Note: This is the Abbreviated Format to be used only with Lab #3.

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Abstract
The abstract is a clear, concise, and complete summary of the project, including the purpose, methodology, results, and major conclusions. Although the abstract is the first section that the audience reads, it is usually the last section that the author writes. The abstract should be one or possibly two paragraphs in length and is usually placed on its own page.

The abstract will repeat information provided in the report. The abstract is not an introductory section of the report, but must be able to stand alone. People may read it and continue on with the report, or they may never read the rest of the report.

Experimental Results
In this section, describe the results. Remember to refer your reader to specific Figures, Tables and Appendices where applicable and show your calculations and data manipulation. Note that it is preferable to have Figures and Tables close to the text where they are discussed. The goal here is to report the results – NOT to discuss whether they are good or bad results. Usually the trends in a graph are pointed out, but not fully explained. The discussion of the trend is saved for the Discussion section.

Discussion of Results
In the discussion, you should point out how your experimental results compare with theory, and suggest and explain reasons for deviations. Discuss the sources of error in this section.

Conclusions
Summarize the project goals and the major findings in a paragraph. There may be repetition with the Abstract, but again that is o’kay.

Appendix A: Types of Information Included in Appendices
- Detailed derivations
- Raw data
- Computer programs
- Other information that is too detailed to place in the main body of the report.