

Getting Published

Basic Principles to Get You Started

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About myself...



- o Qualifications:
 - ✓ BS and MS ChE, PhD ME (DLSU)
 - ✓ 100+ papers published in ISI-indexed journals
 - ✓ 130+ publications and ***h-index = 27*** in Scopus
 - ✓ Recipient of multiple awards from **CHED**, **NAST** and **NRCP**
 - ✓ Recipient of commendations from **IChemE, UK** for multiple highly cited articles in **Trans. IChemE Parts A and B** and **Comp. & Ch.E.**
 - ✓ Member of the editorial board of the ISI-indexed Springer journal **Clean Technologies & Environmental Policy**
 - ✓ Editor of the book **Recent Advances in Sustainable Process Design and Optimization**
- o Areas of work:
 - ✓ Research (life cycle analysis, process systems engineering)
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Advice for career & professional development

Lecture overview



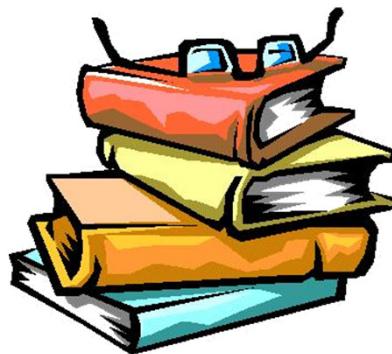
- o Knowledge creation in academia
- o Research output as a social good
- o What makes a good journal article?
- o Research conceptualization, execution and documentation
- o Writing up a good paper
- o Final thoughts

The Social Rationale for Research

Research in academia



- o Academic institutions have three main functions:
 - ✓ Transmit knowledge
 - ✓ Create knowledge
 - ✓ Act as a public knowledge resource



Research in academia



- o Peer-reviewed journals are the principal means of dissemination of rigorous scientific knowledge.
- o There are other secondary means of "publication" including:
 - ✓ Journals
 - ✓ Conferences
 - ✓ Books
 - ✓ Gray literature (e.g., project reports)

Rationale for Publications



Type of Scholarly Work	Main Function
Reports, theses, working papers and other "gray literature"	Primarily for internal consumption
Conference papers	Broader dissemination of preliminary work
Short notes	Fast publication of important preliminary research outputs
Articles	Publication of essentially "complete" findings
Reviews	Account of recent developments in a field of study
Book chapters and edited books	Broader dissemination of mature ideas and research findings
Reference books and monographs	Broad dissemination of a mature body of research work
Textbooks	Mainstream dissemination of established ideas

Elements of Research as a Global Enterprise



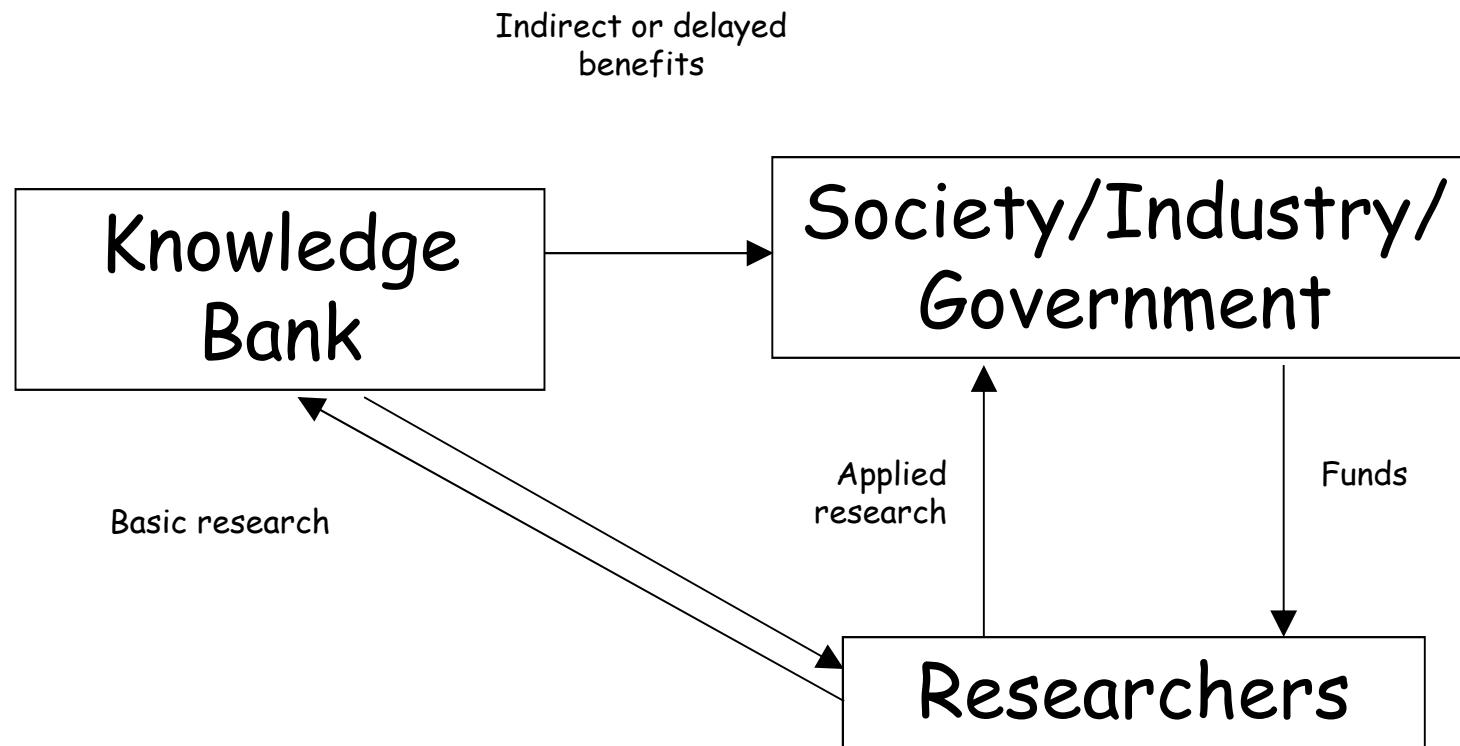
- o **Peer review** provides some quality assurance through scientific scrutiny
- o **Publication** ensures broad dissemination to reach the appropriate audience
- o **Citation** provides a means of tracking incremental contributions that (cumulatively) lead to major breakthroughs.

