

# **BACS2042 Research Methods**

## Introduction & Overview

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**A multi-phase semi-automatic approach for multisequence brain tumor image segmentation**

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**ABSTRACT**

Accurate Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) image segmentation is a clinically challenging task. More often than not, one type of MRI image is insufficient to provide the complete information about a pathological tissue or a visual object from the image. As a result, radiology experts often combine multisequence images of a patient to verify the location, extension, prognosis and diagnosis of an object. There are mainly two challenges in medical image segmentation. One is ambiguous boundary that appears between an object and its neighboring region, and the other is intensity inhomogeneity that appears within a region. Thus, this paper focuses on how to effectively segment multisequence medical images despite these two main challenges. This paper proposes a multi-phase approach that integrates both data and domain knowledge into multisequence MR image segmentation. This study divides the segmentation approach into three phases, which are (i) information modeling, (ii) information fusion, and (iii) visual object extraction. In the first phase, random walks algorithm is modified and used to model the information of an image. Because of the ambiguous boundary and intensity inhomogeneity that appear within an image, extra terms related to homogeneity- and object feature-based components are added into the weighting function of random walks algorithm. In the second phase, weighted averaging method is used to fuse information from the image sequences. Both data information of an image as well as user knowledge are integrated to determine the weights of each sequence for fusion. In the final phase, the concept of information theoretic rough sets (ITRS) is utilized to address the issue of ambiguous boundary that may appear between the visual object and its background for object extraction. The proposed approach is tested on MICCAI brain tumor dataset to extract brain tumor and its performance is compared with other established methods. The experiments show promising results, with an average DICE accuracy of 0.7 and 0.63 for high- and low-grade tumor, respectively. As compared to the other fully- and semi-automatic methods that require training and careful initialization processes, the proposed approach is able to extract the brain tumor with prior knowledge about the image.

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**1. Introduction**

Gliomas are some of the most common cases of brain tumors discovered among adults. They are broadly classified into low and high grades gliomas (Stefan, Roland, Lutz, & Mauricio, 2013). Low-grade gliomas have been considered as the less deadly semi-malignant tumors whereas high-grade gliomas are reflected as malignant tumors that may lead to death. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) has been the standard technique for gliomas examination. Segmentation of gliomas in MRI is essential in monitoring the development of tumor among patients, especially during therapy.

With its dependence on the acquisition parameters, namely the pulse sequence parameters that involve the repetition time (TR) and the echo time (TE) in MRI, images with different contrast or known as multisequence images are obtained. Among the common pulse sequences are T1-weighted (T1), T2-weighted (T2), Proton density (PD), and Fluid attenuated inversion recovery (FLAIR). Since multisequence images obtained from different excitation sequences provide different image intensity information for a given anatomical region, more information about the structure of images can be deduced by jointly analyzing all the sequences. The different gray contrast in multisequence images has facilitated medical experts to distinguish the tissues in the images.

Conventionally, manual segmentation performed by the radiology experts often induces joint analysis. In this analysis, images

