**Symposium on Data Science and Statistics (SDSS 2020) Submission and Formatting Instructions for Extended Abstracts**

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**Abstract**

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# Introduction

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# Methods

In preparing the extended abstract, we strongly encour- age using the same four section headings seen here, namely, Introduction, Methods, Data (or Results), and Discussion (or Conclusions). Use of subsections is at the authors’ discretion; see Section 2.2.

### Font Sizes and Layout

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Table 1: Sizes and styles of fonts used.

### Sections

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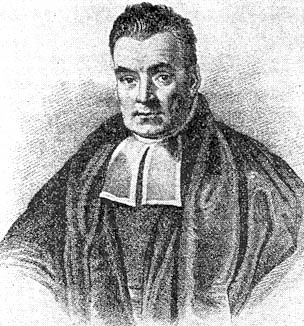
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1Footnotes are also in smaller font. See Table 1 for a list of font sizes.

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### Footnotes

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# Data/Results

We encourage the selective use of tables and/or figures as appropriate.

### Graphics and Tables

Place figures and tables in the paper near where they are first discussed, rather than at the end, if possible. It is acceptable that wide illustrations may run across both columns. The use of color is allowed in extended abstract graphics.

### Captions

Provide a caption below every figure and table; number each one sequentially in the form shown in Figure 1 and Table 1.

# Discussion/Conclusions

### Appendices and acknowledgements

Please avoid the use of appendices and acknowledge- ments as separate sections. Any pertinent material should be included in the body of the extended abstract rather than in an appendix. If acknowledgements are necessary then they should be made using footnotes.

If you wish to provide links to accompanying code, this is allowable because SDSS encourages best practices for reproducible research. However, all conclusions and ex- position relevant to the refereeing process should appear in the body of the extended abstract; furthermore, we cannot guarantee that code will be checked or even con- sulted during the refereeing process.

2This is how a footnote should appear.

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Figure 1: Ironically, Thomas Bayes was never asked to pro- vide additional simulation studies in the Results sections of his papers.

### Refereeing Decisions

It is expected that accepted papers will be presented in person at SDSS in Pittsburgh from June 4 to 6, 2020. Accepted papers’ authors will be notified in plenty of time to make registration and travel arrangements and for papers not accepted to submit an e-poster to the conference if they so choose.

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