

# Course Analysis for MATA04 Mathematics for scientists 2, Autumn 2023

#### Course Information

Lecturer: Evgeniy Lokharu

Teaching assistants: Stefano Böhmer

Number of students: 10

3 students answered the course evaluation, 10 of them are enrolled on program name.

#### Examination

Project: 9 students passed.

Written examination: 5 students passed.

- Ordinary examination 10/01 2023: 7 students participated and 4 of them passed.
- Resit examination 27/01 2023: 4 students participated and 1 of them passed.

#### Final grades:

0 passed with distinction.

5 passed.

#### Course Evaluation

#### Summary of student's answers:

Only 3 students answered the questionary with a very positive feedback. Some of the comments are:

"The teachers, Evgeniy and Stefano. They are both very good at teaching, and are very patient and good at explaining the matter in different ways. Another thing I found beneficial was the low number of classmates, meaning everyone could get help with questions during the lectures and seminars. Furthermore, I did like the one time where Stefano invited us up to the black board to solve exercises (or rather present our solution) so we could discuss it further if needed.

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#### Student comments on what shall be improved:

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#### Teachers' comments:

We agree with the students that the course is very intense. The way it was taught worked well. That is with lectures in the morning followed by a seminar during the afternoon, where students were offered to practice with problems and topics discussed during the lecture. With a such intense program it is almost impossible to prepare for seminars in advance, as it is usually done.

#### Changes from the previous course realisation:

This was the first iteration.

#### Suggestions for the next course realisation:

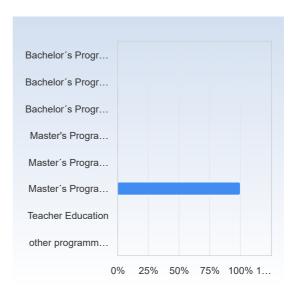
For such intense courses it is better to have a written by the department lecture notes with all problems included and discussed, rather than to follow different books. This would help students a lot. But will also require a lot of time to prepare for such notes.

#### **Course evaluation for MATA04 Autumn 2023**

Answer Count: 4

## I have studied this course as part of

I have studied this course as part of	Number of responses
Bachelor's Programme in	0 (0 00()
Mathematics	0 (0.0%)
Bachelor's Programme in Physics, Theoretical Physics, Astronomy	0 (0.0%)
Bachelor's Programme, other specialization	0 (0.0%)
Master's Programme in Mathematics	0 (0.0%)
Master's Programme in Mathematical Statistics	0 (0.0%)
Master's Programme, other specialization	3 (100.0%)
Teacher Education	0 (0.0%)
other programme or as stand alone	, ,
course	0 (0.0%)
Total	3 (100.0%)

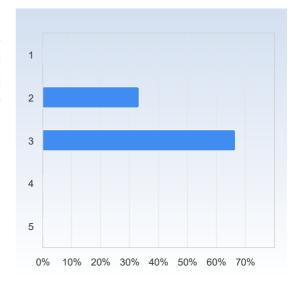


	Mean	Standard Deviation
I have studied this course as part of	6.0	0.0

On the scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely  $\to$  3= partly agree  $\to\,$  5= agree completely

#### 2. My prior knowledge has been sufficient to assimilate the contents of this course.

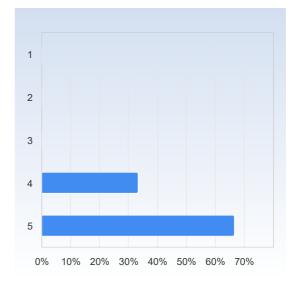
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contents of this course.	Number of responses
1	0 (0.0%)
2	1 (33.3%)
3	2 (66.7%)
4	0 (0.0%)
5	0 (0.0%)
Total	3 (100.0%)



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2. My prior knowledge has been sufficient to		
assimilate the contents of this course.	2.7	0.6

## 3.II have participated actively in the course.

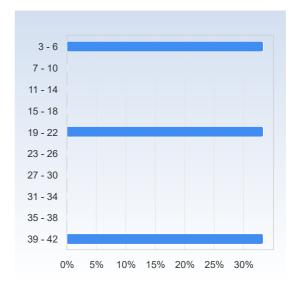
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## Average number of hours spent in total on the course per week (including scheduled activities):