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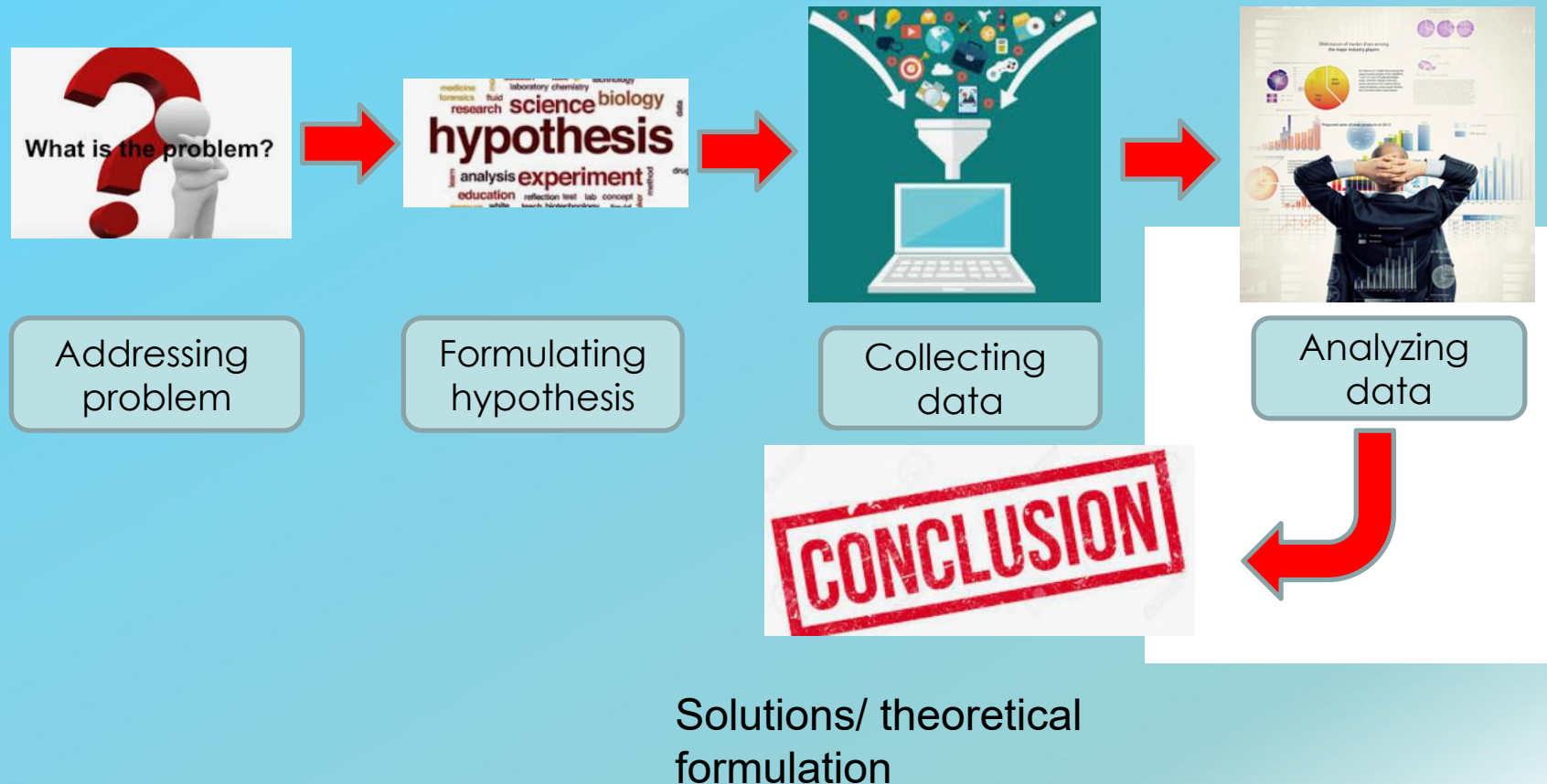
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# Concepts of Research



