

## Centre for Mathematical Sciences Division of Mathematics and Numerical Analysis

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# Course Analysis for MATB22 and ÄMAD02 Linear Algebra 2, Spring Term 2022

#### **Course Information**

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Number of students:

MATB22: 44 newly registered and 11 re-registered. ÄMAD02: 25 newly registered and 4 re-registered.

18 students answered the course evaluation, 10 of them are enrolled on Bachelor's Programme in Mathematics, 2 on a Physics programme and 5 on the teacher education.

#### **Examination**

**Project:** 40 MATB22 students passed. Not applicable to ÄMAD02.

Written examination:

- Ordinary examination 17 March 2022: 37 out of 48 MATB22 candidates passed and 7 out of 13 ÄMAD02 candidates passed.
- Resit examination 9 April 2022: 6 out of 15 MATB22 candidates passed and 1 out of 9 ÄMAD02 candidates passed.

#### Final grades

In all, 41 MATB22 students, including some re-registered students, have got their final grade.

14 passed with distinction.

27 passed.

For ÄMAD02 students, I refer to Anna-Maria.

#### **Course Evaluation**

#### Summary of student's answers:

Contradictory opinions. Some seemed to like the textbook and the lectures and seminars a lot, some had quite an opposite opinion. One cannot please them all.

#### Teachers' comments:

The course consisted of lectures on campus and broadcast and seminars online only. A project consisting of exercises in Python is also included in the course. The textbook 'Linear Algebra' is written by me (Kjell Elfström).

Changes from the previous course realisation: None.

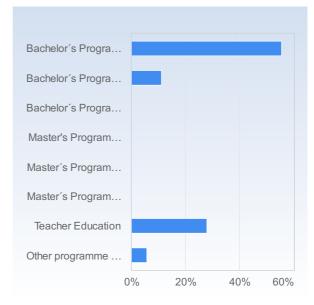
Suggestions for the next course realisation: None.

## MATB22-vt22

Answer Count: 18

## I have studied this course as part of

	Number of
I have studied this course as part of	responses
Bachelor's Programme in Mathematics	10 (55,6%)
Bachelor's Programme in Physics, Theoretical	
Physics, Astronomy	2 (11,1%)
Bachelor's Programme, other specialisation	0 (0,0%)
Master's Programme in Mathematics	0 (0,0%)
Master's Programme in Mathematical Statistics	0 (0,0%)
Master's Programme, other specialisation	0 (0,0%)
Teacher Education	5 (27,8%)
Other programme or as stand-alone course	1 (5,6%)
Total	18 (100,0%)

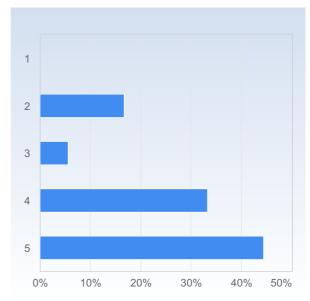


	Mean	Standard Deviation
I have studied this course as part of	3.2	2.9

# On the scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely $\to$ 3= partly agree $\to$ 5= agree completely

#### 2. IMy prior knowledge has been sufficient to assimilate the contents of this course.

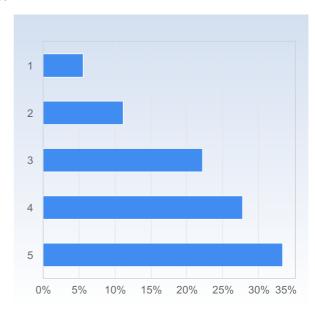
2.IMy prior knowledge has been sufficient to assimilate the contents of this course.	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	3 (16,7%)
3	1 (5,6%)
4	6 (33,3%)
5	8 (44,4%)
Total	18 (100 0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
2. My prior knowledge has been sufficient to assimilate the contents of this course.	4,1	1,1

