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Week 6a

Good Afternoon, Colleagues

Are there any questions?





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Mechanism design vs. agent design

• Do they boil down to the same thing? (Jaesuk)



• What's most worth computing about?

