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I enjoy the atmosphere of the class. I like that you engage with the students.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451.

More full examples would be nice. From start to finish no ‘blah’ in the center. Please work on a little bit of penmanship:

- With so many variables please write out cos and sin as opposed to s and c.
- Dots not circles for derivatives (i.e. fill in your circles) sometimes they look like other variables around them.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yea. I think it is really helpful to stop the same question from being asked. And helps those of us who cannot make office hours.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yes I think the graders are doing fine. Although I have not seen how they grade Matlab yet which will be a big determination.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451.

I enjoy the class. One thing, I enjoy knowing why we are learning things or where we are headed. For example, with the Jacobian’s knowing the importance of them and how they fit in. It just seems like we have been in class a month and only know how to layout a matrix. I think full examples would help this again.
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1) Please mention a couple of things that you liked, were useful, and should be preserved in a future offering of ME451  1.Printed PPT and hand-out  2.All materials available online  3.Tutorial for software

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   1. Control the speed of teaching, sometimes I just found there were pages of PPT left or uncovered in class.
   2. Maybe you can show some animations of moving bodies in PPT to help understanding of kinematics and dynamics.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   Yes, of course.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   Yes.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   Syllabus is very detailed so we know when to take class or exam and what will be covered in class. You’re really considerate and we can get anything related to class if we miss some details in class. Everything is good, but I hope the tutorials for Matlab or ADAMS could be longer and deeper.
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   - Slide postings
   - Past work, old forums still visible

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   - Audio recording to video on media site, hard to know what slide you are looking at sometimes

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   - Yes, it is extremely useful seeing where everyone else is having problems

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   - yes

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
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   ① solving problem by hand writing step by step is very useful to understand
   ② review section

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   ① solving example by hand writing as much as possible.
   ② take a more few mins to review the knowledge in last lecture
   ③ showing example without figures, equations, just by words, is sometimes hard to understand

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   Yes, there are some hints of the HW in forum.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   Yes, graders’ work is good. They also give some comments to show why it is right or wrong.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   At the end of examples, it need to take a few seconds to review the examples just being shown.
   It will be helpful to us to understand the idea/thought how to solve similar problems.
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   • The handouts for each lecture are fantastic. I can spend my time focusing on the material rather than madly copying dore notes and equations.
   • I like the fact that you stop at regular intervals to make sure everyone can keep up.
   • The class definitely needs to keep your sense of humor to lighten up the lectures.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   • So far I have had to re-read the MATLAB assignments multiple times to try and figure out what you are asking us to do. A little more clarity on the instructions would be helpful. Once I am able to figure out what you are asking, the implementation is simple.
   • There is a good quantity of homework to help ensure understanding of the material, but the assignments are leading the lectures right now rather than trailing them as they should.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   • Yes. It’s a good way to share answers to common questions with the whole class.
   • I also liked posting results and runtimes for MATLAB #1 as a sanity check to make sure I didn’t make a stupid mistake.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   • Yes. No problems so far.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   • Fantastic course so far.
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Kanuny our name

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

Could Matlab example problems posted to site or done in class?
As someone with programming experience it is frustrating to take a long time on Sydney.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes, great resource

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Extremely inconsistent

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

Video/Audio recorded lectures would be nice.
1) You bring slides to the class. You provide ample resources online (textbook, notes, example problems, example matlab code). You do a brief recap of last lecture and you engage the class. Derivations of a few of the concepts are helpful, and you append those to your notes. Very good stuff.

2) Only gripe (quite minor) is the timing of the lectures. There is quite a lot of overlapping between slide packets, mostly due to overestimating the amount of material we'd be able to cover. Again, that's really hard to predict, and it's better to have more material than less.

3) Yes, the forum is helpful. I try to look at it at any point when I feel like I have a question. So far, most of them have been answered there (if not answered, at least a good hint was provided).

4) Yes.

5) So far the course structure and content seem very good. I'm happy that you are ramping up the Matlab in a way that doesn't provide an extremely steep learning curve.

The fact that you provide so many resources is very helpful and I wish more professors would do that.

