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Abstract

This paper repeats part of the analysis performed in the 1995 paper "Experimental evaluation in computer science: A quantitative study" by Tichy and collaborators, for 147 papers randomly selected from the ACM, published in the year 2005. The papers published in 2005 are classified in the following way: 4% theory, 17% empirical, 4.7% hypothesis testing, 3.4% other, and 70% design and modeling (using the 1995 paper categories). Within the design and modeling class, 33% of the papers have no evaluation. The numbers of the 2005 sample are very similar to the original figures for the 1995 sample, which shows that Computer Science research has not increased significantly its empirical or experimental component.

1 Experimental evaluation in Computer Science

Tichy and collaborators [15] evaluated 400 articles published in 1993, 50 of them randomly selected papers published by ACM in 1993 and the rest systematically selected from a few journals in systems and software engineering, and classified the research reported in the paper in five categories (quoting [15] definitions):

- formal theory: articles whose main contributions are formally tractable propositions, e.g., lemmata and theorems and their proofs.
- design and modelling: systems, techniques, or models, whose claimed properties cannot be proven formally. Examples include software tools, performance prediction models, and complex hardware and software systems of all kinds. The papers in this class were further classified in the categories 0%, 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-50%, and +50%, according to the proportion of the paper that was dedicated to the evaluation of the new system, technique, or model.
- empirical work: articles that collect, analyze, and interpret observations about known designs, systems, or models, or about abstract theories or subjects (as this paper does). The emphasis is on evaluation, not on new designs or models.
- hypothesis testing: articles that define hypotheses and describe experiments to test them.

• others: articles that do not fit any of the four categories above, e.g., surveys.

Tichy and collaborators found that for the random sample 12% of the articles were in the theory class, 70% were design and model, 2% were empirical, 2% were hypothesis testing, and 14% were classified as others.

Tichy was particularly worried that from the random sample, 40% of the papers which propose a new system, model, framework, and so on, (the project and modeling class), lacked any evaluation (0% of space dedicated to the evaluation). That proportion was 50% for the papers in the software engineering journals. In comparison, the papers published in Optical Engineering (OE) and Neural Computation (NC), which were used as examples of engineering journals, only 15% and 12% of the papers that proposed new ideas lack the required evaluation.

According to Tichy:

The low ratio of validated results appears to be a serious weakness in computer science research. This weakness should be rectified for the long-term health of the field.

The paper ends with a call for better standards in performing and publishing Computer Science (CS) research, with a greater emphasis on the evaluation of claims and designs, and a less emphasis on the creation of new systems, models, algorithms, frameworks, and so on.

This paper tries to evaluate if the Computer Science community has answered Tichy's calls. In particular, we repeated the evaluation of 147 randomly selected from all papers published by the ACM, including ACM journals, conferences, and workshop, and available in the ACM digital library, for the year 2005.

We understand that there are there are two main criticism to using the ACM published papers as representative of the whole CS research. The first one is that not all Computer Science subareas are well represented in ACM conferences and journals. Artificial Intelligence is one of such areas. The second main criticism is that most of the research published in by ACM are conference and workshop papers, which are usually short, and describe not fully developed ideas. One would expect journal papers would contain a more substantial evaluation of the first ideas presented at a conference or workshop.

We agree with both criticisms. And our answer to them is the same - indeed our sampling has bias, but there is no better alternative as a sample of CS research. The main problem in *selection bias* - any inclusion of a *particular* journal or set of journals, or non ACM conferences into the analysis can be criticised as distorting the conclusions toward a particular direction. For example, the inclusion of papers from the non ACM journal "Empirical software engineering," whose papers have probably a high content of empirical research, would only be meaningful if that journal is in some way "representative" of the whole of CS journals. We do not know a *priori* of any journal that is "representative" of CS research.

