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Bibliometric research WoS & Scopus



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What is...? Bibliometric research

Bibliometrics...

"..the application of mathematics and statistical methods to books and other media of communication."

Pitchard, A. (1969). Statistical bibliography or bibliometrics. Journal of Documentation, 24, 348-349

Bibliometric research

Bibliometric research is a field of study within information science and library science that involves **the quantitative analysis** of **publications**, **citation patterns**, and **other bibliographic data**. The primary aim of bibliometric research is to measure and evaluate various aspects of scholarly communication and scientific output.

Examples

- **Citation counts**: The number of times a particular work (such as a journal article, book, or conference paper) has been cited by other works.
- **Publication counts**: The number of publications produced by individuals, institutions, or countries within a certain field or discipline.
- **Citation networks**: The relationships between different works based on citations, which can be visualized as networks or graphs.
- Impact factors: Measures of the influence or importance of scholarly journals based on citation data.
- **Collaboration patterns**: The extent to which researchers collaborate with each other, as evidenced by co-authorship relationships.

Importance of bibliometric research

- **Prior knowledge**: Before starting any academic work, it's important to have a solid understanding of what has already been researched and published on the subject at hand. Bibliographic research allows it.
- **Contextualization**: By reviewing the existing literature, you can contextualize your own work within the broader context of the field of study. This helps to show how your research relates to what others have done and what gaps you intend to fill.
- Identification of gaps: By reviewing the literature, you can identify gaps in existing knowledge, underexplored areas, or unresolved questions. This can provide valuable insights into where to direct your own research.
- Validation and theoretical foundation: By citing and referencing previous work, you validate your own work and place it within the body of knowledge of the field. Additionally, a solid theoretical foundation from existing literature can underpin your own conclusions and arguments.
- Avoiding duplication of efforts: Bibliographic research allows you to know what has already been done and avoid repeating studies or approaches that have already been explored. This helps save time and resources.
- Inspiration and new ideas: By reviewing the work of other researchers, you can draw inspiration from their approaches, methods, and results, which can lead to new ideas and insights for your own research.

DIMENSION OF EVIDENCE



DIMENSION OF THE EVIDENCE

- If one were to read everything that is published....
- Would have to read more than 5,500 articles/day
- Reading 2 articles/day (excellent!!!) after 1 year would be 55 centuries. late
- and ruined (thousands of €/year)!



Where to find...? The best evidence

Best Evidence Search

Primary Sources Bireme (2001, p. 7) classifies as primary sources "**the complete texts** according to the classic types of scientific literature (journals, monographs, theses, etc.), as well as other original sources of hypertextual and numerical data".

Ex. Scientific Electronic Library Online (SCIELO).

Secondary Sources They include **all indexes**, **databases**, **and directories**, whose records refer to primary sources, entities, and events in the health area. This also includes information services associated with these sources.

Ex. Scopus and Web of Science (WoS).

Tertiary Sources They are those "generated with added value" from primary and secondary sources, and which have didactic objectives or support the decision-making of different user communities.

Ex. Cochrane Library.

Scopus vs Web of Science

	Scopus	Web of science
Coverage	Broader coverage , particularly in terms of international and multidisciplinary content. It includes a wide range of journals, conference proceedings, trade publications, and patents from various fields.	Broad range of disciplines but is often perceived as having a more selective and curated collection of journals. It emphasizes quality over quantity and includes fewer journals compared to Scopus.
Citation Indexes	It provides citation data and analysis tools similar to Web of Science, allowing users to track citations, calculate citation metrics (such as h- index), and identify influential publications and authors.	It offers a more extensive set of citation indexes , including the Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, and more. These indexes provide detailed citation relationships and facilitate citation analysis across various disciplines.
Search Interface and Features	User-friendly search interface with advanced search options and filtering capabilities. It provides tools for refining search results, analyzing trends, and identifying potential collaborators.	Robust search interface with advanced search features. It offers unique features such as "Cited Reference Search," allowing users to trace citation patterns and identify citing articles for a particular reference.
Metrics and Evaluation	Citation counts, h-index, SJR (SCImago Journal Rank), and SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper) for evaluating research impact and journal quality.	Journal impact factors, citation counts, and h-index. It also offers additional tools for research evaluation, including the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) and Essential Science Indicators (ESI).
User Community and Support	Large and diverse user community, with users from academia, industry, and government institutions. Elsevier provides customer support and training resources for Scopus users.	Significant user base and is widely used in academic and research settings . Clarivate Analytics offers support services, training materials, and workshops for Web of Science users.

Web of Science is a bibliographic database provided by Clarivate Analytics. It covers a wide range of academic disciplines, including natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities.



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Truncation symbols are also known as wildcad characters



Any number of characters, including zero *carbon* finds carbon, hydrocarbon or polycarbonate

- Zero or one character only **eight\$** finds eight, eighth or eighty
- one character only and can be repeated **wom?n** finds woman, women...



Scopus

What is Scopus?

Scopus is a global, multidisciplinary database for discovering academic literature and includes visualisation tools to analyze search results; as well as metrics to measure research performance.



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Scopus

Where does Scopus data come from and how is it used?



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Scopus

Scopus Coverage Summary

- Updated daily—approximately 12,000 new articles per day indexed
- 20.54M open access documents
- "Articles in Press" from >8,740 titles
- **1.56M** preprints from multiple preprint servers
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Scopus Basic search



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Biofuel

Biofuel **OR** biodiesel **OR** bioethanol\$

Scopus Specific operators

Proximity operators - W/n, PRE/n

You can choose between two Proximity operators to find words within a certain distance from each other: Pre/n specifies a word order whereas W/n does not.

Proximity operator	Example
W/n	Indicates distance between words, but not the order — e.g., journal W/2 publishing, where <i>journal</i> can be found within a distance of two words from <i>publishing</i>
Pre/n	Terms must appear in a specific order between words — e.g., <i>behavioral</i> <i>PRE/3</i> disturbances, where <i>behavioral</i> precedes <i>disturbances</i> within three words

TRY:

Biofuel AND biodiesel AND bioethanol\$ AND titanium W/3 nanoparticle

Scopus Specific names



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