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A steadily increasing development: 35 years of publication of the journal *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*

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ABSTRACT. The purpose of this note is to review some historical facts about the process of editing the journal *Creative Mathematics and Informatics (CMI)* since its foundation in 1992 to the present time (2026) and to reflect systematically on the articles recently published in *CMI*. The bibliometrics analysis was carried out over the past 10 year research activity of the journal, i.e., over the period from 2016 to 2025, and was conducted with the aim to analyze and characterize its most important evolution indicators. The data for the analysis have been obtained and analyzed separately from each of the following databases: MathSciNet, zbMATH, SCOPUS and Web of Science.

Based on a quantitative content analysis of the journal's articles, the statistical analysis was directed mainly to identify the most contributing authors, organizations, research groups and countries. The analysis also examined the impact and visibility of the publications in CMI based on reviews and citations over the whole publication period of the journal according to information available within the four databases taken into consideration.

1. INTRODUCTION

I have the remarkable privilege of writing this article after 35 years of the moment I founded (in 1992) the journal *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* (CMI), which I have edited and contributed to its development since then with confidence, great passion and dedication, as its founding Editor-in-Chief.

Reports on its development were written by the Editor-in-Chief regularly on the occasion of marking various anniversary moments of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*:

(1) first decade of existence, in a paper published in vol. **10** (2001), issue no. 2 [2];
(2) first two decades of publication, in the paper [3], vol. **20** (2011), issue no. 2;
(3) first quarter of century of existence, in the a paper [4], vol. **25** (2016), issue no. 2;
(4) first three decades of publication, in the paper [5], vol. **30** (2021), issue no. 2.

The journal *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* evolved gradually from what was 35 years ago, in 1992 - a local didactics publication (one issue per year), written in Romanian, with very modest objectives - to what is today: a visible international journal devoted to high level research papers in mathematics and computer science, as well as to their significant interdisciplinary applications. It is currently indexed by some of the most relevant databases: MathSciNet, zbMATH, SCOPUS and EBSCO.

Having in view the fact that most of the historical aspects on its previous years of existence were reported in the editorial articles Berinde [2], [3], [4] and [5], that were mentioned above, in what follows we shall review in detail mainly the last 10 volumes published, i.e., volumes **25** (2016)-**34** (2025).

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2. Some facts about the decade 2016-2015

Illustrating the ascending qualitative evolution of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, an average of about 29 papers per year were published, that is, a total of 292 papers in the ten volumes considered in the present analysis: **25** (2016)-**34** (2025), see Figure 1.

Year	Volume	No. issues	No. papers
2025	34	3	39
2024	33	2	25
2023	32	2	24
2022	31	2	25
2021	30	2	26
2020	29	2	29
2019	28	2	27
2018	27	2	27
2017	26	3	40
2016	25	2	30
			292

FIGURE 1. Annual number of papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the period 2016-2025

From the MathSciNet profile of the journal, see Figure 2, we can extract the following important historical facts.

