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Open Knowledge Base: Resources and Units of Knowledge

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Abstract

This paper is about highlighting two categories of knowledge bases, one built as a repository of links, and the other, based on units of knowledge.

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<https://osf.io/7vayt/download>

Introduction

1. The **item**, written as a *short sentence* or using *mathematical symbols*, is the *minimum unit of scientific knowledge* [1, 2].

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Fundamental definitions

2. **unit of knowledge** = the *minimum unit of scientific content* = short sentence (or mathematical symbols) stating one specific result
3. **knowledge base** = a digital platform (repository/database) where users can *search content* using specific *tags*
4. There are two *categories* of **knowledge bases**, one built from **resources** (as a repository of links), and the other built from **units of knowledge**.

Knowledge Base as Resources

5. **KBR** stands for *Knowledge Base* built from *Resources*.
6. By resources we mean links pointing to blogs, videos, papers etc.
7. KBR is essentially a repository/database of links with curated content, specially designed for high standard use in education and related areas.

Knowledge Base as Units of Knowledge

8. **KBUK** stands for *Knowledge Base* built from *Units of Knowledge*.
9. The outputs of a KBUK are short sentences expressing one scientific result assigned with precise scientific tags [3].

Keywords versus tags

10. keywords \neq tags
11. Keywords can accommodate synonyms.
12. tags = precise scientific jargons

13. Tags should **not** include synonyms.

Open Educational Resources Commons

14. One example of a KBR is OER Commons [4].

Open Mathematics Knowledge Base

15. Examples of a KBUK written in the form of a paper (in pdf) are [5,6].

Final Remarks

16. Both KBR and KBUK provide very important and useful content; however, for the sake of organizational purposes, they should be built in different environments, i.e., within different search protocols.
17. The results showed in the KBR should be separate from the results from KBUK.
18. The quality of the tags assigned to the results shown is the most important component for the success of a Knowledge Base.

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The **latex file** for this paper together with other *supplementary files* are available [8].

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