



## Introduction to the Special Review Issue

This end-of-year issue of AIJ is an experiment, a single issue dedicated to reviews. Our hope is that this format will lend the reviews more emphasis and interest.

We note that AIJ accepts five categories of reviews:

1. Book review (of one or more books).
2. Collection review (multiple reviews of one book).
3. Field review (a survey/synthesis/commentary on a subfield of AI or related discipline).
4. Web review (a review of one or more AI websites).
5. Software review (a review of one or more pieces of AI software).

Collection reviews typically include a response from the author, but there could be an author response in any category.

We encourage potential review writers to think of the review as a venue for airing ideas, rather than simply a report or summary of the book (or other material) in question. In addition, a review may serve a tutorial purpose if there is a perceived need for background or explanation on some topic. We also wish to remind readers and authors that AIJ reviews are themselves subject to review before being accepted, and that field reviews in particular are given blind reviews on a par with regular research articles.

In the current issue, there is one field review (by Cox), one collection review (of a book by Hawkins with Blakeslee), and various book reviews (one of which, by Kyburg, is accompanied by an author response; and one of which, by Anderson, reviews three books on similar subjects).

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