

## Discussion Forum Guidelines:

The discussion forum is the main way for you to communicate with the course team and other students. We hope it contributes to a sense of community and serves as a useful resource for your learning.

- **Observe the honor code.** We encourage collaboration and help, but please avoid asking for and posting blatant answers. Please follow these collaboration guidelines. The staff will be proactive in removing posts and replies in the discussion forum that have stepped over the line, and those caught cheating may have their accounts disabled and their progress erased.
  - Given a problem, it is okay to discuss the general approach to the problem or to receive/give a hint to help someone reach the right answer. However, you should work out the details of the solution yourself.
  - It is not okay to take someone else's solution and simply copy the answers from their solution to yours, or to take someone else's formula or code and run it yourself to get the final answer.
  - It is not okay to post answers to homework before the submission deadline.
- **Be polite.** We have learners from all around the world and with different backgrounds. Something that is easy for you may be challenging for someone else. Let's build an encouraging community.
- **Upvote good posts.** This applies to questions and answers. Click on the green plus button so that good posts can be found more easily.
- **Search before asking.** The forum can become hard to use if there are too many threads, and good discussions happen when people participate in the same thread. Before asking a question, use the search feature by clicking on the magnifying glass on the left-hand side.
- **Notify staff.** If you want to have a staff member look at your post, please write [Staff] at the start of your title.
- **Be specific.** Choose a descriptive title, and provide as much information as possible: Which part of what problem or video? Why do you not understand the question? What have you tried doing?
- **Write clearly.** We know that English is a second language for many of you but correct grammar will help others to respond. Avoid ALL CAPS, abbrev of

wrds (abbreviating words), and excessive punctuation!!!!

- **Use discussion while working through the material.** On many pages in the lecture sequences and homework, there is a link at the bottom that says “Show Discussion”. Clicking on this link will show all discussion on the forum associated with this particular learning material.