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Abstract

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Nomenclature

α	Angle of attack
β	Sideslip angle
γ	Climb angle
\mathbf{x}	State vector
Re	Reynolds number
c	Speed of light in a vacuum inertial frame
h	Planck constant
p	Roll rate
q	Pitch rate
r	Yaw rate

1 Introduction

The opening chapter of a thesis or dissertation will typically provide an introduction to the body of research. At the beginning of a chapter, it is common to provide some introductory text. Instead of discussing research, this template document will highlight how the `byuthesis.cls` L^AT_EX class can be used to prepare a thesis or dissertation document for submission in the College of Engineering at BYU.

1.1 Styles

The formatting and L^AT_EX features that you will use to prepare your thesis are outlined briefly in the next several chapters. The narrow, single column format of this document is based on long-standing principles of typography [1]. This formatting is easy to read compared to the wide-column, double-spaced format used previously. The format of the document is defined in `byuthesis.cls`, a L^AT_EX class defined specifically for theses and dissertations in the College of Engineering at BYU. To give a better sense of the format of the document, we will occasionally throw in some random Latin text to take up white space. We set it apart from the text requiring your attention with a grey font color.

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This is an example of a sentence with a footnote.¹ You can make a reference to a section by using its label, such as Section 1.1. You can reference a chapter in this way, for example Chapter 1. Here is an example of a citation of a master's thesis [2]. References for this template document are held in a file called `references.bib`.

¹This is a footnote.

1.1.1 Including Figures and Tables

The syntax above provides an example for declaring a subsection. This subsection will include some text and give an example of a figure and a table. Let's start with with a figure. Figure 1.1 shows the gradient of a function and the halfspace where the function is decreasing. Notice how the `\ref` command automatically references the correct figure number. Notice also that the `~` inserts a non-breaking space, so that the label Figure and the figure number are never separated by a line break.

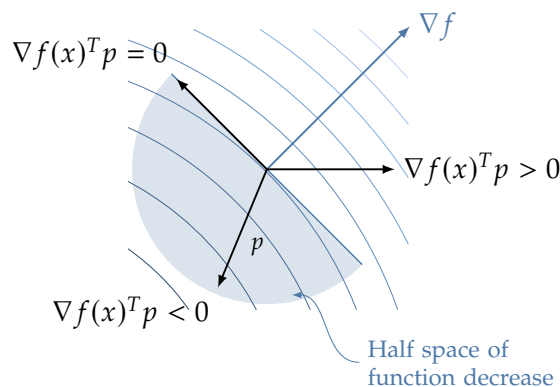


Figure 1.1: This is a regular figure.

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Subsubsection Example

The syntax above provides an example of how to include a subsubsection. In this thesis template, the document has four primary division levels: `\chapter`, `\section`, `\subsection`, and `\subsubsection`. The command `\subsubsection` is used to define the lowest level of division. Notice that subsubsection titles are not numbered.

Including Tables

Tables are also fairly straightforward to include in a \LaTeX document. Table 1.1 shows a simple table. \LaTeX refers to figures and tables as floats and often tries to locate figures at the top or bottom of a page. The user has some control over this, but \LaTeX can behave like it has a mind of its own sometimes. In reality it is placing figures according to internal algorithms

basin name	curve number	minimum	maximum
1B	68.5	49.2	84.1
2B	66.2	46.8	82.7
3B	65.4	45.5	82.3
average	66.7	47.2	83.0

Table 1.1: This is a standard table with a top caption.

and parameters that you can adjust. If you are interested in digging into this level of detail, an internet search on “LaTeX float parameters” will provide ample reading.

1.1.2 Formatting Equations

Equation formatting is one of \LaTeX ’s most useful features and a good reason why it is often used for theses and dissertations in the College of Engineering. It is easy to format equations within a sentence, such as $c = 2\pi r$ to describe the circumference of a circle. Equations should be treated as part of the text. As an example, the surface area of a cylinder is given by

$$S = 2\pi r(r + h), \quad (1.1)$$

where r is the radius of the cylinder and h is its height. The area of a circle can be written in terms of its diameter d as

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4}d^2. \quad (1.2)$$

Often, it is desirable to align a sequence of equations. Again, \LaTeX makes this pretty easy. The roots of the polynomial function $f(x)$ can be found by factoring

$$f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x \quad (1.3)$$

$$= x(x^2 + 5x + 6) \quad (1.4)$$

$$= x(x + 2)(x + 3), \quad (1.5)$$

setting each of the factors to zero, and solving for x . Equations without numbers can be typeset like this

$$x = a + b$$

or like this

$$y = c + d.$$

Just as we did with sections, figures, and tables, we can reference a specific equation by using its declared label. In (1.1), the surface area of a cylinder is defined. Another format would be to say Equation 1.2 defines the area of a circle. Yet another format is Eq. (1.2). Any of these formats is acceptable. Use just one of them and be consistent.

