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# Abstract of Dissertation

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2. What are the state-of-the-art (SOTA) solutions to this problem?

3. What is the gap in the current SOTA?

4. What is your idea to address this gap?

5. Why do you think your idea will work?

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7. What is the empirical evidence that your idea works?

8. What can you conclude from the study that you have accomplished?

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What is the scope of your work? What are its limitations?

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126	Chapter 4, the methodology is discussed in more detail. Chapter 5 contains the evaluation	126
127	results, while Chapter 6 contains the analysis and discussion. The thesis is concluded in	127
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## 2. Related Work

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- Expound #2 (*What are the state-of-the-art (SOTA) solutions to this problem?*) and #3

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(*What is the gap in the current SOTA?*) by rigorously enumerating related works and

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analyzing these in the context of the problem that you are solving.

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If none, use Google Scholar to build a tree diagram of related work.

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- Build a table or graph with metrics to show what are available features and what are

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- Using the table/graph, identify the gap to show what do you intend to solve.

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- Introduce the idea on how to solve this gap.

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## 3. Problem Statement

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- Following up from #3 (*What is the gap in the current SOTA?*), formalize the main problem and subproblems using a list.

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- Use math models and diagrams to clearly show the problem and subproblems being addressed (*e.g.* prior work uses  $P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{y}_{<t}, \mathbf{x})$  as the model, while we use  $P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{y}_{\neq t}, \mathbf{x})$ ).

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### 3.1. Objectives

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The specific objectives of this thesis are:

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1. Propose a new method X to solve problem Y.

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2. Compare methods A, B, and C against our method X.

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## 4. Methodology

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- Expound #4 (*What is your idea to address this gap?*), #5 (*Why do you think your idea will work?*), and #10 (*Introduce the idea on how to solve this gap*).

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- Propose a solution. Use math models, diagrams, and algorithms to formalize your method.

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- Cite related literature of the building blocks used in the proposed method.

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- Justify every decision in your proposed method (*e.g.* we used batch normalization to stabilize the training)

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#### 4.1.1. Mathematics

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Please number all of your sections and displayed equations as in these examples:

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$$v = a \cdot t. \quad (4.2)$$

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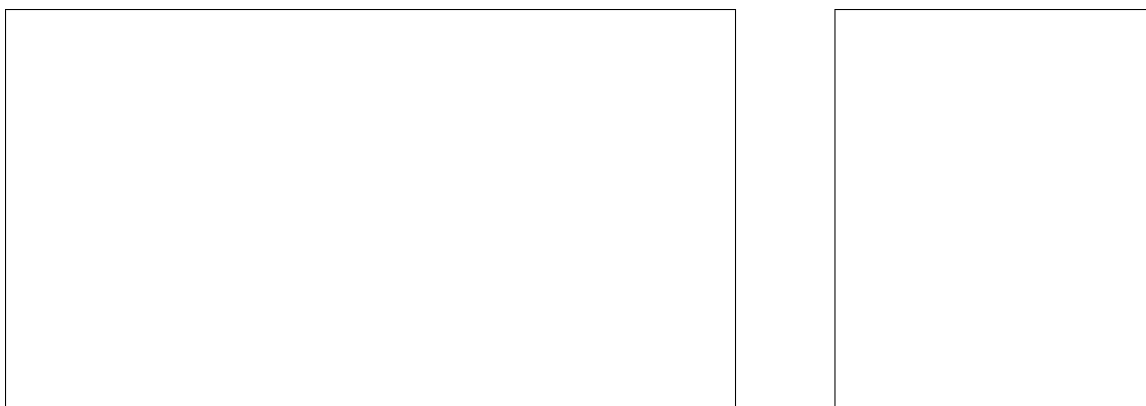
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## 229 4.1.7. Miscellaneous 229

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232 See The T<sub>E</sub>Xbook, p165. 232

233 The space after *e.g.*, meaning “for example”, should not be a sentence-ending space. 233

234 So *e.g.* is correct, *e.g.* is not. The provided `\eg` macro takes care of this. 234

235 When citing a multi-author paper, you may save space by using “et alia”, shortened to 235

236 “*et al.*” (not “*et. al.*” as “*et*” is a complete word). If you use the `\etal` macro provided, then 236

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238 *al.* However, use it only when there are three or more authors. Thus, the following is correct: 238

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242 reference [2] has just two authors. 242

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254	<i>that your idea works?</i> ).	254
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256	test/validation configurations, hardware configurations, software framework).	256
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260	for a new metric and it is a good measure of performance in a task.	260
261	• Make sure the metrics are comprehensive ( <i>e.g.</i> include model parameter count, FLOPS,	261
262	inference time, memory use, energy consumption, <i>etc.</i> ).	262
263	• Use graphs and tables to summarize the quantitative results from your proposed	263
264	method vs SOTA.	264
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277	experimental results, make an in-depth analysis and discussion to argue and justify	277
278	that your proposed method works.	278
279	• Use further evidences ( <i>e.g.</i> attention maps) to emphasize the strong points of your	279
280	method.	280
281	• Make an ablation study ( <i>e.g.</i> what if we vary the depth of the network, what if we	281
282	introduce data corruption, <i>etc.</i> ) to further show strong/weak points of your proposed	282
283	method.	283
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285	work on rotated text). Explain why your method fails in these cases.	285
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297	and #9 ( <i>What are the possible future works that will extend your study?</i> ).	297
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## A. Additional Results and Discussion

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In this appendix, we present and discuss additional results.

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## **B. Background Material**

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In this appendix, we discuss some helpful background material.

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