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Chapter 1 - Introduction

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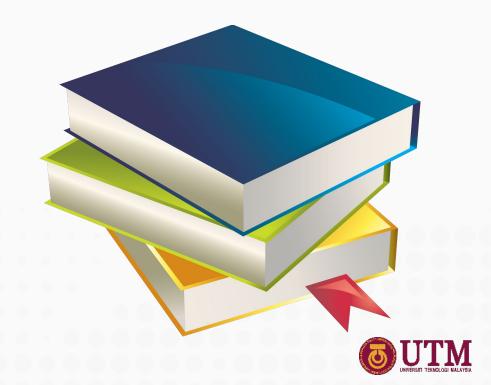
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WHAT IS RESEARCH?

 Research is a process of systematic inquiry that entails collection of data; documentation of critical information; and analysis and interpretation of that data/information, in accordance with suitable methodologies set by specific professional fields and academic disciplines.





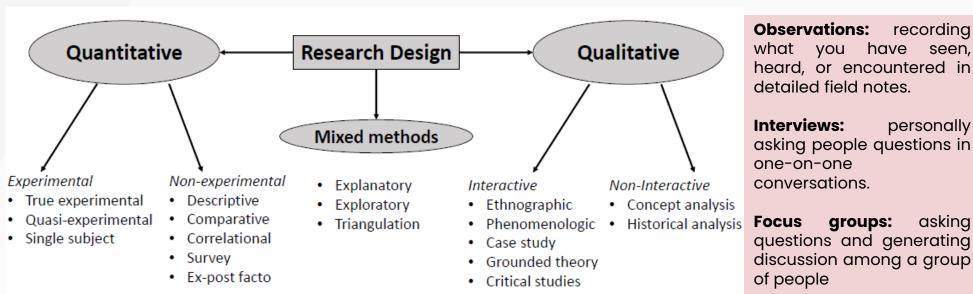
WHY DO WE NEED TO DO RESEARCH?

- Research is conducted to:
 - > Evaluate the validity of a hypothesis or an interpretive framework.
 - To assemble a body of substantive knowledge and findings for sharing them in appropriate manners.
 - > To help generate questions for further inquiries.



RESEARCH METHODS

• Research methods are **processes used to collect data**. You can use this data to analyze current methods or procedures and to find additional information on a topic.



Ouantitative methods research involve using numbers to measure data. Researchers can use statistical analysis to find connections and meaning in the data.

Qualitative research methods involve exploring information and non-numerical data. These methods also examine how people might connect meaning to their experiences and emotions.



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UTM THESIS TEMPLATE



- Thesis in this manual refers to a scientific documented report of original research conducted by a student in an ethical and professional manner for fulfilment of the requirement for a postgraduate degree.
- The thesis should be presented in a manner that will reflect credit on the student, the faculty, and the University.

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Preferable:

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Chapter 2 – Literature Review

Chapter 3 – Methodology

Chapter 4 - Results and Discussion

Chapter 5 - Conclusion



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The maximum number of pages for a project report/dissertation/thesis is as follows:

Bachelor Degree Project Report: 100 pages

Master's Report/Dissertation/Thesis: 200 Pages

Doctorate Thesis: 300 Pages

These limits include tables, figures and other illustrations in the text but do not include Appendices. Maximum number of pages for appendices is 50 pages.



ABSTRACT

- A short summary of the thesis/scientific paper or materials. The abstract should include the followings:
 - > A brief theme sentence to orientate the reader on the overall issue
 - > Aim or purpose of the research
 - > The importance of the study should be explained
 - > Briefly describe the methodology used in the study
 - > Summarize the main findings of the study
 - > Conclusion indicate the contribution made by the study

Additional Rules:

- Abstract must be bilingual.
- The abstract should be written in one paragraph and not exceed one (1) page.
- The abstract can be written using single or 1.5 spacing.