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3 - 6	1 (33.3%)
7 - 10	0 (0.0%)
11 - 14	0 (0.0%)
15 - 18	0 (0.0%)
19 - 22	1 (33.3%)
23 - 26	0 (0.0%)
27 - 30	0 (0.0%)
31 - 34	0 (0.0%)
35 - 38	0 (0.0%)
39 - 42	1 (33.3%)
Total	3 (100.0%)



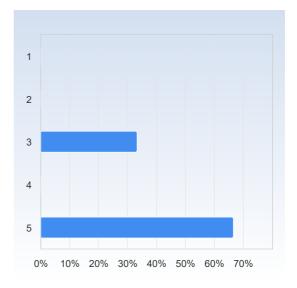
	Mean	Standard Deviation
Average number of hours spent in total on the		
course per week (including scheduled activities):	21.7	17.6

## The course in general

## On the scale 1-5 select the option that best matches your opinion: 1= disagree completely $\to$ 3= partly agree $\to$ 5= agree completely

The way the course was taught and organised suited me.

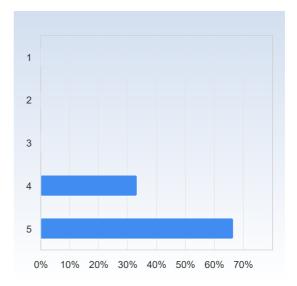
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The way the course was taught and organised		
suited me.	4.3	1.2

#### The number of teacher lead activities (lectures, seminars etc.) has been satisfactory.

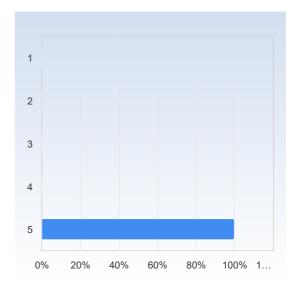
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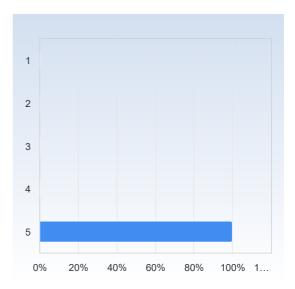
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The lectures were valuable for my learning.	5.0	0.0

## The seminars were valuable for my learning.

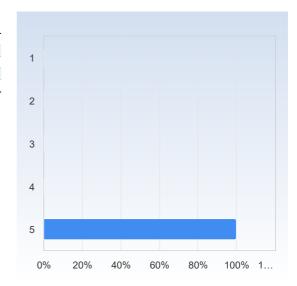
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## Studying on my own was valuable for my learning.

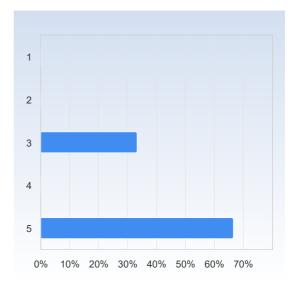
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## The course literature/material was a valuable learning resource.

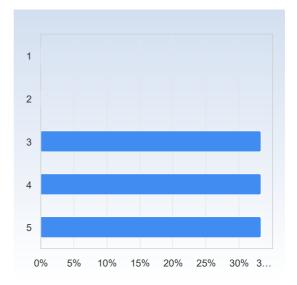
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The course literature/material was a valuable		
learning resource.	4.3	1.2

## The information I received before the course start was satisfactory.

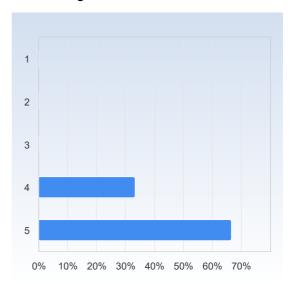
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was satisfactory.	4.0	1.0

## The communication with the teaching staff during the course was good.

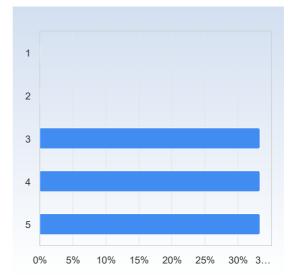
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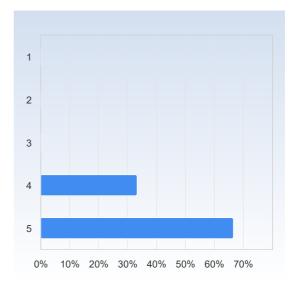
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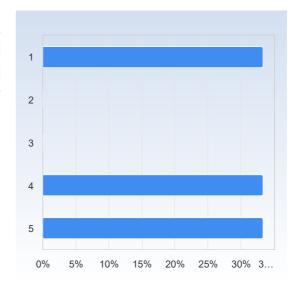
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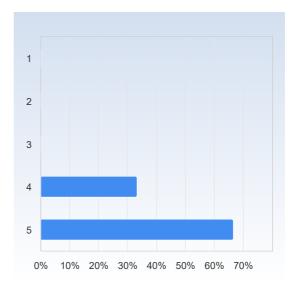
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	Mean	Standard Deviation
The course had a reasonable workload.	3.3	2.1

