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Scope

The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to contol these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance. For many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

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> mathematics, statistics, and computer science
> library and information science
> archivistics and museology
> journalism and communication science
> industrial products and commodity science
> terminology, lexicography and linguistics

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(1) clarifying the theoretical foundations (general ordering theory, science theoretical bases of classification, data analysis and reduction)
(2) describing practical operations connected with numerical taxonomy/ classification, as well as applications of classification systems and thesauri, manual and machine indexing
(3) tracing the history of classification knowledge and methodology
(4) discussing questions of education and training in classification
(5) concerning themselves with the problems of terminology in general and with respect to special fields.

Aims

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