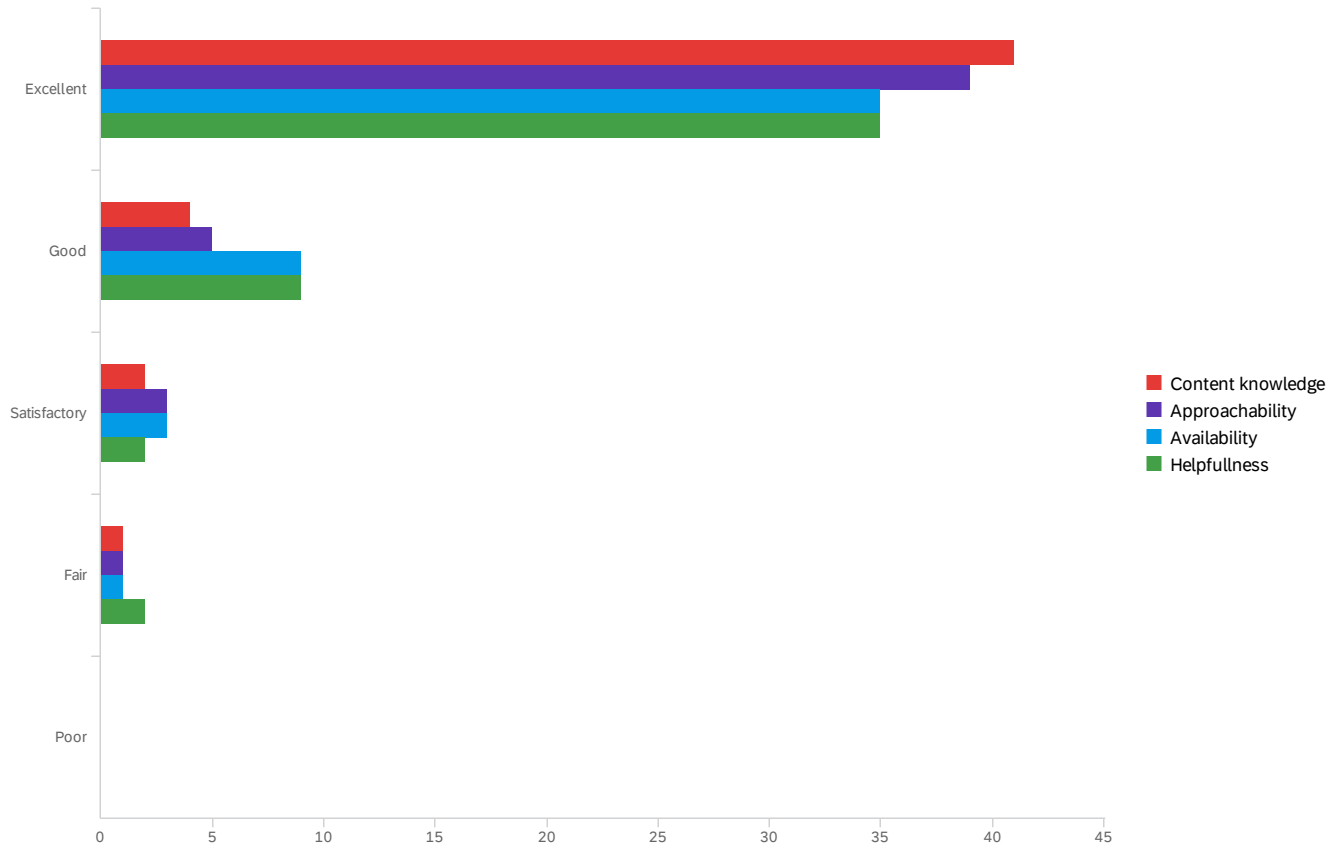


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Grad TA Eval - STA 671D- F21 - Rudin

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Q1 - Rating for Ed Tam



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Content knowledge	1.00	4.00	1.23	0.62	0.38	48
2	Approachability	1.00	4.00	1.29	0.68	0.46	48
3	Availability	1.00	4.00	1.38	0.70	0.48	48
4	Helpfulness	1.00	4.00	1.40	0.76	0.57	48

#	Field	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total
1	Content knowledge	85.42% 41	8.33% 4	4.17% 2	2.08% 1	0.00% 0	48
2	Approachability	81.25% 39	10.42% 5	6.25% 3	2.08% 1	0.00% 0	48

#	Field	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor	Total
3	Availability	72.92% 35	18.75% 9	6.25% 3	2.08% 1	0.00% 0	48
4	Helpfulness	72.92% 35	18.75% 9	4.17% 2	4.17% 2	0.00% 0	48

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Q5 - Comments: In what ways did Ed Tam facilitate your learning and what might have helped even more? Include any constructive comments you'd like to share with the teaching assistant here.

