PREFACE

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A brief summary of the work is appended in the abstract of the thesis. It is needless to state that I stand solely responsible for the errors/ mistakes that might have occurred in this work, despite all precautions taken to the best of my ability.

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