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Balk, M.: On patent categories.

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A patent category system featuring eight patent category concepts is proposed. These are obtained through an interpretation of concept structures, which in turn or obtained through a combination of the concepts "material", "form", "forward movement", "backward movement", and "effect". Two anterior derivation principles are employed to narrow down the total of 32 combinations or concept structures, also called "substitutions", to eight concept structures which can be interpreted as patent category concepts. The interpretation of these structures is determined by their essential aspects. The patent category system proposed can be regarded as relatively self-contained and relatively complete. (Author)

Carpenter, A. M., Jones, M., Oppenheim, Ch.: Retrieval tests on five classification schemes. Studies on Patent Classification Systems II (1).

In: Intern. Classificat. 5 (1978) No. 2, p. 73–80, 21 refs.

The five schemes tested in the fields of inorganic chemistry and biochemistry were the following: the UK Patent Classification, the US Patent Classification, the International Patent Classification, the Derwent Manual Code and the Derwent Punch Code. Description of the methodology followed and presentation of the results from the 15 and 22 questions set. Among others the results show that recall was correlated positively with precision and that the Derwent codes gave substantially higher recall than the classification schemes. Details of the findings are discussed including also the role of misprints in patent office publications. I.C.

Forst, H. T.: Zur hierarchischen Klassifizierung von Beobachtungseinheiten nach komparativen Merkmalen. (On the hierarchical classification of observation units according to comparative characteristics.)

In: Intern. Classificat. 5 (1978) No. 2, p. 81–85, 11 refs.

In the group of hierarchical classification procedures those ones have been predominant so far which classify observation units according to metrical or classificatory characteristics. Classification procedures based on comparative characteristics differing only in their degree of intensity have so far been neglected. The present paper looks into the problems of similarity measurement in the use of comparative characteristics and investigates – by means of data simulation – the efficiency of a pertinent procedure proposed by *Lance and Williams*. (Author)

Sundström, E.: Introducing TNC and the TERMDOK system.

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The Swedish Centre of Technical Terminology, TNC, is a non-profit organization engaged in elaboration and dissemination of terminology. Work at TNC is centered on a procedure which is intended to safe-guard the influence of interest parties on the shaping of the terminology. The TERMDOK system has been conceived of as an information handling aid in this work. It contains programs for updating and search in a term bank, making possible interactive editing of terminological data. A shift in emphasis is discernible in the elaboration of terminology, from systematic work on more or less clearly delimited technical fields to a form more adapted to the need for rapid decisions on individual terminological questions. Computerization is one of several factors influencing this tendency. (Author)

Dahlberg, I.: Citation codes in classification and terminology. Proposal for an international standard.

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In order to facilitate and unify the citation of and reference to classification systems, thesauri and dictionaries a standard form of codes for their publications seem to be of great help. Such citation codes are necessary in the application of references to these systems in information networks, information systems and services, in all sorts of reference works and other literature and in processing of bibliographic as well as concept data in a formatted way. The proposal contains rules for the formation of such codes in a very simple and mnemonic way. Their possible extension to include information on special editions, on editions in different languages and on numbers of editions is also considered. Comments are invited before an authority file according to these rules may be established. (Author)

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