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I dedicate this thesis to x and y,

for their never ending mysteries.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter talks about motivation and applications of my work, and reviews previous research in the field.

1.1 Motivations

Previous research in the field of X has established that method A is very useful [1–3]. Another branch of researchers have figured out that method B could be better in certain occasions [4–7]. Here I propose a new method that gives results better than both types.

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Chapter 2

Research Topic 1

Equation 2.1 is an example equation that is relatively famous in physics [8].

$$E = mc^2 \tag{2.1}$$

One could discuss this equation in more details in appendix A but that is outside the scope of this template thesis. An example figure can be inserted as shown by figure 2.1.
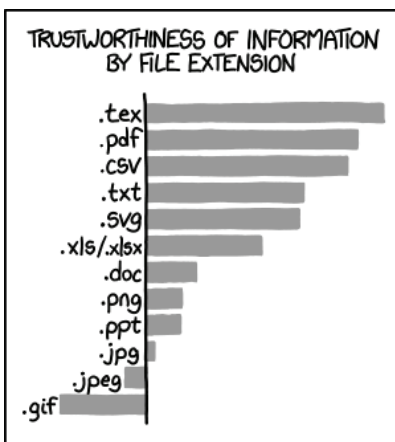

Figure 2.1: Short version of caption for list of figures comes first in square brackets. The complete caption comes that comes in the curly brackets can be much longer but we don't want all of that caption to be included in the list of figures. The example figure is from `https://xkcd.com/1301/`.

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Chapter 3

Conclusion and ongoing work

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Appendices

A A Long Proof

A.1 Part one

A long proof that nobody is gonna read goes here.

A.2 Part two

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