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This problem occurs when you are using the report documentclass, and use "sections" as your top level of the hierarchy. In the report class, it expects "chapter"; so, everything is numbered as if it were in "chapter 0", since you don't have a chapter command anywhere.

There are two ways to fix this; either use the article class (which has section as the top level in the hierarchy) or switch all your `\sections` to `\chapters`, your `\subsections` to `\sections`, and so on.