

# Home Assignment No. 2

## One-Page Article

Alex Gontmakher  
gsasha@cs.technion.ac.il

September 29, 2004

### Abstract

The scientific community publishes lots of papers each year. The amount of thought per paper varies from one paper to another and from author to author.

This paper takes rigorous mathematical approach to the amount of thought that is embedded in the text of published papers.

## 1 Introduction

The scientific community publishes lots of papers each year.<sup>1</sup>

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The author has not yet finished writing the paper, so he (or she)<sup>2</sup> does not want to think about it. The amount of thought in this paper is minimal anyway. And due to space constraints and overall laziness of the author, it has no bibliography whatsoever.

## 2 Student Papers

Students, unlike researchers, are often required to publish papers of certain *minimal* size. Unfortunately, the amount of thought per student is a limited factor. To overcome this problem, they use the following and other techniques to reduce the amount of thought per page.

- *Adding empty pages with thanks to their dogs, moms and girlfriends.* Note that almost every thesis has one such page.
- *Having a separate page dedicated to copyright.* Or do they have copyright over such papers?

---

<sup>1</sup>Here, the sentence is already duplicated. This already reduces the amount of thought expressed

<sup>2</sup>The author is male, but to be politically correct, he suggests that this gender bias can be medically corrected ...

- *Double-spacing the text.* This one helps a lot.
- *Increasing the size of margins.* It is a surprisingly powerful feature. It can produce a lot of pages for almost invisible effect.
- *Writing the same thought several times at different places with minimal changes.* Note that the scientific community publishes lots of papers every year.

### **3 Conclusion**

OOPS...No formulae...So much about the rigorous mathematical approach.