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ABSTRACT

"Altmetrics", short form of alternative metrics, is a new technique of measuring the impact of an article on both scholarly and non-scholarly community based on some online activities. It acts as a complementary to the traditional bibliographic impact measurement techniques. This study explores the extent to which Altmetrics co-relate with the bibliographic impact measurement techniques: H-index and its variants. Traditional impact measurement approaches, i.e., Biblometrics seem unfit to compute impact of a scholarly document on general public, although they take into consideration the impact of an article on the scholarly community.

Only 0.2% of research article got indexed in CROSSREF and only such percentage got citation. It has to be investigated that whether those research work that got high citation in research community are equally shared and discussed on other web channels? The focus of this thesis is to evaluate Altmetrics with respect to traditional impact measurement techniques including H-Index, G-Index, M-Quotient, HC and HW and develop an argument that can altmetrics replace Biblometrics?

There are many techniques available that are used to reflect the popularity and quality work of an author in scholarly community. But due to the negligence of the impact created by an article on social media, these techniques, i.e., h-index and its variants are unable to fits in for calculating complete impact of an article both on scholarly and non-scholarly community. As Altmetrics claims to capture the impact of both scholarly and non-scholarly community, we would like to compare the efficiency of the correlation among the Altmetrics and Biblometrics.

Analysis is accomplished based on around 70,000 published papers of 45 categories from the field of mathematics. Number of tweets containing title, URL, or DOI of research papers has been compared with the H-index, G-index, HC-index, M-quotient and HW-index of the scholar.

Analysis has been done for around 57,155 authors and shows that with the very low twitter citation rate that is 1.47% almost no correlation exists between Twitter citation data and conventional impact measurement techniques. It implies that the social media metrics (Altmetrics) does not reflect the same kind of metrics as Bibliometrics indices. It further implies that Altmetrics should also be considered along with Biblometrics indices to access an author's work effectiveness.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

- CUST Capital University of Science and Technology
- FYP Final Year Project
- MS Master of Science
- MSC: Mathematics Subject Classification
- Hw: Weighted h-index
- Hc: Contemporary h-index
- AMS: American Mathematical Society
- IMU: International Mathematical Union
- LMS: London Mathematical Society
- POL: The Public Library of Science

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Chapter1. Introduction

This chapter gives introduction and background knowledge of Altmetrics, used to measure the quality of research, followed by the problem statement. Research question is defined and explained after problem statement, objectives of this research thesis in presented after research question. Finally the structure of this thesis reports is presented in the last section. Abbreviations and important definitions are also presented in the end of this chapter.

1.1 Background

Quality of research work has been measured by the impact factor of Journal or the number of citation it got from research community. Higher the research work is cited higher is the impact of a scholarly work. Current citation index is limited to only journals. The number of citation is dependent on the published work. Only the research community whether in education or corporations, is involved in citation and determining the quality of work. The main limitation of citation is it may take several years to cite the work because it must be used for future research.

Sometime research work that hasn't got any citation from the research community, might used in number of presentations, blogs and discussion elsewhere. Is there a need to define alternative metrics that can determine the quality of work or impact of research work? This direction gave birth to new idea known as Altmetrics presented in the following discussion.

1.2 Altmetrics

This is the era of social media where everything is shared and communicated through social media like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram etc. Traditional metrics only present one side of the picture. There is a need to take into account other conversions on the web but there is no system to give feedback to authors when their work is shared, discussed on other web channels.

Altmetrics can provide another mean to let the author know where his/her work is used on the web [3]. Since 2010 Altmetrics appears in post and website like Figshare¹, Impactstory², Altmetric³ and Mendelely⁴ take into account alterative metrics. The figure and table below present the current flaws in the citation system. We can see that on 0.2% of research article got indexed in CROSSREF and only such percentage got citation.

| Article Views | PDF Downloads | CROSSREF |
|---------------|---------------|----------|
| 199913592 | 49450006 | 481771 |

Table 1: Comparison of Usage, Downloads and Citation of articles published on POL



Figure 1: The Public Library of Science (PLOS) articles published until May, 2013[14]

¹ www.Figshare.com

² www.Impactstory.com

³ www.Altmetrics.com

⁴ www.Mendelely.com

Qualitative data and metrics other than traditional citation based metrics, which are used to measure the impact of scholarly work, are known as Altmetrics. Or it is also known as "Alternative Metrics". There are lot of metrics used like download the research articles (number of downloads), citation in Wikipedia articles, discussed in blogs, discussed in news, used in reference mangers and mentions on blog and social networks like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Altmetrics keep tracking how the scholarly work is viewed, read, download, discussed and reused by the research community and public community and thus it determine the societal impact of research work. It also provide an opportunity to the scholar to track down who is following their work and what are the reviews about his/her research work which is difficult to determine in citation.

Altmetrics is an alternative way of determining the impact of research articles, improving the traditional citation based impact measures and give new insights to impact analysis[1]. There is no specific definition of Altmetrics but it is related to subfield of Infometrics and Webometrics[2]. Altmetrics is the study of non-traditional scholarly impact measurement techniques that are based on activity in web-based environments[3]. Altmetrics is an emerging field, which unlike the traditional citation impact metrics, such as impact factor and h-index, does not rely just on citation counts, but also takes into consideration other features of impact such as the number of knowledge bases that referred to the work, the number of times the work was viewed/downloaded, and/or mentions in social/news media [4] [5].

Due to its potential of measuring impact of scholarly work on both scholarly as well as nonscholarly community, measuring social media impact is gaining attention from researchers, reflecting the significance of Altmetrics. Indicators, e.g. research council arguing to use Altmetrics for evaluation of authors [6] and scholars wishing to include Altmetrics into curriculum vitae[7], express the potential of these metrics. Activities on the social media platform like CiteULike, Facebook and Twitter can be monitored to predict the impact of scholarly article. Studies show that social media platforms like Twitter are used for dissemination [6] science popularization[8], and scholarly product promotion[9]. However, the authenticity and reliability of these metrics is controversial [10].

As compared to other social media platforms, Twitter is much more extensive [11] with 288 million active users; Twitter is one of the most popular platforms for dissemination of scholarly articles and a commanding tool to disseminate pointers (e.g. links) to information[12] with hash tag, @messages and re-tweet (Boyd et al., 2010). Terms like "Tweetations" [13] and "citation tweets" [3] are used for tweet count. Studies have also explored the involvement of research community for dissemination of links or documents via Twitter[11] although a detailed study has not yet been performed to support these claims. This research provides a comprehensive analysis to estimate the potential of Altmetrics in gauging scientific impact by analyzing mathematical publications. Bibliographic impact measuring techniques ignore the impact created by an article in non-scholar community. To measure the impact of a scholarly research in general community: scholar as well as non-scholar community, Altmetrics came into existence. Social media platforms are now the best way to share anything at any time. When it comes to scholarly research, it becomes critical to measure the impact of scholarly document and the way it is helping the non-scholarly community. Micro blogging platform Twitter is one of the best known mean to predict the impact of scholarly article in the near future [12].

