

# BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS

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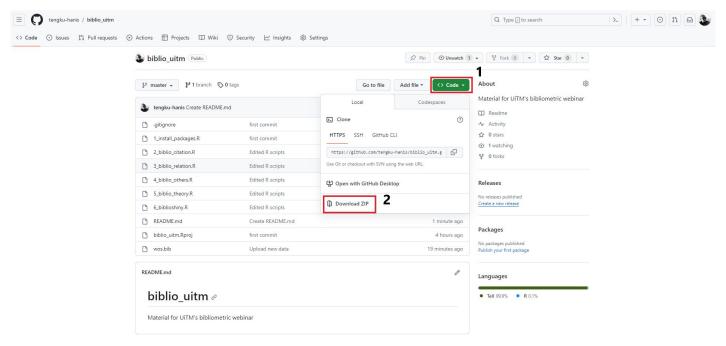
### **Outline**

- Theory and concept
- Break 10 mins
- Hands-on in databases WOS
- Hands-on analysis in R:
  - Setting Posit Cloud
  - Run bibliometric in R (demo)



### Download material

https://github.com/tengku-hanis/biblio\_uitm





## **Learning outcomes**

- Understand basic concept and idea of bibliometric analysis
- Able to further explore and study bibliometrics on your own
- Able to grasp the general idea of how to do basic bibliometric analysis in R



# Bibliometric analysis

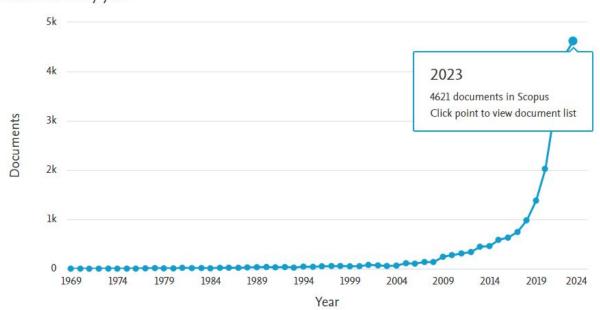
- Not a new analysis
- Not refers to any specific analysis, rather an umbrella term for a set of analyses
- Basically refers to an analysis of bibliographic information
- What we can do with bibliometric analysis:
  - Evaluate research progress
  - Quantitatively summarise research output
  - "Mapping" research contribution by author, institution, etc
  - Explore research trends find out about over-research or under-research area



## Bibliometric research

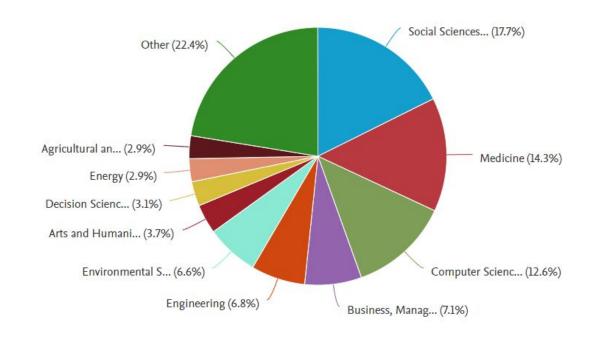
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Documents by year



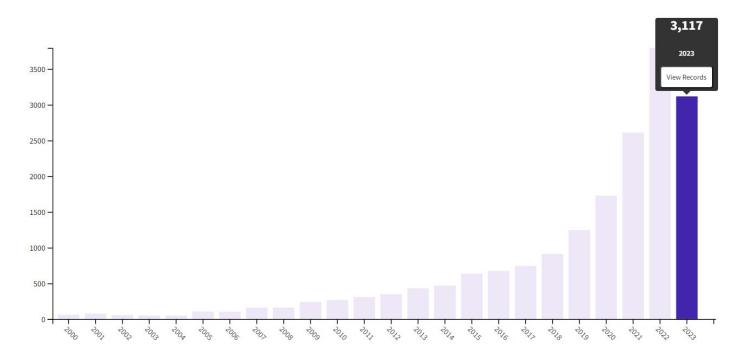


### Documents by subject area





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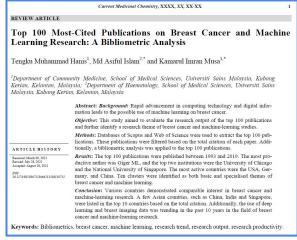


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## Example of bibliometric papers









### Data sources

Open access

Original research

BMJ Open Net survival differences of breast cancer between stages at diagnosis and age groups in the east coast region of West Malaysia: a retrospective cohort study

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Objective Estimation of the net survival of breast cancer helps in assessing breast cancer burden at a population level. Thus, this study aims to estimate the net survival of breast cancer at different cancer staging and age at diagnosis in the east coast region of West Malaysia. Setting Kelantan, Malaysia.