Overall one of the best classes, keep it up!
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Having the textbook available for free download is appreciated. I also appreciate how all of the lectures are recorded, previous forums are open for viewing, and example code from previous years has been made available.

Dan- I appreciate the humor that you bring to the classroom, it helps to lighten things up. Also, it is nice that you have always been prepared and organized during lectures.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

I have managed to finish the first two matlab assignments without much of a struggle. However, the majority of my problem solving so far has simply involved trying to interpret the matlab hw’s problem statements. If the programming assignments were to be stated more explicitly, less time would be spent in developing a plan for the programming hw, and more time would be available to study the book.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes. So far, I have found the answers to my questions on the forums from previous years.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yes

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

I often feel nervous when questions are asked in class. Sometimes my nerves linger and make it difficult to relax and concentrate on the subsequent lecture material.
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The forum is useful. It is helpful to see questions from other students.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

Can’t think of any.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

yes

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

yes

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   Jokes during the class, please keep that, the more, the better.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451.
   More dynamics.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   It is helpful although I didn’t use it.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   Yep, they are awesome. They are the best if they all give me 100.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451.
   You are the best, we are friend, forever!
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Keeping all the materials in the course website and audio is very helpful

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

More examples not concept

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Sometimes

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

I wonder if they could provide feedbacks. Sometimes I get some points off and it doesn’t say why.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

So far so good
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I like that we are learning to use matlab and that it is very programming intensive. This is real world practical and develops my programming and actual engineering modeling skills. Professor Negrut is also very friendly and a helpful teacher who makes questions, etc, very easy.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

I’m having a lot of trouble understanding the written homework problems from the textbook. I feel that the problems can be very vague and it is difficult to understand what or how they want us to answer or “prove”/”show” something. I also feel that the book examples and class examples don’t prepare us well for these homework problems.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

YES, very helpful for both matlab and textbook homework portion.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

YES

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451 -- NONE
Thank you indeed for taking the time to do this. Here’s what needs to be done:

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   * 2D physics engine is an interesting application; I’m excited to get to work on it.
   * Working examples in the class were very helpful.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   * The jump from “normal” calculus to matrix calculus is a bit of a mind job. It’s worth the effort, but somewhat difficult. The first few assignments have “prove X from matrix calculus”, TBH it might be better to have more of those problems, or even problem sets working out the matrix math by hand. Or I suppose on my end a more recent review of linear algebra would have been useful.
   * Related to the above, doing kinematics/dynamics using graphical vectors is more “natural” so jumping through the proofs using R/Q instead of x,y,theta somewhat obscures what is actually going on.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   * Yes, it’s more effective than each of us e-mailing our questions in, and faster when the other students help to answer the questions.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   * Yes. Granted only 2 assignments and they’ve been straight forward so I personally haven’t needed/gotten feedback.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   * We need more Dracula pictures to liven up the class.
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   Your sense of humor!
   Going through examples in class
   Promises you keep like bringing THAT pic to the class

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   Faster pace in teaching
   Less HW. I am not kidding about this one!

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   Well....

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   It is too early for this!

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   None!
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The development of the SimEngine2D seems like a really great outcome of the course and is good practice for students who do not have previous experience with MATLAB.

Forcing students to interact with you during lecture keeps students interested.

The material is really great so far, and the slides given to us each lecture provide a really great reference for the future.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451.

A PDF textbook is somewhat frustrating. Call me old-school but I really would prefer a hard copy, but the book is out of print!

Sometimes lecture moves a little bit slow. This is probably very helpful for the ECE students in the course, but for the ME students in the course it can be a bit painful.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes. More courses should utilize Forums.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

This one is a bit tough. We only received one graded HW assignment back, but I did have a little beef with how it was graded and when I brought this to the grader’s attention she was unwilling to compromise.... I still don’t think I’m wrong.

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   Forum is a good platform to discuss the issue and problems for the homework.