The only solution to avoid the selection bias is to evaluate a *random sample* from some "representative" sub-population of the whole set CS research. In the case of this paper, the sub-population was all the 2005 ACM published papers. As we discussed above, this is not a totally "representative" sub-population, but we do not believe that there is a better one.

Alternatives for the sub-population are: IEEE published papers (for the year 2005), or the set of papers published in journals indexed by the Web Of Science, or journals indexed by Scopus, or papers indexed by the DBLP.

Of course, we have no data to support our claim that among these possible sub-populations, the ACM published research is the "most representative." The Web of Science or Scopus indexed sub-populations are solely or mainly of journal and it seems clear that most of the CS production is published in conferences and workshops. The IEEE sub-population seems to us even more bias towards some of CS sub-areas than the ACM. Finally we do not know how to evaluate the bias of the DBLP indexing service.

If the reader does not agree with our intuitions that the ACM is the "most representative" sub-population of CS research, then this paper should not be read as an evaluation of the CS field as a whole, but only as an evaluation of the ACM published papers.

1.1 Related results

The analysis of how scientific research is performed in a particular domain by analysing aspects of the publications in that domain, is not common in Computer Science, as a whole, and more common for sub-areas of CS.

Glass and collaborators [7, 12] analyzed 628 Computer Science papers from 1995 to 1999 and classified them regarding different dimensions. Of interest to this paper is the "research approach" dimension, whose possible values are descriptive research, formulative research or evaluative research. The work [7] finds that 9.88% of the research is descriptive, 10.98% is evaluative and 79.15% is formulative.

If one considers that design and modeling class used in this paper, corresponds at least in part, with Glass's formulative approach to research, then one can conclude that from 70% to 80% of the published results in CS from 1993 to 1999 are mainly the proposal of a new system, model, algorithm, process, taxonomy, framework, and so on.

In specific domains, Prechelt [11] evaluates 190 articles on neural network published in 1993 and 1994. In the same line as Tichy [15], the author discover that only 8% of the papers present results on more than one realistic data set, and 1/3 of the papers have no quantitative comparison to previously known algorithms.

In CSCW, Pinelle and Gutwin [10] classify all papers published in the ACM CSCW conferences from 1994 to 1998 regarding the goals and methods of evaluation of the systems proposed. Wainer and Barsottini [16] classify all the papers published in the ACM CSCW conferences from 1998 to 2004 into categories similar to the ones used by Tichy [15], whether the paper proposes a new system (and how it is evaluated), whether it test a hypothesis, whether it describes an existing collaborative work/entertainment environment, or whether the paper has no empirical component (or in terms of [15], it is a design and project with 0% of evaluation).

Software engineering is an area in which bibliographic research seems more frequent. Dyba and collaborators [5] analyse the statistical power of the controlled experiments reported in 103 articles, published in the period 1993-2002, in nine journals and three major conferences in software engineering. Glass and collaborators [8] use the same dimensions of analysis used in [7, 12] to classify 369 journal papers in software engineering published in

the period 1995-1999 randomly selected. Again, using the "research approach" dimension, they concluded that 55% of the papers follows the "formulative" approach. Other papers [9, 13, 2] discuss other aspects of the literature in Software Engineering.

2 Method

We follow to the best of our abilities exactly the methods used by Tichy [15]. The categories described in that work: formal theory, design and modeling, empirical work, hypothesis testing, and others, are called **major categories**. The divisions within the design and modeling were called **minor categories**.

The method followed in this paper, in a simplified way, was:

- 1. CGNB, DL and LRMM read all the 50 articles evaluated in [15] and discussed the classifications attributed in [15] in order to understand how to classify the papers in the major categories.
- 2. we randomly selected 200 articles published by ACM and available in the ACM portal¹. The selection of the articles was performed in October of 2006.
- 3. from the 200 selected files, we removed the ones that were not in scientific articles. We obtained 147 scientific articles.
- 4. each of the 147 articles were attributed to two reviewers among CGNB, DL and LRMM.
- 5. each of CGNB, DL, and LRMM evaluated around 100 articles independently using [15] major and minor classifications.
- 6. articles with the same major classification by its two reviewers were considered closed.
- 7. articles with diverging major or minor classifications, or articles for which at least one of the reviewers was not sure of his/her own classification, were discussed by its two evaluators. If there was no agreement between them, JW would also evaluate it and either the most common class was attributed to the paper, or if there were three different classifications, JW's classification would be attributed to the paper.

