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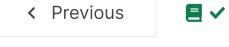
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1. Learning Objectives

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In this lecture, we will

- Describe the use and purpose of **Steiner trees** .
- Learn how to construct an **approximate Steiner tree** solution.
- Introduce the notion of clustering .
- Introduce graph Laplacian matrix.
- Conceptualize mathematically an **ideal** version of clustering as an optimization problem.
- Relax the ideal clustering problem to obtain a computationally tractable problem.
- Understand the importance of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the graph Laplacian and learn spectral clustering.
- Introduce **modularity maximization** for the purpose of clustering.

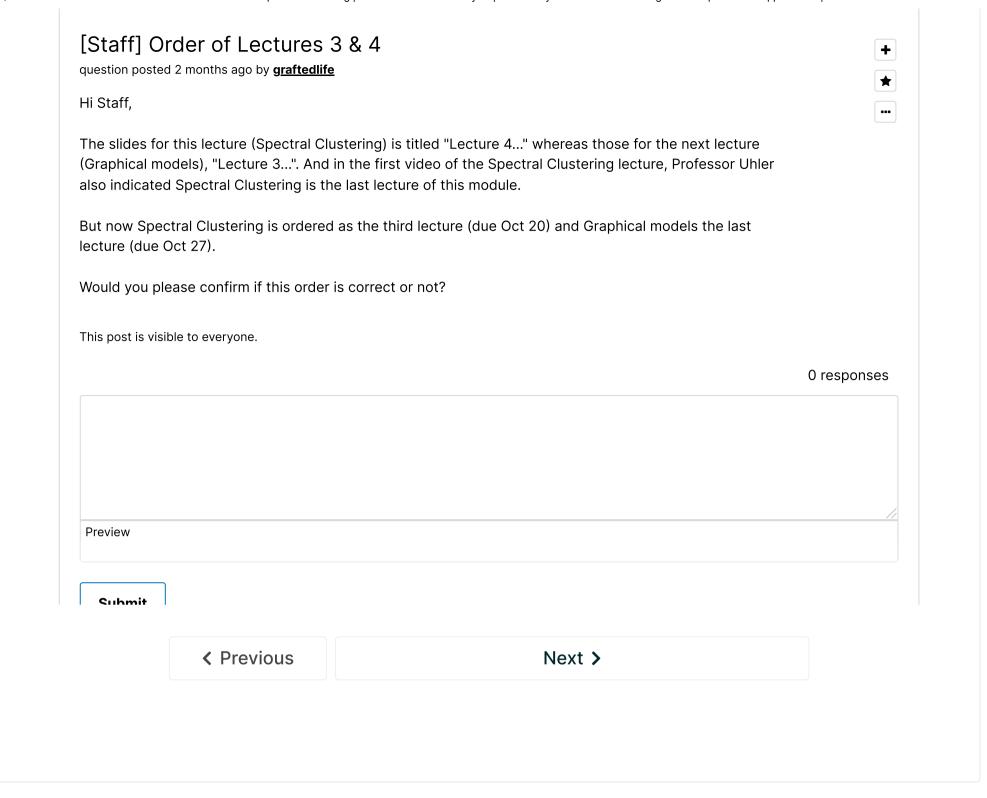
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