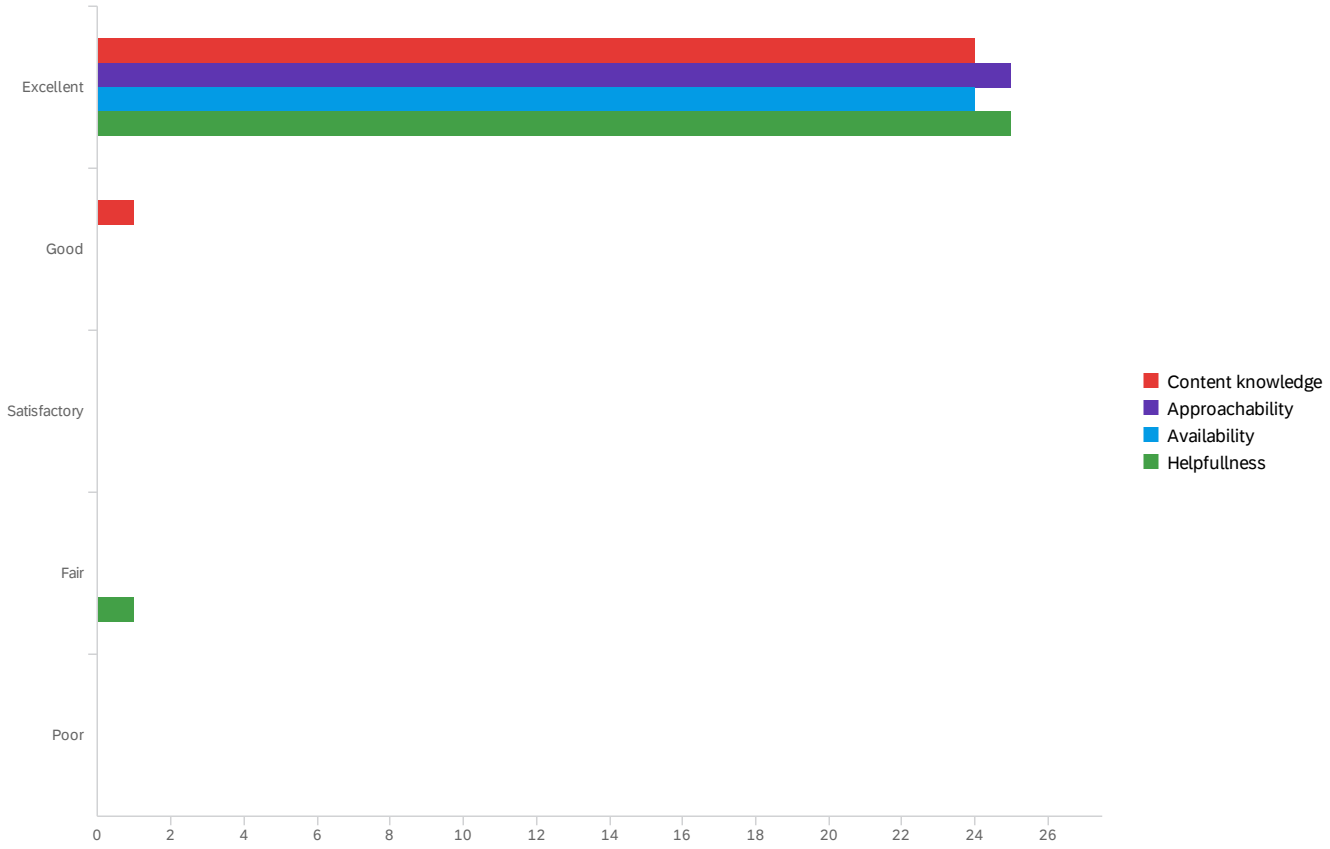
Q86 - Rating for Ed Tam



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Content knowledge	1.00	2.00	1.04	0.20	0.04	25
2	Approachability	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	25
3	Availability	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	24
4	Helpfullness	1.00	4.00	1.12	0.58	0.33	26

#	Field	Excellent		Good		Satisfactory		Fair		Poor		Total
1	Content knowledge	96.00%	24	4.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	25
2	Approachability	100.00%	25	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	25
3	Availability	100.00%	24	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	24
4	Helpfullness	96.15%	25	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	3.85%	1	0.00%	0	26

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Q87 - 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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Ed Tam went above and beyond to assist learning with the material. He has been extremely forthcooming in addressing all questions in class and had an excellent way of explaining the material. His passion for the subject crept into his classes and teaching. He never hesitated to stay back after his discussion session or after his office hours, sometimes the doubt clearing session extending upto an hour after the designated time as well. He tried to keep access fair by making announcements well in advance, and held Office Hours even when his health did not permit, even if it was on Zoom. Knowing that students would need help, he made himself available to answer questions even during times when there were no official discussions. He should really be awarded the best TA award.

Ed was the best TA I have ever had. He was knowledgeable on the material, and a gracious and friendly instructor. He couldn't have done much more.

Ed was extremely helpful and very clear in explaining concepts.

I was extremely impressed by Ed's professionalism on the class discussion board. In particular, in one instance a student was downright hostile and a little condescending towards Ed, but Ed remained polite and incredibly patient while constructively answering the student's questions. Great job!

Ed taught the concept of ML in a more intuitive way which helped me understanding better.

Ed's discussions have been by far the most helpful and most well-run discussions I have attended during my time at Duke. I especially appreciate that instead of jumping straight into the discussion problems, he takes the time in the beginning to cover the important highlights of the relevant material and make sure that people are largely all on the same page, as well as point people to potentially helpful resources for the topic on hand.

Ed is the single best TA I've ever had. The dude is brilliant, knows the math, material, and theory inside and out, spends hours helping when he doesn't *need* to, and never makes anyone feel dumb or less than for asking a question. He is the hero of this course and it's actually not even close. He ended up taking the place of Rudin in many cases in terms of leading/running the course. I genuinely cannot think of any way he could improve.

He was extremely available as he held office hours in place of cancelled discussions. He was also very knowledgeable about the content, and he helped a lot with concepts that the lectures were not as clear or specific about.

Ed is the best TA. He went far and away beyond all other TAs in terms of instructional quality during discussion (quite honestly, with the caveat of discussion size and a more narrow focus, his mini-lectures were better than Professor Rudin's). He stayed long after each of his discussions and office hours to ensure each student was able to get the support they needed but was also judicious and (where possible) gave very general advice for all students stuck on a problem. His love for the material is apparent. Ed is also very friendly and kind -- while my questions were certainly at various points dumb, Ed certainly never let that on. The only difficulty was in not cracking up every time I saw an Ed post by ... Ed. 6710/10 Teaching Assistant. Thank you, Ed.

Absolutely amazing TA, very clear explanations and super helpful

Ed was FANTASTIC. He explains things in a way that lets you learn and makes sure that you have good understanding before you leave his office hours. I felt like Ed was very attentive during the few times I attended. He's also supportive and very approachable. Definitely learned a lot from Ed this semester.