



Research Publications and Presentations

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Is it doable?

HOW CAN WE MEASURE A SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH?

Research

- Develop a **complete** and **novel** problem statement
- Identify all **alternatives** to solve your problem
- Find what you will get at the end (**ask questions** that would be replied)
- **Evaluate** all alternatives and find the best solution
- **Present your work to others**

Where Can We Present Our Results?

- **Conference or Workshop Papers**
 - Affiliation
 - Conference Quality and Ranking
 - TPC members
- **Journal Papers**
 - Impact Factor
 - Editors
- **Oral Presentations and Discussions**

Case Study: Create-Net



Case Study: SIGComm

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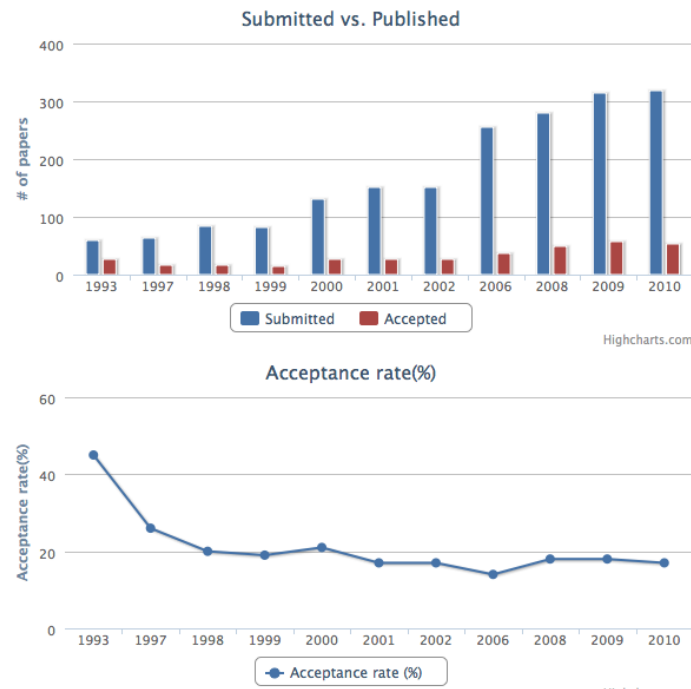
Conference Ranking and Quality

Computer Science Conferences - Acceptance Rates, Statistics

Choose a conference to see the statistics in visual form

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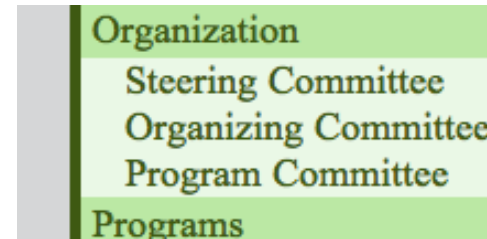


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Journal Impact Factors:

Why? Where? What?

Why?

- Evaluate the scholarly worth of a journal
 - Often touted and tracked by publishers
e.g., [WHO bulletin](#); [BMC](#)
- Rank journals within a discipline
- Help you decide where to publish your article for maximum impact
- Evaluation for promotion / tenure / grants, or in some countries, even government funding of an institution
- Frequently used as an evaluation source by librarians during journal cancellations or new purchases

- In **England**, hiring panels routinely consider impact factors
- By **Spanish law**, researchers are rewarded for publishing in journals defined by ISI as prestigious (upper third of impact factor listings)
- In **China**, scientists get cash bonuses for publishing in high-impact journals. In some schools, physics students must publish at least 2 articles with a combined Impact Factor of 4 to get their PhD

From the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (2005) “The Number that is **Devouring** Science”

Journal Impact Factors: Why? Where? What?

Where do we find Impact Factors?

Impact factors are listed in *Journal Citation Reports*
(JCR)

- You can get to the JCR from the *Web of Science*

Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI) has one, huge database, Web of Science, that...

– **Indexes selected journals**

- > 8,000 science; > 3,000 social science journals;
- > 1,800 Arts & Humanities

– **Tracks “cited references” and “times cited”**

- Sample topic/author search: “impact factor*” and Garfield E*
- *Activity: Search for an article in your field that has been highly cited.*
- Then, from a Full Record, look for “Additional Information” and click through to view the journal’s impact factor in the JCR.

