A bibliometric analysis of citation diversity in accessibility and HCI research

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Citation diversity is a measure of interdisciplinarity, i.e., how much a paper is influenced by other disciplines and how much it influences other disciplines.

Our scope: accessibility research published in CHI and ASSETS
What are the citation patterns of accessibility research published at CHI and ASSETS?

How does accessibility research relate to other computing fields and to fields outside of computing?

What are the trends over time and how are they changing?

How do these patterns and trends compare to other communities in HCI?
References: outbound citations
Citations: inbound citations
Venue: publication venue (conference or journal)
Field: field of study as classified by Microsoft Academic
We begin with a core dataset of 836 accessibility papers from CHI and ASSETS identified and curated by Mack et al. 2021 [1]

21464 references and 30355 citations
11 other HCI venues for comparative analysis

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CHI and ASSETS accessibility papers receive similar numbers of citations.
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Also in the paper:

- A thorough description of how we constructed our dataset
- An analysis of venues referenced by and citing accessibility papers
- Temporal trends of different fields of study citing accessibility papers
- The diversity of the references and citations of various HCI publication venues, as measured by Leinster-Cobb bold Diversity Index
Main takeaways

- Accessibility papers are predominantly influenced by other work in accessibility and HCI, though they also draw influence from psychology, medicine, and other fields.
- The citation diversity of accessibility papers is increasing over time.
- CHI and ASSETS are complementary venues for publishing accessibility research.
Thank you!

References


Learn more about how we performed this analysis:
https://github.com/makeabilitylab/accessibility-bibliometric-analysis