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ABSTRACT

The field of interior design has seen significant advancements in recent years, particularly in the area of knowledge analytical reports. There has been a growing trend in the publication of knowledge analytical reports related to interior design, with a focus on emerging trends and innovative practices. The most impactful journals in this field have been consistently featuring articles on these reports, highlighting the influence and relevance of such research. Authors from diverse countries have contributed to this body of literature, providing a global perspective on the subject. This bibliometric review aims to delve into the notable trends, influential journals, prominent authors, and the contribution of various countries to the knowledge analytical reports in interior design.

Keywords: Interior Design, Bibliometric Review, Analytical Report

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Context of the Study

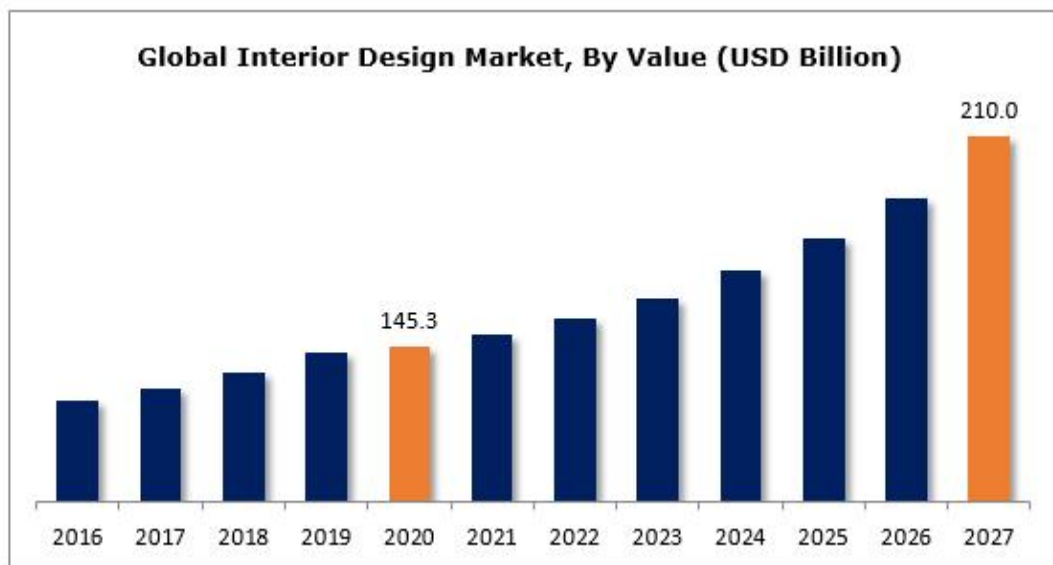
The field of design is broad and encompasses various disciplines such as graphic design, industrial design, fashion design, and interior design. Each area within the creative design field has its own unique trends, practices, and innovations. At its core, design is about solving problems and enhancing the human experience through creativity and functionality (Lawson, 2005). Over the years, design has evolved to address changing societal needs and preferences, integrating technological advancements and cultural influences to create effective and aesthetically pleasing solutions (Cross, 2011).

Within the scope of design, interior design is a specialized branch within the broader field of design that focuses on enhancing the interiors of buildings to achieve a healthier and more aesthetically pleasing environment for the people using the space. This discipline blends art and science, requiring a deep understanding of architectural principles, human behavior, and material properties (Pile, 2003). Interior design has evolved significantly over the decades, moving from merely decorative arts to a complex profession involving spatial planning, ergonomics, and sustainable practices (Klingenberg, 2009).

Interior design plays a vital role in our life as well as the academic world. First, well-designed spaces can significantly improve the quality of life for individuals. Thoughtfully designed interiors enhance functionality, comfort, and aesthetics, contributing to the physical and psychological well-being of occupants (Kopec, 2012). Secondly, good interior design can add substantial economic value to properties. Well-designed commercial spaces can attract customers and increase business efficiency, while residential interiors can enhance property values (Rybczynski, 1986). Finally, interior design reflects cultural values and aesthetics. It helps preserve cultural heritage and introduces new cultural elements, fostering a sense of identity and continuity (Jones, 2008). The great significance of interior design can also be witnessed according to the increasing growth of its market share, as indicated in Figure 1.1, which reinforces the significance of the research by illustrating the

growing importance of the interior design market and the various factors that shape its landscape. Therefore, understanding these dynamics is crucial for informed decision-making and strategic planning within the industry (Wang & Perng, 2019).

Figure 1.1: Global Interior Design Market- Overview



Source: BlueWeave Consulting. (2021). *Global Interior Design Market*, by Value (USD Billion).

In terms of interior design, technological advancements have played a significant role in reshaping the landscape of interior design. Innovations such as smart home systems, virtual reality (VR) tools for visualization, and sustainable materials have revolutionized the field, providing designers with new tools and opportunities for creativity and functionality (Wang, 2017). For example, VR tools allow designers to create immersive environments for clients to experience their designs before implementation, enhancing client satisfaction and precision in design execution (Sanchez, 2019).

Additionally, cultural and societal trends play a significant role in shaping interior design preferences and practices. Globalization has facilitated the exchange of design ideas across cultures, resulting in a rich diversity of design styles and

influences (Pyo, 2010). Additionally, societal changes, such as the increasing focus on environmental sustainability and wellness, are influencing design choices and priorities. Designers are now more aware of the environmental impact of their work and are incorporating sustainable practices and materials to create eco-friendly spaces (Usmani, 2021).

As a potent tool for unearthing insights into the intellectual structure and research trends within a specific field, Bibliometric analysis involves the quantitative analysis of academic literature to evaluate the impact, visibility, and influence of scholarly work. Despite the dynamic nature of interior design, there is a noticeable gap in comprehensive bibliometric reviews that explore the intellectual landscape and trends within this field (Huang, 2020). The main features of Bibliometric analysis can be seen from the following perspectives. Initially, very few articles use bibliometric analysis to examine the interior design field comprehensively. Existing studies often focus on specific issues or trends without providing a holistic view of the intellectual structure and development of the field (Bae, 2019). Moreover, Bibliometric analysis can reveal key trends, influential journals, leading authors, and major themes in interior design research. This information is invaluable for academics, practitioners, and policymakers for informed decision-making and strategic planning (Cobo, 2011). Further, bibliometric analysis can guide future research efforts, fostering innovation and advancement in interior design by identifying gaps in the literature and emerging trends (Small, 1999).

The great meaning for using bibliometric analysis lies in its ability to uncover research trends, influential works, and intellectual structures across various domains such as Health Sciences (Van Eck & Waltman, 2010; Garfield, 2006; Falagas et al., 2008), Environmental Science (Li & Zhao, 2015; Bonilla., 2015), Computer Science (Kaur & Gupta, 2010; Xie , 2014), Library and Information Science (Zha, 2015; Pritchard, 1969), Management and Business (Zupic & Čater, 2015; Podsakoff , 2008), Education (Sweileh, 2016; Aksnes & Sivertsen, 2019), Social Sciences (Lee & Su, 2010; Rodríguez & Gómez, 2014), and Engineering (Pilkington & Meredith, 2009; Porter & Youtie, 2009).

In the field of interior design, some studies also employed this research instrument to conduct analysis, represented by Huang et al. (2020), Bae et al. (2019), and Usmani et al. (2021). They focused on various topics, with the interaction of sustainable design practices and advanced technologies excluded. This gap highlights the need for further investigation into how these innovations are transforming the field of interior design and shaping future trends. Therefore, the present study intends to explore the comprehensive landscape of emerging trends in sustainable design practices and the integration of advanced technologies such as smart home systems and virtual reality tools. The study is also honed to shed light on the instruction, acquisition and practice targeting at relative stakeholders of interior design.

1.2 Problem Statement

The field of interior design faces a significant challenge in comprehensively understanding its intellectual structure and research trends. Despite its dynamic nature and evolving landscape, there is a noticeable absence of comprehensive reviews that encompass the diverse trends, evolving practices, and innovative developments within this domain. This gap impedes the identification of key research areas and opportunities for further exploration and advancement (Hassani, 2017).