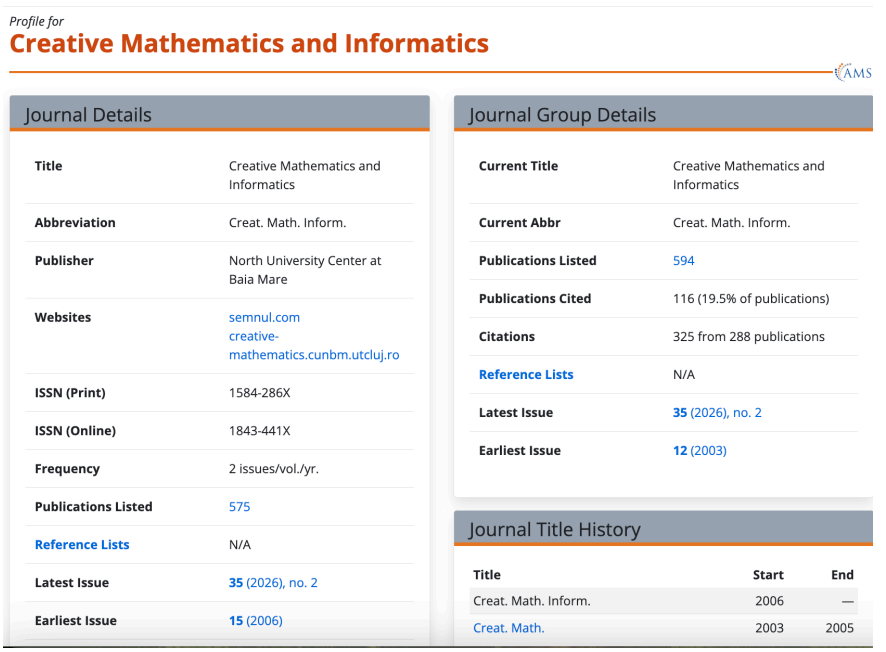


FIGURE 2. MathSciNet profile of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*

(1) The journal is indexed in MathSciNet starting with volume 12 (2003). Under the name *Creative Mathematics*, 3 volumes were published: **12** (2003), **13** (2004) and **14** (2005), with a total of 19 papers indexed in MathSciNet: 5 papers from volume **12** (2003), 6 papers from volume **13** (2004), and 8 papers from volume **14** (2005).
(2) Starting with volume **15** (2006), the provisional name *Creative Mathematics*, which was a translation into English of the original name in Romanian of the journal (*Lucrările Seminarului de Creativitate Matematică*, 1992-2002), has been extended to the current and final one, *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, as a prompt response to several submissions in the area of Computer Science that were received in the period 2003-2005.
(3) A total of 575 articles published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the period 2006-2026 were indexed in MathSciNet.
(4) The last indexed issue is the current published issue: vol. **35** (2026), issue no. 2.

Figure 2 presents the graph displayed by MathSciNet with number of papers per year published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the period 2003-2026. One can see that, except for the year 2008, when an additional special issue (no. 3/2008), including selected papers presented to ICAM6 (6th International Conference on Applied Mathematics, North University of Baia Mare, 18-21 September 2008, dedicated to Professor Iulian Coroian on the occasion of his 70th anniversary) was published, for the other volumes the number of papers per volume was around of 30.

