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Abstract

The function of the abstract is to summarize, in one or two paragraphs, the major aspects of the entire bachelor or master thesis. It is usually written after writing most of the chapters.

It should include the following:

- Definition of the problem (the question(s) that you want to answer) and its purpose (Introduction).
- Methods used and experiments designed to solve it. Try to describe it basically, without covering too many details.
- Quantitative results or conclusions. Talk about the final results in a general way and how they can solve the problem (how they answer the question(s)).

Even if the Title can be a reference of the work's meaning, the Abstract should help the reader to understand in a quick view, the full meaning of the work. The abstract length should be around 300 words.

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An abstract[IGM97, Lev65, MAdR02, Sal89] allows one to sift through copious amounts of papers for ones in which the researcher can have more confidence that they will be relevant to his research. Once papers are chosen based on the abstract, they must be read carefully to be evaluated for relevance. It is commonly surmised that one must not base reference citations on the abstract alone, but the entire merits of a paper.

Kapitel 1

Introduction

[You should answer the question: What is the problem?]

This paragraph should establish the context of the reported work. To do that, authors discuss over related literature (with citations¹) and summarize the knowledge of the author in the investigated problem.

ToDo: how to make citations

An introduction should answer (most of) the following questions:

- What is the problem that I want to solve?
- Why is it a relevant question?
- What is known before the study?
- How can the study improve the current solutions?

To write it, use if possible active voice:

- We are going to watch a film tonight (Active voice).
- A film is going to be watched by us tonight (Passive voice).

The use of the first person is accepted.

1.1 Motivation

A good introduction usually starts presenting a general view of the topic and continues focusing on the problem studied. Begin it clarifying the subject area of interest and establishing the context (remember to support it with related bibliography).

¹To cite a work in latex

1.2 Problem definition

Additionally, focuses the text on the relevant points of your investigation and problems that you want to solve, relating them with the first part.

1.3 Thesis/Diplom/Bachelor/Master Structure

Present your work to the reader giving a brief overview of what is going to cover every chapter. Write only general concepts, no more than one or two sentences per chapter should be necessary.

Kapitel 2

Materials and Methods

This section is to clarify the pre-existing tools, defining what was developed in this field until now, and why this tool was used instead of others.

The general structure is the following:

- Definition of the specific tool(s) studied (robots, sensor nodes, smart-phones).
When relevant, pre-existing experiments.
- Definition of the context of use (indoor/outdoor, humans/animals/robots, with/without connection).
- Definition of used protocols (How the data are collected, when, etc.)

Kapitel 3

Approach

Describe the performed solution with all possible details. Define necessary parameters, inputs, outputs and context of use, possible problems and when they can be applied.

Remember to define necessary concepts before using them, building the text from easiest definitions (not depending on previous definitions) to complex definitions (depending on previous definitions).

E.g:

- Lost Communication: a lost communication occurs when the conditions of the environment are not sufficient or the distance between sender and receiver is too high to transmit information.
- Wait until rescue: when the robot loses its communication, the pre-designed state machine will stop the motors to keep the actual position. Energy safe mode will be enabled, at the same time that a channel transceiver daemon will send SOS messages every T and wait for reply during T sec.

Kapitel 4

Implementation

Explain what you did to implement your solution, problems that occurred and how you fixed them. If they are interesting, include some relevant parts of the implementation (most relevant pieces of code and so on).

Kapitel 5

Evaluation

In this chapter you should describe the previous (if possible) and final experiments performed on the implementation.

Every single experiment should be explained individually, providing to the reader information about the meaning of the experiment, the expected (theoretical) results, the final results, the comparison between them and others (if possible) and the conclusions.

Each experiment should include a description, covering (when possible) the following information:

- Significant physical features (obstacles present on the environment, human presence, temperature, humidity, possible noise sources, computational speed of the machine, etc.)
- The precise location of the experiment (latitude and longitude, room number or citation to a description of the used laboratory).
- Sampling design (variable(s) measured, transformation performed to the data, samples collected, replication, comparative with a Ground Truth system, collecting data protocol).
- Analysis design (how the data are processed, statistical procedures used, statistical level to determine significance).

The provided information should be sufficient to allow other scientists to repeat your experiment in the same conditions. Thus, the use of standard and well-known equipment could only be represented by a simple sentence, but the non-standard equipment should be described in detail, citing the source (vendor) and most important characteristics.

To write it, try to use the third person when describing the experiments and results. Avoid to use first person. Past tense should be the dominant conjugation (the work is done and was performed in the past).

Note: Graphics represent really well data, use them! (Matlab or Octave could be useful for that).

Kapitel 6

Discussion

The meaning of this paragraph is to interpret the results of the performed work. It will always connect the introduction, the postulated hypothesis and the results of the thesis/bachelor/master.

It should answer the following questions:

- Could your results answer your initial questions?
- Did your results agree with your initial hypothesis?
- Did you close your problem, or there are still things to be solved? If yes, what will you do to solve them?

Kapitel 7

Acknowledgements

(This part is optional, and it could be completely excluded by deleting
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This paragraph could mention people or institutions that supported you to some extent
with your work or friends and relatives that supported you during your study period.

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