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Reflection #5

Thoughts at this Point

Considering the inherent engagement challenges that the online course creates, I think this class experience has still been great. I think the lectures do a good job of connecting the real life matters to our technical problems at hand. Any questions that arise in plenary are explained well. It can be difficult for me stay as focused as I’d like but I feel you’re doing the best you can. And going forward I’d like to regain the personal alertness and engagement I possessed at the beginning of the semester.

The last couple weeks have not been my best. I’ve fallen behind and avoid chances to pick up the momentum as a general side effect of stress. I let my inability to make much of a dent in the Learner’s Permit, not getting much further in the few days I continued to try and work on it after it was due, stunt the drive I’d started with. I was willing to let a level of complacency overtake the goals I’d set for myself because I honestly felt defeated. If I could make a B, that would’ve been satisfying to me. And I was thinking about a renegotiation for my course Contract to make the adjustments accordingly.

I still might do this if it seems best, but a conversation with my advisor has convinced me to put in the effort to reclaim my passion and drive. These skills are so important for displaying the rationale behind important structural changes, including some leaders who have little desire to understand why and just want to know why it’s worth their attention. Above all, important sets have so many observations that trying to use them without a data interface is highly inefficient, if not impossible, to do by hand. My future work, especially around workforce and community economic development, will need grasp of this. The worst I can do is learn the bare minimum to finish assignments and not pick up the lasting capabilities in the process. So I’m seeking a refresher and am willing to do what it takes to get back into the mental to strive for the top.

Onto bigger and better in future weeks. I will gain the drive to do more if I feasibly can. I need a refresher on graphing and will put in the time to make that happen too. I look forward to speaking more with you about this turnaround.