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1. Paper must be written in English, and must be no longer than 5 pages, single-spaced, with a minimum of 10 point font, and may include figures, illustrations, and graphs. References, Appendix, and Acknowledgments should be part of the 5 pages.
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9. In general, the contents of a paper shall be organized as follows:

- (a) Abstract: The abstract should not describe the paper, but should give, in brief, the essential facts of its contents; for example, a brief of the problem or objective and a concise summary of the results or conclusion, touching upon methods or other details only if they are unique or if they are of some particular significance. The abstract should be no longer than 500 words.
- (b) Introduction: The introductions should lead to the development of the subject so that the reader may obtain a clear understanding of the significance of the paper or article prepared. This can often be done by briefly giving the state of the art as background and then by bringing out the added advantages of the method of approach and emphasizing the importance of the results or conclusions.
- (c) Body: The main argument of the subject is carried out in the body of the paper, complete with supporting data. The argument should proceed in a logical sequence according to a prepared outline. The writing should be in the third person. Support data and results can be presented most effectively as curves, charts, or tables.
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- (e) Conclusion: The conclusions are often considered the most important part of a paper. They should be stated concisely in a separate section at the end of the paper. If there are three or more conclusions, better emphasis can be obtained by numbering each conclusion and setting it off in a separate paragraph.
- (f) Tables: Generally, each table should be typed on a separate sheet and numbered consecutively using Roman numerals: Table I, Table II. Small tabulations or listings may be made in the text where necessary for continuity. Each table should be titled by giving the brief description as a heading following the table number at the top. Ditto marks should not be used in tables, but brackets may be used to group information on several lines.
- (g) Figures: Figures should be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals: Figure 1; Figure 2, etc. Three types of figures may be used: photographs, oscillograms, and line drawings. The reading material on illustrations should be kept to a minimum. In short, the reading material should be included in the captions. Portions of the illustrations may be identified by letters and explained in the captions. Whenever feasible, several curves should be combined on the same coordinates. Their identifying letters or numbers should be in clear spaces between cross section lines. Readers generally prefer having the figures distributed through the article, although it is also permissible to bind them together at the end.
- (h) Appendices: Detailed mathematical proofs, development of equations and examples, which are subordinate to the main argument in the body of the paper, but not essential to following the argument, should be treated in the appendices. Main equations as they are developed should be numbered consecutively, with the number in the right margin. The equations, figures, and tables in the Appendices should be numbered consecutively following the numbers used for the equations, figures, and tables in the text (such as, if table IV were last in the text, table V would be first in the Appendices.)
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For a periodical: R.N. Hall, "Power Rectifiers and transformers," Proc. IRE, Vol. 40, pp. 1515-1518, November 1952.

For a book: W.A. Edison, "Vacuum Tube Oscillators," John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, New York, pp. 170-171, 1948.

For an article: B. Lawrence, B.H. Weil, and M.H. Graham, "Making online search available in an industrial research environment," Journal of the American Society for Information Science, pp. 364-369, Nov-Dec. 1974.

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