

Re: JSH: Measuring post impact

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jshsucks@xxxxxxxx wrote:

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Years ago I was naive about how information travels around the world so I thought that if you put it out there people would find it. As I posted for years on newsgroups I imagined thousands of people worldwide were getting information I was certain they needed to know, and then I found ways to measure, and found, nope, they were not.

They weren't paying attention. I WAS mostly just known to a small community on the sci.math newsgroup. Ugh. How depressing.

Every means of measuring showed a limited number of readers and not the thousands that I'd envisioned.

So I shifted. That's why I mostly lost interest in worrying about particular posters—unless they showed up measurably as having an impact.

Yup, I do the equivalent of checking the polls to see what works. When something doesn't work, I shift. That shifting is continual.

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I won't go into a lot of detail, of course,
about how I can tell how
well any of you do in negative replies
against my research, but I will
talk about what I've talked about
before—Google search results, as
well as other search engines, but mostly I
use Google.

I can tell which posters have any impact at
all from them, and the
answer is, most of you have negligible
impact in terms of which posts
get picked up based on search engine results,
and the people who do
seem to have some, are usually people I
don't remember, or never
noticed their original postings.

The world is a fascinating place. It's not how
you think.

Today my posts do probably get read by
thousands of people
worldwide—primarily through Google.

They do searches on prime numbers or other
math topics and postings of
mine come up in the search results and that
is probably how the bulk of
my postings get read by newbies, and then
Google links to archives
where people can go through more of them,
and that's how a lot of
others probably get picked up.

So I know who among you gets listened to,
and who among you comes up
with angles that resonate with others in the
world, and who of you
don't.

Do the searches yourselves. Short answer is,
most of you have
negligible impact.

And, oh yeah, when I'm really bored, I'll
watch search results shift
from day-to-day to give you people some
idea about how many people are
steadily tuning in, as you get an audience

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that may be bigger than you think.

I wonder how many people worldwide does it take to shift search results on a day to day basis? How many people clicking through and triggering algorithms to change what they pull up are necessary for that kind of impact?

So yeah, I measure much of what I do through search engines.

Do some searches on primes and probability now, and learn.

James Harris

I just did a google search on prime numbers. Not one mention of you in the first 3 pages.

I am also guessing by this post that you still haven't learned how modern search engine work. That really isn't surprising.

I didn't say do a search on prime numbers.

I said do a search on primes and probability.

Sigh. You do that on purpose, don't you?

Deliberately get this just wrong enough so that you can hold on to your delusions.

Wake up, you're being noticed by a lot more people around the world than you ever imagined, and they're not showing an interest in what you have to say—according to Google.

James Harris

Do a search on jshsucks. My posts come up on the first page. Does that mean that there are thousands of people doing searches for jshsucks? No, of course not.

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You really should do some reading on how google works Harris, but we all know how averse you are to actual research, so you will stay blissfully ignorant as always.

You're ignored. Google shows that people don't pay attention to you, which doesn't surprise me, so why do I?

We'll come back to that question.

Any objective person would not equate Google searches on primes and probability with a highly specific thing as you mindlessly trying to insult me, when I'm trying to teach you something, and maybe save you from further embarrassment.

Be objective, use Google. You think you're doing something here, when the world has voted on what you're doing.

While I AM doing something here, which is why my posting moves Google search results in any number of areas from Java to primes to factoring.

The world IS listening to me, and they are not listening to you.

Do you really want this to continue? Want the rest of your life hearing that echo inside of your head?

So why am I listening to you?

You can post so you think you have power. But I like freedom of speech, and I don't like people who mess up arenas where real work can be done. So if I make an example of you, I can send a message to every person who is not smart enough that posting anonymously with some stupid pseudonym does not really protect you.

I can reach out and touch you anyway.

If you push me, then I will start showing you just how much I can do just with words, and as your life changes you will deny it, until you no longer can crawl to that keyboard and type anything, and you will still be somewhere out there--in denial.

But at least no one will hear you in cyberspace. Understand?

James Harris

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