#### 3.II have participated actively in the course.

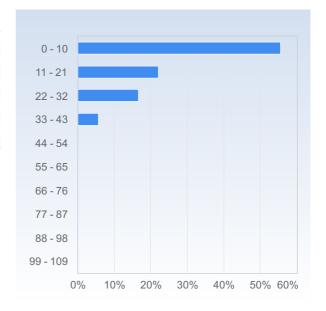
3. Il have participated actively in the course.	Number of responses
1	1 (5,6%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	4 (22,2%)
4	5 (27,8%)
5	6 (33,3%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
3. Il have participated actively in the course.	3,7	1,2

# Average number of hours spent in total on the course per week (including scheduled activities):

Average number of hours spent in total on the course per week (including scheduled activities):	Number of responses
0 - 10	10 (55,6%)
11 - 21	4 (22,2%)
22 - 32	3 (16,7%)
33 - 43	1 (5,6%)
44 - 54	0 (0,0%)
55 - 65	0 (0,0%)
66 - 76	0 (0,0%)
77 - 87	0 (0,0%)
88 - 98	0 (0,0%)
99 - 109	0 (0,0%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



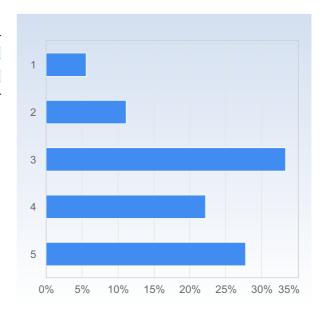
	Mean	Standard Deviation
Average number of hours spent in total on the course per week (including scheduled activities):	14,7	10,0

#### The course in general

# On the scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely $\to$ 3= partly agree $\to$ 5= agree completely

The way the course was taught and organised suited me.

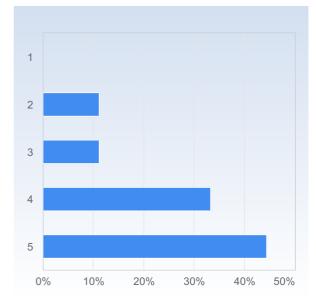
The way the course was taught and organised	Number of
suited me.	responses
1	1 (5,6%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	6 (33,3%)
4	4 (22,2%)
5	5 (27,8%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The way the course was taught and organised suited me.	3,6	1,2

# The number of teacher lead activities (lectures, seminars etc.) has been satisfactory.

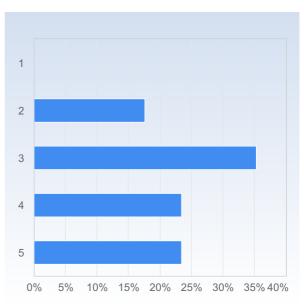
The number of teacher lead activities (lectures,	Number of
seminars etc.) has been satisfactory.	responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	2 (11,1%)
4	6 (33,3%)
5	8 (44,4%)
Total	18 (100 0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The number of teacher lead activities (lectures, seminars etc.) has been satisfactory.	4,1	1,0

#### The lectures were valuable for my learning.

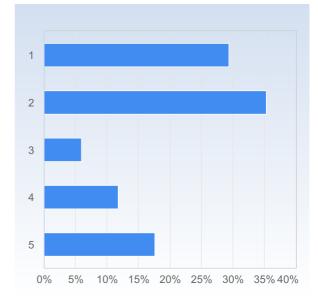
The lectures were valuable for my learning.	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	3 (17,6%)
3	6 (35,3%)
4	4 (23,5%)
5	4 (23,5%)
Total	17 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The lectures were valuable for my learning.	3,5	1,1

#### The seminars were valuable for my learning.

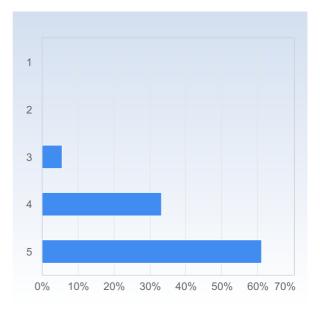
The seminars were valuable for my learning.	Number of responses
1	5 (29,4%)
2	6 (35,3%)
3	1 (5,9%)
4	2 (11,8%)
5	3 (17,6%)
Total	17 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The seminars were valuable for my learning.	2,5	1,5

