Reflection

The peer-review session has helped with doing my project. On the one hand, I got to learn from the beauties of others’ work and to understand what makes a good report by matching their works against the given criteria and giving my suggestions. On the other hand, I got feedback on my initial materials which enabled me to notice the deficiencies I overlooked.

In detail, there are some suggestions I highly appreciate. For one, reviewer 1 suggested I include some plots to illustrate the ideas of this project since the whole section of rigorous definitions and mathematical notations may be a bit discouraging for readers who want to have a fast grasp of the basic ideas. So I took this piece of advice and include a sketch map in the method section and I believe it will make my report more readable. Also, reviewer 1 kindly pointed out the lack of references which I improved on in the latter work. Besides the shortcomings mentioned by reviewer 1, reviewer 2 would like to see a detailed description of the data to be used in my project, however, by the time I submitted my initial material, I haven’t decided whether I should work on simulated data or real data. Thanks to his comment, I reflected on the objectives of my project and which would suits the objectives better. Thus I managed to justify why I chose simulated data over real data as seen in the report.

I also learned a lot when I was reading their initial materials and giving feedback. During the process, I realized how demanding it was for a reader to get an idea about new topics because of complex theorems and unfamiliar algorithms. To make an academic report accessible, I need to deliver it in a clear structure so that my readers can easily follow my flow of thoughts or read only the section of his/her interest. Also, I was enlightened by the use of coin toss examples in a peer’s initial material, where detailed procedures and an informative diagram were presented. A similar style is used in my report as I believed it is a good way to convey ideas.

Overall, I find the peer-review session extremely helpful. It is a process where we learn from each others’ mistakes and advantages, and then reflect on our work. I believe I have benefited a lot from it.