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Abstract

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- Relembrar o objectivo do trabalho e dizer como o vamos avaliar de um modo geral introduzindo os

proximos subcapitulos.

Qualitative Evaluation 4.1

- Number and Heterogeneity of Available algorithms - Differences / Benefits / Disadvantages when com-

pared to Grasshopper's frameworks

4.2 **Examples of Applications**

- Dizer que de um modo geral começámos de forma incremental por considerar problemas single-

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