

A Survey on Citation Analysis and Journals Citation Report and its Application in Selecting English Publications

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Abstract

Nowadays, English publications are considered as one of the significant and essential resources in university libraries. Enhancement of the price of publications along with the increase in number of published journals has made it difficult for libraries to provide all the information needed by researchers. Therefore, the necessity of a criterion for selecting superior journals is increasingly felt. Making use of sciences citation indices and journals citation report, the journals with highest number of citations related to a scientific field can be recognized and utilized in making policy for collection development in libraries and information centers. Due to their interesting applications in analysis of serial publications, citation analysis studies are attractive to experts in selection of information resources. Ranked lists of publications yielded from this method are considered an appropriate resource for journals selection and are hence employed in numerous libraries. Besides introducing citation analysis and its applications and types of citation indices, the present paper attempts to make librarians and LIS students familiar with application and role of journals citation report in selection of English publications in university and specialized libraries.

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