

# A Template of Research Papers

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## ABSTRACT

“Usually write this section when are creating an entry in the system, which means that leave this section at the end.”

Sentence1: Background of this paper.

Sentence2: What is your point? What is the novelty of your paper? The key point!

Sentence3: What problem you modeled? Briefly introduce your problem.

Sentence4: What is the challenge in your problem?

Sentence5: How you solve it? Any heuristic algorithms or approximation algorithms proposed? If your algorithms have some interesting or theory results, show them here! For example, good approximation ratios, low time complexities, and efficient structures.

Sentence6: Introduce that the experiments have demonstrated your algorithms. For example, “Through extensive experiments, we demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of our XXX approaches on both real and synthetic data sets.”

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Before introduce how to write a good introduction, I want first emphasize the importance of introduction section as below (for the details, see the slides in “Slides” folder of this project):

Spend some time to pick a good title for your paper!!! If your paper later has 1000 hundred of readers, 1000 will read your title, 100 read abstract, 100 read introduction, 10 read your problem definition, 10 read related work, maybe just 10 or less than 10 will read your solutions and only 5 read the details of your solution at the end.

Usually, you should write the introduction section two times! 1) Write it first: tell a clear story; 2) write it last: make sure it is telling what you really do in your finished paper.

Here is a good structure for introduction section:

Paragraph 1: Context. What is the background? At most 4 sentences please!

Paragraph 2: Problem area. Some related studies. What is the problem in this area? Don’t tell too detailed about the related studies, which is what “Related Work” will do. About 3 sentences are enough.

Paragraph 3-4: What you do in this paper? What is the key point of this paper? You can have a motivation example to show your niche! Usually, people can understand example better than what you explained. Better to draw an interesting figure for you problem. Like the example [1] below:

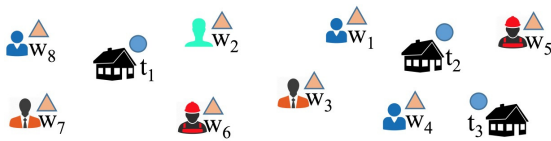


Figure 1: An Example of Motivation Example.

Table 1: Symbols and Descriptions.

Symbol	Description
$R$	a set of $m$ time-constrained riders
$r_i$	a rider $r_i$ sending ride request $q_i$
$s_i$	the source location of ride request $q_i$
$e_i$	the destination location of ride request $q_i$

Paragraph 5: challenges in this novel problem. Why it is hard? Why existing solutions cannot solve it?

Paragraph 6: What you have done on solving it? Similar to the introduction, but more details. Brief summary of results.

Paragraph 7: Outline of this paper. You can modify the example below:

To summarize, we make the following contributions in the paper:

- We propose a XXXX problem and prove it is NP-hard in Section 2.
- We proposed solution1 and solution2 in Section 3 and 4, respectively.
- We have conducted extensive experiments on real and synthetic data sets, to show the efficiency and effectiveness of our XXX framework/algorithm in Section 5.

In addition, the remaining sections of the paper are arranged as follows. We review and compare previous studies on queueing theory and vehicle dispatching in Section 6 and conclude the work in Section 7.

## 2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

Three tasks to do in this section: 1) define the small components in this paper; 2) formally define the problem with your components; 3) prove the hardness of the proposed problem through a theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** (Hardness of the XX Problem) *The problem of the Example Problem (XX) is NP-hard.*

To learn how to prove NP-hardness, read the example [2].

Usually, at the end of this section, add a table to list the important variables used in this paper as a reference.

## 3 SOLUTION1

Paragraph 1: what is the general idea of the solution1? Greedy based? DP? Generally introduce solution1.

### 3.1 some properties

Do you have any properties about the problem to use for developing the algorithm? Show them in this subsection with lemmas.

Or you need define some special values to ease your algorithm description, do it here!

You may need to write some equations. Here I show some example equations styles.

