

Acknowledgement

Every graduate student has been through the same process: that they have to squeeze something out and put it into his thesis, which is a process full of more frustration than accomplishment. I believe that each of us has a story to tell about the pain-ridden thesis writing. Every now and then we are set back by the bottleneck, or lose track of the thought in many complicated theories while doing the research. Then we doubt ourselves about the writing ability, and even feel a compulsion to delete all words on the computer screen after finishing each chapter. Ultimately, we complete the thesis of our own. This is the time we can actually be proud of ourselves, and the time to give thanks.

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