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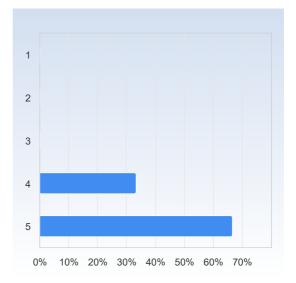
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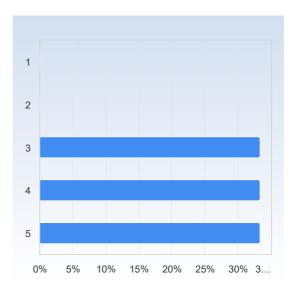
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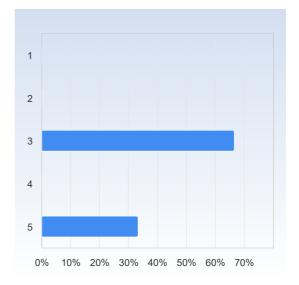
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## On the development of generic skills

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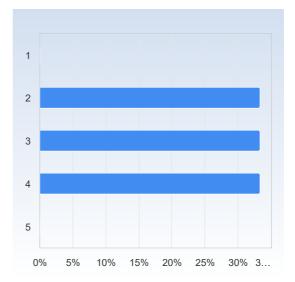
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The course has increased my ability to read a		
mathematical text.	3.7	1.2

## The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject in writing.

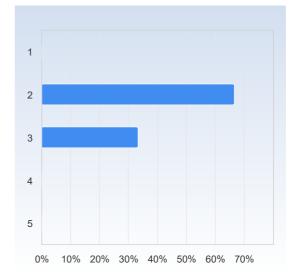
The course has increased my ability to communicate the subject	
in writing.	Number of responses
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communicate the subject in writing.	3.0	1.0

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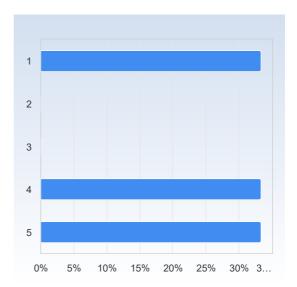
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communicate the subject orally.	2.3	0.6

## The course has increased my ability to cooperate.

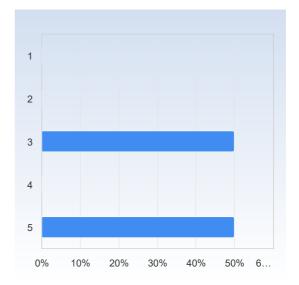
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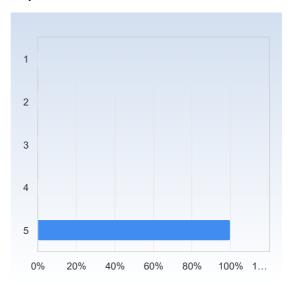
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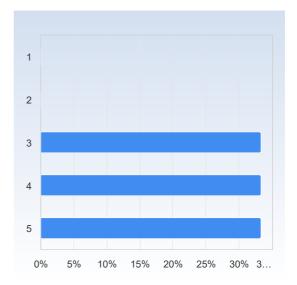
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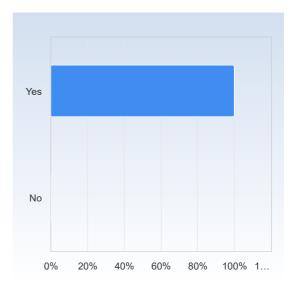
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#### Have you taken the examination?

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Yes	3 (100.0%)
No	0 (0.0%)
Total	3 (100.0%)



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#### Have you during this course experienced course literature, staff or teaching methods to be discriminatory in any way (gender, ethnicity, etc.)?

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