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# List of symbols

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| α | Ratio of people visiting the zoo once a year |
| µage | Average age of people visiting the zoo |
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The following list can be used as a template. After listing all abbreviations, you should delete spare lines, select the entire table and then arrange the components of the table in alphabetical (ascending) order, using the tab “Layout of tables”.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| CR | Critical Ratio |
| DC | Distribution Center |
| DimWt | Dimensional Weight |
| DP | Demand Planning |
| ROI | Return on Investment |
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# Introduction (Format „Heading 1“)

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## Other sub-section

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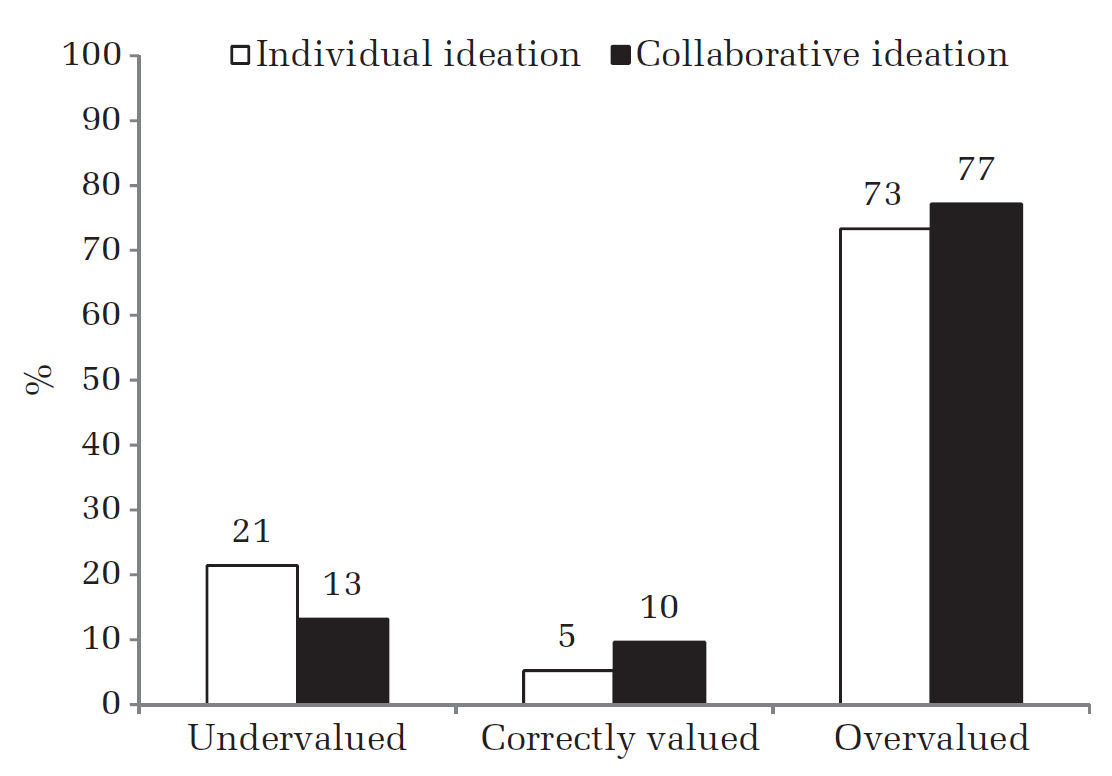


Figure 1: Model-Free Evidence on Idea (Over) Valuation

The caption for the figure in the following line has to be generated via the format „Caption“. This formatting is necessary for the List of Figures and Tables. To create a caption, go to the tab „Reference“, then click „Insert Caption“. Select „Figure“ or „Table“ and fill in the description.

## An example of a table

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Size | μ | σ |
| M | 40 | 20 |
| L | 40 | 20 |
| XL | 100 | 40 |

Table 1: Sales quantity of Zoo T-Shirts per month

The labelling of tables follows the same procedure as the one for figures and should be consistent. The caption is either placed below or above the table and should be formatted as „Caption“ (see 2.3 for an instruction). All used figures and tables have to be mentioned in the text (e.g. see Table 1) and should be numbered sequentially with Arabic numerals throughout the thesis. The corresponding reference can be inserted via „Insert 🡪 Cross-Reference“. The source of figures and table must be given in parentheses at the end of the caption. If a figure or table is adapted from another source, it should also be noted.

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Examples:

* Human behavior, such as misunderstandings concerning information about storage and demand, can cause the bullwhip-effect (Sherman 1989, p.34).
* Lee et al. (1997) analyzed four sources of the bullwhip-effect ...
* According to Cachon and Lariviere (2001), “Firm commitments are not useful for aligning incentives but are useful for communication information” (p. 643).

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For numerations or listings, you can use either bullet points or Arabic numbers.

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The second possibility looks as follows:

1. …
2. …

# Conclusion and outlook

The fundamental findings of the master thesis are summarized at the end. The outlook is used for referring to possible future developments and research directions.

# Reference list

The Reference List is **not** created separately for different kinds of sources (books, papers, websites, etc.). The sources are only listed separately here to clarify how different types of sources need different citations. Please also refer to Section 2.6.2.

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**Working Papers**

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**Websites**

Supply Chain Council. 2013. Supply Chain Operations Reference (SCOR) model – Overview – Version 10.0. Available online at https://supply-chain.org/f/SCOR-Overview-Web.pdf, checked on 26/02/2018.

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