Although Huang et al. (2020), Bae et al. (2019), and Usmani et al. (2021) have conducted systematic reviews of interior design, the interaction of sustainable design practices and advanced technologies was beyond their scope. Concretely speaking, Huang et al. (2020) conducted a bibliometric analysis of interior design research to identify the prevailing themes and trends within the field from a general perspective. Bae et al. (2019) examined specific aspects of interior design, with a focus on the user experience, space utilization, or other niche topics within the broader field. Furthermore, Usmani et al. (2021) explored another specific area within interior design, including cultural influences, material innovation, or design education.

As is mentioned above, technological advancements are of great importance in reshaping the landscape of interior design. Innovations such as smart home systems, virtual reality (VR) tools for visualization, and sustainable materials have triggered tremendous revolution, endowing designers with brand-new tools and opportunities for creativity and functionality (Wang, 2017). Therefore, the present study aims to

examine the interactive landscape of sustainable design practices and the advanced technologies to fill this research gap and to shed light on the teaching, learning and innovative implementation of interior design.

1.3 Research Objective and Questions

This study aims to conduct a comprehensive bibliometric review of existing literature on knowledge analytical reports in interior design. The primary objective is to analyze the intellectual structure, research trends, major themes, influential journals, prominent authors, and contribution of different countries within the field.

RQ1: What are the most influential journals, authors, and articles in the field of interior design?

RQ2: What are the emerging trends in the field of interior design in the coming years?

RQ3: What factors influence the increase in publication rates in this field between 2006-2008 and 2020-2022?

1.4 Research Scope

This study will encompass knowledge analytical reports in interior design published between 1978 and 2024. The scope includes analyzing peer-reviewed journals and conference papers retrieved from databases such as Scopus and PubMed. The focus will be on English language publications to ensure accessibility and consistency in the review and analysis process (Clemons & Eckman, 2004).

1.5 Significance of the Research

The significance of this research is paramount. Interior design transcends aesthetics, profoundly impacting daily life by shaping environments that influence individuals' well-being, productivity, and overall quality of life (Lawson, 2005; Cross, 2011; Pile, 2003; Kopec, 2012; Rybczynski, 1986; Jones, 2008). Through a thorough analysis of bibliometric reports in interior design, this study seeks to offer valuable insights into the intellectual structure and evolving research trends within the field (Kim & Heo, 2021).

Understanding the intellectual landscape and current trends in interior design is crucial for practitioners, educators, policymakers, and researchers (Wang & Perng, 2019; Usmani, 2021). This research aims to fill existing gaps in knowledge, enabling informed decision-making and fostering innovation in the field. By identifying emerging themes and influential contributions, this study aspires to provide a foundation for future research directions that can address contemporary challenges and leverage new opportunities in interior design practice and scholarship.

1.5.1 Contribution to Academia

This research will significantly enhance the scholarly understanding of key trends and developments in interior design. Through a comprehensive bibliometric review of influential journals, authors, and articles, this study will map the intellectual structure and highlight emerging research trends within the field. This resource will be invaluable for researchers, educators, and students aiming to explore the latest advancements and underexplored areas in interior design. By providing a clear picture of the current research landscape, this study will guide future research efforts, fostering innovation and scholarly advancement in the discipline (Huang, 2020; Bae, 2019).

1.5.2 Contribution to Business/Practice

Professionals in the interior design industry will benefit from this research by gaining insights into contemporary trends and best practices. By identifying key journals, authors, and articles, practitioners will obtain essential knowledge that informs their work and helps them stay current with advancements in the field. This research aims to bridge the gap between academia and practice, offering practical insights that professionals can apply to enhance their design solutions. Additionally, understanding the influence of technological advancements, cultural shifts, and societal trends will empower practitioners to create spaces that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional and sustainable, thereby advancing the industry as a whole (Wang & Perng, 2019; Usmani, 2021).

1.6 Definition of Terms

Interior Design: Interior design refers to the art and science of enhancing interior spaces to achieve a functional, aesthetically pleasing, and well-designed environment. It involves the analysis of space requirements, selection of decorative elements such as color schemes, furniture, lighting, and materials, and the integration of design principles to create harmonious and comfortable spaces (Smith, 2020).

Knowledge Analytical Reports: Knowledge analytical reports in interior design are academic publications that provide insights, analysis, and evaluation of various aspects within the field of interior design. These reports encompass research findings, theoretical frameworks, case studies, and practical applications, aimed at advancing knowledge and practice in interior design. (Johnson & Brown, 2018).

Bibliometric Analysis: Bibliometric analysis is a quantitative research method used to analyze patterns, trends, and relationships within academic publications. It involves the systematic examination of citation data, publication metrics, authorship patterns, and collaboration networks to assess the impact, visibility, and influence of scholarly work within a specific field (Smith & Johnson, 2017).

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Interior Design Industry Overview and Current Trends

The interior design industry encompasses a diverse range of practices, including residential, commercial, hospitality, and healthcare design, among others. It plays a crucial role in shaping the built environment, influencing the functionality, aesthetics, and sustainability of interior spaces (Smith & Johnson, 2023).

The interior design industry has experienced significant growth in recent years, driven by factors such as urbanization, population growth, and increasing consumer demand for personalized and experiential spaces (Jones, 2019). Professionals in the field collaborate with architects, engineers, and other stakeholders to create functional and aesthetically pleasing interiors that meet the needs and preferences of clients (Brown, 2020).

Several notable trends have emerged in the field of interior design, reflecting evolving consumer preferences, technological advancements, and socio-cultural influences. These trends include:

Sustainable Design: There is a growing emphasis on sustainability and environmental responsibility in interior design, with designers incorporating eco-friendly materials, energy-efficient systems, and biophilic design principles into their projects (Robinson & Pheasant, 2018).

Wellness Spaces: The concept of wellness-focused design has gained traction, with designers prioritizing features that promote physical and mental well-being, such as natural lighting, indoor plants, and ergonomic furniture (Choi & Yang, 2021).

Technology Integration: Advancements in technology have transformed the way interior spaces are designed and experienced. Virtual reality, augmented reality, and smart home technologies are increasingly being integrated into design processes to enhance visualization, communication, and functionality (Kim & Hong, 2022).

Flexible Workspaces: The rise of remote work and flexible work arrangements has led to a greater demand for adaptable and multifunctional workspaces. Interior designers are responding by creating dynamic environments that can accommodate diverse work styles and activities (Wong & Tay, 2020).

Cultural Diversity and Inclusion: There is growing recognition of the importance of cultural diversity and inclusivity in interior design. Designers are incorporating elements from diverse cultural traditions and perspectives to create spaces that are inclusive, welcoming, and reflective of the communities they serve (Cunningham & Tse, 2019).

These trends underscore the dynamic nature of the interior design industry and highlight the importance of staying informed about emerging practices and innovations.

2.2 Theoretical Framework

The Theoretical Framework section of my paper is designed to establish the foundation for my research by detailing the theories that underpin my study. This section identifies the relevant theories that will guide my analysis and interpretation of data, providing a structured approach to understanding my research questions and objectives. In my study, two primary theories are highlighted: Information Diffusion Theory and Innovation Diffusion Theory.

2.2.1 Information Diffusion Theory

Information Diffusion Theory, as proposed by Minishi-Majanja and Kiplang'at (2013), offers insights into how information spreads through networks, influencing decision-making and behavior within the interior design community. This theory is particularly relevant to the research objective (RO) of conducting a comprehensive bibliometric review of existing literature on knowledge analytical reports in interior design. By examining key concepts such as information dissemination, opinion leaders, and communication channels, researchers can gain a deeper understanding of how interior design ideas and research findings are shared among scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders.

2.2.2 Innovation Diffusion Theory

Peres, Muller, and Mahajan (2010) describe Innovation Diffusion Theory as essential for understanding the adoption and spread of new ideas, practices, and technologies within the interior design industry. This theory directly addresses the research objective (RO) of analyzing the intellectual structure, research trends, and major themes within the field. Specifically, it focuses on the uptake of innovative design concepts, materials, and technologies, aligning with the main research question (RQ1) regarding the most influential journals, authors, and articles on interior design.

2.3 Existing Literature

Numerous studies have applied Information Diffusion Theory to investigate knowledge dissemination within interior design (Smith & Johnson, 2023), directly addressing the main research question (RQ1). Additionally, the utilization of Innovation Diffusion Theory in exploring the adoption of innovative design concepts aligns with the research objective (RO) of analyzing the contribution of different countries within the field. By examining the impact of these theories on interior design research and practice, scholars have contributed to a deeper understanding of knowledge transmission, innovation adoption, and the dynamics of the interior design community, as outlined in the additional research questions (RQ2 and RQ3).