Some myths and excuses

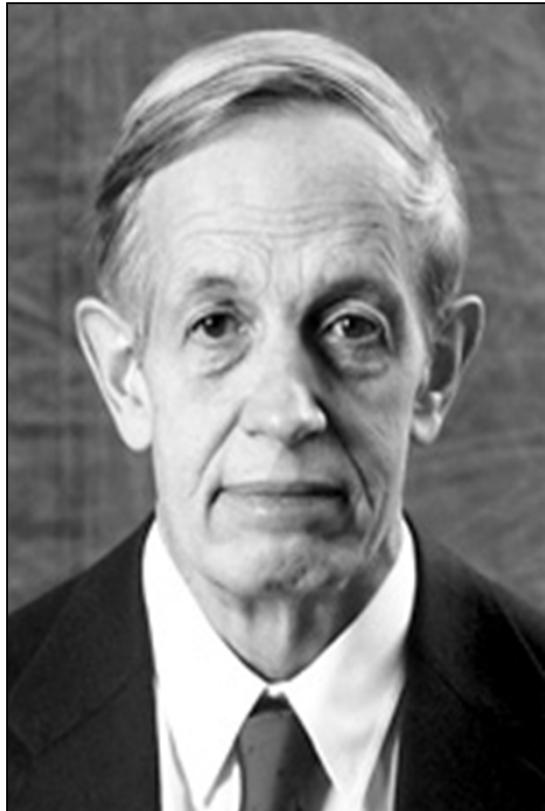


- o Publishing is very difficult
- o Peer review stifles free exchange of ideas
- o Publishing can be very expensive
- o Publishing does not have significant beneficial impact on society at large
- o My **English** is poor
- o Etc.

The research cycle



Nobel Prize winning research and the value of great ideas



- o How did game theory avert a **global nuclear holocaust?**
- o The Nash equilibrium keep the Cold War from getting “hot” in the 1960s – 1980s.

EQUILIBRIUM POINTS IN N-PERSON GAMES

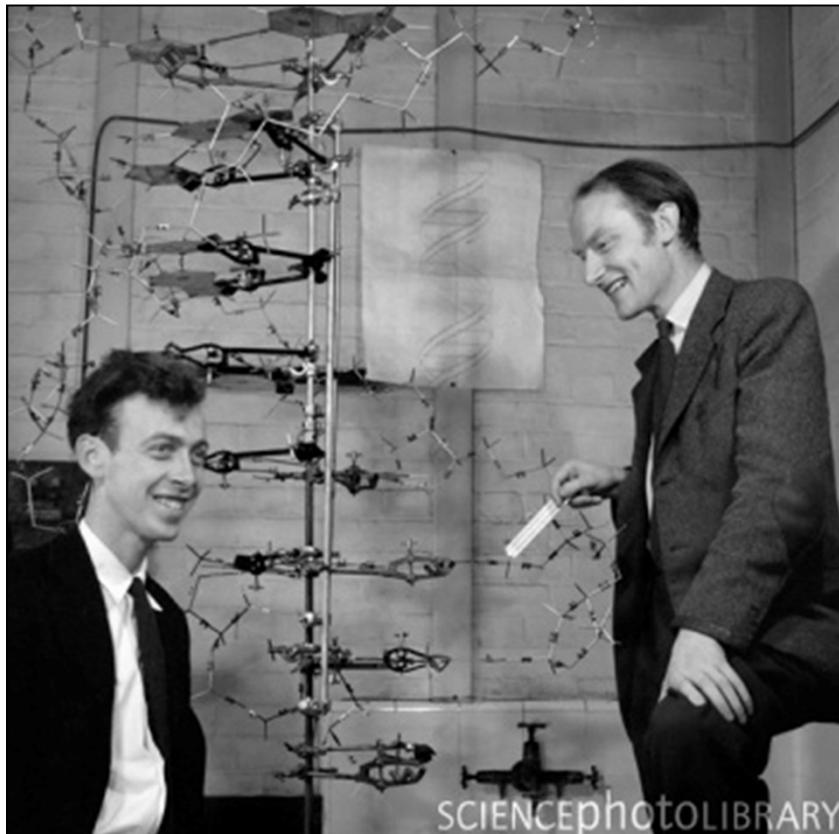
By JOHN F. NASH, JR.*

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Communicated by S. Lefschetz, November 16, 1949

One may define a concept of an n -person game in which each player has a finite set of pure strategies and in which a definite set of payments to the n players corresponds to each n -tuple of pure strategies, one strategy being taken for each player. For mixed strategies, which are probability

Nobel Prize winning research and the value of great ideas



- o How did a Ph.D. student's "side research" create a technological revolution?
- o Watson and Crick's discovery of the structure of DNA paved the way for the 21st Century **biotech age!**

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equipment, and to Dr. G. E. R. Deacon and the captain and officers of R.R.S. *Discovery II* for their part in making the observations.
¹ Young, F. B., Gerard, H., and Jevons, W., *Phil. Mag.*, **40**, 149 (1929).
² Longuet-Higgins, M. S., *Mon. Not. Roy. Astro. Soc., Geophys. Supp.*, **5**, 285 (1949).
³ Von Arx, W. S., Woods Hole Papers in Phys., Oceanog., Meteor., **11** (3) (1950).
⁴ Ekman, V. W., *Arkiv. Mat. Astron. Fysik. (Stockholm)*, **2** (11) (1905).

MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid

WE wish to suggest a structure for the salt of deoxyribose nucleic acid (D.N.A.). This structure has novel features which are of considerable biological interest.