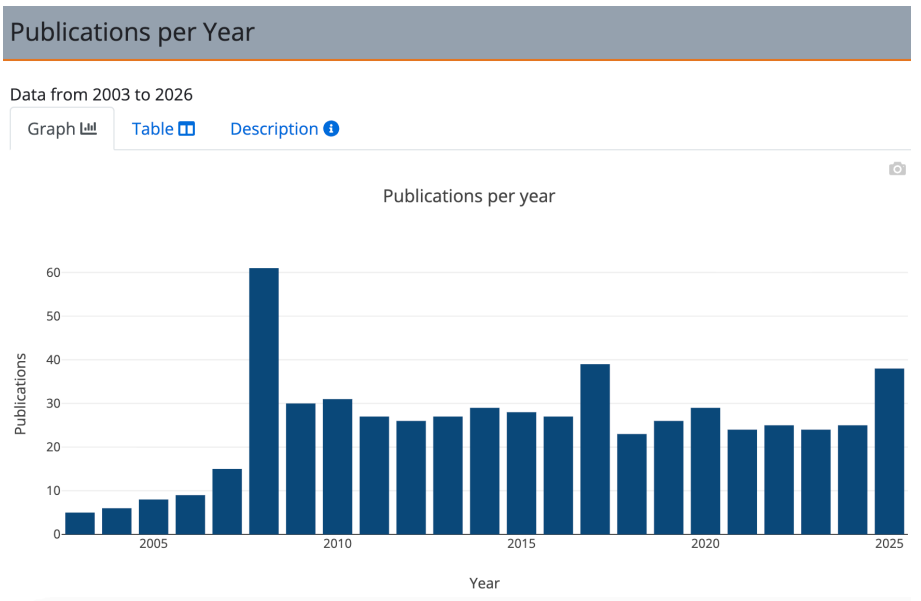


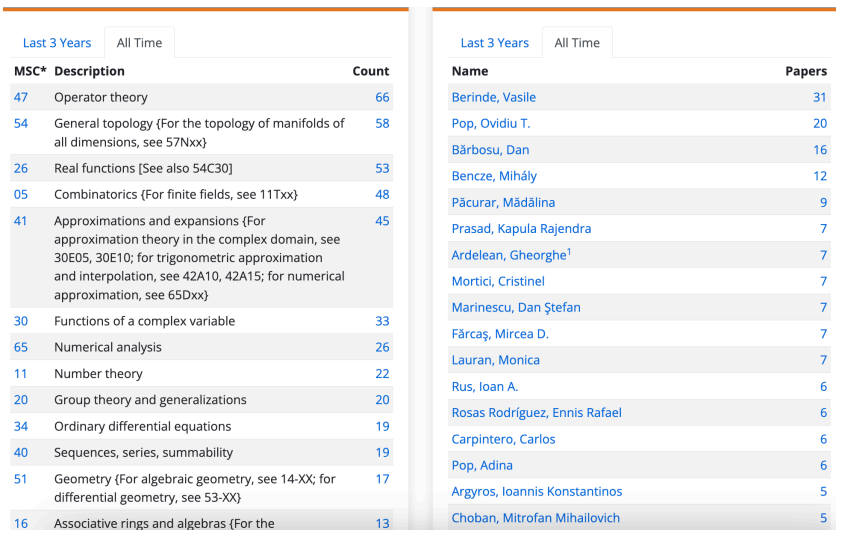
FIGURE 3. MathSciNet indexed publications per year of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* (2003-2026)

In Figure 4, which is also extracted directly from MathSciNet, there are illustrated the main fields of research covered by *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* (left column), as well as the list of the most productive authors all time (right column), according to MathSciNet (only partial information from that available in MathSciNet is displayed).

One can see from Figure 4 that, of all almost 100 authors that contributed to *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, the most prolific ones all time.

Four of them can be also found in the list of the most productive authors in the last decade (2016-2025):

(1) **10 papers**: Berinde, V.;
(2) **6 papers**: Bărbosu, D.; Marinescu, D. Ş.; Prasad, K. R.;
(3) **5 papers**: Argyros, I. K.; George, S.; Pattabiraman, K.; Suceavă, B. D.; Ulusu, U.;
(4) **4 papers**: Nuray, F.; Pirzada, S.; Păcurar, M.; Set, E.; Sow, T. M. M.; Sudev, N. K.



Last 3 Years | All Time

MSC*	Description	Count
47	Operator theory	66
54	General topology {For the topology of manifolds of all dimensions, see 57Nxx}	58
26	Real functions [See also 54C30]	53
05	Combinatorics {For finite fields, see 11Txx}	48
41	Approximations and expansions {For approximation theory in the complex domain, see 30E05, 30E10; for trigonometric approximation and interpolation, see 42A10, 42A15; for numerical approximation, see 65Dxx}	45
30	Functions of a complex variable	33
65	Numerical analysis	26
11	Number theory	22
20	Group theory and generalizations	20
34	Ordinary differential equations	19
40	Sequences, series, summability	19
51	Geometry {For algebraic geometry, see 14-XX; for differential geometry, see 53-XX}	17
16	Associative rings and algebras {For the	13

Last 3 Years | All Time

Name	Papers
Berinde, Vasile	31
Pop, Ovidiu T.	20
Bărbosu, Dan	16
Bencze, Mihály	12
Păcurar, Mădălina	9
Prasad, Kapula Rajendra	7
Ardelean, Gheorghe[1]	7
Mortici, Cristinel	7
Marinescu, Dan Ştefan	7
Fărcaş, Mircea D.	7
Lauran, Monica	7
Rus, Ioan A.	6
Rosas Rodríguez, Ennis Rafael	6
Carpintero, Carlos	6
Pop, Adina	6
Argyros, Ioannis Konstantinos	5
Choban, Mitrofan Mihailovich	5

FIGURE 4. MathSciNet: main MSC categories covered by *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* and the most productive authors all time