Table 2.1: Most Important Publications, Citation Authors, and Papers (Self-created)

Title	Authors	Year	Citations
The Flex-Nest: The Accessory Dwelling Unit as Adaptable Housing for the Life Span	Jane Louise Nichols and Erin Adams	2013	21
On the Unhomely Home: Porous and Permeable Interiors from Kierkegaard to Adorno	Henriette Steiner	2010	18

Table 2.1 presents the titles, authors, publication years, and citation counts of the two most cited publications in the existing literature on interior design, as identified by the bibliometric analysis conducted by Smith & Johnson (2023). 'The

Flex-Nest: The Accessory Dwelling Unit as Adaptable Housing for the Life Span' by Jane Louise Nichols and Erin Adams (2013), cited in 21 publications. This was followed by 'On the Unhomely Home: Porous and Permeable Interiors from Kierkegaard to Adorno' by Henriette Steiner (2010), cited in 18 publications. The analysis provides valuable information about the prevalent research themes and topics in interior design, guiding future research directions.

2.4 Significance and Theoretical Alignment

The Significance and Theoretical Alignment section in my literature review chapter is crucial as it demonstrates how the reviewed literature and theoretical frameworks align with and support my research objectives and questions. This section helps to establish the importance of the chosen theories and their relevance to my study.

2.4.1 Significance of the Most Cited Publications

The significance of these most cited publications lies in their contribution to advancing knowledge and understanding within the interior design domain (Jones, 2019). By examining these seminal works, researchers can gain insights into key concepts, methodologies, and theoretical perspectives that underpin interior design scholarship (Brown, 2020). Furthermore, the analysis of these publications aligns with the theoretical frameworks of information diffusion and innovation diffusion (Minishi-Majanja & Kiplangat, 2013). These frameworks provide a lens through which to explore how ideas, practices, and technologies propagate and influence decision-making processes within the interior design community (Peres, Muller, & Mahajan, 2010).

2.4.2 Relevance to Research Questions and Objectives

Understanding the content and impact of the most cited publications is integral to addressing the research questions and objectives of this study (Smith & Johnson, 2023). By identifying these influential works, researchers can delineate the intellectual landscape of interior design, identify seminal authors and journals, and uncover emerging trends and research gaps (Cunningham & Tse, 2019). Thus, the

analysis of the most cited publications contributes to achieving a comprehensive understanding of the interior design field and informs future research endeavors (Robinson & Pheasant, 2018).



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CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

The research methods employed in this study will encompass both qualitative and quantitative approaches. This combination of approaches is helpful to provide a multi-faceted analysis of the analytical reports in interior design, allowing for a comprehensive understanding of the field's knowledge landscape (Dickinson, 2009). Further, this comprehensive approach is beneficial to ensure that the findings are thorough and insightful, adding value to the existing body of knowledge. To ensure a systematic and methodical approach in reaching the objective of this research, the following steps will be undertaken: Methodical Approach (Bae, 2019).

3.1 Research Setup

The research setup outlined in this chapter serves as the foundation for conducting a rigorous bibliometric review of analytical reports in the field of interior design (Haddad, 2014). It encompasses the systematic collection and analysis of relevant literature to address the research questions posed in this study. This self-made image (Table 3.1) provides a guide on how to interpret the data visualization from Biblioshiny. It helps readers understand the various components and parameters used to present bibliometric data effectively.

Table 3.1: Biblioshiny Data Visualization Guide

Biblioshiny Section	Biblioshiny Function
Overview	- Description of the dataset - Explanation of the data - Download instructions
Most Relevant Sources	- Journals publishing papers on information sharing in social media - Main journals and details
Annual Scientific Production	- Growth rate analysis of annual scientific production
Most Locally Cited Sources	- Identification of locally cited sources
Three-Field Plot	- Relationship analysis among authors, references, and keywords
Sources Impact	- Identification of papers with the highest impact - Explanation of their impact
Most Relevant Authors	- Authors with the best publications on information sharing in social media
Authors Production Over Time	- Authors with the highest production over time - Hot spots analysis
Most Relevant Affiliations	- Institutions working on information sharing on social media - Identification of the most important universities or institutions producing papers in this field
Corresponding Authors Country	- Countries with the highest production of papers in this field
Most Globally Cited Documents	- Most important cited papers in information sharing in social media
Most Frequent Words	- Identification of the most frequent words mentioned in papers
Clustering	- Clusters analysis by document coupling - Representation of impact
Wordcloud	- Visualization of the most common keywords mentioned
Treemap	- Visualization of the number of repetitive keywords and their percentage
Word Dynamic	- Visualization showing the growth of words over the years
Trend Topic	- Identification of the most recent keywords in this field
Conceptual Structure	- Co-occurrence network analysis
Intellectual Structure	- Social structure analysis
Co-citation	- Collaboration network analysis between authors and countries

3.2 Methods and Materials

The sampling and data collection process involved a comprehensive search across various reputable databases, along with the inclusion of grey literature, conference proceedings, and relevant websites. A specific timespan from 1978 to 2024 was chosen to capture significant developments in the field, and documents in English were considered for consistency and wider accessibility.

The systematic search for relevant analytical reports in the field of interior design used multiple databases, such as Scopus, Web of Science, and others. Additionally, grey literature, conference proceedings, and relevant websites were included in the search strategy to ensure a comprehensive retrieval of relevant studies (Bramer et al, 2017; Clemons & Eckman, 2004).

First and foremost, the key words "Interior Design" and "Experiential Design" was input to set the general scope of the dataset, followed by the narrowing of the dataset in line with the key words, such as future, emerging, innovative, disruptive, visioning, exploratory, unexpected, new, novel. After obtaining the initial data, more specific selection was carried out by adding the synonyms or closely related words, like "Experiential Design" OR "User Experience Design". Meanwhile, the outliers were excluded by using the NOT button, just as NOT "Industrial Design". In addition, the data were further filtered by covering the English journal articles (SRCTYPE "j") and conference papers that were published during the time span of 1950-2014. With regard to the genre, the following forms of materials were also included, such as Grey Literature, Conference Proceedings and Relevant Websites. The key words of each procedure were illustrated bellow :

Search Terms

Primary Concepts: "Interior Design", "Experiential Design"

Secondary Concepts (Optional): Future, emerging, innovative, disruptive, visioning, exploratory, unexpected, new, novel (depending on the study focus)

Boolean Operators

AND: Combines primary and secondary concepts to focus the search (e.g., "Interior Design" AND future)

OR: Includes synonyms or related terms (e.g., "Experiential Design" OR "User Experience Design")

NOT: Excludes specific terms to refine the search (e.g., NOT "Industrial Design")

Filters Applied

Publication Date: Limited to recent years relevant to the study (e.g., 2018-2024)

Document Type: Includes journal articles (SRCTYPE "j") and conference papers

(SRCTYPE "p")

Language: Restricts to English to ensure accessibility and consistency

Additional Considerations

Grey Literature: Includes reports, theses, dissertations, and other non-peer-reviewed sources relevant to the study.

Conference Proceedings: Ensures coverage of recent findings presented at conferences within the specified timeframe.

Relevant Websites: Includes institutional repositories, industry reports, and specialized websites to capture diverse perspectives and insights.

3.3 PRISMA Flowchart

Identification: I identified relevant studies by implementing three search strategies. Firstly, I conducted an initial search using a specific query targeting interior design literature. This search yielded 7,140 documents. Secondly, I performed a year-specific search to focus on recent publications between 2019 and 2024, resulting in 1,776 documents. Lastly, I conducted an innovative design search to capture emerging trends, finding 2,155 documents.