2010 Journal Citation Reports

Subject: Biochem & Molecular Biology

Sorted by Impact Factor (2-year)

Rank	Abbreviated Journal Title (linked to journal information)	ISSN	JCR Data ⁱ						Eigenfactor™ Metrics ^j	
			Total Cites	Impact Factor	5-Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Articles	Cited Half-life	Eigenfactor™ Score	Article Influence™ Score
1	CELL	0092-8674	167591	32.406	34.931	6.661	319	8.5	0.70027	20.591
2	ANNU REV BIOCHEM	0066-4154	18621	29.742	34.471	5.464	28	>10.0	0.06103	20.037
3	NAT MED	1078-8956	53666	25.430	27.887	5.377	151	7.1	0.18060	12.479
4	NAT CHEM BIOL	1552-4450	6991	15.808	16.321	3.352	125	3.0	0.06019	7.718
5	MOL PSYCHIATR	1359-4184	11337	15.470	13.253	3.248	101	5.1	0.04398	4.772
6	MOL CELL	1097-2765	42991	14.194	14.447	3.010	304	5.7	0.26290	8.933
7	NAT STRUCT MOL BIOL	1545-9985	21255	13.685	12.481	2.967	212	5.9	0.12645	8.037
8	GENOME RES	1088-9051	24166	13.588	11.971	3.176	170	5.8	0.12588	6.568
9	PLOS BIOL	1544-9173	18454	12.472	14.376	2.706	214	4.1	0.15993	8.211
10	MOL ASPECTS MED	0098-2997	2416	10.552	10.546	1.088	34	4.7	0.00889	3.250
11	TRENDS BIOCHEM SCI	0968-0004	14872	10.364	12.702	1.845	84	8.5	0.04781	6.502
12	TRENDS MOL MED	1471-4914	5365	10.308	9.187	1.377	61	4.8	0.02370	3.365
13	REV PHYSIOL BIOCH P	0303-4240	965	10.200	4.610			7.8	0.00152	1.905
14	CRIT REV BIOCHEM MOL	1040-9238	2538	10.125	10.253	1.323	31	8.2	0.01053	5.965
15	EMBO J	0261-4189	76014	10.124	9.369	2.267	329	9.7	0.20632	5.299

Journal Impact Factors: Why? Where? *What?*

- What is the Journal Impact Factor?
- **How is it calculated?**

E.g., the 2009 Impact factor for the journal *Cell* =

Number of times articles or other items published in *Cell* during
2007 & 2008 were cited in indexed journals* during 2009

Number of “citable” articles** published in *Cell* in 2007 & 2008

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Only references in articles within the ~13,000 journals indexed in *Web of Science* are counted; does not include citations that may cite the articles in *Cell* from book chapters, proceedings, or other journals that are not indexed in *Web of Science*

\*\* Citable articles are just research articles and reviews – not news articles, commentary, etc.

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Number of “citable” articles published in *Cell* in 2008 and 2007

*That is:*

Cites in 2009 to items published in 2008 + 2007 = 9533 + 12554 = 22087

Number of items published in *Cell* in 2008 + 2007 = 343 + 366 = 709

**Impact** = Cites to recent items ..... 22087 = **31.152**

**Factor**      Number of recent items published..... 709

## Criticisms of Journal Impact Factors...

- Only a limited subset of journals is indexed by ISI
  - Only uses the articles cited by the ~13,000 “ISI journals”
  - Some disciplines are especially poorly covered
- Biased toward English-language journals
  - ISI has recently added several hundred non-English journals
- Short (two years) snapshot of journal
  - Some disciplines use older material more or take time to cite new research
  - *JCR* now also includes the 5-year data
- Is an average; not all articles are equally well-cited