#### Studying on my own was valuable for my learning.

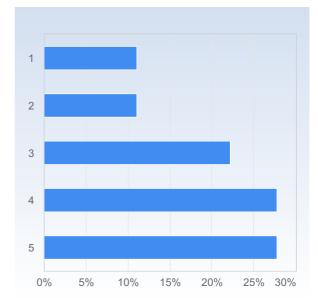
Studying on my own was valuable for my	Number of
learning.	responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	1 (5,6%)
4	6 (33,3%)
5	11 (61,1%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
Studying on my own was valuable for my learning.	4,6	0,6

### The course literature/material was a valuable learning resource.

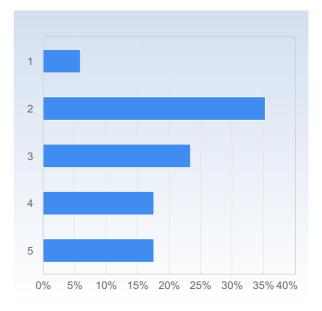
The course literature/material was a valuable	Number of
learning resource.	responses
1	2 (11,1%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	4 (22,2%)
4	5 (27,8%)
5	5 (27,8%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course literature/material was a valuable learning resource.	3,5	1,3

#### The assignments were valuable for my learning.

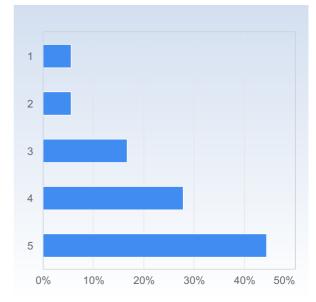
The assignments were valuable for my learning.	Number of responses
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<u> </u>	1 (5,9%)
2	6 (35,3%)
3	4 (23,5%)
4	3 (17,6%)
5	3 (17,6%)
Total	17 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The assignments were valuable for my learning.	3,1	1,2

#### The information I received before the course start was satisfactory.

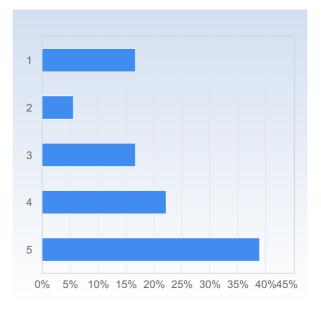
The information I received before the course start	Number of
was satisfactory.	responses
1	1 (5,6%)
2	1 (5,6%)
3	3 (16,7%)
4	5 (27,8%)
5	8 (44,4%)
Total	18 (100 0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The information I received before the course start was satisfactory.	4,0	1,2

#### The communication with the teaching staff during the course was good.

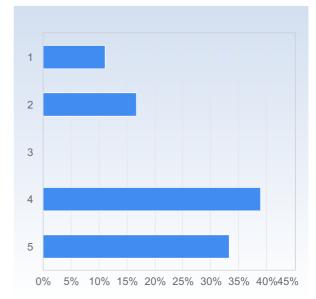
The communication with the teaching staff during	Number of
the course was good.	responses
1	3 (16,7%)
2	1 (5,6%)
3	3 (16,7%)
4	4 (22,2%)
5	7 (38,9%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The communication with the teaching staff during the course was good.	3,6	1,5

#### It was clear throughout the course what was expected of me.

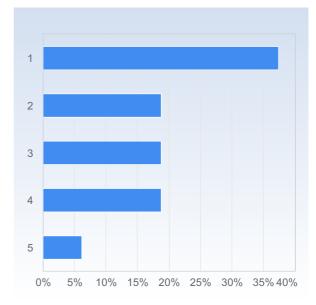
It was clear throughout the course what was	Number of
expected of me.	responses
1	2 (11,1%)
2	3 (16,7%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	7 (38,9%)
5	6 (33,3%)
Total	18 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
It was clear throughout the course what was expected of me.	3,7	1,4

