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Rules for the lecture course "Computational Neuroscience: Neural Dynamics"

1. Doing the exercises is where learning actually happens. All exercise sheets and reading assignments need to be turned on or before an announced day, usually the week after they have been given out. They can be uploaded by registered users on the web page of the course until midnight on the day of the announced deadline.

2. The 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 *essay* assignment, 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 exercise solutions handed in are corrected and graded (on a % scale). The grades multiply the Bonus points obtained for each exercise. Bonus points for the essay exercise are triple the normal amount.

5. There will be an oral or written 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 as the sum of the mark of the exam and the bonus points earned from the exercises. The bonus points are scaled so that with a perfect 100% mark in each, the final mark of the course is lifted by 10% (a full grade in the German system, for instance, from "gut" to "sehr gut").