Generally, Articles are generally cited more frequently on social networks than on published papers[3]. Being cited shows the quality of the work produced by the specific author; there are many methods available to perform citation analysis on the basis of citations of the paper. H-

index, G-Index, M-Quintet, HC-index and HW-index are common ranking approaches for authors which reflect the productivity of an author with citation count. Articles are also cited online on social networks, this reveals the quality of that article due to which it has been cited. So authors should also be given appreciation on their work getting mentioned on social platforms. Keeping in view the importance of social network citation, we want to perform an analysis of both traditional bibliographic citation indexes (H-index, G-index, M-quintet, HCindex and HW-index) and Twitter citation (Altmetrics). In this work, our focal point is to identify authors that have higher indices value and their articles are trended on the Twitter as well. We try to figure out if the author with higher index value gets higher citation on Twitter? That would be estimated with the help of co-relation between bibliographic impact measurement techniques and Altmetrics. We also try to answer: how closely related they both are and, the other way around i.e. how different they are?

1.3 Research Gap

Many researchers evaluated the potential of Altmetrics on different domains as summarized in (Table a). They have used citation count as a Bibliometrics impact factor parameter only and compared it with the Altmetrics data. Although by analyzing co-relation between citation count and Altmetrics data they found very low co-relation between Bibliometrics and Altmetrics but no one yet explore other Bibliometrics reflective measures i.e. H-index and its variants on a large scale data.

Although many researchers attempt to find out the correlation between traditional impact measurement techniques with altmetrics but the only difference between previous work and ours is that not any of these researchers tries to conduct a comprehensive study on large scale dataset

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with these parameters which we are using. Furthermore, so far no such study is conducted for the Mathematics publications as well.

| Author name | Title | Data Set | Biblometrics parameters | Altmetrics parameter s | Data collection platform(Bibliome trics) | Data collection platform(Altmet rics) | Co- relation |
|--|---|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| José Luis Ortega(2 015) | Relationship between Altmetric and Bibliometrics indicators across academic social sites: The case of CSIC's members | 10,000 author | Citation | Tweets and Facebook posts | Microsoft Academic Search and Google Scholar Citations | ResearchGate, Academia.edu and Mendeley | Less co- relation at authors level |
| Feng et. al. (2016) | Bibliographic Analysis of Nature Based on Twitter and Facebook Altmetrics Data | 4276 <i>Nature</i> articles between January 2010 and June 2015 | Citation | Twitter online literature database Web | | nature.altmetric.co m Web of Science | 0.52 |
| Rodrigo et. al.(2014) | Do 'altmetrics' correlate with citations? Extensive comparison of Altmetric indicators with citations from a multidisciplinary perspective | 1,380,143 distinct publication s | citations | Facebook walls Blogs Twitter Google+ News outlets | Not mention | Altmetric.com | Very less but platform dependent |
| Lutz Bornma nn(2015) | Alternative metrics in scientometrics: A meta-analysis of research into three altmetrics | Not mention | citation counts | Tweets | Not mention | Twitter Mendeley and CiteULike | CiteULike pooled r = 0.23 Mendeley pooled r = 0.51 Tweeter pooled r = 0.003 |
| Stefanie Haustei et.al (2013) | Tweeting Biomedicine: An Analysis of Citations in the Biomedical Literature | 1.4 million documents between 2010 and 2012 | citations | tweets | PubMed Not mention Web of Science (WoS) | | Very low |

Table 2: Co-relation between Altmetrics and Bibliometrics (Summary)

To cover this dimension we are going to perform a comprehensive study by using large scale data of Mathematic domain to explore the potential of Altmetrics

1.4 Problem Statement

This thesis will work on the following problems:

As it has been identified from critical analysis and research gap, evident from the table in section 1.3, no one evaluated Altmetrics for a particular domain on large scale dataset. In this work we are going to perform comprehensive analysis of Altmetrics for mathematics domain

Secondly, all of the previous work, as evident from the table 2, used citation as Bibliometrics reflective measure. We are going to use other Bibliometrics reflective measures such as H-index and its variants (Index, G-Index, M-Quotient, Hc-Index and Hw-Index) to find out the correlation of Bibliometrics with Altmetrics.

1.5 Objectives

The Objective of this thesis is not only to evaluates the potential of the Altmetrics to capture the impact of an article form social media platforms but also develop an argument about the Altmetrics that it can either replace the Bibliometrics or it can act as an complementary to the traditional impact factor measurement techniques.

In this research thesis we will try to analyze the capabilities of the altmetrics and try to develop an argument about the altmetrics as discussed in earlier section through a comprehensive study. By finding co-relation we will then able to get the appreciation of non-scholarly community along with scholarly community by declaring the altmetrics the alternative of biblometrics, if possible.

This thesis will provide a roadmap to get the appreciation of non-scholarly community along with the scholarly community. If the analysis shows some promise then we will be able to say that the altmetrics can be used to calculate the impact of an author along with the biblometrics and the efficiency of an author then can be calculated by looking his altmetrics score.

1.6 Research Question

There are many techniques available that are used to reflect the popularity and quality work of an author in scholarly community. But due to the negligence of the impact created by an article on social media, these techniques i.e. h-index and its variants are unable to fits in for calculating complete impact of an article both on scholarly and non-scholarly community. As Altmetrics claims to capture the impact of both scholarly and non-scholarly community, we would like to compare the efficiency of the correlation among the Altmetrics and Bibliometrics. To do that Our Primary Research question that should be answered is as follow:

RQ1. Is there any correlation exists between Altmetrics and Bibliometrics impact factor measurement techniques i.e. (H-Index, G-Index, M-Quotient, HC and HW)?

RQ2. Author with higher Bibliometrics impact does get higher tweet count?

1.7 Dissertation Organization

The following sections will explain the structure and content of each chapter of this dissertation document.

Chapter 2: This chapter emphases on the techniques used for providing alternative metrics to the traditional metrics of citation.

Chapter 3: defines the proposed methodology adopted in this research. It includes data collection techniques, limitation of the dataset and other technique in order to conduct this research.

Chapter 4: present all the tables of experiment results and related discussions.

Chapter 5: this chapter concludes this dissertation and presents potential future research areas based on this research outcome. Further possibilities and approaches to further investigate this problem will also be discussed and recommendations will be presented at the end of the chapter.

1.8 Definitions and Abbreviations

MSC: Mathematics Subject Classification

hw: Weighted h-index

hc: Contemporary h-index

AMS: American Mathematical Society

IMU: International Mathematical Union

LMS: London Mathematical Society

1.9 Conclusion

This chapter introduced this dissertation topic, the research problem, and the key objective and research questions to be answered by this research. The structure of this dissertation was also presented and the content of each chapter were explained briefly.

Chapter 2 Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, light is shed on the research work based on existing research and the extent relevant literature for the altmetrics and its uses.

Altmetrics is not a single class of evaluation metrics which tell the importance of any scholarly article on web rather that it cover wide range of activities which can be grouped into following categories [14].

Viewed: Accessing the research article online

Saved: Saving the online article

Discussion: Discussed the article on social networking website or talking about the article in news

Recommendation: Recommendation of article to other user on Answer question website or other recommender website

Citation: Formal citation of article in another article.

