

CSE 598: Assignment 1

DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, START OF CLASS

1 Description

This is a non-technical writing assignment that I can use to better understand your research interests and hopes for what you'll get out of this course. You will be preparing a 1 page writeup in L^AT_EX answering the following questions.

- Who are you? What program are you enrolled in?
- What is your research area, if you're doing any? What professor do you work for?
- What research directions and goals are you the most passionate about? If you could use your research to solve a big, ambitious problem, what would that problem be?
- Why are you taking this course? What do you intend to get out of it?
- What, if any, are applications of Markov chains that you'd like to see covered in class?
- Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns I should know about?

2 Evaluation

Your writeup will be evaluated based on *completeness*, or how comprehensively your answers cover the questions asked, and *clarity*. Understand that everything you write — whether it be an academic paper, an assignment, open-source code, etc. — is intended to be read. It is very important that you write with the reader in mind, imagining how they will understand the ideas you're communicating.

3 Resources

If you're new to L^AT_EX writing, consider using Overleaf.¹ Overleaf is an online TeX editor that makes getting started much easier, as it installs all the necessary packages and environments for you. It also supports collaborative editing, which is a useful feature for academic writing. A comprehensive guide to learning L^AT_EX is available in Overleaf's documentation.²

4 Submission

Create a .zip file containing a .pdf version of your writeup along with the L^AT_EX .tex source file used to generate it. Submit on Canvas (no hard-copies needed) by the deadline.

¹Overleaf: www.overleaf.com

²Overleaf documentation and learning: www.overleaf.com/learn