# Research



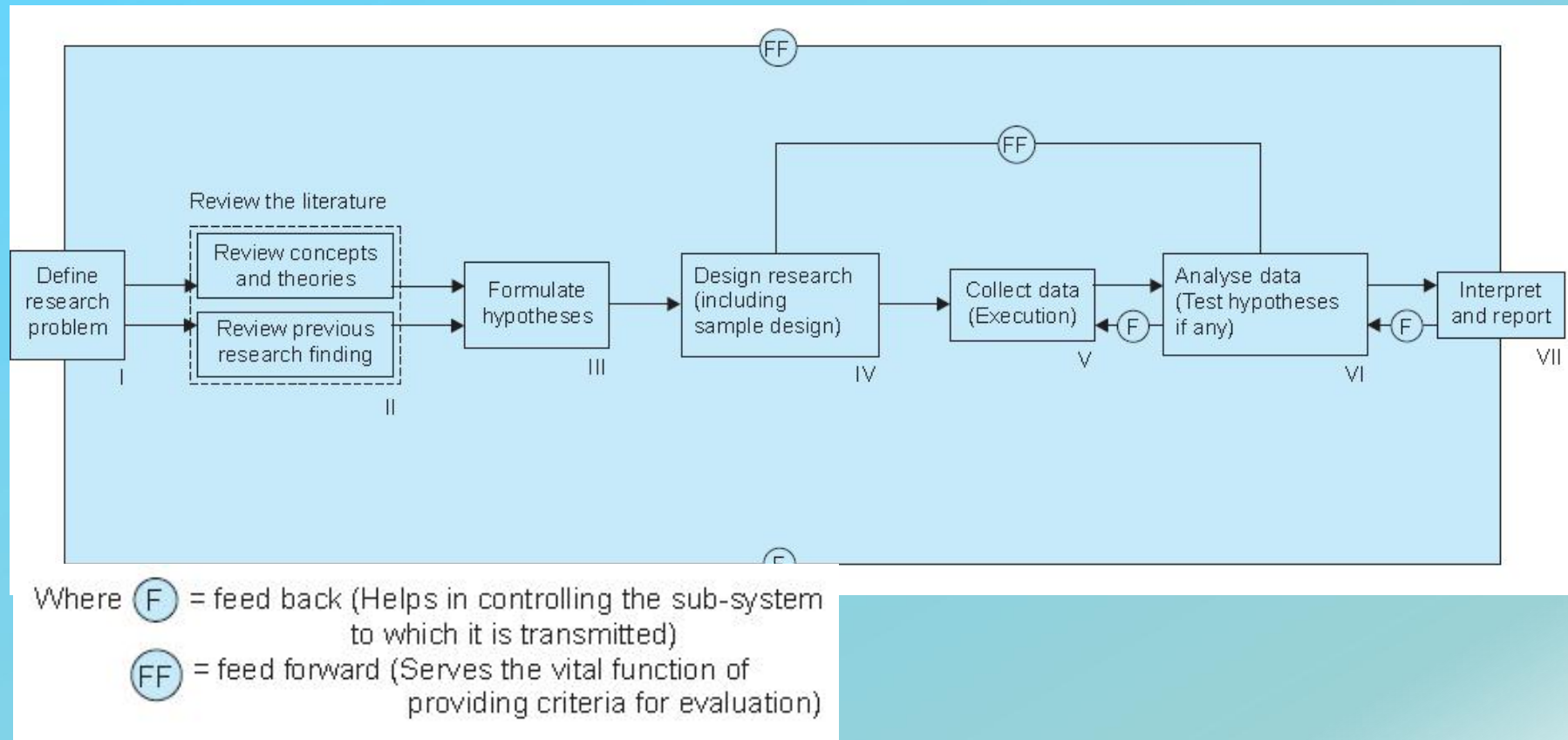
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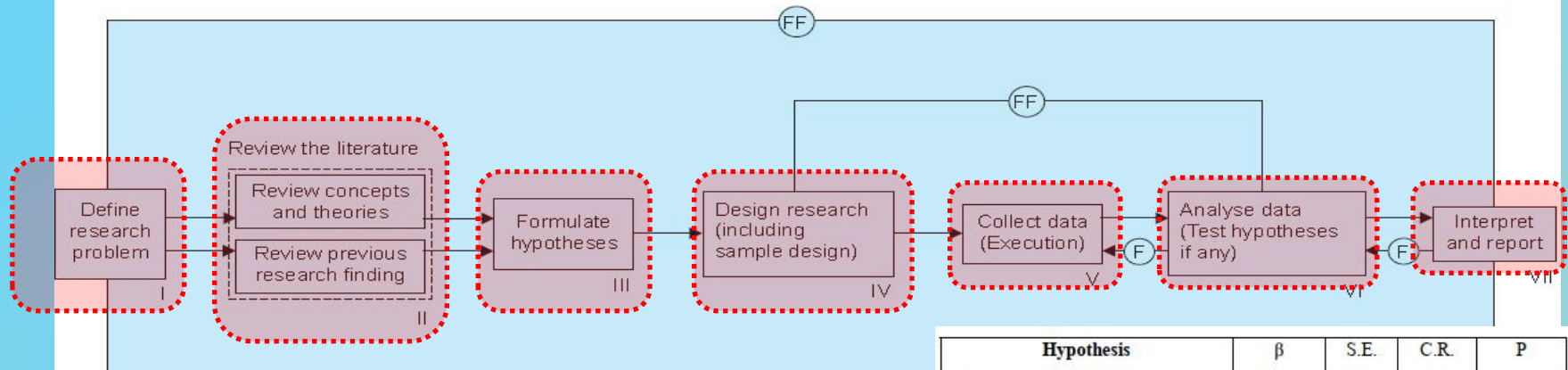
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- Solve new/ existing problems
- Support theorems
- Develop new theories

# Steps in conducting research



Kothari, C.R., 2012, *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, New Age International

