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Suggestions for audience of a philosophy Q and A

As an audience member, your main goal is to help the person write a stronger paper. Generally you want to make sure to speak concisely and to avoid asking multiple questions at once, otherwise it's often hard for the person doing the Q and A to keep track of everything. Typically people will ask questions of the following sort (and of these, types 1 and 2 are most common):

1. Clarifying questions, e.g. about a piece of terminology, the structure of an argument, etc. Sometimes, in asking for clarifications audience members will give options of what they thought the speaker had in mind, e.g. "I wasn't sure exactly how your argument was supposed to go, but I was thinking it went as follows is that right?"
2. Objections, counter-examples, etc. to something in the presentation. It's fine – indeed encouraged – to offer suggestions for the speaker about how to get around the objections/counter-examples.
3. Questions about implications of the author's claims or connections between their main claims and other topics.