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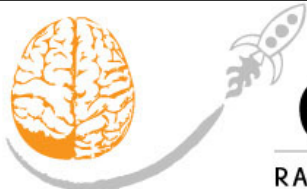
- Includes **self-citations**, that is articles in which the article cites other papers in the same journal
- Only includes “citable” articles in the denominator of the equation, i.e., articles and reviews
  - Editors may skew IF by increasing the number of review articles, which bring in more citations (increases the numerator)
  - Or by increasing the number of “news” items (e.g., *Science*, general medical journals) , which are cited (appear in numerator) but not considered “citable” (and so are not in the denominator)
- It is expensive to subscribe to the *JCR*

## Other Journal Ranking Efforts...



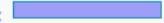











- Available free at [eigenfactor.org](http://eigenfactor.org) (1995-2009 data)
- As with the *JCR*, only ISI journals are ranked
- Uses “all” ISI data, analyzed differently.
  - all cited and citing references (so includes citations from non-ISI journals, books, dissertations, etc.)
- Uses similar algorithm as Google’s PageRank
  - By this approach, journals are considered to be influential if they are cited often by other influential journals.
- Looks at five years of data
- As of 2007, also available within *JCR*!

# Biochem & Molecular Biology Subject Category...



**eigenFACTOR.org**<sup>TM</sup>  
RANKING AND MAPPING SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

[eigenfactor search](#) | [mapping](#) | [information](#) | [well-formed](#) | [cost effectiveness](#) | [about](#)

| Order | Journal                                | Percentile                                                                                                                                                                                   | EF ↓     | AI ↓    |
|-------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| 1     | CELL<br>ISSN: 0092-8674                | EF:  100<br>AI:  100     | 0.698587 | 20.1237 |
| 2     | ANNU REV BIOCHEM<br>ISSN: 0066-4154    | EF:  97<br>AI:  100      | 0.062267 | 19.3022 |
| 3     | NAT MED<br>ISSN: 1078-8956             | EF:  99<br>AI:  100    | 0.193831 | 12.2545 |
| 4     | ANNU REV BIOPH BIOM<br>ISSN: 1056-8700 | EF:  88<br>AI:  100  | 0.017409 | 10.5882 |
| 5     | MOL CELL<br>ISSN: 1097-2765            | EF:  100<br>AI:  100 | 0.300196 | 9.3968  |
| 6     | PLOS BIOL<br>ISSN: 1544-9173           | EF:  99<br>AI:  99   | 0.176225 | 8.6402  |

# Eigenfactor.org Scores

- **Eigenfactor Score: ... the higher the better**
  - For a journal, the number of times articles published in the previous *five years* have been cited in the current year. It also considers which journals have contributed these citations so that *highly cited journals will influence the score more than lesser cited journals* (similar to the Google pagerank algorithm). Self citations are removed.
  - *A measure of the journal's total importance to the scientific community.*
  - Eigenfactor scores are scaled so that the sum of the Eigenfactor scores of all journals listed in Thomson's *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)* is 100.
- **Article Influence Score: ... the higher the better**
  - The average influence, per article, of the papers in a journal. *As such, it is comparable to the **Journal Impact Factor**.*
  - Article Influence scores are normalized so that the *mean article in the entire Thomson Journal Citation Reports (JCR) database has an article influence of 1.00*. A score greater than 1.00 indicates that each article in the journal has above-average influence.
  - Still, as with IFs, it's best to “compare” within subjects.
- **Cost Effectiveness: ... the lower the better**
  - Annual Price / Eigenfactor Score



## Comparing *JCR* and *Eigenfactor*

For *JCR* Category “Cell Biology” (2008) --  
the top six journals sorted by Journal Impact Factor

|                            | 5-year JCR<br>Impact Factor | Eigenfactor<br>Article Influence Score |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Nature Rev Molec Cell Biol | 35.423 (100)*               | 19.970 (100)                           |
| Cell                       | 31.253 (88)                 | 18.871(94)                             |
| Nature Medicine            | 27.553(78)                  | 12.958(65)                             |
| Ann Rev Cell Biology       | 22.731(64)                  | 16.220(81)                             |
| Nature Cell Biology        | 17.774(50)                  | 10.872(54)                             |
| Cell Stem Cell             | 16.826(48)                  | 12.304(62)                             |
| Cell Metabolism            | 16.107(45)                  | 9.506(48)                              |

\*In parenthesis, values normalized.

