Week 5 feedback response

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey providing me with feedback on how the class is going, it was very useful. I wanted to provide responses to some comments and ideas. Even if I don’t directly respond to your comments here, know that I have read them and everything is under consideration.

Materials:

Many people are happy with the multiple resources, although some wish that they could get all necessary information from just one source. There is also mixed feelings about the narrated PowerPoint’s. I will likely leave the multiple resources as many people like having them, and will add that if you read the book and the instructor notes and do those practice problems, you would get all of the information you need. So, if having so many things is too much, or you don’t like the PowerPoint’s, you could go without the narrated PowerPoint’s and still be fine.

There was one request for more practice problems. I would refer you to the text book resources found under course documents. There is an online student learning center that has more practice quizzes etc.

There are some comments about the instructor notes needing some improvement, which I will work on for the future.

Communication:

Many people like the reminder emails, so I will keep sending those. Realize that I do have office hours Monday and Wednesday 11:30-12:30 and you can come to those if you need help. Also keep in mind that you can post questions on the discussion board for a chapter even after the chapter is complete. So if you are looking at the quiz answers and can’t figure out how I got to that answer, just ask!

Due dates:

The nice thing about a due date online is that you don’t have to follow it exactly! If you wish we had Friday due dates, then tell yourself the due date is Friday (obviously the Friday prior to the Sunday that it is really due). The next week’s material is available early, so you could absolutely go ahead and start the next week on Saturday. I chose 9:00 pm as our due time as I am still awake then, and quite likely checking email within 2 or 3 hours of that due time. I do realize that many students tackle a lot of their work on Sunday, and want to be sure that if you do have questions I will see them and be able to respond before the due time. If it was midnight and you sent me a question at 9:00 pm, I would not likely see it until the next day.

Quizzes:

The quizzes are hard, and this is a hard class. One suggestion: don’t start with the quiz. If you go straight to the quiz and try to find answers or parts of the text that are relevant it will be more time consuming. You really are better off learning the material, doing practice problems, and then going to the quiz. Otherwise you will just waste time and feel frustrated. As far as the solutions, once they are posted if you have trouble figuring out how to get to an answer please just ask and I will run through it on the discussion board.

Midterm:

There were requests for what to expect. Hopefully you have seen the materials under week 6 midterm on BB and that has helped provide that information. Feel free to ask specific questions as well.

Other:

There was a request to see how others are doing so that you know how you compare. I made the averages visible for each quiz and exam on BB.

Thanks again for your feedback!