A structure for nucleic acid has already been proposed by Pauling and Corey¹. They kindly made their manuscript available to us in advance of publication. Their model consists of three intertwined chains, with the phosphates near the fibre axis, and the bases on the outside. In our opinion, this structure is unsatisfactory for two reasons:

The structure is an open one, and its water content is rather high. At lower water contents we would expect the bases to tilt so that the structure could become more compact.

The novel feature of the structure is the manner in which the two chains are held together by the purine and pyrimidine bases. The planes of the bases are perpendicular to the fibre axis. They are joined together in pairs, a single base from one chain being hydrogen-bonded to a single base from the other chain, so that the two lie side by side with identical z-coordinates. One of the pair must be a purine and the other a pyrimidine for bonding to occur. The hydrogen bonds are made as follows: purine position 1 to pyrimidine position 1; purine position 6 to pyrimidine position 6.

If it is assumed that the bases only occur in the structure in the most plausible tautomeric forms (that is, with the keto rather than the enol configurations) it is found that only specific pairs of bases can bond together. These pairs are: adenine

Measuring research productivity

Research Metrics

(Researchers)



- o Number of published papers
 - ✓ Annual publications
 - ✓ Cumulative career publications
- o Number of citations
 - ✓ Scientific progress is incremental in nature
 - ✓ Citations of one's research in the formal publications of other researchers provides an important measure of scientific value
 - ✓ h -index

Research Metrics (Institutions)



Criteria	Weight (%)
Academic peer review	40
Employer review	10
Faculty-student ratio	20
Citations per faculty	20
International faculty	5
International students	5

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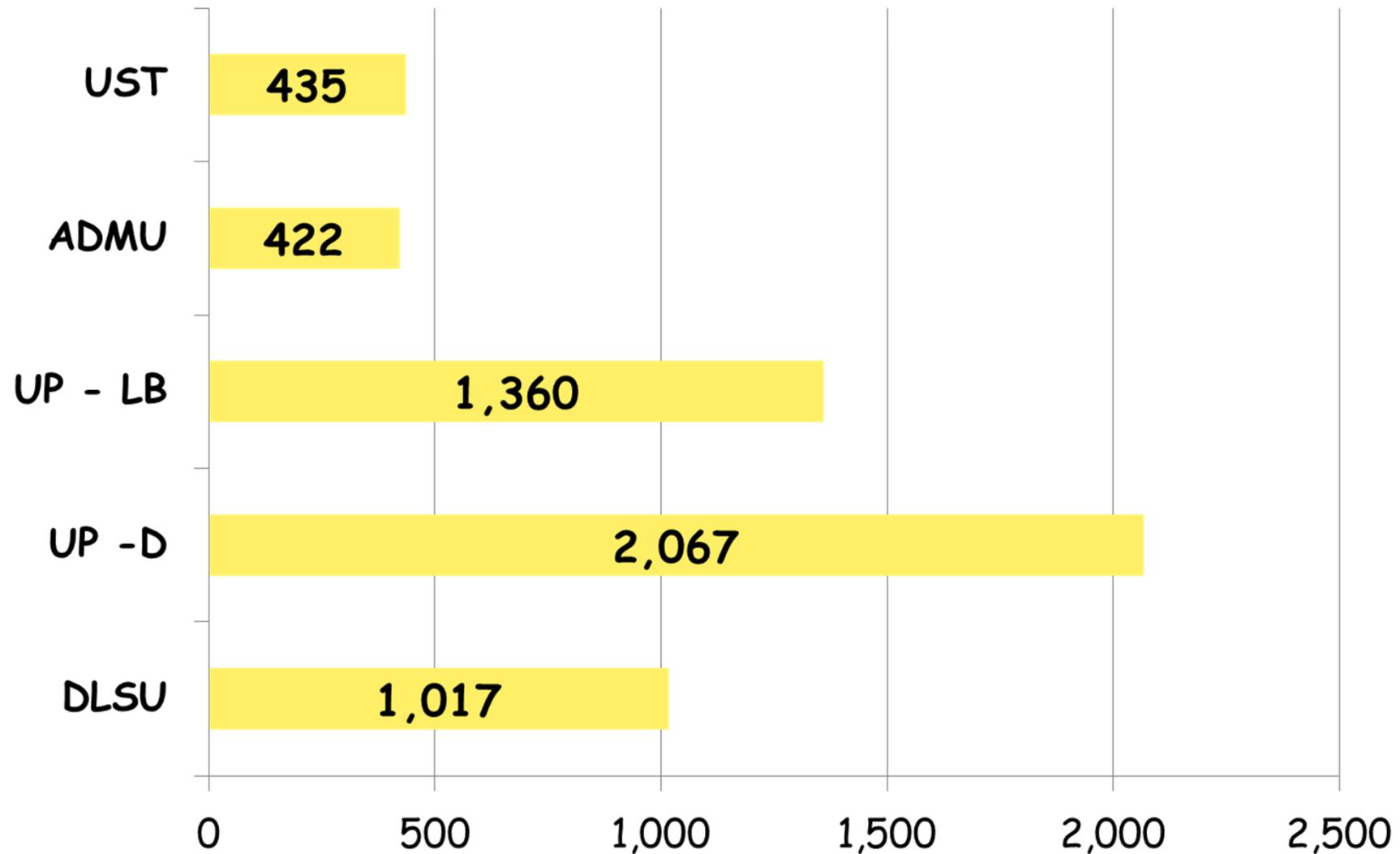
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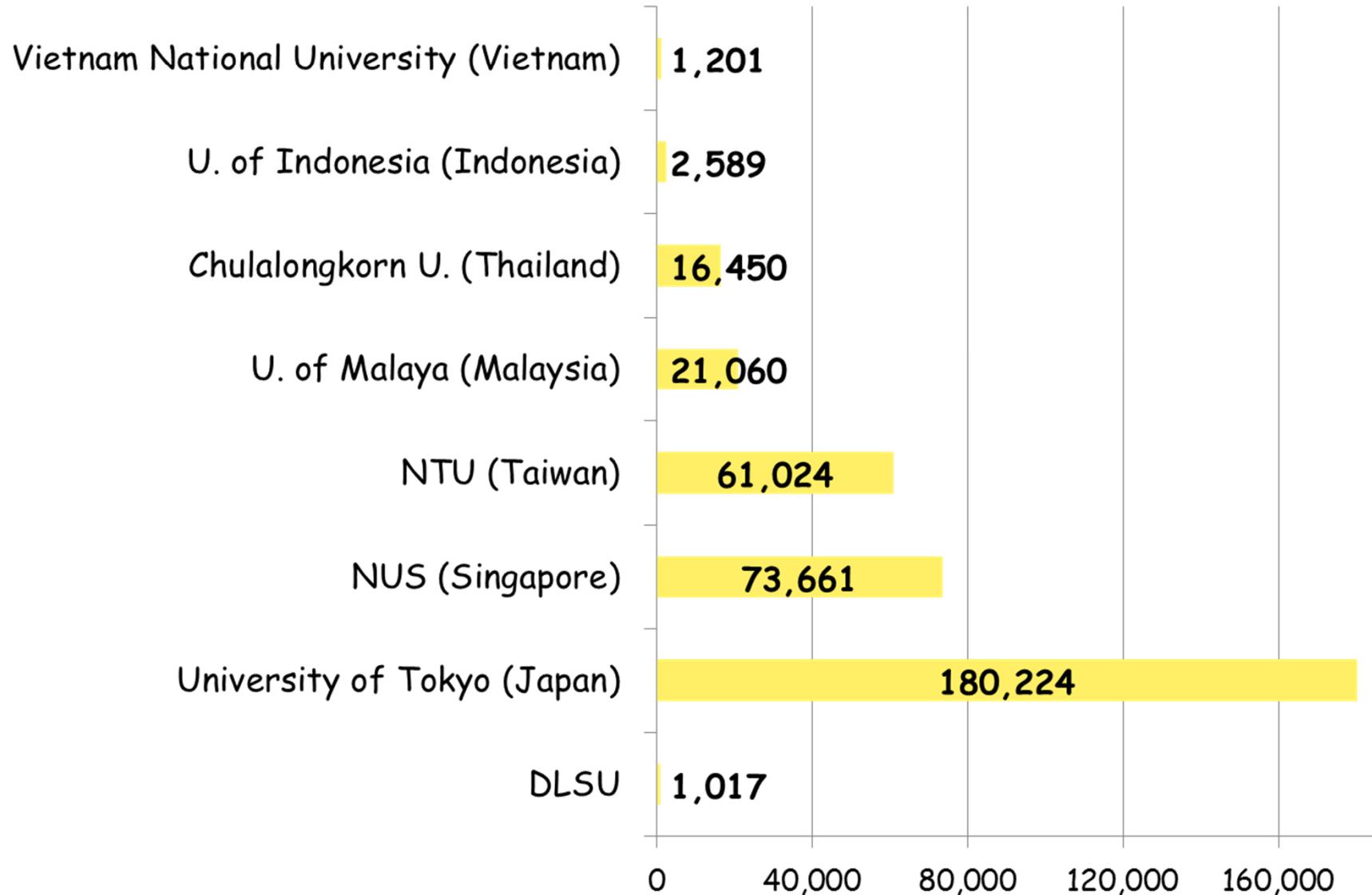
The *h*-index

