

Lecture 3.4

Literature Reviews

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Learning Objectives

- Understand what exists in a literature review
- To understand quality indicators for literature
- Know what types of information to identify in a paper
- To know what types of literature exist
- To be able to find literature
- Learn an approach to reading research literature
 - Know what should be understood at each pass
- Learn to quote and reference correctly
- Learn approaches to effective presentations

Literature Review

- An account of what has been published on your topic of interest
- Purpose – to critically analyze a segment of a published body of knowledge through summary, classification, and comparison of prior studies
- Traditional
 - Identifies and summarises a body of work
 - Identifies gaps and research frontier
 - Coverage may not be complete
- SLR – Systematic Literature Review
 - Rigorous process to identify 'all' relevant literature
 - Identifies and summarises a body of work
 - Identifies gaps and research frontier

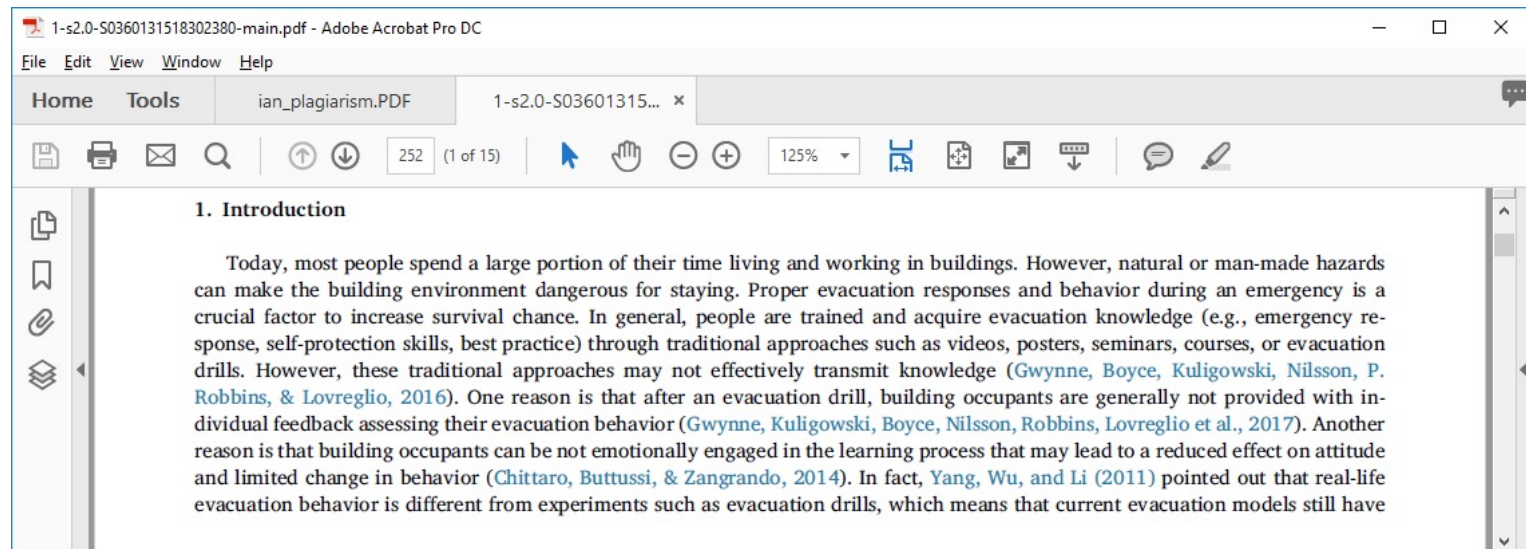
Literature Review Presentation

- Why?

The Format of a Literature Review

■ Introduction

- Why you are writing a review, why the topic is important, where does it fit in HCI
- The scope of the review — what will the discussion include and exclude
- The organisational pattern of the review

