# Report from Reference group meeting November 25.

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The general impression was that the course is okay. The course is now a mixture of repeating topics from TMA4245 with extensions and new theory and consepts in statistical inference. This creates a difficult balance. The students, however, thought that the repetition from TMA4245 with extensions was useful.

Most of the exercises are demanding, and so they are meant to be. The student thought that was okay. They were forced to think hard. This year the course had three compulsory exercises, exercise number 4, 8 and 11. There were some diverse opinions, but the majority of the students meant that compulsory exercises were good and that there should be at least three.

The students were satisfied with the book.

For point of improvement the students pointed to that many concepts are defined rather abstract and that more emphasize should be put in their introduction. It was also pointed out the lecturing late in the afternoon, and having exercise hours early in the morning is a little opposite to what is optimal. A possible switch between lecturing hours and exercise hours would have been better and in this case it would also have been possible.

Therefore we decided to let exercise 11 be the last compulsory exercise instead of exercise 12.