Corrective definition of traditional IF

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Source


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IF_{\text{Total AREL}} = \frac{C_{t-1} + C_{t-2}}{N_{\text{AREL}(t-1)} + N_{\text{AREL}(t-2)}}
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\(C_{t-1}\) and \(C_{t-2}\) are citations given in year \(t\) to all source items published in years \((t-1)\) and \((t-2)\), respectively, \(N_{\text{AREL}(t-1)}\) and \(N_{\text{AREL}(t-2)}\) are the numbers of items including articles, reviews, editorials, and letters published in years \((t-1)\) and \((t-2)\), respectively.