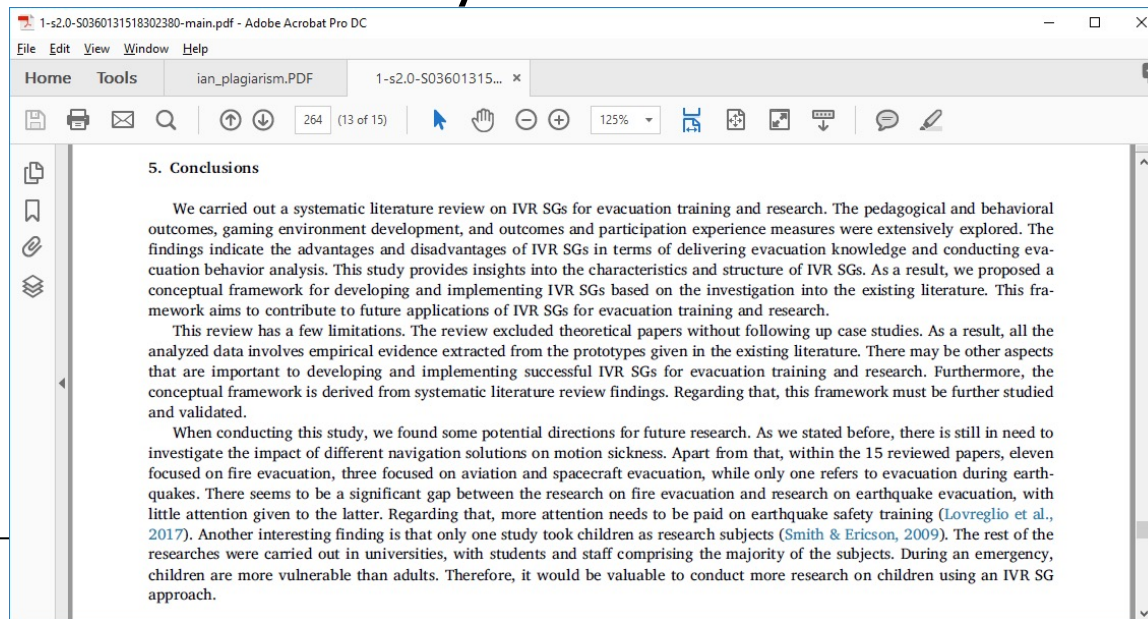


The Format of a Literature Review

- Body
 - Headings and subheadings
 - Summarize and evaluate the current state of knowledge
 - Note major themes or topics, the most important trends, and any findings about which researchers agree or disagree
 - Its purpose is to make an argument that will justify your proposed conclusions

The Format of a Literature Review

- Conclusion
 - A summary of the main agreements and disagreements in the literature
 - The general conclusions that are being drawn
 - Highlight gaps and indicate how previous research leads to your own conclusions



Finding Literature

How do you find information?

- What do you do currently?
 - Why is this good?
 - Why is this bad?

- Motivation
 - Standing on the shoulders of giants
 - Understanding where the forefront of research is
 - Research something new
 - Don't reinvent the wheel
 - Learn about dead-ends

Quality Obsession

“No one knows how many scientific journals there are, but several estimates point to around 30,000, with close to two million articles published each year.”
(Altbach and de Wit 2018)

- So how do we know what is worth reading?
 - Quality Publication Aggregators
 - Peer Review
 - Citations
 - Knowledge of Journal or Publisher
 - Knowledge of Institution
 - Knowledge of Author

Helpful Resources

- Quality Publication Aggregators – and others
 - Scopus, Science Direct (Elsevier)
 - Springer Link
 - IEEEExplore
 - ACM Digital Library
 - Web of Science

 - Google Scholar

 - Author homepages
 - Research groups
 - Relevant conferences/journals

Internet Resources

- Google Scholar

- Wide coverage over conferences and journals
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- Link to publisher's publication URL (DOI)
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But

- Quality not guaranteed
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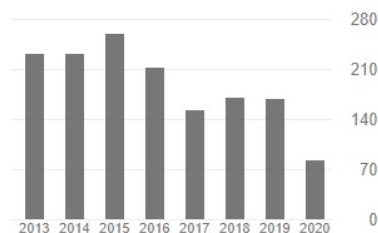
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- White paper
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- ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia)
 - Community ranked thousands of journals and conferences
 - A*, A, B, C
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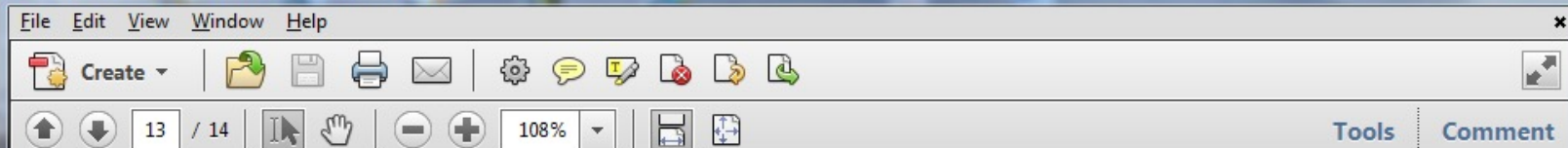
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- Found a great article
 - What research does it cite?
 - What does it cite to support particular claims in the paper?
 - What related work does it cite?



ture and interaction mechanism based on the construction problems such that if agents follow this, the overall system will solve the particular problem. The design of agent-based systems for construction problems have all the problems associated with designing traditional distributed, concurrent systems and have additional difficulties that arise from having flexible and sophisticated interactions between autonomous problem-solving components. The great power and flexibility of MAS allows developers to tailor the system to various construction problems as long as a properly designed architecture and collaboration mechanism could be built. Besides the collaboration mechanism, the integration of engineering domain knowledge is another important concern of the construction agent research community. For example, the development of domain knowledge based ontology, integration with existing legacy systems, and the implementation of conceptual models with available agent building toolkits are all difficult tasks in the development of MAS in construction.

