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| Journal Article Grading Rubric  |
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| Basic Mechanics  | Length 3-4 paragraphs. Reference, and article or URL given. Technical terminology and formalism are used correctly.  | Somewhat too long or short. Reference or article/URL given. Small number of errors in terminology or formalism.  | Much too long or short. No reference or article given. Terminology, formalism frequently misused.  |
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