

## Reflection: Self-Assigned Grade and Justifications

I believe I deserve an A for the course

Justifications:

### **1. Consistent Attendance and Engagement:**

Throughout the course, I maintained regular attendance, I only missed 2 classes which were justified (one I was sick, and the other I went to my sister's graduation) and actively participated in class discussions and activities. I also successfully lead my paper discussion

### **2. Strong Performance on Assignments:**

I consistently produced high-quality work on assignments both the hackathon and the MABE project, also I made sure to help participate build the codes that we would be asked to edit in class in groups and demonstrated a deep understanding of the course material.

Example: hackathon, Mabe, roulette, tournament.

### **3. Active Participation in Group Projects:**

I actively contributed to group projects, both class group projects or successfully collaborating and working with classmates about the course content. I effectively communicated with my group members, shared my ideas, and listened to the perspectives of others. Therefore, I successfully demonstrated strong teamwork.

Example: computational collaboration proofs, class discussions.

### **4. Demonstrated Critical Thinking Skills:**

Throughout the course, I consistently demonstrated strong critical thinking skills. I was able to analyze complex problems and concepts, identify key issues, and propose thoughtful solutions. I approached assignments and discussions with a curious and open mindset, always seeking to deepen my understanding and challenge my own assumptions.

Example: MABE, perusal Readings, and evolution as algorithm proofs.

### **Praise:**

I am proud of being able to take feedback on this class beyond the classroom and actually use it in my everyday life especially as someone who codes. I am grateful that this feedback helped me become more confident as a student learning code and taught me to trust my thoughts and my code and give them a try and not just compare it to other people's abilities of coding. This class also proved to me that I am good at understanding bigger picture concepts in computer science and I am also able to spot the

connection between different components and concepts in artificial life and computer science in general and use it to build code.

**Critique:**

While I am satisfied with my overall performance, there is still room for improvement. I think I could have done better with building code have I had revised more C++. I also think I should have worked better on time management to help manage all my responsibilities, and it could have helped with not having to reschedule two of my check-ins. I also think I could have done better in some discussions have I read some of the papers more closely.

In conclusion, I believe I deserve an A for the course based on my consistent attendance, strong performance on assignments, active participation in group projects, and demonstrated critical thinking skills. I am proud of my accomplishments and recognize the areas where I can continue to grow. Overall, this course has been a valuable learning experience, and I would like to also say thank you for your advice, because it really made me see computer science from a different perspective, which I would always be grateful for.