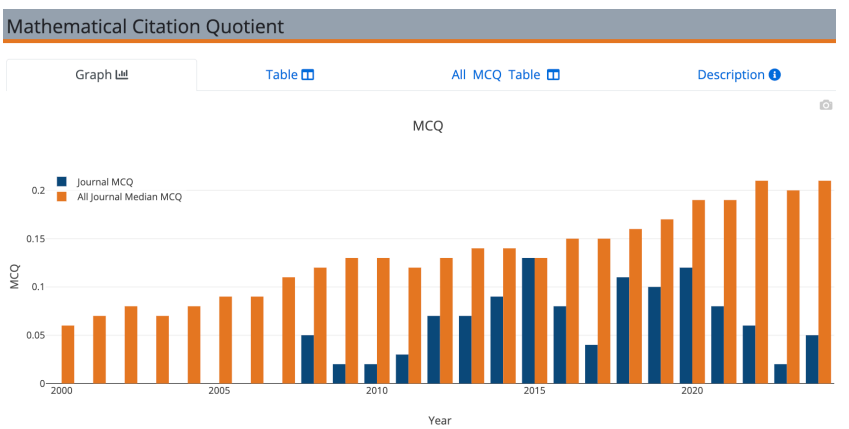


FIGURE 5. MathSciNet: Mathematical Citation Quotient (MCQ) of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*

Table 5 presents the report extracted from MathSciNet regarding the *Mathematical Citation Quotient (MCQ)*, which is an indicator of the journal's impact with respect to all other journals indexed. MCQ for a given year is defined as "the number of times the items published in the journal in the previous five years were cited by items in Reference List Journals and Series published in the given year, divided by the number of articles the journal published in that same five-year period".

This report is based on the indicator *All Journal Median MCQ*, which is "the median of every journal's MCQ. It provides a benchmark by which to understand the MCQ of a journal (MCQs are computed starting from the year 2000)." The Median MCQ for All Journal Publications in 2024 is 0.21.

It is interesting to note that the highest MCQ for *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* has been recorded in 2015, and the lowest one in 2023.

The all time most cited papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, according to MathSciNet, are the following ones.

(1) **33 citations**: Berinde, V.; Păcurar, M. The role of the Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric in fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 2, 143–150.
(2) **13 citations**: Berinde, V. On a notion of rapidity of convergence used in the study of fixed point iterative methods. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **25** (2016), no. 1, 29–40.
(3) **13 citations**: Miheşan, V. Gamma approximating operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 3, 466–472 (2009).
(4) **13 citations**: Radu, C. Statistical approximation properties of Kantorovich operators based on q-integers. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 2, 75–84.
(5) **8 citations**: Set, E.; Akdemir, A. O.; Mumcu, İ. Hadamard's inequality and its extensions for conformable fractional integrals of any order $\alpha > 0$. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **27** (2018), no. 2, 197–206.
(6) **8 citations**: Miclăuş, D. On the GBS Bernstein-Stancu's type operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 1, 73–80.
(7) **7 citations**: Berinde, V.; Choban, M. Generalized distances and their associate metrics. Impact on fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 1, 23–32.
(8) **7 citations**: Aqzzouz, B.; Elbour, A. Some results on discrete Banach lattices. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **19** (2010), no. 2, 110–115.
(9) **6 citations**: Kazmi, K. R.; Rizvi, S. H.; Ali, R. A hybrid iterative method without extrapolating step for solving mixed equilibrium problem. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **24** (2015), no. 2, 163–170.
(10) **6 citations**: Păcurar, M. Remark regarding two classes of almost contractions with unique fixed point. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **19** (2010), no. 2, 178–183.

3. About the indexing in zbMATH

Creative Mathematics and Informatics is indexed in zbMATH starting from 2004, with a total of 642 papers indexed, and the last indexed issue is issue no. 1 from vol. **35** (2026), see Figure 6.

One can also note that *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* published the highest number of papers in the areas *Operator Theory, General Topology* and *Real Analysis*, and also that the most productive authors all time in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, according to zbMATH, are the following ones:

(1) **34 papers**: Berinde, Vasile;
(2) **17 papers**: Bărbosu, Dan;
(3) **16 papers**: Pop, Ovidiu T.;