- o A metric that accounts for both **quality** & **quantity**
- o The **number of papers** of an author being **cited at least *h* times**.
- o Example:
 - ✓ An author has 10 papers listed in Scopus;
 - ✓ 3 of these papers have been cited >3 times;
 - ✓ *h*-index = 3.

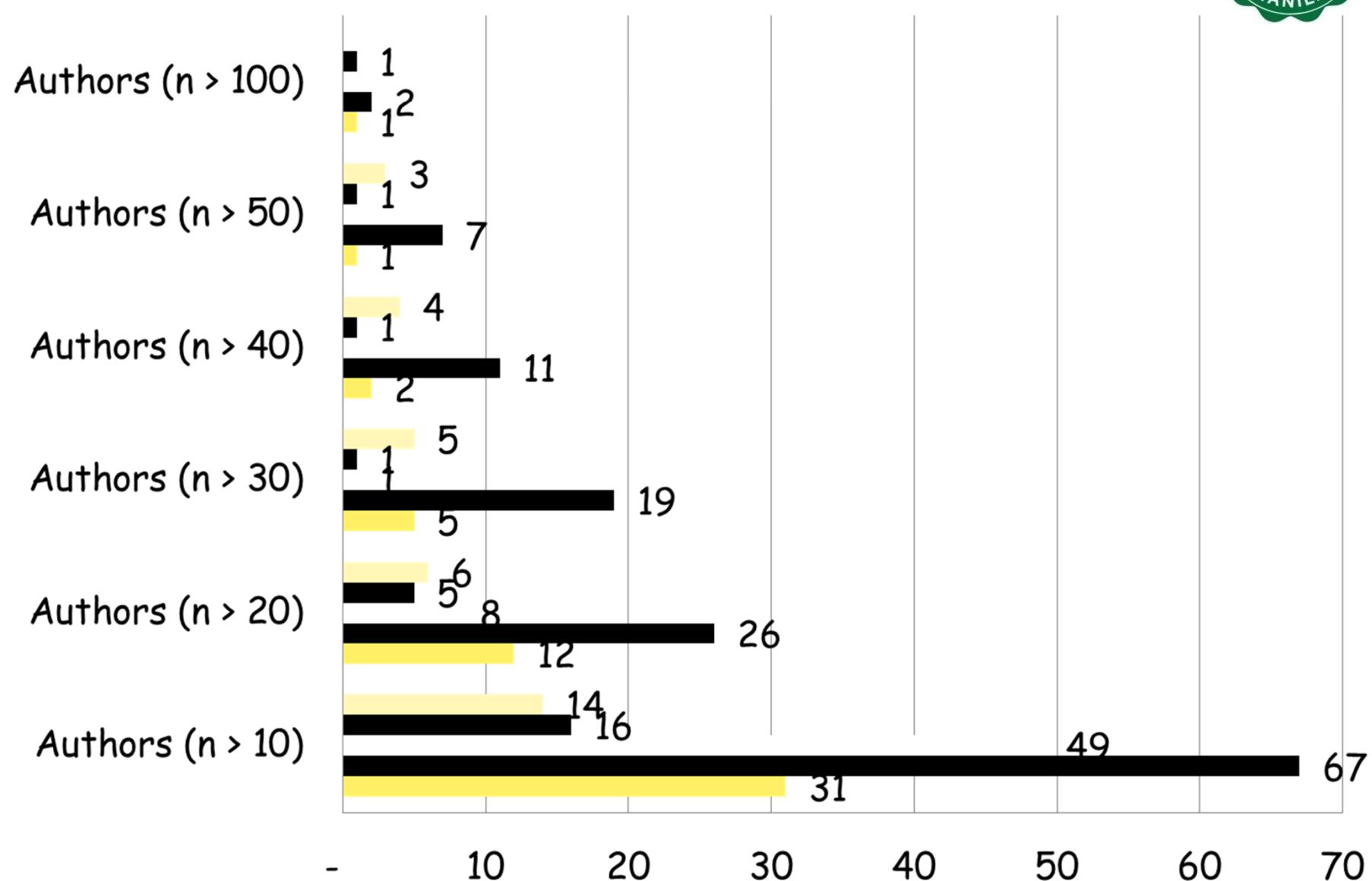
Cumulative Scopus-Listed Publications of Universities in the Philippines



