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*Facilis descensus Averni;  
Noctes atque dies patet atri janua Ditis;  
Sed revocare gradum, superasque evadere ad auras,  
Hoc opus, hic labor est.* Virgil (from Don's thesis!)

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## ABSTRACT

Have you ever wondered why this is called an *abstract*? Weird thing is that its legal to cite the abstract of a dissertation alone, apart from the rest of the manuscript.

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## List of Abbreviations

CAD	.....	Computer-Aided Design
CO	.....	Cytochrome Oxidase
DOG	.....	Difference Of Gaussian (distributions)
FWHM	.....	Full-Width at Half Maximum
LGN	.....	Lateral Geniculate Nucleus
ODC	.....	Ocular Dominance Column
PDF	.....	Probability Distribution Function
$\mathbb{R}^2$	.....	the Real plane

## Chapter 1

# Introduction

### 1.1 A few remarks before you start

Please read the short pointers below and on the subsequent pages; this will help you avoid frustrations when submitting the final dissertation to the library.

Your thesis should have 1.5in left and top margins, and 1in right and bottom margins. Getting this right is tricky since it may depend on your particular Latex installation. Most likely you will need to adjust some of the dimensions set up at the beginning of "bu\_ece\_thesis.sty" in this folder. Basically, every installation should have the base margin of 1in at the left and top, but this is not always the case. For example, the TexStudio/MiKTeX installation this document was set up on, has the default top margin of 0.3125in and so an additional margin of 0.6875in was added via `\topmargin`. In order to adjust these dimensions, you may want to follow these steps:

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*Consider the following Java-JDT plugin name in German: "‘Plugin-Entwicklungsumgebung’".*

Clearly, this is a problem, and BU librarians will complain. One way of fixing this issue is to enclose the offending paragraph in `\begin{sloppypar}` and `\end{sloppypar}`, resulting in the following outcome:

*Consider the following Java-JDT plugin name in German: "‘Plugin-Entwicklungsumgebung’".*

Indeed, although the paragraph spacing becomes sloppy, at least you can hand in the thesis!

LaTeX has a steep learning curve. You can use the original book by Lamport to learn more (?), but there are many on-line resources with excellent instructions and examples. Just Google a LaTeX topic you would like to explore.

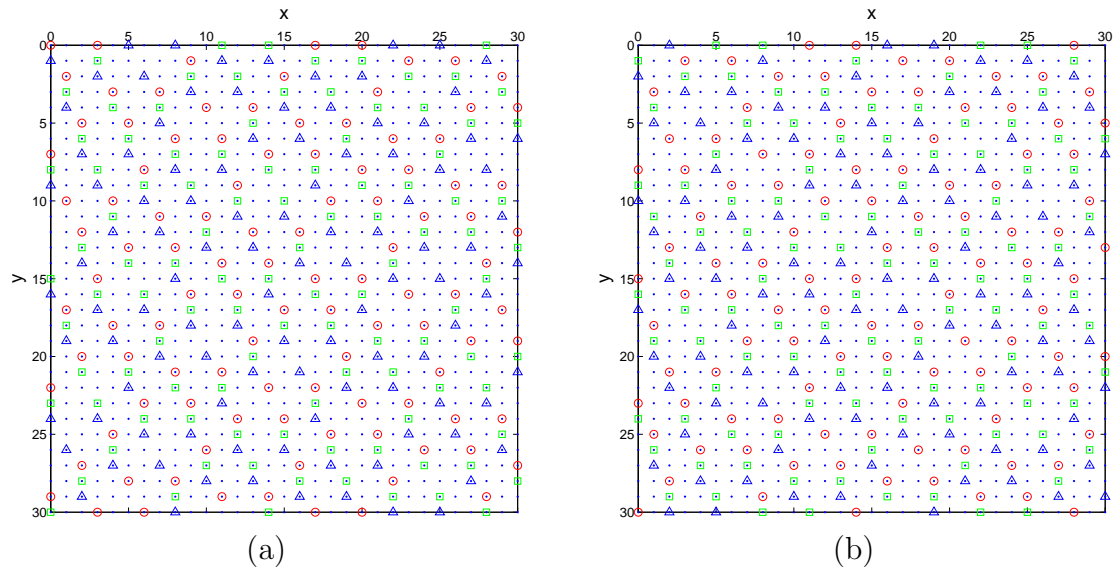
As far as editing and compilation of LaTeX sources, if you have not found one yet, TexStudio seems to be quite popular.

## Chapter 2

# Body of my thesis

### 2.1 Some results

Here goes all the important stuff, likely with a lot of graphics like this:



**Figure 2.1:** Assignment of single-view intensities to RGB components:  
(a) view #1; and (b) view #2.

You will also be using a lot of citations. Here is the format required in the dissertation: (?),(?).

In all likelihood, you will need to insert tables. See one example on the next page.

**Table 2.1:** Absolute disparity error per pixel for the test data from Fig. 2.1 and different parameter values. In each experiment one parameter is adjusted while other parameters are unchanged.

$\eta = 6000, \mu = 2000$			$K = 10, \mu = 2000$			$K = 10, \eta = 6000$		
$K$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$\eta$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$\mu$	$u_1$	$u_2$
3	0.52	0.46	1000	0.54	0.45	100	1.00	1.16
7	0.47	0.43	3000	0.43	0.40	1000	0.53	0.47
10	0.35	0.36	6000	0.35	0.36	2000	0.35	0.36
12	0.37	0.36	9000	0.37	0.37	3000	0.44	0.43

Of course, there must be a Table of Contents at the beginning of the thesis.

## Chapter 3

# Conclusions

### 3.1 Summary of the thesis

Time to get philosophical and wordy.

IMPORTANT: In the references at the end of thesis, all journal names must be spelled out in full, except for standard abbreviations like IEEE, ACM, SPIE, INFOCOM, ...

## Appendix A

### Proof of xyz

This is the appendix.



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