

BI 528 General Reading & Discussion Questions

Questions to ask about every paper

- 1.** What did the authors set out to do?
- 2.** What approaches did they take and methods did they use to achieve their aims?
- 3.** What were their findings/results?
- 4.** What conclusions do they draw from their results?
- 5.** Are their conclusions justified considering their methods and results?

We'll first answer these questions at the beginning of class, then discuss the broader questions about the importance of the paper to the field, etc.

When you lead the class discussion, start by summarizing the paper using these questions as a foundation. Write a set of broader discussion/reading questions, which I'll put on the web page after you've emailed them to me (at least a week before your discussion).