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Setting: quiet classroom, one on one interview

Participants: IS31 (vest, plaid shirt, male), I1 (glasses, female)

XXX I1: alright
XXX so:
XXX AMS 310
XXX does that mean (.) [are you a senior now?
XXX IS31: [uh
XXX uh no this is uh: (.)
XXX yea maybe for: (.) the second year or fourth year,
XXX **undergraduate students**↑
XXX but (.) they are from different apart-
XXX uh: departments
XXX I1: [oh
XXX IS31: [n-not only (.) AMS department.
XXX I1: ok so
XXX wait
XXX what year are you (.) in school?
XXX IS31: you mean me?
XXX I1: yea
XXX like are you freshman
XXX sophomore
XXX [junior senior
XXX IS31: [yea:
XXX first year PhD student?
XXX I1: PhD ((surprised))
XXX IS31: uh-huh
XXX I1: ah (.)
XXX ((whispered)) wow
XXX IS31: ah yea
XXX I1: ok ((laughs))
XXX ah so
XXX what do you (.) do for research then?
XXX **cause I know applied math is like (.) math**↑
XXX but what do you research?
XXX [in math
XXX IS31: [uh:
EXC now: I'm (.) in ((incomprehensible)) group that is
EXC uh
XXX the: computation of fluid dynamics
XXX **like air**↑
XXX **or water**↑
XXX **or something**↑

EXC their: (.) their m-m-movement
XXX I1: ok=
XXX IS31: =and so on
EXC use
EXC uh: computer to simulate
XXX I1: so you study: the way
XXX uh
XXX things move fluidly?
XXX IS31: ((looks up to think))
XXX yea fl-
XXX uh fluid movement
XXX not- because we know that
XXX like
XXX water is different from mm some solid
XXX ((makes hand gestures))
XXX I1: [ok
XXX IS31: [yea
XXX I1: oh:
XXX so (.)
XXX is it like how (.) water↑
XXX the- the atoms are like very spaced out↑
XXX and solids are very (.) close together?
XXX so you study how that (.) makes it move?
XXX well
XXX how the different (.) makeup of the substance makes
XXX it move?=
XXX IS31: =uh
XXX for example↑
XXX uh there is a project that is about the parachute
XXX I1: mhm
XXX IS31: that is if a parachute uh
XXX (one) (.) human↑ take the parachute and uh
XXX fall from (.) some height
XXX I know-
XXX for example
XXX what shape of the parachute (.) is better↑
XXX for it's (.) safety,
XXX so what will happen when he arrived (.) on the land,
EXC will the- will the parachute (.)
EXC uh:
EXC I mean (.)
EXC cover him↑ or not,
EXC because if (.) he is covered then
EXC it's very heh

EXC uh:
EXC it's (.1)
EXC it will take some time to get rid of that
XXX and it's not very convenient
XXX and like such questions
XXX I1: ok ok (.)
XXX man
XXX wow
XXX so: (.) PhD student
XXX do you have-
XXX you have like classes
XXX right?
XXX you take classes
XXX IS31: uh: yea
XXX this year I take classes
XXX I1: what kind of classes?
XXX IS31: uh: (.)
XXX some related like computation[↑] and uh (.1)
XXX partial differential equations
XXX and so like[°]
XXX I1: ((speechless))
XXX IS31: uh: ((laughs))
XXX I1: ok what- wait what types of equations?
XXX IS31: uh? ((questioning))
XXX I1: what types of equations?
XXX IS31: uh:
XXX partial differential [equations
XXX I1: [partial differ-
XXX differential (.) equations?
XXX IS31: yea
XXX I1: wh- [what are those
XXX IS31: [have you-
XXX have you learned calculus?
XXX I1: uh: (.)
XXX yes[↑] (.)
XXX one time (.) in high school
XXX IS31: ah
XXX ok
XXX so you know that (.1)
3:00
XXX so you know the (.) what derivatives mean?
XXX I1: ok yea
XXX I know derivatives [yes
XXX IS31: [yea
XXX tha- that is- th-the

