

The average number of citations per year is calculated by dividing the total number of citations by the number of years the author or journal has been publishing papers. This can be a very useful metric to assess the yearly impact for a journal or author. It compensates for the time an academic/journal has been active, which provides a fairer comparison for junior academics. As such, it can be used as an alternative to the contemporary h-index.

The unnamed lower list of the results panel also includes the number of citations per year for each individual paper of the author or journal in question. This allows one to assess the impact of each paper when corrected for its age. Sorting on the citation per year column allows one to assess an authors or journals most influential publications (see screenshot).

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