Final Reflection

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I believe I should be awarded a B+ grade for this class, and here is why. At the beginning, I faced some difficulties and was failing the class, but once I realized I was struggling, I reached out to Acacia for guidance and together we devised a plan to improve my performance. I made a conscious effort to stick to the plan by completing all my homework assignments, actively participating in class discussions, and making sure I understood the required readings.

Outside of class, I dedicated a significant amount of time to coding and working on projects to the best of my ability. I made progress in understanding sudo code and reading complex code, and I took detailed notes to help me break down difficult problems.

Although I didn't quite finish the Mabe2 project, I was very close to completing it, with only the final connection remaining. I also put in a genuine effort to implement the Roulette selection before changing the topic and successfully completing and explaining my Tournament selection code to Acacia. Moreover, I collaborated with my group to analyze an assigned paper, "Selection of the Flattest", and generate discussion questions, and lead the class through our work. I actively participated in class discussions by reading the recommended materials and collaborated with my classmates to solve coding problems.

However, I acknowledge that there are areas where I could have done better. For instance, I could have attended more office hours, but given the overwhelming circumstances and my busy schedule this term, it was challenging to find additional time. I did miss a few check-ins, but I always made sure to reschedule and attend the make-up sessions. While I admit that I could have started the term more strongly, I made significant progress and turned things around as the term progressed. Towards the end, I managed to establish a better schedule that helped me stay on top of the class requirements.

Despite these areas for improvement, there are several accomplishments I am proud of. I take pride in successfully completing my tournament selection code and for making genuine attempts to tackle the Roulette selection code. I am also proud of my progress in the first half of the Mabe2 project. Furthermore, I am proud of my resilience in overcoming the challenges I

faced throughout the term and achieving positive outcomes. Working collaboratively with my classmates to solve complex problems was particularly rewarding, and I greatly expanded my knowledge of Artificial Life and AI, which was a subject I wasn't very familiar with before taking this course.

Taking all of this into consideration, I genuinely believe that my dedication, perseverance, and active engagement throughout the term warrant a B+ grade for my performance in this class.