

## **Evaluation KJM4350/9350 - 2017**

The course was given in the same format as previously, since the previous evaluation had not suggested large changes. The main difference was that some of the lectures were changed, either to power point or to more intensively include the blackboard. We also asked the students at most lectures, what the main learning outcome had been, and what was the most confusing to them. This provided valuable information to intensify training on some aspects, and find out what worked and what did not. Finally, we provided all question sheets related to the lectures at once in the beginning of the course (in electronic form), and the answers only at the end of the course. The effect of this was that the students used the self-test mainly before the exam, and not, as intended, continuously during the course. We may therefore go back to the original scheme. The main point of criticism was the poorly functioning PC labs (Ø186). Most of the computers did not work, and these problems were destructive to the learning.

Also this year, the course was in general appreciated by both Master's and PhD students. The course was considered well organized and structured. Especially the discussion session and student literature presentations (orally and in writing) were found useful for promoting understanding, but also all the other exercises were appreciated. In addition, we had many good discussions during the lectures. Furthermore, the individual feedback on the presentations was well received. Last but not least, the competence of all teachers of the course was regarded very highly.

Student feedback was requested from student representatives both during and at the end of the course, in an evaluation meeting. While there was little feedback during the course, the final meeting was much appreciated. Everyone passed the final exam, with a Gaussian distribution around C. No large changes are planned for the future, but the course content will be updated, as usual. In addition, we sincerely hope that we will have access to a better PC lab, and/or qualified personnel.