Research B (IMCo32)
Lecture I: Intro

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Aim of the course

• Doing research (as learned in Research A)
• New points:
  – Doing it alone
  – Reviewing, providing feedback on presentations, etc.
Research B similar to Research A

- Find topic/supervisor
- Write research proposal
- Do research
- Write a paper
- Present your results
Research B is quite different from Research A

- True research contribution (small but real)
- Reviewing
  - 1 scientific paper + 1 research A paper
- Work on your own topic
- Work on your own
About the research contribution

• It should be a real contribution
  – something new, novel
  – advancing the state-of-the-art

• But not necessarily a big one
  – your (and our) time is limited
  – you’re still “training” - not master project yet

• Still, don’t let that hold you back
  – Some Research B results were actually published
  – view this work as work towards master project (... and beyond)
Course information

• Blackboard is the main platform
  – announcements
  – course calendar
  – assignments
  – grades
  – sheets
  – FAQ

• Make sure you’re enrolled !!
Timetable (overview)

- **September 17**: find supervisor/topic (e-mail!)
- **October 2**: Research A presentations and 1st individual progress meeting
- Submission of slides for the presentation of the research proposal: **October 8, 2013**
- Presentation of the research proposal: **October 9, 2013**
- Submission of review of an actual paper: **November 27, 2013**
- Submission of slides for the final presentation of the research project: **December 17, 2013**
- Final presentations of Research A, **December 18, 2013**
- Submission of review of a Research A paper, **Dec. 20**
- Final presentation of the project: **December 18, 2013**
- Submission of the final version of the paper: **January 17, 2014**
Standards and obligations

- LaTeX for document preparation
- All students must attend Research A presentations
Grading

- D1 - initial proposal
- D2 - presentations
- D3 - reviews
- D4 - final paper

Grade = 0.1*g(D1) + 0.2*g(D2) + 0.2*g(D3) + 0.5*g(D4) - p

- where p is your penalty for missed deadlines
Deadlines and penalty

- **Strict!**

- **Miss intermediate deadline**
  - penalty of 0.2 of your final grade per missed deadline

- **Miss final deadline**
  - by less than a few days, maximum grade is 6
  - otherwise, you failed the course

- **You need 5.5 or more to pass ...**
Questions?