According to Altmetric.com [15] in combination of different metrics provide a mean to know how many people are engaged to scholarly work which is the main drawback of traditional citation based impact. This helps us to understand why and where piece of research is used and they are quicker to accumulate than traditional citation metrics. Some of example of alternative metrics [16]are presented in the table below

| Туре | ALTMETRICS | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Usage | Views, Clicks, Download, Play in video, View the presentation, Downloading the dataset or articles, software, apps and others. | | | |
| Captures | Reading, Bookmarks in browser, Adding to favorites list, and code forks | | | |
| Mentions | Wikipedia citation, discussed in blogs, comments and reviews. | | | |
| Social media | Like, shares and comments on social media like twitter and Facebook etc. | | | |
| Citation | ISI web of science, PubMed central etc. | | | |

Table 3: List of some Altmetrics

The impact of scholarly work is the key part of scholarly communication lifecycle, where understanding the impacts helps to understand the quality of research work[17]. Traditionally author's research quality has been accessed by the number of times it has been mentioned by other authors in their own research articles called "citation" which was considered as one of the most reliable mean of reflecting the impact of any article and also indicating the popularity of any author. Now with advancement of the web, there is a huge number of authors creating their contents and mentioning others on the digital web. Numbers in the citation database i.e. "WebOfScience" and "Scopus" show how well an author perceived in scholarly community but in the meantime, somehow, it ignore the impact of that scholarly product on non-authors [2]. To cater this issue, terms like "Webometrics"[18], "Scholarometer"[19] and "Altmetrics"[20] come into play. These terms are used to reflect the impact of an article not only on scholarly but also on the non-scholarly community as well. Jason Priem first used term "Altmetrics" [21].

| Authors | Paper title | Summary | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Thelwall et al., 2013 | Do altmetrics work? Twitter and ten other social web services. PloS one | detailed study has not yet been performed to support these claims of altmetrics | | |
| Liu & Adie, 2013 | Realizing the potential of altmetrics within institutions. | Altmetrics claim to capture impact from a broader public but still it cannot replace the bibliographic scholarly impact | | |
| Zahedi, Costas & Wouters, 2014 | How well developed are altmetrics? A cross-disciplinary analysis of the presence of 'alternative metrics' in scientific publications. Scientometrics | it acts as a compliment to the traditional citation system | | |
| Thelwall et al., 2013 | Do altmetrics work? Twitter and ten other social web services. PloS one | detailed study has not yet been performed to support these claims of altmetrics | | |
| Liu & Adie, 2013 | Realizing the potential of altmetrics within institutions. | Altmetrics claim to capture impact from a broader public but still it cannot replace the bibliographic scholarly impact | | |
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| Stefanie Haustein , Isabella Peters, Cassidy R. Sugimoto, Mike Thelwall, Vincent Larivière (2013) | Tweeting Biomedicine: An Analysis of Citations in the Biomedical Literature | Data generated from social media activities can be used to reflect broad types of impact. The analysis is based on 1.4 million documents covered by both PubMed and Web of Science and published between 2010 and 2012. less than 10% of PubMed articles mentioned on Twitter Correlations between tweets and citations are low, | | |

Table 4: Literature Review Summary

Although Altmetrics claim to capture impact from a broader public but still it cannot replace the bibliographic scholarly impact[22], nonetheless it acts as a compliment to the traditional citation system [23]. More ever some scholars do not encourage correlation coefficient for comparing Altmetrics and different citation indicators for papers published in different period due to time constraints. For example, a paper should poses more citation if it is older other than that paper which is comparatively resent because an article should buy some time to create an impact in traditional biblometrics impact factor measurement technique, but in case of online citation i.e. likes, download, online mention, it might not take so long to create an impact i.e. a paper can be discussed on the time of presentation and he or she get impressed by the idea. Social bookmarking systems [24] are used to tag, share and bookmark an article over the social web and Twitter is one of the more frequently used platform which is use to share anything with shorter time span[25].

There are many sources available that provides altmetrics data about an article now a day. "Altmetrics.com" and "Impactstory.org" are two main sources that provide social impact data from different social platforms, including how many data and knowledge bases have referred to a work, it's article views, number of its downloads, and its mentions in social and news media. As for as biblometrics concern, multiple indices are available which can be used to calculate biblometrics like H-Index and its variants. To accommodate this research, we are considering some of the variants of H-Index i.e. H-index, G-index, HC-index, M-quotient and HW-index. These indexes are used to calculate the biblometrics data by their standard formulas.

Measuring the impact of an article is not a one-step shopping. Traditionally, as discussed earlier in this document that techniques like impact factor and h-index were used to assess the quality of once work but those metrics were used at the age of printed world. Now as authors used to share their contents on line, the importance's of those metrics tend to be more limited. Today, SCOPUS and PubMed Citations, Mendeley saves, CiteULike saves, tweets, blog posts, media mentions, article views, appealing bookmarks, Wikipedia citations, downloads, how many data and knowledge libraries refer to it, or mentions in social media and news media etc., reflects the quality of not only the scholarly articles but people, journals, data sets, videos, source code repositories, web pages, books, book chapters, computer code, presentation slides, posters, blog posts, digital humanities projects etc.

Altmetrics not only covers the impact of publication on the scholarly and non-scholarly public but it is more diverse and immediate as well. The best example of Altmetrics is PLoS Medicine (http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1001603) and Nature (http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nature12961) is available. To acquire Altmetrics data for different disciplines you might require different means i.e. Web of Science, Scopus, Google Scholar or Other databases, such as PsycINFO etc. on the bases of the nature of data you required. Today both institutional and individual level tools are available online which provides Altmetrics data at one place. As for as institutional level tools are concerns, ORCID researcher profiles (http://orcid.org) Research Dashboard Elsevier and My (https://www.myresearchdashboard.com) are the most common one. On the other hand tools for individual "ImpactStory" (http://impactstory.org), researcher are "ResearchGate", "Academia.edu", "Mendeley" (https://www.mendeley.com/) and "Altmetrics" are the most popular one.

Altmetrics is complementary to the traditional impact measurement analysis, helps to cover other types of impact beside the scholarly impact like societal, cultural and educational etc. Social

media attention some time called "Altmetrics donut" or "Altmetrics score" which reflect both quantitative attention in terms of "High attention-High score" value and qualitative attention in terms of "Weight according to different sources". Beside the fact, quality of the Altmetrics yet remains disputed so care and modesty are needed when elaborating the results. Altmetrics indicators as for as twitter is a concern is: "Number of user who tweet or re-tweet a scholarly article". As for as correlation is concerns many approaches can be used depends upon the nature of data, but Spearman correlation approach is considered one of the most suitable one when the analysis of Altmetrics is perform and compared with the traditional impact measurement approaches.

Traditional citation system although helps to measure the impact but failed to provide relevant paper to researchers. As apposite the Altmetrics not only measure the impact of an article but one can find relevant paper on the bases of the Altmetrics score which is more immediate and easy to propagate. As Altmetrics was described "The creation and study of new metrics based on social web for analyzing and informing scholarship" (http://altmetrics.org/about/), it still doing its job at best. Meanwhile Altmetrics is considered as a compliment to existing approaches but still it is relevant to see up to what degree Altmetrics is correlating with citation. That is why in manifesto the authors appealed and noted that: "Work should correlate between altmetrics and existing measures, predict citations from altmetrics, and compare altmetrics with expert evaluation.[26]".

