

INF4820:Algorithms for AI and NLP (Fall 2008)

(Mid-Way Questionnaire; Please Use at Least a Few Minutes)

The following questions are intended to provide feedback on your course experience so far. The main purpose of this mid-way questionnaire is to try and adapt course organization short-term, i.e. improve your learning experience for the rest of the term. Please try being constructive *and* critical.

First, please reflect a little on your prior programming experience (before taking INF4820), and on how much of your time and effort (on average) you have been able to use on our course this fall.

- (a) *prior use of programming languages* (1) one, (2) two, (3) up to five, (4) more than five.
- (b) *experience (lines of code)* (1) hundreds, (2) thousands, (3) tens of thousands, (4) more than that.
- (c) *lecture attendance* (1) (almost) all, (2) most, (3) some, (4) (almost) none.
because _____
- (d) *laboratory attendance* (1) (almost) all, (2) most, (3) some, (4) (almost) none.
because _____
- (e) *average weekly hours of self-study* (1) below two, (2) below five, (3) below ten, (4) more than ten.

On a scale from one to four (inclusive), please rate our course according to the following dimensions:

- (f) *organization* (1) crystal clear, (2) mostly clear, (3) somewhat unclear, (4) mysterious.
- (g) *content* (1) highly relevant, (2) mostly relevant, (3) somewhat irrelevant, (4) irrelevant.
- (h) *difficulty* (1) a lot easier than average, (2) a bit easy, (3) a bit hard, (4) really difficult.
- (i) *pace of instruction* (1) too slow, (2) leisurely, (3) at times too fast, (4) all too fast.
- (j) *preferred style* (1) board only, (2) more board, (3) more slides, (4) slides only.
- (k) *first assignment* (1) trivially easy, (2) a bit easy, (3) a bit hard, (4) above my head.
- (l) *second assignment* (1) trivially easy, (2) a bit easy, (3) a bit hard, (4) above my head.

Please give free-text feedback, minimally in a couple of sentences, to the following general questions:

- (m) What have you learned so far and expect to be useful? What had you expected, but miss so far?

- (n) If you were to teach the course yourself, what would you do differently?