style
092 `unsrt` produces this.) As to the format of the references themselves, any style is acceptable as long
093 as it is used consistently.

094 As submission is double blind, refer to your own published work in the third person. That is, use “In
095 the previous work of Jones et al. [4]”, not “In our previous work [4]”. If you cite your other papers

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Table 1: Sample table title

| PART | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dendrite | Input terminal |
| Axon | Output terminal |
| Soma | Cell body (contains cell nucleus) |

that are not widely available (e.g. a journal paper under review), use anonymous author names in the citation, e.g. an author of the form “A. Anonymous”.

4.2 Footnotes

Indicate footnotes with a number¹ in the text. Place the footnotes at the bottom of the page on which they appear. Precede the footnote with a horizontal rule of 2 inches (12 picas).²

4.3 Figures

All artwork must be neat, clean, and legible. Lines should be dark enough for purposes of reproduction; art work should not be hand-drawn. The figure number and caption always appear after the figure. Place one line space before the figure caption, and one line space after the figure. The figure caption is lower case (except for first word and proper nouns); figures are numbered consecutively.

Make sure the figure caption does not get separated from the figure. Leave sufficient space to avoid splitting the figure and figure caption.

You may use color figures. However, it is best for the figure captions and the paper body to make sense if the paper is printed either in black/white or in color.

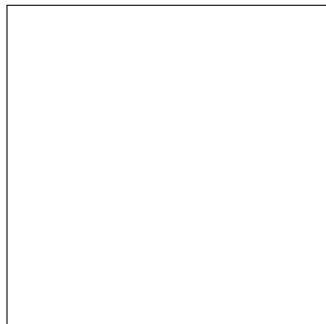


Figure 1: Sample figure caption.

4.4 Tables

All tables must be centered, neat, clean and legible. Do not use hand-drawn tables. The table number and title always appear before the table. See Table 1.

Place one line space before the table title, one line space after the table title, and one line space after the table. The table title must be lower case (except for first word and proper nouns); tables are numbered consecutively.

¹Sample of the first footnote

²Sample of the second footnote

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5 Final instructions

Do not change any aspects of the formatting parameters in the style files. In particular, do not modify the width or length of the rectangle the text should fit into, and do not change font sizes (except perhaps in the **References** section; see below). Please note that pages should be numbered.

6 Preparing PostScript or PDF files

Please prepare PostScript or PDF files with paper size “US Letter”, and not, for example, “A4”. The `-t letter` option on `dvips` will produce US Letter files.

Fonts were the main cause of problems in the past years. Your PDF file must only contain Type 1 or Embedded TrueType fonts. Here are a few instructions to achieve this.

- You can check which fonts a PDF files uses. In Acrobat Reader, select the menu Files>Document Properties>Fonts and select Show All Fonts. You can also use the program `pdffonts` which comes with `xpdf` and is available out-of-the-box on most Linux machines.
- The IEEE has recommendations for generating PDF files whose fonts are also acceptable for NIPS. Please see <http://www.emfield.org/icuwb2010/downloads/IEEE-PDF-SpecV32.pdf>
- LaTeX users:
 - Consider directly generating PDF files using `pdflatex` (especially if you are a MiKTeX user). PDF figures must be substituted for EPS figures, however.
 - Otherwise, please generate your PostScript and PDF files with the following commands:

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dvips mypaper.dvi -t letter -Ppdf -G0 -o mypaper.ps
ps2pdf mypaper.ps mypaper.pdf
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Check that the PDF files only contains Type 1 fonts.
 - `xfig` “patterned” shapes are implemented with bitmap fonts. Use “solid” shapes instead.
 - The `\bbold` package almost always uses bitmap fonts. You can try the equivalent AMS Fonts with command

```
\usepackage[psamsfonts]{amssymb}
```

or use the following workaround for reals, natural and complex:

```
\newcommand{\RR}{I\!\!R} %real numbers
\newcommand{\Nat}{I\!\!N} %natural numbers
\newcommand{\CC}{I\!\!C} %complex numbers
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 - Sometimes the problematic fonts are used in figures included in LaTeX files. The ghostscript program `eps2eps` is the simplest way to clean such figures. For black and white figures, slightly better results can be achieved with program `potrace`.
- MSWord and Windows users (via PDF file):
 - Install the Microsoft Save as PDF Office 2007 Add-in from <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?displaylang=en&familyid=4d951911-3e7e-4ae6-b059-a2e79ed87041>
 - Select “Save or Publish to PDF” from the Office or File menu
- MSWord and Mac OS X users (via PDF file):
 - From the print menu, click the PDF drop-down box, and select “Save as PDF..”
- MSWord and Windows users (via PS file):
 - To create a new printer on your computer, install the AdobePS printer driver and the Adobe Distiller PPD file from <http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/detail.jsp?ftpID=204> *Note:* You must reboot your PC after installing the AdobePS driver for it to take effect.

- 216 – To produce the ps file, select “Print” from the MS app, choose the installed AdobePS
- 217 printer, click on “Properties”, click on “Advanced.”
- 218 – Set “TrueType Font” to be “Download as Softfont”
- 219 – Open the “PostScript Options” folder
- 220 – Select “PostScript Output Option” to be “Optimize for Portability”
- 221 – Select “TrueType Font Download Option” to be “Outline”
- 222 – Select “Send PostScript Error Handler” to be “No”
- 223 – Click “OK” three times, print your file.
- 224 – Now, use Adobe Acrobat Distiller or ps2pdf to create a PDF file from the PS file. In
- 225 Acrobat, check the option “Embed all fonts” if applicable.
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227 If your file contains Type 3 fonts or non embedded TrueType fonts, we will ask you to fix it.

228 6.1 Margins in LaTeX

229 Most of the margin problems come from figures positioned by hand using `\special` or other
 230 commands. We suggest using the command `\includegraphics` from the `graphicx` package.
 231 Always specify the figure width as a multiple of the line width as in the example below using `.eps`
 232 `graphics`

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233 \usepackage[dvips]{graphicx} ...
234 \includegraphics[width=0.8\linewidth]{myfile.eps}
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236 \usepackage[pdftex]{graphicx} ...
237 \includegraphics[width=0.8\linewidth]{myfile.pdf}
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238 for `.pdf` graphics. See section 4.4 in the graphics bundle documentation (<http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.ps>)

239 A number of width problems arise when LaTeX cannot properly hyphenate a line. Please give
 240 LaTeX hyphenation hints using the `\-` command.

241 Acknowledgments

242 Use unnumbered third level headings for the acknowledgments. All acknowledgments go at the
 243 end of the paper. Do not include acknowledgments in the anonymized submission, only in the final
 244 paper.

245 References

246 References follow the acknowledgments. Use unnumbered third level heading for the references.
 247 Any choice of citation style is acceptable as long as you are consistent. It is permissible to reduce
 248 the font size to ‘small’ (9-point) when listing the references. **Remember that this year you can use
 249 a ninth page as long as it contains *only* cited references.**

250 [1] Alexander, J.A. & Mozer, M.C. (1995) Template-based algorithms for connectionist rule extraction. In
 251 G. Tesauro, D. S. Touretzky and T.K. Leen (eds.), *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 7*, pp.
 252 609-616. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

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 254 GEneral NEural Simulation System*. New York: TELOS/Springer-Verlag.

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 256 synapses and cholinergic modulation in rat hippocampal region CA3. *Journal of Neuroscience* **15**(7):5249-
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