2.2 H-Index and its Variants:

H-index was first proposed by Jorge E. Hirsch back in 2005, in short Hirsch index called as hindex used to measure research output of any single scholar. Let me put it that way that h-index can be used as an indicator for lifetime achievement of an author, measured by the number of received citations score. The Hirsch index can be calculated for topics, journal citation, library loans per category and predating its actual introduction here we will only use terms (i.e. citations and publications). The definition of h-index can be as follow: "A scientist has index h if h of his/her papers have at least h citations each and the other papers have less than h citations each [27]". year later 2006 Glänzel [28]pointed out that this definition is not quite precise.

| Publication | Number of citations | | |
|-------------|---------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 6 | | |
| 2 | 5 | | |
| 3 | 4 | | |
| 4 | 4 | | |
| 5 | 4 | | |
| 6 | 2 | | |

Table 5: Table for determining the h-index

According to original definition of Hirsch the h-index for Table 1 is not 5 because it is not true that there are 5 articles with at least 5 citations. Either the h-index cannot be 4 because it is not true that there are 4 articles with at least 4 citations (the 1st part of definition is logically correct) and the other ones have fewer than 4 citations (this part is now false). The h-index can precisely define as follows.

Consider the list of publications, ranked according to the number of citations received by each of these publications. Still an ambiguous question is that what happened with the same number of citations? In this case we know that publications are ranked between 1 to h from the Hirsch core, so for several publications with the same number of citation the Hirsch core can be determined by two techniques. One technique is to include all publications with h citations (in this case the Hirsch core may contain more than h elements) then in above table the value of h=3 with 4 elements, further it is noted that the last article from the list occupied R rank with citation C such

that C > R. The second technique is to give different rankings; the exact order does not matter to give different rankings, but anti-chronologically might be a good choice. The advantage of this technique is that the most recent articles have larger probability to belong to the Hirsch core than older articles. Hirsch core can said as a group of high performance publications. Ronald Rousseau proposed to call Hirsch core the set of the first h articles [[29]].

The h-index is no longer used as measure scientific achievement only for single researcher, but it is widely used to assess the research output of research group as well. When single researchers work in research groups, or countries, in addition to calculate h index values at the higher aggregate level it also possible to calculate h-index values[30] The h-index for research group can be defined as "The institute has an index h2 if h2 of its N researchers have an h1 index of at least h2 each, and the other (N-h2) researchers have h1indices lower than h2 each. The succession can then be continued, e.g., for networks of institutions or countries or other higher levels of aggregation".

There are different variants proposed for the h-index. Each proposed variant try to overcome the shortcomings h-index or its other variant. The g-index is the variant of h-index which is widely used. The g-index is introduced by Leo Egghe in 2006 [31]which overcomes weakness of h-index by capturing more citations that was not covered by h-index. Egghe defines the g-index "as the highest number g of papers that together received g2 or more citations. From this definition it is already clear that g = h". The g-index can found by comparing the cumulative citations against square of rank. When cumulative total of citation is equal/exceeds to rank square, then the g-index has been found. Another easy method to determined g-index is to first calculate the h-index and then apply following calculation

$$g = h(a^x)$$
 1

Where a^{*} act as a vector of average citation.

Sometime we need to differentiate the authors on the basis of their career length for some purposes, the h-index only evaluate author on citation and publications base. Due to this reason, already in 2005 Hirsch had proposed to divide the h-index by number of years of an individual's research activity [28].

Burrell write in his paper that the h-index is approximately proportion to career length [32]. To compare the author with scientific careers we will divide the h-index by number of year from first publishing the paper. Following is definition of m quotient:

$$m \ quotient = \frac{h}{y}$$
 2

Where 'h' is value of h-index and 'y' represent the number of years since publishing the first paper

Another technique proposed by Egghe & Rousseau in 2008 [33]which was sensitive to performance changes. This techniques known as hw-index (similar to ar-index) is variation of h-index, the h-index is weighted by citation impact and then it refers as hw-index. The hw-index defined as:

$$h_w index = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{f_0} cit_j} \qquad 3$$

In h-index and its many variant the citation count is used to quantify the research output, another approach is proposed by Ajiferuke et al in 2010 [34]known as ch-index. In this technique instead

of citations, they proposed to use the number of citers for researcher production[34]. This technique minimizes the limited circle of authors citing the other's work.

For junior authors or recent authors the contemporary h-index is normally similar to their hindex. For more recognized authors there can be a difference between the two indices, representing that most of the papers included in their h-index have been published some time ago. While such the contemporary h-index continually provide relationship between junior authors and senior authors as compare to the h-index. Contemporary h-index is defined as "An Author has hc if hc of its number of publications get a score of $Sc(j) \ge hc$ each, and the rest publications get a score of $Sc(j) \le hc$ [26].

$$Sc(j) = \alpha(y(now) - y(j) + 1) * cit(j)$$

| Publication | Citations | | Years | Cit/year | c4*4 |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|------|
| 1 | 8 | | 2007 | 8/9=.88 | 3.52 |
| 2 | 6 | | 2002 | 6/14=.42 | 1.68 |
| 3 | 4 | | 2014 | 4/2=2 | 8 |
| 4 | 2 | | 2009 | 2/7=1.12 | 1.12 |
| | | h _c | Sc(j)≥h(c) | | |
| | | 1 | 4 | | |
| | | 2 | 2 | | |
| | | 3 | 2 | | |
| | | 4 | 1 | | |

Table 6: Publications, citations and pub-year

To examining the ranking parameters, Author conducted experiments on an online bibliographic database containing data from conference and journal publications. For the case of conference and journal ranking, the indices contemporary h-index gives a more reasonable view for the ranking.

Chapter 3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

This chapter explains the methodology to evaluate h-index and its extensions against the social citation or known as "Altmetrics". The data that we are using in this research thesis is related to data of Mathematics field.



Figure 2: Proposed Methodology (abstract level)

Figure 2 presents the step in order to implement the proposed methodology at abstract level. Detail proposed methodology processes has been presented ahead in figure 3 on page 38. Each step is discussed in detail in the following discussion. The comprehensive dataset of Mathematics domain has been taken to determine the potential of the altmetrics. Subsequently, h-index and its five variants (i.e. H-index, g-index, m-quotient, hc-index and hw-index) have implemented to acquire the correlation between the biblometrics and altmetrics. Further, Then the correlation is evaluated comprehensively against the altmetrics data as explained in the previous chapter.

Before the detail discussion we shed some light on the domain selection. As mentioned earlier that we are going to use authors dataset related to mathematics in order to make comparison between traditional biblometrics and altmetrics.

