Dear Students,

For your information, here are some common issues that frequently appeared in the the last years corrected reports. This list is for all types of reports asked in several different courses; therefore some of the remarks might not apply in your special case.

- Please follow strictly the instructions. For instance, if we ask a theoretical description of the models, do not forget to include it. If it is asked, it means that we assign a mark on it.

- The report should be written in the same way as a scientific paper and the submitted version must be in PDF.

- Also, if we describe the structure of the procedure(s) or function to be implemented (signature, etc) in the instructions, please follow *precisely* these guidelines. We usually write a program that automatically tests your procedure; if the guidelines are not followed, it crashes. It results in a waste of time and penalties...

- No copy/paste of equations or algorithms from the web or any other source. Also, add a reference to the sources in the cation if you copy a figure.

- The look & feel of the report must be quite professional.

- Do not forget the references / sources in the explanations. Do not cite fancy web sites in the references if there are good reference books or scientific papers covering the material.

- Clearly explain the validation methodology when evaluating the models or comparing them.

- Provide a clear presentation and discussion of the obtained experimental results.

- The explication of the detailed code (with copy/paste of code examples) in the report should not be too long (the code is anyway provided). The algorithm(s) could be explained in detail, but then in the theoretical section.

Best Regards,

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