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   Give more examples on solving the rigid bodies problems.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

   Yes.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

   Yes.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

   I enjoy the class.
   For the Matlab assignment, I think it'll be better if Professor can talk about a little bit about the homework, give us some hint for solving the problem.
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I like the lectures they are helpful and interesting.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

The homework does not always match the lectures and more examples would be better.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes very

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yes they have graded very fair.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

Any more examples to go over either on our own time or in class would help.
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I really enjoy the emphasis on the idea that we are working towards a tangible final product (the simulation program) over the semester. It helps keep my interest in the material strong, and it is nice to feel like I can apply what I learned right away.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

I have disliked some of the homework problems thus far, specifically the problems that ask you to “verify that equation y is true” or something similar. I feel that the math is often tedious and that I do not get much value from working the problem since it is purely abstract math with little connection to the engineering work that I would rather be doing. I think it would be helpful to work those same math concepts into a more engineering-type problem rather than a purely math problem if possible.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes, I think it is a very useful tool. I have already had some of my questions answered by other students that I otherwise would have had to go to office hours for.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yes, I have no complaints.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

Overall, I am really enjoying the class. After being a student for as long as I have, it becomes very tiresome to take so many courses that are simply a series of related topics. This focus on building up to the final simulation program is very refreshing to me.
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1) Please mention a couple of things that you liked, were useful, and should be preserved in a future offering of ME451
   - The lectures are very helpful. I feel I learn a lot from them. The forum is also helpful for posting questions as well as seeing questions that other students have.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451
   - The main thing I would change is the book. I feel like I don’t learn much from this book and the questions are extremely unclear sometimes. Also, more matlab training would be very helpful as the assignments are kind of just like “figure this out on your own”

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   - Yes very. It is a quick easy way to ask a question and see what other people are struggling with as well.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   - Yes, no complaints.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   - Good professor. I learn a lot by going to lecture.
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-Printed notes is nice (even though they’re small). You explain the physical meaning of mathematical concepts well.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

-A more complete MATLAB tutorial. Spending a couple more class sessions doing examples would be very helpful. It is a pain to struggle with simple tasks for hours (especially after finding out how simple MATLAB1 and 2 were).

-The printed notes could be larger.

-The in-lecture scribbles that get posted online: please label them (ex: which slide they go with)

3) Is the Forum helpful?

   Yes, very

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

   Yes

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

   I like your humor. It helps lighten the class a bit 😊
1) Please mention a couple of things that you liked, were useful, and should be preserved in a future offering of ME451

Dan Negrut has been a fantastic professor. I appreciate that he records all his lectures and posts his lecture slides ALONG with his handwritten notes on the course website. Providing these resources not only allows students to review the material in full but also allows us to pay close attention during lecture rather than furiously trying to copy every note and equation.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

ME451 should come with a warning stating that the course is very MATLAB intensive. As someone who has never used MATLAB extensively, I have felt a bit behind in the course. Possibly adding a supplementary course that strictly goes over MATLAB would be beneficial. Even one or two info sessions beyond what is offered at Wendt commons at the beginning of the year would be greatly beneficial to this course as it would allow a student like myself to spend less time focusing on learning MATLAB and more time understanding how the concepts and equations presented in class are represented in the program to model whatever physical system is being studied.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

The forum is incredibly useful. Again, as a student who is inexperienced in MATLAB, the forum allows for quick and easy access to answers for questions that may not be directly relevant to the course material. If, for example, I understand the problem statement and the general steps needed to resolve the problem statement but I am having trouble implementing code that follows those steps, the forum provide an outlet I can use for clarification of MATLAB functions/terminology. In addition, there is always something lost in translation between what the professor wants you to hand in and how you interpret the problem statement. The forum allows us as students to ask for clarification outside of the classroom in order to more fully understand the problem statement.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yes the graders so far have graded the coursework fairly. Indications have been made on the assignments as to where points were deducted.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

Besides providing additional help to students who are inexperienced with MATLAB or at least providing another outlet for those students to receive help, Dan Negrut has done a fantastic job teaching ME451
1) Please mention a couple of things that you liked, were useful, and should be preserved in a future offering of ME451
   - The professor’s teaching method and emphasis is really good and brings matters far beyond manipulating numbers and equations
   - The professor waits and encourages asking questions.
   - The forum
   - The fact that the textbook was free

