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## Corrective definition of traditional IF

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$$IF_{Total|Total} = \frac{\frac{C_{t-1} + C_{t-2}}{N_{t-1} + N_{t-2}}$$

 $C_{t-1}$  and  $C_{t-2}$  are citations given in year t to all source items published in years (t-1) and (t-2), respectively,  $N_{t-1}$  and  $N_{t-2}$  are the numbers of all source items published in years (t-1) and (t-2), respectively.