#### I have received valuable feedback from my teacher/teachers during the course.

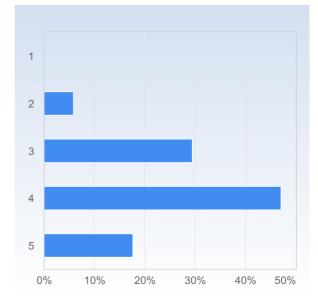
I have received valuable feedback from my	Number of
teacher/teachers during the course.	responses
1	6 (37,5%)
2	3 (18,8%)
3	3 (18,8%)
4	3 (18,8%)
5	1 (6,3%)
Total	16 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
I have received valuable feedback from my teacher/teachers during the course.	2,4	1,4

#### The course had a reasonable workload.

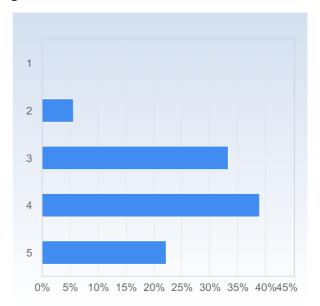
The course had a reasonable workload.	Number of responses	
1	0 (0,0%)	
2	1 (5,9%)	
3	5 (29,4%)	
4	8 (47,1%)	
5	3 (17,6%)	
Total	17 (100 0%)	



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course had a reasonable workload.	3,8	0,8

#### The workload was evenly distributed throughout the course.

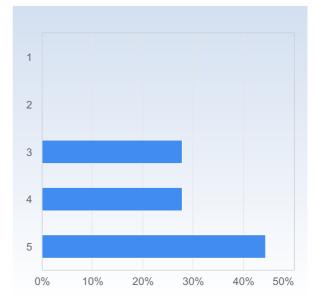
The workload was evenly distributed throughout the course.	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (5,6%)
3	6 (33,3%)
4	7 (38,9%)
5	4 (22,2%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The workload was evenly distributed throughout the course.	3,8	0,9

#### The examination matched the contents and level of the course.

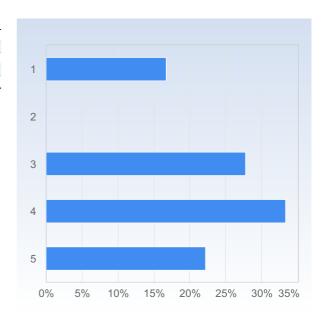
The examination matched the contents and level	Number of
of the course.	responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	5 (27,8%)
4	5 (27,8%)
5	8 (44,4%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The examination matched the contents and level of the course.	4,2	0,9

#### Overall, I am satisfied with the course.

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1	3 (16,7%)	
2	0 (0,0%)	
3	5 (27,8%)	
4	6 (33,3%)	
5	4 (22,2%)	
Total	18 (100,0%)	



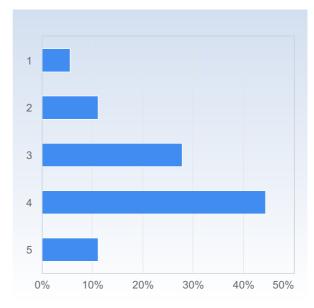
	Mean	Standard Deviation
Overall, I am satisfied with the course.	3,4	1,3

#### On the development of generic skills

On the scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely  $\rightarrow$  3= partly agree  $\rightarrow$  5= agree completely

#### The course has increased my ability to read a mathematical text.

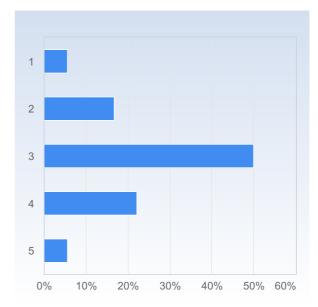
The course has increased my ability to read a mathematical text.	Number of responses
1	1 (5,6%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	5 (27,8%)
4	8 (44,4%)
5	2 (11,1%)
Total	18 (100 0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to read a mathematical text.	3,4	1,0

#### The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject in writing.

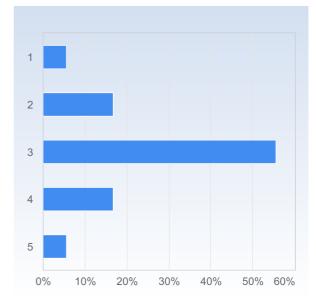
The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject in writing.	Number of responses
4	
	1 (5,6%)
2	3 (16,7%)
3	9 (50,0%)
4	4 (22,2%)
5	1 (5,6%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject in writing.	3,1	0,9