Cumulative Publications of Universities in Asia-Pacific



Human Resource Profile from Universities in the Philippines



**What makes a good
journal?**

Choosing a journal



- o Has the journal published articles similar to yours in the past 2 - 3 years?
- o Does the journal name appear often in your reference list?
- o Does the journal description scope match your work? **Check their website/inside the cover (for hard copies)**



Abstracting/Indexing

- o **Abstracting** services were developed to facilitate rapid search of scientific literature
- o **Indexing** services were also developed to keep track of the utilization of information (e.g., through citation statistics)
- o These provide a means by third parties to identify "**journals that matter**"
- o Over the years Thomson Reuters Web of Science (a.k.a., "ISI") has become the industry gold standard but others have emerged (e.g., Scopus, Google Scholar)



Checking for Indexing

- o ISI maintains the ff. citation indices:
 - ✓ Science Citation Index (SCI)
 - ✓ Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)
- o You can do a query via www.isinet.com using:
 - ✓ ISSN
 - ✓ Title
 - ✓ Key words
- o Note: Just because a journal is included in the Thomson Master Journal List does not mean it is indexed.



Publishers

- o Major Commercial Publishers
 - ✓ e.g., Springer, Elsevier, Wiley, etc.
- o Major Professional Organizations and Societies
 - ✓ e.g., NAS, Royal Soc. ACS, ASME, AIChE, IEEE
- o University-based Publishers
 - ✓ e.g., Berkeley Electronic Press, Cambridge University Press
- o Other Small-Scale Publishers
 - ✓ e.g., IFRF, ISEIS, Japan Institute of Energy
- o **Watch out for internet scams by predatory publishers of dubious “journals”**

Predatory Publishing



- Predatory publishing has emerged in recent years as a form of phishing, preying on academics.
- Bogus journals with low credibility and which charge page fees for publication have undermined the growth of open access (see **Beall's List**)
- Nevertheless, legitimate open-access publishers exist, but it is often difficult to distinguish these from predatory ones.
- Large commercial publishers now offer open access options.



ISI & impact factor

- o The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) lists the top scientific journals in the world
- o An **Impact Factor (IF)** indicates the "importance" of a journal - **the average no of times a paper is cited within 2 years of publication in the journal.**
- o See www.isinet.com for details. IF is updated yearly in the **Journal Citation Report**

IF of sample journal



The journal cover for "Clean Technologies and Environmental Policy" is shown. It features a green header with the journal title and a yellow footer. The main image on the cover shows a industrial facility with smokestacks and a field of yellow flowers in the foreground.

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journal article?

How good is your research?



- o It is easy to make unverifiable claims about doing "world class" research...
- o But can you prove it?
 - ✓ **Submission** - Are you willing to subject your work to the scrutiny of peer review?
 - ✓ **Publication** - Is your work judged by experts to be worth publishing?
 - ✓ **Citation** - Is your published work an important contribution that other researchers can use?



Types of contributions

- o Full paper (5 - 25 pages)
- o Reviews (15 - 100+ pages)
- o Others (2 - 15 pages)
 - ✓ Short communications
 - ✓ Short notes
 - ✓ Technical notes
 - ✓ Letters to the editor
 - ✓ etc.

