

Midterm student representative meeting LMA017

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The overall perception of the course is that it is running quite well. The tempo is high, you really need to work continuously to not fall behind, but that is expected in a course like this.

Lectures

The lectures are working well considering the circumstances. The lectures are clear, it is well conveyed what is important. The tempo in them is sometimes a bit too high, in particular at the transitions from slide to slide. The examiner will think even more about taking small pauses in those transitions. It is also sometimes hard to see what is written on the board, but this seems to work out anyway. This is partly thanks to questions from the live audience. The examiner encourages such questions!

Quite a lot of people are attending the live lectures, but it is also nice to have the youtube recordings for recapping and if you miss a lecture.

Demonstration videos

Relatively few people are looking at the demonstration videos – those are videos recorded by the TA and the examiner where concrete textbook problems. The reason for this is probably low awareness of their existence – they need to be advertised more.

Discord

There are also quite few people that use the discord sessions to get help on textbook problems. This may be simply to the fact that people do not feel that they need to ask questions. The examiner encourages people to do if they need to, though, it is probably the most efficient way to teach/learn! The discord server does not seem to be complicated to use, which is proven by the fact that many people have been using it to discuss the group exercises.

Group assignments

As far as the group assignments go, they work quite well so far. There is enough info on how they should be completed. The Thursday zoom sessions are nice. It is still a bit unclear how the peer review will work (out), but this will probably get clearer as the work with them starts.

Communication

Communication about the course is working fine. There is a lot of info to process on the Canvas page, but this also means that everything is there when you need to find it. The fact that info is posted on many channels (discord, canvas announcements, youtube videos, the actual canvas page) is still manageable, since everything finally is linked from the canvas home page.

Other questions

None. The examiner is working on a practice exam, which will be posted quite soon.

Protocol has been written by the examiner and adjusted by the other attendees.