Knowledge Organization

Unit 4 Species of Library classification,

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Library Classification Schemes

- Enumerative Classification Schemes-
- It is a scheme where all the possible classes are enumerated according to certain characteristics.
- There is a top down approach whereby a series of subordinate classes are produced and where both simple and complex subjects are listed. Example: Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme (DDC) 26 Types of Classification Schemes



Analytico-Synthetic Classification Scheme

- It resolves some of the problems of enumerative classification schemes.
- The concept behind this scheme is that the subject of a given document will be divided into its constituent elements and then the classification scheme will be used to find notations for each element, which will then be combined according to the prescribed rules to prepare the final class number.



Faceted Classification Scheme –

- This scheme is on the other extreme of the scale since instead of listing of all the classes and the corresponding numbers, it lists the various facets of every subject or main class and provides a set of rules for constructing class numbers through facet analysis.
- The concept of facet analysis was proposed by Dr. S.R. Ranganathan and was used in his faceted classification scheme called Colon Classification. 31