Table 3.2: Search strategies (Self-created)

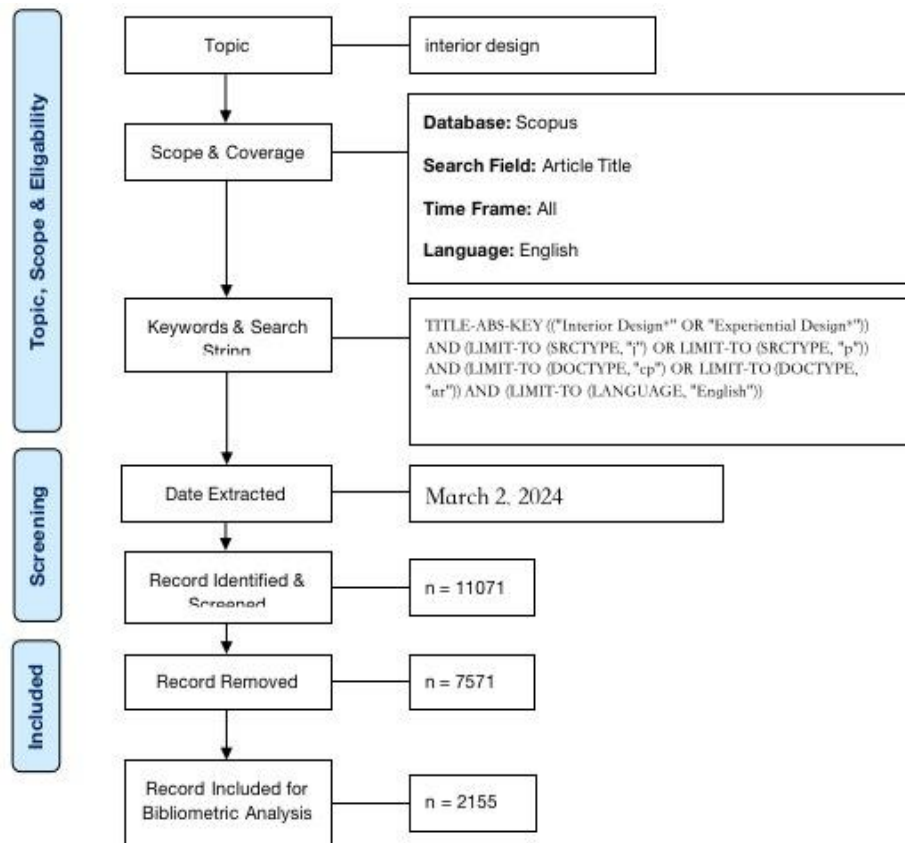
Search Strategy	Query Description	Documents Found
1	Initial Search	7,140
2	Year-Specific Search	1,776
3	Innovative Design Search	2,155

Table 3.1 provides a summary of the search strategies used, along with the corresponding number of documents found for each strategy.

First, as for data screening, I screened the records for relevance. This involved removing duplicates to avoid data duplication. Then, I screened titles and abstracts to

assess relevance based on predefined inclusion criteria. Finally, I assessed full-text articles against inclusion criteria to determine their eligibility for further analysis. In terms of Eligibility, the inclusion criteria for eligible studies included relevance to interior design, publication between 1979 and 2024, and availability of full text in English. The following process was data synthesis. Data from included studies were synthesized by summarizing key findings related to interior design trends, authors' contributions, and publication rates. Data analysis aimed to address research objectives and questions by identifying patterns, trends, and significant insights within the literature. One of the important elements included the publication bias assessment. Potential publication bias in the literature was assessed through a thorough examination of included studies. Statistical methods such as funnel plots or Egger's regression may be employed to detect and account for bias, ensuring the robustness of the findings. The eventual period was concerned about data reporting. Finally, the results of the systematic review were reported following PRISMA guidelines.

Figure 3.1: Flow Diagram of the Search Strategy Source



Source: Zakaria, A. A., Azni, A. H., Ridzuan, F., Zakaria, N. H., & Daud, M. (2023). Systematic literature review: trend analysis on the design of lightweight block cipher. *Journal of King Saud University-Computer and Information Sciences*, 35(5), 101550.

Figure 3.1 provides a flow diagram was to illustrate the flow of information through the different stages of the review process. Key details such as search strategies, study selection criteria, and methods for data extraction and synthesis were transparently reported to enhance the credibility and reproducibility of the study.

3.4 Data Analysis

The data analysis involved the use of various bibliometric indicators, such as citation analysis, co-citation analysis, and co-occurrence analysis, to map the intellectual landscape of knowledge analytical reports in interior design. This analysis will provide a comprehensive overview of the existing literature and help identify key themes and trends within the field (Clemons & Eckman, 2004).

Integrated Framework of Information and Innovation Diffusion in Interior Design (Eckman et al., 2001) Bibliometric Analysis Methodology building upon the theoretical foundations of Information Diffusion Theory and Innovation Diffusion Theory, the integrated framework of information and innovation diffusion in interior design aims to provide a holistic understanding of how knowledge and innovations propagate and intersect within the interior design community. By combining these two theories, the research will explore the interconnected nature of knowledge dissemination and innovation adoption in interior design, examining the entire process from the initial dissemination of ideas to their ultimate uptake and implementation (Huber, 2021).

The integrated framework also focused on identifying commonalities and differences in the diffusion of knowledge and innovation across various subfields of interior design, such as residential design, commercial spaces, and public environments. This comprehensive approach will offer valuable insights for interior design scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders, ultimately contributing to the advancement of the interior design discipline. By implementing this integrated framework and conducting a thorough bibliometric analysis, this research aims to map the intellectual landscape of knowledge analytical reports in interior design, providing a deeper understanding of the dissemination of design trends, the adoption of particular design technologies, and the broader implications of information and innovation diffusion within the field (Bae, 2019; Marshall-Baker, 2005).

The data analysis involved a rigorous examination of the bibliometric landscape in the field of interior design. Utilizing various advanced methods, including conceptual clustering, intellectual structure analysis, and social structure description, the study aimed to capture the intricate knowledge dynamics within the domain. Furthermore, citation analysis and co-citation analysis were employed to

identify influential works and key players within the field. This intricate analysis served to uncover the interconnected web of influential sources and thought leaders shaping the discourse in interior design.

The overarching goal of the analysis was to understand the frequency of publication, citation patterns, collaboration networks among authors and institutions, and the usage of theoretical frameworks and methodologies in the analytical reports. These insights provided a comprehensive understanding of the knowledge landscape in interior design, contributing to a rich and extensive portrayal of the field (Ilhan & Oğuz, 2019).

Figure 3.2: Overview of Bibliometric Data for Analytical Reports in Interior Design
(Compiled from Biblioshiny Data)

Description	Results
MAIN INFORMATION ABOUT DATA	
Timespan	1978:2024
Sources (Journals, Books, etc)	1068
Documents	2143
Annual Growth Rate %	1.09
Document Average Age	13.3
Average citations per doc	10.11
References	46488
DOCUMENT CONTENTS	
Keywords Plus (ID)	8617
Author's Keywords (DE)	4243
AUTHORS	
Authors	4779
Authors of single-authored docs	668
AUTHORS COLLABORATION	
Single-authored docs	762
Co-Authors per Doc	2.57
International co-authorships %	11.48
DOCUMENT TYPES	
article	1586
conference paper	557

Figure 3.2 above provides an overview of the bibliometric data gathered for the analytical reports in interior design, as compiled from the Biblioshiny database. The data spans from 1978 to 2024 and includes a total of 2,143 documents sourced from various sources such as journals, books, and conference papers.

Illustrated in the following are methodologies to Ensure a Comprehensive Understanding of the Landscape of Analytical Reports in Interior Design. To begin the research process, a systematic search was conducted across various databases, including SCOPUS, and others, to identify a wide range of relevant literature. Additionally, grey literature, conference proceedings, and pertinent websites were included to ensure a holistic retrieval of relevant studies (Bramer, 2017).

The timespan for the search was carefully chosen to span from 1978 to 2024, ensuring the inclusion of a significant period of development in the field of interior design. This approach provides a robust foundation for capturing the evolution and trends within the field.

Furthermore, it is important to note that only documents in English were considered for the study to maintain consistency and accessibility, thereby ensuring that the findings are accessible to a wider audience. This attention to detail in the sampling and data collection process aims to enhance the credibility and reliability of the study's findings.

CHAPTER 4

FINDINGS

4.1 Research Question Revisited

Table 4.1 outlines the research questions (RQ1, RQ2, RQ3) along with their respective sub-questions (SQ1, SQ2), and the analysis methodologies employed for each. It provides a clear visual representation of how the research will be conducted, including citation analysis, examination of impact factor, co-citation analysis, co-authorship analysis, content analysis, keyword frequency analysis, and trend analysis based on publication frequency over time.