# Another Journal Ranking Effort...















## ***SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)***

- The citation PageRank of a journal calculated on the basis of the *Scopus* citation data divided by the number of articles published by the journal over 3 years.
- Similar to Eigenfactor methods, but based on citations in **Scopus** instead of **Web of Science**.
- Freely available at [scimagojr.com](http://scimagojr.com)
- Covers more journals (~20,000) than JCR because *Scopus* covers more journals than *Web of Science*
- More international diversity
- 3 years of citations; no self-citations

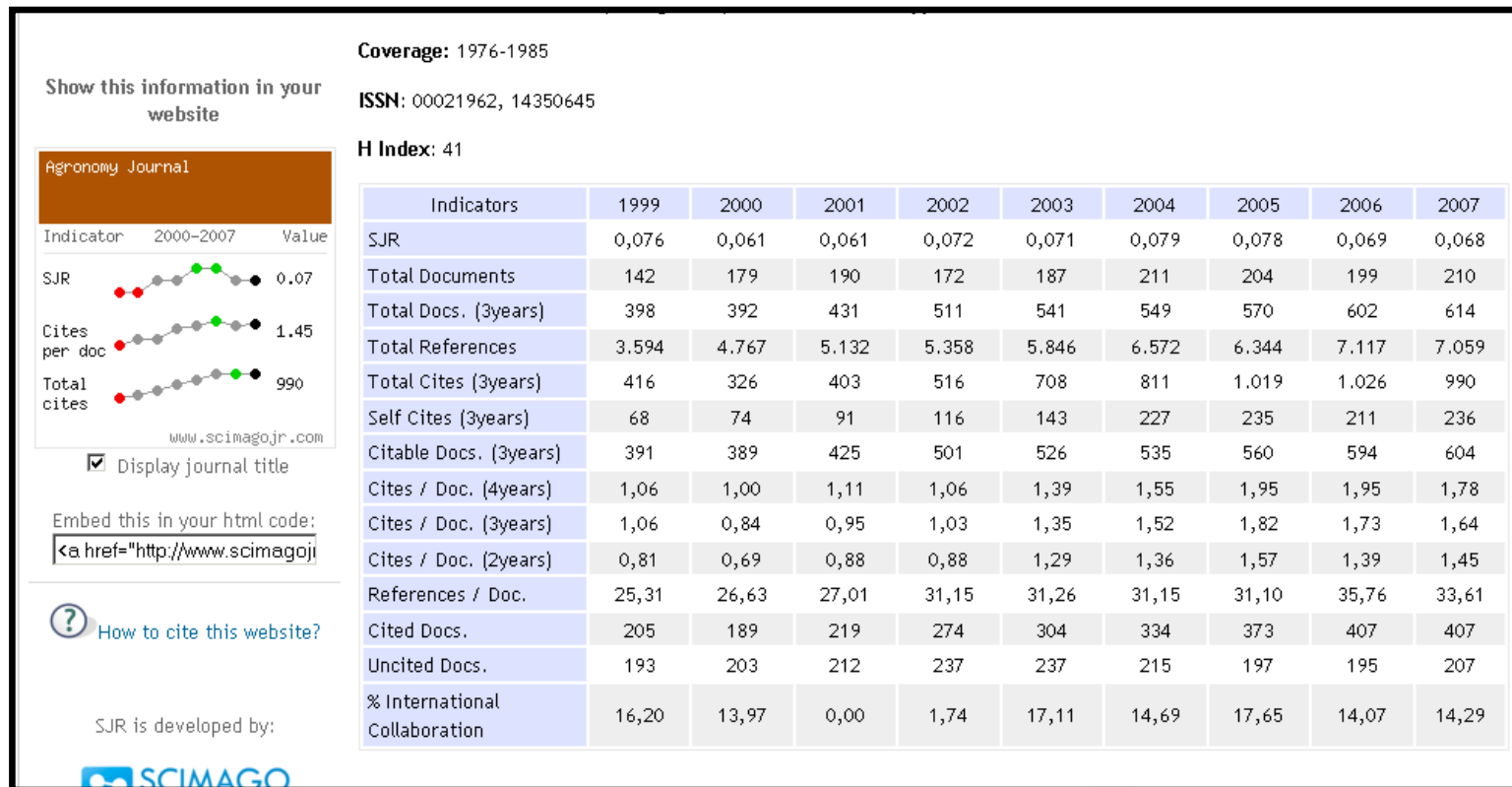
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|    | Title                              | SJR    | H index | Total Docs. (2010) | Total Docs. (3years) | Total Refs. | Total Cites (3years) | Citable Docs. (3years) | Cites / Doc. (2years) | Ref. / Doc. | Country                                                                               |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Annual Review of Immunology        | 17,588 | 199     | 22                 | 75                   | 4.199       | 3.630                | 74                     | 51,23                 | 190,86      |    |
| 2  | Nature Genetics                    | 14,417 | 346     | 277                | 939                  | 6.420       | 22.281               | 651                    | 34,74                 | 23,18       |    |
| 3  | Cell                               | 12,666 | 475     | 488                | 1.649                | 18.987      | 35.194               | 1.037                  | 32,37                 | 38,91       |    |
