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UTA Reflection

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This was my first ever experience with the UTA program at the University of Arizona. I have been tutoring at the U of A Think Tank, but the UTA experience gave me the chance to teach, not just tutor. My mentor, Amanda Young, guided me through the process of being a successful educator by explaining her thought process to me through every step, be it through grading homework, conducting review sessions, or creating review sheets. While I did not get a chance for any in class teaching due to clashes with my class schedule I thoroughly enjoyed every other aspect I was exposed to. The UTA experience has improved my understanding of Linear Algebra by the process of teaching it, has improved my ability to conduct review sessions with confidence and grace and has imbibed me with the ability to research and present on relatively complex mathematical notions to my peer group.

Being a UTA is a wonderful experience and I would encourage anyone with a passion for teaching mathematics to apply. Being a UTA lets you see the other side of the classroom and also allows you to get a deeper contextual grasp of the concepts and ideas. The seminars also help you to discuss and troubleshoot problems you might be experiencing and is an open space for us to engage in conducive discussions about our own progress, things we have learnt and things we can learn from the other UTA's.