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Krauth, J.: Techniques of classification in psychology I: Factor analysis, facet analysis, multidimensional scaling, latent structure analysis.

In: *Int. Classif.* 8 (1981) No. 2, p. 126–132, 37 refs.

Classification problems are quite common in psychology, and many classification procedures were developed and applied in this specific branch of science. Some of these methods or groups of methods, respectively, are introduced here. The mostly used technique in psychology is factor analysis. We describe the underlying model of factor analysis, its indeterminacy problems, modifications and extensions, and give some hints for application. Next facet analysis is discussed, which is based on ideas from variance and factor analysis. Another procedure is multidimensional scaling (MDS), which can be used either as a preliminary stage for other classification procedures or as a classification method itself. A distinction is made between metric and non-metric MDS-procedures, and between methods for proximity data, dominance data, profile data, and conjoint measurement data. Finally the models and applications of latent structure analysis are discussed. (Author)

Sager, J.C., Somers, H.L., McNaught, J.: Thesaurus integration in the social sciences. Pt. I: Comparison of thesauri

In: *Int. Classif.* 8 (1981) No. 2, p. 133–138, 45 refs.

The part I of a series of three articles directed towards the creation of an integrated multilingual thesaurus for the social sciences establishes criteria relevant for the comparison of thesauri from the point of view of their integration and examines a number of thesauri in the social sciences with this goal in mind. The comparison considers (1) the knowledge structure (coverage, general descriptors, classification, hierarchies), (2) the linguistic structure (terms and descriptors, word categories, choice of descriptors and their form, relationships), and (3) formal features (typography, address codes, symbols, ordering, spelling variants). (acc. Authors)

Moss, R.: Dewey: The neglected introduction.

In: *Int. Classif.* 8 (1981) No. 3, p. 139–144, 14 refs.

Dewey's Introduction has been dropped from the current 19th Edition of his Classification Scheme. Perhaps because of its allegedly "phonetic" spelling it has been unduly neglected. However, since it is considered that this Introduction says everything which can be said about Library Classification it is also considered that it should not now be forgotten. It anticipated many developments for which later writers have been given the credit. However, it did not solve the problem which has evaded all library classification and indexing since in spite of the optimistic claims of classification and similar enthusiasts, namely, How do we know or define "the subject" of a book or document? Also, the failure to relate the theory in the Introduction to the actual arrangement of the subjects within the schedules set the unfortunate pattern by which library classification came to be discussed with little or no reference to the subject matter involved. The fact that Dewey's century-old classification survives as the most widely used one reflects both the physical difficulty of trying to reclassify any established library and the lack of any new thinking in educational curricula. Nor is there any adequate evidence that later library classification schemes represent any worthwhile advance on Dewey. (Author)

Kaula, P.N., Prasad, H.N.: Classification literature in India: analysis and trend.

In: *Int. Classif.* 8 (1981) No. 3, p. 145–149, 3 refs.

An attempt has been made to analyse the classification literature produced in India between 1932 and 1980. Some of the facets considered are: (1) type of literature (periodical, conference/seminar, books, theses), (2) Periodicals publishing CL, (3) Productive authors, (4) Yearwise distribution of CL, (5) Subject-wise analysis. The 160 Depth Schedules produced by Ranganathan and his school are listed in chronological sequence. Based on the analysis some conclusions were drawn. I.C.

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