3.2 Domain Selection

We are examining the potential of a comparatively new approach to measure the impact of an article known as altmetrics by evaluating it against the well-known impact factor measurement approach known as biblometrics. To perform such task, we have selected the domain of Mathematics. The justification to select this domain is as follows:

i. Mathematics covers diverse area of knowledge

ii. Application of Mathematics are found in almost every fields of science

iii. None of the previous research has evaluated altmetrics data specifically in this domain.

iv. There was already work done in this domain for biblometrics prospective and we will like to see its results on the altmetrics (publications, citations, and co-author network), and we are motivated from already found results.

3.2.1 Taxonomy Building

Mathematics has applications in almost every field of sciences. Mathematics covers vast and diverse area of knowledge. We have taken data from Imama (Imama, 2015) to conduct a study

using different ranking parameter, (i.e., H-Index and its variants) to evaluate the competent authors in Mathematics domain. There are many subcategories in Mathematics domain. The certified classification of Mathematics field is known as Mathematics Subject Classifications (MSC). The latest version of this classification is MSC2010. This classification exhibits a hierarchical structure with three levels of categories. There are total 64 top level categories in this classification. 45 of these categories are related to pure Mathematics.

This categorization is combined effort of the two major mathematical reviewing databases, Mathematical Reviews[35] and Zentralblatt MATH [36]. These categories then used by different mathematics journals like Conformal Geometry and Dynamics, Journal of American Mathematical Society and Mathematics of Computation. There are many sources to acquire data of an author publication, Citations, Co-author networks such as: MathSciNet, Zbmath and WoS and Google Scholar. Their access (except Google Scholar) is not openly available, and WoS has very limited coverage of Mathematics domain[37] Author constructed dataset from Google Scholar (Imama, 2015). Google Scholar is an open access online resource which also does citation indexing contains comprehensive data on almost each field of science. Many authors compared the coverage of WoS with Google Scholar and one of the recent study revealed that Google Scholar growth is 13% more than that of WoS [38]. Furthermore the number of Google Scholar citation over the one year period increased by approximately 1.5% per month[38].

The main limitations that are pointed out are: double counting of citation and less frequent updating of dataset. To gather data from Google Scholar manually is a time consuming task. Author built crawler to crawl a data for the topics in the Mathematics Classification system (Imama, 2015). Imama gathered 69527 publications from Google Scholar. These publications were gathered by top rank relevant and highly cited results. There was two test applied to ensure

their relevancy with Mathematics domain. It was identified manually that some of publication were not actually the publications. Author verified data in two dimensions. First they checked the relevancy with Mathematics domain, and second was to check the replications of authors in the gathered data (author disambiguation). After preprocessing of data, finally 69198 publications were left after discarding 169 publications. After data gathering process the total number of authors was 57533 and among those 29263 have last same name, after verifying these same name authors7744 unique authors were identified. After preprocessing step, total authors were 57533 with 8,821,251 citations.

3.2.2 Dataset Limitations

First and very obvious Limitation of Altmetrics is that Altmetrics data providers may change or suspend their presence with the passage of time. Secondly, it is nearly impossible to collect complete data from the internet sources; there is always a chance to miss some of information while collecting data from internet sources. Although, we make sure that all the data collected regarding Altmetrics must be complete and up-to-date. However, still the chances of an error cannot be denied. For tweet count we relied on the Twitter API for tweet count (which itself caries some technical limitations), which are obtained through document's title, DOI and URL. Therefore, evaluations of results associated with Twitter are based on its internal criteria on which it considers a tweet related to a specific paper. Another basic question asked about social media platforms is reliability. Reliability itself comes with many questions about completeness, authenticity, comprehensiveness etc. In addition, we did not know how download speed, time zone restrictions, and server downtime etc. would affect available data [22]. On the bases of above mentioned limitations, we have ensured data integrity by crosschecking collected data with other Altmetrics data sources like Impactstory.org to minimize the effect of limitations.



Figure 3: Detail proposed Research Methodology

3.3 Twitter Dataset

Twitter is a very popular social networking website founded by Jack Doresy and in 2006, used by millions of users. Twitter is used as platform where user can share their feeling about any events or news etc. A user can share a single tweet usually comprise of 140 words. We collect tweet related to the authors and their research work. Twitter API is used to collect these tweets. We are interested in the URL of author or their research work, the Document ID and title of the research article. The dataset of tweet comprised of those tweets related to the authors of mathematics which we consider for this research presented in figure 4 below.



Figure 4: Tweets related to authors and their research articles are collected and Title, URL and DOI is extracted

3.4 Data Preprocessing

The collected dataset of tweet is treated with text preprocessing steps. Text preprocessing processes like strop words removal, deleting impurities and deleting ambiguous tweets. After treating the tweet dataset with text preprocessing processes next the Document object identifier (DOI), Title and URL (Universal Resource locator) has been verified shown in figure 5.



Figure 5: Data cleaning and verifying the Title, URL and DOI of the authors and articles.

3.5 Check Tweet Relevancy

To check that we got a valid Altmetrics score against any particular paper, we checked the relevancy of tweets by using online Altmetrics data providers like Altmetrics and ImpactStory for double check.



Figure 6: Check the tweet relevancy with two Altmetrics website a) Altmetriec.com, b) ImpactStroty.com

3.6 Biblometrics impact factor parameters

This module is dedicated to the creation of the ranked expert lists Hw-index, Hl-index, Hmindex, Hc-index, M-quotient, Fraction-count-on-citation and fraction-count-on-papers. In following discussion each of the above mentioned parameters are explained and depicted in figure 7 below.



Figure 7: Traditional Bibliographic impact parameters

3.6.1 hw-Index:

The hw-index was calculated the hw-Index is defined as:

$$\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \operatorname{cit}(j)} \quad \text{where } r(j) = \sum_{j=1}^{i} \operatorname{cit}(j) / h \ r(j) \le \operatorname{cit}(j) \qquad 5$$

(10) The above formula calculates the hw-index of an author. By sum of those authors whose values should be less than or equal to that citation.

3.6.2 M-quotient:

Taking career length problem in mind, Hirsch himself proposed Hirsch's m or m-quotient in his original paper in which he proposed h-index. He computed m-quotient, by dividing h-index with the number of years since publishing the first paper. m quotient is an important ranking parameter tool when any person needs to compare 40 authors with different lengths of scientific career. The main advantage of m-quotient is when a scholar gets a break from publications; his or her *h*-index can continue to decrease. The m-quotient is defined as:

$$m-quotient=\frac{h}{y} \tag{6}$$

3.7 Evaluation

We have attained both biblometrics and altmetrics data of researchers according to each of these measurements, then a complete evaluation is performed.



Figure 8: Research questions being answered in this research

3.7.1 Measure of Correlation between indexes and altmetrics

In evaluation, the first step is to find correlation between indexes and altmetrics data. Our first research question is to find the correlation between Biblometrics and altmetrics. The correlation between altmetrics and indexes is evaluated. The main purpose to find the correlation between these indexes and altmetrics is to discover to which extend these indexes are related to altmetrics date. Considering the ranked nature of the data the best suitable correlation measure is spearman. To measure the co-relation between Bibliometrics and Altmetrics, the standard formula of spearman co-relation will be used.

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6\sum d_i^2}{n(n^2 - 1)}.$$
(7)

We implement the spearman co-relation in excel to find out the co-relation by inputting both Bibliometrics and Altmetrics data. The more detail outcome of this research question is discussed in the chapter 4.