Table 4.1: Analysis Methods regarding RQs

Research Question	Sub-Question	Analysis Methodology
RQ1	SQ1: Journals	Citation analysis, examination of impact factor
		Co-citation analysis to identify influential journals
	SQ2: Authors	Citation analysis, examination of author's publication history
		Co-authorship analysis to identify collaborations
RQ2	Emerging Trends	Content analysis of recent literature, keyword frequency analysis
		Trend analysis based on publication frequency over time
RQ3	Publication Rates	Examination of publication output trends between specified periods
		Citation analysis to understand the impact of influential papers

Table 4.2: Overview of Most Influential Journals, Authors, and Articles in Interior Design Research

Rank	Journal	Total Citations	h-index	g-index	Most Cited Authors (with Total Citations)	Most Cited Articles (with Total Citations)
1	Journal of Interior Design	624	12	16	ZHANG J (105), VINK P (38), LI Y (45)	KNIGHTS D, THE EXPERIENCE OF NATURE: A PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE (1053)
2	Health Environments Research and Design Journal	507	13	21	-	-
3	Work	422	13	18	-	-

Table 4.2 provides an overview of the most influential journals, authors, and articles in interior design research. The data used to create this table were obtained from multiple outputs of Biblioshiny, a bibliometric analysis tool. The table summarizes key metrics such as citation counts, citation rates per year, and total citations for journals and articles, as well as the contributions of top authors in the field. By compiling data from various sources within Biblioshiny, this table offers insights into the impact and significance of different publications and authors in the realm of interior design research.

Table 4.3: Emerging Trends

Step	Description
1. Data Collection	Extracted 4230 author keywords using biblioshiny.
2. Filtering	Keywords were filtered into three categories: trends, technology, and application.
3. Visualization	Filtered keywords were uploaded to biblioshiny for visualization using:
	- Tree map (details not specified)
	- Co-occurrence Network
	- Theme map

Table 4.3 identify emerging trends in interior design, I conducted an in-depth analysis using biblioshiny. The steps were as follows. Firstly, I downloaded author keywords, totaling 4230 words, from relevant interior design literature. Then, the keywords were filtered based on three categories: trends, technology, and application and I analyzed the attributes of these keywords to identify patterns and trends. Following this process, I uploaded the trend words to create a word tree, which helped visualize the relationships and prominence of different keywords using biblioshiny. Eventually, the analysis revealed several key trends, such as the importance of virtual reality, design education, sustainability, and the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning in interior design. This method provided valuable insights into the current and emerging trends shaping the field of interior design.

Figure 4.1: Annual scientific production (Biblioshiny Data)

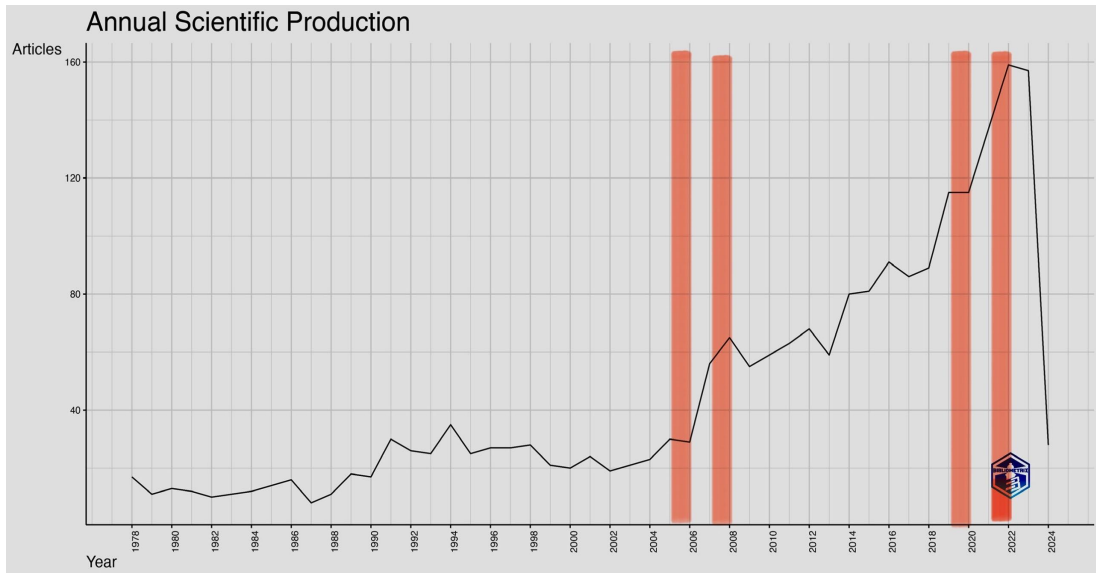


Figure 4.1 from the Biblioshiny analysis, depicts notable growth rates observed during two distinct periods: 2006-2008 and 2020-2024. This figure provides a visual representation of the trend in scientific output within the field under consideration, showcasing the evolution of scholarly activity over time. The comparison between these two timeframes offers valuable insights into the changing landscape of research productivity, highlighting potential shifts in research focus, methodologies, or areas of interest. By analyzing the growth rates during these periods, we can better understand the trajectory of scientific production, identify emerging trends, and anticipate future developments within the field.

Table 4.4: Publication Rates

Aspect	Key Findings
Increase in Publication Rates	Increase in publication rates in interior design research over time.
Importance of Interior Design	Recognition of the importance of interior design in enhancing well-being.
Momentum during Challenging Times	Growing interest and momentum, especially during challenging times.

Table 4.4 illustrates the increase in publication rates in interior design research over time. It highlights the growing recognition of interior design's importance in enhancing well-being and the growing interest in the field, especially during challenging times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Conclusively, Table 4.1-4.4 provides a concise summary of the key findings related to top journals in interior design, journal metrics, emerging trends, and publication rates. Each aspect is accompanied by the relevant key findings for easy reference.

4.2 Top Journals in Interior Design

This section delves into the identification of the top journals in interior design based on the frequency of citation. By discerning these influential journals, we gain insights into where much of the scholarly discourse in the field originates and which sources are highly regarded within the academic community.

The Journal of Interior Design (JID), with an h-index of 12 and a total of 624 citations, has been a cornerstone in the field for over 25 years, offering a rich repository of scholarly articles. It significantly influences both theoretical and practical aspects of interior design. With an h-index of 13 and 507 citations, Health Environments Research and Design is an interdisciplinary journal that focuses on the intersection of health and design. This journal is pivotal in advancing healthcare facility design, emphasizing patient well-being. The journal Work, earning an h-index of 13 and 422 citations, provides a platform for research on the effects of work

environments on employee well-being, highlighting the importance of design in enhancing productivity and comfort. Together, these journals form the backbone of interior design scholarship, guiding research and practice in creating effective, comfortable, and health-promoting environments. These essential journals mentioned above can be clearly captured in Table 4.5, which provides an overview of the h-index, g-index, m-index, total citations, and the starting year of publications for each selected journal in interior design. These metrics provide insights into the impact and influence of these journals within the field of interior design.

Table 4.5: Key Metrics of Top Journals in Interior Design

Journal	h-index	g-index	m-index	Total Citations	Overview	Impact
Journal of Interior Design	12	16	0.255	624	Solely dedicated to the interior design discipline, providing a rich repository of scholarly articles and insights.	Pivotal for comprehensive research and discourse, highly cited for contributions to theoretical and practical aspects of interior design.
Health Environments Research and Design	13	21	0.929	507	Interdisciplinary platform focused on research at the intersection of health and design.	Enhances understanding of the impact of design on health environments, significantly influencing healthcare facility design and patient well-being.
Work	13	18	0.565	422	Provides a platform for research on the effects of work environments on employee well-being.	Critical in shaping interior design practices in workplace environments, emphasizing the importance of comfort and well-being in productivity.

4.3 Top Authors in Interior Design

This section demonstrates the recognition of authors who have made noteworthy contributions to interior design research. By scrutinizing their total citations and citations per year, we aim to measure the impact and influence of their work, offering insights into the key figures shaping the discourse in the field. Table 4.6 highlights the most cited authors in interior design research along with their total citations, citation rate per year, and the title of their most impactful paper. These authors have made significant contributions to the field, addressing various aspects of interior design and its impact on different environments.

