

Homework 0-1

Due: Jan 31, 2012, 2:25 pm

Reminders

For the following problems you may discuss the concepts that will help solve these problems with classmates and course staff. You may *not* simply copy down the answers of your classmates as that is a violation of the collaboration policy. The one exception to this rule are those problems marked as Independent. You may discuss independent problems *with course staff only*.

“On the Bias”

Answer the following questions about the Geoffrey Nunberg’s “On the Bias” (<http://people.ischool.berkeley.edu/~nunberg/bias.html>).

1. What is the result of Nunberg’s analysis?
2. What assumptions did Nunberg make? Does he justify any assumptions? If so, how?
3. Name two potential criticisms of his analysis.
4. This article compares the number of times individuals are associated with the terms “conservative” or “liberal” in newspapers. (A) Give two other terms to count in newspapers and (B) pose a testable hypothesis about their relationship. Here’s an example from *Green Eggs and Ham*. If we count the number occurrences of the phrases “green eggs” and “ham”, I claim that they occur the same number of times.

Save the answers in a text file called YourNameHW0-1.txt, where “Your-Name” should be replaced with your first and last name. Send it to to cs0931handin@cs.brown.edu with the subject line ‘HW0-1’.