3.7.2 Author with higher indexes value dose get higher altmetrics value

The top ranked authors by all rankings are evaluated to answer this question. To achieve this task the top 20 authors have been picked which have higher h-index value and checked against the corresponding altmetrics data. The more detail outcome of this research question is discussed in the chapter 4.

3.7.3 Does altmetrics replace the biblometrics

This third Research question gives the contributing parameter to bring the awardees in top ranked list. To achieve the percentage the occurrence of awardees in top 10% to 100% of the ranked list of authors is checked. The detail outcome of this research question is discussed in chapter 4.

Chapter: 4 RESULTS & EVALUATION

4.1 Analysis

In different set of analysis, we first show the extent to which scholarly documents from the field of mathematics are found on the Twitter. We also explore the degree to which these citations vary over time. To perform this analysis data set of 69196 papers were used. Citation rate over Twitter, simply calculated by finding mean of tweeted papers, is calculated and distribution of tweets per article is mentioned. We also identify top twenty papers which have been cited frequently over Twitter.

In second phase of analysis our focus is to distinguish and identify number of papers that have been tweeted at least once. Percentage of tweeted documents or Twitter courage P% tweeted and the mean that is Twitter Citation Rate T/P tweeted (Priem 2010) were calculated. For this calculation, only those articles have been considered which were tweeted at least once. Exclusion of the articles which are never tweeted leaves us with 1618 papers. Spearman correlation has been calculated between Twitter citation of papers and traditional bibliographic impact factor techniques H-Index and its variants. Finally analysis of correlation between Twitter citation count and Index value of all 57533 authors are mentioned that is calculated with statistical correlation between them. Journals that are most frequently tweeted have also been listed in the results.

4.2 Altmetrics Data-Set Limitations

Replication is considered as one of the big hurdles while dealing with the Altmetrics data. First and very obvious one is Altmetrics data providers may change or suspend their presence with the passage of time. Secondly, it is nearly impossible to collect complete data from the internet sources; there is always a chance to miss some of information while collecting data from internet sources. Although, we make sure that all the data collected regarding Altmetrics must be complete and up-to-date. However, still the chances of an error cannot be denied. For tweet count we relied on the Twitter API for tweet count (which itself caries some technical limitations), which are obtained through document's title, DOI and URL. Therefore, evaluations of results associated with Twitter are based on its internal criteria on which it considers a tweet related to a specific paper. Another basic question asked about social media platforms is reliability. Reliability itself comes with many questions about completeness, authenticity, comprehensiveness etc. In addition, we did not know how download speed, time zone restrictions, and server downtime etc. would affect available data. On the bases of above mentioned limitations, we have ensured data integrity by crosschecking collected data with other Altmetrics data sources like Impactstory.org to minimize the effect of limitations.

4.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis shows that 1021 out of 69196 scholarly documents get citation on the Twitter at least once which is very low Tweetation rate indeed. From these 1021 documents most of the tweeted papers, that is 63, were from year 2013, 45 were from year 2012 and more than 33 were from 2003, 2007, 1998, 2002, 2008 and 2006 equally. Figure10 shows the remaining papers tweet score by a document based on its publication year. The trend shows that latest papers got more citations on the tweeter than the older papers.



Figure 9: Shows the score by different categories

From 1021 tweeted papers only four papers score more than 10,000 citations over Twitter which covers 0.391% of the total tweeted documents, 1017 documents got at least one citation which covers 1.47% of the total dataset and Remaining 98.5% (68175 out of 69196) do not get any citation on Twitter. From the 45 categories of the mathematical domain only 29 categories were mention on Twitter that is 64.44% of the total categories. Remaining 16 categories (i.e., Round 34%) did not get any citation over Twitter. Figure 9 shows the results of categories mentioned frequently on Twitter. From the total tweeted Categories, "Mathematical Logic and Foundations" were the most frequent tweeted category; scored 176 tweets. "Algebra geometry" remains second with 102 tweet score. Likewise, form dataset of 57534 authors only 16% of them were tweeted at least once on the Twitter.

With respect to our research question no 1 that was, *Is there any correlation exists between Altmetrics and Bibliometrics impact factor measurement techniques i.e.* (*H-Index, G-Index, M-Quotient, Hc-Index and Hw-Index*)?

As far as correlation is concerned, there is very low correlation exists in Bibliometrics and Altmetrics. As for as the H-index is concerns, co-relation between the Bibliometrics and Altmetrics was very low, that is 0.023091 but (Figure 13) the trend is positive (i.e., as H-index grows, tweets grow as well). On the other hand, with the co-relation of 0.025936, there is once again very less co-relation between G-Index and Altmetric but (Figure 14) the trend is positive (i.e., as G-index grows, tweets grow as well).

(Figures 15, 16 and 17 shows co-relation results of HW-Index, M-quotient and HC-Index respectively) With the co-relation figure of 0.067626 HW- Index shows very low correlation with the twitter citation but shows some promise as compare to other Bibliometrics parameters. Still the trend line shows the positive behaviour of the co-relation between HW-index and Altmetrics. In case with M- Quotient 0.008069 shows less correlation with the twitter data as compared with the H-Index value. Rank correlation with the HC-Index does not show positive intent with value -0.00411.

Author with higher Bibliometrics impact does get higher tweet?

Comparing the result of H-Index and G-Index of first twenty authors; there is a negative corelation between Bibliometrics and Altmetrics. As for as H-index is concern, the co-relation is -0.378512 dictates no similarities among impact full authors in traditional system and authors famous on tweeter. Same is the case with the G-index, that is, with the co-relation of -0.379116, there is once again a negative co-relation between G-index and tweets of first twenty authors. Figure 11 shows the correlation between Altmetrics and G-Index values and figure 12 show the co-relation between H-Index and Altmetrics.

Table 7 shows the top twenty authors that get higher citations on the Twitter. Average tweets of an author are calculated by simple mean that is 1.305. From 1618 tweeted authors 766 score 1 that is 47.34% of the total tweeted authors. While 13.53 get two tweets. 97.18% authors do not get any citation over Twitter. Of the top twenty authors who have highest H-Index value, only ten get mentioned on the micro blogging platform that is 0.979% of the total tweeted data set With around -0.4 correlation coefficient values, no correlation exists between the first twenty authors with higher H-Index value and the Altmetrics data.

| S.NO | AUTHOR ID | AUTHER First Name | AUTHER's Last Name | TWEETS | G-Index | H-Index | CORRL-h | CORL-g | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 7866 | L | Zhongkui | 10000 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 20457 | L | Во | 10000 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 40238 | GA | Barnard | 10000 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 57250 | S | Barzilai | 10000 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 71 | G | Longo | 4948 | 10 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 57697 | EJ | Horvitz | 4117 | 7 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 21609 | JH | Palmieri | 4107 | 3 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 59161 | А | Alves | 4088 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 59162 | Y | Panis | 4088 | 1 | 1 | | -0.379116 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 59163 | D | Trancart | 4088 | 1 | 1 | .37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 59164 | JM | Regimbeau | 4088 | 1 | 1 | 851 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 2259 | SO | Hansson | 3547 | 2 | 2 | Ň | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 2260 | Т | Grüne-Yanoff | 3547 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 12899 | AV | Stepanov | 2815 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 22238 | С | Petronio | 2762 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 410 | Р | Schuster | 2755 | 5 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 228 | Т | Coquand | 2754 | 14 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 2261 | Н | Lombardi | 2754 | 7 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 54203 | Н | Formby | 2471 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 23400 | R | Steiner | 2353 | 13 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 7: Top twenty authors who score highest on Twitter along with their H-Index and G-Index

Same is the case with the G-Index value; from top twenty authors with higher G-Index value, only eight authors work was tweeted at least once on the Twitter that is 0.783% of the total tweeted dataset.