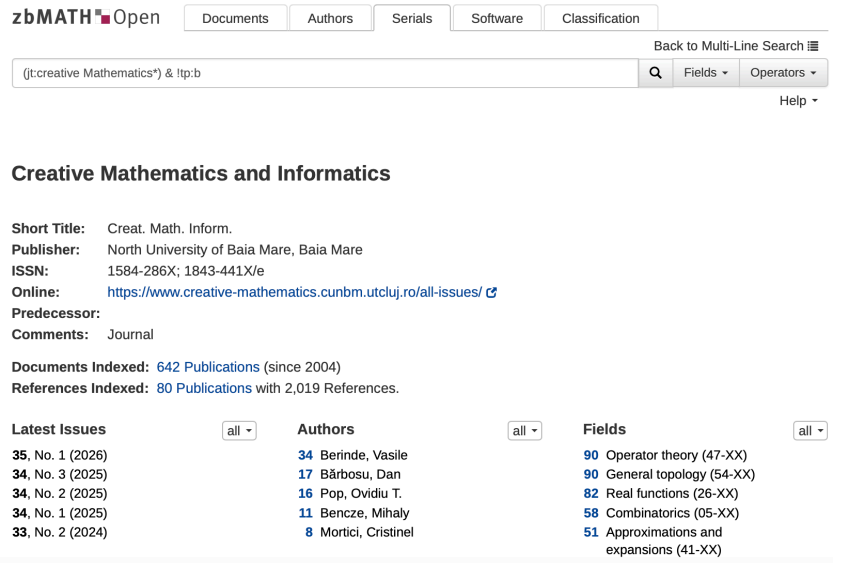


FIGURE 6. zbMATH: profile of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*

(4) **11 papers**: Bencze, Mihalyi;
(5) **8 papers**: Mortici, Cristinel.

A very interesting report is offered by zbMATH with respect to the impact of papers published in CMI, see Figure 7: the papers were cited by 942 authors, in 220 journals and in 50 subfields of mathematics.

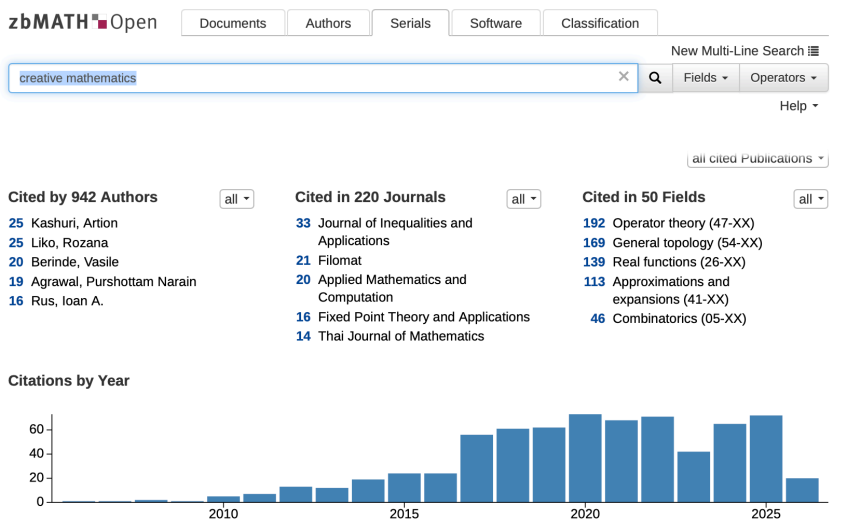


FIGURE 7. zbMATH: impact of publications in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*

If we refer to the citations contained in zbMATH Open, we find that 240 Publications have been cited 817 times in 699 Documents and that the most cited papers all time are:

(1) **66 citations**: Berinde, V.; Păcurar, M. The role of the Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric in fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 2, 143–150.
(2) **24 citations**: Özdemir, M. E.; Set, E.; Alomari, M. Integral inequalities via several kinds of convexity. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **20** (2011), no. 1, 62–73.
(3) **24 citations**: Olatinwo, M. O. Some stability and strong convergence results for the Jungck-Ishikawa iteration process. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), 33–42.
(4) **24 citations**: Set, E.; Sarikaya, M. Z.; Gözpınar, A. Some Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for convex functions via conformable fractional integrals and related inequalities. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **26** (2017), no. 2, 221–229.
(5) **23 citations**: Radu, C. Statistical approximation properties of Kantorovich operators based on q-integers. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 2, 75–84.
(6) **21 citations**: Miheşan, V. Gamma approximating operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 3, 466–472 (2009).
(7) **17 citations**: Noor, M. A.; Noor, K. I.; Awan, M. U. Some inequalities for geometrically-arithmetically h-convex functions. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **23** (2014), no. 1, 91–98.
(8) **16 citations**: Măruşter, Ş.; Rus, I. A. Kannan contractions and strongly demicontractive mappings. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **24** (2015), no. 2, 171–180.
(9) **16 citations**: Set, E.; Akdemir, A. O.; Mumcu, İ. Hadamard's inequality and its extensions for conformable fractional integrals of any order $\alpha > 0$. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **27** (2018), no. 2, 197–206.
(10) **15 citations**: Nuray, F.; Ulusu, U. Lacunary invariant statistical convergence of double sequences of sets. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **28** (2019), no. 2, 143–150.
(11) **15 citations**: Berinde, V. On a notion of rapidity of convergence used in the study of fixed point iterative methods. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **25** (2016), no. 1, 29–40.
(12) **14 citations**: Berinde, V.; Choban, M. Generalized distances and their associate metrics. Impact on fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 1, 23–32.

