**Exercise: Critiquing a Sample Paper**For this exercise, you will read a sample capstone project paper written several years ago and answer the following questions.

1. Recall that in a technical report, information should be presented in the appropriate section. Each section should address the following:

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| **Abstract** | *Does it provide a brief overview of the entire research and findings?* |
| **Introduction** | *Does it provide background to the research? Does it state the problem?* |
| **Methods** | *Does it describe techniques used to solve the problem?* |
| **Results** | *Does it present findings in a factual manner?* |
| **Conclusion** | *Does it provide context for the findings in light of the original problem?  Does it make recommendations for the future?* |

For the sample paper provided, critique each of these sections below (keeping in mind the purpose of each section). Note things that you think were done well, and in places where you think there’s room for improvement, provide specific recommendations to make the final paper better.

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1. Suppose this student had asked you to provide feedback on this semi-final draft. List the **top three** things you would suggest in order to improve the final paper.