# The Impact of Facebook Usage on Academic Performance

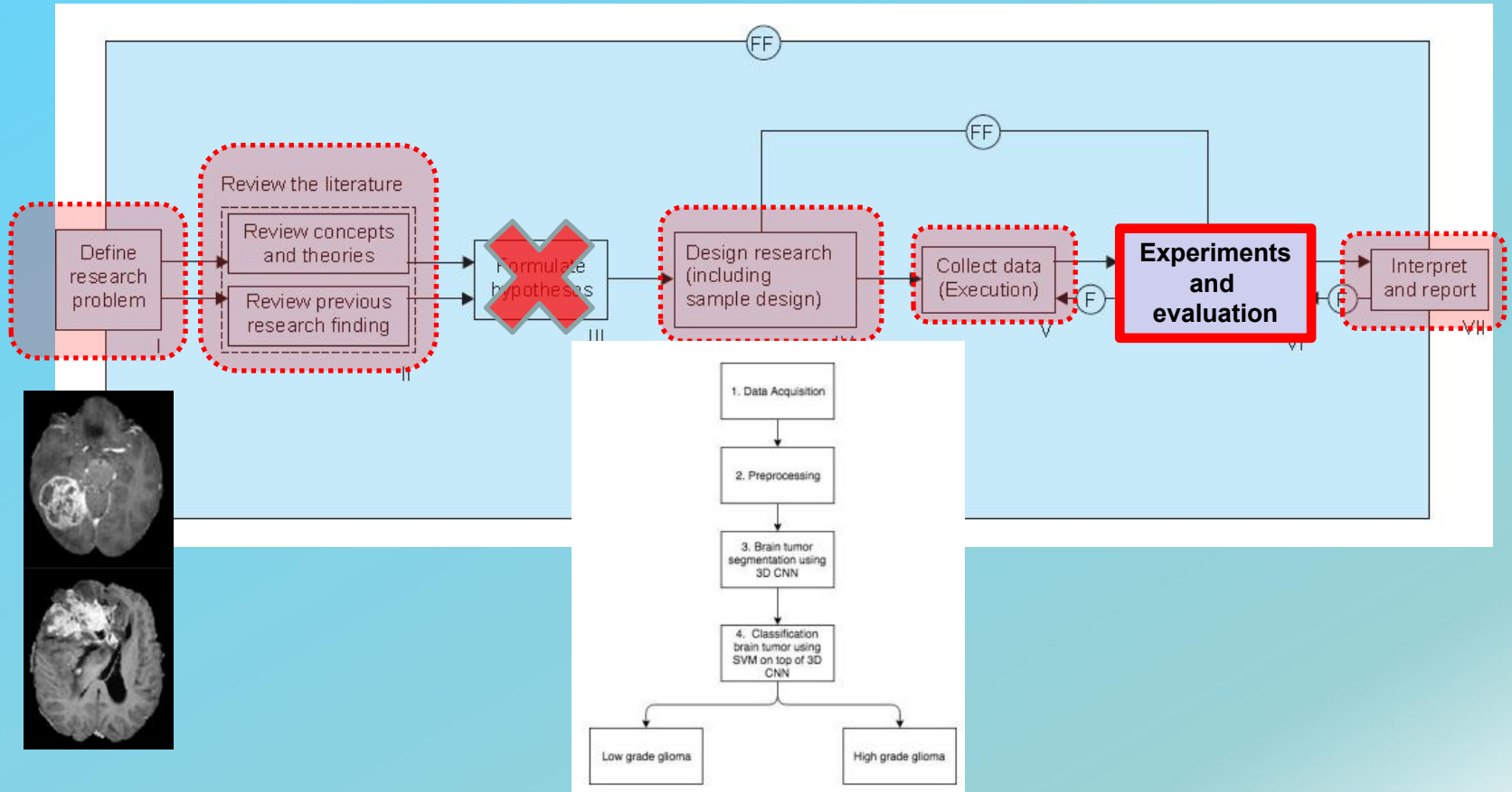


**H6: There is a negative relationship between Facebook usage and academic performance(s).**

Hypothesis	$\beta$	S.E.	C.R.	P
Pass time → Use Facebook	<b>0.229</b>	0.036	2.648	<b>0.008**</b>
Relax/Escape → Use Facebook	<b>0.159</b>	0.023	1.991	<b>0.046*</b>
Entertainment → Use Facebook	<b>0.444</b>	0.036	3.600	<b>0.000**</b>
Socializing → Use Facebook	<b>-0.076</b>	0.047	-0.423	<b>0.672</b>
Social information → Use Facebook	<b>0.048</b>	0.064	0.276	<b>0.782</b>
<b>Use → Academic performance</b>	<b>0.232</b>	0.228	2.288	<b>0.022</b>