| 4  | Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians | 11,903 | 80      | 38                 | 114                  | 2.410       | 5.264                | 63                     | 101,36                | 63,42       |    |
| 5  | Immunity                           | 10,337 | 234     | 205                | 634                  | 9.247       | 10.323               | 440                    | 24,43                 | 45,11       |    |
| 6  | Annual Review of Biochemistry      | 9,570  | 185     | 28                 | 99                   | 4.477       | 3.109                | 99                     | 28,80                 | 159,89      |   |
| 7  | Cancer Cell                        | 8,759  | 155     | 157                | 394                  | 5.117       | 6.597                | 234                    | 27,05                 | 32,59       |  |
| 8  | Nature                             | 8,536  | 678     | 2.475              | 7.054                | 36.239      | 92.921               | 2.940                  | 32,29                 | 14,64       |  |
| 9  | Ageing Research Reviews            | 7,958  | 47      | 62                 | 77                   | 6.601       | 588                  | 1                      | 0,00                  | 106,47      |  |
| 10 | Nature Immunology                  | 7,763  | 212     | 215                | 705                  | 7.696       | 10.489               | 565                    | 17,92                 | 35,80       |  |
| 11 | Cell Stem Cell                     | 7,377  | 59      | 196                | 473                  | 5.881       | 6.326                | 260                    | 24,02                 | 30,01       |  |
| 12 | Annual Review of Genetics          | 7,090  | 110     | 19                 | 76                   | 2.714       | 1.449                | 76                     | 20,56                 | 142,84      |  |

