

This section also describes the time course of the total publications from Israel. Analysis of publications from Israel in scientific databases showed marked changes in the number of publications during the period January 1, 1970 to the end of 1992. Figure 1 shows the pattern of publications reported in all the major scientific databases examined in this study. It should be noted that this figure gives the total annual Israeli publications in each respective database. Thus, there were under 2,000 publications in 1970. This increased to approximately 7,000 publications by 1980. All databases showed an increasing number of publications until 1982. After a small dip, the total number of publications reached at peak in 1990 at over 14,000 publications. Caution should be used in interpreting these numbers since they were obtained from 5 different databases. There is a significant amount of overlap of coverage in the databases.

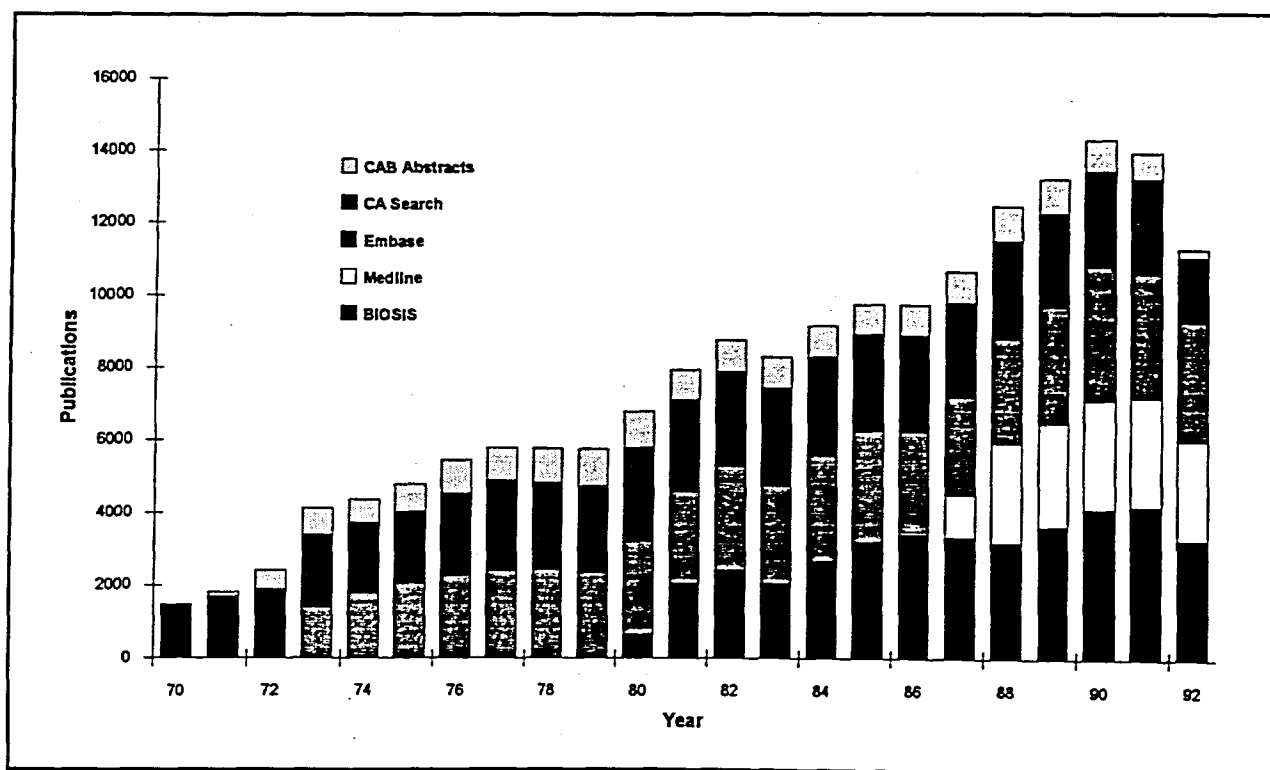


Figure 1. Total Israeli Publications in Scientific Databases