

## **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS**

TCF Evaluation: JAN-MAY 2021

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Course No :CS6700 Course Name : Reinforcement Learning

Responses / Regn: 41/56 Department: Computer Science and Engineering

Summary											
Evaluation	Mean	Median	Std Dev	MAD	Dept Mean	Institute Mean					
Course	0.87	0.92	0.18	0.08	0.84	0.80					
Instructor	0.85	0.87	0.18	0.13	0.85	0.82					

Question-Wise Response												
Question No	SA	A	N	DA	SDA	NA	Mean	Institute Mean				
1	25	12	3	0	1	0	0.89	0.85				
2	22	13	2	3	1	0	0.85	0.84				
3	22	12	2	4	1	0	0.84	0.86				
4	19	14	5	2	1	0	0.83	0.84				
5	23	11	3	2	2	0	0.85	0.84				
6	19	11	7	2	1	1	0.83	0.85				
7	18	10	5	5	2	1	0.79	0.82				
8	22	12	5	0	2	0	0.85	0.86				
9	25	13	1	1	1	0	0.89	0.85				
10	27	9	2	2	1	0	0.89	0.83				
11	24	9	5	2	1	0	0.86	0.82				
12	21	11	5	1	3	0	0.82	0.78				
13	23	14	3	0	1	0	0.88	0.82				
14	24	10	6	0	1	0	0.87	0.85				

NOTE:SA(STRONGLY AGREE)=10 A(AGREE)=8 N(NEUTRAL)=6 DA(DISAGREE)=4 SDA(STRONGLY DISAGREE)=2 NA(Not Applicable/Do not wish to answer)=0

## **Question list**

- 1.The course objectives were stated clearly and met largely
- 2.The concepts of the course were communicated well
- 3. The instructor was enthusiastic about the topics presented
- 4.The examples/case-studies/illustrations used in the class improved the learning experience
- 5. The quizzes and exams were graded in an impartial and timely manner
- 6. The instructor was willing and available for help outside the class if required
- 7. The instructor took interest in monitoring the progress of the students throughout the course
- 8. The instructor encouraged student-teacher interaction and other relevant learning activities in the class when required

- 9.The instructor was punctual and followed the class schedule closely

  10.The course was planned and structured well
- 11. The course motivated me to explore the subject area with interest
- 12. The involvement of TAs helped effectively in improving the course
- 13. Tutorials and assignments were conducted effectively
- 14. Overall, the course provided a good value-addition to my knowledge/skill-set

NOTE:Qn 1 to 9 - Instructor evaluation : Qn 10 to 14 - Course evaluation

## Student Remarks

was hand wavy in many proofs where strict math would have helped. assignments complement course learnings.

It would be great if there can be a better alternative to AI crowd since the AI crowd platform had its fair share of bugs and issues. However considering the large size kf class I am not sure if any other method is possible.

it would be great if intuitive explanations are given rather than just explaining by writing equations. also, it will be interesting if at least 1 or 2 classes are dedicated to teaching current research progress in the field of RL.

Very boring, didnt enjoy at all. Assignment platform was terrible and a time waste

nice course

Very very dry class, having programming tutorials done by lecturer would benefit us more than the theoretical proofs. The algorithms are more important than the proofs themselves. Explaining intuition and programming instead of blindly proving stuff is far more useful

Too many proofs!!!

**Excellent Teaching** 

Dont hesitate to make jokes in recorded lectures

The course was good.

Almost 90% of lecture content (equation, derivation, etc.) is taken directly from Bertsekas Volume I and II. The instructor literally writes down the same dry content while teaching in class. It would be better if MORE intuition is provided behind the proofs.

## Number of students who were not willing to participate in the evaluation for this course:0

Comments by students who didn't fill the TCF for this Course

No Remarks Given