

Review of: "Strategic Citations in Patents: Analysis Using Machine Learning"

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The paper deals with the identification of patent citations through machine learning. The approach appears to be promising.

However, the suggested applications are less interesting. An important use of patent citations is the use of forward citations by other patents as indicator of patent value. However, it takes some years until a sufficient number of forward citations appear. Therefore it would be interesting to check, if the period for a sufficient number of forward citations can be reduced by the suggested approach.