

POST MORTEM
CS 135 Fall 2025, Assignment 02

Question 2, 4

- Many students used the wrong data type, often using `Int` instead of `Num`

Question 3 (`median.rkt`)

- Many students used `[else (cond ...)]` which can be fixed by promoting the nested question-answer pairs to the outer `cond`. Marks were not deducted, however, students are encouraged to avoid `[else (cond ...)]` wherever possible. Please refer to the *Comparison Operator* section in our [Style Guide](#) for more details.
- Students are strongly encouraged to use `else` instead of `(= 1 1)` or `true` for their last question-answer pair for readability. Again, marks were not deducted for this reason.
- Many students could have reduced their inequalities by using `else` in their last question-answer pair instead of taking the negation of the previous question-answer pair (which would have been another inequality used).
- Some students did not adhere to the restrictions of this question, e.g. refraining from the use of operators such as `min`, `max`, `+`, `*`, or refraining from the use of helper functions.
- Some students did not name their function properly. For example, students were supposed to name their function `median-of-3-simple` instead of `median-of-3`. Students are encouraged to exercise caution in future assignments.
- Some students hard-coded their answers. It may pass auto-testing, but does not demonstrate understanding of the concepts.
- Many students used the wrong data type in the contract, using `Int` instead of `Rat` or `Num`.
- Many students did the wrong number of consumed values in the contract, often doing `Num -> Num` instead of `Num Num Num -> Num`

Question 5 (`weekday.rkt`)

Mistakes in Code Style:

- Didn't include a `requires:` clause indicating the natural number input must be a valid date
- Didn't utilize enough helper functions to remove repeated blocks of code in their calculations
- Didn't correctly format their contract and requires clause, had put them together into some hybrid comment

Mistakes in the contract:

- Many students used custom data definitions in the contract instead of using the given data definition.
- Many students used the wrong data types, often using `Int` instead of `Nat` as the consumed type.