

TURNING SCHOLIA INTO A PLATFORM FOR LIVING SCIENTOMETRIC STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION

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SCIENTOMETRIC STUDY

DEFINITION

A research study that tries to analyze the quantitative, qualitative or behavioral evolution of scholarly research efforts:

- Research publications of an individual
- Research publications of the recipients of a scientific distinction
- Research publications on a topic of interest
- Research publications of a scientific institution
- Publications as part of a research project
- Research publications of a sovereign state
- Research publications during a specific period
- Coupling of two entities (e.g. Topic of interest in a sovereign state)

SCIENTOMETRIC STUDY **SECTIONS**

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Methods

Results

Discussion

Conclusion



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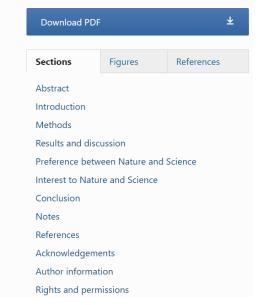
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Abstract

Nature and Science are two major multidisciplinary journals, well-known among the general public and highly-cited by scholarly communities. This article presents Google Trends, a web service providing detailed information on the Google search behavior of Internet users from all countries during the period 2004-2019 and illustrates the preference between Nature and Science. The research shows a general decrease of the demand for both journals and reveals a substantial growth in demand for Nature in some geographic regions and a decline of the interest to Science in many regions. We also found a better affinity to Nature by the general



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SECTIONS

Introduction:

- The analyzed entity in context
- List of scientometric studies on the entity

Methods

- Nature of the data used: Bibliographic metadata, Altmetric statistics, Scientific citations,
- Type of publications analyzed: Scholarly articles, Literature reviews, Invention patents, Legal texts ...
- Analysis restriction criteria: Data sources, Time span of analysis, Country, Keywords ...
- Data processing: Automatic natural language processing, Statistical analysis, Network analysis ...

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Results

- Raw scientometric indices and metrics (Number of citations, h-index)
- Standardized indicators with respect to a given criterion (Domain, Source)
- Relative indicators (Percentile rank according to a metric)
- Scientometric networks and derivation of centrality indicators (Citation, Co-citation, Collaboration, Bibliographic coupling)
- Statistical distribution and correlation

Discussion

- Comparison with the previous results of the same entity (Example: Tunisia between 2010 and 2015 vs. Tunisia between 2016 and 2020)
- Comparison with the results of other entities of the same class (Example: Tensorflow vs. PyTorch, SARS vs. COVID-19)
- Comparison with the results of a generalized entity (Example: Tunisia vs. Africa)

Conclusion

• Identification of significant differences from the discussion



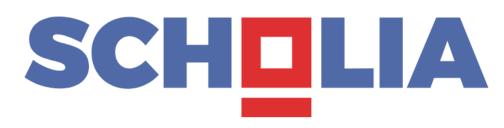
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SPARQL queries can be used to query knowledge graphs and extract specific information in real time.

→ Linked Bibliographic data in RDF format can be queried to generate knowledge that can be updated as long as the database is regularly enriched



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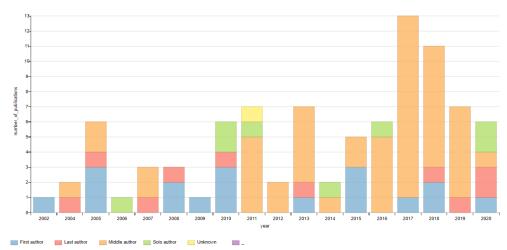
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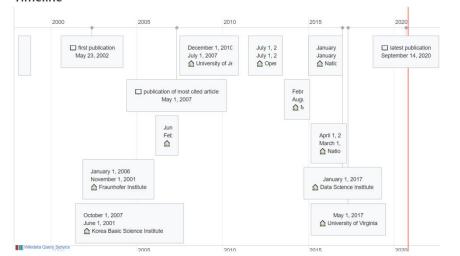
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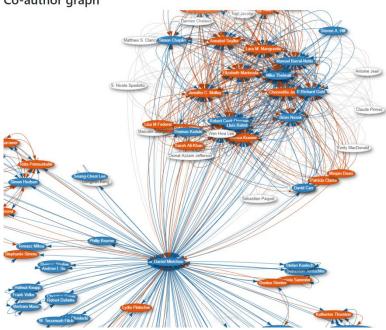
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Timeline



Co-author graph



Academic tree

DEMO

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Ruben Verborgh, James Hendler and Tim Berners-Lee
(Authors):
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LIMITATIONS

Raw visualization of data about the analyzed entity without contextualization or even discussion

Scientometric profiles are not personalized according to the user's needs (Example: Restricting the analysis to a period is not available)

For each entity, a limited series of visualizations is represented (Example: The network of individual collaborations is represented in the profile of a given country. However, the network of institutional collaborations is not represented in the same scientometric profile)



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WHAT SCHOLIA SHOULD BECOME

Since a SPARQL query can extract required data depending on the state of the knowledge graph, a Scholia profile can be converted into a scientometric study that can be updated in real time.

