

**Student ASE Evaluation for Robin Tobin  
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 20F - Linear Algebra (Eggers, John Dietrich)  
Winter 2014

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 61**  
**Number of Students Enrolled: 392**

1. The Teaching Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

51 (85.0%): Strongly Agree  
9 (15.0%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable  
1: [No Response]

2. The Teaching Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

49 (80.3%): Strongly Agree  
12 (19.7%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

49 (81.7%): Strongly Agree  
10 (16.7%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (1.7%): Not Applicable  
1: [No Response]

4. The Teaching Assistant interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

52 (85.2%):	Strongly Agree
7 (11.5%):	Agree
2 (3.3%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

50 (82.0%):	Strongly Agree
10 (16.4%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

52 (85.2%):	Strongly Agree
5 (8.2%):	Agree
2 (3.3%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

44 (72.1%):	Strongly Agree
10 (16.4%):	Agree
5 (8.2%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant to other students.

52 (85.2%):	Strongly Agree
8 (13.1%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
1 (1.6%):	Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

*Please provide any additional constructive comments*

- best TA i've had!
- BEST. TA. EVER. I am actually signed up in another TA's discussion, but I have been attending Josh's sections since he is amazing. Who else goes the math book with the students and makes handouts? He is great at simplifying topics and vocab that the professor hints at. He is also very attentive to questions and makes a strong effort to learn all the students' names. He even made extra practice exercises for the students and promised to give feedback. I highly recommend him.
- Created handouts which had information about what was being taught in lecture, which included practice problems that students could solve and get feedback for. One of the best TA's I have ever had, he put a lot of effort into what he did.
- Definitely the best TA I've had so far had UCSD. He really cares that his students understand the material! I don't think I would do as well in this class if Josh was not my TA
- Excellent math TA. I'm so grateful for the review sheets he put together.
- Extremely helpful and engaging with students by being concise in the matter of how to approach a problem
- Great TA
- Great TA and a wonderful person! Very knowledgeable, helpful and approachable. He is really willing to help the students.
- Great TA and made section interactive by providing weekly worksheets with the main concepts learned that week.
- Great TA, knows student needs and addresses math problems effectively.
- Hands down, Josh is the best TA I have had in any math class here at UCSD. He is able to articulate and explain concepts well and when answering homework problems, he doesn't just solve the problem, he explains how to solve similar problems. He makes worksheets for every section that are really helpful, because they explain complicated material in easy-to-understand terms. He is very kind, even with students who are aggressive/argumentative. I learned infinitely more from going to section than in lecture because of how well Josh is able to teach. I only wish that I could have had him as a TA for all of my other math classes.
- He is the Best TA in ucsd.
- He was so organized and so helpful. One of the most dedicated and awesome TAs I have had.
- He's easily the best math TA I've had at UCSD
- I could definitely see his passion in math. He does thoroughly explained the concept in lay man's terms before solving a given problem. He is very clear and really promotes student participation in discussion.
- I enjoyed having Josh as a TA because he was very understanding of questions and grading issues. He made the material very easy to understand
- I liked the handouts he gave every discussion section. They were really useful and helped me to understand more thoroughly the topics

- I love this guy!
- Josh is awesome, give him his degree ASAP.
- Josh is extremely dedicated!! He answers emails with depth, and one can just tell that he wants his students to succeed!
- Josh is one of the best TAs I've ever had. Sections were actually enjoyable and useful. Lots of TAs just scribble down the answers to a problem and pronounce it solved, but not Josh: he made students participate in solving the problems and answering questions. In office hours, he would guide you through a problem rather than just working it out himself. He always tried to link the problem to bigger ideas and to address additional angles of the concept. Often in section, he would do problems he'd prepared to explain important or confusing concepts. He made sure everyone understood the process, and would explain something a different way if he 'sensed confusion'. Sometimes he'd make up problems on the spot to clarify a concept. He was extremely knowledgeable about the material, helpful, friendly, and approachable in/outside office hours, and he never made you feel stupid for not understanding something.

In addition, he spent time to make handouts summarizing the material. He even wrote extra theoretical/proof questions and gave feedback on answers, which was a huge help because that was the most difficult aspect of the class. Basically, Josh is an amazing TA, and he made Linear Algebra a thousand times better.

- Josh was a very good TA. He explained the concepts/problems very well, and his handouts were very helpful.
- Josh went out of his way to provide supplementary notes and questions to help the students. He was always readily available to answer questions and looked for ways to help students improve in their weakest points in addition to fulfilling the rest of his duties.
- Never had a TA so precise with answers, he fully answered and explained everything. Terrific TA
- The handouts were incredibly useful, he always came prepared, always had good answers to all of my questions. He worked hard to get everyone's names and made very good use of discussion time to make sure everyone really understood the material. Excellent TA, 10/10, would fail & retake linear algebra to be in his discussion again.
- This guy is cool as hell, actually knows your name which is pretty awesome. Didn't go to too many of his discussions cause i'm p lazy but the ones I went to were worthwhile.
- Very Professional and Helpful. Clarified for the students in understanding the difficult concepts in Math 20F/Linear Algebra. I would highly recommend Mr. Tobin as a TA for any mathematics course.

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