Figure 10: Latest papers get more attention on the Twitter as compare to the older one.



Figure 11: Co-relation Coefficient of G-index and Tweetation of first 20 authors [-0.379116].



Figure 12: Correlation Coefficient of H-index and Tweetation of first 20 authors [-0.378512].



Figure 13: Rank correlation between H-Index and Twitter that is round 0.23091



Figure 14: Rank co-relation between G-Index and Altmetrics that is round 0.025936.



Figure 15: Co-relation between Twitter rank and HW-Index that is 0.067626



Figure 16: Co-relation between twitter and M-quotient that is 0.008069



Figure 17: Co-relation between twitter and HC-Index that is -0.00411

Chapter 5 CONCLUSIONS

This study covers entire continuum of the mathematical domain with reasonable data for the evaluation of Altmetrics. We classify distinctive relationships between Altmetrics and bibliographic citations, which can be used as a roadmap to evaluate twitting behaviour of people in other fields of study. Furthermore from our result we found that people mention latest paper more frequently than the older ones. So, on the bases of that evidence we can predict that in future the need of Altmetrics will be fell more deeply.

5.1 Research Questions Answered

RQ1. Is there any correlation exists between Altmetrics and Biblometrics impact factor measurement techniques i.e. (H-Index, G-Index, M-Quotient, HC and HW)?

Over all there is a very less correlation between Bibliometrics and Altmetrics on the bases of Hindex and its variants as a Bibliometrics impact factor parameters and tweets as Altmetrics parameters. With the co-relation figure of 0.067626 HW- Index shows some promise as compare to other Bibliometrics parameters (i.e., H-Index, G-Index, HC-Index and M-Quotient). On the other hand with -0.0041, HC-index shows the least but negative co-relation than others Bibliometrics parameters.

RQ2. Author with higher Biblometrics impact does get higher tweet count?

The outcome of less than 2% of documents mentioned on the Twitter shows a very low coverage of mathematical documents on Twitter, which most probably can be due to scholarly focus on the traditional sources of impact measurement techniques. However, we were able to demonstrate that some categories are more popular than others. Less correlation between indices and Altmetrics shows that Altmetrics and indices measurement techniques are far away from

each other which means; Altmetrics cover other type of impact that is not comparable with the traditional citation system and therefore Biblometrics indices should not be considered alone as being representative of an author's goodness, but altmetrics should also be taken into consideration to have a complete picture of the author's impact, that is his impact in author as well as non-author community.

5.2 Future Work

Although we discover many factors explaining the low and high correlations but we think that it need details investigation to discover many others. In future we are interested to unearth other factor behind this correlation. We are also interested to know the future of altmetrics. Altmetrics is the combination of some important metrics that consider some other web channels where authors work is cited and used. With fast growth of social media this becomes very important to use altmetrics. Lot of research work has been done on social media and altmetrics is one of them. We are interested to investigate that what is the future of altmetrics.

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Appendix A

Modified List of Categories of Mathematics Field

1. Abstract harmonic Analysis

- 1.1. Amenable groups
- 1.2. Lp-spaces

2. Algebraic geometry

- 2.1. Affine fibrations
- 2.2. Elliptic surfaces
- 2.3. Picard group
- 2.4. Riemann-roch theorems
- 2.5. Rigid analytic geometry

3. Algebraic Topology

- 3.1. Elliptic cohomology
- 3.2. Fiber spaces
- 3.3. H-spaces and duals
- 3.4. J-morphism
- 3.5. K-theory
- 3.6. Loop spaces
- 3.7. Orbifold cohomology

4. Approximations and Expansions

- 4.1. Chebyshev systems
- 4.2. Pade approximation

5. Associative rings and algebras

- 5.1. Hopf algebra
- 5.2. Lattices over orders
- 5.3. Nil and nilpotent radicals
- 5.4. Quasi-frobenius rings

6. Calculs of variantions and optimal control optimization

- 6.1. Differential games
- 6.2. Duality theory
- 6.3. Frechet and gateaux differentiability
- 6.4. Hamilton-Jacobi theories
- 6.5. Inverse problems
- 6.6. Minimax problems

7. Category theory

- 7.1. Adjoint functors
- 7.2. Epimorphisms, monomorphisms
- 7.3. Functor categories
- 7.4. Monoidal categories

8. Combinatorics

- 8.1. Generalized remsey
- 8.2. Infinite Graphs
- 8.3. Matroids, geometric lattices
- 8.4. Matroids, geometric
- 8.5. Polyominoes
- 8.6. Q-calculus

9. Commutative algebra

- 9.1. Cluster algebras
- 9.2. Cohen-macaulay modules
- 9.3. Formal power series rings
- 9.4. Morphisms
- 9.5. Seminormal rings
- 9.6. Witt vectors

10. Convex and discrete geometry

- 10.1. Convex sets without dimension restrictions
- 10.2. Helly-type theorems
- 10.3. Isoperimetric problems
- 10.4. Lattice polytopes
- 10.5. Matroids
- 10.6. Spherical and hyperbolic convexity

11. Difference and functional equations

11.1. Stochastic difference equations

12. Differential geometry

- 12.1. Classical differential geometry
- 12.2. Differential line geometry
- 12.3. Euclidean space
- 12.4. G structures
- 12.5. Kinematics
- 12.6. Projective connections

13. Dynamical systems and ergodic theory

- 13.1. Cellular automata
- 13.2. Chaotic dynamics
- 13.3. Ergodic theorems
- 13.4. Homoclinic and heteroclinic orbits
- 13.5. Index Theory
- 13.6. Lattice dynamics
- 13.7. Monotone flows
- 13.8. Morse-smale systems
- 13.9. Nonholonomic dynamical systems
- 13.10. Notions of recurrence
- 13.11. Partially hyperbolic systems

- 13.12. Soliton theory
- 13.13. Symbolic dynamics

14. Field Theory and Polynomials

- 14.1. Hilbertian fields
- 14.2. Homological methods
- 14.3. Nonstandard arithmetic
- 14.4. P-adic differential equations
- 14.5. Skew fields
- 14.6. Topological semifields

15. Functional Analysis

- 15.1. Barrelled spaces, bornological spaces
- 15.2. Locally convex frechet spaces
- 15.3. Saks spaces
- 15.4. Sequence spaces
- 15.5. Sobolev spaces

