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Feedback on MATH20622 Programming with Python Surveys

The students' feedback is very welcome, especially with new courses like this one. It seems largely positive, and some of their concerns I have expressed myself in conversations with colleagues.

1. Some students were bothered by the amount of the materials. I believe this should not be reduced because we really covered only the basics. However, I agree that the number of hours should be increased.

I have already proposed Dr. Güttel a reorganization of the course for the next year that would need an additional hour per week, but would provide much more time for students to work under supervision.

2. The “more time between lectures and lab classes, more labs” is my major concern as well. While the latter is covered under the item 1 here, the “more time between lectures and lab classes” is a matter of time schedule that I asked for, but it was beyond my control and it was partly caused by the late addition of the course to the time schedule (I do not know why was this was done so late). I suggest that this is seriously taken into account for the next year.

In my opinion, the lectures should be on Monday or Tuesday, while the lab classes should be on Thursday or Friday, as it is crucial for the students to have an opportunity to work on their own before further, supervised practice in the lab where they can ask about the things that they had problems with.

The aforementioned reorganization would include 2 lab classes per week, one being intended mostly for the tests. In this case, the first one should be on Monday, and the lectures and the second lab class as described in the previous paragraph.

3. Several students seem bothered by the number of tests. The nature of the subject makes the materials very dependant on what was previously covered and it is paramount that the students do not fall behind, which is the main purpose of these open-book tests.

It is my belief that this would not be an issue with a better time schedule, in which case the students could prepare much better for them.