AM 106/206 – Midterm Course Feedback

SUMMARY FALL 2010
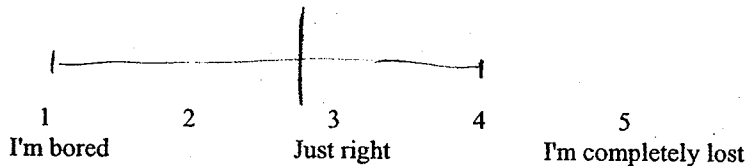
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Basic Information

Which course are you in (106 or 206)?
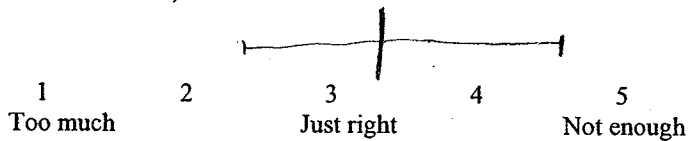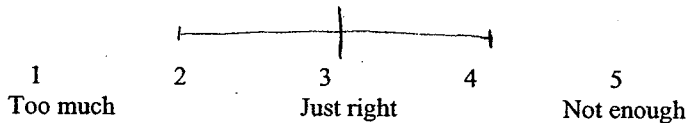
Lectures

How is the pace ?

1	2	3	4	5
I'm bored		Just right		I'm completely lost

(Just right = I have to concentrate, but I'm not overwhelmed.)

How is the level of detail ?

1	2	3	4	5
Too much		Just right		Not enough

The review of background material?

1	2	3	4	5
Too much		Just right		Not enough

Do you feel comfortable participating in class? If not, why?   Yes ≈ 15
No ≈ 5   (worried about holding back others, shy)

Comments on lectures (clarity, interest level, blackboard use, balance of theory/examples/applications):

More apps (or details on apps) would be nice.
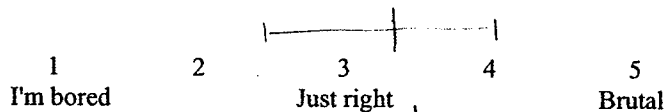Computational/algorithmic material difficult for non-CS people.
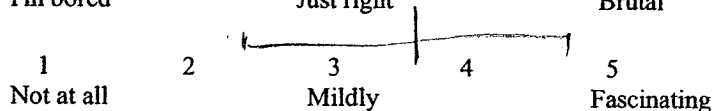Too slow for 206

Examples are helpful.
Would be good to know what to read beforehand.

Problem Sets

Difficulty?

1	2	3	4	5
I'm bored		Just right		Brutal

How interesting are the problems?

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Mildly		Fascinating

Do they help you understand the material?

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
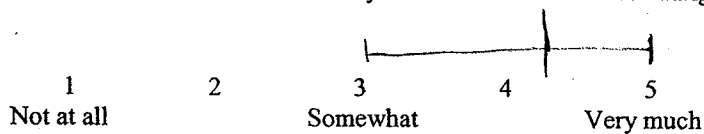
Do you read the solutions?

1	2	3

Is the feedback (grading/solutions) helpful?

No	Only for my mistakes	Yes
1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Somewhat		Very much

How many hours do you spend on each one (on average)? avg = 6 (range .5-12.5)

How many other students do you work with (range)? avg = 1 (range 0-3)

Comments: level reasonable
mire 106-206 differentiation would be good   algorithmic questions harder
one more problem might help (!)
please hand out sooner

The Quiz

Difficulty?

1	2	3	4	5
Trivial		Moderate		Brutal

How long did you take to finish? wide range.
many used almost full time, a couple didn't finish, some ≤ 30 min.

Comments: learned a lot reviewing   pressed for time
fair / fully manageable
easier than expected

Reading

How useful are the lecture notes?

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Somewhat		Very much

The Gallian text?

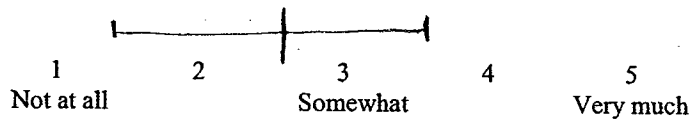| 1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Somewhat		Very much

Comments: not reading Gallian   would like more practice problems
Gallian good for lecture prep   lecture notes sufficient
Gallian too basic + expensive

Sections

Have you attended section or the review session?   How many times?

If yes, how useful was it?

1	2	3	4	5
Not at all		Somewhat		Very much

If no, why not? not a good time
· don't think necessary
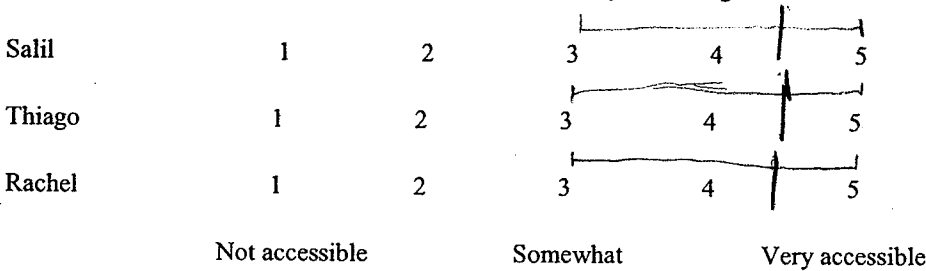
Comments: Sometimes hard to fellow

too much time on trivial issues, not enough on difficult items
quiz review very useful
quiz review not

Staff

How accessible do you find us? i.e. how comfortable are you coming to us outside of class?

Salil   1   2   3   4   5

Thiago   1   2   3   4   5

Rachel   1   2   3   4   5

Not accessible	Somewhat	Very accessible

Comments:

General Comments

Wish we had more time on crypto
better if 206 taught separately
like current pace + subject, but fear tremendous spike in difficulty in coming weeks
more applications please
would prefer if it were more mathy
would like examples from other fields
challenging but very good