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Answering questions on Ed

Ed did an absolutely phenomenal job as a TA for STA671! He's incredibly knowledgeable, patient, and considerate in all of his office hours, always providing thoughtful and thorough answers to questions. Both his discussion section office hours were super helpful with reinforcing and furthering my understanding of what I learned in class. All of my interactions with Ed have been extremely positive. When answering questions, he always provides a detailed response to ensure that students fully understand the concept, always kindly offering to explain again if we didn't understand it the first time around. He also often anticipates what might be confusing about a certain concept beforehand and makes sure to clarify these confusing parts even if the students didn't realize this beforehand, which really helps a lot when trying to pick up new course material. Ed also demonstrates extremely effective teaching methods in his discussion; he doesn't just read off the slides, but rather provides foundational understanding, his own intuitive explanations for difficult concepts, and focuses on important high-level understanding. He is clearly very knowledgeable about the content he's teaching, comes prepared, and is always able to provide clear and helpful answers to questions. Concepts that were confusing for me during lecture were often cleared up during his discussion section. Overall, I really appreciated having Ed as a TA this semester! I learned a lot from his discussion section and office hours, and he has a fantastic teaching style that always made difficult concepts much more intuitive and easier to grasp. He was also very kind and approachable, and always had a super friendly and positive attitude. All the time Ed invested into this class made it a much better learning experience for me, and I think he's very deserving of being recognized for his outstanding work as a TA!

Clear discussion sections, approachable, and patient to students.

replied promptly and clearly to technical question I had on ed discussion and had a discussion

Ed was very knowledgeable on the topics, but I often felt his answers to questions were difficult to follow. He moved a bit quickly through examples, and would have benefitted from slowing down and explaining all aspects of his explanations.

My friends in discussion and I all agree, Ed is the best TA we have come across during our time here at Duke. Not only is he incredibly knowledgeable about statistics/ML, he is incredibly generous with his time and patient. Ed stays over time to explain concepts to students, helping us with problems we have questions about. He gives us advice on everything from ML to advice about being a graduate student. He is the best person to go to when one wants to get clarification on difficult concepts. Ed is an amazing TA.

Some homework is too difficult.

Ed is very personable and has great domain knowledge about the subject. Very glad to have him as our TA.

The homework design is reasonable.

Very helpful in the office hours, and responsive via email. He would explain the material very well and go above and beyond to help you.

He is very patient and makes himself available

Very good conceptual explanation during lab. Helpful homework insights

Ed was very helpful in explaining concepts in our discussion section. He also was a great resource to talk over homework problems.

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I think Ed did a great job in discussion section! He always provided an agenda, including some warm-up questions to get the class going (even when he had to find those warm-up questions on his own). He also stayed after sections to answer any questions about the homework, which was very helpful.

Discussion section is really helpful. It complements the lecture and Ed clarifies important concepts really clearly.

Ed Tam would reserve 15 minutes at the end of discussion to answer questions on the homework. He is someone who knows the course material like the back of his hand, and he connected course material to outside resources we could refer to to dive even deeper into the material. He would routinely spend 30 minutes after discussion to help us with questions we had on anything. I've never had a TA be so helpful, and I jumped at the opportunity to review him and out in a good word.

I went to his office hour on zoom once. He was very helpful.

He handles the pace of office hours very well - explaining things clearly, answering everyone's questions while being able to finish everything on time. He is patient, passionate, and inspiring. Never makes students feel awkward even when they are asking simple questions.

Will give him 100000 out of 100 points!!! Ed is a star, I can't think of who will not appreciate his clear explanation and passion for teaching. He always give an overview before review session which is short but helpful. He was super approachable and very patient in all TA help sessions and after discussion.

One of the best TAs I have ever had. This guy rocks!

Ed is super helpful in conducting the discussion session every Friday. I really enjoy his session because every time after the session, all my puzzles on last week's material will go away.

End of Report