ABSTRACT - (Brief theme)



ABSTRACT - (Problem Statement)



ABSTRACT - (Importance of the study)



ABSTRACT - (Purpose / Objective)



ABSTRACT - (Method and Data)



ABSTRACT - (Summary of main findings)



ABSTRACT - (Conclusion)



ABSTRACT - (PSM 22/23)

ABSTRACT

Sea Surface Temperature (SST) has been recognized as one of the major global climate variables and varies by time as well as location. To analyse and predict the trends accurately, high-density coverage of SST data is acquired to improve the limited coverage over in-situ data from weather buoy observation. Thus, this study aims to interpret and validate the accuracy of multi-mission satellite altimetry data of sea surface temperature over Malaysian seas. The satellite altimetry missions of ERS-1, TOPEX, ERS-2, GFO-1, JASON-1, ENVISAT, JASON-2, CRYOSAT-2, SARAL, JASON-3, and SENTINEL 3A will be used in this study where the data cover from 1993 to 2022. The altimetry data will be retrieved by using Radar Altimeter Database System (RADS) then processed with MATLAB software to interpret its model pattern over the period of 29 years. In this study, the data will be interpolated and visualized its trend as a SST model to study its interaction with the weather system, climatic phenomenon and changes such as El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) as well as sea level rise. The reliability of the SST model derived from multi-mission satellite altimetry will be assessed by comparing it with the in-situ data obtained from the Conductivity, Temperature, Depth (CTD) Sensors. It is expected that Root-Mean-Square-Error (RMSE) of sea surface temperature differences are below 1.00°C. In conclusion, sea surface temperature measured from the multi-mission satellite altimetry is suitable to be employed to predict Malaysia climate change as well as weather events based on the long term and near real-time along track observations.

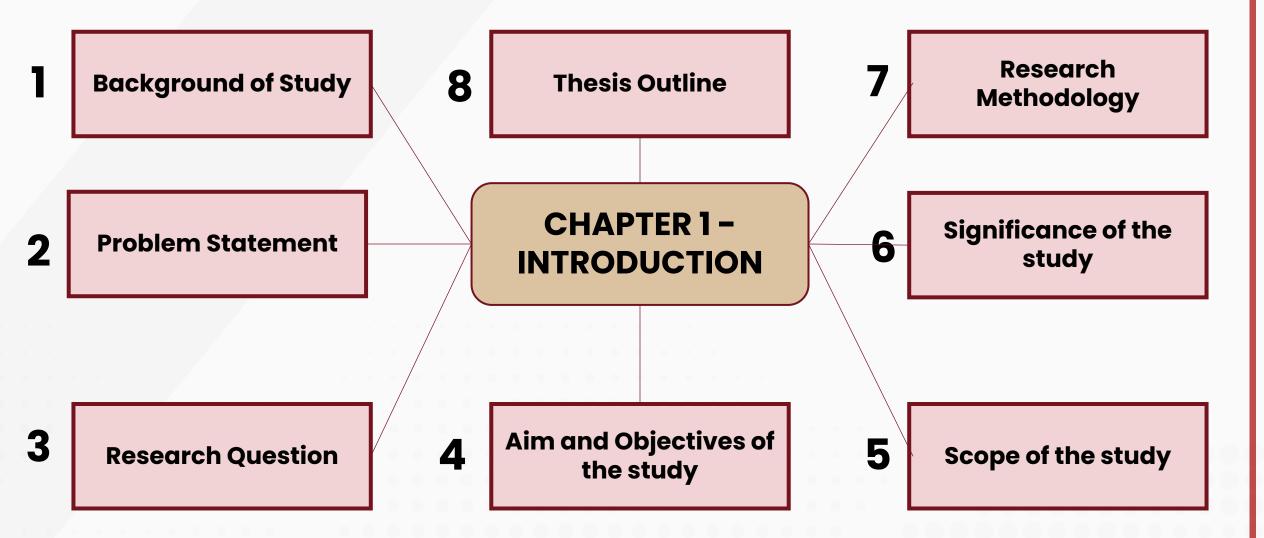


CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

- Introductory chapter is very important when writing a thesis. This
 chapter is critical as it is the first thing that the examiner will
 read, and it is therefore important to make a good first
 impression.
- A good introduction chapter should incite the reader to read the rest of the thesis by establishing the context of your topic, the motivation for undertaking your work and the importance of your research.



CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION





Background of the Study

- The purpose is to help you to prove the relevance of your thesis question and to further develop your thesis.
- It should cover all the critical aspects that lead to the formulation of the problem statement and your hypothesis (if any).
- It includes a review of the area being researched, current information surrounding the issue, previous studies on the issue, and relevant history on the issue.

