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Assessment Week 1

Regarding my assessment of the past week’s lectures, they seemed appropriate, and while not presented as a traditional lecture, I found them dynamic and well structured nonetheless. Rather than providing a turgid lecture, Professor Ghani led the classroom with a lively discussion, such that classroom members were encouraged to contribute examples and then expand upon them. I found this a useful mental exercise, and I look forward to future classroom discussions.

The actual content of the lectures was also engaging, and I enjoyed learning about machine learning applications and that we would take a practitioner’s rather than a theoretical methodologist’s approach. Without a prior machine learning course or many other computational courses, I welcome Professor Ghani’s pragmatic angle on this topic and believe it to be the best for my current skillset. This being stated, although the preliminary lecture content and examples from this week were within my comfort zone, I still anticipate that this course will more than challenge my current capabilities.

The overall structure of the class seems adequate in terms of the assignments and homework. I note that there has been some confusion and disparities regarding the due dates and submission methods for the assignments, but Gustav Larson has been most responsive in trying to clarify these matters.