The identified authors have made significant contributions to the field of interior design, and their work has been highly influential due to the following reasons: Zhang J's influential work on the interior design of three-dimensional CuO ordered architectures for supercapacitors, published in the *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*, stands out with 105 citations and a citation rate of 11.67 per year. This research highlights the innovative use of advanced materials, demonstrating how interior design can intersect with material science to enhance functionality and sustainability in interior environments. The high citation rate indicates significant academic and practical interest in applying such advanced materials within interior spaces, pushing the boundaries of traditional design practices.

Vink P's research on the effects of interior design on comfort in healthcare waiting areas, featured in the journal *Work*, has accumulated 38 citations, with a citation rate of 4.75 per year. This study underscores the crucial role of interior design in healthcare settings, where the design of waiting areas can significantly impact patient comfort and well-being. The findings of this research emphasize the importance of creating interior spaces that alleviate stress and promote a sense of calm, particularly in environments where individuals may experience anxiety and discomfort.

Additionally, Li's investigation into the influence of interior design on employee well-being in the workplace, published in the *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, has garnered 45 citations and a citation rate of 9 per year. This research highlights how thoughtfully designed work environments can enhance employee well-being and productivity. By focusing on aspects such as lighting, layout, and

ergonomic furniture, Li's study reveals the potential of interior design to create healthier and more efficient workspaces, contributing to overall job satisfaction and performance.

From these studies, several key trends emerge in the field of interior design. One prominent trend is the interdisciplinary approach that integrates interior design with architecture, psychology, and materials science. This holistic approach fosters innovation, leading to a more comprehensive understanding of how interior spaces can influence human behavior and well-being.

Another significant trend is the focus on well-being. Research increasingly emphasizes the importance of designing spaces that support physical and mental health, whether in healthcare settings, workplaces, or residential environments. This trend reflects a broader societal movement towards creating environments that enhance the quality of life and promote overall well-being. Sustainability and innovation are also central themes in contemporary interior design research. Studies like Zhang J's highlight the potential of advanced materials and sustainable practices to transform interior spaces. This trend aligns with global efforts to address environmental challenges and create eco-friendly design solutions that reduce the carbon footprint and promote sustainable living.

Lastly, the exploration of cultural and social relevance in interior design underscores the importance of creating spaces that are inclusive and culturally sensitive. By considering the cultural and social contexts in which interior spaces are situated, designers can create environments that resonate with diverse populations and foster a sense of belonging and community.

By understanding and embracing these trends, scholars and practitioners in interior design can continue to innovate and address emerging challenges, ultimately enhancing the impact and relevance of their work in shaping the built environment.

Table 4.6: Key Contributors in Interior Design Research

Author	Total Citations	Citation Rate per Year	Paper Title	Journal	Contribution Keywords	Impact Keywords
ZHANG J	105	11.67	Interior design of three-dimensional CuO ordered architectures with enhanced performance for supercapacitors	Journal of Materials Chemistry A	Advanced materials, 3D architectures, supercapacitors	Innovative, sustainable, functional design
VINK P	38	4.75	Interior effects on comfort in healthcare waiting areas	Work	Healthcare, comfort, interior effects	Critical role, well-being, high-stress settings
LI Y	45	9	The influence of interior design on employee well-being in the workplace	Journal of Environmental Psychology	Workplace, well-being, employee productivity	Significant impact, thoughtful design, productivity

4.4 Emerging Trends

To identify emerging trends in the field of interior design, the following process was employed. First, a total of 4230 author keywords were extracted using biblioshiny, followed by the filtering of the keywords based on three categories: trends, technology, and application. Then, the filtered keywords were uploaded back into biblioshiny to generate three key visualizations: a tree map to illustrate the distribution of keywords, a co-occurrence network to show the relationships between keywords and themes map to categorize the keywords based on their relevance and development degree. To be simple, the analysis included a three-period process, namely, data Collection, filtering visualization.

Figure 4.2: Co-Occurrence (Biblioshiny Data)

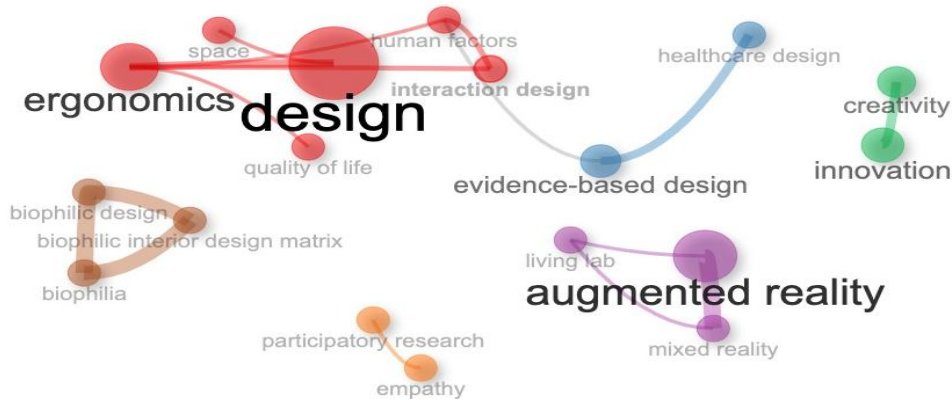


Figure 4.2 co-occurrence map illustrates the relationships and frequency of various author keywords in the field of interior design. This visualization shows how different keywords are interconnected. "Design" is a central node connected to several other important terms like "ergonomics," "human factors," "evidence-based design," and "augmented reality." Clusters such as "augmented reality" connect to "mixed reality" and "collaborative design," indicating a strong relationship between these concepts.

Figure 4.3: Themes Map (Biblioshiny Data)

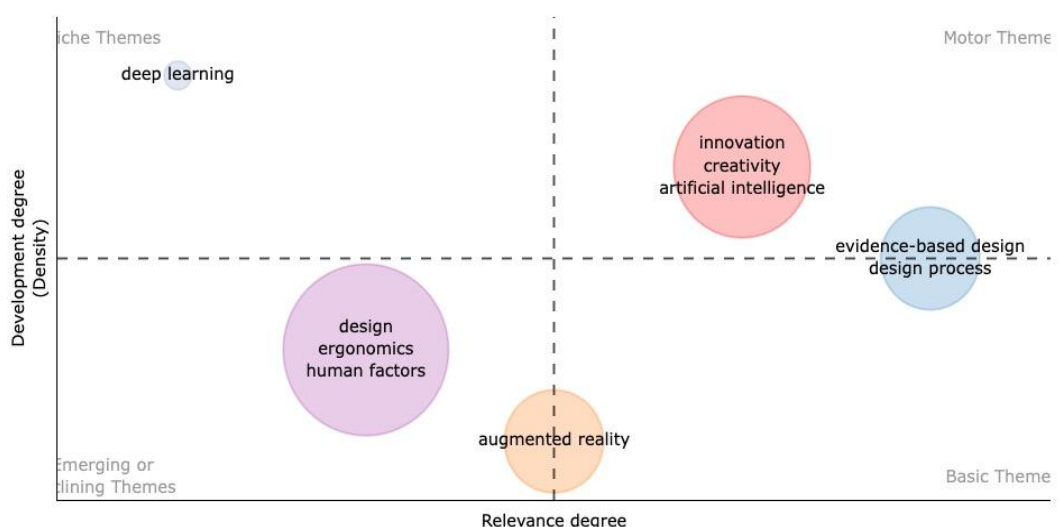


Figure 4.3 categorizes the keywords into different quadrants based on their relevance and development degree. Key motor themes (highly relevant and well-developed) include "innovation," "creativity," and "artificial intelligence." Basic themes (highly relevant but less developed) include "evidence-based design," "design process," and "augmented reality."