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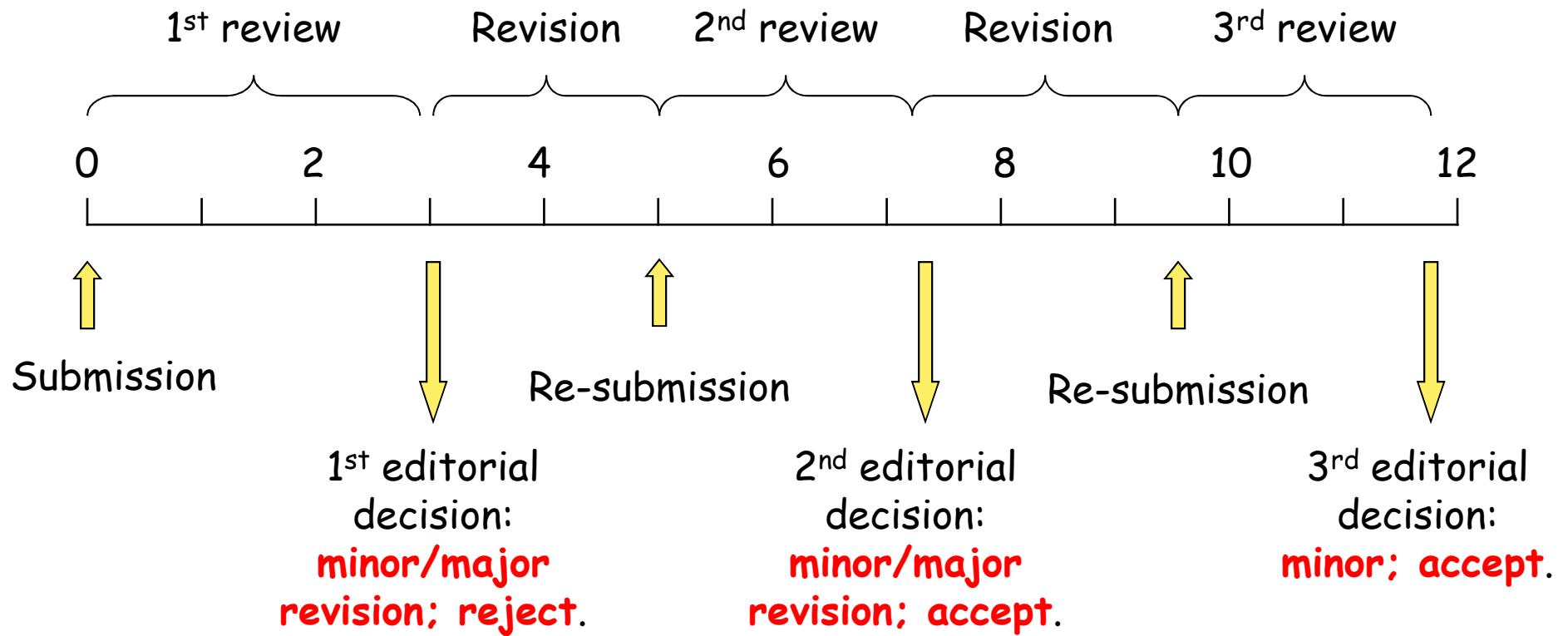
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- o **Cover letter to editor**
 - ✓ Brief description of the paper
 - ✓ Suggested reviewers
- o **Manuscript** (see guide for authors)
 - ✓ Text (double space)
 - ✓ Figures (usually 1 per page)
 - ✓ Tables (usually 1 per page)
- o Other documents as required by journal
- o Supplementary e-files



The review process



Some tips to speed things up



- o Special issues (normally fast-tracked review)
 - ✓ Dedicated to specific themes
 - ✓ Based on selected or invited papers from a conference
- o **Present in conferences with special issues (even if they are more expensive!)**

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The selected papers will be published in special thematic issues:

- * **Journal of Cleaner Production**
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After acceptance

- o The article will (eventually) be published in print with full citation details (i.e., volume and page numbers)
- o **Publication of an article isn't the end of the story.**
- o The true test of the value of your research is the interest it generates upon publication.

Citation



- o Universally accepted measure of research quality
- o Citation means your work is ***included in someone else's literature review in a published work*** and is thus "scientifically useful"
- o Types of citations:
 - ✓ Passing mention of your work
 - ✓ Criticism of your work
 - ✓ ***Use of your work as key input needed for success of their research***

**Research
conceptualization,
execution and
documentation**

Key Phases of Research



Phase	Key Question
Research conceptualization	Is the topic important and is the approach novel ?
Research execution	Is there sufficient human and capital resource to deliver the results? Is there “ comparative advantage ?”
Research documentation	Can the entire process be described comprehensively , concisely and convincingly ?

Research Conceptualization



- o Key research directions must be driven by a seasoned team leader (**and not by students!**)
- o Directions may be justified by **thorough literature review**
 - ✓ Recent review papers
 - ✓ "Future work" sections of recent articles
 - ✓ Conference papers and informal discussions

Research Execution



- o Identify your "**comparative advantage**"
- o Discuss with your adviser and lab colleagues
- o Limited resources at DLSU means focusing on:
 - ✓ Computational work
 - ✓ Theoretical work
 - ✓ Highly focused "small" experiments (**think quality over quantity**)

Research Documentation



- o Let's talk about this in more detail, using a specific example...

Anatomy of a good journal paper

Anatomy of a good paper



- o ***Documentation of your ideas, activities and results***
- o Key elements:
 - ✓ Abstract
 - ✓ Introduction/Literature review/background
 - ✓ Problem statement
 - ✓ Research methodology
 - ✓ Results and discussion
 - ✓ Conclusions
 - ✓ References



An example to learn from

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Parameters

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- o Tailored to the "norms" of the journal or the discipline (such knowledge is part of being an expert in your area)

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A methodology for augmenting sparse pairwise comparison matrices in AHP: applications to energy systems

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Abstract Multiple-attribute decision making (MADM) techniques can be used to provide a systematic approach to selection problems in energy engineering and management. They may be used for selecting the best technologies or policies based on environmental, technical, and socio-economic criteria. Among the many available MADM techniques, the analytic hierarchy process (AHP) has become one of the most widely used due to its effective hierarchical decomposition of complex problems. However, AHP may be tedious due to the large number of pairwise comparisons needed in large problems. Furthermore, in many cases, relevant information may also be available for determining criteria weights based on past decisions that have proven satisfactory in retrospect. Thus, we propose a simple methodology for augmenting sparse pairwise comparisons in AHP through a non-linear programming model that extracts a set of consistent weights from a prior ranking of a subset of alternatives. Two case studies on the ranking of bioethanol feedstocks and of CO₂ storage sites are then shown to illustrate this technique.

