



Measuring Dataset Impact: Data Citation as an Economic Process



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- Give credit to data creators and curators (and institutions)

- Repeatability, reproducibility and generalizability of research



- Referencing data in order to identify, discover and retrieve them

- Building and propagating knowledge











A lot of work has been done...

- Principles of data citation

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DATA ALLIANCE

Data Citation Principles

Research Data Sharing without barriers

- Recommendations for data citation systems

- Data publishing infrastructures and data journals









(euphemism)



The practice of citing data is still not pervasive in scientific publishing

We need a deep and citation permanent data citation mechanism [Ingwersen and Chavan, 2011]

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From the user perspective









- The generation of human- and machine-readable citations should be automatic

- Cited data should be uniquely identified: use DOI (?)

- Citing data should be easy: click, generate, copy and paste

- Setting up and maintaining a citation system should require low (no) effort to data creators/curators



From the computer scientist perspective









- Data is not (always) fixed, it changes
- Persistent identifiers are (only) part of the solution
- Variable granularity (deep citations)
- Automatic generation of citation snippets (yes, but how?)
- Different data types and formats





- XML: Rule-based system [Buneman&Silvello, 2010]
- XML: View-based system [Buneman et al., 2016]
- XML: Learning to cite framework [Silvello, 2016]
- Relational DB: View-based model [Davidson et al., 2017]
- Relational DB: Queries as proxies for data [Rauber et al., 2016]
- RDF: Named graphs based method (again views) [Silvello, 2015]
- RDF: View-based method [almost ready to be submitted and (maybe) accepted in 2017]



Views seem to be central









Are there systematic biases introduced by these system?

Is the credit attribution mechanism:

- fair: credit attribution is not inflated
- *truthful*: scientists are motivated to honestly report their contributions
- *efficient:* credit needs to be computed from the data in polynomial time







Citations are the currency of the system of sciences



A viable economic assumption is: credit is a finite yet divisible resource, and the higher the credit provided by a citation, the higher the price of the citation







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New impact indicators based on reliable and fair data citation mechanisms

Future

Datametrics





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