Hi class,

I have a couple of announcements.

1. Course schedule:

The last day of the class is unchanged. December 6th is the last meeting. In the following week, I will introduce a model building. We will learn some basic tools for understanding how a model works and some applications. If time permits, we will talk about Machine learning. The missing yesterday was critical since I need more than one lecture to cover. Hence, I will teach both the following Tuesday and Thursday.

1. Presentation schedule:

All groups will present on the 6th. We have eight groups, and each would have about 15 minutes, including Q&A. It will take 2 hours, so that I will make this class online. Let me know if you have time conflicts between 8:30 – 9:00 pm. I will have your group present earlier.

Initially, the presentation had three components: initial report, presentation contents, and individual delivery. It is nearly impossible to see how well you’d communicate with your audiences through zoom. Hence, I will ask you to write a reflection paper, and this is the final assignment (I will pick which presentation you need to write randomly).

The ideal paper provides three types of information:

1. A summary of the goal
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the project in its current state
3. Your assessment of the code

Take a scientific stance in your report. Do not insult the presenters nor use overly emotional or accusatory language. Avoid ascribing bad intent to presenters and focus on the substance of the presentation. Examine their codes to determine whether it corresponds to the presentation. Reasons for uncertainty can be included in the explanation.

* Do not contain a cover letter. Just put your name and the group number you are assigned to review on the top.
* Use MS word, 11 font, 1-inch margin. Do not write more than three pages (double space)
* Deadline is December 16th (11:59 pm)

We will talk in more detail on Tuesday. There is no more homework.

Hope your Thanksgiving be love and joy,

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