

Reference Group Meeting II 15/Oct/2019

full attendance

Exercises:

Since Reference Group Meeting I, these were judged to be better pitched in difficulty. It was remarked that exercises cannot be too simple, and the course has to be kept at a certain standard. It was requested that relevant past exam questions be cited along with exercise questions.

Lectures:

It was reported that both starting lectures with recaps and having video recording in F1 have been well-received. The marked drop in attendance at lectures was noted, and an explanation proffered as likely was that this was due to video recording being made available.

With regards to using the document camera, some technical issues pertaining to autofocusing and folding paper were discussed.

It was suggested that it may be helpful to go through Jupyter notebook/hub and pdf notes download in lectures. The notebook and pdf files for the lecture notes in the numerical part of the module have since been copied over onto the TMA4130 website from the TMA4135 website for convenient access, following suggestions.

Notes:

Lecture notes both scanned and typed up were appraised to be helpful. It was requested that sections in the notes be put into a bullet point contents list. This request was received with hesitation. The concern was raised in rebuttal that (1) the Lecture Plan, the pdf lecture notes are already divided into topics, and so (2) if lecturers drew up another list of topics, and they understood certain material to be of one topic and some students understood the same material to be differentiable into several topics, then some subtopics might be misunderstood to be non-examinable.

Exams:

Exams from the academic year 2018 - 2019 were not on the website. Following reminders, they have since been uploaded.

Tutorials:

There was a request to move more tutorials to Tuesdays and to Fridays to accommodate MTMART students.

Reference groups:

Reference group meeting I was agreed to have been effective.

minutes by Peter Pang