



From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues

I would like to address one important and challenging issue in this editorial: paper submission duplication. As you already know, there exists very reliable software that checks every submitted document for originality, duplication, etc. You also know that the rules related to what constitutes original work are continuously modified and they become stricter—in reality they are very strict. I offer a personal, not Springer's, and perhaps biased explanation: there are many journals out there, and there is so much pressure for 'numbers' that indirectly (I prefer this term) 'forces' individuals to submit for review as many papers as possible, not identical, but modified. However, every submitted paper is now checked for authenticity; JINT uses iThenticate to check every submitted paper.

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accordingly. But there must be a clear distinction about what is new and novel in the submitted paper, and what are the unique features of the proposed technique/methodology compared to similar ones in the literature.

I certainly hope that this information is useful to all authors. We are here to help and facilitate you, and offer a forum for you to submit and publish your work. We are not here to penalize the authors. Your feedback and thoughts is important.

Enjoy the issue.

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