## The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject orally.

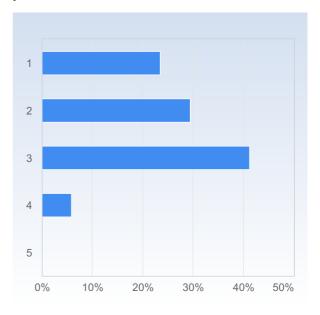
The course has increased my ability to	Number of
communicate the subject orally.	responses
1	1 (5,6%)
2	3 (16,7%)
3	10 (55,6%)
4	3 (16,7%)
5	1 (5,6%)
Total	18 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject orally.	3,0	0,9

#### The course has increased my ability to cooperate.

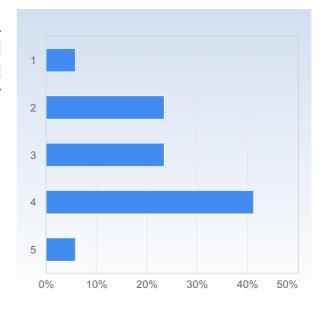
The course has increased my ability to	Number of
cooperate.	responses
1	4 (23,5%)
2	5 (29,4%)
3	7 (41,2%)
4	1 (5,9%)
5	0 (0,0%)
Total	17 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to cooperate.	2,3	0,9

### The course has increased my ability to search and process information.

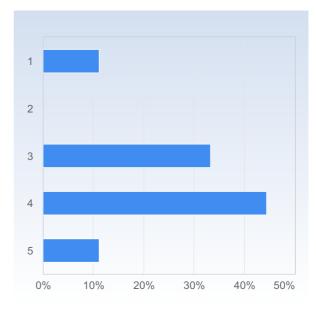
The course has increased my ability to search	Number of
and process information.	responses
1	1 (5,9%)
2	4 (23,5%)
3	4 (23,5%)
4	7 (41,2%)
5	1 (5,9%)
Total	17 (100 0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to search and process information.	3,2	1,1

#### The course has increased my ability to analyze and solve problems.

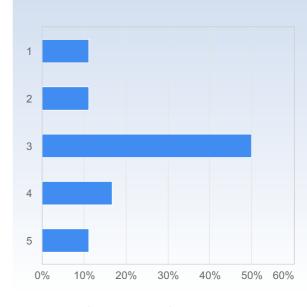
The course has increased my ability to analyze	Number of
and solve problems.	responses
1	2 (11,1%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	6 (33,3%)
4	8 (44,4%)
5	2 (11,1%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course has increased my ability to analyze and solve problems.	3,4	1,1

#### As a result of this course, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems.

As a result of this course, I feel confident about	Number of
tackling unfamiliar problems.	responses
1	2 (11,1%)
2	2 (11,1%)
3	9 (50,0%)
4	3 (16,7%)
5	2 (11,1%)
Total	18 (100,0%)



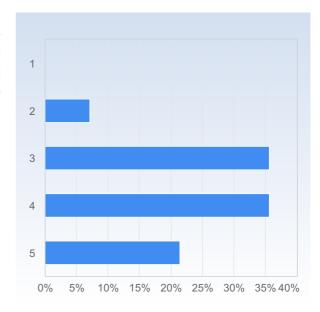
	Mean	Standard Deviation
As a result of this course, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems.	3,1	1,1

## On the programming project

# On a scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely $\rightarrow$ 3= partly agree $\rightarrow$ 5= agree completely

The programming project is closely related to the course contents.

