Corrective definition of traditional IF

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$$IF_{AREL/AREL} = \frac{C_{AREL(t-1)} + C_{AREL(t-2)}}{N_{AREL(t-1)} + N_{AREL(t-2)}}$$

$C_{AREL(t-1)}$ and $C_{AREL(t-2)}$ are citations in year t given to items including articles, reviews, editorials, and letters published in years (t−1) and (t−2), respectively, $N_{AREL(t-1)}$ and $N_{AREL(t-2)}$ are the numbers of items including articles, reviews, editorials, and letters published in years (t−1) and (t−2), respectively.