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# APPENDIX A

# IN-TEXT CITATION EXAMPLES

Example to citation for a reference with single author

… best way to organize depends on the nature of the environment to which the organization relates (Betts, 2003). The agile organization is more…

The last name of the first author

No initials of the first and middle names

The year of publication

Example to citation for a reference with two authors

By observing the work and abilities of transformational leaders, managers acquire knowledge and creativity skills (Eisenbeiss and Boerner, 2013).

Seperation of authors’ last names by “and”

(Do not use “&” )

Example to a citation for a reference with three authors.

…performance standards and uses rewards to reinforce positive performance, the contingent reward is a constructive transaction between the members and the leader (Hilton, Arkorful and Martins, 2021). Management-by-exception, on the other hand, is a corrective transaction between members and leaders….

“and” before the last author

Example to a citation for a reference with more than three authors.

This citation is for a reference in which there are five authors: (Iglinski, B., Buczkowski, R., Cichosz, M., Iglinska, A. and Plaskacz-Dziuba, M.)

… it has been reported (Iglinski *et al*, 2015) that this phenomenon can be used to develop solutions in …..

“et al” means “others”, or “his/her co-workers”

(*italic*)

First author

Example to a citation to a reference if the author’s name is mentioned in the sentence.

… The fundamental claim of contingency theory, as stated by Betts (2003), is that an organization's organizational structure is influenced by its environment. Similarly, organizational theorists in contingency theory argue that the…

Author’s last name is out of the parenthesis

Example to a citation for a reference with more than three authors when the authors are mentioned within the sentence

… it has been reported by Iglinski *et al* (2015) that this phenomenon can be used to develop solutions in …..

Only the year of publication is in parenthesis only

# APPENDIX B

# SAMPLE EQUATIONS

Equation number must be right aligned (Not bold, not italic)

Equation must be centered

You can copy the **whole paragraph** including the this equation and paste it to your own text followed by editing the equation and the equation number.

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(3.1)

Where, n = Sample size, N = Population, and = 95% confidence interval.

Eq. Number in that chapter

Chapter number

Giving an equation number for sample applications of an equation or derivation steps is optional

*n* =

*n* = 357.46

Dots (...) must lead the equation numbers

Chemical equations are treated similarly

CH4 + O2 ⟶ CO2 + H2O (4.3)

# APPENDIX C

# SAMPLE TABLES

Table number

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Table title

(12 pts, not bold)

**Table 2.1**: Wind plants capacity and growth rate

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Position** | **Country** | **Capacity** | | **Growth Rate 2015 [%]** |
| **Total** | **Added** |
| 1. | China | 2015148,0 00 | 32,970 | 29.0 |
| 2. | United States | 74,347 | 8598 | 13.1 |
| 3. | Germany | 45,192 | 4919 | 11.7 |
| 4. | Poland | 5100 | 1266  Font size = 10 points, 1.5 line spacing  inside the table and its footnotes | 33.0 |
| 5. | Portugal | 5079 | 126 | 2.5 |
| 6. | Denmark | 5064 | 217 | 3.7 |
| 7. | Turkey | 4718 | 955 | 25.4 |
|  | Rest of the World | 40,800 | 5000 | 14.0 |

(Source: Igliński, *et al*, 2016)

Source (reference) of a table (if any) must be indicated as shown here  
(12 pts, Centered)

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A table is cited within the text as examplified below:

…. Wind plants capacity and growth rates are shown in **Table 2.1** that has been…

In tables larger than one page, the same table number and description should be written on the second page. The word “continued” is written in between the table number and its description as exemplified below. (See the next page)

**Table 4.7**: ANOVA results

| Model | | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Regression | 141.939 | 2 | 70.969 | 182.715 | 0.000a |
| Residual | 116.136 | 299 | 0.388 |  |  |
| Total | 258.075 | 301 |  |  |  |

**Table 4.7 (Continued)**: ANOVA result

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Residual-2 | 113.321 | 298 | 0.380 |  |  |
| Total-2 | 259.8 | 303 |  |  |  |
| a. Dependent Variable: POP | | | | | | |
| b. Predictors: (Constant), OA, TRFL, InteractionTerm | | | | | | |

Draw a borderline after the footnotes as well

# APPENDIX D

A figure is cited within the text as examplified here:

# SAMPLE FIGURES

… As shown in **Figure 2.3** only 13.8% of the energy supplies is from renewable energy sources. The vast majority of the energy is produced from fossil sources …

The figure must be centered

Framing a figure is optional but consistency is expected throughout the thesis

A pie chart with numbers and a graph

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Figure caption is below the figure   
  
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Figure number is bold  
Figure title is not bold)

**Figure 2.3:** Overall primary energy supplies for 2022

(**Source:** Iea.org, 2022; Ahaei *et al*, 2023)

Source (reference) of a figure (if any) must be indicated as shown here  
(12 pts, Centered)

… side-by-side comparison of galaxy cluster MACS0416 as seen by the Hubble Space Telescope in optical light (**Figure 4.4 (a))** and the James Webb Space Telescope in infrared light (**Figure 4.4 (b)**) reveals different details…

A collage of stars and galaxies

Description automatically generated

These show how we use the parts of a figure as (a), (b), (c) etc.,)

(a)

(b)

**Figure 4.4:** Same galaxy from two different space telescopes   
(a) Hubble, (b) James Webb

(**Source:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nasawebbtelescope/53321377829/in/album-72177720305127361/>)