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Weekly Group Meetings

and Lectures*: Wed 4-5 pm and Thurs 9-10 am in MS 6943 (Chair's Conference Room)

Course Description: Studying homeless movements in Los Angeles through data science, machine learning, and modelling

Expectations: Researching and coding simulations: 4-6 h/week (2 credits) 10-11 h/week (4 credits)

Report Writing: 1-2 h/week (2 credits) 1-2 h/week (4 credits)

Weekly Meetings/lectures: 2 h/week

Grading Scheme: Attendance and Research: 45% (attending meetings, task work and completion)

Oral Exam:

20% (individual questions about the math and work)

Final Presentation:

10% (presenting the work as a group to public audience)

5% (written report of overall findings mid-quarter)

Final Report:

20% (written paper of overall findings of the work)

Week Research Activity 0 W: Sept 27th (1 – 3 pm) – Course orientation, project background, open questions, MATLAB fitting 1 Lecture and/or meeting Lecture and/or meeting 2 3 Lecture and/or meeting Lecture and/or meeting 4 Lecture and/or meeting 5 F: Nov 3rd - Midterm report due by 5 pm Lecture and/or meeting 6 7 Lecture and/or meeting Lecture and/or meeting 8 Lecture and/or meeting 9 W: Dec 6th Final research meeting & practice presentation 10 R: Dec 7th Extra time to practice, fix slides, etc. W: December 6th – Oral exam – individual times to be set W: December 6th - Final report due by 5 pm R: December 7th – Final Presentation at 3 pm

^{*} Lecture topics could include: *Markov processes, clustering algorithms, optimization, likelihood estimates, principal component analysis, etc.* Not every week will have a lecture; some of these topics may be covered and others not listed may be relevant.