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# IRR Q&A Live Session 8

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# Course overview and status

**Lectures:** There are no recorded lectures this week.

**Tutorial 6:** You will work on improving an initial draft of your coursework. Please bring a draft to the tutorial as the in-class activities will be centred around it.

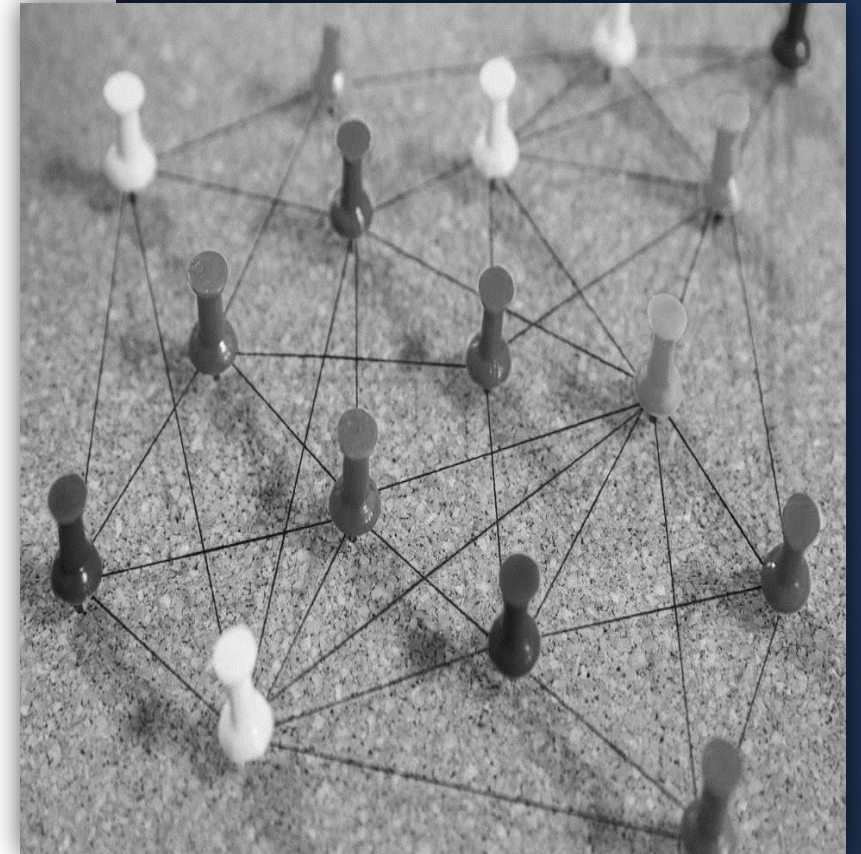
# Relationships Between Evidence

## Why referencing is important in academic writing:

1. **Acknowledging Different Views:** It recognises diverse perspectives
2. **Boosting Credibility:** Adds evidence and validity to your work
3. **Integrating Evidence:** Shows critical understanding
4. **Strengthening Your Position:** Supports your stance
5. **Connecting to Existing Research:** Links your study to prior work
6. **Emphasising Key Points:** Highlights important findings

## Three common and effective referencing approaches:

1. Support a common view
2. Contrast evidence and perspectives
3. Substantiate alternative approaches or methods



# Exercise 1

**Exercise Link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/X693wEe6vz>

Quiz: Relationships between  
Evidence



# Your IRR coursework

- **Submission Deadline:** Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 12:00 GMT (Week 2, Semester 2)
- **Begin Your Work Early:** Avoid Last-Minute Rush!
- **Become Familiar with Coursework Instructions:**
  - Find them on Learn: Assessment >> Assessment and Feedback Information >> Coursework Instructions

## Informatics Research Review (IRR): Coursework

October 2023

### 1- Overview

In this coursework you will develop the Informatics Research Review. You will be guided in this process by your IRR tutor during the tutorials, and by the (guest) lecturers and TA during the live sessions on Wednesdays. Please, attend your IRR tutorials and the live sessions, and raise as many questions as you can. If you cannot attend the tutorials or the live sessions, read the slides for each tutorial, and do the activities. Ask your tutor to help if you encounter difficulties to complete the tutorial activities by yourself. The IRR Piazza is also a useful resource, so post your questions there and engage in discussion with your colleagues and tutor.

**Template:** You should use the provided [template](#) for your submission. The template contains information on how to use it. You are permitted to change aspects of the structure by adding or removing sections if this is appropriate for your proposal. You are NOT permitted to change the template to increase the number of words contained in a page (e.g., you must not make the font size smaller, change margins, etc.).

**Length:** Your Informatics Research Review should comprise at most 10 pages, excluding the references. You will not be penalised for exceeding this, but your tutor will ONLY mark the content within the 10 pages. Therefore, you may indirectly lose marks if essential content covering a certain criterion will not be within the page limit.

**Language:** Your writing should adhere to the principles of good academic writing, which encompasses logical sentence and paragraph structure, sound grammar and spelling, and clarity in your sentences. Furthermore, your coursework should be comprehensible to a non-expert audience. This means that individuals unfamiliar with your topic should be able to read and comprehend your work. Avoid or provide clear explanations for technical terms to ensure accessibility to a broader audience. If you choose to incorporate equations or algorithms into your coursework, it is essential to provide descriptions for each equation/algorithm parameter and fully explain the equations/algorithms to make them understandable for non-expert readers. This practice ensures that your work remains accessible to a broader audience, regardless of their familiarity with your topic.

**Use and Quality of References:** The use and quality of references are an essential component of your coursework. Your review must include a minimum of 10 distinct references, although there is no upper limit as long as they effectively address or support your research question(s) and objective(s). Ensure that the references are current, relevant, and from reputable sources, and that their inclusion is justified within the context of your work. Adequately cite all sources as needed, and ensure that the citations and the reference list are comprehensive and consistently formatted according to your chosen citation style.

**Deadline:** The deadline for submission is 12:00 GMT, on **Thursday 25 January 2024 (week 2 sem 2)**.

**Submission:** You should submit a PDF of your Informatics Research Review to the Turnitin submission in the Assessment section of the Learn page.

**Academic Integrity:** You must uphold good scholarly conduct throughout your coursework. Detailed information about the School of Informatics good scholarly practices can be found at <https://web.inf.ed.ac.uk/infweb/admin/policies/academic-misconduct>.

# Exercise 2

Exercise Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zwdpe6h5VW>





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