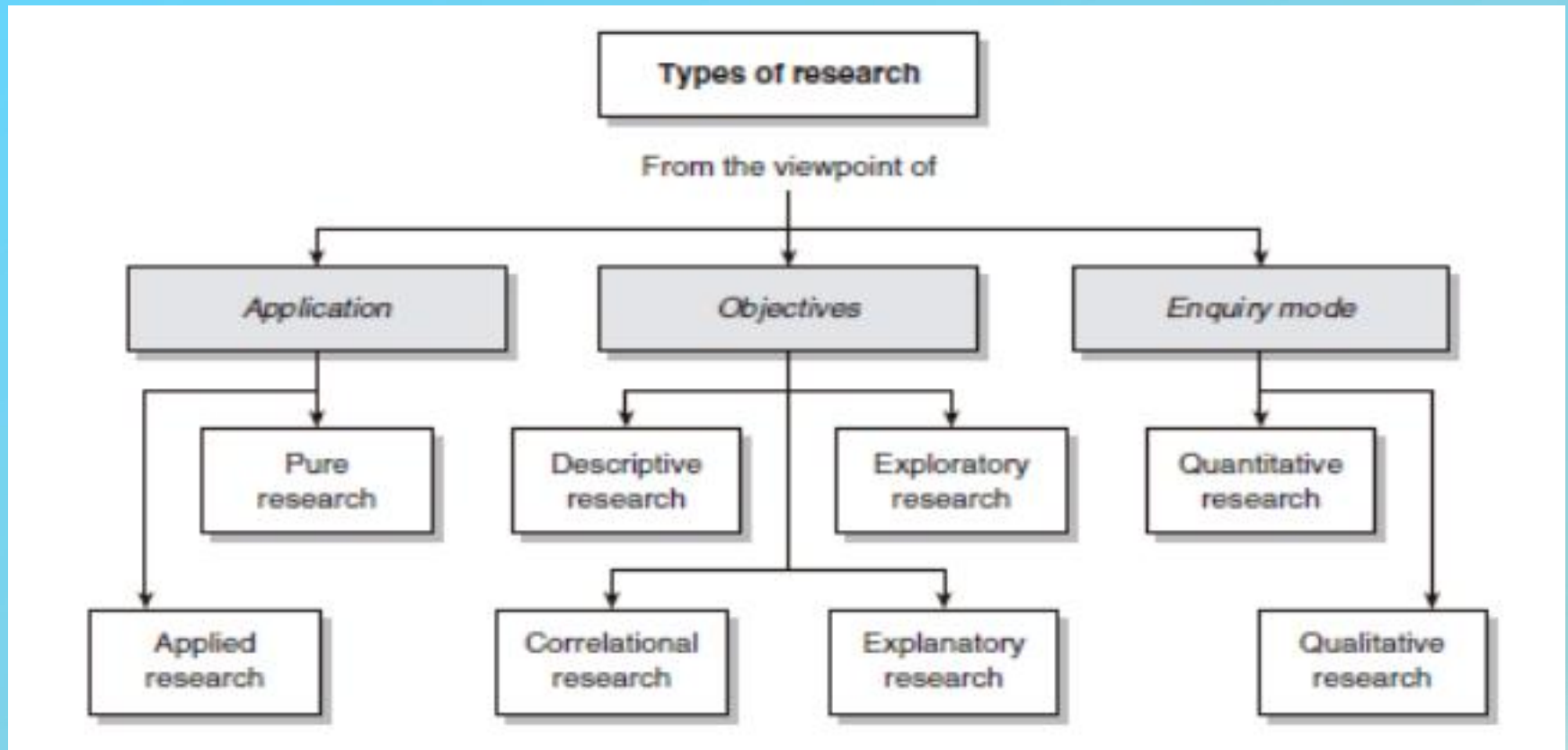
# Brain Tumor Classification



# BACS2042 Assignment Guidelines

- choose a Computer Science topic you're interested in
- think of a problem or issue you see in that area
- refine your interest to a possible project that involves one or more ways of solving that problem
- outline the steps you'd take to do the project work and test your ideas
- what is your hypothetical conclusion?
- how would you evaluate the quality of your solution?
- <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/what-is-research/>

# Types of research



Ranjit Kumar, 2011, *Research Methodology: a Step-by-step Guide for Beginners*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn, London:Sage

Type	Perspective	Example
<b>Pure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involves developing and testing <b>theories</b> and <b>hypotheses</b> that are intellectually challenging to the researcher</li> </ul>	Measure the stress level in people.
<b>Applied</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied research focuses on analyzing and <b>solving real-life problems</b>.</li> </ul>	Finding a specific cure for a disease.
<b>Descriptive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To describe systematically a situation, problem, phenomenon, service or programmes, or provides information about, or describes attitudes towards an issue.</li> </ul>	Describe the attitudes of employees towards management.
<b>Correlational</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discover or establish the existence of a relationship/association/interdependence between two or more aspects of a situation.</li> </ul>	What is the relationship between technology and unemployment?

Type	Perspective	Example
Explanatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To clarify <b>why and how there is a relationship</b> between two aspects of a situation or phenomenon.</li> </ul>	Explain why stressful living results in heart attacks.
Exploratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To either explore an area where little is known or to investigate the possibilities of undertaking a particular research study.</li> </ul>	Conduct a research to know the level of <u>customer satisfaction</u> among the patrons of a restaurant



# Types of research

Mode of Enquiry Perspective (Chapter 3):

- Concern about the **process** you adopt to find answers to your research questions.
- Structured approach = **quantitative research**
- Unstructured approach = **qualitative research**



## Theoretical Framework

Using renowned theories to carry out the research

Research- how the cultures of a group of people influence their attitudes towards the environment.

Theories –

- The Human Environment Relations Theory, The Culture Theory,
- The Cultural Ecology Theory,
- Historical Ecology Theory,
- Environmental Determinism Theory

## Conceptual Framework

based upon the researcher's ideas on how to conduct the research

- Can add in var. in the selected theory

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emoticons, social media

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Emoticons in computer-mediated communication: Social motives and social context

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Emoticons and phrases: Status symbols in social media

SE Tchokni, DO Séaghdha, D Quercia - ... on Weblogs and Social Media, 2014 - aaai.org

There is a sociolinguistic interest in studying the socialpower dynamics that arise on online social networksand how these are reflected in their users' use of lan-guage. Online social power prediction can also be usedto build tools for marketing and political campaigns ...

