

Gradescope Al for Grading

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- How we got started
- How grading works
- ML for analytics: projects we'd love to collaborate on
- Al-assisted grading: what we are working on

How we got started



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Pieter Abbeel Professor Robotics

- With TAs, built a tool to grade paper assignments online: faster, more consistent, and prevented cheating.
- Founded company at 50 courses. 2000+ courses today (200+ schools, 15M answers graded).
- Mission is to be the central place for all assessment.





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UullQiXljeQ







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Grading



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ML for analytics

We would love to collaborate on these!

- Item response theory for rubric-graded questions
- Inferring concepts
- Predicting student outcomes

IRT for rubrics

- On Gradescope, mean number of applied rubric items is 5.6. More questions have 8 or more rubric items than 2 or less.
- Approximately equal number of additive and subtractive rubrics.



IRT for rubrics

• Assignment and question difficulty do not appear to be normally distributed.



(figure courtesy Chris Piech)

IRT for rubrics

- Would love to collaborate on evaluating polytomous IRT models on our additive and subtractive rubricgraded questions.
- Will probably need to develop new models.

Inferring concepts



Instructors can tag questions with concepts to see how their assignment breaks down by concept.

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- We would like to infer concepts automatically.
- One way forward: Gradescope user Lenny Evans used topic modeling on rubric item applications.



- Thousands of students have a significant amount of real work on Gradescope.
- We would like to help institutions with pre-requisite analysis and other tasks.



- Our path to auto-grading: grouping answers for the instructors to grade
- Spectrum of question complexity
- Group review interface

Our approach

 We value rubric-based grading: partial credit and useful feedback to the student.
 Goal is to scale, not replace, instructor grading.



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Question types: next



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Group review interface



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