1. Multiple Equations with numbering:

$$A = B \quad (1)$$

$$B = C. \quad (2)$$

**Algorithm 1:** ExampleAlgorithm

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**Input:** A set  $C$  of  $n$  workers, and a set  $R$  of  $m$  riders  
**Output:** A set of updated scheduling sequences  $S$

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1 foreach  $r_i \in R$  do
2   | retrieve a list  $C_i$  of workers that are valid to  $r_i$ 
3 while  $C_i \neq \emptyset$  do
4   | if rider  $r_i$  can be arranged in  $c_j$  then
5   |   | do if.
6   |   | break
7   | else if  $r_i$  can replace rider  $r'_i$  of  $c_j$  then
8   |   | do else.
9   |   | break
10 do
11   | Example of do-while-loop
12 while condition
13 return  $S$ 

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2. Single equation with numbering:

$$A = B \quad (3)$$

3. Simple equation without numbering:

$$A = B$$

4. Align equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{function}(A) \\ &= A^3 + A^2 + A^1 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

5. Equation with more than one conditions:

$$A = \begin{cases} A + 1, & A \neq 0 \\ A, & A = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

6. Linear Programming:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum \lambda_{ik} \cdot x_{ik} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & d(u_i, v) \cdot x_{ik} \leq r, \quad i = 1, \dots, m; k = 1, \dots, q, \\ & \sum_{k=1}^q x_{ik} \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

### 3.2 proposed algorithm

Your algorithm needs an interesting name! Stop simply calling it “the Greedy algorithm” or “the Dynamic Programming Based Algorithm”! Do not use these boring names, please!

Introduce the details of your algorithms with natural language. Below is an example of pseudocode.

### 3.3 theory analyses

Analyze the approximation ratios, competitive ratios, time complexities here.

**Table 2: Experimental Settings.**

Parameters	Values
the number, $m$ , of riders	1K, 3K, 5K, 8K, 10K
the number, $n$ , of vehicles	100, 200, 300, 400, 500
the pickup deadline range $[rt_{min}^-, rt_{max}^-]$	[1, 10], [10, 30], [30, 60]
the capacity of vehicles $a_j$	2, 3, 4, 5
the balancing parameters $(\alpha, \beta)$	(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (0.33, 0.33)
the flexible factor $\epsilon$	1.2, 1.5, 1.7, 2
the length $\delta_j$ of time frame $f_j$	30 mins

## 4 SOLUTION2

Paragraph1: Explain why you propose solution2. What point will solution2 improve compared with solution1?

The rest is similar to what you have done in solution1 section.

## 5 EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

### 5.1 Data Set

Introduce what data sets you have used in your experimental study. Real dataset first, then synthetic dataset.

### 5.2 Approaches and Measurements

What approaches tested in the experimental study? Introduce each one with one sentence. Your proposed approaches, the compared existing approaches, random approaches, and so on.

Why need this paragraph? Readers may have forgotten your solutions, thus just make them recall your solutions through some simple descriptions.

Then introduce the measures you will compare on, such as running time, memory usage, and so on. Usually, control variate method will be used in the experimental study. Define a default setting, then change one parameter in a set of experiments. Make a table to show the configuration, like the example in Table 2 [2].

Finally, introduce the running environment of your experimental study. Running on what kind of PCs or servers? Using what programming languages?

### 5.3 Experimental Results

What do you discover or demonstrated in the experimental study? Show the effects of each parameter one by one. Usually, describe results on real dataset first.

Better to have a summary of the interesting points found in the experimental study at the end of this subsection.

### 5.4 Adding Figures

In this subsection, some example of adding figures are introduces. Usually, put figures on the top of pages. Put figures close to their description.

Below is an example of adding two figures together. Modify the related vspace configuration in head.tex to adjust the global setting. To adjust locally, just add your local spacing command behind them. Parameter “h” means “here”; “t” means “top”; “!” means “mandatory”. In vspace command, I like to use “ex”, which just a unit and you can use others like “px”. For other parameters, you can adjust them to see the effects.

Add a bar on top of a group of subfigures, like in Figure 3.

To draw a figure crossing two columns, like in Figure 4.

Some suggestions:

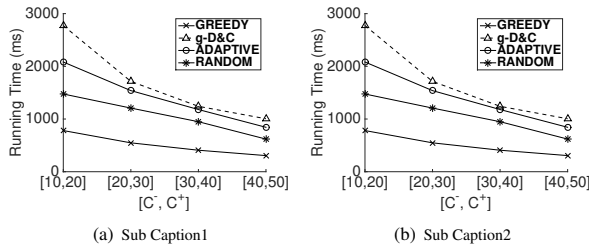


Figure 2: An Example of Figure.

