# **Tips for Improving Literature Search Skills**



You might miss an opportunity to find some helpful information!

UTokyo OPAC and Google Scholar should be perfect!

If the paper's full text is unavailable online, I'll get another one!

### **Plan Your Information Search**

To find the information/papers you need, guess what/how to search and plan.

## ●Problem I don't know

→Below are problems along the search process and its solutions utilizing library resources.

how to searh.

Survey scope is also an important point:

· Period of documents published time? · Lange of search area off-campus/overseas?



# Research Navi

Informative research suggestions



### ASK Service

Consult a UTokyo Library staff.



### **Enrich Keywords**

Extract keywords from the title, table of contents, or abstract of the book or article you are interested in, or use the search tool to look up synonyms, etc.

### **●**Problems

I can't find the information I want.. How to expand the Keyword?

Search synonyms, thesauruses, and related words in dictionaries and encyclopedias.

JapanKnowledge Lib 国際概画 Over 70 dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.



Oxford **English Dictionary** 



J-GLOBAL's synonym search and "Thesaurus MAP" functions are useful.



□ AI □ AI (artificial intelligence) □ AI 【人工知能】 □ Computational intelligen



▲ This function shows you the top, bottom, related, and co-appeared words (Japanese only)

### Select a Database & Search

It is no way not to use a paid database (DB) that UTokyo contracts. Choose a DB suitable for the information you want.

Is there a DB that I can use freely?

### results. Don't give up, even if there is no direct link!

Solutions

Problems Not available because there is no link to the text in the DB search results? This document doesn't seem to be available at the

Komaba Library.

Request Document

**Delivery with MyOPAC** 

You can request books and

You can even get the full text

directly from the DB search

Obtain a Full text

### Solutions

### UTokyo Article Link

Even if there is no link to the full text, click "UTokyo Article Link" or "Full text@UTokyo" if it is displayed. You can access full text or check the library's holdings of paper materials (an offcampus connection via EZproxy is required).

Google Scholar also has a "Library Link" setting, increasing your chances of obtaining documents!

Check how to display UTokyo Article Link on Google Scholar in Part 5, "Finding journal articles in English"! You can also learn the basics of the trustworthy citation information DB "Web of Science" (p.2).

## Solutions

Problems

#### Database List

There are many DBs.

Which one should I use?

recommended DBs on p. 2.

The database list is a treasure trove of free and paid databases under contract at the UTokyo. You can narrow down your search by subject or resource type. If you are unsure which one to use, refer to the

> Check how to use the Database List in Part 3 "Using databases &

E-Journals from off-campus"!

I want to search efficiently using various keywords.

photocopies from other campuses,

universities, and overseas libraries.



Check out Part 4, "Finding journal articles in Japanese," for UTokyo Article Link and how to obtain copies and PDFs!



For inadequate explanations in this paper, please refer to the "Tips for Searching Library Books and Resources" web seminar on YouTube "Komato-channel."



Check the search method using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in Part4-2 "Finding Japanese articles in CiNii Research"!







### **Recommended Databases**



\* Ask your professor or graduate student for the standard DB in each specialty.

### UTokyo OPAC (within the UTokyo)

This is the most efficient way to search for books and resources within the UTokyo collection, and the MyOPAC service allows loan extensions, reservations, interlibrary loans.



### NDL Search

(National Diet Library/public libraries etc.) It allows you to search for printed and digital materials held by the National Diet Library. You can also search the collections of prefectural and NDL Search municipal libraries in Japan.





# Finding Japanese Articles

Both of the following sites allow you to search for books, journals, and articles altogether.

Although they are free public DBs, the probability of obtaining full texts increases if you access them via EZproxy when you use them outside the UTokyo network.

TREE (within the UTokyo) 国際者



CiNii Research (Domestic universities)





**Finding Foreign Articles** 

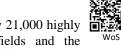
### Web of Science

WoS makes finding important/relevant papers easy based on citation information.

It is possible to search approximately 21,000 highly evaluated major journals in all fields and the references cited by the published papers.

> Part 5, "Finding journal articles in English," introduces how to find review articles and

> how to sort them by the number of times







around the world, users can search

ProQuest

various content, including newspapers and images, etc. EBSCOhost

In addition to bibliographic information, including theses and dissertations from



DBs in multiple specialties can be searched collectively.





Recommended for humanities and social sciences.



### **Domestic Newspaper**

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they have been cited.

Yomiuri Shimbun 国家深地 **Yomidas** 



Mainichi Shimbun Maisaku



Nikkei Shimbun Nikkei Telecom 21



### **Overseas Newspaper**

### Nexis Uni

You can search for newspapers and news scripts from around the world.



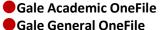
Regional **Business News** (EBSCOhost)



The New York Times



**Business News** 







People Daily (Renmin Ribao)



The Times **Digital Archive** (Gale Primary Sources)



Finding Statistics

**Domestic** e-Stat



Worldwide OECD iLibrary



Chronological **Scientific Tables** (Rika Nenpyo)