Now, we close this section by comparing the most cited papers all time published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, according to MathSciNet and zbMATH, respectively. We note that there are quite significant differences: while the most cited paper is the same in both databases, but with different size (33 citations in MathSciNet and 66 citations in zbMATH), the second and third ones are totally different, and the 4th and 5th one are the same, but in reverse order.

4. Impact according to SCOPUS and Web of Science

First of all, we note that, while MathSciNet and zbMATH are specialized reviews databases, the electronic databases SCOPUS and Web of Science are general ones and cover all subjects. It is therefore very important to extract relevant information on the impact of papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics*, not only all time but also in the analyzed period (2016-2025), as reflected by SCOPUS / Web of Science.

Creative Mathematics and Informatics is indexed in SCOPUS starting with volume 29 (2020) to date, therefore we can have only an incomplete view on its impact in this database.

Currently, there are 190 papers from *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* which are indexed in SCOPUS, and 168 of them were published in the analyzed period (2016-2025), which means an average of 24 articles per indexed volume.

The most cited papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the analyzed period (2016-2025) acoording to SCOPUS are given in what follows.

(1) **86 citations**: Holzinger, A.; Plass, M.; Holzinger, K.; Crişan, G. C.; Pintea, C.-M.; Palade, V. A glass-box interactive machine learning approach for solving NP-hard problems with the human-in-the-loop. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **28** (2019), no. 2, 121–134.
(2) **26 citations**: Set, E.; Akdemir, A. O.; Mumcu, İ. Hadamard's inequality and its extensions for conformable fractional integrals of any order $\alpha > 0$. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **27** (2018), no. 2, 197–206.
(3) **15 citations**: Yilmaz, Y.; Bozkurt, H.; Çakan, S. On orthonormal sets in inner product quasilinear spaces. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **25** (2016), no. 2, 237–247.
(4) **10 citations**: Şengül, H.; Et, M. Lacunary statistical convergence of order (α, β) in topological groups. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **26** (2017), no. 3, 339–344.
(5) **9 citations**: Acar, Ö.; Erdoğan, E. Some fixed point results for almost contraction on orthogonal metric space. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **31** (2022), no. 2, 147–153.
(6) **8 citations**: Şahin, A.; Başarir, M. Some convergence results for nonexpansive mappings in uniformly convex hyperbolic spaces. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **26** (2017), no. 3, 331–338.
(7) **7 citations**: Ţicală, C. Approximating fixed points of demicontractive mappings by iterative methods defined as admissible perturbations. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **25** (2016), no. 1, 121–126.
(8) **5 citations**: Kumar, A.; Singh, S. K.; Singh, S. K. A note on Moritoh transforms. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **33** (2024), no. 2, 185–201.
(9) **5 citations**: Abd El-Latif, A. M. Supra soft b-connectedness II: Some types of supra soft b-connectedness. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **26** (2017), no. 1, 1–8.
(10) **4 citations**: Prasad, K. R.; Khuddush, M.; Leela, D. Existence of positive solutions for half-linear fractional order BVPs by application of mixed monotone operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **29** (2020), no. 1, 65–80.

Before we present a synthesis of the citations recorded in Web of Science for the papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the analyzed period (2016-2025), we should note that although the journal is indexed in SCOPUS (starting with volume **29** (2020)), it is not yet indexed by Web of Science. Therefore, we can extract the most cited papers published in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the analyzed period (2016-2025) which are cited in Web of Science by using the **Cited Reference** tool. We find the following figures.