XXX you already (.1)
XXX the equation is about some
XXX unknown (.) variable and some number
XXX right?
XXX I1: ((nods)) yes=
XXX IS31: =like x plus two is equal to (.) three x (so on)
XXX IS31: and differential equations just mean
XXX the equation is about (.) function
XXX and their derivatives
XXX like the derivative of y is equal to y ((incomprehensible))
XXX equations
XXX I1: that sounds familiar
XXX ok
XXX ok
XXX so wait
XXX why is it parti-
XXX partial differential equations?
XXX why not just differential equations?
XXX is there a difference?
XXX IS31: uh: you mean partial?
XXX I1: yea yea
XXX IS31: [uh
XXX I1: [is there like regular[↑] differential equation=
XXX IS31: =[yea yea yea yea
XXX I1: [and then partial-
XXX IS31: th-there are (binary) (.) differ(.)ential equations
XXX that is
XXX the the function is (.) only (.) depend on (.) one variable
XXX for example (.)
XXX I think we have learned this
XXX for example y equal to x
XXX I1: mhm
XXX IS31: so:
XXX the function y is only: dependant on (.) x
XXX [right?
XXXX I1: [ok
XXX IS31: and sometimes (.) the function will depend on many[↑] (.)
XXX variables. (.)
XXX uh
XXX for example
XXX the temperature[↑] (.) may depend on location,
XXX and depend on time
XXX I1: oh
XXX IS31: right?
XXX so

XXX I1: ok
XXX IS31: it's uh (.1)
XXX m:
XXX function of many variables
XXX [and uh
XXX I1: [oh
XXX IS31: the funct- the (.) derivative respect to (.) one (.)
XXX variable that is called
XXX uh partial differential
XXX ((I1 mouthes oh))
XXX yea it's just [uh th- this case
XXX I1: [that sounds intense
XXX IS31: yea
XXX I1: ok ok that sounds intense
XXX uh
XXX are those the only classes you're taking?
XXX IS311 uh::
XXX mainly about this but s-some other (.)
XXX m: fro- fro-
XXX because uh in fluid dynamics
XXX I1: mhm
XXX IS31: uh:
XXX the most uh important thing is to (.)
XXX uh there are (.)
XXX there have been some (.)
XXX partial differential equations that
XXX that are proposed by (.)
XXX former people so our task is to use some
XXX manner to solve this (.) equation
XXX so
XXX m: (.1)
XXX I take one course about (.) this
XXX but we just uh (.) call them (pd)
XXX so the first three are
XXX I1: ok
XXX IS31: uh
XXX in one course we studied uh (.) theory about pd
XXX and the article ((incomprehensible)) some (.) numerical
XXX (matters)
XXX like how to solve them (.) by computer
XXX I1: ((mouths oh))
XXX IS31: yea that solves
XXX I1: wait
XXX who made the computer programs that solves these equations?
XXX they just- they just exist?

XXX IS31: no no
XXX y-you mean who programmed
XXX I1: yea yea yea
XXX who made the program?
XXX IS31: yeah
XXX s-many many people have done this because now we are use
(.)
XXX uh software that is (derived)(.) by many many people↑ for
XXX many years
XXX maybe: about (.) thirty or forty years ago
XXX from then on
XXX many people have (.) worked to (.) improve this
XXX and now it's many (.)
XXX really mature
XXX and we are still (.) doing something to improve it
XXX make it more powerful
XXX I1: [oh: ok
XXX IS31: [yea
XXX I1: so you guys also
XXX to
XXX you guys also improve the programs?
XXX [in your
XXX IS31: [uh:
XXX yea
6:00
XXX you know
XXX sometimes it doesn't work
XXX and uh
XXX you should find why it doesn't work
XXX and uh try to fix it [yea
XXX I1: [(mouths oh))
XXX wow
XXX IS31: ((nods)) ah ((acknowledging ah))
XXX I1: that sounds-
XXX that sounds intense
XXX IS31: ((laughs))
XXX I1: thats-
XXX that's crazy
XXX IS31: uh-huh
XXX I1: oh:
XXX ok so you're doing (.) com(.)putational fluid movement
XXX so
XXX so
XXX what is AMS 310 then?
XXX is that [something to do with what you're studying?=

XXX IS31: [uh: [no no
XXX =th-th-this is
XXX uh:
XXX class about statistics