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Sentiment expression via emoticons on social media

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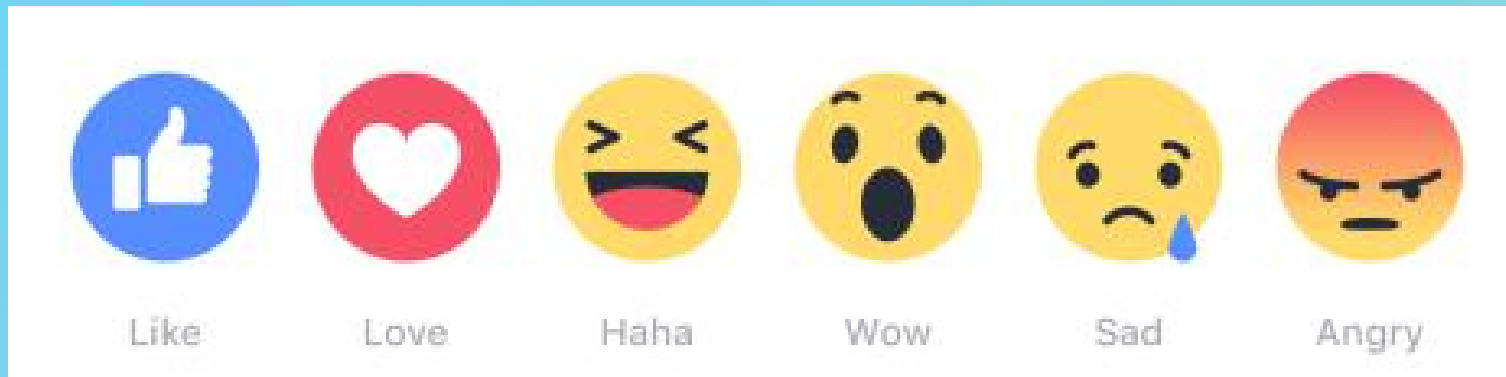
Emoticons (eg :) and :( have been widely used in sentiment analysis and other NLP tasks as

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# Example

- The relationship between the Facebook emoticons and the users' true feeling



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Literature review (10 marks)			
Research design, methods & organization (10 marks)			
Results - data analysis (10 marks)			
Discussion and Conclusion (10 marks)			
Reference and citation (10 marks)			
Lifelong learning (10 marks)			
<b>Subtotal (90 marks):</b>			
Leadership Skills (10 marks for each individual)	<b>Student No. 1</b>	<b>Student No. 2</b>	<b>Student No. 3</b>



# Abstract

**ABSTRACT** The recognition of emotions and feelings through computer technology and devices has been widely explored in recent years. Social networks have become a natural environment in which users express their feelings and opinions through social media, and this includes their Facebook reactions. The aim of this study was to investigate whether the emoticons have chosen by users in social network news actually express the emotions they wish to express, having as indicative, the polarity of the emotions, and the six basic emotions. The data collection was carried out following three courses of action: 1) survey of the posts with higher reactions rates of popular news pages; 2) selection of news by a panel of experts to verify its reliability; and 3) identification of reactions, polarity, and basic emotions flagged by Facebook users for each news item. Finally, an Expectation-Maximization algorithm was deployed to find the relationship between the reactions and the basic emotions signaled. The results made it possible to determine the polarity and the correlation of the reactions with the emotional expressions. This suggests that the use of reactions in feelings analysis algorithms can increase the confidence in determining the emotion that the content reflects and the emotional state of the social network users.

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Expressing and recognizing emotions is, however, an important skill for social performance [6], and therefore the recognition of emotions in face-to-face interaction is widely studied [7]–[11]. However, few studies have shown how much this experience of expressing emotions can actually be transposed into the interactions that occur in social networks [12] such as Facebook or Twitter, which are now the most widely used media. There are about 2.07 billion active users of Facebook [13], who spend most of the day online, making the virtual environment a rich source of data about what users think and feel [14]. In this type of interaction users often adopt the use of emoticons in posts, messages and comments to increase the meaning of these messages and express emotions with symbols without the

- To investigate
- To study
- To compare
- To analyze

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RQ- Are the FB emoticons represents the users' true feeling?



