

Instructor Related Questions: Ryan Rad (9 comments)

Q: What were the strengths of this course and/or this instructor?

- 1 Enthusiastic and professional lecturing, highly efficient in-class time management, variety of learning materials provided.
- 2 Ryan explained the concepts really well and in-class lectures were very detailed and in-depth.
- 3 Ryan is a decent guy. He is an expert in machine learning and is always willing to help us. I learned a lot from him.
- 4 1. Ryan's enthusiasm is contagious. He is very passionate about the topics and he does a great job to incentive students to develop that passion too. 2. Ryan's does a great job making students participate in the class, either by frequently making interesting questions or by allowing students to make those questions themselves. I asked a lot of questions during the course and all of them were addressed. 3. Ryan's slides are high quality. You can tell there is a lot of research and effort into those slides: they are up to date, contain a lot of information, and are very easy to follow. 4. Ryan cares about the students a listen to feedbacks. At the beginning of the course, some students were struggling given how hard some topics in this course can be. He listened and adapted by creating videos of him explaining assignments, communicating more on piazza and including more explanations in the slides. The TA was also very helpful and I could tell they were doing their best to help students. 5. Ryan strikes a good balance on making assignments challenging enough where I learn from them, but he is also reasonable and tried to help students overcome challenges countless times. 6. Ryan's solid background means he can approach problems both through an academic perspective but also from a more practical/real-life perspective. He has worked with machine learning in very interesting projects, which translates in awesome examples that we could discuss during classes.

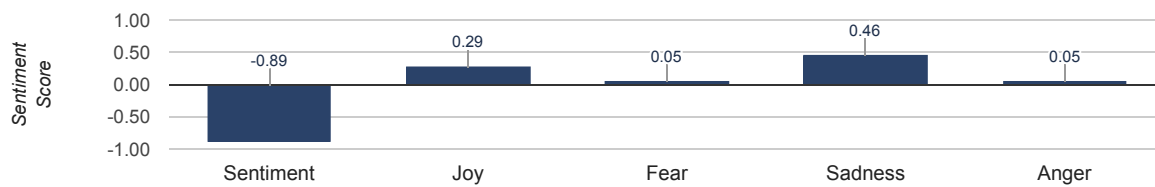
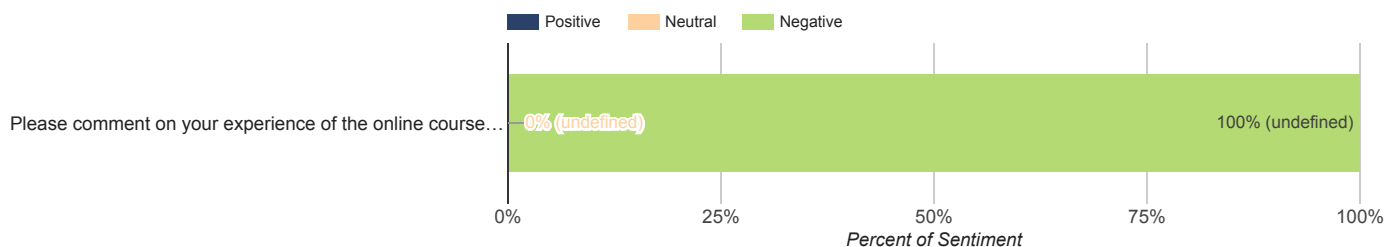
Q: What could the instructor do to make this course better?

- 1 N/A
- 2 Suggest reading material that focus more on the application rather than maths.
- 3 We held classes for 2 hours per week. For a lot of courses, I think this is fine. For ML, it was not enough given how good classes were and how much we had to discuss and learn from Ryan. This is not the instructor fault and it is up to NEU discuss the strategy for the future.

Q: Please expand on the instructor's strengths and/or areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.

- 1 Prompt adjustment of lecturing content according to survey, and willing to communicate with students.
- 2 The learning environment was always very inclusive in this class.

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (1 comments)

Q: Please comment on your experience of the online course environment in the open-ended text box.

- 1 I never attend this course online. ★☆☆☆☆

Student Self-Assessment of their Effort to Achieve Course Outcomes (3 comments)

Q: What I could have done to make this course better for myself.

- 1 Strengthen prerequisite knowledge.
- 2 Devote more time to the course.
- 3 More knowledge of Linear Algebra Calculus.