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451.
   - A better textbook, a more recent one would be greatly appreciated (despite the point above)
   - TAs! Sometimes having one-on-one sessions with someone could be very helpful, especially when there is a particular concept that the student doesn’t understand and would need a step-by-step tailored response with pen and paper. Particularly for students that are lower than others in their class, the forum and the class aren’t good when it comes to this and having more office hours with different teaching approaches is important for learning in some cases. The TAs could have gone through the course before so they know the type of struggles.
   - More MATLAB help, TAs for this are helpful as well.
   - Can the answers in the forum always include as a rule examples, because even the MATLAB help usually doesn’t provide the best advice in terms of the syntax, example loadjson(‘sth’), the (‘’) is never given except in examples.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   - Yes, to a great extent. There is always the point that one cannot explain him/herself properly with it. Some questions are beyond its scope as well. It is similar to the MATLAB help in the sense that many terms could get confused together, like the use of the word “function”; it has a lot of meanings, from a.m file to a function Vs Script understanding, to a code that calculates something specific for instance. So just saying “function” is very ambiguous. Verbal communication wouldn’t have this problem because the asker can always interrupt in the middle to ask what the speaker means by function, but when used in a long reply, the asker only gets confused with the entire reply.
   The forum has its uses but verbal communication is indispensable in my opinion.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   Yes but more comments are always appreciated.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   I really hope I learn a lot from this course.
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The forum is a very nice way to clear up questions and get help on the homework. I felt like having an open discussion among students and the professor is a good way to learn. Also posting the examples worked in class is very useful.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451

Although it might not be possible due to time, working out a few more examples would be helpful. Maybe posting some extra ones on the course website would work. The book doesn’t do a very good job of explaining the topics sometimes.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

The forum is helpful. There is usually someone else who has already asked a question that I had about the homework which is nice.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

The grading seems to be fair. Mistakes could sometimes be marked or explained more clearly.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
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   The forum is helpful.

   Lectures are delivered at a good pace.

2) Please mention a couple of things that need to be changed to improve the quality of ME451.

   More instruction on MATLAB code.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

   Yes

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

   Yes

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   Worked examples are always useful. The text is pretty sparse on this.

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   I don’t know that anything needs to be changed, but for me the answer is always more examples.

3) Is the Forum helpful?
   It is rather difficult to formulate some of my questions into a format that fits well into the forum. It is helpful for simpler questions.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?
   So far yes.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451
   Good lecturer. Good job keeping people engaged and interacting even through the dry stuff.
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Everything that has been done so far should be preserved. There is nothing so far that has been done that should be omitted.

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I would at least like to see homework solutions posted. Since only 1 problem is being graded thoroughly, I have no idea if any of the other problems are right, and that’s frustrating. I think a few more real-world example problems would be nice since lectures mostly seem to consist of theory and reviewing slides.

Additionally, I think more Matlab help would be useful especially in the intro stages (but that might just be my opinion since my programming skills are poor).

3) Is the Forum helpful? Yes, Extremely.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders? No comment, they’ve only graded 3 or 4 assignments

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

I’m not a big fan of the textbook used (although I’m not sure if there is anything that can be done about it at this point.) I think it’s a little too dry on content and doesn’t explain things all that well.

I also think more Matlab help would be extremely helpful, but I’m not too sure how to implement that (again, I may be biased on that subject because I struggle with programming)
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I generally like the lectures that Dan gives. He does a good job of making pretty dry material interesting. I also really like his sense of humor.

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I think that some more MATLAB training should be done in class. I went to both of the MATLAB training sessions put on by CALS and I feel like the content covered there was not so useful for what we are using it for in this class. I have used MATLAB in previous classes, but this class will definitely be the most in-depth that I have had to use it, and I think a little more introduction could have helped.

3) Is the Forum helpful?

Yes, the Forum is very helpful. Whenever I have a question about the homework, I check the Forum and 9 times out of 10 the exact same question has already been posted and answered.

4) Are you satisfied with the job done by the graders?

Yep. I think the grading is very fair and intended to help us learn.

5) Please provide any other comments in relation to ME451

No other comments. The class is pretty difficult and a lot of work, but I think I am learning a lot and I’m looking forward to see what else I will pick up in the last 2/3 of the class.