(1) **21 citations**: Set, E.; Akdemir, A. O.; Mumcu, İ. Hadamard's inequality and its extensions for conformable fractional integrals of any order $\alpha > 0$. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **27** (2018), no. 2, 197–206.
(2) **10 citations**: Şengül, H.; Et, M. Lacunary statistical convergence of order (α, β) in topological groups. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **26** (2017), no. 3, 339–344.
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(9) **4 citations**: Holzinger, A.; Plass, M.; Holzinger, K.; Crişan, G. C.; Pintea, C.-M.; Palade, V. A glass-box interactive machine learning approach for solving NP-hard problems with the human-in-the-loop. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **28** (2019), no. 2, 121–134.
(10) **4 citations**: Prasad, K. R.; Khuddush, M.; Leela, D. Existence of positive solutions for half-linear fractional order BVPs by application of mixed monotone operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **29** (2020), no. 1, 65–80.

To have a comparison, we also extracted the most cited papers in Web of Science all time by using the same Cited Reference tool. The most cited papers of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in Web of Science of all time are:

(1) **61 citations**: Berinde, V.; Păcurar, M. The role of the Pompeiu-Hausdorff metric in fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 2, 143–150.
(2) **38 citations**: Özdemir, M. E.; Set, E.; Alomari, M. Integral inequalities via several kinds of convexity. *Creat. Math. Inform. 20* (2011), no. 1, 62–73.
(3) **32 citations**: Radu, Cristina. Statistical approximation properties of Kantorovich operators based on q-integers. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 2, 75–84.
(4) **29 citations**: Berinde, V.; Choban, M. Generalized distances and their associate metrics. Impact on fixed point theory. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 1, 23–32.
(5) **28 citations**: Olatinwo, M. O. Some stability and strong convergence results for the Jungck-Ishikawa iteration process. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), 33–42.
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(9) **20 citations**: Cimpean, D.; Lungu, N.; Pop, I. A problem of entropy generation in a channel filled with a porous medium. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **17** (2008), no. 3, 357–362 (2009).
(10) **18 citations**: Miclăuş, D. On the GBS Bernstein-Stancu's type operators. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **22** (2013), no. 1, 73–80.

By comparing the data above regarding citations in SCOPUS and Web of Science, we note that the order of classification of the most 10 cited papers of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* is quite different. What is surprising is the huge difference between the number of citations in SCOPUS versus Web of Science in the case of the paper

Holzinger, A.; Plass, M.; Holzinger, K.; Crişan, G. C.; Pintea, C.-M.; Palade, V. A glass-box interactive machine learning approach for solving NP-hard problems with the human-in-the-loop. *Creat. Math. Inform.* **28** (2019), no. 2, 121–134.

with 86 SCOPUS citations and only 4 Web of Science citations (?!).

5. Conclusions

What kind of conclusions should we infer from the brief synthesis presented above on the evolution of the journal *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* during the decade 2016-2025 ?

Here there are some realistic objectives to be considered in the future.

- To ensure that all reviewers and assigned editors are maintaining high level selection criteria when reviewing / taking rejection / revision/ acceptance decisions on the processed submissions to *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* ;
- We should encourage extending the thematic as well as the geographical coverage of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* ;
- We should invite more contributions from authors of highly cited papers in *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* in the last decade;
- We should limit the number of papers from areas of little interest (with very low or no any impact: there are rather many in this category);
- In order to maintain the consolidated profile of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* we should limit the number of papers in any area where the submissions are over the average;
- We should maintain a reasonable upper limited number of accepted manuscripts per issues / per volumes, in order to ensure publishing only high quality papers;
- We should renew the Editorial Board of *Creative Mathematics and Informatics* by inviting some active experts in areas that are not currently covered;
- We should consider the possibility of having submissions non only under the Traditional Publishing model, as it is the editorial policy nowadays, but also to encourage submissions under the Open Access Option model.

I would like to end these considerations by expressing my sole and humble wish of having good health and enthusiastic strength to work for editing *CJM* in the coming years and, especially, with the hope of having the chance and rare privilege of writing its 50th anniversary article.

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