How to trick yourself into writing a thesis

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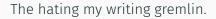


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My biggest struggle is tricking these gremlins to look the other way

Productivity vs Efficiency

Efficiency is deceiving, effort is often spent on tangentially related things (...).

Productivity is hard because what I write is often not what I imagined in my head (\mathfrak{S}) .

Beating the efficiency () gremlin: Workflow!

Setting up a good workflow is important for me to focus my mind on the correct things.

Live demo: Latex using Overleaf, git, and, vim.

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