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ABSTRACT

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

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| *k* |  | = Stiffness |
| *m* |  | = Mass |
| ** |  | = Period of Vibration |
| ** |  | = Pi |

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# FORMATTING GUIDELINES

## Introduction

Please read carefully the instructions presented herein for the format of a CIVRISK MSc thesis in Pavia. This document has been written in the required format and so please study the document for any formatting requirements that are not explicitly stated in the text. Any formatting styles not described herein are left to the author’s discretion.

## Setting up the Document

The *Page Setup* option under the *File* toolbar in *Word* should be adapted as described in what follows. The margins for A4 size paper should be fixed thus: top 6cm, bottom 4.7cm, inside 4cm and outside 3.5cm. The *Multiple Pages* option should be set to *Mirror Margins*. On the *Layout* tab of *Page Setup*, the *Section Start* should read *Odd page* and the *Headers and footers* should have the options *Different odd and even* and *Different first page* both checked. The *Header* and *Footer* should be set at 4.8cm and 1.5cm *from edge*, respectively. To ensure that first page of each chapter and section is located on the right-hand side of the double-sided document, section breaks need to be inserted; the locaton of these breaks is denoted herein by: [Insert a Section Break (Odd Page)…..].

## Styles and Formatting

### Fonts and Line Spacing

A decription of the fonts and line spacing used throughout the report is provided in Table 1.1. Styles not included in Table 1.1 included bullet points which should be placed at 6pt after the paragraph and have the following format:

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The last bullet point should have 0pt before, 13pt after spacing.

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The last numbered list should have spacing 0pt before and 13pt after.

Footnotes should be numbered sequentially in superscript lowercase Roman letters[[1]](#footnote-1).

### The Body Text

The language of the main text should be set to English (U.K.). Abbreviations are allowed but should be spelt out in full when first used. Integers of ten and below are to be spelt out. Foreign language phrases should be italicised (e.g., Latin, French).

### Header and Page Numbering

The header should vary for the first, odd and even pages: there should be no header on the first page of each section/chapter, on odd pages the title of the MSc thesis should be inserted (though it should not run onto a second line and may thus need to be shortened) whilst the name of the author(s) should be placed on the header of even pages. The format of the text in the header is described in Table 1.1. Page numbers (9pt Garamond, bold) are included in the headers and should be flush outside. The preliminary pages of the thesis from the Abstract to the last page of the Table of Figures should be numbered using Roman numerals (i.e. i, ii, iii). The page numbers should restart using Arabic numbers (i.e. 1, 2, 3) on the first page of Chapter 1 and should continue until the last page of the report/thesis.

### Equations, Figures and Tables

Equations should be centred within the text width, whilst equation numbers should be placed in parentheses and set flush with the right margin, as illustrated in Equation (1.1):

 (1.1)

In equations, the text, variables and functions should be in *Italic*, whilst numbers and functions should not (see Figure 1.1 for a description of styles sizes and Figure 1.2 for a description of the style fonts to be used in equations). The sequence of signs in equations should generally be {[( )]}, with due account taken of the special meaning of certain types of brackets. Standard letters such as x are to appear as *x* (italicised) in the text if they are used as mathematical symbols.

Figures should be included in the report as illustrated in Figure 1.1; there should be 3pt space before and 6pt space after each figure. A caption should be inserted ideally using the *Insert* – *Reference* – *Caption* option in *Word* using the format described in Table 1.1. The captions of figures should be centred if one line only, otherwise they should be justified; the second line of the caption should begin beneath the text of the first line.

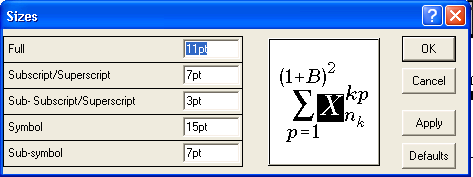


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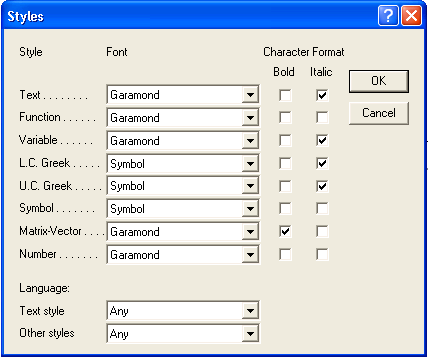


Figure 1.2. Screenshot of the styles to be used in equations in a CIVRISK MSc Thesis taken from Microsoft Equation 3.0

Tables should have either the format shown in Table 1.2 or Table 1.3; the former format is recommended for simple tables with limited rows and columns. The captions of tables should be left-aligned and justified when the table is wide (as in Table 1.1 and Table 1.3) and if the caption exceeds one sentence, the second line should begin beneath the caption text of the first line. If the table has only a few columns and is narrow (as in Table 1.2) then the caption should be centred within the width of the table.

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### Graphs, Pictures and Photos

As a general rule, MSc theses are to be printed in Black & White, hence, authors should make an effort to produce plots in which colour printing is not a prerequisite to make these easily understood and interpreted.

Therefore, and as an example, the employment of different line styles (varying the dash type, thickness, using point markers etc.) is preferred to the use of different colours. It is noted that not all software packages manage to produce quality plots when dashed lines are used, hence authors are invited to first test out some plots samples before embarking on mass production of graphs.

### References

All references should be cited in the text by name and year and may take one of the following forms: “…as shown by Miller [1967], the…” or “…has often been demonstrated [Smith and Jones, 2002a, 2002b; Brown *et al*., 2003] that…” The reference list should be placed at the end of the thesis, but before any appendices, and must be in alphabetical order by first authors’ surnames and presented in the style shown in the examples in the reference section of these guidelines.

### Appendices

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