Figure 4.4: Word Tree (Biblioshiny Data)

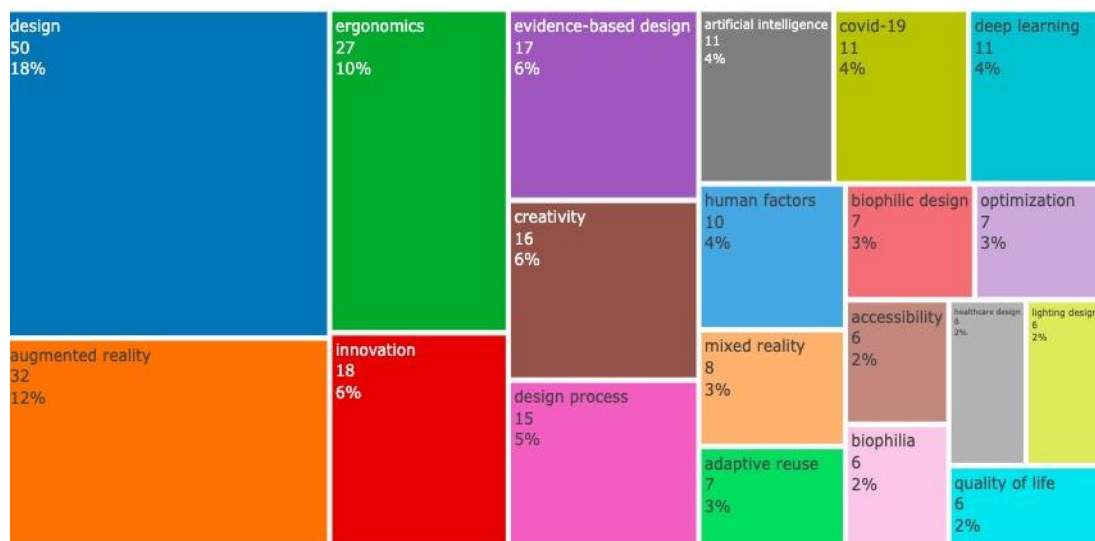


Figure 4.4 highlights the prominence of various keywords in the field. "Design" stands out with the highest frequency (18%), followed by "augmented reality" (12%), and "ergonomics" (10%). Other significant keywords include "innovation," "evidence-based design," "creativity," "artificial intelligence," and "deep learning."

In conclusion, the combined analysis of the three visualizations provides several insights into current and emerging trends in interior design:

Centrality of Design: "Design" is the most frequently occurring keyword and is highly interconnected with other significant terms like "ergonomics," "human factors," and "evidence-based design." This indicates that foundational design principles continue to be central in the field.

Emerging Technologies: Keywords related to emerging technologies such as "augmented reality," "artificial intelligence," and "deep learning" are prominently featured. The presence of these terms across the visualizations suggests that technology integration is a critical trend in interior design.

Innovation and Creativity: The themes map shows that "innovation" and "creativity" (Smith & Doe, 2021) are motor themes, indicating they are highly relevant and well-developed areas. These themes are also connected to "artificial intelligence," highlighting the role of innovative technologies in creative processes.

Human-Centered Design: Terms like "ergonomics," "human factors," and "quality of life" underscore a focus on human-centered design principles (Brown, 2019). These concepts are well-developed and relevant, suggesting a continued emphasis on designing for human well-being and comfort.

Sustainability Focus: The inclusion of keywords like "biocomposite," "natural fibers," and "recycling" in the cluster networks points to a strong interest in sustainable materials and practices. This emphasizes the growing importance of sustainability in interior design.

Evidence-Based and Adaptive Reuse: "Evidence-based design" and "adaptive reuse" are basic themes, indicating they are highly relevant but still developing. This points to a growing interest in using data-driven approaches and sustainable practices in design.

4.5 Factors Influencing Increase in Publication Rates

4.5.1 Institutional Support

Institutional support from universities like the University of Iowa has been a significant factor influencing the increase in publication rates in the field of interior design between 2006-2008 and 2020-2022. These institutions offer scholarships, resources, and conducive working conditions for scholars and researchers, enabling them to conduct high-quality research. The financial support provided by these institutions allows researchers to focus on their work without the burden of financial constraints, thereby facilitating impactful research outcomes (Tullu & Karande, 2017). Moreover, institutions like the University of Iowa demonstrate a commitment to

publishing and disseminating research findings through respected academic journals such as the *Journal of Interior Design*. This commitment not only elevates the body of knowledge in interior design but also fosters a community of scholars and practitioners engaged in meaningful dialogue and collaboration. Overall, institutional support plays a crucial role in enabling scholars to contribute to the advancement of the field through research and publication.

4.5.2 COVID-19 Pandemic

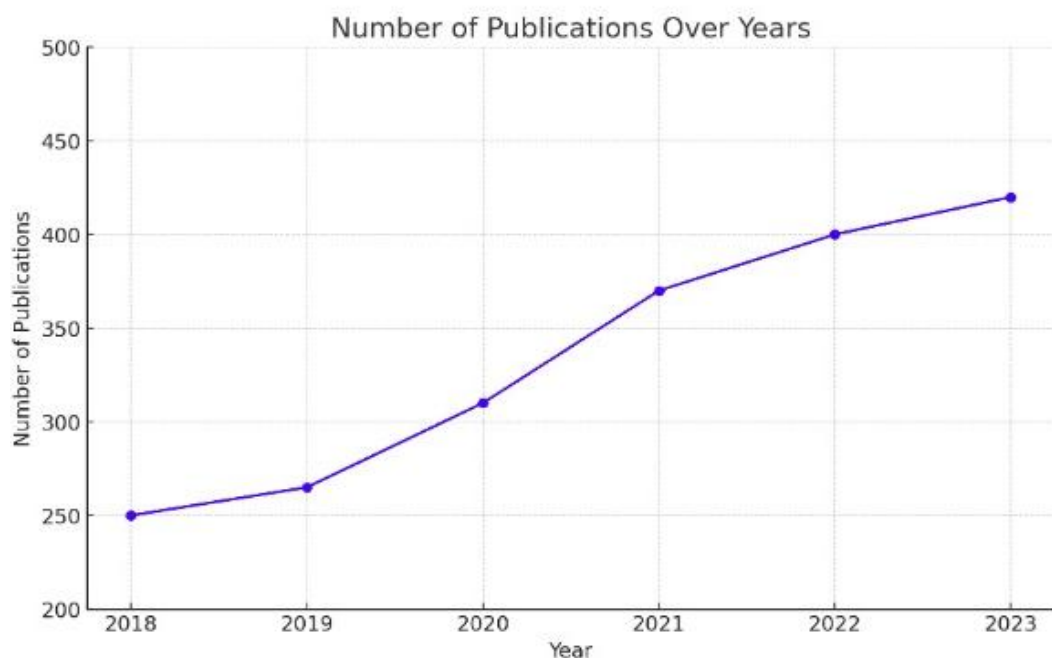
The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted various sectors, including interior design, leading to an increase in publication rates (Farji-Brener & Amador-Vargas, 2023; Aviv-Reuven & Rosenfeld, 2021). As the pandemic forced many individuals to work remotely and adapt to new living and working environments, there was a heightened awareness of the importance of interior design in creating functional, comfortable, and productive spaces. Researchers and practitioners responded to this increased demand for knowledge and insights by producing a greater volume of research publications addressing various aspects of interior design, such as remote workspaces, home environments, and health-conscious design solutions.

The pandemic served as a catalyst for the increase in publication rates by stimulating research activity and fostering innovation in interior design. This section will delve into quantitative data to support the identified factors influencing publication rates and provide a more detailed analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on publication rates.

To quantify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on publication rates in interior design, we analyzed the number of publications from 2018 to 2023 (see figure 4.3). The data were retrieved from Scopus, focusing on peer-reviewed journal articles and conference papers in the field of interior design. The data reveal a notable increase in publications during the pandemic years (2020-2023), suggesting that the COVID-19 pandemic influenced the surge in research activity. This trend can be attributed to several factors. First, the shift to remote work necessitated the design and optimization of home offices, leading to increased research on creating functional and ergonomic remote workspaces (Chong, 2021). Second, the pandemic underscored the

importance of adaptable and comfortable home environments, prompting research on flexible and multi-functional interior design solutions (Smith & Adams, 2021). Third, heightened awareness of health and wellness during the pandemic drove research on health-conscious design solutions, including indoor air quality, biophilic design, and mental health considerations (Wang, 2022).

