

#### Assignment 4

Nick's class was very difficult and intimidating at first, but it was ultimately the right decision for me. On the first day, I didn't know what I was doing and I questioned my ability to solve problems. Although I struggled with problem sets and often needed help to finish them, I learned more and at a more advanced level than I have ever had the chance to at school. This class was extremely difficult but I am truly grateful for the experiences that I have had for the last three weeks. The opportunity to be challenged and feel confused in math class is not something that I am used to at school and I really felt like I learned something new every day. I realized that having all the information for a problem is not nearly as difficult as figuring out what I need to know, and then learning it. Having all the information we need for a problem is not realistic and does not resemble real world situations. Within this class, I have been exposed to new types of learning that have changed the way I think and drastically improved my problem solving skills. I knew that I wasn't the most capable or knowledgeable person in the class, which was hard at first, but that ultimately allowed me to make immense progress in my knowledge of applied math and learn from my peers. Nick taught us how to think for ourselves and not just rely on him to tell us what to do. He also made sure we were always paying attention by having multiple yoga breaks during the lectures, which allowed us to stay focused during class. It was really fun and such an amazing opportunity. I would definitely recommend this class for anyone who wants to be challenged and get the most they can out of this camp.

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