Considering the complexity and dynamics of construction problems, there are many other important issues to be addressed for the effective application of agent-based systems. One particularly important aspect is the development of agent's learning and adaptive ability in construction applications. Change management is always a top concern for project managers, either during the project planning, collaborative design, resource management or execution processes. System developers are unable to foresee all potential situations an agent could encounter and specify agent behaviour optimally in advance. The agent's ability to learn from each other and the external environment provide a unique and powerful tool to tackle the changing environment. However, since the study of MAS in construction is relatively

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 - Personal websites
- Researchers often part of a larger research group
 - Search for the group website

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Reading Literature

Approaching an Article

- Do you read a paper from front to back?
- We'll look at the following approach:
S. Keshav, "How to read a paper," *ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review* 37, no. 3, 2007, pp. 83-84.

A Three-Pass Approach (Keshav 2007)

1. A quick scan

- Title, abstract and (perhaps) introduction
- Section headings
- Conclusions
- Decide if you need to continue reading the paper
- Can you answer the following:
 - Category – the type of paper
 - Context – papers it is related to, how was problem analysed
 - Correctness – do they have valid assumptions
 - Contributions – what are its main claims
 - Clarity – is it well put together

A Three-Pass Approach (Keshav 2007)

2. Reading majority of content

- Ignore technical detail such as proofs
- Examine figures and tables
- Make comments, note key points
- Note useful references
- Decide if you need to continue reading the paper

3. Fully read the paper

- Understand it enough you could re-implement the research
- What future work could there be?

Markup and Quotes

- Underline and highlight points as you go
- Take notes
- Annotate article with queries, points you want to ensure are addressed
- Major claims stated by the authors, might make nice quotes for your summary
 - Though in most cases you'd paraphrase

Writing the Literature Review

- Organise the section structure first
- Be selective
- Use quotes sparingly
- Summarise and synthesize
- Keep your own voice
- Use caution when paraphrasing (remember to cite)
- Focus on analysis, not description
- Revise, revise, revise

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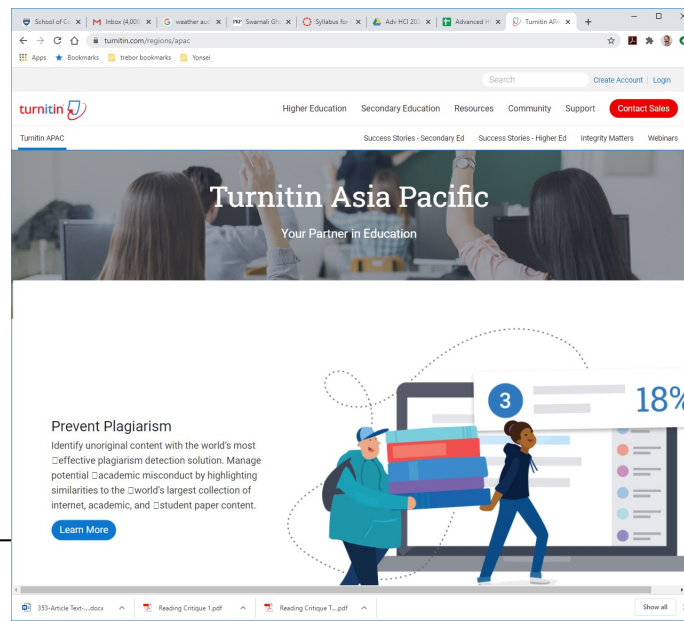
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- Plagiarism is the representation of another author's language, thoughts, ideas, or expressions as one's own original work (Wikipedia)

Avoid Plagiarism

- Always acknowledge the sources
- Present as quotes – Gallimore (1994) suggests that “valuers tend to give greatest weight to more recent information....” (p. 25).
- References included for:
 - Tables
 - Figures
 - Graphs or diagrams
- Self-plagiarism

Avoid Plagiarism

- Minimise what is quoted from other sources
 - 1-2 sentences
 - Almost never a paragraph
 - Many quotes strung together is not your writing
- Paraphrase
 - Really needs to be in your own words
- Plagiarism detection systems, UoA subscribes to:



