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Relevant Databases

- **AMS Journals (American Mathematical Society):** Fulltext articles published in journals of the American Mathematical Society.
- **Applied Science & Technology Source,** includes **Applied Science & Technology Index Retrospective,** **Applied Science & Technology Index,** **Applied Science & Technology Abstracts,**

- **Lecture Notes in Mathematics**: A series from Springer that includes research monographs; lectures; and summer schools and intensive courses on topics of current research. Includes focus on mathematical texts analyzing new developments in modelling and numerical simulation.

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- **Conference Proceedings Citation Index (1990 – Present):** Web of Science Core Collection covers the published literature from the most significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions worldwide.
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- **ProQuest Computer Science Journals:** Discipline-specific coverage spanning thousands of publications, many in full text, including Computer Science; Information Systems; Computer Security; Database Design; Software Development; Web Commerce; LANs; WANs; Intranets; Internet.
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- **Taylor & Francis Online Journals:** About 100 journals, with over 190,000 full text articles, within the category Mathematics and Statistics.
- **Turpion Publications:** Database of Russian Science journals, many in math and physics, in English translation.

**Selected E-Book Collections**


- CRCnetBASE: The Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine eBook platform from CRC Press, offers more than 15,000 references in over 400 subject areas and more than 40 collections.

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- Dictionary of Algorithms, Data Structures, and Problems: Online dictionary of algorithms, algorithmic techniques, data structures, problems, and related definitions. Some entries have links to further information and links to implementations with source code.

- Encyclopedia of Mathematics and its Applications (Cambridge)

- Handbook of Mathematical Functions with Formulas, Graphs, and Math Tables, by Milton Abramowitz; Irene Stegun, an online compendium of mathematical formulas, tables, and graphs.
Van Nostrand’s Scientific Encyclopedia (VNSE): A comprehensive and authoritative resource broadly covering science and mathematics.

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- Expanded Academic ASAP
- General OneFile
- ISI Web of Science (WOS): Science Citation Index Expanded
- JStor: JStor Mathematics includes 58 journal titles.
- OCLC PapersFirst: Indexes over two million papers presented at conferences worldwide. Also covers congresses, expositions, workshops, symposiums, and other meetings.
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