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List of symbols

Sets

- I : Set of all alternatives
- J : Set of alternatives for which a prior ranks are known
- J' : Set of all criteria
- J'' : Set of criteria for which pairwise comparisons are known
- J''' : Set of criteria used in a prior ranks of original alternatives

Parameters

- a_{ij} : Pairwise comparison ratio of criteria j and i
- A : Pairwise comparison matrix
- N : Total number of criteria
- x_{ij} : Score of alternative i with respect to criterion j

Variables

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In principle, the weights of the elements can be determined through different procedures, such as the eigenvector or geometric mean method (Saaty 1980; Ishizaka and Labib 2011). However, one of the difficulties in implementing AHP is the possibility of requiring an excessive number of pairwise comparisons in eliciting value judgments for large-scale decision problems (Harker 1987; Ishizaka and Labib 2011). In such cases, the elicitation process becomes tedious and repetitive, thus prompting the development of various techniques for deriving weights from incomplete pairwise comparisons. Harker (1987) proposed a graph theoretic approach based on the geometric mean through the assumption of transitivity. Later work using Monte Carlo simulation showed the possibility of deriving robust results from incomplete data (Carriou et al. 1997). More recently, artificial intelligence (Hu and Tsai 2006) and mathematical programming (Federici and Giove 2007) approaches to handling missing pairwise comparisons have also been demonstrated. Furthermore, even in cases with complete pairwise comparisons, Chandon et al. (2005) proposed a linear programming approach which, in principle, allows weights to be derived from the final ranking of the decision elements. The pairwise comparison strategy of AHP lends itself particularly well for handling subjective aspects of decision problems, particularly for determining the weights of criteria in conjunction with other MADM methods (San Cristobal 2011).

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information. The proposed methodology is then demonstrated using two case studies in low-carbon energy systems. The first example is on bioethanol feedstock selection, while the second example is on site selection for CO₂ storage. Finally, conclusions and prospects for future work are given.

Problem statement

The problem may be stated formally as follows. We consider a set of alternatives I' for which a priori ranks based on a set of criteria J' are known. Note that the preliminary rankings need not be based on AHP. The decision problem arises when new alternatives and new criteria are added; the expanded set of alternatives is I , while the expanded set of criteria is J . Furthermore, some pairwise comparison data are given for a subset of the criteria, J' . The objective is to use the information embedded in the a priori ranks of alternatives in set I' , as well as the pairwise comparisons of criteria in set J' , to determine the weights of all the criteria in set J , so as to allow the ranking of the expanded set of alternatives I . It is necessary that the sets J' and J are overlapping, i.e., at least one of the criteria used in the a priori ranking must be involved in the pairwise comparisons with the new criteria. Note that this final ranking sequence must be consistent with both the a priori ranks and the pairwise comparisons. The corresponding decision hierarchy for the generic problem is illustrated in Fig. 1.

Methodology

The overall methodology consists of two main steps. First, an optimization model is solved to determine the criterion weights; then, these weights are used to compute the overall scores of the alternatives so that they can be

ranked. For the optimization model in the first step, the objective is to determine the set of weights with the minimum deviation from a naïve assumption of equally weighted criteria:

$$\text{Min } \sum_{j \in J} \left(\frac{1}{n} - w_j \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

where n is the total number of criteria in the problem and w_j is the weight of each criterion j . Note that this approach assumes that each criterion is initially given a weight of 1/n unless additional information is given. This assumption is typically used in the absence of detailed preference information (Zhou et al. 2012).

The weights are normalized to sum up to unity:

$$\sum_{j \in J} w_j = 1 \quad (3)$$

The approach developed here then updates the weights based on two sources of information. First, the original set of alternatives with a priori ranks serve as examples from which consistent weights may be derived through a process of logical induction. Second, explicit but incomplete pairwise comparisons of criteria weights are also taken into consideration. These weights must result in the same ranking of alternatives as the a priori ranks. Thus, the overall scores of the original set of alternatives based on the original set of criteria are computed as

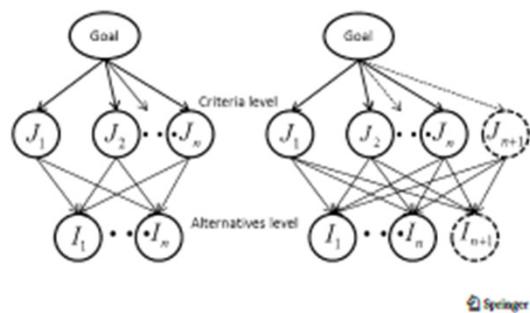
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where y_i is the overall score of alternative i based on the original set of criteria and x_{ij} is the score of alternative i with respect to criterion j . For any two alternatives for which a priori ranks are given, the overall scores must conform to

$$y_i \geq y_f \quad \forall i, f \in I' \quad (5)$$

where alternative i outranks alternative f . Furthermore, weights for which pairwise comparisons are known are subject to

Fig. 1 Decision hierarchy with new and old criteria/alternatives



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Table 5 Initial set of alternatives and criteria for case study 2

	Storage capacity	Injectivity	Structural integrity
Site 1	0.32	0.24	0.30
Site 2	0.24	0.28	0.33
Site 3	0.28	0.26	0.21
Site 4	0.16	0.22	0.18

Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand (Asian Development Bank 2012). The latter study focused on the identification and ranking of candidate CO₂ sources and potential storage sites within each of the four countries listed. The scores are once again given in dimensionless, normalized form, which are derived from raw data using textbook AHP methodology (Saaty 1980). These sites are assumed to be ranked in descending order, with site 1 being the most preferred. Furthermore, in this case, it is also assumed that all four sites are expected to be available at approximately the same time in the future. Thus, earliest time of injectivity is not considered as a differentiating criterion for the initial set of alternatives, and is hence omitted from the preliminary problem. As in the previous case study, the weights of the criteria in the initial set need not be given as long as the a priori rankings are given. We then suppose that a fifth candidate storage site is discovered and geologically characterized. Site 5 is expected to be available for use as a storage site much sooner than any of the original four reservoirs, which necessitates introduction of earliest time of availability as a fourth criterion.

