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1. Objective

You will need to have basic knowledge of probability theory, and a sound foundation of multivariable calculus and linear algebra to follow along in this course. There will be no review of these subjects beyond this unit.

Homework 0 consists of some warmup exercises for the beginning of the course. It does **not** cover all background material you will need. Nonetheless, it can serve as rough guide on how ready you are: if you need to struggle much in these exercises, then you will need to spend substantial amount of time catching up on background material.

The following topics will allow you to understand part of the course material better, although not strictly required:

- Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and spectral decomposition (linear algebra)
- Lagrange multipliers (multivariable calculus).










Homework 0 is due next **Tuesday February 11 23:59UTC** . **Please note the UTC time zone and find the corresponding time at your location.** Note that CST on EdX is China Standard Time, not Central Standard Time.

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