16. Functions of a complex variable

- 16.1. Bergman spaces, fock spaces
- 16.2. Boundary value problems
- 16.3. Hardy spaces
- 16.4. Klein surfaces
- 16.5. Kleinian groups
- 16.6. Meromorphic functions
- 16.7. Quasiconformal mappings

17. General algebraic systems

- 17.1. Automorphisms, endomorphisms
- 17.2. Infinitary algebras

18. General Topology

| 18.1. | Fuzzy topology |
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| 18.2. | Hyperspaces |
| 18.3. | Moore spaces |
| 18.4. | P-minimal and P-closed spaces |
| 18.5. | Quotient spaces |
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- 18.6. Spectra
- 18.7. Syntopogenous structures

19. Geometry

| 19.1. | Affine analytic geometry |
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| 19.2. | Configuration theorems |
| 19.3. | Discrete geometry |
| 19.4. | Laguerre geometry |
| 19.5. | Linear incidence geometry |
| 19.6. | Metric geometry |
| 19.7. | Mobius geometry |
| 19.8. | Polar gemetry |
| 19.9. | Ring geometry |
| 19.10. | Steiner systems |

20. Global analysis analysis on manifolds

- 20.1. Bifurcation theory
- 20.2. Critical metrics
- 20.3. De Rham theory
- 20.4. Hodge theory
- 20.5. Pfaffian systems

21. Graph theory

- 21.1. Hypergrpahs
- 21.2. Ramsey Theory

21.3. Random Graphs

22. Group theory and generalizations

- 22.1. Braid groups, Artin groups
- 22.2. Conjugacy classes
- 22.3. Fuzzy groups
- 22.4. Nilpotent groups
- 22.5. Orthodox semigroups

23. Harmonic analyisis on euclidean spaces

- 23.1. Conjugate functions
- 23.2. Convolution factorization
- 23.3. Fourier series
- 23.4. Harmonic analysis

24. Integral equations

- 24.1. Eigenvalue problems
- 24.2. Fredholm integral equations
- 24.3. Integro-ordinary differential equations
- 24.4. Integro-partial differential equations
- 24.5. Volterra integral equations

25. Integral transforms operational Calculus

- 25.1. Laplace transform
- 25.2. Radon transform

26. K-theory

- 26.1. Steinberg groups and k2
- 26.2. Whitehead groups and K1

27. Linear and multi linear algebra; matrix theory

- 27.1. Clifford algebras, spinors
- 27.2. Fuzzy Matrices
- 27.3. Hermitian, skew-hermitian

28. Manifolds and cell complexes

- 28.1. Cobordism and concordance
- 28.2. Diffeomorphisms
- 28.3. Differential topology
- 28.4. Flatness and tameness
- 28.5. Isotopy and pseudo-isotopy
- 28.6. PL-topology

29. Mathematical Logic and Foundations

- 29.1. Algebraic logic
- 29.2. Axiom of choice and related propositions
- 29.3. Computability and recursion theory
- 29.4. Fuzzy set theory
- 29.5. Godel numberings and issues of incompleteness
- 29.6. Lukasiewicz and post algebras

30. Measure and integration

- 30.1. Fractals
- 30.2. Fuzzy measure theory

31. Non associative rings and algebras

- 31.1. Color lie Algebra
- 31.2. Graded lie algebra
- 31.3. Leibniz algebra
- 31.4. Modular lie algebra
- 31.5. Vertex operators

32. Number Theory

| 32.1. | Automorphism groups of lattices |
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| 32.2. | Bell and Stirling numbers |
| 32.3. | Bernoulli and Euler number and polynomials |
| 32.4. | Bilinear and hermitian forms |
| 32.5. | Binomial coefficients; factorials; q-identities |
| 32.6. | Dedekind eta function dedeking sums |
| 32.7. | Diophantine inequalities |
| 32.8. | Fibonacci and Lucas number and polynomials and generalizations |
| 32.9. | Galois cohomology of linear algebraic groups |
| 32.10. | Galois Theory |
| 32.11. | Hecke-petersson operators |
| 32.12. | Jacobi forms |

- 32.13. K-theory of quadratic and Hermitian forms
- 32.14. Non convex bodies
- 32.15. Nonholomorphic modular forms
- 32.16. The frobenius problem
- 32.17. Thue-Mahler equations
- 32.18. Weil representation

33. Numberical Analysis

- 33.1. Monte carlo methods
- 33.2. Numerical differentiation
- 33.3. Numerical integration
- 33.4. Numerical Linear Algebra
- 33.5. Smoothing, curve fitting
- 33.6. Splines
- 33.7. Stiff equations

34. Operator theory

34.1. C-semigroups

- 34.2. Difference operators
- 34.3. Functional calculus
- 34.4. Hermitian and normal operators
- 34.5. Ill-posed problems
- 34.6. Jacobi operators
- 34.7. Kernel operators
- 34.8. Markov semigroups
- 34.9. Perturbation theory
- 34.10. Random operators
- 34.11. Riesz operators
- 34.12. Spectral operators

35. Order, lattices, ordered algebraic structures

- 35.1. Fuzzy lattices
- 35.2. Modular Lattices, Complemented Lattices
- 35.3. Noether Lattices
- 35.4. Stein manifolds

36. Ordinary differential equations

- 36.1. Fuzzy differential equations
- 36.2. Lattice differential equations
- 36.3. Spectral theory
- 36.4. Weyl theory

37. Partial differential equations

- 37.1. Boltzmann equations
- 37.2. Close-to-elliptic equations and systems
- 37.3. Hamilton-jacobi equations
- 37.4. Nonlinear elliptic equations
- 37.5. Overdetermined systems
- 37.6. Schrodinger operator

- 37.7. Singular elliptic equations
- 37.8. Soliton solutions
- 37.9. Strong solutions
- 37.10. Weak solutions

38. Potential theory

- 38.1. Axiomatic potential theory
- 38.2. Dirichlet spaces

39. Probability theory

- 39.1. Combinatorial probability
- 39.2. Fuzzy probability
- 39.3. Geometric probability
- 39.4. Limit theorems
- 39.5. Markov processes
- 39.6. Stochastic analysis
- 39.7. Stochastic processes

40. Real functions

- 40.1. Fuzzy real analysis
- 40.2. Lipschitz classes
- 40.3. Quasi-analytic functions

41. Sequences series summability

- 41.1. Lacunary inversion theorems
- 41.2. Tauberian constants

42. Several complex varaibles and analytic spaces

- 42.1. Automorphic forms
- 42.2. Geometric convexity
- 42.3. Holomorphic convexity

| 42.4. | Kahler manifolds |
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| 42.5. | Lelong numbers |
| 42.6. | Milnor fibration |
| 42.7. | Pseudoholomorphic |
| 42.8. | Semi-Analytical sets |
| 42.9. | Twistor theory, double fibrations |

43. Special functions

43.1. Airy functions

44. Statistics

| 44.1. | Decision theory |
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| 44.2. | Distribution theory |
| 44.3. | Linear regression |
| 44.4. | Multivariate analysis |

44.5. Parametric inference

45. Topological groups, lie groups

- 45.1. Ergodic theory
- 45.2. Infinite-dimensional lie groups