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Rules for the lecture course “Neural Dynamics”

1. Exercises are the actual platform for learning. All exercise sheets and reading assignments need to be turned in at the agreed time, usually the week after they have been given out. You can deliver them on paper in the lecture or send them by email to `mathis.richter@ini.rub.de`.
 - Late delivery is accepted only if announced ahead of time with an excuse. Send an email to `mathis.richter@ini.rub.de`.
2. The written solutions to exercises and assignments should be written in English or German, using complete sentences.
 - Structure your answers intelligently, first explaining assumptions and conventions.
 - Make drawings whenever useful.
 - If you use mathematical formalism, define your variables.
3. There will be one or more *essay* assignments, in which you will be asked to produce a longer text (e.g., on the order of 10 pages) to discuss an issue based on a scientific article that you will have to read.
4. The exercises handed in are corrected and graded (on a % scale). The grades affect the Bonus points obtained toward the final grade (see below). Bonus points for the essay are multiplied by factors of 2 or 3.
5. There will be a written or oral exam at the end of the lecture course. A prerequisite for a passing grade in the course is that the exam achieves a mark of at least 50%. Below that threshold, the mark will be a “fail”.
6. If the threshold is passed in the exam, the final grade for the course is computed from the mark of the exam with a bonus from the exercises added. The bonus from the exercises is scaled such that it would lift your final mark by 10% if all exercises had been turned in and been graded at 100% each. This corresponds to a full grade in the German grading system. Because some exercises (e.g. essays) may yield grades exceeding 100%, the maximal effect of the bonus points can be higher than 10%.