2 Additional \LaTeX Formatting

In this chapter, we'll provide some additional guidelines and useful \LaTeX commands for formatting your document.

2.1 More \LaTeX Usage Examples

In the Fig. 2.1 below, we show some pretty blue and grey lines. This second figure in the document and the first in Chapter 2. Notice that the `\cref` command automatically provides the label for the item being referenced. In the case of figures and equations, the labels are abbreviated. Either `\ref`, with label provided by you, or `\cref`, with the label provided automatically, can be used.

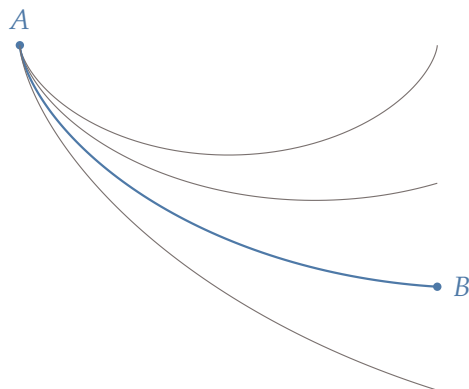


Figure 2.1: This is another figure. Some authors have paragraph-like descriptions of their figures that they put into the caption. This is acceptable, but readers don't really want or need a super long caption showing up in their list of figures. The `\caption` command provides a nice solution.

2.2 Bibliography

Another great feature of \LaTeX is that it allows you to create a list or database of books, papers, and other documents that you can easily cite in your document. In engineering, it is common to give your bibliography list the title References and we will follow that convention. \LaTeX automatically

numbers the citations and builds a bibliography for you.¹ The bibliography is typeset according to the style you specify. We recommend the *IEEEtran* bibliography style that produces a numbered list in order of citation. For this document, the file `references.bib` contains the bibliographic reference information that's available for citation in the thesis document. Each reference is given a cite key (a label) that is used to cite the reference. For example, here is a reference to a book [3] and a reference to a doctoral dissertation [4]. Journal articles, such as [5], are treated differently than conference papers (e.g., [6]) since their references require slightly different information. For each reference entry in your `.bib` file, different information fields will have to be populated. Examples of these fields include, *author*, *title*, *year*, and so on. Different types of publications will have different required fields for you to fill out. There are other types of citations that you may use, such as book chapters and websites. You can manually edit your `.bib` file with a text editor, or you can use one of the several popular apps that are available for editing and organizing your bibliography information.

2.3 Use of Units

Units should be appropriately used for all measurements and data presented in the document. Standard abbreviations for units (e.g., m for meters, N for newtons, in. for inches) should be used whenever data is presented. For example, the shaft was 1.23 cm in diameter. Notice that there is a space between the number and the unit, and the unit is typeset in vertical (roman) text and is *not italicized*. Italics is reserved for emphasis and for mathematical variables. Periods are not used after abbreviations except in the special case of the abbreviation for inches as in. to avoid confusion with the word in. Units are typically spelled out when they are used without data. For example, newtons are a measure of force, while kilograms are a measure of mass.

2.4 Capitalization of Reference Labels

Throughout your document, you will refer to figures, tables, equations, chapters, appendices, and sections by name (e.g., Figure 2.1, Section 3.4, Equation 2.1, and so on). You may choose to capitalize these reference labels, or to leave them uncapitalized (e.g., figure 2.1, section 3.4, equation 2.1). The choice is yours, just be consistent – all reference labels should be capitalized, or uncapitalized.

2.5 Algorithms

Software and algorithm development can play an important role in graduate research. Rather than including software code, particularly in the body of the thesis, presenting your algorithms in the form of pseudo-code may be more desirable. The `algorithm` package in L^AT_EX provides tools for clearly

¹The building of your bibliography is actually done by BibTeX. If you use an IDE to work with L^AT_EX, this may not be obvious to you.

presenting your algorithms. A simple example of the use of this package is presented in Algorithm 2.1.

Algorithm 2.1 Continuous-discrete extended Kalman filter.

