

Stanford University
Winter 2026 Section Feedback

Course: W26-ME-340-01: ELASTICITY & INELASTICITY
Instructor: Hanfeng Zhai *
Response Rate: 10/14 (71.43%)

1 - In what way did you interact with this instructor most?					
Hanfeng Zhai					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
In section meetings	(1)	3	30.00%		
In lab	(2)	0	0.00%		
During office hours	(3)	4	40.00%		
Via a class website	(4)	0	0.00%		
Email	(5)	0	0.00%		
In class	(6)	3	30.00%		
Other	(7)	0	0.00%		
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Response Rate					
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2 - During the quarter, about how many hours on average per week did you interact with this instructor in section, class, lab, office hours, and other meetings?						
Hanfeng Zhai						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
1	(1)	3	30.00%		1.90	
2	(2)	5	50.00%			
3	(3)	2	20.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
10/14 (71.43%)		1.90		0.74		2.00

3 - How much did you learn from this instructor?						
Hanfeng Zhai						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
A great deal	(5)	5	50.00%		4.40	
A lot	(4)	4	40.00%			
A moderate amount	(3)	1	10.00%			
A little	(2)	0	0.00%			
Nothing	(1)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
10/14 (71.43%)		4.40		0.70		4.50

4 - Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?						
Hanfeng Zhai						
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Extremely effective	(5)	5	50.00%		4.50	
Very effective	(4)	5	50.00%			
Moderately effective	(3)	0	0.00%			
Slightly effective	(2)	0	0.00%			
Not effective at all	(1)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
Response Rate		Mean		STD		Median
10/14 (71.43%)		4.50		0.53		4.50

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5 - What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Hanfeng Zhai

Response Rate	5/14 (35.71%)
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- Plasticity and superimposition of stress intensity factor
- Reinforcing concepts learned in lecture, practical examples to implement learned concepts
- Mechanics
- problem solving, approaching problems, comprehensive overview of class content, high level understanding
- Solidifying concepts previously presented in lecture

6 - What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you?

Hanfeng Zhai

Response Rate	6/14 (42.86%)
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- Communicative, knowledgeable
- aspect 1: Openness to discussion and questions aspect 2: Very knowledgeable about the material aspect 3: Thoughtfully-presented problem session material and office hours
- Dedication, enthusiasm, generosity with time
- He's very animated in his teaching and knowledgeable on class topics
- great at answering questions to deepen student understanding, comprehensive review sessions were extremely helpful, knowing when to derive equations and when to just present the equation.
- Hanfeng's review sessions were very thorough

7 - How can this instructor's teaching be improved?

Hanfeng Zhai

Response Rate	4/14 (28.57%)
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- Keep up the good work!
- n/a
- Was a bit fast at times but understandable with trying to fit so much content in a short amount of time.
- Sometimes he went really fast to cover a lot of topics, with not enough time to let it sink in. Review sessions also spent a lot of time working through the math, which is ok but also should be paired with the conceptual explanations.