# SCImago Journal Search (Agronomy Journal)



## ***An aside...The SCImago Institutions Rankings Report (SIR)***

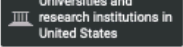
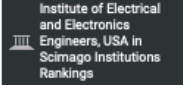
Institutions are also interested in seeing how they are doing!

Download this free report (2011) at: [www.scimagojr.com/](http://www.scimagojr.com/)

- Ranks 3,042 institutions, worldwide
- Provides 5 indicators of research performance, stressing research output, citations, international collaboration and impact.
- Data comes from the Scopus db (analyzed 18,750 research publications, mostly journals and proceedings)
- Data is from 2005-2009

Research Output: 1-Chinese Acad; 2-CNRS (France); 3-Russian Acad Sci; 4-Harvard; 5-Max Planck; 6-Tokyo; 7-NIH; 8-Toronto; 10-Johns Hopkins; 12-Mich; 17-UCLA; 19-Stanford; 24-Berkeley; 30-Wisconsin-Madison; 37-USDA; 40-MIT; 41-Cornell; 42-U of Illinois; 46-Yale; 65-Northwestern; 69-Purdue; 76-NASA.

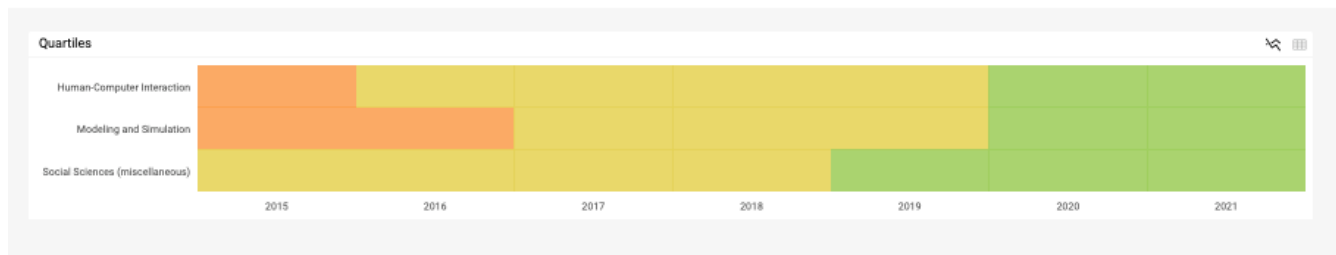
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IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems focuses on such topics as modeling, simulation, analysis and understanding of social systems from the quantitative and/or computational perspective. "Systems" include man-man, man-machine and machine-machine organizations and adversarial situations as well as social media structures and their dynamics. More specifically, the proposed transactions publishes articles on modeling the dynamics of social systems, methodologies for incorporating and representing socio-cultural and behavioral aspects in computational modeling, analysis of social system behavior and structure, and paradigms for social systems modeling and simulation. The journal also features articles on social network dynamics, social intelligence and cognition, social systems design and architectures, socio-cultural modeling and representation, and computational behavior modeling, and their applications.

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## Comparison of Three Journal Ranking Systems ... Higher is “better” in all cases (2007)

| Journal            | JCR<br>Journal<br>Impact<br>Factor<br>(2 year) | JCR<br>Journal<br>Impact<br>Factor<br>(5 year) | Eigenfactor<br>Article Influence<br>Score<br>(5 year) | SCImago<br>Journal Rank<br>(3 year) |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Science            | 26.372                                         | 30.631                                         | 16.539                                                | 3.726                               |
| Cell               | 29.887                                         | 28.779                                         | 18.188                                                | 10.735                              |
| Nature             | 28.751                                         | 28.751                                         | 16.996                                                | 4.636                               |
| PNAS               | 9.598                                          | 10.369                                         | 4.929                                                 | 2.689                               |
| BMC Bioinformatics | 3.493                                          | 4.221                                          | 1.608                                                 | .750                                |
| Bioinformatics     | 5.039                                          | 6.649                                          | 2.406                                                 | 1.225                               |

• **SJR** from SCImago are based on the *Scopus* database, not the *Web of Science* database; both **JCR** and **Eigenfactors** are calculated from the *Web of Science* database.

What happens afterward!

**CHECK THE QUALITY OF  
YOUR WORK**



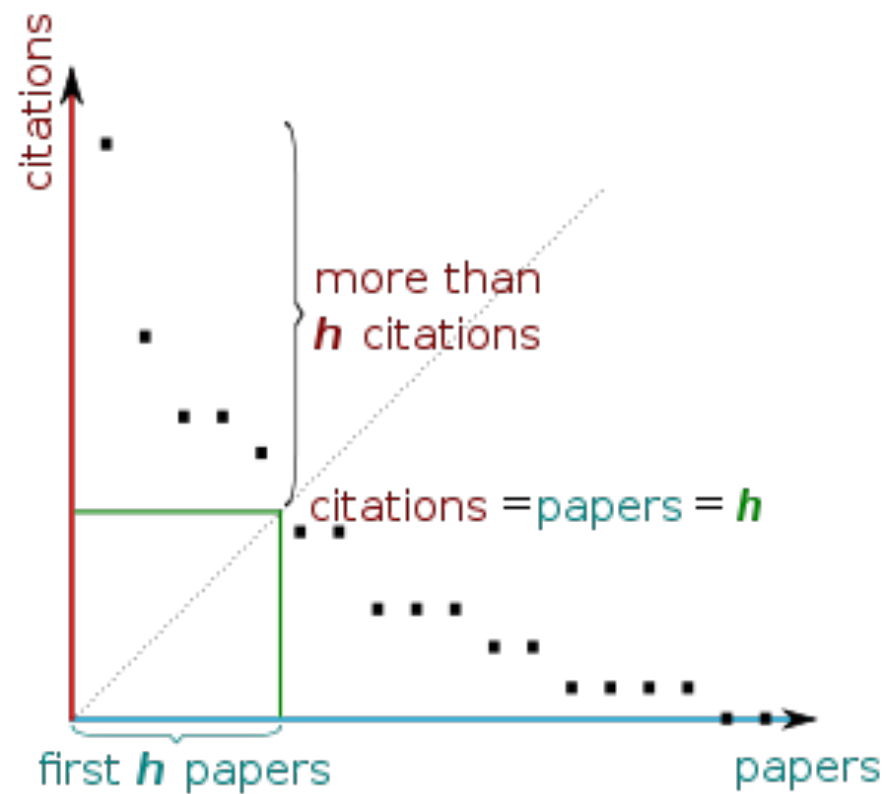
Measure your quality!