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1: Initialize:  $\hat{x} = 0$ .
2: Pick an output sample rate  $T_{out}$  that is much less than the sample rates
   of the sensors.
3: At each sample time  $T_{out}$ :
4: for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do
5:    $\hat{x} = \hat{x} + \left(\frac{T_{out}}{N}\right) (f(\hat{x}, u))$ 
6:    $A = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ 
7:    $P = P + \left(\frac{T_{out}}{N}\right) (AP + PA^T + GQG^T)$ 
8: end for
9: if a measurement has been received from sensor  $i$  then
10:   $C_i = \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial x}$ 
11:   $L_i = PC_i^T (R_i + C_i PC_i^T)^{-1}$ 
12:   $P = (I - L_i C_i) P$ 
13:   $\hat{x} = \hat{x} + L_i (y_i - c_i(\hat{x}))$ .
14: end if

```

2.6 Landscape Drawings and Tables

If you have a figure or table that is best presented in landscape format on a full page, the `rotating` package in L^AT_EX provides a convenient way to do this. Figure 2.2 on the following page shows an example a landscape-format drawing.

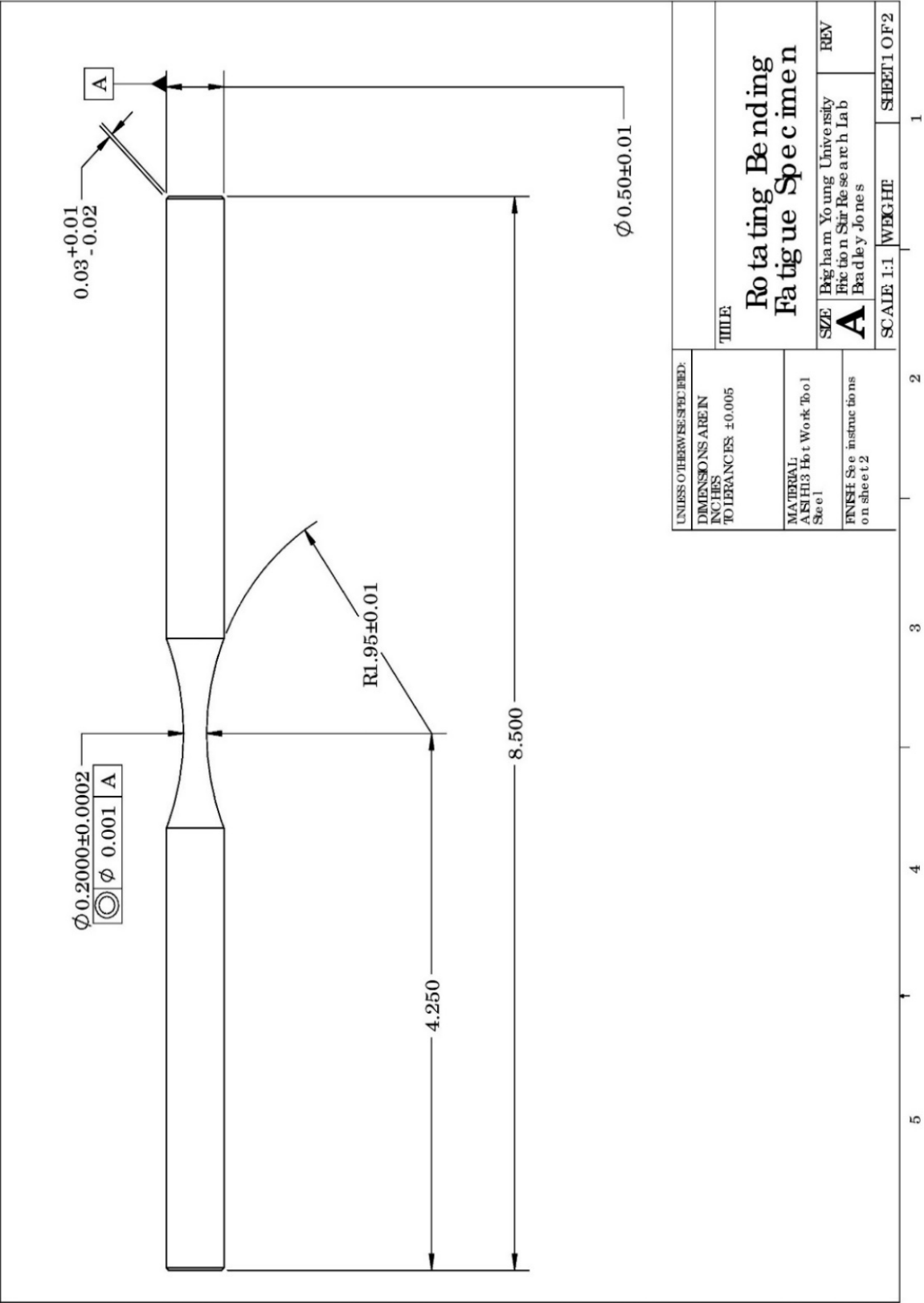


Figure 2.2: Example of full-page landscape drawing.

3 *Article-based Chapters*

With the allowed changes in thesis and dissertation formatting, BYU Graduate Studies now allows students to insert journal or conference articles as chapters into their thesis/dissertation document. To do so, the student must be a primary author. The formatting of an article-based chapter must be fully consistent with the formatting defined in this document with chapter, section, equation, figure, and table numbering integrated accordingly. Article-based chapters must include a complete citation and the following statement: “I hereby confirm that the use of this article is compliant with all publishing agreements.” The paragraph below is an example of how this could be done. It should appear immediately following the chapter title.

This chapter is composed from a paper entitled “Really great research from a BYU engineering student” published in the journal *Awesome Engineering* [7]. I hereby confirm that the use of this article is compliant with all publishing agreements.

3.1 *Some Additional Comments*

The publication of a conference or journal article is a significant milestone for a graduate student and should be an objective for all students pursuing graduate research in the College of Engineering. We encourage the use of article-based chapters in theses and dissertations provided that it aligns with the goals and objectives of the research. Articles, however, are often constrained in length forcing the exposition to be more concise or narrow in scope than may be desired for the intended audience of the thesis/dissertation. For example, if an objective is to guide the learning of subsequent graduate-student researchers, it may be beneficial to include additional details or a broader discussion that may be more tutorial in nature. Often more results from a wider variety of cases would be included in a dissertation or thesis than would be possible in a journal or conference publication. Your graduate committee will help guide your efforts in these matters.

