Reflection

So far, I have found the course to be engaging and well-structured. Class time is generally used effectively, with a good balance between lecture, discussion, and applied work. The in-class discussions of models, empirical papers, and coding exercises have been particularly valuable; they don't just reinforce theoretical concepts but show how these ideas translate into real research practice, especially when discussing papers. Working through examples and code together helps me understand the intuition behind the methods and anticipate potential challenges I might face when implementing them in my own projects. I also appreciate how you connect each topic to broader research questions and interdisciplinary applications, which makes the material feel relevant and intellectually stimulating. The class sessions feel purposeful and well-paced, and I leave each one with a clearer sense of both the "why" and the "how" behind the analytical tools we are learning. I am applying a lot of the contents from this class in my projects in other classes.