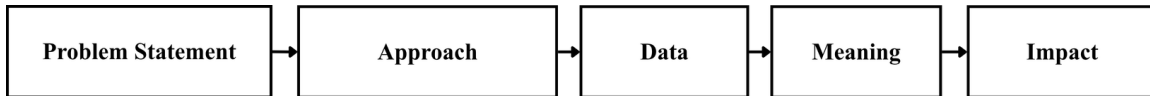


## 2.3 How to Write an Abstract

### The Overall Structure



### 1. The 250-Word Abstract

Judges read this first. If it lacks hard data, they stop reading. Stick to this exact word-count formula to compress months of research into a single page:

- **Objective/Problem (~40 words):** State the specific gap in current technology/research and your exact goal.
- **Methodology (~60 words):** High-level overview of your experimental design, and methodology you used. How did you test it? What was the core mechanism or architecture of your project?
- **Key Results (~100 words):** Use percentages, cost reductions, p-values, or accuracy rates that you validated.
- **Impact/Conclusion (~50 words):** Who benefits from this? What is the real-world application? State Clearly who benefits, and how your project solves a huge issue.

### 2. Resources

To get a better understanding of writing a “good” abstract, you need to look at past winners’ to see how they described their projects.

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