Participants All breast cancer cases diagnosed in 2007 and 2011 identified from Kelantan Cancer Registry. Design This retrospective cohort study used a relative survival approach to estimate the net survival of patients with breast cancer Thus, two data were needed: breast cancer data from Kelantan Cancer Registry and general population mortality data for Kelantan population.

Primary and secondary outcome measures Net survival according to stage and age group at diagnosis at

1, 3 and 5 years following diagnosis. Results The highest net survival was observed among stage I and II breast cancer cases, while the lowest net survival was observed among stage IV breast cancer cases. In term of age at diagnosis, breast cancer cases aged 65 and older had the best net survival compared with the other are groups

Conclusion The age at diagnosis had a minimal impact on the net survival compared with the stage at diagnosis. The finding of this study is applicable to other populations with similar breast cancer profile.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer and the leading cause of cancer-related death among women globally.1 In the Asia region, the incidence of breast cancer had increased at least moderately in the Eastern and Southeastern region over the last two decades.2 Several studies have suggested that the increased incidences of breast cancer in Asia are due to factors such as economic growth and adoption of a more westernised lifestyle including no breastfeeding, reduced parity and increased animal fat consumption.3 4 However, the risk of developing breast cancer

### Strengths and limitations of this study

- ► This population-based study used state cancer reqistry data to describe the net survival of breast cancer in the east coast region of West Malaysia.
- ► The use of relative survival approach to estimate the net survival is considered as a standard practice for a population-based study
- ► This study expanded an abridged life table of the general population mortality data into a complete life table to estimate the net survival due to unavailability of a complete life table.
- > The use of different method to expand the mortality data leading to a lack of standardisation in this re-
- This study lacked socioeconomic, sociodemographic and clinical information which may further explain

8, respectively.5 In term of breast cancer survival, a 5-year relative survival between 2005 and 2009 in Malaysia was 67.8%, while other Asian countries such South Korea (82.7%), Indonesia (77.7%) and Thailand (71.3%) had a better survival.6 Breast cancer staging and age are important prognostic factors of breast cancer. Early-stage patients with breast cancer are expected to have better survival compared with those diagnosed at a later stage.7 Several studies considered age as an important prognostic factor of breast cancer, 8-10 although several Malaysian studies did find it otherwise. 11-13 There is a need to provide more information on breast cancer survival, generally in the Asia Pacific region and especially in Malaysia as it will help in planning effective public health management and control of the disease.

Net survival (NS) is a hypothetical measure in which the only possible cause of death is in Malaysia is still lower compared with the the disease of interest. 14 15 NS aims to reflect a

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the Kelantan general population mortality data from the DOSM was only available in an abridged life table format. Thus, the mortality data were expanded by the researcher in this study. Other studies may use a different method to expand the mortality data leading to a lack of standardisation in this research area, Admittedly, the expanded life table remained as an approximation to an actual complete life table. However, the use of different life tables in the relative survival analysis had been shown to have a minor change in the overall estimate of the NS rate. 19 Currently, the approach used in our study may serve as an alternative for populations without a complete life table. In facts, previous cancer studies had used a similar approach to estimate an NS statistic. 58-60 Also, this study was restricted by the limited information due to the used of secondary data to further explore the finding of this study. Information such as lymph node involvement, degree of metastasis and hormone receptor status was not

### CONCLUSIONS

available in this study.

This study presents the NS difference of patients with breast cancer according to cancer staging and age at diagnosis in the east-coast region of West Malaysia. The best survival was observed among patients with breast cancer aged 65 and older and those diagnosed at stages I and II. The age at diagnosis appeared to had a minimal impact on the NS compared with the stage at diagnosis. The NS is multifactorial in nature, thus detailed sociodemographic and clinical information on the breast cancer profile in this region is needed to extend this finding to other neighbouring populations.