COMMON MISTAKES

- Background that is too long or too short.
 - Do not be ambiguous
 - Discuss unrelated themes
 - Disorganize

1000-2000 words; 3-4 paragraphs;



Problem Statement

- The purpose is to identify the issue that is a concern and focus it in a way that allows it to be studied in a systematic way.
- Summarize the current issues and where a lack of knowledge may be presenting a problem that needs to be investigated
- Defines the problems/concerns/issues source(s) -> proposes a
 way to research a solution, or demonstrates why further
 information is needed.
- It is the best to write hypothesis after discussing the problem statement.

GOOD PROBLEM STATEMENT

 Be concise – the simpler your problem statement, the clearer the outcome



1. Vertical Component

 DGNSS seldom meets the vertical component accuracy required in ERS hydrography (Ligteringen et al., 2014).







Implement GNSS carrier phasedbased technique for ERS hydrography



Research Question

- A research question is the question around which you center your research.
- Be clear, focused, concise, complex and arguable.
- It helps writer focus their research by providing a path through the research and writing process.

Example...

1.3 Research Question

In fulfilling the aim of this research, the following specific questions will be answered as follow:

- How to retrieve the groundwater storage in Peninsular Malaysia from GRACE data (level 3)?.
- ii. What are the similarity of the groundwater storage derived from GRACE with the tube well and rainfall data?.
- iii. How can the variation of weather and seasonal influence the change of the groundwater storage in Peninsular Malaysia?.

Aim and Objectives

- Research Aim a broad statement indicating the general purpose of your research project.
- Research Objectives specific statements that define measurable outcomes
- Each objectives normally related to the research questions.

Example...

1.4 Research Aim and Objectives

This research study aims to evaluate groundwater storage changes in Peninsular Malaysia using satellite Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) data. To achieve the aim of the research, the following objectives need to be fulfilled:

- To derive the groundwater storage using satellite GRACE from the year 2002 until 2017.
- To correlate the groundwater storage derived from GRACE data with the tube well and rainfall data.
- To analyse groundwater storage pattern, magnitude, and rate in Peninsular Malaysia

Scopes of the Study

- It refers to the boundaries within which your research project will be performed.
- It explains the in which the research area will be explored in the work and specifies the parameters to be used within the study. Basically, this means that you will have to define what the study is going to cover and what it is focusing on.
- Be clear on the research parameters that you will and won't consider.

Information of Research Scopes

- Study area
- Data to be used
- Software / Hardware
- Data Interpretation and Analysis



Significance of the Study

- It presents the importance of your research
- To prove the **study's impact on your field**. The new knowledge contribute, and the readers or **people will benefit** from it.
- It is important to explain to your readers how exactly your research will be contributing to the literature of the field you are studying.



General Research Methodology

- It describes the general or overall workflow of the study in order to achieve the objectives.
- Basically, the workflow illustrates or carry out in term of phases.
- Each phases need to be explained briefly and concisely.

Example...

PHASE 1

- Literature Review
- Research Area Identification
- Data Acquisition

PHASE 2

- · Derivation of Regional Vertical Reference Surfaces
- Satellite altimetry
- Coastal tide gauges
- · Integration of Regional Vertical Reference Surfaces

PHASE 3

- Development of Vertical Separation (VSEP) Model Database
- · Shipborne GNSS Surveying and Processing
- ➤ Post-process Kinematic (PPK) Technique
- ➤ Post-process Kinematic-Precise Point Positioning (Kinematic-PPP)
 Technique

PHASE 4

- · Shipborne Bathymetry Surveying
- · ERS-Derived Bathymetry
- ERS Depth Assessment
- ➤ IHO S-44 Standard Analysis Assessment
- · Conclusion and Recommendations

Figure 1.5 Research Methodology Framework

Example...

1.8 Thesis Outline

This research is divided into five chapters. All chapters in this study are dependent with one another. This means, the previous chapter must be understandable before proceeding with the new chapter. The outlines for each chapter are discussed below:

Chapter 1 (Introduction) - Focuses more about the overall background of this research work. This chapter will also focus more on the aim and objectives of this study.

Chapter 2 (Literature Review) - This chapter will focus on several topics such as conventional bathymetric survey, vertical positioning, separation model development and satellite altimeter technology. Simply, this chapter will discuss and explain more about the main theories that need to be understood as well as highlight on previous study from other researchers in relation to the topic.

Chapter 3 (Research Methodology) – This chapter will explain about the methods or techniques that are used for bathymetric data acquisition. The methodology is set out properly in order to achieve the objectives of the research. Besides, it will also explain about the software that will be used for post-processing and also for analyzing the data.

