Dear Mr. Shiner,

The “letter” format is a bit of a formality, so I’ll try to avoid sounding so formal. Second, I just wanted to say thanks again for accepting my request for recommendation.

One notable moment in your class that demonstrated my strength as a student was the convergence methods mini lesson. Specifically, the part where I had to learn the other methods through my peers’ lessons. To be honest, I was not very familiar with any of the convergence methods towards the start of the culminating activity. I thought I could essentially wing it, but as soon as I dove in, I realized that I had a lot of learning time ahead of me before I could confidently submit my work. Every time I was utilizing a different method of convergence, I would have to spend extra time surfing the internet because I was unable to relate to the presenters’ intuition. However, eventually (I hope, it hasn’t been graded), I was able to understand every method completely and actually understand why any particular answer was correct. Here, I demonstrated my perseverance and my ability to critically problem solve.

Another memorable occasion, or occasions, were the countless breakout room sessions where we were not working solo. Because of the implications around talking in Zoom, my classmates, including me, are pretty reluctant to start a conversation. So, it’s usually difficult to hit the ground running. During these awkward moments of silence, I often socialize with roommates to start working. Although I usually don’t have much to say to classmates I have never met in person, I usually just start out with “what role do you guys want?” I feel that the frequency to try and talk is indicative of my ability to take initiative when necessary. It also shows my willingness to be a team player and forget about some of my insecurities around school and its social structure.

Overall, these two instances during your class were two effective indicators that stood out to me. I understand how hard it is to recommend a student to higher education, especially during the COVID fiasco where we are mostly home, and people are largely soft-spoken. I hope that this letter contained sufficient, significant information that tells you more about who I am as a student and a person.

Best,

Henry Cho