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Study	Main Approach	Social Network	Character level	Emoti
[23]	Sentiment lexicon	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[26]	Probabilistic Language Model	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[27]	MoodLens	Twitter	Emoticon	Valenc joyful, surprise, anger and indifference
[28]	Sentiment lexicon	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[29]	Sentiment lexicon	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[30]	Sentiment lexicon	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[14]	Sentiment lexicon and Finite State Machines(FSM)	Facebook	Emoji	Valenc
[31]	Sentiment lexicon	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[22]	Word2vec and Kmeans	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc
[32]	Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)	Facebook	Emoji	Valenc
[16]	Sentiment lexicon and Naive Bayes	Twitter	Emoji	Valenc, surprise, sadness, anger and indifference
[33]	Sentiment lexicon	Facebook	Emoji	Happiness, anger, sadness, fear, disgust, surprise
[34]	Sentiment lexicon and finite state machine	Facebook	Emoticon	Valence
[35]	Correlation	Facebook and Emojipedia dataset	Emoticon	Valence
[36]	Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)	Twitter	Emoticon	Neutral, happy, sad, disgust

First, E. Kouloumpis, T. Wilson, and J. Moore [22] researched the utility of semantic features for recognizing sentiment in twitter messages. They assessed the convenience of existing lexical assets (utilized in works with e.g., in [23], [24]) just as features that catch data about the casual and inventive dialect utilized in micro-blogging. They utilized a hashtag and emojis dataset and utilize an assortment of features for classification tests utilizing n-grams and vocabulary features, acquiring a normal F-measure of 0.65 to 0.68 and an accuracy of 0.74 to 0.75.

In study [25] was to find the mentality or supposition of the tweets, which is normally figured as a machine learning based content order issue. They utilized two strategies for investigations conclusion: First, physically marked (LM) information to prepare completely regulated models; Second, a novel model, called emojis Smoothed dialect demonstrate (ESLAM), to deal with this test. The essential thought was to prepare a dialect display dependent on the physically named information and after that utilization the loud emoji information for smoothing. One aggregate of 3727 tweets was assessed. Around 570 tweets were with valence positive and 654 negatives. 2503 was with unbiased messages. In the wake of expelling the re-tweets or copies and setting the classes to

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### III. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The data collection of this study involved the selection of popular news on Facebook, analysis of the reliability of the news by expert judges, a collection of data with Facebook users from a questionnaire elaborated with this news, and correspondence analysis between reactions and basic emotions. Each of the steps will be described below.

#### A. SELECTION OF NEWS

Three different researchers selected the news that could be initially used, by surveying the largest news sites posted on their respective Facebook pages, in accordance with the following criteria: 1) they had been posted in the last two days,

in seven famous restaurants. And finally, the image of a child, a couple and another adult portrays the phrase "Marrow donation joins a man and the family of the baby he saved".

#### B. ANALYSIS OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NEWS AND BASIC EMOTIONS

The posts were assessed by a panel of seven expert judges so that a set of news items could be compiled that were suitably related to the six emotions proposed in the study by Paul Ekman [6], [8] for the following analysis. The judges were both professionals and post-graduate students in the field of psychology who are conducting research on how to investigate human emotions. For each news, the judges evaluate separately what was the perceived thrill to watch her. Of the 36 news items initially chosen by the researchers, 24 were selected as the most representative (4 news items related to each emotion), based on the following criteria: 1) a majority of the judges found the same emotion in one

#### C. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The study used a questionnaire that was prepared with the aid of the Lime Survey tool. The instrument was based on the 24 selected postings as described above, and for each post three questions were asked to be answered by clicking on one of the answer alternatives: 1) What Facebook reaction would you give to the post? The answer could range between the six options of reactions in graphical form, among those of the emotions that the Facebook social network makes available; 2) How do you rate this post? The answer could be positive, negative or neutral; 3) Which emotion is most prevalent in this post? The answer could range from "I do not recognize it" to the six basic emotions: joy, sadness, fear, disgust, anger and surprise. In questions 1 and 2 only one answer alternative could be selected for each question. In the third question, the user could choose up to two predominant emotions.

#### D. DATA COLLECTION WITH USERS

Users of the Facebook social network were invited to participate in the study by means of a formal invitation made available in the digital media, either personally or on the researchers' social network platform. Before the respondent could be included in the study, he/she had to: 1) be an adult (eighteen years or over); 2) be a user of the social network Facebook; and, 3) have answered the entire questionnaire. Interested participants were invited to respond to the questionnaire described in section III-C available on the laboratory website and disseminated on digital platforms. The instrument was made available to interested parties for a period of approximately three weeks. When they accessed the research web page, the participants were initially informed of the rationale, purpose, and implications of the study, and given an assurance of confidentiality through a Free and

At the end of the questionnaire, the participants were given final guidelines for making contact and thanked for taking part. The information submitted was automatically made available to the researchers and contained the raw data of each participant. The individual results were examined, and two questionnaires were excluded because they did not meet any of the inclusion criteria (both respondents were minors aged 14). Thus, one hundred and forty-seven questionnaires were analyzed. The average rate of agreement of users in relation to the predominant emotion can be checked in Table 3.

