

Introduction to Scientific Working

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Summary of last PS

- 1 **Meta-cognition**
Reflect on your own learning process
- 2 **Syntactic-semantic analysis**
Clarify/Understand the used terms
- 3 **Reduction**
Reduce the text to its main statements
- 4 **Reconstruction**
Reconstruct the main features of the text using non-verbal methods
- 5 **Elaboration**
Confront the text in a critical way

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<http://kurier.at/chronik/oesterreich/uni-innsbruck-plagt-sich-mit-plagiatsvorwuerfen/115.551.947>

Lecture Content

Research and Understanding

Understanding and summarizing of scientific text, Literature research, Internet search, Citing, Practical scientific work

Structuring Scientific Works

Kinds: Seminar, Bachelor and Master theses, Topic analysis and structuring

L^AT_EX

Interaction, Typesetting of text, Images/Diagrams, Mathematical formulae, Lists, Tables, Fonts, Special cases

Evaluation, Checking and Presentation

Evaluation of work of others, Review system in computer science, Introduction to presentation

Literature Research

Tools that simplify literature research:

- 1 General search engines
- 2 The DBLP Computer Science Bibliography
- 3 Online Library Catalogues
- 4 Electronic Libraries
- 5 Digital Archives
- 6 Publish or Perish

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PageRank (eigenvector centrality of a graph) is a method that assigns weights to the nodes in an arbitrary directed graph based on the weights of the neighboring nodes (“incoming links”). In more detail, the weights are computed as the dominant eigenvector of the following set of equations:

$$PR_1(i) = \frac{1 - f}{N} + f \sum_{i \in d(j)} \frac{PR_1(j)}{|d(j)|}$$

where N is the total number of nodes and f is a damping factor, typically set to 0.85.

The DBLP Computer Science Bibliography

DBLP

- DBLP gathers bibliography data for the important conferences and journals in computer science
- More than 2 mln articles indexed
- Originally a library service for **DataBase**) and **Logic Programming**
- DBLP offers:
 - 1 Electronic editions
 - 2 Citation statistics
 - 3 Bibliography
- Until 2011 administrated by Universität Trier, now combined project with Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik GmbH

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- Google Scholar
- Microsoft Academic Search
- Scopus
- Web of Science

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“Simmons’ work with NASA eventually gave rise to the Distributed Robot Architectures (DIRA) project [...]”, cf. [1]

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Pointing to websites

- Online-only sources can be given by web links
- Only stable website (and better as footnotes)
- For sites that change, add date

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Example

- Wikipedia^a says “Ist $G = (V, E)$ ein Graph, dann heißt ein Weg (v_1, \dots, v_n) mit $v_i \in V$ für $i = 1, \dots, n$ Zyklus, wenn $v_1 = v_n$ gilt.”
- Discrete Mathematics says (see [1]) “Ein Tupel $(k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{\ell-1}) \in E^\ell$ heißt ein Weg von c nach d der Länge ℓ , wenn es Ecken $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_\ell \in V$ gibt mit $e_0 = c$, $e_\ell = d$, und $q(k_i) = e_i$, sowie $z(k_i) = e_{i+1}$ [...]. Ein nichtleerer geschlossener Weg mit paarweise verschiedenen Kanten wird ein Zykel genannt.”

^a[https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Zyklus_\(Graphentheorie\)&oldid=153183698](https://de.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Zyklus_(Graphentheorie)&oldid=153183698)

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URLs should be cited in footnotes, not in the bibliography

Quotation systems

Definition

- In the “anglo-american system” short note in the text and more complete literature reference in the footnote
- Whole works cited in the bibliography
- Most common in natural sciences and computer science
- Sometimes citations in footnotes (“Communications of the ACM”)
- Different styles in the text and in the bibliography

Precise indication of sources

Bibliography



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Source Database

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Proseminaraufgabe (für den 7. April)

- 1 Finden Sie weitere Beispiel von groben Plagiatsfällen; nennen Sie zumindest zwei weitere.
- 2 Lesen Sie das Kapitel “Lust statt Last: Wissenschaftliche Texte schreiben” von Norbert Frank, Sektionen 1–3
- 3 Nennen Sie zumindest 3 Schreibhürden