AM 106/206 - Midterm Course Feedback
SUMMARY FALL 2010

Do not write your name on this sheet

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  
No  
(worried about holding back others, shy)

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

More apps (for details on apps) would be nice, computational/algorithmic material difficult for non-CS people. 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? 

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How many hours do you spend on each one (on average)? $\text{avg} = 6$ (range 3-12.5)

How many other students do you work with (range)? $\text{avg} = 1$ (range 0-3)

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

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**The Quiz**

Difficulty?

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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
fair/fully manageable
easier than expected

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**Reading**

How useful are the lecture notes?

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Comments: not reading Gallian
Gallian good for lecture prep
Gallian too basic, expensive

would like more practice problems
lecture notes sufficient

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**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

Sometimes hard to follow
too much time on trivial issues, not enough on difficult items
quiz review very useful
quiz review not

Comments:

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
Thuago  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