4 *Conclusions*

The purpose of this template is to provide basic instructions in creating your dissertation/thesis document. If you need assistance with writing, please visit the Writing Center in the JKB or consult with your advisor. If you need assistance with \LaTeX , there are tutorials and ample documentation online. You may want to consult with your graduate-student peers who use \LaTeX . If you discover something that would make this template more useful, please feel free to make recommendations.

Regardless of whether this template or some other method of formatting is employed, you (the student) are responsible for following the guidelines found in Appendix B. Below is a brief checklist of things to look for as you review your thesis for formatting:

- Check numbering of sections, figures, tables, equations to make sure they are consistent. This is where you will be really glad that you are using \LaTeX .
- Ensure that your table of contents, list of figures, and list of tables are up to date and that page numbers are correct. (Hurray for \LaTeX !)
- Make sure all pages are numbered, beginning with the table of contents.
- Be sure there is no more than 1 inch of extra white space at the bottom of any page (in addition to the 1-inch margin) except for the final page of a chapter.
- Make sure there are no widows or orphans.¹

¹A “widow” occurs when the last line of a paragraph ends up on the first line of a page. An “orphan” occurs when the first line of a paragraph appears on the last line of a page. Your document may require manual tweaking when it is in final form to get rid of widows and orphans.

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Appendices

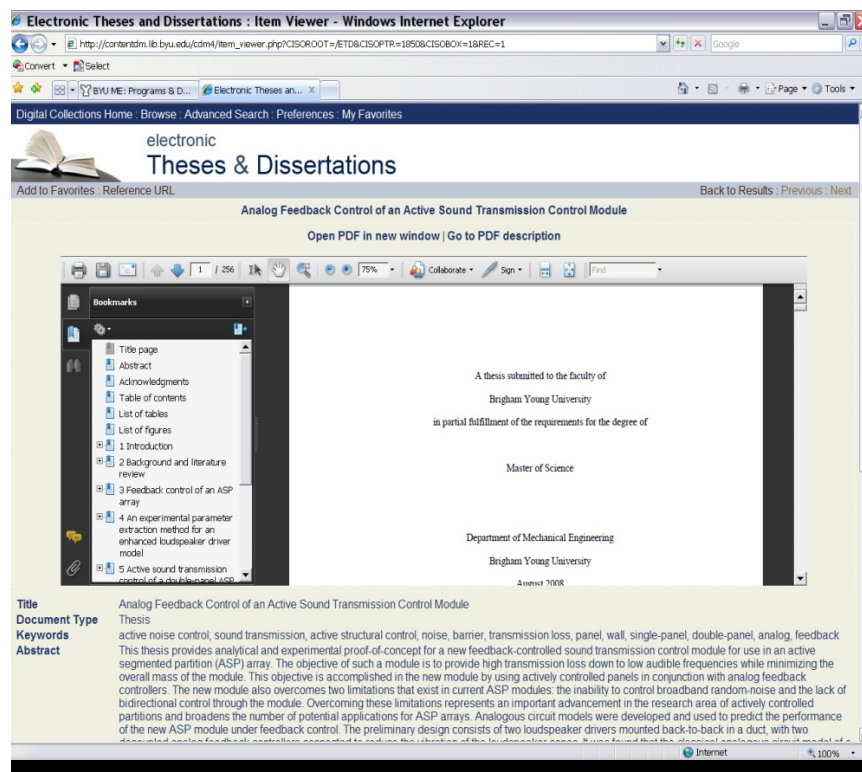
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A.1 PDF Bookmarks

The PDF document must contain bookmarks for preliminary pages plus chapter headings and subheadings, as listed in the Table of Contents. In the PDF document, bookmarks should be displayed in a panel to the left of the document pages as seen in Figure A.1.

Figure A.1:
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Tables and figures appearing in appendices should be numbered A.1, B.1, etc. and should be included in the lists of tables and figures.

A.2 Miscellaneous Filler

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B Document Formatting

B.1 Font Selection

Font must be a conservative serif-styled font (e.g., Palatino, Times New Roman, Garamond), size 11 pt. The font style and size must be consistent throughout the text. 10 pt. font is allowed for figure and text captions. The font size for figures should be no smaller than 8 pt. and easily legible.

B.2 Document Margins

Front matter pages (title page, abstract page, acknowledgment page)

- 1-inch top and bottom margins
- 2-inch left and right margins

Table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, body pages

- 1-inch top and bottom margins
- 2-inch left and right margins