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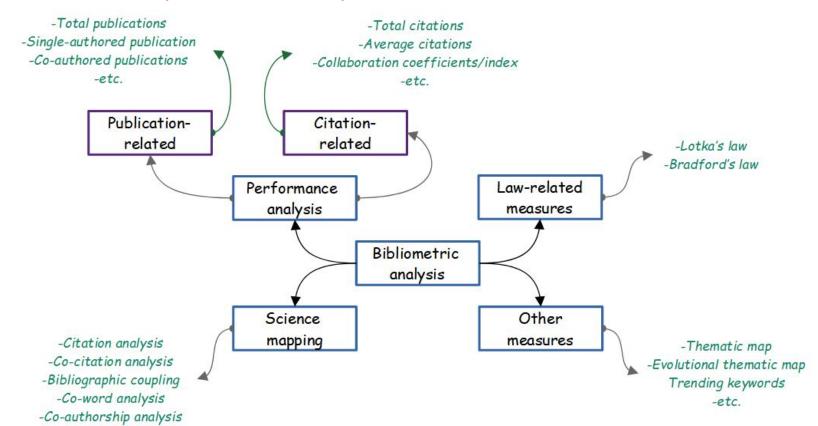


Comparison of major review methods.

Review type	Goal	When to use	When not to use	Scope	Dataset	Analysis
Bibliometric analysis	<ul> <li>Summarizes large quantities of bibliometric data to present the state of the intellectual structure and emerging trends of a research topic or field.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When the scope of review is broad.</li> <li>When the dataset is too large for manual review.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When the scope of review is specific.</li> <li>When the dataset is small and manageable enough that its content can be manually reviewed.</li> </ul>	• Broad	• Large	<ul> <li>Quantitative (evaluation and interpretation)</li> <li>Qualitative (interpretation only)</li> </ul>
Meta-analysis	Summarizes the empirical evidence of relationship between variables while uncovering relationships not studied in existing studies.	<ul> <li>When the focus of review is to summarize results rather than to engage with content, which may be broad or specific.</li> <li>When studies in the field are homogenous.</li> <li>When the number of homogeneous studies available is sufficiently high.</li> <li>When the number of homogeneous studies remaining after removing low quality studies is sufficiently high.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When studies in the field are heterogeneous.</li> <li>When the number of homogenous studies is relatively low.</li> <li>When the number of high-quality homogeneous studies is relatively low.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Broad</li><li>Specific</li></ul>	Large     Small but     adequate	Quantitative (evaluation and interpretation)
Systematic literature review	<ul> <li>Summarizes and synthesizes the findings of existing literature on a research topic or field.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When the scope of review is specific.</li> <li>When the dataset is small and manageable enough that its content can be manually reviewed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When the scope of review is broad.</li> <li>When the dataset is too large for manual review.</li> </ul>	Specific	• Small	<ul> <li>Qualitative (evaluation and interpretation)</li> </ul>



## Summary of analysis





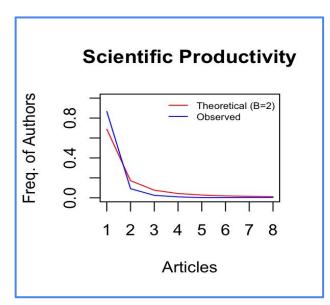
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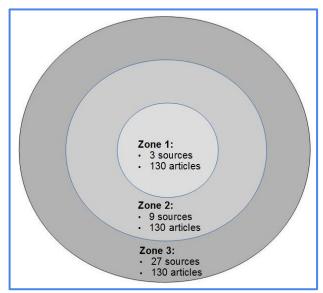
- 1. Performance analysis account for contribution in research area
  - Publication-related metrics (proxy of productivity):
    - Total publications
    - Single-authored publications
    - Co-authored publications
    - etc
  - Citation-related metrics (proxy of influence)
    - Total citations
    - Average citations
    - Collaboration index/collaboration coefficient
    - etc

- 2. Science mapping assess relationship in research area (author, article, etc)
  - Citation analysis most influential publications
  - Co-citation analysis
    - Relationship among cited publication (paper 1 and paper 2 cited in paper 3, paper 1 & 2 = co-cited paper)
    - foundation/basic theme (look in the past)
  - Bibliographic coupling
  - Relationship among publications with same references
    - Latest development

- Co-word analysis
  - Certain words (keywords, tittle, etc) shared by publications
  - May indicate future trend or support co-citation analysis and bibliographic coupling
- Co-authorship analysis
  - Interaction among researchers
  - Also can be applied to institutions, countries
- 3. Theory/law-related metrics
  - Lotka's law
  - Bradford's law







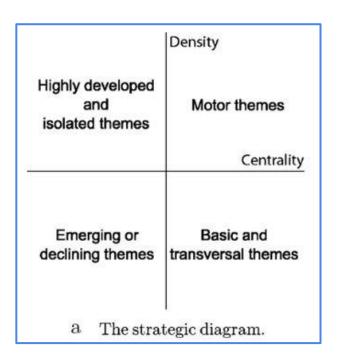
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### 4. Other measures