**H-INDEX**

# h-Index Definition

- An index that quantifies both the actual scientific **productivity** and the apparent scientific **impact** of a scientist
- Example: A scholar with an index of 10 means that the scholar has published 10 papers each of which has been cited by others at least 10 times

# h-Index



# What is the h-index?

- A single number representing the scholarly output of a researcher
- Proposed in **2005 by J.E. Hirsch of UC San Diego**
- Less easily skewed than other measures
- Also used to rank research topics, institutions/ departments, journals

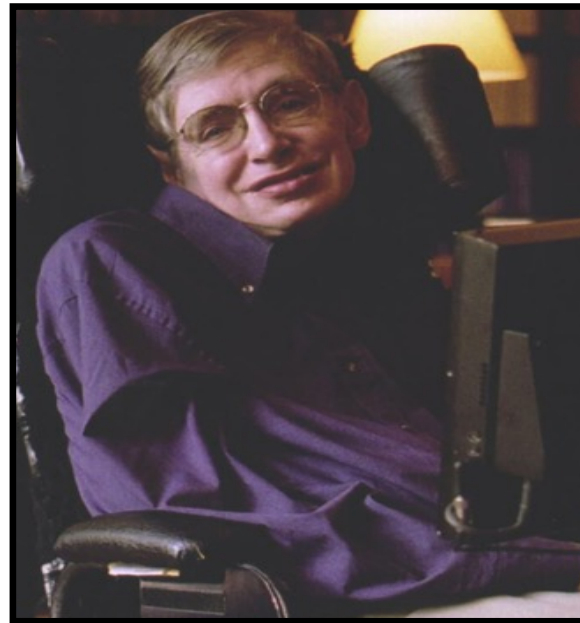
**But!**

*My h-index is bigger than yours!*

*But more people know who I  
am!*



*Edward Witten  
Physicist  
h=132*



*Stephen Hawking  
Physicist  
h=62*

# Criticism

- The  $h$ -index does not account for the **typical number of citations in different fields**.
- The  $h$ -index discards the information contained in **author placement in the authors' list**, which in some scientific fields is significant.

# Criticism

- The  $h$ -index **is bounded by the total number of publications**. This means that scientists with a short career are at an inherent disadvantage, regardless of the importance of their discoveries. For example,  
Had Albert Einstein died after publishing his four groundbreaking Annus Mirabilis papers in 1905, his  $h$ -index would be stuck at 4 or 5.

# Criticism

- The *h*-index does not account for the **number of authors** of a paper.
- The *h*-index does not consider the **context of citations**.
- The *h*-index **gives books the same count** as articles making it difficult to compare scholars in fields that are more book-oriented such as the humanities.



# Criticism

- The h-index is **a natural number** which reduces its discriminatory power. Ruane and Tol therefore propose a rational h-index that interpolates between  $h$  and  $h + 1$ .
- The **h-index can be manipulated through self-citations**, and if based on Google Scholar output, then even computer-generated documents can be used for that purpose, e.g. using SCImgen.