The main difference from our methodology to Tichy's is that we decided on using only two reviewers for each paper, whereas in Tichy's paper, all four authors reviewed the random sample set, but the final results reported refer to the classification of a single reviewer. The other reviewers classification was used to measure the classification error (of the reported results due to a single reviewer). In our case a we used at least two evaluations to reduce the subjectivity of the classification. Second, we started with independent classifications, but if there was a disagreement between the reviewers, we allowed for a joint discussion in an attempt to reach a final classification. Again, the goal was to reach a classification with some control on the subjectivity.

¹portal.acm.org

CGNB, DL, and LRMM are graduate students with different experiences with the CS literature. DL and LRMM are more experienced with image processing literature, and CGNB, with medical informatics. JW is a tenured faculty with 15 years of experience in CS areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Medical Informatics, and Computer Supported Collaborative Work.

2.1 Random selection

We decided on selecting a sample from the papers published in 2005 because, by October of 2006, when this research started, it was unclear how many of the papers published in 2006 were already available in the ACM digital library.

The articles were selected using the following procedure. From the ACM Portal page, we navigated to the advance search for ACM Digital Library (not the ACM Guide to the Computer Literature), and used the following search criteria: Published since January 2005, Published before December 2005, and any type of publication. The search, made in October 2006, returned 16,162 articles. ² We wrote a program that collects the pdf links in all the pages of the search result. A second program randomly selected 200 entries from the list of links, and downloaded the corresponding pdf.

2.2 Number of articles selected

The number of articles selected was determined by the number of articles [15] used. Using the same query specified in section 2.1 for 1993, we discovered that 5,095 articles from 1993 are available from the ACM digital library. If we consider that this is the total number of articles published by ACM in 1993, then Tichy reviewed around 1% of the ACM papers of that year. We followed that same heuristics, and given that the query to the ACM digital library described above, returned 16,162 articles published in 2005, we decided to randomly select 200 articles.

After a first analysis, we removed 53 of them because they were not scientific articles, but publications like table of contents, abstracts, editorials, news, and so on. Although the final number of selected papers (147) is smaller than our goal of 1% of the total number of published papers in the period, we decided not to add any more papers.

2.3 Confidence intervals

The confidence intervals are all at a confidence level of 90%. We use the adjusted Wald confidence interval for proportions [1]. Given that from a population of n, x of them are "success", the adjusted Wald interval computes the proportion of successes as

$$p = \frac{x + z_{\alpha}^2/2}{n + z_{\alpha}^2}$$

²At the time of the writing of this article, the same search returns 16.188 articles.

Class	2005	
Theory	6	(4%)
Empirical	26	(17%)
Hypothesis	7	(4.7%)
Other	5	(3.4%)
Design total	103	(70%)
0%	34	(23%)
0-10%	10	(6.8%)
10-20%	22	(14%)
20-50%	31	(21%)
>50%	6	(4%)
Total	147	

Table 1: Totals for the classification of the 147 papers.

(instead of the standard proportion x/n) and compute the confidence interval using the standard Wald formula

$$CI = p \pm z_{\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n+z_{\alpha}^2}}$$

where z_{α} is the z-critical value for the α confidence level.

3 Results

Table 1 is the main result of this paper. It shows the totals (and percentages) for articles classified into one of the major and minor classes.

Of the selected papers, 13 were journal papers, (papers numbered 5, 12, 15, 24, 28, 33, 45, 56, 83, 94, 95, 97, 113 in Appendix A), 2 were published on SIG bulletin, (papers 4 and 29), and the rest was conference papers.

