

the TA?

## B. LIN

## **Evaluation of Instruction Program Report**

16F: MATH 115A DIS 2A: LINEAR ALGEBRA
No. of responses = 25
Enrollment = 36
Response Rate = 69.44%

### Survey Results

#### 1. UCLA Department of Mathematics: How would you rate your TA as an effective teacher? n=25 av.=8.96 Excellent md=9 dev.=0.2 How would you rate the availability and helpfulness of your TA outside of n=25 Failing av.=8.96 md=9 the classroom? dev.=0.2 What is your rating of this course independent of the effectiveness of n=25 av.=8.24 md=9 18 Excellent

dev.=1.59

# Profile

Subunit: MATH
Name of the instructor: B. LIN

Name of the course: 16F: MATH 115A DIS 2A: LINEAR ALGEBRA

(Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

## 1. UCLA Department of Mathematics:

1.1) How would you rate your TA as an effective teacher?

.2) How would you rate the availability and helpfulness of your TA outside of the classroom?

1.3) What is your rating of this course independent of the effectiveness of the TA?



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n=25 av.=8.24

# **Comments Report**

### 2. Comments:

- Please use the space provided for any comments you wish to make which are pertinent to the educational process. These may include all aspects of the course: teaching, examinations, grading, textbook, etc.
- Best T.A. I've had at UCLA. He's very energetic, wastes no time, and covers a ton of material in short amounts of time. He obviously really understands the topic because it seemed like most of the stuff he would write on the board was coming from memory rather than a strict lesson plan. He's really good at helping you understand things that you didn't get the first go-around. He also hates podiums.
- Best TA I've ever had. He went above and beyond on making himself available outside of the classroom.
- Best TA I've had at UCLA for any subject.
  - Knew the material backwards and forwards and was more than willing to go out of his way to help students who didn't know the material to the extent that he did.
- Bon Soon is an exceptional TA. He offers many office hours, thoroughly explains theorems with examples, and encourages students to bring in any questions to discussion. He is very knowledgable and has more than one way of teaching the topics discussed in class which was effective for me. I enjoyed discussion because Bon Soon was always prepared and organized with examples that went with the previous lecture.
- Bon Soon is the best TA I have ever had at UCLA. I specifically chose this lecture because he was TA'ing it. On coursework, I learn much more during discussion than I do during lecture. If I don't understand something fully in lecture, I can count on waiting until discussion where things will be cleared up. He is also very open with his time and provides us with as many office hours as needed. Usually, he has office hours 3 times a week for 2-3 hours at a time. If needed, he will stay longer with students who don't understand a topic and will keep coming up with different explanations for the same thing until we do understand it. Aside from covering the topics well, he also created additional problems that help us practice. For example, for the final, he created over 80 questions that cover the ideas of the course, something not even the Professor has done. He is also very approachable and makes it feel like when i am asking for help I am not bothering him. Best TA at UCLA. I would be very sad if he did not become a professor at whatever institution he desires. I know any students he teaches will remember that experience and walk away with a full understanding of the course material.
- Bon Soon is the epitome of what you want in a TA or teacher in general. Passionate and knowledgeable about the subject, discussions are incredibly helpful and he makes himself available beyond what other TAs are willing to do. Excellent TA.
- Bon-Soon has been so helpful. I scheduled time with him outside of his normal office hours and discussion time, and he was so patient in teaching me how to write proofs. I procrastinated and easily confused concepts, but his explanations helped me catch up quite a lot. One of his best skills is that he can come up with specific examples and problems on the spot, and it's great for when I need to see how to use the theorems and definitions that we learn. I have never had a math TA that I have so much respect and gratitude towards as I do for him.
- Bon-Soon is probably the best TA I've had so far--discussion sections were always interesting, clarifying the lectures without being repetitive. His office hours were extremely helpful, and I always got the sense that he genuinely cared about making sure we understood the material. I definitely feel like he really improved both my understanding of the material and my ability to perform well on the midterms.
- Bon-Soon is really the best (and the coolest) math TA I have ever met. Thank you for making the

discussion a very good complement to the lecture and worth going. :D Examples you demonstrated in discussion really help make sense of the theorems and definitions in class. Also, office hour is a great resource too. Your office is a magical room where all questions can be answered. I can see you really put efforts into teaching us. :DD I will remember linear algebra until death.

- Bon-Soon is, bar none, the most enthusiastic and most helpful math instructor I have had so far at UCLA (if not ever). I have little doubt that he could teach the course's lectures as well as he could any discussion section--which is to say, quite well. He is a most friendly person, and does his utmost to help his students understand difficult material. He was also happy to answer just about any math-related question one could ask--even wacky, out-of-left-field ones that only a trifling physics student (such as myself) would ever bother asking. All around, he has been one of the best TAs of my undergraduate career.
- Bon-soon is the best Math TA I've ever met in UCLA, probably one of the best TAs in general. He has a great passion in Math and teaching and he's good at it. He explains things very very well. In math this is very helpful, since abstract concepts can become convoluted very quickly if you can't see the relations among them. He really knows his job. And he has a dark humor too lol. You would not feel bored at all listening to him. Also He really cares about students. You can always feel sure that he'll try his best to help you if you reach out to him.
- BonSoon is the best TA ever!!! Very considerate, passionate and funny as well. Literally the best TA ever. Please hire BonSoon as professor after he graduates
- Bonsoon has been an extremely helpful TA. He is able to effectively explain difficult topics to the class in a way that is relatable and easy to understand.
- Bonsoon is an excellent TA. He always gives clear explanations and thoroughly goes over the material that was taught in Lecture. He is super nice and helpful and very approachable in office hours.
- Bonsoon is just the best TA. I really like his teaching style, and he makes everything clearer to me. Bonsoon teaches better than the professor honestly! I love Bonsoon!!
- Bonsoon is the absolute best TA I have had. He is helpful and very understanding in his office hours. In office hours, Bonsoon is always prepared with useful examples and is open to questions at all times. He makes every student feel welcomed and is genuinely concerned about our learning experience. This course was tough but Bonsoon has made these weeks easier.
- Hands down, Bon-Soon was the best math TA I have ever had. Scratch that, he is the best TA I have ever had. Never have I known a teaching assistant who is so willing to put in the extra time and effort to make sure his students are well prepared. You can tell that Bon-Soon is an expert at the material he teaches and to anyone who is reading this review for purposes of evaluating his character I would not recommend a TA any higher than I recommend Bon-Soon.
- He is responsible and helpful
- He was the BEST TA ever.
- One of the best TA's I've had in math. He always quickly reexplained all the important concepts and was able to bring relevant examples that helped us see how and why things were defined in such a way. His teaching style was engaging as he was able to convey his own interest in the material in the excitement he brought while he was speaking. Overall, he was able to further solidify the content of the course in my mind in way that was extremely helpful.
- VERY VERY GREAT TA!! You can really tell Bonsoon cares about his students. He is very enthusiastic about what he teaches and puts in so much effort. His office hours don't have a time constraint, rather a question constraint. meaning, they end when there are no more questions, hes always willing to give his time to his students. He really did help me see the beauty of Linear Algebra, and for that I thank him dearly!!!