Chapter 4 (Preliminary Result) - The preliminary result will be shown and act as a proof for part of the proposed methodology. It is expected that the aim and the objectives of the research are to be achieved

Chapter 5 (Conclusion and Recommendation) - This chapter is more concerned about summarizing the results and discussion. It also includes a list of the most important findings of the study. This chapter also provides a statement about the possibility of future study.

Thesis Outline

- The most critical early steps in the writing process.
- It facilitates to organize the ideas and provide a roadmap in deciding what kind of research will be taken.
- Focus on chapter outline to inform the readers about the organizational structure of your thesis.
- Chapter outlines also known as a reading guide or summary outline.

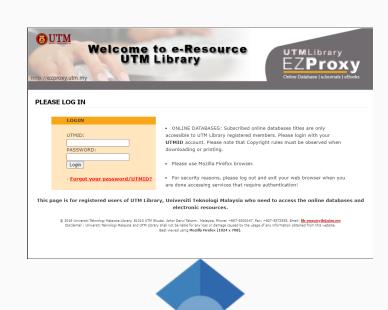


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- 2. Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/
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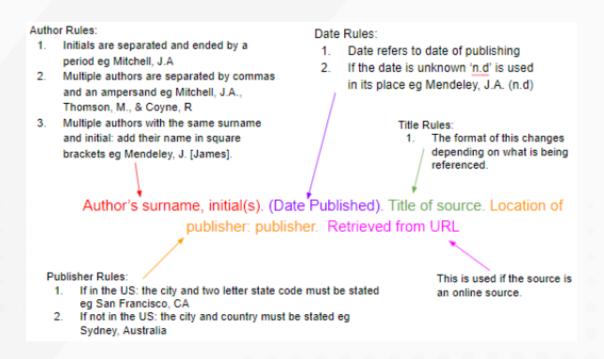


SUMMARY TABLE AND RESEARCH GAP

| Researcher | Aim | Study Area | Data Gathering | Data Input | Data Processing | Analyzing Approach |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| NAHRIM, 2010 | Sea level rise projection | Malaysian Seas | Altimeter (Tx, J1) & Tide Gauge | Sea level anomaly & Tidal | Altimeter: Global Model | Normal Linear Trend(Sea level projection)Altimeter only |
| Din et al., 2009 | Sea Level rise (93 - 08) | Malaysian Seas | Altimeter(Tx, J1, e1, e2, n1) & Tide Gauge | Sea Level Anomaly & Tidal | Altimeter: Analyze on ocean tide model only | Normal Linear Trend (Sea level rate)Altimeter only |
| AVISO, 2012 | Global sea level rise | Global | Altimeter (Tx, J1, J2) | Sea level anomaly | Altimeter: Global Model | Normal linear trend (Sea level rate)Altimeter only |
| Hooper, 2006 | Volcano and land subsidence | Galapagos and Netherlands | ERS and EnviSat (PS InSAR) | Vertical land motion | Localized to the study area | Normal linear trend (VLM) |
| Willis, 2008 | Crustal motion | West and East Antartica | GPS | Horizontal and vertical land motion | Localized to the study area | Normal linear trend (Horizontal and vertical) |
| This Study | Sea level rise (93- 11) | Malaysian Seas | Altimeter (Tx, J1, J2, e1, e2, n1), Tide Gauge, GPS and PS InSAR | Sea level anomaly, tidal data, vertical land motion from GPS, PS InSAR & "SALT minus TG" | Altimeter. Apply the best model for each correction Altimeter. Data filtering and gridding (using Gaussian Weighting Function) PS InSAR & GPS: Localized | Robust fit technique (Sea level & VLM rate) Altimeter + tide gauge (absolute) |

REFERENCES STYLE

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- Preferable to use APA Reference Style



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EndNote

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GANTT CHART

graphical depiction of a project schedule

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| TASK | | SEMESTER 1 - 2023/2024 | | | | SEMESTER 2 - 2023/2024 | | | | | |
| | | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL |
| Proposal | Topic Determination | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Study Area Identification | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Problem Statement | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Literature Review | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preparation | Study Methodology | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Expected result and analysis | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Proposal Paperwork | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Proposal Defense | | | | | | | | | | |
| Analysis | Data Acquisition | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Data Processing | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Result and Analysis | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thesis | Preparation of Thesis | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submission and | Prepation for Viva-Voce | | | | | | | | | | |
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