

Ronnie Li Tutoring – Learn with me!

Thank you for giving me a chance to be your tutor! I promise that I'll do my absolute best to help you understand difficult concepts and do well in your studies. This document will summarize what you can expect from me as a tutor and what I expect from you as a student.

About me. My name is Ronnie Li, and I'm a graduate of Brown University with a B.S. in Neuroscience. Currently, I am working towards my Ph.D. in Neuroscience and Bioinformatics at Emory University, and I'm currently doing a lot of computational biology work. I prize education and consider myself a lifelong learner. Literally everything is interesting to me; I'm the type of person who will watch paint dry and think about how the molecules in the paint are interacting with the air.

I was born with Tourette Syndrome (TS). TS is a disorder of the brain that causes me to make sounds and twitches that I can't completely control. In my 10+ years of teaching and tutoring experience, my condition never really hurt my effectiveness as a tutor (or person), but sometimes it can be a bit strange to observe. I just want you to be aware, and please let me know how I can make you feel most comfortable.

Your expectations. You can always expect me to try my best. Of course, I'm not perfect, so there will be gaps in my knowledge. However, you can expect that I will find the answer before our next session. In addition, I will constantly ask for your feedback. I try to improve my teaching based on your interests and needs, because I believe that discussing things you care about boosts retention and understanding.

My expectations. I just expect you to try! Nobody is perfect, and sometimes I might have done a poor job of explaining, so there are many things that will influence your learning. But I hope that I can get you to engage in the material with me, to be curious about it, and to want to ask questions. Although tutoring is certainly not the most enjoyable activity you could spend your time on, I will try my hardest to make our sessions something you don't dread.

Contact. I try to make myself available whenever you need me and to answer questions to the best of my ability. You can always contact me by phone or email; my information will be on the Google Classroom (see "Google Classroom" below). I will always try to respond to your questions promptly.

Reviewing material. We both have lives outside of tutoring, so please try your best to let me know ahead of time if you need to cancel or reschedule. There is no formal cancellation policy.

However, I do require that you tell me what topic(s) you want to review at least 24 hours before our session. This is because I always try to review before I tutor. Like I said, we're not perfect, and I certainly don't remember everything. And even if I did, I must make sure I can teach it – because knowing something doesn't always mean you can explain it to someone else!

Google Classroom. I create a Google Classroom for each student I tutor, and I'll share the class link with you before the first day of class. The Google Classroom will have everything and serve as your "course webpage." Things like meeting links and lesson material will be on there, and I'll refer to "the Google Classroom" often in our lessons. This website link will be the only one you'll need, because it'll have links to everything else.

Virtual sessions only: If it's helpful for you, I will record all our tutoring sessions and upload them after each lesson. These videos are stored in the private Google Classroom, meaning *only* you have access to them with the link I provided you. Of course, if you don't feel comfortable being recorded, that's not a problem at all. I just think sometimes it might be useful for students to review our past lessons. You can rescind consent to be recorded anytime.

Zoom. If our tutoring is virtual, we will use Zoom, and you'll need to make sure you have stable internet and a microphone. You don't have to turn on your camera, but audio is necessary. Your Zoom link will always be provided in advance, and usually it's the same link. As always, don't hesitate to let me know how I can best optimize your learning experience.

Over Zoom, I use whiteboard features and a graphics tablet so that I can write neatly and quickly. You'll be able to see my writing in real time and follow along as I speak. It would be helpful for you to have your own copy in front of you, so we can both easily refer to the same document.

Here's a screenshot of what you can expect to see with the whiteboard method:

vectors

column vector $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 3×1 3 dimensions

row vector $\rightarrow [0 \ 3 \ 4]$ 1×3

matrix vector multiplication:

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 9 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 2×3

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 3×1

$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 5 \\ 1 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 51 \\ 29 \end{bmatrix}$ 2×1

$6 + 0 + 45 = 51$

$3 + 6 + 20 = 29$

$A: 2 \times 3$
 $B: 3 \times 1$

$A \cdot B$
 $(2 \times 3) (3 \times 1)$

Payment. I accept cash, Venmo, PayPal, and Zelle. I have a sliding scale policy, as I don't want money to be the only factor why we can't work together. Generally, I will invoice you every 5 lessons and request payment. Other arrangements can be made as well – just let me know what works for you.

I know our time together will be productive and enjoyable. I genuinely love tutoring, and I hope you look forward to learning with me!

Sincerely,
Ronnie Li

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