# H-index: Example



## Herbert Simon

Professor of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon  
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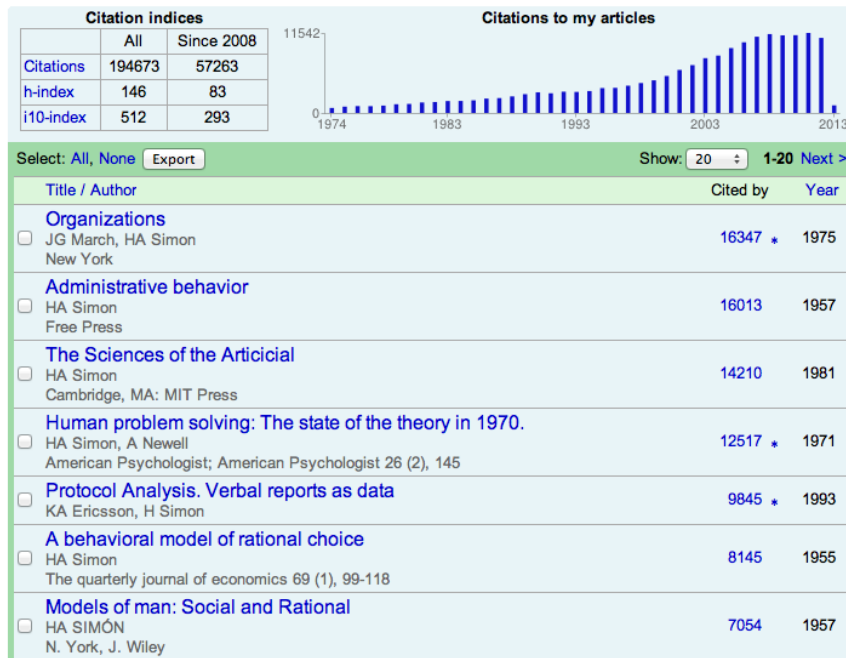
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



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|-------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| 1     | 1        |  <b>Anil K. Jain</b><br>Michigan State University, United States                     | 203     | 250,990   | 970          |
| 2     | 1        |  <b>Yoshua Bengio</b><br>University of Montreal, Canada                              | 200     | 491,250   | 909          |
| 3     | 2        |  <b>Jiawei Han</b><br>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States      | 186     | 209,445   | 1,177        |
| 4     | 3        |  <b>Michael I. Jordan</b><br>University of California, Berkeley, United States       | 176     | 220,056   | 776          |
| 5     | 1        |  <b>Andrew Zisserman</b><br>University of Oxford, United Kingdom                     | 175     | 255,987   | 698          |
| 6     | 4        |  <b>Philip S. Yu</b><br>University of Illinois at Chicago, United States             | 166     | 131,899   | 1,814        |
| 7     | 5        |  <b>Thomas S. Huang</b><br>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States | 165     | 122,431   | 1,329        |
| 8     | 6        |  <b>Takeo Kanade</b><br>Carnegie Mellon University, United States                  | 161     | 125,670   | 751          |
| 9     | 1        |  <b>Francisco Herrera</b><br>University of Granada, Spain                          | 161     | 111,307   | 1,008        |
| 10    | 1        |  <b>Wil M. P. van der Aalst</b><br>RWTH Aachen University, Germany                 | 157     | 118,010   | 1,038        |
| 11    | 1        |  <b>Rajkumar Buyya</b><br>University of Melbourne, Australia                       | 156     | 121,353   | 1,058        |

# Erdos Number



| Co-author ⇅       | Number of collaborations ⇅ |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| András Sárközy    | 62                         |
| András Hajnal     | 56                         |
| Ralph Faudree     | 50                         |
| Richard Schelp    | 42                         |
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| Alfréd Rényi      | 32                         |
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| Endre Szemerédi   | 29                         |
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# Other Metrics

- An **individual h-index** normalized by the average number of co-authors in the h-core
- The **m-index** is defined as  $h/n$ , where  $n$  is the number of years since the first published paper of the scientist
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- Because the *h*-index was never meant to measure future publication success, recently, a group of researchers has investigated the features that are most predictive of future *h*-index (Nature article). It is possible to try the **predictions** using an online tool.