

Study on the Difference between Summary Peer Reviews and Abstracts of Scientific Papers

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Research Background





- Functional components^[1] content of different semantic function helping to reveal the critical information of a paper.
 the research purpose, the problem definition, methods, experiments, contributions...
- Clear function components can help reduce the burden of reading.

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> Abstracts:

- contain function components
- curse of knowledge

Summary Peer Reviews:

- have similar structure to abstracts
- a paper have no less than one review
- reviewers' comments provide a reference for readers to select right papers.

Related Work



Well-established norms in scientific paper writing.

- Introduction-Method-Results-Discussion (IMRD)^[1]
- Problem-Method-Results-Conclusion^[2]
- Goals-Method-Results^[3]
- Introduction-Method-Results-Conclusions^[4]

Ontologies have been put forward.

• Function Unit Ontology(FUO) [5]

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> Peer reviews

- opinions of a paper
- PeerRead^[1]: the first open dataset of review comments for academic research.
- Predict papers' acceptance according to the sentimental of review texts.
 - sentimental of review texts^[2]
 - sentimental polarity of the reviews^[3]

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- > What will be discusses is the two questions:
 - the difference on **functional components and readability** of abstracts and summary peer reviews;
 - the focus aspects highlighted by summary peer reviews.

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Table 1. The Definition of Function Types

Function Type	Meaning	Pattern examples
Background	Background of theories and applications; existing studies; unsettled gaps; necessity and significance of the current study;	in order to (solve the problem);remain unsolved;not (completely) studied yet;
Theme	Research scope; research goal; definition to the concerned problem;	(this study/article/paper) propose/investigate/discuss/demonstrate ;
Process	Hypothesis; methods; experiments; theories and research perspectives;	Base onproposed; FirstSecondlyLast;(model/approach/method) be used/implemented;
Result	Description and evaluation on the result, Hypothesis and methods;	(experiment/result/simulation/) show/demonstrate;(provide/give) a reference to;
Contribution	Contribution to the related theories or methods; Comparison with previous studies; insight obtained; future work;	The contribution (of this study/paper); (This study) improve;The improvement (of this study/research) is;
Strength	Claim the strength or highlights of the whole study and the current paper with summary description.	(idea/ concerned problem) new/novel/critical; (experiment/data processing/research design) is firm/well; is significant to sth;

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• Term density reflects the average number of general terms or terminology appeared in sentences

• Sentence length is the average number of character in the sentences of a function type.

• **Type proportion** shows the focused function of reviews and abstracts by the proportion of sentences of each function type.

Experiment



> Dataset

(1) **R&A**

- 774 papers (2014-2019, JAPS)
- A: 4397 sentences in abstracts
- R: 2777 sentences in peer reviews

Table 2. Sentences of Different Types in SummaryPeer Reviews and Abstracts

Function types T	# sentences n		avgLen			Т%		
	R	A		R	A	R	A	
Background	124	532		39	44	4.5%	12.1%	
Theme	638	504		30	37	23.0%	11.5%	
Process	519	1011		30	49	18.7%	23.0%	
Result	354	1724		47	68	12.7%	39.2%	
Contribution	347	575		35	61	12.5%	13.1%	
Strength	795	44		23	34	28.6%	1.0%	

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(2) Terminology set

- Collected from three sources
 - keywords
 - Academic Hotspots of Psychology^[1]
 - Chinese Terms in Psychology^[2]
- 8,354 terms in total.

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Background	10.4	12.1	4.4	4.9		
Theme	9.0	10.3	4.6	5.0		
Process	9.1	14.3	3.4	5.4		
Result	13.8	19.3	5.5	7.5		
Contribution	9.7	17.3	4.1	7.0		
Strength	6.4	10.7	2.1	4.8		

Table 3. Term Density of Summary Peer Reviews and Abstracts









- Peer reviews is another type of text to extract paper information.
- Similar function types but different focus
 - 6 types of function components in summary peer reviews and abstracts have been defined.
 - Summary peer reviews specially highlighted the strength of a study or a paper.
- High readability
 - Lower term density reduce the difficulty of reading.