- Thematic map
- Evolutional thematic map
- Trending keywords
- etc



Thematic map



## **Extension of bibliometrics**

- 1. Basic textual analysis:
  - TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)
  - Wordcloud
- 2. Clustering
  - k-means
  - Hierarchical clustering
  - etc
- 3. Topic models
  - Latent dirichlet allocation (LDA)
  - Latent semantic analysis (LSA)
  - Correlated topic model (CTM)
- 4. Network analysis



## Steps to do a bibliometric analysis

- 1. Develop research questions
- 2. Define:
  - Scope limit by country/year/etc
  - Objectives more specific than RQ
  - Selection criteria related to RQ and objectives
- 3. Specify bibliometric techniques (based on objectives)
- 4. Pick a database or databases
- 5. Comes up with search terms always check with the databases whether the terms valid or not
- 6. Test run your search terms on the databases

- 7. Data searching on databases
- 8. Review downloaded data/abstracts if needed (brief review)
- 9. Apply selection criteria if needed
- 10. Run bibliometric analysis and report findings



# Bibliometrix package

### Compatible databases:

Source	URL	Format	Extension	
Web of Science	https://www.webofknowledge.com/	<ul><li> 'BibTeX'</li><li> 'plaintext'</li><li> 'EndNote Desktop</li></ul>	<ul><li>'.bib'</li><li>'.txt'</li><li>'.ciw'</li></ul>	
Scopus	https://www.scopus.com/	<ul><li> 'BibTeX'</li><li> 'CSV export'</li></ul>	<ul><li>'.bib'</li><li>'.txt'</li></ul>	
Dimensions	https://app.dimensions.ai/	<ul><li> 'Bibliometric mapping'</li><li> 'Excel'</li></ul>	<ul><li>'.csv'</li><li>'.xlsx'</li></ul>	
The Lens	https://lens.org/	<ul> <li>'CSV export file'</li> </ul>	· '.csv'	
PubMed	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/	<ul> <li>'PubMed export file'</li> </ul>	。 '.txt'	
Cochrane Library	https://www.cochranelibrary.com/	<ul><li>'plaintext'</li></ul>	• '.txt'	



# Field tags/column names

Field Tag	Description
AU	Authors
TI	Document Title
so	Publication Name (or Source)
JI	ISO Source Abbreviation
DT	Document Type
DE	Authors' Keywords
ID	Keywords associated by SCOPUS or ISI database
AB	Abstract
C1	Author Address
RP	Reprint Address
CR	Cited References
TC	Times Cited
PY	Year
sc	Subject Category
UT	Unique Article Identifier
DB	Bibliographic Database

More field tags - <a href="https://www.bibliometrix.org/documents/Field\_Tags\_bibliometrix.pdf">https://www.bibliometrix.org/documents/Field\_Tags\_bibliometrix.pdf</a>



## Suggested readings

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## Hands-on in WOS

- Use advanced search: TITLE("male breast cancer")
- Download either in plaintext or BibText format



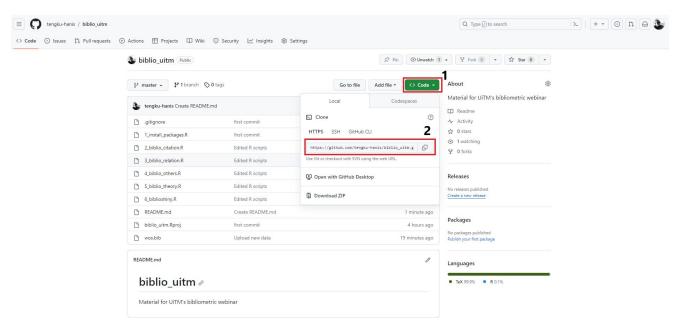
# Hands-on in R - setting Posit Cloud

- Not going to cover how to install R
- Can either use:
  - RStudio IDE in your PC/laptop
  - Posit Cloud <u>sign up for a free account</u>



# Hands-on in R - bibliometric analysis

- 1. Go to https://github.com/tengku-hanis/biblio\_uitm
- 2. Click  $\langle \rangle$  Code  $\rightarrow$  local  $\rightarrow$  Clone  $\rightarrow$  HTTPS  $\rightarrow$  copy the link





- Log in to Posit Cloud
- Click New Project → New Project from Git Repository → paste the url





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