

A rationale for my webpages – September 13, 2015

To this author experience, plenty of graduate students and young researchers are used to search for scientific and technological references (usually papers) through Internet, of course. Because not all of the technical journals of 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and a part of 1990s had been scanned in electronic format (typically PDF), students and young researchers could conclude that some items they have been studying are new. As a result, they are used to submit their "discoveries" to prestigious journals. Actually, it happens that they have re-invented the wheel, and re-found out many issues related to those particular topics.

As a senior reviewer of papers submitted to well-known high-level journals, I am used to inform and explain to the young authors that their topics have been investigated for years by many (now senior) authors, and some decades since. Many colleagues of mine have been telling me that what above described is somewhat widespread.

How may one mitigate this problem? It is a difficult problem to be addressed, in my opinion. I do not know its solution, if any. Nevertheless, I have been progressively scanning some of my old papers published in the second half of the 20th century, and uploading the related pdf-files for the interested young researchers and university students.

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