

## STA 198F, Fall 2020: Probabilities Everywhere

### Class activities for Week 11

#### **Group Exercise About Final Essays:**

Within your group, each student in turn should explain your plans for the final essay, including describing such items as: your essay topic, what things you already know about it, how you plan to learn more, what approach or perspective you are planning to take, the progress you have made so far, the opinions or conclusions that you hope to express, etc. The other students should then ask questions and make suggestions about the essay plan.

Before each student's explanation, one other group member should be designated as that student's "reporter". The reporter should take notes about the student's essay topic and ideas. The reporter will later present the student's ideas to the whole class. (Each student should be the reporter for one other student.)

#### **Whole Class discussion:**

Each reporter, in turn, will briefly describe their corresponding student's essay ideas to the whole class. The class can then ask questions or make suggestions as appropriate.

#### **Gather Town Social Interaction:**

We will then have a social interaction on "Gather Town". Go to:

<https://gather.town/app/ph5ayPPAAqhGdw8t/sta198>

Enter your name when prompted. You will then appear as a little "avatar" inside a virtual room. You can move your avatar around the room by typing your computer's ARROW KEYS for left/right/up/down. You will also see other avatars, corresponding to other people. If your avatar is near someone else's avatar, then you will automatically be connected to them for audio/visual communication (like on Zoom). When you move away from them, they will disappear. There is also a text chat on the right side. To learn more, see:

<http://probability.ca/GatherTownBasics.pdf>

**Homework – Final essay:** The final essays are due on Quercus by 4:00 PM sharp on Tuesday Dec. 8. Good luck!

**Pizza Party:** In the final class on Dec. 9, we will have a pizza party! Before that class, you should order yourself a medium pizza (or large if you want to share leftovers with your household), together with a drink and side, to eat in front of your computer during class. Then, within 24 hours after that class, email your receipt (including tip/delivery charges) to the professor at [j.rosenthal@math.toronto.edu](mailto:j.rosenthal@math.toronto.edu), and he will reimburse you by Interac e-transfer. (If your Interac e-transfer is linked to a different email address, then write from that address, or explain in your email which address to use. If you really can't do Interac transfer, then let me know and we will figure out something else. Also, if you really don't like pizza, then you can order something else instead.)