Appendix A lists the 147 papers. The abbreviations used are: Proc. for Proceedings, Int. for International, Conf. for Conference, Symp. for Symposium, and Ws. for Workshop. Appendix B lists the final classification for each of the 147 papers.

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3.1 Difficulties

The main problem with this form or research is the subjectivity of the classification. For 90 of the 147 papers, the two original reviewers, independently, arrived to the same classification.

Of the remainder 57 papers for which there was no independent agreement, 42 were resolved by the discussion of the two original evaluators. Among these 42, 15 (36%) were divergence between adjacent minor classifications, for example, one would classify the paper

	0-10%	10-20%	20-50%	>50%	Emp.	Нур.	Other	Theory
Design 0%	1	12	1	0	7	5	5	0
Design 0-10%		6	3	0	1	0	0	1
Design 10-20%			11	0	2	1	2	0
Design 20-50%				8	2	0	0	0
Design >50%					1	0	0	0
Empirical						1	4	0
Hypothesis							2	0
Other								0

Table 2: Confusion matrix for the 57 papers with some divergence of classification

as Design and Modeling with 10% to 20% evaluation, and the other Design and Modeling, with 20% to 50% evaluation. Another 9 (21%) were both classified as Design and Modeling, but the minor classifications were not adjacent. Finally, of the 42, 18 (42%) were classified independently in different major categories.

Fifteen papers required the evaluation from JW. Of these, 4 were divergences on minor adjacent categories, 3 were divergence on minor non-adjacent categories, and 8 were divergence on major categories.

Table 2 is the confusion matrix for the 57 papers for which there was no independent agreement by the two original evaluators. The entry 12 in the line Design 0% and column D. 10-20% indicates there for 12 papers there was at least **one** classification as Design and Modeling with 0% of evaluation and **one** as Design and Modeling with 10-20%. Of the largest figures in table 2, the confusion between Design 0% and Design from 10 to 20% seems due to divergences on what evaluation is - both reviewers agreed that the paper proposes a new entity, but they disagree on whether there is or not evaluation of the entity in the paper. The second largest confusion is between Design 10-20% and Design 20-50% which seems to indicate differences in each reviewer's methods of calculating the area dedicated to evaluation. Finally, there are a large number of confusions are between Design 0% and the Empirical and Hypothesis classes. That confusion is very puzzling because Empirical and Hypothesis papers are mainly about evaluation, and a Design 0% has no evaluation at all.

4 Conclusions

This research classified 147 randomly selected papers published by ACM in 2005 in 5 classes proposed by Tichy and collaborator [15]. The classes describe different forms of research in Computer Science and in some way different epistemologies of CS.

The Theory class reflects a Mathematical view of CS, in which a research contribution is mainly in the form of proof of theorems. The Hypothesis Testing class reflects a Natural Sciences and Popperian view of CS, in which a hypothesis is clearly states and an experiment is performed that confirms or disprove the hypothesis. The Empirical and the Design and Modeling classes reflect an Engineering view of CS. The Design and Modeling class includes

papers that propose a **new** system, algorithm, program, models, methodology, framework (which we will collectively refer as an entity), and optionally evaluates this new entity. The Empirical class include papers that evaluate entities proposed by others. This three epistemologies for CS - as a form of Mathematics, as a form of Natural Sciences and as a form of Engineering, has been discussed by other authors [3, 6, 4].

Under this view, this paper evaluated how CS is done, or what kind of science Computer Science is, by analysing what is published as CS research (by ACM in the year 2005).

Computer Science follows mainly an Engineering epistemology - most CS research is the proposal of **new** entities. Our research points that the Empirical and the Design and Modeling classes amount to 87% (17% + 70%) of the papers published by ACM in 2005. Theory papers are 4% of the total and Hypothesis Testing papers are 4.7% of the total.