To achieve this interesting objective, we need to construct SPARQL queries based on Wikidata's linked bibliographic data to represent each constituent of a scientometric study.

| Task | Status | |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Introduction | | |
| The analyzed entity in context | Only for research topics | |
| List of scientometric work on the entity | No | |
| Restriction to a given period | No | |
| Coupled analysis of two entities | Yes | |
| Methods | | |
| Document explaining the Scholia profile generation method | No | |
| Mulilingualism of the Scholia interface | No | |

| Task | Status |
|---|---|
| Results | |
| Support for Patents and Legal Texts | No, requires support of this information on Wikidata |
| Support for Publication Types | No |
| Support for raw, relative, or normalized scientometric metrics and indicators | No |
| Support for statistical distributions | Partially (publications for each year, publications for each area, etc.). No evaluation of scientometric distribution laws (Bradford's law) |

| Task | Status | |
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| Results | | |
| Statistical correlation study | No | |
| Scientometric networks | Partially (Only a few scientometric networks are represented for each type of entity. More comprehensive representation is required). | |
| Support of scholarly citations | No (requires the mass upload of OpenCitations datasets or the use of federated SPARQL queries) | |
| Centrality indicators of scientific entities in a scientometric network | No | |
| Altmetric indicators (Wikipedia Pageviews, Wikipédia Citations) | No | |

| Task | Status |
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| Discussion | |
| Comparison with previous results of the same entity | No, requires evaluation of statistical significance |
| Comparison with the results of other entities of the same class | No, requires evaluation of statistical significance |
| Comparison with the results of a generalized entity | No, requires evaluation of statistical significance |
| Conclusion | |
| Identification of significant differences from the discussion | No, requires evaluation of statistical significance |

CONCLUSION

The creation of linked bibliographic data in RDF format on Wikidata is of great use in scientometric analyses

- Enables real-time quantitative and qualitative analysis of the evolution of scientific research using SPARQL.
- Easy to enrich, validate and develop from other resources.

Scholia is an interface that uses the SPARQL query language to generate scientometric profiles for several types of scientific entities.

- Profiles are updated as Wikidata is updated.
- The profiles can be enriched by adding SPARQL queries allowing the interface to become a platform for living scientometric studies.

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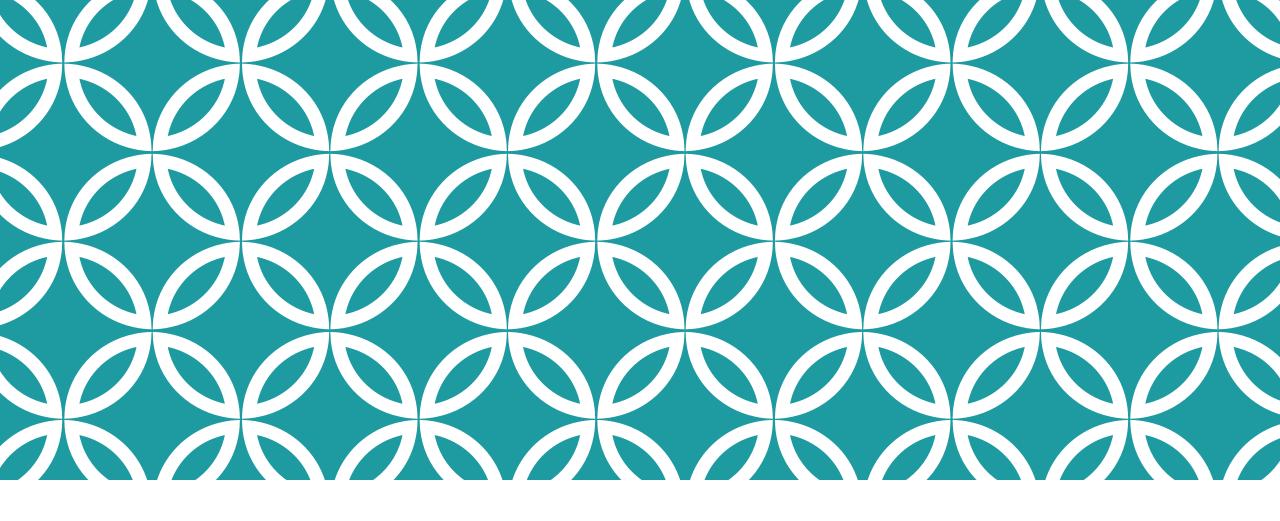
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