The weighting of the criteria was then based on responses elicited from a domain expert who was involved in the conduct of the CCS assessment study mentioned previously (Asian Development Bank 2012). In this case, the expert provides two pairwise comparisons. First, he rates storage capacity as "strongly more important" than time of availability; second, he rates time of availability as "very strongly more important" than injectivity. Again, these subjective valuations have corresponding numerical values using the well-established 9-point AHP scale (Saaty 1980). Table 6 shows the extended set of alternatives and criteria. Solution of the NLP model (Eq. 2–8) results in the criteria weights of 0.482 for storage capacity, 0.011 for injectivity, 0.408 for structural integrity, and 0.096 for earliest time of availability. With these weights and the scores from Table 6, Eq. 9 can be used to find the overall weighted scores of the alternatives, leading to a final ranking of the candidate sites as shown in Table 7. Note that, in this case study, the change in weights resulting from the introduction of new information in the decision problem still does not result in reversal of ranks among the original first four alternative storage sites.

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Table 7 Final scores and ranks for case study 2

	Overall score	Preference rank
Site 1	0.242	1
Site 2	0.219	2
Site 3	0.198	4
Site 4	0.140	5
Site 5	0.202	3

Conclusions

A simple methodology for augmenting sparse pairwise comparisons in the AHP has been developed and applied for the ranking of feedstocks for bioethanol production and of CO₂ storage sites. The methodology makes use of a prior ranking of a subset of the alternatives to derive criteria weights via a NLP optimization model. The resulting weights may then be applied to the evaluation of an expanded set of alternatives, even with the presence of additional decision criteria. This approach allows effective integration of such a priori information (e.g., from historical findings) with the decomposition-based philosophy of AHP to yield a self-consistent scheme for decision analysis. Clearly, this approach is also applicable to a wide range of MADM problems in energy engineering and management. Future work should focus on such applications, as well as the consideration of technical issues that arise in many real problems, such as decision inconsistency and data uncertainty. The methodology may also be integrated within a broader decision-making framework in conjunction with other tools such as pinch analysis or mathematical programming.

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Table 5 Initial set of alternatives and criteria for case study 2

	Storage capacity	Injectivity	Structural integrity
Site 1	0.32	0.24	0.30
Site 2	0.24	0.28	0.33
Site 3	0.28	0.26	0.21
Site 4	0.16	0.22	0.18

Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand (Asian Development Bank 2012). The latter study focused on the identification and ranking of candidate CO₂ sources and potential storage sites within each of the four countries listed. The scores are once again given in dimensionless, normalized form, which are derived from raw data using textbook AHP methodology (Saaty 1990). These sites are assumed to be ranked in descending order, with site 1 being the most preferred. Furthermore, in this case, it is also assumed that all four sites are expected to be available at approximately the same time in the future. Thus, earliest time of injectivity is not considered as a differentiating criterion for the initial set of alternatives, and is hence omitted from the preliminary problem. As in the previous case study, the weights of the criteria in the initial set need not be given as long as the a priori rankings are given. We then suppose that a fifth candidate storage site is discovered and geologically characterized. Site 5 is expected to be available for use as a storage site much sooner than any of the original four reservoirs, which necessitates introduction of earliest time of availability as a fourth criterion.

The weighting of the criteria was then based on responses elicited from a domain expert who was involved in the conduct of the CCS assessment study mentioned previously (Asian Development Bank 2012). In this case, the expert provides two pairwise comparisons. First, he rates storage capacity as "strongly more important" than time of availability; second, he rates time of availability as "very strongly more important" than injectivity. Again, these subjective valuations have corresponding numerical values using the well-established 9-point AHP scale (Saaty 1990). Table 6 shows the extended set of alternatives and criteria. Solution of the NLP model (Eq. 2–8) results in the criteria weights of 0.482 for storage capacity, 0.014 for injectivity, 0.408 for structural integrity, and 0.096 for earliest time of availability. With these weights and the scores from Table 6, Eq. 9 can be used to find the overall weighted scores of the alternatives, leading to a final ranking of the candidate sites as shown in Table 7. Note that, in this case study, the change in weights resulting from the introduction of new information in the decision problem still does not result in reversal of ranks among the original first four alternative storage sites.

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Table 6 Extended set of alternatives and criteria for case study 2

	Storage capacity	Injectivity	Structural integrity	Time of availability
Site 1	0.27	0.19	0.23	0.17
Site 2	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.17
Site 3	0.23	0.21	0.16	0.17
Site 4	0.13	0.18	0.14	0.17
Site 5	0.17	0.20	0.22	0.32

Table 7 Final scores and ranks for case study 2

	Overall score	Preference rank
Site 1	0.242	1
Site 2	0.219	2
Site 3	0.198	4
Site 4	0.140	5
Site 5	0.202	3

Conclusions

A simple methodology for augmenting sparse pairwise comparisons in the AHP has been developed and applied for the ranking of feedstocks for bioethanol production and of CO₂ storage sites. The methodology makes use of a prior ranking of a subset of the alternatives to derive criteria weights via a NLP optimization model. The resulting weights may then be applied to the evaluation of an expanded set of alternatives, even with the presence of additional decision criteria. This approach allows effective integration of such a priori information (e.g., from historical findings) with the decomposition-based philosophy of AHP to yield a self-consistent scheme for decision analysis. Clearly, this approach is also applicable to a wide range of MADM problems in energy engineering and management. Future work should focus on such applications, as well as the consideration of technical issues that arise in many real problems, such as decision inconsistency and data uncertainty. The methodology may also be integrated within a broader decision-making framework in conjunction with other tools such as pinch analysis or mathematical

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Final words



Concluding Thoughts

- Research is an **essential activity** in today's knowledge-based global economy
- Publication is an **integral part** of the research process
- Peer review is a fundamental **quality assurance** step that ensures that new ideas stand up to expert scrutiny
- Various means of publication (conferences, journals, books) provide a "**developmental ladder**" for new research findings to mature.

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