But even if one assumes that CS mostly follows an Engineering epistemology, the amount of evaluation reported in the papers is low. Of the 129 papers in the "Engineering epistemology" class (Empirical + Design and Modeling), 34 (26%) have no evaluation. If we focus on the Design and Modeling category, a third of the papers that propose a new entity, do not evaluate them at all! If one arbitrarily determines that at least one fifth of the space of paper that proposes a new entity should be dedicated to evaluating it, then only 36% of the papers satisfy this mild requirement.

Tichy [15] evaluated all the papers published in 1993 in Optical Engineering, which he classifies as a Engineering journal, and in that sample only 15% of the Design and Modelling papers had no evaluation at all, and 67% of the Design and Modeling papers had at least one fifth of the space dedicated to evaluation. Thus the figures for CS published in 2005, regarding evaluation, are worse than they were for an Engineering journal in 1993.

One can argue that the low amount of evaluation is typical of Conference papers in CS, and that journal papers would probably have more rigorous standards. In this research we did not try to verify this hypothesis directly, but within our random sample of 147 papers, there is a sub-sample of 13 journal papers, distributed in the following categories: 1 paper in Other, 2 papers in Empirical, 1 in Design 0%, 2 in Design 0-10%, 4 in Design 10-20%, 2 in Design 20-50%, and 1 in Design >50%. Thus, in the sub-sample 10% of the Design and Modeling papers have no evaluation, and 30% have at least a fifth for evaluation. Unfortunately, since the size of the sub-sample is small, the confidence interval for these proportions are large. The difference between the 10% without evaluation published in journal and the global 34% is not statistically significant with 90% confidence.

Thus, if one assumes that the journal Optical Engineering is representative of the Engineering publications (in 1993), then although CS follows in most part an Engineering epistemology, it still falls behind in the rigor of empirical evidence it demands from its research, in comparison with other Engineering domains.

The comparison of the results from 1993 [15] and the results from 2005 shows that the distribution of papers among the different categories has changed very little. Table 3 lists the proportions of each classification for both years, with a 90% confidence interval. Thus, one can only state, with 90% confidence, that the number of empirical papers increased in the period. If one pays less attention to the confidence intervals, one may find a small trend towards more evaluation in Design and Modelling papers.

The increase of Empirical papers is interesting. It shows that there was an increase of

Class	1993	2005
Theory	6.1 - 21.8	2.0 - 7.8
Empirical	0 - 9.1	13.1 - 23.5
Hypothesis	0 - 9.1	2.4 - 8.7
Other	7.6 - 24.1	1.5 - 6.9
Design total	58.5 - 79.4	63.5 - 75.8
0%	20.5 - 41.5	17.9 - 29.3
0-10%	2.0 - 15.5	4.0 - 11.1
10-20%	6.1 - 21.8	10.7 - 20.5
20-50%	13.8 - 33.0	16.1 - 27.1
>50%	0 - 6.1	2.0 - 7.8

Table 3: 90% confidence interval (using the adjusted Wald method) for the proportions (in percentages) for each class, for 1993 and 2005.

reuse in Computer Science research. Empirical papers have an emphasis in evaluation an existing program, algorithm, model, framework, and so on. Thus, from 1993 to 2005 there was a small increase in research that evaluates an already existing entity.

If one agrees with Tichy's call for more evaluation in Computer Science research, in the conclusions of [15] and specially in [14] (as we do), then the comparison of the 1993 results with the 2005's is discouraging - very little has changed since 1993.

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	mentations, pages 46-55
4	ACM SIGCSE Bulletin, volume 37, issue 4, pages 64-68
5	Mobile Networks and Applications, volume 10, issue 3, pages 355-370
6	Proc. 3rd Int. Ws. on Middleware for grid computing, pages 1-6
7	Proc. 2005 ACM SIGCHI Int. Conf. on Advances in computer entertainment
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	hotspots, pages 33-38
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