Chapter title pages, reference title page, appendix title pages

- 2-inch top margin
- 1-inch bottom margin
- 2-inch left and right margins

B.3 Printing Instructions

Not all departments require a printed and bound copy of the thesis document. If a bound copy of the document is required, it should be printed double-sided. Please note that following pages must begin on recto page: title, abstract, acknowledgment, table of contents, list of figures, list of tables, chapter title, references, and appendix title.

B.4 Page Numbering

- Page numbers are centered at the bottom of the page.
- Counting begins with the title page
- Page numbers do not appear until after the table of contents.
- Use Roman numerals (e.g., i, ii, iii, etc.) for the table of contents and the pages thereafter until Chapter 1 begins.
- Use Arabic numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3 etc.) beginning with Chapter 1. Be sure numbers appear on *all* non-blank pages once numbering begins.

B.5 Line Spacing

The document should be single spaced with the exception of space around titles, headings, subheadings, figures, tables, and equations as described below. Please note that the document style of this template has been defined to conform to these requirements.

- Two-inch margin above chapter titles (144 pts).
- One inch of space after chapter titles (72 pts).
- 18 pts before level 2 subheadings.
- 6 pts after level 2 subheadings.
- 12 pts before level 3 subheadings.
- 3 pts after level 3 subheadings.
- 12 pts (1 carriage return with 11-pt font) before figures
- 9 pts between figure and caption, 15 pts between figure and following text.
- 9 pts before table caption, 3 pts between caption and table.
- 12 pts between table and following text.
- 6 pts before and after equations.
- Do not leave a single line of text or a subheading alone on the top (widow) or bottom (orphan) of a page.
- Do not leave more than 1 inch of extra white space remaining on the bottom of a page unless it is at the end of a chapter. An exception to this rule is for pages containing no text and only figures and tables.

B.6 Figure Formatting

- Figures are typically diagrams, graphs, pictures, maps, or charts.
- Center figures on the page.
- Center captions below the figure. If multiple lines are needed, the caption should be left/right justified at the margins.
- A figure should be placed after the paragraph in which it is first referenced. If it will not fit on the same page, continue the text and place the figure at the top of the next page.

B.7 Table Formatting

- Tables typically contain numerical or statistical information.
- Center tables on the page.
- Center captions above the table, not to exceed the width of the table. If multiple lines are needed, the caption should be left/right justified at the margins, such as

Table 6.3: Comparison of roll rotation plots when spatial node was displaced, and an X-direction force was applied.

- If placed in the landscape position, the top of the table should be on the left side of the page, with the caption above the table. The page number is placed underneath the table.