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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 in on or before an announced day, usually the week after they have been given out. This happens by uploading them on the web page of the course until midnight on the day of the announced deadline.
2. The solutions to exercises and assignments can be written in English or German.
 - Use complete sentences!
 - Structure your answers, first explaining assumptions and conventions.
 - Make drawings whenever useful. Label the axes.
 - When using 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 review article that you will have to read. The essay will be used to invite you to review the learned material in a coherent form.
4. The exercise solutions that are handed in will be corrected and graded (on a % scale). The corrections help participants to understand any mistakes or omission they made in a personalized way that complements the more generic feedback given in the exercise sessions. The grades provide a sense for how close participants were to achieving the goals of the exercise.
5. Solutions that reveal signatures of the use of ChatGPT or of similar AI tools will not be corrected and no feedback will be given.
6. There will be a written exam at the end of the lecture course which covers similar ground and is in a similar style as the exercises. 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”.
7. A passing mark in the exam leads to 6 Credit Points for the lecture course jointly with the exercise component of the course.