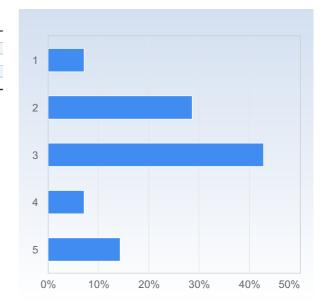
The programming project is closely related to the	Number of
course contents.	responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (7,1%)
3	5 (35,7%)
4	5 (35,7%)
5	3 (21,4%)
Total	14 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The programming project is closely related to the course contents.	3,7	0,9

# Owing to the programming project, I have increased my programming skills in Python.

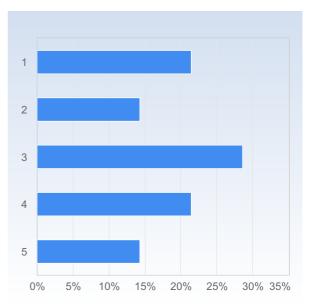
Owing to the programming project, I have	Number of
increased my programming skills in Python.	responses
1	1 (7,1%)
2	4 (28,6%)
3	6 (42,9%)
4	1 (7,1%)
5	2 (14,3%)
Total	14 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
Owing to the programming project, I have increased my programming skills in Python.	2,9	1,1

#### I believe that the programming project has been valuable for my future learning.

I believe that the programming project has been valuable for my future learning.	Number of responses
1	3 (21,4%)
2	2 (14,3%)
3	4 (28,6%)
4	3 (21,4%)
5	2 (14,3%)
Total	14 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
I believe that the programming project has been valuable for my future learning.	2,9	1,4

#### What did you appreciate most with the course?

What did you appreciate most with the course?

The Canvas course page. It had a lot of useful information that students want to know about the course.

Linear algebra is cool

No

The 15min breaks during lectures/seminars.

Really liked the course book, definitely the best one so far. Clean proofs

I especially appreciated the very rigorous and structured presentation of the course material. It was always clear what theorems were used and how the theory was derived.

The visual representations of different concepts

Very well-written and clear textbook, excellent lectures, great seminars... really, everything very good

The course seems really well-organized and thought through: the pace is even and good, the course literature complements the lectures well (especially when the lectures are a somewhat less rigorous and a little bit of reading fills in the last details - the combination works really well for the more hands-on geometric parts of the course) and every aspect of the course is fairly tested in the examination (theoretical as well as practical).

Questions that we go through on the seminars were very good at preparing me for solving the questions on the final exam

#### What do you think should be improved?

What do you think should be improved?

The course literature should be improved, it was a bit wearying with a lot of theorems and definition. I think it is better to solve more example during the teaching.

Please no more courses at that must be attended at 8 am. It severely hurts my ability to learn and my natural clock and my mental health. Kurskompendiet kunde fått lov att vara mer lättbegripligt.

När man läste det var det lite som att köra huvudet i en betongvägg och mängder av tid och arbete gick åt till att överhuvudtaget begripa vad där stod.

Om det varit enklare att förstå så hade en betydligt större andel av ens tid och arbete kunnat läggas på att lära sig ämnet och man hade för motsvarande arbetskostnad kunnat lära sig betydligt fler saker istället och därmed blivit betydligt bättre på matematiken.

Kiell, Raul

Kjell and Raul

The lectures would be more interesting if it included intuitive ways to look at the theorems given in the lecture notes.

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors could be introduced before the chapter on isometries, projections, reflections etc, I guess it would clarify e.g. the classification of a 3D isometry a lot.

While the theory was always very clearly presented I personally would have appreciated some more material for building intuition, in particular when introducing a new topic.

This is especially true for Linear Algebra as it is often presented and used in very visual/graphical ways.

The programming project felt very out of place and did not challenge me in many ways beyond the scope of NUMA01 (except for three-dimensional plotting).

I believe I would have been more engaged in the course material with a non-programming assingment purely in Linear Algebra.

The handwriting in both the lectures and seminars. The seminars to be more pedagogical and explaining instead of mumbling and expecting everyone to know it all already. More hands on examples when learning of something new in a lecture.

Can't really think of anything

The programming project seemed very disconnected from the rest of the course.

For me personally, online seminars aren't nearly as instructive as in-person seminars, but I completely understand that the decision had to be made, and that in person seminars will resume now. Other than that, I've got nothing to add.

The examples in lecture notes have been helpful, however, I wish that the explanations of the theoretical parts were clearer

#### Have you during this course experienced course literature, staff or teaching methods to be discriminatory in any way (gender, ethnicity, etc.)?

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no

No

Nej.

No

No