#### E. CORRESPONDENCE ANALYSIS BETWEEN REACTIONS, THE POLARITY OF FEELING, AND BASIC EMOTIONS

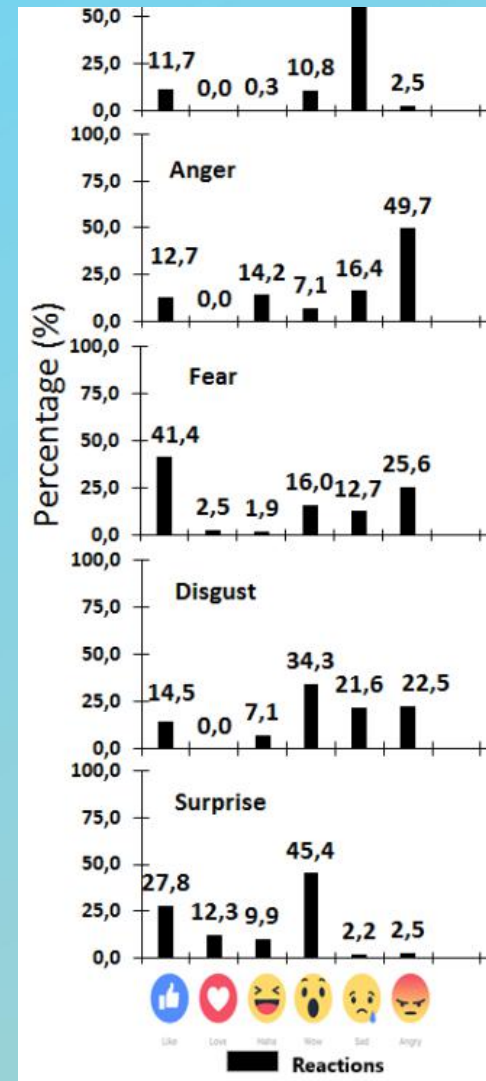
Considering that it is intended to verify the polarity of feelings and how well Ekman's six basic emotions can be represented by Facebook's Reactions, and starting from the



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$t = 1,167, p < 0.001$ ; sad,  $t = 1,231, p < 0.001$ ; and, angry,  $t = 1.250, p < 0.001$ ]. Emotionally sad news received mostly sad reaction (74.7%), and no participant attributed “love” to any item of news in this condition. The attribution of sad reaction was significantly higher than all the other responses [Friedman,  $\chi^2(5) = t = 811.15, p < 0.00$ ; like ( $t = -1.889, p < 0.001$ ), love ( $t = -2.241, p < 0.001$ ); Haha ( $t = -2.231, p < 0.001$ ); Wow ( $t = -1.917, p < 0.001$ ); and, angry ( $t = 2.167, p < 0.001$ )]. News angry received a strong attribution of reaction and angry (49.7%) was significantly higher than the others [Friedman,  $\chi^2(5) = t = 288.15, p < 0.001$ ; like,  $t = -1, 111, p < 0.001$ ; love,  $t = -1.491, p < 0.001$ ; Haha,

$t = -1.065, p < 0.001$ ; Wow,  $t = -1, 278, p < 0.001$ ; and, Sad,  $t = -1.000, p < 0.001$ ]. The News classified as fear received the reaction of like in 41.4% of the situations; this value was significantly higher than the other reaction [Friedman,  $\chi^2(5) = t = 219,15, p < 0.001$ ; love ( $t = 1,167, p < 0.001$ ); Haha ( $t = 1,185, p < 0.001$ ); Wow, ( $t = 0,759, p < 0.001$ ); sad ( $t = 0,861 p < 0.001$ ); and angry ( $t = 0,472, p < 0.020$ )]. The attributions to disgust news was distributed between Wow (34.3%), angry (22.5%) and sad (21.6%); these reaction values were not statistically different (Wow versus sad:  $t = 0.352, p < 0.250$ ; Wow vs Angry:  $t = 0.380, p < 0.147$ ; and, Sad vs. Angry:  $t = -0.28, p < 1,000$ ).



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analysis to be employed with minimum dependence on verbal semantics. The sample of news items selected for the investigation was relatively complex given the fact that multidimensional features were used to express the information (which usually involved showing pictures and words), rather than only relying on facial information. However, the results showed a consistent attribution, particularly with regard to both emotion and valence, when using different news items; moreover, the division of the clusters was very successful, and the reactions represent the feelings in question very well. This could be an important step in carrying out scientific investigations that can make valid generalizations about emotions, ranging from real to virtual environments, as well as conducting studies of how emotion representation can take place in virtual environments with non-textual information.

Jibril and Abdullah [21] point out that the intensification of virtual interactions and expression of emotions through social