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6.050J/2.110J   Information and Entropy   Spring 2006

Welcome from the TA!

Hi everybody!

I would like to welcome all of you to this course and hope we would have wonderful time together exploring the fantastic world of one of the most fundamental concepts human has ever tried to understand. That is, in my mind, understanding the nature of what we gain in the process of understanding: information! As this is the first time that I am doing TA for 6.050/2.110J, I am really excited to start on this journey. I hope you have a same feeling!

Besdies, there are a few points about the mechanics of the course that I want to mention here. Problem sets are distributed weekly. They are typically placed on the course Web site Monday morning (or if possible the previous Friday or during the weekend), and are due on Friday of the same week. They deal with concepts presented in the lecture that week. You may submit your homework solutions either electronically by emailing 6.050-submit@mit.edu, or at the 6.050J / 2.110J office, Room 38-344, by 5:00 PM on Fridays. Official solutions are posted shortly after the problem sets are due. Please do not to submit your problem sets later than the deadline! I am supposed to be very strict about that! When submitting homework electronically or in paper, please follow the following guidelines:

1. Please use TEXT, DOC or PDF and formats. Avoid Excel, or Access files, or zipped, gzipped, tar'd, LZW'd, or otherwise compressed files.

2. If you attach your files to your email message, rather than including them in the body of the message, make sure to attach them in "Text/PLAIN" format. If you cannot figure out how to do that, cut and paste your text directly into your email.

Last but not least, I believe that this is not just a course 2 or course 6 class. Aparently, a lot of the stuff we would deal with in this course would be related to many other fields such as physics, mathematics, biology, etc. So, if you are considering courses other than course 2 or course 6, I still strongly recommend you to stay with us!

Questions or comments, please email the TA, Danial Lashkari, at danial@mit.edu Thanks!