\* G-Ilep + GT-hgr □ RDB-sam --- BB △ DP ☆ HA

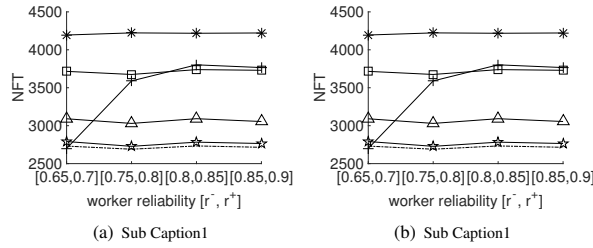


Figure 3: An Example of Figure.

- Label sub-figures and figures separately. When you describe the particular figure, your can accurately refer to the one you want refer to.
- Use eps files! If you need to convert jpg or png to eps, you can try this website: <https://www.online-convert.com>, which is the most stable one I can find.
- Put figures on the top of pages for better layout.
- Put figures close to their description to ease your readers.

Some suggestions/lessons noticed from helping junior PhD students to revise their drafts:

- Try to avoid using words like “naive”, “obviously”, “simple” and so on.
- Don’t forget leaving a blank space before (. Bad example: abs(e.g., ddd)
- Use aaa [1] in stead of aaa [1], as the first one can avoid strange [1] new line.
- Any Tables, Figures, Algorithms or other similar components in your draft should be discussed with some natural language. Don’t simply put them in your draft as no one know their purposes unless you describe them clearly.
- Put blocks of tables, figures, algorithms on the top of pages for better layout.
- Numbered equations should be referred somewhere in your draft. If not, just don’t number them. You can add “\notag” behind an equation to suppress its numbering.
- some special commands to use:  $\log \rightarrow \log$ .
- Avoid starting a sentences with words: “And”, “So”... You can use “In addition”, “Moreover”, “Thus”, “Therefore” ...
- Use tools to double check grammar errors, such as Textdote: <https://github.com/sylvainhalle/textdote>
- Before submitting draft, search: “??” in the pdf file to avoid wrong references or citations.

Experience from Wangze NI after revising drafts with me:

- Do not introduce any technical details in the introduction section.

- Explain the semantic meaning (or usage) of theorems after you prove them.
- Take a running example for each algorithm.
- Better to use the same example to explain all concepts/algorithms in the paper.
- Do not write sentences too long. Try to cut long sentences into several short sentences when you are not masters in English writing.
- Before writing the paper, it would be helpful to make a presentation to friends. During the preparation of the presentation, organize the content more logically. After presentation, get some feedback from friends.
- Use the same word for one thing/concept in the whole paper. For the important actions, please keep the verbs on describing them consistently.
- Conclude the experimental findings at the end of the experimental study section.

## 6 RELATED WORK

Half page or  $\frac{3}{4}$  pages are enough.

## 7 CONCLUSION

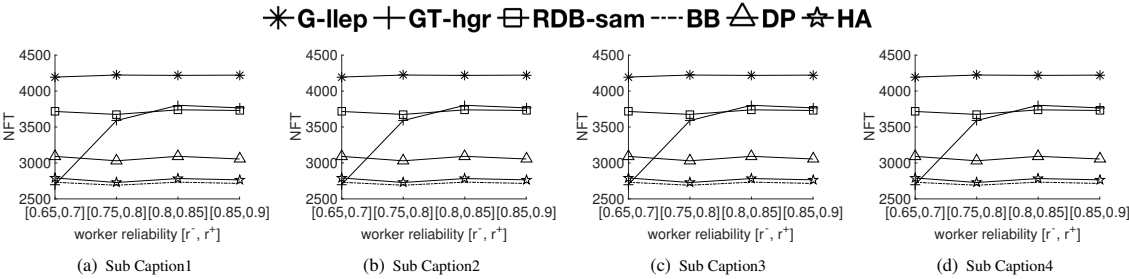
Just describe what are studied in this paper. Do not talk about related work anymore.

## 8 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

If you think that this template helped you on writing research papers and you work on the related topics, please help to cite some of my publications [1–10]. Thanks a lot!

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**Figure 4: An Example of Figure.**