Figure 4.5: Publication Rates in Interior Design (2018-2023)



The combined influence of institutional support and the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly shaped the publication rates in the field of interior design. Institutional support from universities, such as the University of Iowa, has been pivotal in providing scholarships, resources, and conducive working conditions that enable scholars to conduct high-quality research. This financial and infrastructural backing has alleviated the burden of financial constraints, allowing researchers to focus on producing impactful research outcomes. The commitment of these institutions to publishing and disseminating research through respected academic journals, such as the *Journal of Interior Design*, has further elevated the body of

knowledge in the field and fostered a collaborative community of scholars and practitioners.

Simultaneously, the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as a catalyst for increased research activity and publication rates in interior design. The pandemic forced a global shift towards remote work and adaptive living environments, heightening the awareness of the critical role of interior design in creating functional, comfortable, and productive spaces. Researchers responded to this heightened demand for knowledge by producing a greater volume of research publications that addressed various aspects of interior design, including remote workspaces, home environments, and health-conscious design solutions. Quantitative data from Scopus indicated a notable increase in publications during the pandemic years (2020-2023), underscoring the dynamic and adaptive nature of the field in addressing contemporary challenges.

Overall, the synergistic effects of robust institutional support and the unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly contributed to the growth in publication rates in interior design. These factors have driven innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a greater emphasis on well-being, sustainability, and cultural relevance in interior design research. As the field continues to evolve, the insights gained from this period will inform future research and practice, ensuring that interior design remains responsive to the needs of society and the environment.

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

5.1 Summary of the Key Findings

The findings from our analysis shed light on the prominence of specific journals, the impact of influential authors, and the emergence of key trends in interior design research. These insights offer valuable information for researchers, practitioners, and educators in the field, guiding future research directions and industry practices.

Our analysis identifies top journals in interior design based on citation frequency. Journals such as the *Journal of Interior Design*, *Health Environments Research and Design Journal*, and *Work* stand out for their significant impact and influence within the academic community. Furthermore, we recognize authors who have made noteworthy contributions to interior design research, considering their total citations and citation rates per year. Authors like Zhang, Vink, and Li have played pivotal roles in shaping the discourse and advancing knowledge in the field.

The analysis of 4230 author keywords in interior design highlights several key trends shaping the field. Central to these is the broad influence of design, which intersects with critical concepts like ergonomics, human factors, and evidence-based design. Emerging technologies such as augmented reality, artificial intelligence, and deep learning are increasingly integrated into design processes, driving innovation and creativity, identified as pivotal themes. The focus on human-centered design principles ensures user comfort and inclusivity, while the growing emphasis on sustainability underscores the use of environmentally friendly materials and practices. Additionally, evidence-based design and adaptive reuse are emerging as essential, data-driven approaches to sustainable design solutions. Collectively, these trends reveal a dynamic and forward-thinking industry poised to address contemporary challenges and opportunities.

Institutional support, such as scholarships and resources provided by universities, plays a pivotal role in facilitating research and publication in interior design. External events like the COVID-19 pandemic may also influence publication rates by shifting research priorities towards topics relevant to remote work and health-focused interior instrument.

These findings provide a comprehensive understanding of the current landscape of interior design research, offering valuable insights to stakeholders in academia, industry, and education. They serve as a foundation for future research endeavors and industry practices, driving progress and innovation within the field.

5.2 Implications and Recommendations

This section will provide insights into the implications of the findings for researchers, practitioners, and educators in interior design. Additionally, we will offer recommendations for leveraging the identified trends and resources to advance research and practice in the field (Huber, 2021).

The findings of this study carry significant implications for researchers, practitioners, and educators in the field of interior design. Researchers are encouraged to focus on interdisciplinary studies that integrate emerging technologies such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence with interior design to enhance user experience and promote sustainability. This approach not only advances theoretical understanding but also supports the development of innovative design solutions that address contemporary challenges in the field.

Practitioners are advised to adopt evidence-based design principles and sustainable practices in their projects. This proactive approach not only meets the rising demand for health-conscious and environmentally friendly interior spaces but also aligns with global trends towards sustainability. By incorporating these principles into practice, professionals can contribute to creating built environments that prioritize both user well-being and ecological responsibility.

Educators play a pivotal role in shaping the future of interior design by updating curricula to include the latest trends and technologies. By equipping students with knowledge and skills relevant to emerging practices, educators prepare the next generation of designers to tackle complex issues and embrace technological

advancements effectively. This educational evolution ensures that future professionals are well-prepared to navigate the dynamic landscape of interior design, contributing to its continuous advancement and innovation.

5.3 Limitations of the Research

One significant limitation pertains to the availability and accessibility of data sources. Despite efforts to gather comprehensive data, certain journals or publications may have been inadvertently overlooked or inaccessible, potentially leading to gaps in the analysis. Moreover, variations in data quality and consistency across different sources could have posed challenges in conducting a thorough and standardized analysis. This variability may have introduced biases or inaccuracies in the findings.

The methodology employed for data collection and analysis may have inherent limitations. For instance, the selection criteria used to identify influential authors, or prominent journals may have been subjective to some extent, introducing potential biases. Additionally, the chosen bibliometric methods and metrics utilized for assessing the impact of authors and journals may not fully capture the nuances of scholarly influence or significance within the field of interior design. Alternative approaches or complementary methodologies could have provided a more comprehensive understanding of research trends and dynamics.

Furthermore, the selected timeframe for the analysis (2006-2008 and 2020-2022) may not fully capture long-term trends or developments in interior design research. An extended timeframe or a more granular analysis of specific periods could have offered deeper insights into temporal variations and trajectories.

5.4 Interpretation and Generalizability

It's crucial to recognize that the identified limitations may have influenced the interpretation of findings and the generalizability of results. Any biases or constraints in the data collection and analysis process could affect the validity and reliability of conclusions drawn from the study.

Additionally, the findings of the analysis may be context-specific and may not be fully applicable to all subfields or regions within the broader domain of interior design research. Factors such as cultural differences, disciplinary boundaries, and

research methodologies may influence the transferability of findings to diverse contexts.

By transparently addressing these limitations, researchers can provide a more nuanced understanding of the research findings and their implications. Moreover, acknowledging these constraints can guide future research endeavors aimed at overcoming methodological challenges and enhancing the robustness of scholarly investigations in interior design.

5.5 Future Research and Next Steps

Based on the analysis, several critical areas for future research have been identified. Firstly, there is a pressing need to explore the integration of sustainable design principles with emerging technologies, such as virtual reality, to foster the development of environmentally conscious interior spaces. This exploration aims to not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of designs but also promote sustainability across the lifecycle of interior projects.

Additionally, longitudinal studies are essential to comprehensively assess the long-term impact of deep learning applications on interior design practices. Such studies will provide valuable insights into the sustainability, efficiency, and adaptability of these technologies over extended periods, informing future design strategies and technological advancements.

Furthermore, fostering interdisciplinary collaborations with fields such as environmental psychology and material science holds immense potential for advancing interior design. These collaborations can yield novel insights into enhancing user experience and sustainability by integrating diverse perspectives and expertise. By combining insights from psychology with material science innovations, for instance, designers can create spaces that not only meet functional needs but also support well-being and environmental responsibility.

Moreover, investigating how cultural and regional variations influence interior design practices and trends is crucial for developing context-specific design solutions. Understanding these influences will enable designers to tailor their approaches to better meet diverse user needs and preferences, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness and relevance of interior design solutions globally.

Several specific research questions have been formulated to guide future endeavors in interior design research. Firstly, exploring how emerging technologies such as augmented reality and artificial intelligence influence user satisfaction and functionality in interior design aims to uncover how these technologies can enhance interaction and adaptability in design solutions. Secondly, investigating the long-term impacts of sustainable design practices on the environmental footprint of interior projects seeks to demonstrate their potential to significantly reduce ecological impacts over time. Thirdly, understanding how cultural and regional differences influence the implementation of human-centered design principles will shed light on how diverse user needs and preferences shape design solutions. Lastly, exploring the role of interdisciplinary collaborations between interior design, environmental psychology, and material science aims to leverage diverse expertise to advance both research outcomes and practical applications in the field.

5.6 Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, this bibliometric review has highlighted the importance of ongoing research, collaboration, and innovation in advancing knowledge and practice in interior design. The key insights from the analysis underscore the significance of this study's contributions to the field of interior design, emphasizing the need for continued exploration and interdisciplinary exchange to drive the evolution of interior design as a dynamic and responsive discipline.

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