Presentation Skills

How to deliver effective presentations

- Know your audience and their background
- Research thoroughly
- Document your sources
- Write your speech
- Prepare the slideshow



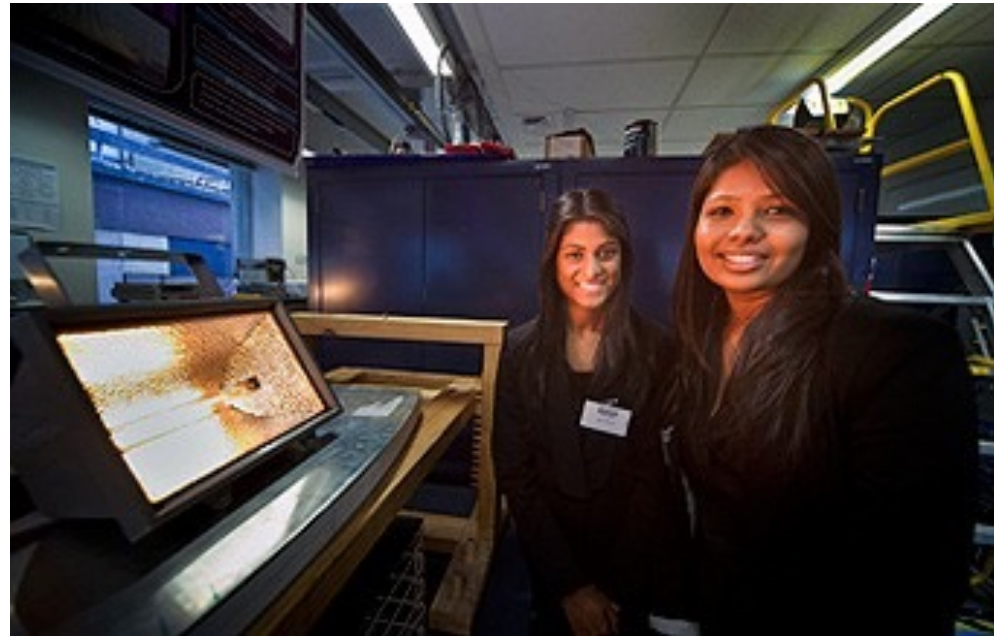
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Prepare the slideshow

- What are the points you want to get across?
- Slides are a visual aid
 - Pictures are good (oops...)
- Don't put too much on a slide
- Not too much flashy graphics/animations
- Time your presentation
- References at end
- Extra material after the end
- Choose an appropriate style

How to deliver effective presentations

- Rehearse and have a dress rehearsal
- Modify based on rehearsals
- Prepare yourself
- Style on stage
- Present to the audience
- Answer questions



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Common mistakes I've seen

- Too much text on a slide
- Reading all the text on the slide
- Text on slides too small (≥ 24 pt)
- Facing the screen rather than audience
- Too many slides (7-8 for 10 mins?)
- Interlocutory sounds
- Failed movies and live demonstrations

Asking Questions?

- You can always ask a question!
 - It's what science and engineering is all about...
- Reflecting on what is being presented
 - Does it match what you know/believe?
- Why do we ask questions?
 - Clarify your understanding
 - To address contradictions
 - To highlight an aspect of the research
 - To gain further insight from experts
 - To propose future directions
 - To relate to other research you are aware of
 - To be known 😊

Summary

- Standard requirements for literature reviews
 - Not just summarizing papers
- An overwhelming amount of literature available
 - Need strategies to search for relevant information
 - Repositories versus Internet search
 - Keywords and constraining search criteria
 - Following references, researchers and groups
 - Need to be able to identify quality of information
 - Publication venue
 - Review process
 - Citations

Summary

- A three pass approach allows decisions on applicability to be made without investing too much time
- Simple requirements for quoting text and figures
- Presentations require structure and rehearsal
- Slides are a prop, minimize what goes on them
- Asking questions is a core skill of a scientist and engineer

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Extra material

Asking Questions?

- Just ask one question
 - Wait for the chair or speaker to acknowledge you
 - Prepare - jot down what it is you want to ask about
 - Provide some context
 - On slide X
 - When you were talking about Y
 - Don't make it about you!
 - Closed questions
 - Open questions



Answering Questions

- Stay calm!
- Think about possible questions prior to the presentation
- Ensure you understand the question
 - Ask for clarification or rephrasing if you don't
- Take a few seconds to think about your answer
- Repeat your understanding of the question
- Give a short answer (yes/no) before a detailed explanation
- If you don't know then say so – don't make it up
 - You could offer an opinion
- If it is a misunderstanding of your presentation, then make that clear and try to rephrase
- If very detailed, or long to answer, suggest talking later